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Webster, **Dudley seek** TIF Zone for **Stevens Mill** project

BY JASON BLEAU CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY - The Dudley Board of Selectmen got an update on the status of the Stevens Mill project during its June 7 meeting, where Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda revealed that developer Camden Partners has hired a project manager to serve as the project liaison to the town.

Ruda called this a "positive development" for both Dudley and Camden Partners, which seeks to transform the dilapidated historical structure in a facility containing retail space and apartments. Following recommendations from the town, the company has also applied for MassDevelopment's Underutilized Properties Program designed to help support projects geared towards improving, rehabilitating and redeveloping blighted, abandoned or underutilized properties.

"It's specifically a large part of the town's strategy for the development of Stevens Mill," Ruda said of the program in his update on the project's status. "That program is part of the Community One Stop for Growth which is a single application portal which provides for a collaborative review process for community and economic development grant programs. They make targeted investments based on a development strategy. This process streamlines things for Dudley and better coordinates programs and staff on the engagement and grant making. For us, the program is pretty important because it changes the role of the state from a passive reviewer of funding requests to an active partner in economic development strategy, priorities and investment which is something we've been trying to achieve for quite some time."

Ruda further explained that the program will give the Worcester Diocese, Camden access to grant funds that can be used on capital improvement projects essential to the rehabilitation of the mill into an occupied space including initia- community as well as tives such as roof repairs and HVAC installations. The state and local dignitar-



Father Adam Reid, pastor of Sacred Heart Church, says Mass with Bishop Robert McManus during Sacred Heart of Jesus'

Sacred Heart Parish celebrates 150 years in the community

WEBSTER -Heart of Jesus celebrated its 150th anniversary as a parish at a special Mass this morning. Guests included Bishop Robert McManus of priests, curates and other members of the religious Turn To **TIF ZONE** page **A15** ies, and more than 150 parishioners and friends

of Sacred Heart.

The liturgical celebration, originally scheduled for June 2020, was postponed due to COVID-19 restrictions. Delaying the commemoration until 2021 gave the parish the opportunity to celebrate additional milestones: 125th anniversary of the Church building and 25th anniversary of the Blessed Sacrament

At the Mass, Rep.

Joseph McKenna read a state resolution marking the milestone and highlighting the accomplishments of the parish over the past 150 years. State Senator Ryan Fattman, while holding his toddler son Harrison, followed with brief remarks. He cited Luke 6:46-49 about the man who built his house and laid the foundation deep within a rock so the storms and winds could not shake it.

"This speaks volumes to exactly the type of parish that has been built here," he said.

Music for the liturgy featured several musicians and the Church's pipe organ console that dates to the 1920s.

Sacred Heart Parish traces its roots to French Turn To **150 YEARS** page **A15**

Dudley welcomes back Boy Scout yard sale

CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY - After a lengthy hiatus and a weather delay, the Dudley community celebrated the triumphant return of the semiannual Boy Scout Yard Sale on Saturday, June 12, welcoming back one of the larger fundraisers for Boy Scout Troop 273.

The yard sale has been an annual tradition for over two decades spending over ten years in the parking lot of Universal Tag, Inc. on Hall Road, welcoming hundreds to purchase everything

from toys and cloths to furniture and knickknacks all to benefit programs and activities for the troop's scouts. While the event has become a tradition twice a year, with sales held in the spring and fall, it's been a while since locals could enjoy the sale with the 2019 fall event cancelled due to the EEE outbreak and the COVID-19 pandemic forcing the cancelation of both events in 2020. Diane Anderson, the Scout Master for Troop 273 and the Yard Sale Committee Chair for the last eight years, said it was good to welcome everyone, both volunteers and customers, back in 2021.

"We like to say that there is a cult following for our yard sale. I've been involved in the troop for over 25 years, and we've done the yard sale my entire time," Anderson said. "We were happy back then if we would clear \$2,000 in a day. This is one of our two yard sales that are the main fundraisers to help run the boys' programs. We currently have sixteen boys in the troop and a very large

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WEBSTER RESIDENT CELEBRATES **100TH BIRTHDAY** Arthur "Archie" LaPlante of Webster celebrated his 100th birthday on June 12 at his

daughter Gail's home. Robert Miller presented him with the Governor's Citation for Massachusetts citizens who turn 100.

St. Joseph student wins grand prize in Emmanuel Radio Essay Contest

WEBSTER Joseph School is proud to announce that fourth grade student Gianna Pigeon has been selected as the Grand Prize winner in Emmanuel Radio's 2021 Catholic Schools Essay Contest. This year's contest theme was "The Year of St. Joseph." More than 6,000 students from 23 schools throughout the Diocese of Worcester participated in the contest.

The Catholic Church Worker. In addition to celebrates two feast days dedicated to St. Joseph: March 19 - Joseph, the Husband of Mary, and May 1 - Joseph, the

these feast days, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St.

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Superintendent of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Worcester, Dr. David Perda, Emmanuel Radio's Cindy Dorsey, St. Joseph School Fourth Grade Instructor Sr. Jeanne Marie Akalski, Rector & Pastor at St. Joseph Basilica Rev. Grzegorz Chodkowski and St. Joseph School Principal, Michael Hackenson celebrate Gianna Pigeon (center) and her accomplishment of being awarded the Grand Prize winner in Emmanuel Radio's 2021 Catholic Schools Essay Contest.



RS CIFTS LINE

State Rep. Joe McKenna, left, and Chamber members listen to Chris Robert talk about his goals for the museum.

Chamber of Commerce gets the Slater Experience

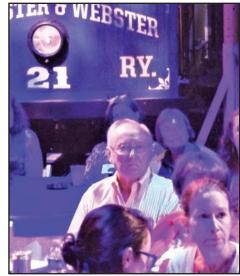


Taylor Johndrow makes her way to guests with some teriyaki chicken.

WEBSTER — Last week, the Webster-Dudley-Oxford Chamber of Commerce's Annual Meeting was the first public event at the still-developing Samuel Slater Experience on Ray Street. Anyone who had seen it before quickly noticed several new artifacts on display (including an early 1900s Webster Times printing press) with some exhibits largely complete and others still in progress.

Owner Chris Robert told tour-goers the finished project will include several possibly unexpected aspects, including projections of rats running around the wharf, a ship that moves with the ocean and various smells. "These are things the kid will never forget," he said, noting his goal is to have schoolkids come here annually

According to spokeswoman Barbara Van Reed, the museum will have its "soft opening" in August with a target of having the official grand opening Sept. 11.



Chris Robert, center, listens to the brief business protion of the evening's events.



A Chamber member samples some of the buffet snacks.



A visitor opens the panel that once gave customers seeking illicit booze access to the speakeasy that was in the Maanexit Hotel.



Chamber members check out the museum's electronic exhibit representing Samuel Slater's mill office.



Chris Robert, center, and others watch the projection of children working in the mills.



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Webster Police Log

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of June 6-12.

April A. Smith, age 48, of Webster was arrested on June 6 in connection with a warrant.

Mark Brusa, age 56, of Worcester was arrested on June 6 for Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon, Leaving the Scene of Personal Injury, Larceny from a Person, Intimidation of a Witness, Juror, Police Officer, or Court Official, Possession of a Class E Drug, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Speeding at a Rate of Speed Greater Than Was Reasonable and Proper, Failure to Stop or Yield, and Failure to Stop for Police.

Luis Javier Maldonado, age 25, of Hartford, Conn. was arrested on June 6 for Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle, operating an Unregistered Motor Vehicle, operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Possession of a Class B Drug, and a Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID.

Urbano Perez, age 42, of North Grosvenordale, Conn. was arrested on June 6 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol and Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle.

Krystle A. Martin, age 34, of Woonsocket, R.I. was arrested on June 7 in connection with a warrant.

Marco R. Chessa, age 32, of Webster was arrested on June 7 for Operating Under the Influence of Drugs.

A 33-year-old female whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on June 7 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member and

Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon.

Mike J. Wilson, age 51, of Worcester was arrested on June 8 for Possession of a Class B Drug, Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License (subsequent offense), a Marked Lanes Violation, and for not having a valid driver's license in his possession.

Kevin M. Andrews, age 35, of Webster was arrested on June 8 in connection with a warrant.

April M. Lowe, age 41, of Webster was arrested on June 9 for Trespassing.

Joel Rodriguez, age 32, of Southbridge was arrested on June 9 in connection

Craig Stephen Beckwith, age 44, of Rochdale was arrested on June 9 in connection with a warrant of apprehension.

A 37-year-old male from Worcester whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on June 9 for two counts each of Assault on a Family or Household Member and Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

Joseph R. Perron, age 53, of Spencer was arrested on June 9 in connection with multiple warrants.

Madelene Y. Cano, age 25, of Worcester was arrested on June 9 for Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Child Endangerment while Operating Under the Influence, Leaving the Scene of Property Damage, Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, a Marked Lanes Violation, Possession of an Open Container of Alcohol in a Motor Vehicle, and having a Child Under Eight Years Old and/or Under 58 Inches tall in a vehicle Without a Car Seat.

A 17-year-old whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on June 9 for Failure to Stop for Police, Speeding at a Rate of Speed Greater Than Was Reasonable and Proper, a Marked Lanes Violation, Failure to Stop or Yield, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Disorderly Conduct, Disturbing the Peace, and Resisting Arrest.

An 18-year-old female from Oxford was arrested on June 9 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member

Joseph N. Bottis, age 38, of Webster was arrested on June 10 for Disorderly Conduct, Disturbing the Peace, Assault & Battery on a Police Officer, Resisting Arrest, Threatening to Commit a Crime, and two counts of Assault With a Dangerous Weapon.

Amber Marie Gevry, age 24, of Southbridge was arrested on June 11 in connection with a warrant.

Paul A. Blanchard, age 59, of Webster was arrested on June 11 for Assault With a Dangerous Weapon and Assault & Battery.

Jose A. Rivera, age 21, of Worcester was arrested on June 12 in connection with a warrant.

Joseph Laronde, age 58, of Webster was arrested on June 12 for Trespassing, Resisting Arrest, Assault, Assault & Battery while Attempting to Disarm a Police Officer, and Disorderly Conduct.

by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly

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Final registration for Youth Football and Cheer Saturday

CHARLTON — Charlton Dudley Youth Football and Cheer is accepting final registration for the 2021 season.

Registration is Saturday, June 19, from 9 a.m. to noon at Maynard Field, 11 Dresser Hill Rd., Charlton. Registration paperwork can be found on our Web site, www.cdrams.com. Please print and complete before arriving to ease the process.

Charlton Dudley Youth Football and Cheer offers Grade based football and cheering for Pre-K (at least five years old) through eighth grade boys and girls in Charlton, Dudley, Southbridge and Thompson, Conn. We compete in the Public Library and Marilyn and Gerald Central Mass Youth Football and Cheer conference, covering primarily Central Massachusetts.

