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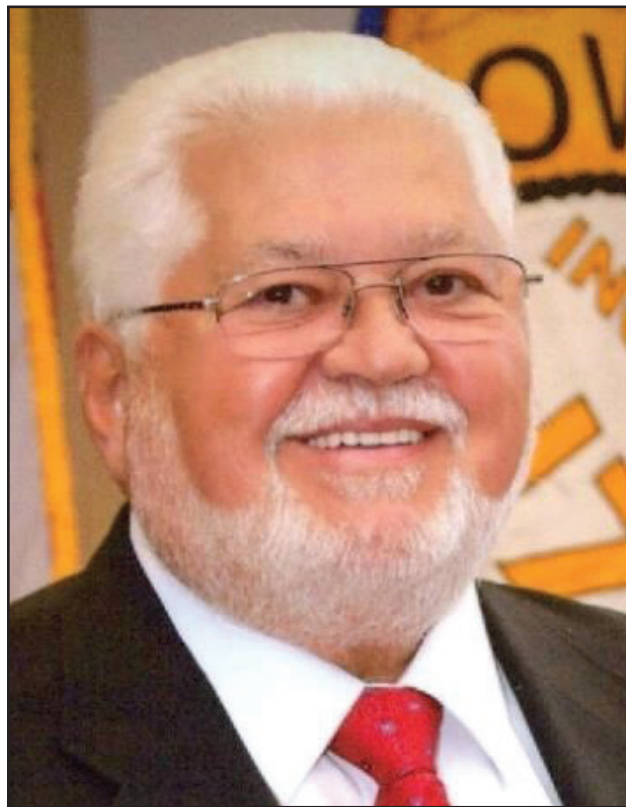
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Oxford mourns loss of longtime John Saad

Dudley Fire Department receives grant for gear



John Saad

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD – The town of Oxford is mourning the loss of one of its longtime leaders with the passing of Selectman John G. Saad on July 9.

Town Manager Jennifer M. Callahan and Board of Selectman Chair Dennis Lamarche release a joint statement the day of Saad's death praising the work of the man many nicknamed "Mr. Oxford," who served as a selectman for more than 43 years.

"Through his decades of public service, John has been a steadfast

advocate for all of Oxford and has never shied away from speaking on behalf of the needs for the Town. He has been a truly remarkable public servant for both the Town and the Commonwealth. He has loved this town like no other, and has left an indelible mark of public service that is indeed legendary," Callahan and Lamarche wrote in a message to the Oxford Community at large.

Flags were directed in half staff in honor of Saad, who leaves behind his wife of 55 years, Jeanne H. (deVillers) Saad, three children five grandchildren, in addi-

tion to many more loved ones and longtime associates in Oxford.

A graduate of St. Peter's Central Catholic School and the New England School of Accounting, both in Worcester, Saad was a Vietnam-era U.S. Army veteran and worked for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as the area director for the Department of Transitional Assistance in Southbridge for over 30 years. Saad was first elected to the Oxford Board of Selectmen in 1975 and served every year from that point on to help lead his community into the future. He also ran for State Representative in 1980 and chaired Oxford's 275th Anniversary Celebration.

Saad was laid to rest with military honors on July 15, but the legacy he leaves behind in the town of Oxford will last for generation to come.

"Many people will walk in and out of public service, but only true leaders leave lasting footprints in a community that will transcend generations. Selectman John Saad was one of those leaders who is irreplaceable in the hearts, minds and culture of Oxford," Callahan and Lamarche concluded in their statement. "We shall all miss his gentle charm, caring manner and strong advocacy for all things Oxford."

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – The Dudley Fire Department is celebrating receiving a new state grant that will serve a longstanding need, updating the department's fire gear.

Fire Chief Dean Kochanowski revealed to selectmen on July 12 that Dudley was not only one of only a handful of recipients of the competitive grant but received one of the largest awards as well.

"A couple months ago, I applied for a grant through the Office of Public Safety. Sen. Ryan Fattman stopped by and visited us at the fire station to inform us that we

did receive the grant in the amount of \$20,000. This is a first-time grant. I don't remember seeing it before, but I guess it was a very competitive grant," said the Chief.

More than 200 towns applied for the funding but only 20 were given out said Kochanowski. Dudley received one of the highest amounts of any community that lobbied for the funding. The money will pay for eight sets of fire gear which Kochanowski said is a huge need for the department.

"I've gotten some new call members and it's hard to outfit them because you can't get the gear ahead of time. They're on call. Even

though they get paid when they come on calls, they're kind of volunteers so you're not going to buy the gear ahead of time obviously. Another bunch of our gear is getting to that age where it's hitting the ten-year mark. Also, some of the older gear has the PFAS in it. That's been in the news too so we're trying to get rid of that gear," said the Chief.

Kochanowski concluded saying this new equipment will bring the fire department to between 80 and 90 percent compliance with the state and that he was waiting on news of two more potential grants, one of which would fund added personal if procured

Oxford selectmen hear update on dam project

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD – The town is one of just a few communities chosen to collaborate with the state in a project to rebuild the "high-hazard" Lowes Pond Dam.

While that was announced a couple months back, Town Manager Jen Callahan told selectmen last week the design is now 75 percent complete and the state plans on shouldering the entire \$2.4 million cost. The only condition is that Oxford take ownership of the dam after-

ward.

"We do own other dams that are in disrepair," she said. "So it'd be wonderful to get a dam that's completely redone and will last another 150 years, as this one has."

The project, being done by the Department of Conservation and Recreation, includes removing and replacing the whole 70-foot span, including foundation, dam and sluiceway, and making the nearby zone a park. She noted DCR has done borings and soil tests and found no contamination.

The dam "has been abandoned, for all essential purposes," as have three nearby parcels the town will need to take for the work, she added. She's planning to have DCR representatives present on the project at a selectmen's meeting in September.