Registration is \$150 per player/cheerleader (\$110 for each additional family member). VISA and Mastercard are accepted. All participants will also be required to sell 10 raffle tickets.

For more information, visit www.cdrams.com.

GLADYS E. KELLY LIBRARY

2 Lake St., Webster ~ 508-949-3880 All programs are scheduled to be held outside on the Library lawn (unless

otherwise noted), weather permitting.

Adult Programming

Hatch-a-Chick – Month of June

The Library Lobby is now home to some very special friends for the month of June! Watch as 7 chicken eggs incubate throughout the month, then stop in or watch on Facebook Live as they hatch around June 21st. Don't miss seeing these adorable, fluffy chicks before they head back to the farm in early July!

Friends Book Sale - June 24th-26th

Visit the Library Community Meeting Room to browse the many books and other media the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library will have for sale! Hardcover books, DVDs, CDs and Puzzles will be \$1, paperbacks will be \$.50, or you can fill a bag full of books for \$5. The sale will be held from 10AM-8PM Thursday, 10AM-5PM Friday, and 10AM-1PM Saturday.

Adult Summer Reading - June 28th-August 20th

Stop by the Library Circulation Desk to sign up for our Adult Summer Reading Program. All you have to do is read or listen to books and return them to the Library to get raffle tickets. Enter to win Gift Cards and Prizes from local businesses. Sponsored by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library and Marilyn and Gerald Fels.

Dungeons and Dragons for Beginners – July 8th. 8:00PM

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Interested in trying out Dungeons and Dragons for the first time? Tried it once or twice but can't find folks to play with? Our Adult Services Librarian will be taking an intrepid group of beginner adventurers through a whirlwind introduction to the world of Dungeons and Dragons! No experience required, but space is very limited. Contact Peter at parsenault@cwmars.org for more information and to reserve your spot. This will be a virtual program.

Children's and Young Adult Programming

Stuffed Animal Storytime with the Library Director, Sondra! - Wednesdays in June: June 16th, and 23rd 10:00-10:45AM

All ages welcome! Held on the Library Lawn, weather permitting. Bring a blanket/chair and your plush friend for stories, songs and play. Masks are optional. Hosted by the Library Director, Sondra Murphy.

Summer Reading Kick-off Event with Davis Bates and Roger Tincknell -Monday, June 28th 10:30-11:30AM

The Gladys E. Kelly Public Library will be kicking off the 2021 Summer Reading Program with Parents' Choice Award winning performers Davis Bates and Roger Tincknell in a socially distanced, outdoor participatory performance of songs & stories for all ages! This lively concert includes songs about critters, nature, and environmental awareness, just so stories, creation myths and more! This performance is funded, in part, by a grant from the Webster Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the MA Cultural Council. Be sure not to miss this wonderful family-oriented entertainment event!

Summer Reading 2021 - "Tails and Tales!" - June 28th-August 20th

Join us at the Gladys E. Kelly Library from June 28th to August 20th for our summer-long "Tails and Tales" reading program! Read books (novels, picture books, audio books, comics, etc.) for opportunities to win fun prizes! Sign up is FREE and includes a bag full of goodies and a log to track your reading minutes. Sign up any time throughout the summer, read, and claim prizes as you go. For ages 0-17. Teens get their own prizes to choose from this year! Email atai@cwmars.org or call 508-949-3880 for more information. Sponsored

music with Lainey Hanlon! For children ages 2-5 and their parents/caregiv-

Wiggles and Giggles! - Wednesday,

Come sing, dance, and make

June 30th 10:00-11:00AM

Lasell University students named to Spring 2021 Dean's List

NEWTON — Lasell University students named to the Spring 2021 Dean's List were recognized for their academic performance last semester. Students included were:

Victoria Mann of Webster

Hayden Wildes of Dudley For more information contact: Samantha Mocle, assistant director of communications at smocle@lasell.edu or at 617-243-2386.

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Janson Borowko Graduates from UMass Lowell



than expected due to the Covid-19 pandemic, but on May 14, 2021, Massachusetts Janson Borowko graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Massachusetts Lowell with an Honors College Bachelor of Music/Sound Recording Technology degree. On May 29, 2020, Janson had received enough regular course credits to participate in a virtual ceremony on the internet with UMass Lowell's Class of 2020. However,

since the Sound Recording Technology major required that an internship component also be completed by the end of the summer following graduation to receive his diploma, this was not able to happen as planned.

Fortunately for Mr. Borowko, UMass Lowell offered an alternative online course to complete his major in the fall of 2020. By early 2021, he received his diploma in the mail, though admittedly it did not give him the feeling of closure he was hoping for at the end of his college experience. That closure came on May 14th of this year, when Janson and other UMass Lowell 2020 graduates were invited to join the Class of 2021 in walking across the stage in a Tsongas Center ceremony with their family members looking on.

While attending UMass Lowell, Janson Borowko performed as both a pianist and vocalist in the UMass Lowell Chamber Singers and the allmale acapella group, Hawkapella. He is looking forward to a future of performing, recording, and mixing music for himself and others as musicians return to more live performance work.

Local churches come together for ice cream social

WEBSTER — After several months of planning and successfully implementing two joint social outreach ministry projects and celebrating several joint services, Webster's Church of the Reconciliation and Zion Lutheran Church of Oxford took a break on Sunday, June 13.

The Reconciliation parishioners invited Zion over for a good old fashioned Ice Cream Social—complete with toppings- sprinkles and cherries and gummy bears and nuts. The two parishes share Pastor Michael Bastian and work together on social outreach ministry and other projects. They came together in April to raise enough money to support a child at the Mampong Babies home in Ghana for a year and more recently sent over 115 personal care kits to Lutheran World Relief.

Since this is the 150th anniversary of the building of the church at Reconciliation, parish historian Dr. Elaine F Davies shared some fun facts about the origin of the parish and its founders, as well as the highlights of the architecture and stained glass. The parish was incorporated and took the name Church of the Reconciliation on Jan. 3, 1870. By July of that year, the cornerstone was laid in an elaborate service at which over \$4,000 was collected for the building of the church

(approximately \$95,000 today). It was dedicated a year later on Jan. 3, 1871. The grandchildren of Samuel Slater, the father of the American Industrial Revolution, were prominent and generous members of the parish, along with other Webster movers and shakersmill owners, their managers, and town merchants.

The most amazing feature of the Neo Gothic church is its stained glass windows-designed and fabricated by some of the best American 20th century stained glass artisans. Notable among them is Wilbur H. Burnham of Boston who designed the Reconciliation window above the altar which encapsulates the meaning behind the name of the church. Burnham completed this window while working on several windows for the Washington National Cathedral. The other designer of note is the Connick Studio of Boston which designed the Good Samaritan window with its brilliant blue colors and healing water imagery.

Together, Zion and Reconciliation parishioners enjoyed the beautiful weather in a lovely garden setting. Sated with ice cream and learning, the partner parishioners set off for their next mission together, professing that fellowship together can be fun too.



Cindy Osowski, Shelley Christiansen, Tiffany Poplawski, Faye Poplawski, and Susan Schade

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. "Sleepless In Seattle" actress Ryan
- 4. One of Santa's reindeer
- 10. Before the present 11. Type of butter
- 12. Location of White House
- 15. Tree part
- 16. Regions around the North Pole 50. Frankfurter
- 18. Fits on a boat's gunwale
- 22. Discuss after it's happened
- 23. Milk substitute for coffee
- supreme being 26. Equally
- 27. Famed director Forman
- 28. Popular apartment style 30. British School
- 31. Advanced degree

- 34. Order of architecture
- 36. Investment account (abbr.)
- 37. Snakelike fishes
- 39. Children's tale bear
- 40. Norse personification of old age
- 41. Atomic #58
- 48. 1878 Kentucky Derby winner

- 51. Small, seedless raisin 52. Device in papermaking machine
- 53. Go
- 24. Describes one who believes in 54. Open payment initiative (abbr.)

 - 55. "Westworld" actor Harris
 - 56. Saturated with salt
 - 58. Marry
 - 59. Report on
 - 60. Midway between north and northeast

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Rays
- 2. Self-centered person 3. One you look after
- 4. Prosecutor 5. Portion
- 6. Speaks ill of
- 7. Formal system for computer programs
- 8. To make angry
- 9. Rural delivery
- 12. Group of languages
- 13. Large First Nations group
- 17. Circulating life force in Chinese philosophy 19. Excludes
- 20. Body cavity of a metazoan
- 21. Swedish monetary unit

- 25. Works with
- 29. Partner to "to"
- 31. Rewards (archaic) 32. One of Caroline Islands
- 33. Type of alcohol
- 35. Eat a lot
- 38. Nuns 41. Dog
- 43. Become more serious 44. Choose
- 45. Newspapers use it
- 46. World's longest river
- 47. Commanded to go faster

- 56. Mr. T's "A-Team" character
- 57. Document signed (abbr.)

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Woman's Club awards three \$750 scholarships to graduating seniors who reside in Oxford. Oxford Woman's

Club Scholarship is awarded to Danielle Johnson, a graduate of Oxford High School. The Josie Tyler Scholarship is awarded to Hayden Dube a graduate of Bay Path Regional High School and The Clara Barton Scholarship is awarded to Samantha Burdette a graduate of Bay Path Regional High School. Congratulations to the winners and

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Nichols College students named to Spring 2021 Honors List

DUDLEY — Many hard-working students at Nichols College in Dudley, Mass., have achieved Dean's List or President's List honors during the spring 2021 semester.

The Dean's List and President's List give recognition to those students who achieve high grades during a single semester. In order to be included on the Dean's List, a student must have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 for at least 12 undergraduate credit-hours and must have received no grades below B- during the semester. Students whose semester grade point average is 3.85 or higher for at least 12 undergraduate credit-hours and no grades below B- will receive President's List honors.