"It's really a home run with the design they're talking about," Callahan said.

Less optimistic was the fact she described stumbling blocks with the development of one of the

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Dudley police take part in LEGO Construction Clinic at Shepherd Hill

DUDLEY — This past week, the Dudley Police Department participated in the LEGO Construction Clinic Experience, held at Shepherd Hill Regional High School.

School Resource Officer, Phil Megas, served as an instructor for this program, which was arranged through the Shepherd Hill Athletic Director James Scanlon. Approximately 20 students participated in this program, learning tips and techniques for constructing LEGO kits. They were able to take home the final product. This was a great opportunity to provide a "non-traditional" program for students who enjoy this type of activity.

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Dudley Board of Health planning bike safety event

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – The Dudley Board of Health is hoping to start a new yearly tradition through an annual event to promote bike safety.

Board of Health member Roberta Johnson and Dudley Police Sgt. Dean Poplawski brought forth a proposal during the board’s July 20 meeting to start a new event to help inspire children to wear helmets and practice safe riding habits after witnessing some local youths operating without helmets over the past few months.

“I thought, wouldn’t it be nice as a board if we, along with the police department, did some sort of bike safety program, if the kids could bring their bikes here and we had some kind of rally outside?” Johnson told her fellow board members. “Even if they just ran around cones to see that they understood how to go and stop, that the tires were inflated properly, that

the chains were okay, the handlebars were straight, the seats were at the right height for them.”

Johnson reached out to Sgt. Poplawski, who liked the idea noting that this is a concept that has been done many times before and could benefit young riders in Dudley by making sure their bikes are in good shape and they are properly educated in safety.

“I think whatever we decide to do, it would be nice to include (the fire department), even to have their ambulance on site, let the kids kind of look through that a meet some of the people who might treat them if ever God forbid there’s an accident,” Poplawski said. “My personal opinion: I would try to aim for something to do in September even if it’s just a small thing this year. Then next year plan bigger and plan it for August – There are a lot of kids riding around either they don’t have helmets or they’re just not using them.”

In the past, the sergeant noted that restaurants like Friendly’s had offered

tickets for free ice cream to children as rewards for completing the rally. The Board of Health was curious if other businesses might be willing to get that involved in the new event for the future.

Sgt. Poplawski also discussed the potential for helmet grants to provide access to the safety device for kids who don’t have them although he had yet to hear back from his contacts about the availability of the funding.

Since 2021 is moving fast and the school year begins in August, the Board of Health agreed that a full-fledged bike rally probably wouldn’t be in effect until 2022. However, they agreed to set a tentative date for a smaller version of the event for the afternoon of Sept. 11, with hopes of getting things started.

“We want to open it up for everybody. I think maybe we start small, learn from what we need to do better for next year just like we’ve been doing for Earth Day. Every year we expand a little bit. I definitely think this is a great idea,” Roberta Johnson concluded.



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DUDLEY — The Dudley Grange # 163 announces an update to the August concert of the Grange Summer Music Series.

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Funding for The Dudley Grange Summer Music Series is provided by a grant from the Dudley Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

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Spirited Tantasqua comeback falls just short in Summer Basketball League final



Tantasqua's Shea Coleman drives to the net while being guarded by a Grafton defender.



Maggie Johnson of Tantasqua fights with a Grafton player for control over the ball.



Tantasqua's Sophie Law attempts to drive to the basket for a layup while being guarded by Sofia Hillerstrom.



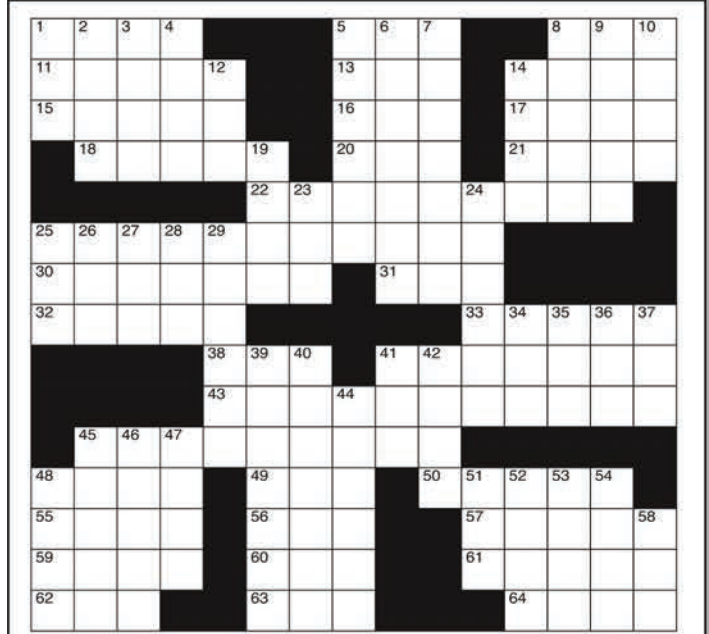
Kelsie Wotton of Tantasqua attempts to make move past a Grafton defender.



Tantasqua's Gabby Scanlon drives past a Grafton defender in an attempt for the hoop.