Alexandra Soenarjo of Dudley receives President's List hon-

Ann Marie Taylor of Dudley receives President's List honors Alejandra Arango of Dudley receives Dean's List honors Brittany Warrington of Dudley receives Dean's List honors Bridget Canavan of Dudley receives President's List honors Zachary Candito of Webster receives President's List honors Eddy Carias-Chilin of Webster receives Dean's List honors Charles Hansen of Webster receives President's List honors Christin Walcek of Webster receives President's List honors Claudia Slawski of Webster receives Dean's List honors Alec Correia of Webster receives Dean's List honors Zachary Cournoyer of Dudley receives Dean's List honors Tara Daniels of Webster receives Dean's List honors Desiree Warren of Dudley receives Dean's List honors Madalyn Endriga of Dudley receives President's List honors Violet Esposito of Oxford receives Dean's List honors Filip Virgili of Dudley receives President's List honors Trevor Foley of Dudley receives President's List honors Nathan Gomez of Dudley receives President's List honors Jacob Greenough of Webster receives Dean's List honors Hanna Carrabba of North Oxford receives Dean's List honors Alexander Howe of Dudley receives President's List honors Jaelyn Taylor of Dudley receives President's List honors Jameson Rotondo of Dudley receives Dean's List honors

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Albert Salonis of Dudley receives President's List honors Juan Sanchez of Dudley receives President's List honors Stephanie Lugo of Webster receives Dean's List honors William Tashjian of Dudley receives President's List honors

About Nichols College

Nichols College is a college of choice for business and leadership education as a result of its distinctive career-focused and leadership-based approaches to learning, both in and out of the classroom, and through impactful research and professional education. Students thrive in a learning and living environment that is supported by an experiential business curriculum and a strong liberal arts foundation aimed at transforming them into tomorrow's leaders. Nichols also offers master's degrees in business, leadership, accounting, and counterterrorism, as well as a range of certificate programs, to promote career advancement for today's profes-

Students earn degrees from University of Vermont

BURLINGTON, Vt. — Determined to maintain the spirit of joy and optimism that is the hallmark of UVM's commencement ceremony, but doing so in a safe manner, University of Vermont President Suresh Garimella conferred degrees on graduates at multiple, smaller school and college ceremonies. "Our emphasis will be on celebrating our students. We are very proud of each and every one of them and salute their accomplishment," Garimella said prior to the ceremonies, which marked the end of a highly successful year of in-person education on the UVM campus. An estimated 3,347 graduates, including 2,685 bachelors, 435 masters, 117 doctoral and 110 medical, earned degrees during the university's 220th commencement.

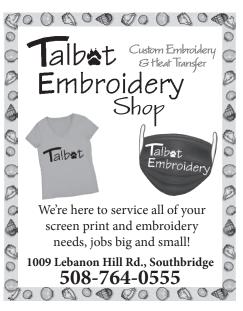
Suzanne Ellis of Webster, Bachelor of Science

Alexandra Wheeler of Dudley, Bachelor of Science **About UVM**

Since 1791, the University of Vermont has worked to move humankind forward. Committed to both research and teaching, UVM professors -- world-class researchers, scholars, and artists -bring their discoveries into the classroom and their students into the field. Located in Burlington, Vermont, one of the nation's most vibrant small cities and top college towns, UVM is a Public Ivy and top 100 national research university educating 10,700 undergraduate students, 1,627 graduate students, 776 certificate and non-degree students, and 478 M.D. students in the Larner College of Medicine.











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Not my favorite column

I love spontaneity more than the average person - whether it be a spontaneous vacation or party. This last weekend has been a weekend of spontaneous fun, celebration, laughter, eating, and story-sharing. More than a hundred people have poured in and around my home, patio, and family room over the last three days for what has felt like a non-stop celebration. My two sons, Toby and Travis, and my sonin-law, Jeff, all worked hard to take the mantle of master griller and made my special barbeque ribs better than I could have ever done. I've savored every conversation, hug, moment, and memory. By now, you might be wondering why it's been a non-stop party in my own home. Well, I will tell you why, but it is per-

haps the scariest yet most courageous sentence I'll ever write to my readers.

I am dying. I believe transparency is an important component in relationships. Whether it's between husband and wives, parents and children, teachers and parents and parents and students. Anywhere a relationship exists, transparency is important. Transparency must always lead to vulnerability, and that is always

a terrifying experience.

In the beginning of the

Bible, we read about

Adam and Eve discover-

ing their vulnerability

in their nakedness, and

they were ashamed and

hid. I don't feel shame

and I don't feel afraid to

die but being transparent

and vulnerable about this

reality is hard. "Vulnerability is not



Positively SPEAKING

GARY W. MOORE

winning or losing. It's having the courage to show up when you can't control the outcome." Brene' Brown

Most of you know, I've been fighting Stage 4 Stomach Cancer for years. There is no cure. I've been working with a brilliant young oncologist who is a world leader, Dr. Pashtoon Kasi at the Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Iowa Hospitals. My treatment has been cutting edge, and has extended my life by at least nine months.

Unfortunately, every treatment works until it

doesn't, and my chemo that was eating my cancer began eating healthy tissue and organs, and we had to stop. We tried another but it also failed. At the same time, I was being fed through a feeding tube and my body began rejecting the food. I have been removed from all treatment and placed on hospice care.

What does it mean? It means to some that I am off treatment and being kept comfortable until I die. But I am not a "go quietly in the night guy," I refuse to give up or give in; If I am breathing, I am fighting. If a new option or treatment becomes available, I'll be the first in line. Fighting also means doing everything that I love – spontaneous parties into the night, being with the people I love, endless trays of food, laughing, and being present in every single waking moment.

You are now wondering how much time? I've been given estimates of six days up to a month. But a month is generous. My daughter bought me a bracelet that says in morse code, "Never Give Up!" I'll fight to be present; I will fight to be with the people I love until my last breath.

My daughter, who is a pastor, continues to remind me that this is a sacred and holy journey as I cling to the hope of the future. I do believe in God's promises. I believe in the God resurrection, and though I will someday die, I also believe that I will be raised to new life. I believe that someday I will join the great cloud of witnesses and experi-

ence an inextricable joy that I've never before known. I am at peace.

In the meantime, I will continue writing this column until I'm gone. You will know I'm gone when my daughter publishes my final column, which has already been written.

My relationship with you is precious to me. I'm grateful for your love and loyalty, and I cherish every note of encouragement. I'm not planning on checking out of here soon, but when I do, I will miss you. Cling to hope, dear friends.

Gary W. Moore is a freelance columnist, speaker, and author of three books including the award-winning, critically acclaimed, "Playing with the Enemy." Follow Gary on Twitter @ GaryWMoore721 and at www.garywmoore.com.

Demand increasing for change at Center Road intersection

BY JASON BLEAU CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY - The intersection of Center Road and West Main Street in Dudley has long been an area of concern for both residents and town officials as the site of numerous accidents over the years. Poor visibility and the tendency for drivers to travel at a high rate of speed on the West Main Street hill are often contributing factors to the numerous incidents recorded there.

Once again, the intersection became a major talking point at the Dudley Board of Selectmen's June 7 meeting, where Center Road resident Paul Wielock first brought up the amount of car pieces left behind after accidents. Wielock spoke during the citizen's comments portion of the meeting stating that he felt the car parts, both big and small, left behind are an eyesore that need to be cleaned up properly after every incident.

After being reassured by Fire Chief Dean Kochanowski that his department rids the roadway of large debris items the conversation turned to the safety of that intersection with Wielock urging something be done to make it safer for everyone, including potential adding a traffic light.

'I've been asking the people in that neighborhood and I think it's time," Wielock said.

Dudley Police Chief Steve Wojnar said the need for improvement of that intersection has long been on

> his mind, but it seems to fall on deaf ears at the state level. That intersection sits on a state highway and the town often has to trim bushes and use its own manpower to clear up the area to make it safe for those coming down West

Main Street or existing Center Road. Despite his pleas to improve the intersection Wojnar said the state has vet to act

"That intersection has obviously been a challenge for a long time. That whole stretch of road coming down from the courthouse to the bottom of the hill has been the one thing we've been talking to the state about for the longest time. They do trim the brush and things back there. There were questions about redesigning that intersection anyway because of the flooding that takes place," Wojnar said.

For now, the West Main Street and Center Road intersection maintains a reputation as one of the most dangerous intersections in town. Wojnar said after the conversation on June 7 that he would once again attempt to reach out to state representatives to look at that intersection and possibly change things for the better in the near future.



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Local students make dean's list at Connecticut College

NEW LONDON, Conn. — Reanna Kuzdzal of Webster has been named to the Connecticut College dean's list for the 2021 spring semester.

About Connecticut College

Founded in 1911, Connecticut College is a highly selective private liberal arts college of 1,800 students located on a 750-acre arboretum campus in New London, overlooking Long Island Sound and the Thames River. The College's mission is to educate students to put the liberal arts into action as citizens of a global society. Through an innovative four-year program, Connections, students integrate every aspect of their experience-from classes to majors to internships to activities to jobs on campus and abroad-into a meaningful pathway that allows them to synthesize different perspectives, solve complex problems, and contribute to the public good. For more information, see www.conncoll.edu or find us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn.



* * Triday's Child



Caleb Age 12

Hi! My name is Caleb and I like to build creative devices!

Caleb is a very mature boy of Hispanic descent. Thoughtful and intelligent, Caleb enjoys playing basketball, video games, and also has the ability to build very creative structures. He attends a S.T.E.M. school focused on science and math. He does well in school with some additional help to stay focused. Caleb has an engineering brain and loves to take things apart and put them back together. He also is very interested in electronics. A structured school environment works best for Caleb. In his current foster home, Caleb gets along well with his older foster brother.

Legally freed for adoption, Caleb would do well in most any

family constellation. He has nine siblings who live in western MA with whom he should have continued contact. His new family should have patience, preferably some parenting experience, much love to give, and the ability to keep him active. A family with an older boy in the home who would set a good example for Caleb would be beneficial for him.

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.mareinc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have a permanent place to call home.





Courtesy

DUDLEY CULTURAL COUNCIL SPONSORS THE BLUES CREW

On Saturday, June 5 at 7 p.m., the Dudley Cultural Council sponsored the final performance of The Blues Crew as part of the Dudley Grange's summer concert series. The Blues Crew is a family band that has been performing since 2008 and has played at local churches, for fundraisers and community functions. The band performs Blues Brothers tunes (dressed as Blue Brothers), 5'0's music and country oldies. The program was held on the lawn at the Dudley Grange with many local residents in attendance.



bankHometown promotes four, names Branch Manager

OXFORD — bank-Hometown recently promoted four of its officers and named a new branch manager for its Main Street, Lancaster office.

Tina M. Puzo, of Dudley, was promoted to vice president, branch officer, of bankHometown's Southbridge St., Auburn, office and has assumed additional responsibility as retail sales coordinator for several of the bank's central Massachusetts offices. Puzo joined bankHometown in 2009 as branch manager of the Webster office and has more than 30 years of banking experience, including having previously served as vice president, business development and sales manager at TD Bank. She completed finance coursework at Quinsigamond Community College and earned a certificate from the New England

Finance. Puzo is active in the community, currently serving as secretary of the Auburn Chamber of Commerce, chair of its Programs Committee, and co-chair of its town-wide Clean-up Committee. Additionally, she is manager of bank-Hometown's United Way campaign and a member of the town of Auburn's Business Roundtable Committee. She previously received the Girl Scouts of Montachusett Council's Women of Distinction and was previously named one of Worcester Business Journal's 40 Under Forty honorees.

Donna M. Daigle, of Lunenburg, was promoted to vice president. branch officer, of bank-Hometown's Sack Blvd., Leominster, office, and has assumed additional responsibility as retail sales coordinator for the

College of Business and bank's two Worcester offices and three northern Worcester County locations. Daigle has more than 40 years of experience, banking bankHometown in 2014 as branch manager and later promoted to assistant vice president, branch officer. Before that, she was assistant vice president, store manager, with TD Bank. Daigle is also the secretary and treasurer for the Leominster chapter of Business Network International.

> Joel Laureano, of Paxton, was promoted to assistant vice president, branch officer, of bankHometown's Grove St., Worcester, office. He joined Millbury Savings Bank in 2015, which merged into bankHometown in 2019, and managed the bank's Millbury Street, Worcester, office before moving over to the Grove Street loca-

2020. He has more than 20 vears of banking experience, having also been a branch manager at both Bay State Savings Bank and Citizens Bank and an assistant branch manager at the former Bank of Boston/Fleet Bank. Laureano is a volunteer with the Friends of the Worcester Seniors.

Collins,

Susan

Webster, was promoted to assistant vice president, cash management sales officer, and is based bankHometown's Elm St., Millbury, office. She joined bankHometown in 2000 as a teller and over the years has been promoted to assistant branch manager, branch manager, cash management sales officer, and now assistant vice president. Collins will earn her associate degree in business from Bay Path University this spring and previously

tion when it opened in received a certificate in management, leadership, and building high performance teams from Quinebaug Community College. She is active in the community, having served as treasurer of Friends of All Saints Academy and as the academy's cheer coach as well as secretary and treasurer of the Sturbridge chapter of Business Network International.

> Erika Heredia, of Worcester, was named branch manager of the bank's Main Street, Lancaster office. She joined bankHometown in 2017 as a teller and was later promoted to teller supervisor and most recently to assistant branch manager of the bank's Grove Street. Worcester, office, Heredia holds an associate degree from Quinsigamond Community College and is a worship director and youth leader and

mentor with the Revival International Center.

About bankHometown Founded in 1889, bankHometown is headquartered in Oxford, Massachusetts, and has \$1.2 billion in assets and 16 branches located throughout central Massachusetts and northeastern Connecticut. Through its sponsorship and charitable giving program, bankHometown and the Hometown Bank Community Foundation support non-profit organizations and causes throughout Worcester and Windham Counties. In 2020, the bank and foundation donated approximately \$310,000 to nearly 170 organizations. Over the last five years, the program has donated more than \$1.4 million. For more information, bankhometown.

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SUMMER READING KICKOFF EVENT: TAILS AND TALES WITH JUNGLE JIM Monday June 21 3:00PM

Join us on Zoom for our Summer Reading kickoff event with returning favorite magician Jungle Jim! Free, registration is required. Registered participants will receive a link for the Zoom program 24 hours before the event. Sponsored by Hugh W. and Harriet K. Crawford Endowment.

LUNCH TIME STORY

Wednesdays at noon throughout the summer

Story time will be held outside in the lot near the children's wing. There will be a take home craft each week that goes with what we read.

These are geared for

ages 0-5. Sessions are limited to 15 families. Be advised we will be in a wooded lot so bug spray and sunscreen is recommended.

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and Harriet Crawford Endowment. Free; registration required.

Come join us to make a

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MAKE A BUG HOTEL Friday June 25 - multiple sessions

A backyard habitat series for birds and pollinators! This program teaches participants the basics of backyard habitats. We will be making a bug hotel to hang in your yard!

This is for ages

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MAKE A MAGIC

Tuesday June 29 - mul-

This is geared for ages

8-12. Limited to five participants per session.

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ROCK PAINTING

Thursday July 1 – multiple sessions

Join us to paint your own rock! We will have some sample ideas you can copy or make your own idea!

Ages 8-14. Limited to five participants per ses-

Sponsored by the Hugh and Harriet Crawford Endowment. Free; registration required.

P L A Y F U L ENGINEERS

Tuesday July 611:00AM

Jay Mankita leads a Rube Goldberg-inspired romp into the world of complicated building chain reactions to accomplish simple tasks, from our own ordinary stuff.

Free, but registration is required. Registered participants will receive a link for the Zoom program 24 hours before the event. Sponsored by the Dudley Cultural Council.

M E R M A I D

KEYCHAINS

Friday July 9 - multiple sessions

Join us to make your own mermaid keychain using yarn and beads!

Ages 8-14. Limited to five participants per ses-

Sponsored by the Hugh and Harriet Crawford Endowment. Free; registration required.

DISSECT AN OWL PELLET

Monday July 12 – multiple sessions

Join us to dissect an owl pellet and see what bones we find and identify them.

Ages 5-12. Limited to five participants per ses-

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PAINT $\bar{\mathbf{A}}$ BIRDHOUSE Friday July 16 - multiple sessions

Join us to paint and decorate a pre-built birdhouse to attract birds to your yard.

Ages 5-12. Limited to five participants per ses-

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ANDBURPEE

RECORDS PETTING ZOO

Monday July 19 - multiple sessions

Register for a 25-minute session to meet and pet a variety of real animals.

You will have the ability to purchase small amounts of feed for the animals. The money from the feed machines will go to help the Friends of the Library!

Come meet animals like a llama, alpaca, tortoise, squirrel monkey, goats, and others!

Sponsored by the Hugh and Harriet Crawford Endowment. Free; registration required.

ANIMAL MAGNETS/ **PENDANTS**

Thursday July 22 (first half) & Monday July 26 (second half) – multiple

We will be creating animal magnets or pendants. This is a 2 part activity. Part one is creating the animal and part two is painting it. (If you cannot come to the second session you can take your creation home to dry.)

This is for ages 8-12. Sponsored by the Hugh and Harriet Crawford Endowment. Free; registration required.

STUFFED ANIMAL **SLEEPOVER**

Thursday July 2:00PM-4:00PM

We are letting your stuffed animals take over the library! Drop in and create a bed for your stuffed animal to sleep in, and then leave them to sleep overnight. We will then make sure they have a fun night at the Library. (We will post their adventures on Facebook and Instagram.)

Please register your animal! You can drop them off anytime between 2-4PM.

Sponsored by the Hugh and Harriet Crawford Endowment. Free; registration required.

SUMMER READING **ENDS**

Friday, July 1:00PM-3:00PM

Drop in and get an ice cream sandwich or popcorn for participating in summer reading! Ms. Lida will be outside for your last minute reading tracking to put your tickets in the raffle baskets.

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K's Ambulance recognized for patient care



Oxford-based K's Ambulance was presented last month with the Call of the Quarter Award by St. Vincent's Hospital.

OXFORD K's Ambulance was presented last month with the Call of the Quarter Award by St. Vincent's

Hospital. During a May 27 ceremony, staff members with K's Ambulance were on hand to receive

the award. This was the first time St. Vincent's Hospital presented an award in the category of EMS providers.

"K's Ambulance was presented with this award because of their excellent patient care,"

read a statement released by the company after the presentation. "They consistently take pride in going above and beyond for all patients. It was very appreciated to be recognized and awarded for all the hard work."

Dudley Democrats to elect delegates to state convention

DUDLEY — Registered Democrats in the town of Dudley will hold a caucus on Tuesday, July 6 in Room 321A at the Dudley Municipal Center. Delegates and Alternates to the 2021 Massachusetts Democratic State Convention will be elected. Registration will be at 5:30 p.m. and the caucus will begin at 6 p.m. There is also an opportunity to attend the caucus on Zoom. Please contact the DDTC at Dudleydems@gmail.com if you would like to have the Zoom link.

This year's state convention will be held on Sept. 25 at the Tsongas Arena in Lowell. It will be a platform convention, the 1st since 2017. Thousands of Democrats from across the state will come together to discuss Party business and celebrate our successes as we prepare for upcoming elections. The caucus is open to all registered and pre-registered Democrats in the town of

Dudley. Pre-registered Democrats who were 16 by May 22 will be allowed to participate and run as a Delegate or Alternate. Dudley can elect four Delegates and four Altternates to the Convention. Youth, minorities, people with disabilities and LGBTQ individuals who are not

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Alyssa Wilson named to Curry College Dean's List

Wilson of Webster has been named to the Dean's List for 2021 semester, in which nearly 1,300 students were recogthe Spring 2021 semester. Wilsonmajoring in Psychology, is nized for maintaining high GPAs. among the roughly 1,000 students that have received the distinction, a marker of academic excellence and high achieve-

To earn a place on the list, full-time undergraduate students those who carry 12 or more graded credits per semester must earn a 3.3 grade point average (GPA) or higher.

About Curry College Curry College, founded in Boston in 1879, is a private, co-educational, liberal arts-based institution located on 131 acres in Milton, Massachusetts. The College extends its educa-credits of letter-graded course work with an average GPA tional programs to a continuing education branch campus in of 3.5 or higher. Plymouth. The College offers 22 undergraduate majors in specialized and liberal arts programs, as well as graduate degrees in accounting, business, education, criminal justice, and nurs- than 4,000 students annually at its Willimantic campus and ing to a combined enrollment of nearly 2,500 students. The satellite locations. In addition to attracting students from student body consists of 1,700 traditional students and nearly 162 of Connecticut's 169 towns, Eastern also draws students 800 continuing education and graduate students. The College from 33 other states and 20 countries. A residential campus offers a wide array of co-curricular activities ranging from 15 offering 40 majors and 60 minors, Eastern offers students NCAA Division III athletic teams to an outstanding theatre a strong liberal art foundation grounded in a variety of and fine arts program. Visit us on the web at www.curry.edu, applied learning opportunities. Ranked as the #1 public

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Area Eastern students make Dean's List

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. — Eastern Connecticut State MILTON — Curry College is proud to announce that Alyssa University recently released its Dean's List for the spring

Among them are: Sara Heil of Oxford, a full-time student who majors in Psychology.

Silvia Cote of Webster, a full-time student who majors in Criminology and Sociology.

To qualify for Dean's List, full-time students must complete a minimum of 12 credits in letter-graded courses with an average GPA of 3.5 or higher in the semester. Part-time students are eligible if they've accumulated 15 or more

Eastern Connecticut State University is the state of Connecticut's public liberal arts university, serving more regional university in New England by U.S. News and World Report in its 2021 Best Colleges ratings, Eastern has also been awarded "Green Campus" status by the Princeton Review 11 years in a row. For more information, visit www. easternct.edu.

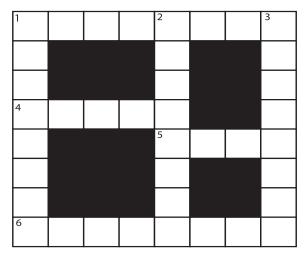




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- 6. People who work

1. Very vibrant

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3. Absence of light

1. Colorful 2. Salad bar 3. Darkness 1. Caboshed 4. Obama 5. Down 6. Laborers Across :s19MSUY

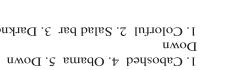


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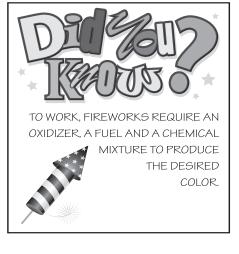
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Oxford native Brad Cooley named to Marquette University Dean's List

MILWAUKEE, Wisc. — Brad Cooley of Oxford has been named to the Dean's List for the spring 2021 semester at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Cooley is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science.