Alexis Cutler of Tantasqua tries to steal the ball from a Grafton opponent.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Language group with Iranian influence

5. No seats available

8. Health insurance organization

11. Having a strong sharp smell or taste

13. Defunct European economic organization

14. Dutch word for "language"

15. Hard to penetrate

16. When you'll get there

17. Iranian city

18. Small fishes

20. Dry white wine drink

21. Turkish city

22. U.S.-born people

25. Synthetic resin

30. Major nerve in human body

31. Type of recording
32. Small drum

33. Alters

38. General's assistant (abbr.)

41. Venezuelan capital

43. Free of deceit

45. Member of Ancient Hebrew nation

48. Competition

49. Launch an attack on

50. Cavalry sword

55. Spiritual leader

56. One point east of due south

57. Afflicted

59. Database management system

60. Snakelike fish

61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation

62. Small drink

63. Not wet

64. Impudence

CLUES DOWN

1. Father

2. Performed perfectly

3. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid

4. Thin, compact object

5. One attempting to find something

6. No longer working

7. Egg-shaped wind instrument

8. Book of Genesis character

9. Volcanic craters

10. Brand of American automobile (slang)

12. Hip hop icon Kool Moe

14. Bangladeshi monetary unit

19. Self-immolation by fire ritual

23. Family of genes

24. Et _ : indicates further

25. Pacific Standard Time

26. S. American wood sorrel

27. Women's _ movement
28. Chinese hoopster Ming

29. Layers of rock

34. Patriotic women's group

35. Solid water

36. Shade of brown

37. Very fast airplane

39. Put clothes on

40. Quality of one's character

41. Time zone

42. Primates

44. Pleasantly

45. Metrical feet

46. Rogue

47. German river

48. Relieves from

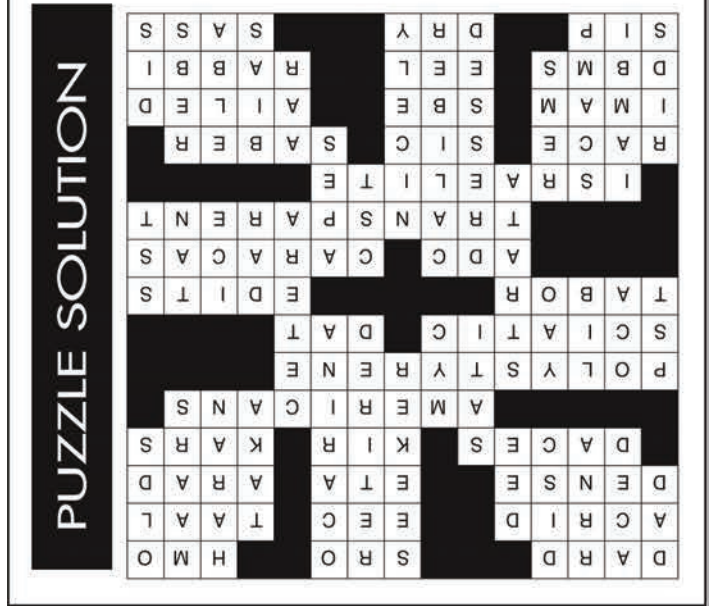
51. Swiss river

52. Prejudice

53. Actor Idris

54. Those who resist authority

58. Criticize



BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER — Trailing by eight points with less than two minutes to play, the Tantasqua girls' basketball team staged a spirited comeback, cutting its deficit to a single point before falling in the championship game of the annual local summer league, 29-21, to Grafton, at All Saints Academy on Thursday, July 22.

For many years, the league has been played at Auburn High School, but after not being held in 2020 because of COVID-19 and the accompanying global coronavirus pandemic, the league was moved to Webster for 2021. The league is expected to return to Auburn High next summer.

Tantasqua, the top seed, advanced to the final by defeating eighth-seeded Leicester, 32-21, in a semifinal round game played earlier on July 22. Grafton, the No. 6 seed, punched its ticket to the title game by upsetting fourth-seeded Blackstone Valley Tech, 36-27, in the other semifinal. Tantasqua finished with an 8-2 record while Grafton ended the season 6-5.

Tantasqua trailed, 23-15, with 1:40 remaining in the game. With 1:32 to play, Warriors' sophomore Gabby Scanlon (a team-high eight points) cut the Gators' lead to six (23-17), by hitting a pair of free throws. With 1:24 left, following a Grafton miss, Tantasqua rising senior Sophie Law (four points), scored on a layup after a left-to-right drive through the lane. Law's basket pulled Tantasqua to within four points of the lead, 23-19.

With 1:06 to play, after a Grafton turnover, Kelsie Wotton, a rising junior for the Warriors, made it a two-point game, 23-21. After a strong drive to the basket, Wotton laid the ball in softly off the glass.

Grafton called timeout following the Wotton basket, regrouped, and hit six consecutive free throws, four by Kait Cahill, to seal the victory. Cahill, a soon-to-be senior for the Gators, finished with a game-high 11 points, 10 coming in the second half.

Tantasqua was coached in the summer league by Emmy Cherry and Ainsley Way, who along with Madison Varney, would have been seniors on last year's Warriors' team, had the team been allowed to play. While Cherry acknowledged that defeating Grafton would have been great, it was not the true focal point of Tantasqua's summer league season.

"Throughout this whole entire summer league the team played tremendous defense," Cherry said. "But playing in this summer league was more about the players getting to know each other and learning how to play with each other. This summer league was about building for next year."

Tantasqua played its semifinal and final without two rising sophomores, Nicole Vejack and Angelina Reno, who were away on vacation.

Way agreed with Cherry about the fact that team bonding was the ultimate goal of participating in the summer league.

"It's about getting the girls used to each other. There's a lot of new, younger girls that are probably going to be on varsity next year, on this team, and a lot of new freshmen, too, who may be on the varsity," Way said. "It was a great season. It was really fun to coach these girls."

Way is headed to the University of South Carolina to further her education while Cherry is headed to Curry College in Boston, where she is planning on being a member of the Colonels' women's basketball team.

Law spent her spring season participating in track and field. Despite never having thrown the discus before, Law finished first in the event in both the SWCL meet and the Central Mass. championships, and came in fifth in the state meet. She was pleased the school decided to enter a team in the summer basketball league.

"Normally we don't do the summer league, but this summer season was really a lot of fun. There are going to be a lot of new players on next year's team, so it was good to play with them and get to know them," Law said. "It was good to be doing something, basketball-wise, this summer. Because of COVID no one is really in the shape they want to be in."

Other teams that took part in the summer league included Northbridge High, David Prouty Regional, Auburn High and Quabog Regional.

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Dudley Board of Health planning bike safety event

**BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT**

DUDLEY – The Dudley Board of Health is hoping to start a new yearly tradition through an annual event to promote bike safety.

Board of Health member Roberta Johnson and Dudley Police Sgt. Dean Poplawski brought forth a proposal during the board’s July 20 meeting to start a new event to help inspire children to wear helmets and practice safe riding habits after witnessing some local

youths operating without helmets over the past few months.

“I thought, wouldn’t it be nice as a board if we, along with the police department, did some sort of bike safety program, if the kids could bring their bikes here and we had some kind of rally outside?” Johnson told her fellow board members. “Even if they just ran around cones to see that they understood how to go and stop, that the tires were inflated properly, that the chains were okay, the handle-

bars were straight, the seats were at the right height for them.”

Johnson reached out to Sgt. Poplawski, who liked the idea noting that this is a concept that has been done many times before and could benefit young riders in Dudley by making sure their bikes are in good shape and they are properly educated in safety.

“I think whatever we decide to do, it would be nice to include (the fire department), even to have their ambulance on site, let the kids kind of look

through that a meet some of the people who might treat them if ever God forbid there’s an accident,” Poplawski said. “My personal opinion: I would try to aim for something to do in September even if it’s just a small thing this year. Then next year plan bigger and plan it for August – There are a lot of kids riding around either they don’t have helmets or they’re just not using them.”

In the past, the sergeant noted that restaurants like Friendly’s had offered tickets for free ice cream

to children as rewards for completing the rally. The Board of Health was curious if other businesses might be willing to get that involved in the new event for the future. Sgt. Poplawski also discussed the potential for helmet grants to provide access to the safety device for kids who don’t have them although he had yet to hear back from his contacts about the availability of the funding.

Since 2021 is moving fast and the school year begins in August, the Board of Health agreed

that a full-fledged bike rally probably wouldn’t be in effect until 2022. However, they agreed to set a tentative date for a smaller version of the event for the afternoon of Sept. 11, with hopes of getting things started.

“We want to open it up for everybody. I think maybe we start small, learn from what we need to do better for next year just like we’ve been doing for Earth Day. Every year we expand a little bit. I definitely think this is a great idea,” Roberta Johnson concluded.

Date and location planned for Out of the Darkness Community Walk

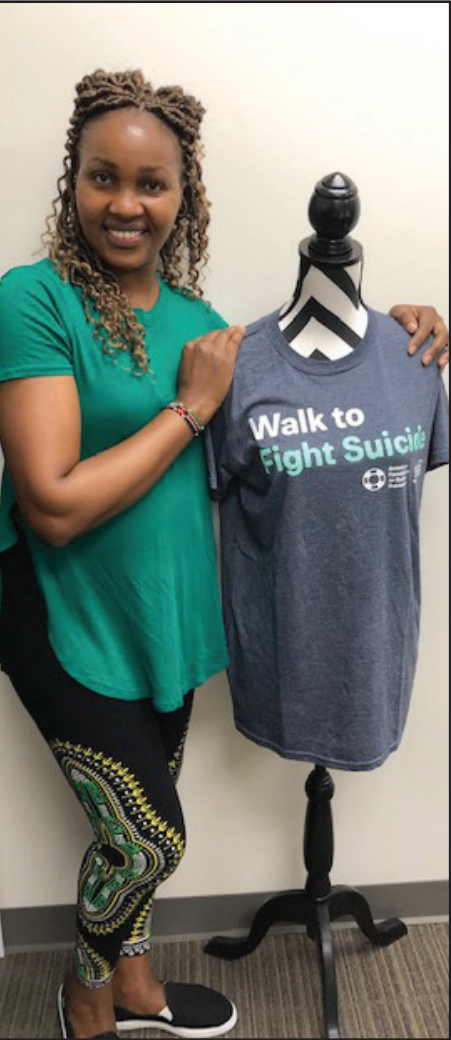
CHARLTON — The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Team has joined a community of people from hundreds of cities across the country in support of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) with its mission to save lives and bring hope to those affected by suicide.

This is the second year that the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Team is supporting AFSP in #TogetherToFightSuicide campaign. Academy Director Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN is encouraging everyone to join the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Team. Registration is free. Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy alumni, family members, friends, and colleagues are encouraged to get involved. Individual participants who raise \$150 or more are eligible for an official Out of the Darkness T-shirt. Simply click on <https://supporting.afsp.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donordrive.team&teamID=271960> to get started. All donations are 100 percent tax-deductible and will help bring AFSP one step closer to achieving the goal of reducing the suicide rate by 20% by 2025. The Out of Darkness Community Walk in person, as permitted by state and local guidelines is scheduled on October 3, 2022, at the Natick Town Common, Natick. Check-in/Registration begins at 9 AM, with the event beginning at 10 a.m. and ending at noon. The date and venue are subject to change as AFSP closely monitors the CDC, state, and local guidelines. A statewide virtual option billed as “Celebration of Hope” is scheduled, Saturday, Nov. 6, online with a start time of 10 AM for those not ready to be in-person.

Team members Loise Kamero of Worcester and Elizabeth Larson of Webster are excited to participate.

“I feel we could raise more,” stated Larson, a team member who also donated. Larson is a 2021 Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy graduate, who, along with Kamero is Mental Health First Aid certified.

Larson shared the good vibes and amazement of making the team goal, however, she thinks the team could raise more! She is doing just so by sharing on her Facebook page and encouraging her co-workers to donate. Donations are accepted until Dec. 31. Visit www.afsp.org.



Country Bank, Worcester Red Sox announce community giving campaign

WORCESTER — Country Bank and the Worcester Red Sox have announced a community giving campaign to support non-profit leaders throughout the region.