To make the Dean's List, students must have earned at least 12 credits for the spring 2021 semester and have no disqualifying grades. The GPA threshold varies by college - for the College of Education and the Klingler College of Arts and Sciences, undergraduate students must have at least a 3.7 to be named to the Dean's List.

The undergraduate GPA requirement is 3.5 for the following colleges: the Diederich College of Communication, the College of Business Administration, the College of Health Sciences, the Opus College of Engineering and the College of Nursing. All other programs have a 3.75 GPA minimum.

Marquette University is a Catholic, Jesuit university that draws nearly 8,500 undergraduate and 3,300 graduate and professional students from nearly all states and more than 60 countries. In addition to its nationally recognized academic programs, Marquette is known for its service learning programs and internships as students are challenged to use what they learn to make a difference in the world. Find out more about Marquette at marquette.edu.

Webster resident Reanna Nicole Kuzdzal earns degree from Connecticut College

NEW LONDON, Conn. — Reanna Nicole Kuzdzal of Webster was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree from Connecticut College on May 23. Kuzdzal majored in Anthropology.

The 380 members of Connecticut College's Class of 2021 were celebrated during an in-person event on Thursday, May 20, and were addressed by President Katherine Bergeron and Beyond Meat founder, president and CEO Ethan Brown, a Connecticut College alumnus and renowned entrepreneur and environmentalist, encouraged graduates to "seek their own personal truth as a foundation for their lives." The senior class speaker was Emir Kulluk '21, a film studies and philosophy double major and Center for International Studies and the Liberal Arts (CISLA) scholar.

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Matthew McGee of Oxford graduates from University of Tampa

TAMPA, Fla. — Matthew McGee of Oxford graduated Cum Laude on May 8 from the University of Tampa, Fla.

McGee graduated with a degree in Biology and a minor in Chemistry. A frequent Dean's list honoree, he will continue his graduate studies at LECOM (Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine), from which he received early acceptance in his Junior Year. He will attend the Bradenton, Fla. campus beginning

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EDITORIAL

Some words of advice for new graduates

Students around the region are flipping tassels this week, participating in a traditional rite of passage, generally symbolizing their transition to adulthood. With more and more people becoming vaccinated, ceremonies are looking a bit more traditional than they did last year.

Many seniors and their underclassman counterparts have faced big changes as they navigate the world amidst a global pandemic. This time in a teen's life is still quite pivotal.

Students will be bombarded with advice and speeches as these final weeks unfold. Our favorite bit of advice, however, is the following: 1. Don't smoke; 2. Drink plenty of water every day; and 3. Wear sunscreen (your 40-year-old selves will thank you). 4. Spend as much time as humanly possible outside; and 5. Watch the "Back to the Future" trilogy.

The most important thing you can do, however, is to find out who you are. From there the entire world opens up. Do not limit your lives to the same scene and same people you have always surrounded yourself with. This doesn't mean vou need to forget people or places, it simply means that now is a great time to branch out. The more people you meet in different places, with different experiences will shed light on who you really are.

Always remember your roots. These are what has shaped you and prepared you for your next chapter. Remember how important your community has been to you, and remember to always give back.

Always practice kindness, even when it's hard. The world can aggravate and frustrate the most mellow of us. Anger is a normal human emotion, however it's what you do with it that really matters. If you have disagreements or you think the way you feel about a certain issue is correct, remember to not let your anger take you over. It never feels good, plus harboring too much anger and discontent ages us, plus it's really no fun. The more fun and kindness you have in your life, the happier you are. Try to find balance between your work and your leisure time. Spend time doing the things you love, and never forget what those things are, despite how busy your life may become.

As you go through life, you will make mistakes. None of us are perfect and mistakes can actually define who we become if we learn from them. The best formula for mistake making, is to own up to them, have some self-awareness, be gentle on yourself, learn, then move on. Simple.

Remember to follow your own gut, always, no matter what. This is your life, and that means you need to make it what it is and what it will be.

Congratulations to the class of 2021!

VIEWPOINT

Berube at The Webster Times — news@stonebridgepress.news

Why believe? Part 3 – Striving for greatness

inspires! Think of someone who has inspired vou in your life, someone who has pushed you to strive for greatness. It could be some renown historical figure – a Rosa Parks, an Abraham Lincoln, Nelson Mandela or Mother Teresa, Albert an Einstein or Martin Luther King, an Aleksander Solzenitsyn or a Beethoven. It could be some

Greatness

little-known personal figure- someone who the world may not know and yet you know, and who inspires you. Of course, reflecting on greatness naturally leads one to think how we understand "greatness?" Is greatness defined as someone who has accumulated wealth, power, influence, or fame? Is it someone who made some discovery or has touched the world in a way to make it a better place? For me, I'd define greatness in relation to love, humility, peace, grace, and holiness – someone who loves God and loves their neighbor, someone who has a sacrificial spirit in serving others, someone who reflects a humble attitude in acknowledging God as the Source of all that is good and beautiful and pure. Greatness, for me, is a saint who lives a life that touches the lives of others with this divine

love. I'm continuing a fourpart article series on 'Why Believe?" In Part 1, I shared how all people from diverse cultures throughout history believed in something themselves, beyond beyond the here and now, beyond this material world. In Part 2, 1 brought up how different religions and religious thought throughout history tried to offer answers to the existential questions of life. And I focused on the specific question of "What is the meaning of life? What is our purpose during this brief existence here on earth?"

In "Why Believe? Part 3" I turn our attention to greatness that inspires others to greatness. If we look for the most influential figure throughout world history, the person who has not only touched the lives but changed the lives of people, one could make a very strong argument that Jesus Christ is that person. Why? Who is He? What has He done that would be considered great by the world, and how has He inspired others to greatness? Well, the answers should be obvious for any faithful Christian, and it should be obvious how Christianity has been the most influential force in Western civilization and world history. Yet, I'm afraid this isn't so obvious in our post-Christian society where many so-called Christians don't really even know their faith and many people in the West don't know well their own history.

So, who is Jesus and why is He great? First, we can look at JESUS THE TEACHER. Christ offers some of history's most inspiring words of wisdom through His Sermon on the Mount, through His teachings, and in the way He shared parables and stories that would help His listeners understand His message of love. Christ taught in a simple yet profound



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manner that not only touched the hearts of His listeners inspired people to respond to His teachings. "Love your enemy. Do unto others as you want them to do to you. Forgive others seventy times Where seven. your treasure is, there you're your heart be. Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. Enter by the narrow gate. Be perfect as your Father in heaven is perfect." Even when His enemies felt threatened and wanted to arrest him, the guards

came back saying, "No person ever spoke like this Man."

Along with His teachings of wisdom and truth, however, Jesus made certain outrageous claims about Himself. For example, He said "Before Abraham was, I AM." Abraham was the great patriarch of Jews and Muslims who lived 2000 years before Christ, and yet Jesus claims that before Abraham existed, "I AM." Jesus takes on the name of the Eternal God, identifying Himself with the Creator of the universe and believing He existed before all time and creation.

That is only one outrageous claim. Jesus also asserted:

I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. Anyone who follows Me shall not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE. Anyone who comes to me shall never hunger, and the one who believes in Me shall never thirst.

THE AMRESURRECTION AND THE LIFE. Anyone who believes in Me, though they may die, they shall live, and whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.

I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE. No one comes to the Father except through

I AM THE ALPHA AND THE OMEGA, the beginning and the end, the One who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Jesus even claimed, "All authority in heaven and on earth have been given to me" and with this authority, He actually forgave people's sins.

If we think about each of these statements, they are much more than some wise teachings. Actually, if some great teacher made these incredible claims, we would no longer think they are so great or wise. We would probably think they're crazy or deranged.

Yet, Jesus' life did not reflect the life of a mentally unstable person. He motivated people not by force or coercion, not with violence or threats, not out of fear or guilt. People followed Christ because they saw something in Him they loved. His message and His life inspired people to become more loving, compassionate, kind, caring people. With these outrageous claims, Jesus was clearly stating that He is not simply a great philosopher or wise sage. He is something much greater! And His life of compassionate service and sacrificial love touched and inspired His followers, and showed them a path towards a new life, a life of transformation, of transfiguration. That is why countless people followed Him not only in the first century, but in every generation since then!

More than His words and teaching, Jesus revealed to the world Divine what Love truly He. He is Love Incarnate, Divine Love that becomes a person. His life of unconditional and sacrificial love lived out His teaching that "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for his friends." He laid down His life not only for his friends, but even for his enemies and for the entire world. He took the suffering and brokenness and sinfulness of the world upon Himself and then transformed the ugly darkness into new life. He lifted people up and showed them the way to become a "new creation."

Think about this:

Jesus meets a woman about to be stoned to death because she was caught in the act of adultery, and instead of agreeing to follow the Law, He forgives her and gives her a new chance to live.

Jesus meets a despised thief who gets rich from stealing from other people, and yet Jesus goes the thief's house and sits among many other thieves. In the process, He leads this thief Zacchaeus, and other tax-collectors like Matthew, to discover a new path in life, and they change their lives for the better.

Jesus meets a despised social outcast, a woman married five times, yet He sees beyond her failures, her brokenness, and her pain to call forth the beauty that is hidden within her soul.

Jesus meets a criminal as Christ Himself is dying a cruel, unjust death on the cross, yet in His moment of greatest suffering, Jesus sees the suffering of another and shows compassion on the criminal, forgiving him and welcoming him into paradise.

Each of these instances show the impact of Christ's life on other people. And it's not just the lives of people we read about in the Bible. Literally, in every generation since the time of Christ, countless peoples' lives have been changed for the better because of Jesus Christ. His words have inspired them. The example of His life has motivated them. His living Spirit has empowered people to change and become a new creation.

Then, of course, there is the aspect of Christ's life as a miracle worker. He gave sight to a man born blind. He raised a paralyzed person suffering 38 years and gave him the ability to walk. He cleansed the lepers. He freed people from demon possession. He literally raised three people from the dead. He performed numerous miracles to heal people, and of course, He did the greatest miracle in history by coming back to life after being dead in a tomb three days. He is the conqueror of death, and through this death He has opened a path of eternal life for all people.

Over the past two weeks I have been asking the question "Why Believe?'

We all love greatness and have been inspired by the greatness of certain individuals throughout history. Jesus Christ stands above all historical figures in the influence and life-changing impact He has had on people throughout world history. It's so fascinating to note that He was a man born in an insignificant village to a poor, peasant woman. He had no formal education and never wrote a book. He never held a political

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Regulations for target shooting



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CHIEF'S CORNER **STEVE** WOJNAR

Warmer weather results in a variety of outdoor activities. Many people who have been issued firearms licenses are seeking opportunities to target shoot. I was recently asked to provide any restrictions people should be aware of when doing this type of activity. Main thing

people should know is to shoot in places where you are lawfully able to do so. People should shoot away from homes or areas where people may be found and there must be a sufficient "backstop," such as a mound or a hill, where bullets may lodge safely. People wonder how far away they must be from homes or people to do this safely. Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 269 Section 12E is the law pertaining to the discharge of a firearm within 500 feet of "a dwelling or other building in use." There are several exceptions present in this statute. One of these allows for shooting within this distance "with the consent of the owner or legal occupant thereof..." A person would therefore be allowed to shoot in their own yard and not be in violation. This law is in place to provide a minimum distance away from people. There is always the possibility of a "stray" bullet either through accidental discharge or a ricochet. This is the reason to ensure you are as far away from people as possible.

One important point to take under consideration is the presence of neighboring homes or buildings. If these places would be within 500 feet of where the shooting is taking place, a person would need consent of those property owners to do so. Without this, a violation would be in order. Penalties can include a fine of up to \$150 and/ or a jail term of up to three months.

The discharge of firearms must always be taken seriously with the appropriate precautions. Bullets cannot be recalled in the event of a mistake. Know your surroundings, exercise the appropriate care, and always be cognizant of the possibility of a ricochet.

For those still seeking vaccination information, it can be found at www. dudleyma.gov or by calling 508-949-8036. Please continue moving forward with the "re-opening" of our state in a reasonable manner. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. This has been a challenging year plus for everyone. We, at the Dudley Police Department, greatly appreciate the support we receive from our community.

Thanks again for your questions and comments. Please send them to me at the Dudley Police Department, 71 West Main St., Dudley, MA 01571 or email at swojnar@dudleypolice.com. Opinions expressed in this weekly column are those of Chief Woinar only and unless clearly noted, do not reflect the ideas or opinions of any other organization or citizen.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you for your support

To the Editor:

Thank you, voters of the town of Dudley, for re-electing me, Richard A. Carmignani, Jr., Treasurer/Collector on Monday, June 14.

It has been an honor serving our town in that capacity for the previous 19 years, and I have nothing but smiles for the next three years. Many old and new friends came out to show their support and appreciation for the hard work that has been done.

The list of thank you notes could go on for pages, but I would be remiss if I didn't thank my wife, Cathleen. She is not only a wonderful mother. Assistant Principal and the newly re-elected DCRSD School Committee member but she is a tremendous campaign manager. So, it is true what they say. Thank you,

RICHARD A. CARMIGNANI, JR.

DUDLEY

Father's Day gifts

If you're a dad, you may be in line to get some nice gifts on Father's Day. But your greatest gift may be your ability to help your children. One way of doing that is to get them started in the world of investing - and making a few investments on their behalf.

Here are three possibilities:

529 plan – If you invest in a 529 education savings plan, your earnings can grow federally taxfree, provided the money is used for qualified educational expenses. (Withdrawals not used for these expenses will generally incur taxes and penalties on investment earnings.) If you invest in your own state's 529 plan, you might receive some state tax benefits, too,

depending on how your state's tax laws apply to 529 plans. State-by-state tax treatment may vary, so you'll need to consult with your tax professional about your situation.

Provided you stay within certain limits, you can also use a 529 plan to pay for qualified K-12 expenses and registered apprenticeship programs. And you can even use it to repay certain qualified student loans, within

A 529 plan can affect financial aid, but its effect is generally lower than that of other assets. And as the account owner, you have control of your 529, so, if one child decides not to go to college or pursue further education, you can switch beneficiaries.



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UGMA/UTMA account – When you establish a special type of custodial account known as either UGMA (Uniform Gift to Minors Act) or UTMA (Uniform Transfers to Minors Act), you are providing financial resources that can be used for education or another purpose that benefits your child, such as summer programs.

One potential benefit of an UGMA or UTMA

of the earnings will be taxed at the child's rate, which is likely lower than your own. Plus, UGMA/ U T M A accounts typ-

is that some

ically allow a wide range of investment choices. However, once children reach the age of majority (typically 18 or 21) they gain complete access to the money and can do whatever they want with it.

IRA – A child with any taxable compensation, such as money from an after-school job, is eligible to fund an IRA. You may want to open one on your child's behalf – and you can "sweeten" the offer by matching some of their contributions. You can't directly invest in the IRA, but you can give your child money for that purpose. Keep in mind, though, that the total amount contributed can't exceed your child's taxable compensation for the year.

An IRA is a great introduction to the world of investing. For one thing, your child can make small contributions throughout the year, so investing in an IRA doesn't seem burdensome. Also, since an IRA can be invested in different types of securities, your child can learn about various investment vehicles - stocks, bonds, mutual funds and so on. Plus, you can point out that, with a traditional IRA, taxes won't be due on the earnings until your child starts taking

withdrawals decades from now. (And with a Roth IRA, withdrawals are tax-free, provided certain conditions are met.)

On Father's Day, you can show your appreciation for whatever gifts you receive from your children. But by investing in their future, you can gain some longer-term contentment.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor. Please contact Dennis Antonopoulos, your local Edward Jones Advisor at 5 Albert St., Auburn, MA 01501 Tel: 508-832-5385 or dennis.antonopoulos@ edwardjones.com.

Lessons from Mr. Todd



This week's picture shows Kevin Poulos and his friend Pat Trinor after they shot the archery course at the Boston Archers shoot last Sarturday.

Last week's archery shoot sponsored by the Boston Archers drew a large turnout to enjoy the day at the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club. Two hundred fifty chicken dinners were sold prior to the event, and were cooked by the Uxbridge club members, with bake master Steve Bedard cooking has famous fried potatoes, and barbecued chicken. It was the largest outdoor event held at the club since the pandemic. The raffle had a huge array of hunting related items like the club had never seen, and were

all donations from various archery and sporting goods stores, which are too numerous to men-

Seabass fishing in Buzzards Bay continued to provide some great fishing for this writer and my fishing buddy Matt Foutain last week.

Striper fishing in the bay was a bit slow on the canal, but should pick up any day now. The Providence River is also producing stripers, and striper fishing in other Rhode Island waters has been improving daily, if you do not mind doing catch and release of large fish. Water temperatures were around the 60-degree mark last week. Most recreational anglers that target fluke, are waiting for the opening of seabass in



This week's second picture shows Steve Bedard, bake master Richard Baker, and Ralph Goudin checking the rack of barbecued chickens at last Saturdays Boston Archers shoot.

THE GREAT RALPH

Rhode Island waters. It is slated to open June 24, and anglers are hoping to catch a limit of three seabass, and possibly catching a doormat fluke or two to take home for dinner. Many recreational anglers are not happy with Rhode Island's 19-inch minimum length

Fly fishing can become a great way to fish if you are properly taught by an experienced fly-fishing angler. I bumped into one of my students from a fly-fishing class I held at the Uxbridge high school many years ago. Myself, along with Dave, a master fly fishing angler and fly tier from the New England fly Tyers Association, had a class of approximately 15 adult students

this year, including this writer.



This unidentified snake handler at the Boston Archers shoot last Saturday sure gave me the Willies.

enjoy a number of weeks tying flies, and teaching the art of fly fishing. We went to Wallum Lake to try our luck at catching a few trout. We were pleasantly surprised with a good number of trout being caught by the students. The trout were retained and cleaned which were cooked at our next and final class at the high school in Uxbridge.

This past week, I bumped into one of the students from our fly-fishing class while attending the service at the Fairlawn church, and was happy to hear that he is still enjoying fly fishing as often as he can. This writer had the late William Todd as a foreman on department 426, at Whitin Machine Works, back when I was 17 years old. He did a lot of fly fishing for trout at Riley's Pond, on Castle Hill Road, in back of the former WMW. He often fly fished after work, along with his friend's the late Richard Bosma and Horace Bassett. They often fished at the back section of the pond, using waders to navigate the somewhat shallow water. One day, Bill asked me if I would like to learn fly fishing. "You bet I would!" I replied.

The next day, he brought along a Heddon Black Beauty seven-and-a-halffoot fly rod equipped with a Martin reel and fly line. He invited me into his office and showed me the fishing rod.

"Meet me at Riley's Pond after work!" he stated. "I will show you the basics, and then it is up to you!"

As soon as the whistle blew to end the work day, I was on my way to Riley's Pond. I cannot tell you how Mr. Todd influenced my life, with the simple gesture of kindness. I am not positive, but I think I paid him \$20 for the outfit. Fly fishing for trout over the years has left me with a lot of great memories, and I try to pass it on.

Bill also gave me the opportunity to become a machinist, basically running engine lathes and cylindrical grinders, which became my way to earn a living the rest of my life! The good old days! I still have the fly rod Bill sold me, but I accidentally slammed it in the door of my car one day, and made the rod a wall hanger!

Saltwater fly fishing has also become a great way to enjoy the ultimate experience in catching these hard fighting fish. Purchasing saltwater fly's is a bit expensive, costing almost or as much as a saltwater fishing lure. Another reason to learn the art of fly tying. Catching a striper on a fly that you created yourself can give the angler the ultimate satisfaction when saltwater fishing. There are not many local stores left that sell fly tying equipment. Only the big retailers like Cabela's and Bass pro have a large array of fly-tying equipment. You can also buy it online! Check the Web site of New England Fly Tiers, and attend their classes this coming fall. They are a group of dedicated anglers that are eager to make you a great fly tier and fly fisherman or woman.

Take a Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Support of Buddy Poppy drive is appreciated

To the Editor:

On Saturday, May 29, the VFW Post 654 of Webster/Dudley held a Buddy Poppy drive at the following locations: Park N' Shop; Dippin' Donuts; Nipmuc Liquors and Price Chopper. Our deepest appreciation goes to these local businesses for their generous and ongoing support of veterans in our community.

Before Memorial Day in 1922, the VFW conducted our first poppy distribution, becoming the first veterans' organization to organize a nationwide distribution. The poppy soon was adopted as the official memorial flower of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, as it remains today.

During our 1923 encampment, we decided that VFW "Buddy"® Poppies would be assembled by disabled and needy veterans who would be paid for their work to provide them with financial assistance. The next year, disabled veterans at the Buddy Poppy factory in Pittsburgh assembled VFW Buddy Poppies. The designation «Buddy Poppy» was adopted at that time.

In February 1924, we registered the name Buddy Poppy with the U.S. Patent Office. A certificate was issued on May 20, 1924, granting our organization all trademark rights in the name of Buddy

under the classification of artificial flowers. We've made that trademark a guarantee that all poppies bearing that name and the VFW label are genuine products of the work of disabled and needy veterans. No other organization, firm or individual can legally use the name Buddy Poppy.

Today, our Buddy Poppies are still assembled by disabled and needy veterans in VA Hospitals.