To kick off the campaign - dubbed “WooStars,” Country Bank recognized 11 local non-profits at Polar Park to include Springfield based organizations: Friends of the Homeless, Ronald McDonald House, Christina’s House, and Habitat for Humanity (Springfield/ Worcester), along with Worcester based organizations: The United Way, Why Me, Sherry’s House, Provision Ministry, St. John’s Food Pantry for the Poor, and the Boys and Girls Club. Each non-profit was presented with a \$5,000 check from Paul Scully, President, and CEO of Country Bank. Representatives of the non-profits also participated in a television commercial to support the campaign.

Country Bank and the Worcester Red Sox Foundation will continue the excitement by selecting nine additional recipients. The deadline for nominations is Aug. 15. Each winner will also receive a \$5,000 donation to their non-profit and will be recognized at a presentation in Polar Park on September 9, 2021. A total of \$90,000 will be donated this year through the WooStar campaign. “One

of the most important goals of our partnership with the Worcester Red Sox is to find ways for us to collectively give back to our communities in an impactful and meaningful way. Country Bank is deeply rooted in supporting its communities and a value that we have lived by for 171 years. We are delighted the Worcester Red Sox is equally committed to supporting its communities. This campaign rewards those doing the life changing work out there,” stated Shelley Regin, Senior Vice President of Marketing at Country Bank.

In addition, they have also launched a Most Valuable Teacher (MVT) campaign that recognizes the outstanding work teachers do every day to educate and support students. Country Bank has a long-standing Teacher of the Month campaign to support teachers in the region, so it is exciting to partner with the WooSox to make the MVT campaign even more rewarding for the teachers and students.

“We are continually inspired by the unrelenting community outreach of Country Bank,” said WooSox President Dr. Charles Steinberg. “Our shared interest in education is leading us to recognize some of our unheralded heroes—our MVTs, or Most Valuable Teachers. We look forward to shining the spotlight in the sunlight on our edu-

cators, and we thank Country Bank yet again for their splendid partnership.”

The public is invited to nominate a WooStar or Most Valuable Teacher by visiting <https://www.countrybank.com/about-us/woostars/> or <https://www.countrybank.com/personal/youth-accounts/most-valuable-teacher/> to complete a simple nomination form.

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“The STEM fields are so important but also can be intimidating for many students in their first years of college,” said Cornerstone Bank CEO Todd Tallman. “In 2018 when we had the opportunity to help sponsor this pilot program, we jumped at the chance to give students more of a fighting shot in these difficult STEM courses.”

The program included three main elements to help students succeed. The first involved allowing students to take their first-year seminar course over the summer to lighten their first semester course load. Second, students were offered extra support with math courses through exclusive tutoring services. And third, students participated in a service project to give back to the community that supported them. Over the multi-year project, Worcester State has supported 60 students and views the program as a great success.

“We enjoy helping people in our community succeed, especially young people,” continued Tallman. “To learn of the successes these students have achieved thanks to this program is inspiring. If our contribution was able to help even one student stick with the major they have dreamed of, we would deem it a success. But to see that dozens were helped was incredible.”

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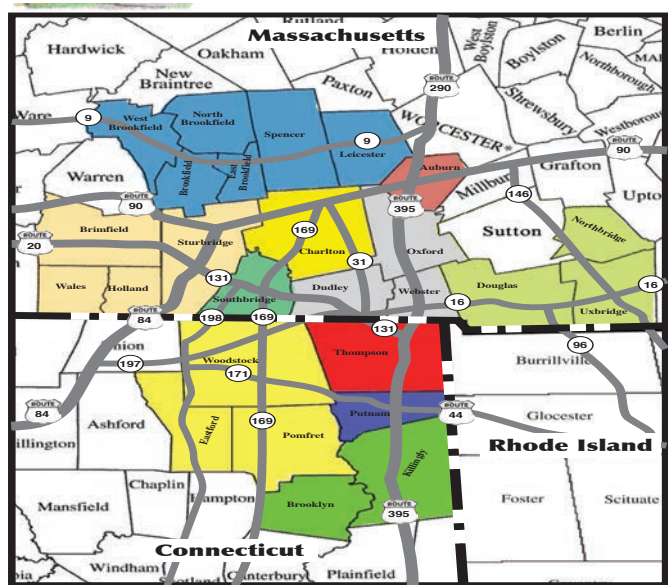
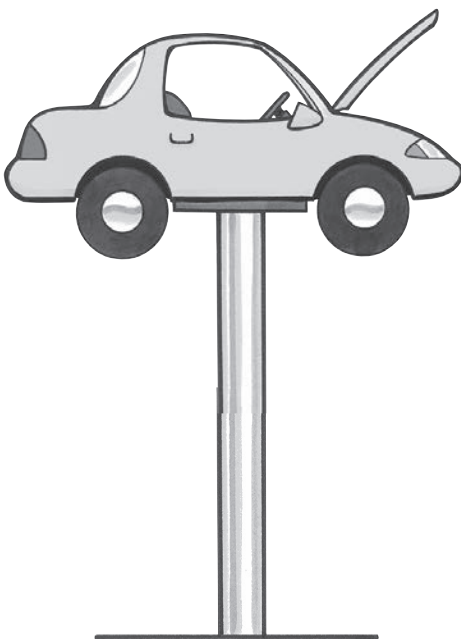
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Moon madness

Is what ‘they’ say really true regarding the full moon? Do people actually turn into ‘lunatics?’ We’re not so sure, but science has much to offer on the topic, with the next full moon now literally on the horizon.

Some people claim that they become unexplainably moody for a few days or have trouble sleeping. Some say they experience breakouts or other aches and pains that affect the joints. Typically, when people are observed acting slightly less than normal, you will hear the phrase “it must be the full moon.”

Logically, it makes sense that because the tides are higher during the full moon phase due to the pull of gravity that our bodies which are made up of 80% water would experience some sort of side effect as well.

Studies show that tides in large lakes undergo minimal tide changes during the full moon. Tides take place twice a day in the ocean, which could mean that we would be ‘off center’ twice a day, however that isn’t the case from what we currently know according to science.