The VFW Buddy Poppy program provides compensation to the veterans who assemble the poppies, provides financial assistance in maintaining state and national veterans' rehabilitation and service programs and partially supports the VFW National Home for Children. This charity is the main group which the VFW Post 654 of Webster/ Dudley has adopted to support annually.

Stephen P. Rogerson, Commander VFW Post 654 Webster/Dudley, and all the members of Post 654 humbly thank all who assisted us with this year's drive and especially all those who took the time to say a kind word, give a donation, or share a story of a family member who served.

> VFW Post 654 DUDLEY

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position nor led an army in battle. He never traveled far from his home. He achieved no worldly success and amassed no earthly wealth. In His day, His own fame led to His untimely demise and an unjust death. Yet, we have to ask ourselves how it was possible that such a person changed world history? How did such a person impact the lives of millions and literally billions of people over the past 2000 years? What was the greatness of this person, Jesus Christ?

His words of wisdom. His example of service. His life of love. His victory over darkness and evil and death itself. His Spirit of power to change and transform hearts. Why Believe? Because we look and long for inspiration from great figures in history, and we find, in the person of Jesus Christ, no greater example of love, wisdom, and inspiration who offers us the path to discover the most meaningful and fulfilling life.

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OBITUARIES

~ In Memoriam ~

Emmanuel J. Leo 6/16/1926 ~ 4/6/2013

Not what did the piece in the newspaper say but, How many were sorry that he passed away? Was he ever ready with a word or good cheer, to bring back a smile, to banish a tear?

These are the units to measure the worth of a man-as-a-man, regardless of birth. - Unknown author

Manny was a gentleman and a gentle man, with undying love, Lini p.s. Man (ny), could he dance!



PWEBTER-(LaRochelle) Kitka age 82 passed away at home on her 62nd wedding anniversary, Sunday, June 6, 2021 with her loving family at She leaves her husband, Frederick Kitka Sr., two daugh-

ters, Kathleen Kitka of Newtown, CT, and Janet Gentili and her husband Anthony of Thompson CT; a son, Frederick Kitka Jr. and his wife Heidi of Thompson, CT. She also leaves two brothers, Robert LaRochelle and his wife Sylvia of Moncks Corner, SC, John LaRochelle

and his wife Margaret of Wilsonville, CT, and several nieces and nephews. Sylvia was born in Webster, daughter of the late George and Cora (Kozlowski) LaRochelle, and lived here all her life.

Sylvia was devoted to her family, faith and church. She loved cooking and gardening, enjoyed decorating, and liked to travel, shop, and play cards.

Sylvia A. Kitka, 82 Sylvia also bowled in the Thursday Morning Coffee League. She was formerly employed at the Lodge Restaurant as a bookkeeper.

Sylvia was a member of St. Joseph Basilica Parish where she served as a Eucharistic Minister and was in charge of the Altar Guild. She was a member and secretary of the Parish Council, a member and past president of the Holy Rosary Sodality, and a member of Saint Anne's Society and the Polish Women's Club. Sylvia was one of the overall project directors and did research and editing for the book "Our Gift Our Legacy" and the "St. Joseph Basilica Parish 125th Anniversary Book".

The funeral was held Friday June 11, 2021 from Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home with a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Joseph Basilica. Donations may be made to the Basilica in her memory.

A memorial video, and guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may offer condolences, share fond memories, or light a candle in remembrance of Sylvia.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK **COUNTY OF ALBANY** INDEX NO. 900346-18

Plaintiff designates ALBANY as the place of trial situs of the real property SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL

SUMMONS Mortgaged Premises: 72 CORDELL ROAD SCHENECTADY, NY 12304 Section: 16.6 Block: 2 **Lot:** 31 **REVERSE MORTGAGE** SOLUTIONS, INC.,

Plaintiff, MELINDA A. DODGE AS EXECUTOR AND AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID M. HARRELL; MATTHEW HARRELL, HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID M. HARRELL; MELINDA HERRELL A/K/A MINDI HERRELL, AS HEIR DISTRIBUTEE OF ESTATE OF DAVID M. HARRELL; THOMAS HERRELL, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID M. HARRELL; M.B. AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID M. HARRELL; L. D. AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID M. HARRELL; MICHAEL M. BIEGER AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID M. HARRELL; DOLORES C. HADDAD AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID M. HARRELL; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID M. HARRELL, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID C. HARRELL: and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID C. HARRELL; any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF

STATES OF AMERICA - INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; SECRETARY HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE

#12," the last twelve names being

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fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint.

Defendants.

To the above named Defendants YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York) in the event the United States of America is made a party defendant, the time to answer for the said United States of America shall not expire until (60) days after service of the Summons; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION **AND RELIEF SOUGHT**

THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$225,000.00 and interest, recorded on July 23, 2014, at Liber 6842 Page 409, of the Public Records of ALBANY County, New York, covering premises known as 72 CORDELL ROAD SCHENECTADY, NY 12304.

The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. ALBANY County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county. **NOTICE**

YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home.

Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your prop-

Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action.

YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE

RAS BORISKIN, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff HEDVA D. HAVIV, ESQ. 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310 Westbury, NY 11590 516-280-7675

May 28, 2021 June 4, 2021 June 11, 2021

June 18, 2021

TOWN OF DUDLEY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Please take notice that: DJT Properties Has applied to the Zoning Board of Appeals to vary the terms of the Zoning By-Laws Section: Section 5.01.04 Decision, Criteria, Special Permits Location: 40 Fish Road

In the following respect: To allow the petitioner to apply for a special permit for the extension, alteration, or change to pre-existing nonconforming uses or

The Public Hearing will be held on July 1, 2021 @ 7:00pm at the Town Hall, room 315, at which time you may be heard relative to this Public Hearing. Please contact Amanda Jacobson at 508-949-8012 or building@dudleyma. gov to attend the meeting.

George Slingo, Chairman Zoning **Board of Appeals** June 18, 2021 June 25, 2021

Sylvia

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. WO01P0045WF1 **CITATION ON PETITION FOR** FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of:

Michael E Lorkiewicz

Date of Death: 01/25/1996 To all interested persons:

A Petition for S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Jeanette L Lorkiewicz of Dudley MA

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Jeanette L Lorkiewicz of Dudley MA be appointed as Personal Representa-

tive(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/29/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written ap-

pearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. **UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION**

UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court. Date: June 02, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate June 18, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 **Docket No. 12D1419 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION** Meghan Watson, Plaintiff

Travis Manyak, Defendant To the Travis Manyak the above Defendant:

Watson plaintiff whose address is

A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, Meghan Watson, seeking a Complaint for Contempt. You are required to serve upon Meghan

21 Rock Avenue, Auburn MA 01501 your answer, on or before 08/05/2021. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, in the office of the Register of this Court at WORCESTER. WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court at Worcester, this 10th day of May 2021.

> Stephanie K. Fattman Register of Probate

June 18, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. WO21C0215CA CITATION ON PETITION TO **CHANGE NAME** In the matter of:

Alicja Sielewicz-Lis A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Alicja Sielewicz-Lis of Webster MA

requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Alicja Sielewicz

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/22/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.

Date: May 26, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman Register of Probate

June 18, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court Worcester Division** Docket No. WO21P1455EA

Estate of: Paul E. Brunell Also Known As: Paul Brunell Date Of Death: April 25, 2021 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Katherine J. LaRose of Oxford, MA

Petitioner Kristy E. Brunell of Oxford,

a Will has been admitted to informal probate

Katherine J. LaRose of Oxford, MA Kristy E. Brunell of Oxford, MA

has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate

to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. June 18, 2021

TOWN OF DUDLEY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Please take notice that: Kate Slingo Has applied to the Zoning Board of Appeals to vary the terms of the Zoning By-Laws Section: Section 2.04.02 Density Requirement Table (Setbacks, Etc.) Location: 92.5 Tracy Road

In the following respect: To allow the petitions to apply for a Variance of Frontage from 150ft to 130ft

The Public Hearing will be held on July 1, 2021 @ 7:00pm at the Town Hall, room 315, at which time you may be heard relative to this Public Hearing. Please contact Amanda Jacobson at

508-949-8012 or building@dudleyma. gov to attend the meeting. George Slingo, Chairman Zoning

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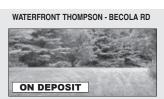
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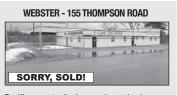
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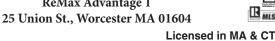
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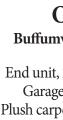


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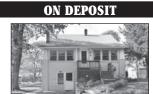
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town of Dudley has also submitted a proposal for engineering, design, permitting, bidding and construction services through the MassWorks Infrastructure Program in the initial amount of \$288,000 to address required municipal infrastructure improvements such as sewer and sidewalks adjustments. This, along with the continued progress by Camden Partners, led Ruda to consider the project a worthy investment to this point that will help drive a new era of economic growth in Dudley.

'We've been answering a lot of questions about whether the initial investment of around \$50,000 in legal fees, my time, the town planner's time, the board's time and staff time was worth it. Well, in addition to collecting taxes that we in arrears which already covered the amount of investment that we made in our time we're now in a position where we're eligible for \$288,000 in sewer infrastructure improvements and that's just scratching the surface. So, it's demonstrably worth what we've put into it so far," said Ruda.

Another layer to this project is a proposal that would see the town's of Dudley and Webster form a Tax-Increment Financing, or TIF, Zone which would subsidize companies by refunding or diverting a portion of their taxes to finance development.

"That (partnership) will focus on incentivizing the investment and redevelopment of blighted and underutilized properties on both sides of the river," said Ruda. "For Dudley, this will make the Stevens Mill project even more attractive for state funding to address critical infrastructure improvement needs and it will place us in a position that will make the approval of a local residential TIF project by the commonwealth more attractive. It will also place us in a position to give us the ability for the town to begin negotiating a TIF with Camden.'

Ruda concluded by revealing that representatives of both towns are expected to meet with state lawmakers this month to discuss the potential for gaining the Commonwealth's approval for a TIF for the project.

150 YEARS

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Canadian immigrants living and working in the area who were interested in celebrating Mass in the manner and language to which they accustomed in Canada. The first Church, located on the corner of Slater and East Main streets, was purchased from a Methodist Church and was the home of Sacred Heart from 1870 to 1896 when the current Church was built with materials imported from Canada.

"When the founding mothers and fathers of the Parish came from Canada, they brought very little

with them," said Bishop McManus in his address to the congregation. "Most of them did not bring a word of English. They came with hardly any money and few material goods. But what they did bring was a profoundly deep and unshakable Catholic faith.... With tremendous effort and because of their faith they built this extraordinary magnificent Church for the greater honor and glory of God. What they lacked in finances, they found in faith.'

Rev. Adam Reid, pastor of Sacred Heart, shared the significance of the milestones in a letter to the parish.