Some myths claim that the full moon can incite epileptic seizures in people, however a study in 2004 showed no such connection.

As far as bouts of psychiatric outbursts, one study in 2014 showed an increase of emergency room visits within 24 hours of the full moon however a study in 1996 showed no significant difference. The term ‘lunatic’ is derived from the word ‘Luna’ the name of the ancient Roman goddess. Aristotle and Hippocrates once implied they thought the moon was at fault for abnormal behavior.

Interesting was the study that took place in Colorado, where researchers found that the risk for pet injuries increased by 23 percent during the full moon phase. Proven is that wild animals behave differently during the full moon in that the light effects their hunting habits.

As for sleep deprivation, we all know that before modern times the moon provided light during the nighttime hours. During the full moon, the increased amount of light was said to have wreaked havoc on those with bipolar or seizure disorders. Many people say they have trouble sleeping during a full moon however no studies have indicated a scientific correlation as of yet.

As far as myths go, the claim that a full moon increases fertility and births is as old as time. The truth is that fertility methods based on moon phases have proved inconclusive, as did the effect on gravitational pull to induce labor.

February is the only month that may not experience a full moon because each full moon appears every 29.5 days. A super-moon takes place when a full moon coincides with the moon’s closest approach to earth. The last time we witnessed a super-moon was in 2015. The next one will occur in 2033. Some say that the full moon is an unlucky sign if it happens on a Sunday. Interesting to note is that the name ‘Monday’ is from the Old English word Monandaeg, which means ‘moon day’. Another fact is that on March 28, the Royal Air force used the light from a full moon to attack Lubeck in Germany during WWII.

When there are two full moons in one month, the second one is called a ‘blue moon.’ This occurrence takes place every three years. A red moon happens when the full moon phase occurs during the same time as a lunar eclipse.

The man on the moon that we often see during a full moon, is nothing more than dark areas called basaltic plains and the lighter colored highlands of the moon’s surface. Making sense, and interesting is that between 1765 and 1813, the Lunar Society of Birmingham, England met during the full moon because the extra light made the walk home safer.

July is said to be the best month to get married because it falls between the planting and harvesting of crops. The term ‘honeymoon’ is named after the first full moon in June for this reason.

We can’t mention a full moon and not mention werewolves. Old folklore claimed that if you slept outside under a full moon on a Wednesday or a Friday you could turn into a werewolf. Perhaps the most entertaining spin on this myth, aside from the Universal Pictures’ influential 1941 classic “The Wolf Man” with Lon Chaney, Jr. is the 1985 film “Teen Wolf” starring Michael J. Fox. If you haven’t seen it, you might want to pull it from the dusty archives during the next full moon for a celebratory showing. For those with prefer straight-up horror, we also recommend “The Howling,” “Wolfen,” and of course, “An American Werewolf in London” (but make sure you’ve sent the little pups to bed first!).

VIEWPOINT

THE DEADLINE to submit letters to the editor and commentaries for next week’s newspaper is Friday at noon. **SEND ALL ITEMS** to Editor Brendan Berube at THE WEBSTER TIMES news@stonebridgepress.news

Jesus the disturber

“Then the whole town came out to meet Jesus, and when they saw him they begged him to leave their neighborhood.” (Matthew 8:34)



BEYOND THE PEWS
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It’s hard to imagine people begging Christ to leave their area. It is difficult to understand why people would ask Jesus to leave them alone, especially since Jesus Christ only wants to stay with us in order to heal us, renew us, and guide us on a path that leads to an abundant life.

This encounter with Christ came to the land of the Gadarenes and met two men possessed by demons. The demons understood who Jesus was and asked Christ not to bother them. Our Lord desired to save the souls of these two children of God, and commanded the demons to depart, sending them into a herd of pigs. The demons obeyed Christ’s command, and as they entered the swine, the herd rushed down a steep bank into the sea. The caretakers of the swine ran off into the town to tell the people what had happened. When the people came out, they were upset that their property had been destroyed! They were afraid of this man Jesus who seemed to have authority to do such things. Therefore, they thought it better for Jesus to leave their area because they were afraid that Jesus might want to change their lives as well

These people weren’t interested that Jesus had just saved a lost soul. Instead, they were upset that all their precious property had been destroyed. Maybe they thought Jesus would challenge the way they lived, their worldview and the way they interacted with other people. They may have simply not wanted someone to interfere with their lives in this way. They didn’t want to understand how Jesus valued every soul, no matter how lost it may seem.

If we honestly look at ourselves, are we sometimes like these people who want Christ to leave us alone? Many times Jesus is the Great Disturber of our lives but He wants to interfere in our lives in such a way that it will help us come to know ourselves better, come to value our neighbor more, and come to discover who God truly is.

I remember talking with a young adult who was justifying his lifestyle and actions to me by saying, “I discussed with some friends and we all agreed that there is nothing wrong with what we are doing. God does not think we are doing anything bad.”

“Wait a moment,” I responded, “How

do you know what God thinks? The Church is clear on its teachings about this issue. Let’s read the Bible together and see what it says. Let’s see how Jesus addresses this issue.” After looking at a few passages from the Bible, the young man stopped me, “OK, I’ve seen enough. I don’t want to see anymore.” He then proceeded to change the subject of conversation. The young man preferred to live in the comfortable darkness and deception of his own mind instead of discovering and accepting the light of truth revealed through Jesus Christ and His Church.

There is a story from ancient Greece of a young irresponsible man named Alcibiades, who once said to the great philosopher Socrates, “Socrates, I hate you. Every time I see you, you remind me of what I am and you make me feel ashamed of myself.”

Would many of us say the same thing to Jesus Christ? Do we want Him to depart from us because He disturbs our way of life? Maybe we don’t want to learn more about ourselves and what life is truly about because we may discover that we have to change our way of thinking and our way of living. It may seem much easier and more comfortable to live in ignorance or to live with a limited knowledge of the Christian faith.

We don’t want Jesus to interfere too much with our lives. Yet, the more we open up to Christ and His teachings, the more He will not only challenge our way of thinking and way of living but we may discover something new about who we truly are – as His beloved children! We may learn that the other, our neighbor, is also a child of God with whom we have a responsibility.

We are free to choose. Christ will never impose His will upon anyone. We can ask Jesus to depart from us, to leave us alone and not to disturb us, and if we do so, He will never force Himself upon anyone. Or we can invite Him to come into our lives and change us in whatever way He sees fit. Yes, this may be inconvenient and may disturb our lives yet it will also show us the path to discover life with its deepest meaning, a rich and abundant life filled with God’s unconditional love and mercy.

Remember, Jesus wants to disturb our lives for only one reason – in order to heal us, renew us, and lead us into a deeper relationship with Him and with one another.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Our schools should not be a political battleground

To the Editor:
“Shoot, if you must, this old gray head, but spare your country’s flag,” she said.
John Greenleaf Whittier didn’t get his history correct, and he probably knew that no bullet cut into the fabric of Barbara Frietchie’s “Old Glory,” but his words penetrate deep.
To those of you who would like to change this country’s freedoms and liberties into something more resembling Marxism, may I suggest that you spend an extended vacation in Cuba. That country has been in the news lately, and maybe you should check it out.
To those of you who believe that the United States is suppressing some of its people, maybe some quality time spent living with the Uighur people in China might give a better definition and understanding of “suppressing.” Your country is such a terrible place to

live? How come hundreds of thousands of immigrants are risking everything to get here? The door swings both ways... is anyone leaving?
Do not misunderstand me; our country is not perfect. I believe that education is fundamental to making our country better. Nurturing young minds is an awesome responsibility. Teachers should get back to teaching the Three R’s and add respect and courtesy to the curriculum. K-12 should not be a political agenda battleground, but rather, a place where young minds can receive teachers’ ‘gifts’ so that they can pursue the American Dream. We do not need wedges (misinformation and censorship) to tear us apart.
God bless the United States of America. This is my country.
CARL W. WILSON
OXFORD

Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Library say thank you to Janet Malser Humanities Trust

To the Editor:
On behalf of all of the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Library, Inc., I would like to thank the Janet Malser Humanities Trust for awarding our organization two grants.
In addition to the support for the concert series, the Friends received a generous award in support of the Author in Residence program. With the support of the Trust, the Friends will partner with the Webster public schools and the Gladys E. Kelly library staff to bring a nationally recognized author to Webster. It is our hope that one of the author’s works will be featured as a selection for the library Book Group. Ideally, the entire community would participate in a One Book Read,

an activity where the entire community (including members of the Senior Center, the Town employees and all community members) read the same text. The culminating activity will be an evening presentation by the author to speak about their craft and to inspire people of all ages to read and possibly write.
Without the support of the Janet Malser Humanities Trust, the Author in Residence program would still be just a dream not a reality. Thank you for helping to bring cultural and educational programs to the community.

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Never “roll through” an intersection



CHIEF’S CORNER
STEVE WOJNAR

I receive traffic related questions often, including the proper way to make a right turn at a red traffic signal. One area of focus in Dudley is the intersection of Airport Road and West Main Street. This is very busy, and many operators “roll through” the intersection when turning right onto

Airport Road from West Main. This is a unique location in some ways, as there are two roads and a business driveway which intersect in a four-way manner. A resident recently had an issue while making a right turn here. They missed traffic exiting the business driveway. I was asked to remind people of the correct way to make these turns and bring this traffic situation to the attention of drivers in the area.

Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 89 Section 8 is the law allowing a right turn, or a left turn in the case of a one-way street, at a red traffic signal. Two very important provisions must be observed prior to this movement. First, the vehicle must come to a full and complete stop prior to the crosswalk or in the location where stopping is intended at the intersection. An example of this is the stop line. Second, the driver preparing to turn must yield the right of way to any vehicles or pedestrians traveling through the intersection as directed by the signals. The act of “rolling” through intersections or a casual glance at traffic is not sufficient in these locations. Should an accident occur, it will most often be the fault of the person making this turn on red. At the intersection in question, drivers turning must be aware of any traffic or pedestrians in the intersection before turning. Vehicles can come from a variety of directions, including the business driveway, and most will have the green light. It is critical to take the extra moment to stop, look, and proceed only when safe to do so.

In those intersections where there is a sign prohibiting these turns, there is generally a good reason. At any intersection where signals are in place, studies have been conducted on the traffic conditions in that area. These will include vehicular and pedestrian volume, speeds, and crash data. Where there is a high volume of crashes, extra conditions will be in place to reduce the risk. In addition, crosswalks and turn arrows are given the appropriate consideration. For example, if there is high pedestrian volume or if a particular turn arrow will activate at a set time, it may be dangerous for right turns on red to take place. Often, drivers may not pay attention to traffic or people approaching from multiple directions. For precautionary reasons, it is safer to prohibit turns at these busy spots.

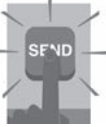
It is most important to remember traffic signals at busy intersections are in place due to the heavy vehicle and/or pedestrian traffic. When drivers disregard these signals, make prohibited turns, or fail to pay added attention, problems can occur. There are many dangers which can approach from seemingly all directions. Do not allow the possibility of saving of a few seconds of travel time, result in an accident or injury.
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. During these challenging times, we, at the Dudley Police Department, greatly appreciate the support we receive from our community.

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The closing days of summer

July is almost gone, and with four weeks left in August, summer is quickly coming to an end. Fishing on all fronts will be fantastic as the waters cool and fish become a lot more active. Hopefully, strong storms like they are having out West will not materialize in the Northeast. With Covid on the rise again & with different variants, another winter like last year would be hard to deal with on all fronts. Vaccines are still available and residents that have not received their shots of the vaccine for covid, need to step up to the plate and receive them ASAP.