'We are the living legacy of the efforts of our French-

Canadian parish founders' lived faith," he said. "We celebrate our rich history but do not seek to dwell in the past.... We now look to enter into the next chapter of our parish history by first re-experiencing and perhaps in some cases discovering for the first time, a profound and life changing relationship with our Jesus Christ.'

This year also marks the 25th anniversary of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, located in the Emmaus Center across the street from the Church. Opened in 1996, the Chapel serves the region as a spiritual sanctuary of perpetual adoration, operating round the clock, thanks to a legion of volunteers

who are scheduled in hourly

About Sacred Heart of Jesus

The mission of Sacred Heart is to promote the gospel of Jesus Christ through worship, outreach and education. The parish offers some 30 liturgical and social outreach ministries. In addition, Sacred Heart serves the larger community as the hub of operations for the St. Vincent dePaul Society, as the epicenter of worship at the 24-hour-a-day Emmaus Chapel, and as a partner with St. Louis Parish in instilling Christian values in today's youth at All Saints Academy.

PIGEON

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Joseph," beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in December 2021. The purpose of this special proclamation is to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Pope Pius IX's declaration of St. Joseph as the patron of the Universal Church. Also, St. Joseph is considered the patron saint of fathers, the dying, and social justice, but to the many children who attend St. Joseph School in Webster, he is the patron saint of their church and school. Therefore, this is an exciting year for the students - especially Gianna!

Gianna was initially selected as a weekly winner in late April. At that time, Emmanuel Radio traveled to St. Joseph School to honor Gianna and award her for her moving essay. In her paper, she detailed how she placed prayers under a statue of St. Joseph every day, asking for his intercession to protect and heal her mother during 20-hour life-saving brain surgery. The sleeping St. Joseph statue was given to Gianna by her teacher, Sr. Jeanne Marie Alkalski, who instructed her to pray to St. Joseph and trust him as the protector of families. Gianna's faith and devotion paid off because her prayers were answered, and her Mom was saved and is doing well.

Then, on June 9, Emmanuel Radio's Cindy Dorsey along with the Superintendent of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Worcester, Dr. David Perda, St. Joseph School Principal, Michael Hackenson, and Rector & Pastor at St. Joseph Basilica Rev. Grzegorz Chodkowski paid a surprise visit to Sr. Jeanne's class. The purpose of the visit was to announce the Grand Prize winner in Emmanuel Radio's annual Catholic Schools Essay Contest. Gianna's face was filled with tears when she saw her mother, Leah Belanger, and grandmother, Cindy Belanger, enter the classroom and realized she was the

When recognizing Gianna, Dr. Perda emphasized the power of prayer and encouraged all the Fourth Grade students to remember Gianna's experience so they can testify and inspire others during difficult times. In addition, Sr. Jeanne recognized Gianna and her entire class for getting prayer into their families. However, Mrs. Dorsey received the most fantastic response from the students when she asked,

"How many people believe they witnessed a miracle?" All the students responded with cheers and applause. The morning culminated with a special award for Gianna, including a certificate and St. Gianna pendant, as well as a moment to recognize Sr. Jeanne for bringing the theme of sleeping St. Joseph to life through her teaching. Finally, the entire class enjoyed a special breakfast courtesy of Emmanuel Radio. Congratulations to Gianna and her Fourth Grade classmates for being such remarkable disciples of God.





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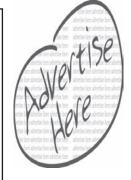
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committee that helps make this yard sale happen each and every year. It's a sight to see. We like to call it Old Home Day because everybody who has ever been involved always stop by to support us and our community has been great at supporting us."

The first sale of 2021 saw 62 "early birds" waiting to be the first to welcome the event back to town standing in the pouring rain waiting for the official opening. All products sold at the event were donated over the two-year hiatus and the public support proved to be overwhelming for Anderson and all involved.

"This is absolutely amazing. There's almost no words I can say. People are just here, again. You worry they're not going to come, but here they are flooding back in. It's great to see everybody helping. This is all hands on deck for our troop. We have the parents here, Eagle Scouts and their families come back to help, and there's almost no words. Seeing these people here, people just flood back in. I think everybody is so excited to get back to some semblance of normalcy. People are outside without masks



and hugging and seeing each other again. This is

a great opportunity to do a nice community event," said Anderson.

If all goes well, the

Boy Scout Yard Sale will return this fall. The second sale of the year is usually held on or near

Labor Day weekend in September.

Troop 273 volunteers fill a table with merchandise for sale.

Back to summer antique shows



Last summer, the COVID-19 pandemic caused all three Brimfield antique shows to be canceled. Sadly, cancellations were widespread and there were very few shows for antique collectors and dealers during the summer of 2020. Luckily, there be many more opportunities available for

antique enthusiasts this summer. I am pleased to report that the July 13-18 and Sept. 7-12 Brimfield shows are scheduled to run this

summer. Apart from Brimfield, there are plenty of shows taking other place throughout New England. Locally, Walker Homestead's Antiques & Primitive Goods Show takes place this weekend on Saturday, June 19th. It will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 19 Martin Rd., Brookfield. According to their Web site, 40 dealers will offer wares on the grounds of our 1698 colonial saltbox." Also on June 19, The Dover Antiques Show & Vintage Market will take place at 282 Durham Rd., Dover, New Hampshire from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. On June 24, fields open at 9:00 AM for The Flying Pig Antiques Tailgate show at 867 Route 12 in Westmoreland, New If you're Hampshire. looking to travel even further now that the country is opening up again, on Sunday, June 27 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Wells Antiques Show



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be held under the tents and barn" at the Wells Reserve at Laudholm Field, Laudholm Farm Road, Wells, Maine.

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looks to be a good month for antique shows as well. On WAYNE TUISKULA July 10, the 61st Boothbay Region

Antiques Show & Sale takes place on the Boothbay, ME Common from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. On July 24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and July 25 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the 40th Camden-Rockport Historical Society Antiques Show is scheduled at the Camden-Rockport High School in Camden, Maine. A little further south, the 52nd New London Garden Club Antiques Show & Sale will be held on July 31 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the New London Historical Society 179 Grounds, Little Sunapee Rd. in London. And we can't forget about the return of the famed Brimfield Antiques show, beginning on July 13 at 6 a.m.

As the summer winds down, there are also shows scheduled for August. The 40th Annual Maine Antiques Festival runs Aug. 6 through the 8th. Friday's opening early bird admission of \$25 gets you on the grounds from noon to 5 p.m., and allows readmission the rest of the weekend. On your way back from Maine, you can stop at The Americana Celebration Antique Show, which will be held at the Douglas Everett Arena, 15 Loudon Rd. in Concord, New Hampshire. It will be held on Aug. 10 with early buyers admitted at 8 a.m. and general admission from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The 64th Annual New Hampshire Antiques Show will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton in Manchester, New Hampshire from Aug. 12 through the 14th. It will run from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. the first two days and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Aug. 14. Be sure to check on the status of shows you plan to attend before traveling, but it looks to be a nice summer for antiquing, and life in general, as our country continues to move forward.

Here at Central Mass Auctions, we are also returning to live events. I will be appraising items for the public at the John B. Gough House at 215 Main St. in Boylston. The event will be held on Aug. 7 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. We are also still running online auctions. Our sports and non-sports cards online auction ends on June 23. Check our Web site for other upcoming events: https://centralmassauctions.com.

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June is National Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Month

Fresh fruits and vegetables from the backvard garden are a summertime treat like none other. So what's the next best thing to a homegrown crop? Try "pick your own" at area farms and look for weekly Farmers Market events to ensure the freshest picks. How to choose fabulous fruits and vegetables at an outside market or grocery store? The following tips can help you pick perfect produce!

Beans, snap: Look for small seeds inside straight, fleshy pods. If you can see large seeds through the skin than the beans are probably too old. Avoid beans with dry-looking, rusty, wilted or damaged pods.

Broccoli, Brusse:
Cauliflower: Sprouts, Look for tightly compacted flower clusters on broccoli and cauliflower, and compact, uniform sprouts. Avoid wilted, yellow, or dirty heads, and avoid loose, open sprouts or those that are yellow or pale green.

Cabbage and head lettuce: Look for firm compact heads that are heavy for their size. On leaf lettuce, choose unwilted, compact, crisp-looking

Carrots: Look for deep orange colored and smooth skinned roots. Avoid carrots with purple or green shoulders or pale in color, or ones with forked or crooked roots. Oversized roots usually mean they are woody. If tops are still attached on carrots, they should be fresh.

Celery: Choose large. firm stalks with uniform stalk and a white bottom. Avoid spindly, wilted stalks.

Chard: Look for fresh, dark green leaves with bright, tender stalks. Avoid wilted, poorly colored leaves.

Collards and kale: Check for tender, green, full-sized leaves with tender tips; avoid wilted, tough or overly large leaves.



TAKE THE HINT

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Corn on the cob: Choose for well-filled cobs with plump, straight rows of kernels. Avoid large, wrinkled kernels.

Cucumbers: Pick long, slender cukes that are medium to dark green.

Peppers: Look for firm, darkly colored fruit with uniform size, color, and number of lobes. Avoid wrinkled or shriveled ones or fruits that are sunburned (contrasting color spots).

Radishes: Choose medium-sized, firm, crisp roots. Avoid wilted or soft roots or those with growth cracks or insect damage. Oversized roots will be pithy. Sunburned crowns are also not desirable.

squash: Summer Choose ones that are uniform in size, color, and shape. Avoid large fruits (over mature) or ones with scarred skins, missing stems, or that are soft or wilting.

Tomatoes: Look for smooth skinned, firm fruits with uniform color. Avoid fruits with growth splits, sun scald, or overripe (soft) fruits.

Choose Apples: firm, well-colored fruit that feels crisp. Blueberries: Pick plump, firm, deep blue berries with their natural waxy silver coating.

Cantaloupe: Look for a smooth shallow base: thick, coarse, corky netting that stands out from skin. Should yield slightly when pressed on non-stem end and have the slight scent of cantaloupe.

Cherries: Should be dark in color, glossy, plump, with fresh looking stems.

Mangos: Pick fruit that has plump, smooth, dark green skin with patches of red, yellow, or orange color; should be slightly soft.

Nectarines: should be plump, slightly soft along "seam"; either orange-vellow or greenish between red-blushed areas depending on variety.

Oranges: Choose firm oranges, heavy for its size; smooth-textured, with bright-looking skin.

Peaches: Should be somewhat firm, becoming slightly soft; red with creamy, orangy base

Pears: Look for firm fruit, just barely beginning to soften. Bartletts: pale to rich yellow; Boscs: green to brown yellow.

Watermelon: Should be symmetrical with bright green rind with a creamy yellow underside. Choose a watermelon that's heavy for its size.

Win Dinner for Two Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing One winner per month will win a fabulous three cours dinner for two at the renown restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press publications? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint!, c/o Stonebridge Press. P.O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550. Or e-mail kdrr@aol. com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic

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