While fishing on the Westport River last week we observed numerous osprey diving into the water to catch a meal. It is amazing how the huge birds can soar more than a few hundred feet in the sky and spot a potential meal. The force that they hit the water to grab their prey is also amazing. A few weeks ago, while fishing the Providence River, my brother and I were live lining porgies. Normally, when a porgy comes to the surface while fishing, it is a sign that a fish is chasing it and a strike is imminent.

Suddenly, from above, a large osprey spotted the floundering porgy on my line, and within a second, he had the live porgies in his grasp, and was flying away with it. I found myself reeling in an osprey from above. I gave the rod a good hard tug and the osprey dropped the fish. I quickly reeled in the live porgy, that was not in good shape, after being held with the osprey's talons. My brother Ken and I had a good laugh, and moved to another location to fish away from the osprey. Fortunately, the large bird did not become entangled in the line, or have the hook become imbedded in his feet. Cutting the line would not have been an option, as the bird could become entangled in the line at a later time.

Update! The Port-o-Potty at Westport boat ramp has been brought up to healthy standards, and will hopefully stay that way. It also put all towns on notice that manage boat ramps for the state, that their portable restrooms need to be kept clean for their residents

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and guests. Enough for that subject! Bear sightings are becoming more frequent in the valley area! Local residents need to be aware of the sightings, but do not need to be too concerned about their presence. Keeping rubbish and bird seed under cover, so that they are not attracted to it, should keep them moving out of your area. Many people love to see the bears in their area, but need to keep a safe distance from them. All zones in Mass. now have hunting seasons for bear. You need to check the Mass. Hunting abstracts for dates and zones that you plan to hunt. A bear hunting permit is also required.

Saltwater fishing has been good for some anglers, and frustrating for others. One local angler took a trip to Block Island this past week and caught a couple of stripers that were either too big or too small because of the slot limit. He tried bottom fishing and could only catch a few undersize fluke. He traveled from one side of the Island to the other. Fished around the windmills and numerous other spots that often yielded a few fish for the dinner table.

When all was said & done, they headed back to the boat ramp. He told me he had put 60 miles on his boat that one trip when he had returned back to the boat ramp. He did retain a couple of fish that yielded him one and a half pounds of fish. It figured out to cost the two anglers close to \$100 per pound. Constant fishing by draggers in the areas, sure had him frustrated. Seabass fishing on the Cape is still yielding some nice fish, but this past week had anglers catching a lot of shorts. I know I was there! One local angler from Douglas was Jig fishing for seabass and managed to catch his limit, but he also had a hard time catching his limit of five legal-size fish. Large scaup were also caught. Every day is different. That is why they call it fishing and not catching!

Hanging around a couple of Bait & Tackle Shops in the area, sure gives this writer a wealth of information. While I was sitting at one shop, a customer received a call from an angler that was



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This week's picture shows an angler at the Quabbin Reservoir with a 19-pound lake trout.

tuna fishing a number of miles off of Block Island this past Sunday. He was battling a giant tuna that was hooked up almost two hours. Just listening to the angler had my back aching! I do not know if the angler landed the huge tuna, but anglers have already had a

great tuna fishing season. This week's picture shows an angler at the Quabbin Reservoir with a 19-pound lake trout. Nice fish! Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

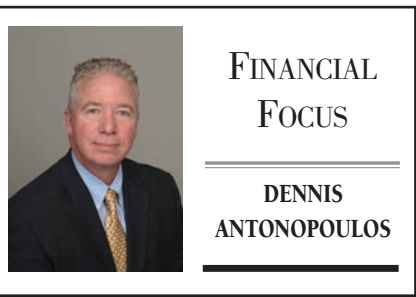
Here's a look at the "new retirement"

Once you retire, what can you expect from your life? You might be surprised by the things that current retirees are saying about their lifestyles, priorities, relationships and hopes for the future. And you also might find this knowledge quite helpful as you prepare for the day when you become a retiree.

First of all, retirement today is far different – and potentially far more rewarding – than was the case a generation or so ago. Of course, people are living longer now, but the new retirement environment isn't just about longevity – it's also about using one's time in a meaningful way, deepening connections with family and contributing to communities. All these capabilities fit into

a framework of four key "pillars": health, family, purpose and finance, described in a study by Edward Jones and Age Wave called Four Pillars of the New Retirement: What a Difference a Year Makes, which also looks at how attitudes and opinions have changed during the COVID-19 pandemic. Among the study's findings is a piece of good news: 76 percent of Americans credit the pandemic with causing them to refocus on what's most important in life.

And one important element in the life of retirees is, not surprisingly, their optimal well-being in their retirement years. The overwhelming majority of retirees say that all four pillars are



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essential to this well-being. Let's look at these pillars and see what you can do to support them:

Having good physical/mental health – Health care and long-term care costs are the greatest financial worries in retirement, according to the Four Pillars study. A financial advisor can recommend ways of addressing these expenses, but you can also take familiar steps, such as getting regular exercise and

following a well-balanced diet, to maintain and improve your health.

Having family and friends that care about me – Retirees say that the top contributor to their identity in retirement is their relationships with loved ones, again according to the Four Pillars study. Clearly, it's important to keep up your relationships with family and friends, before and after you're retired.

Having a sense of purpose in life – Those with a higher sense of purpose have better overall health, greater cognitive functioning, higher life satisfaction, increased mobility/functioning and longer lifespans, according to the Four Pillars report, citing research

from the International Journal of Aging and Human Development. So, by volunteering and getting involved in community activities, you'll not only be helping others, but also yourself.

Being financially secure – During the pandemic, retirees fared better than other demographic groups because they had stronger financial safety nets, including Social Security, Medicare and a high degree of home ownership. Still, just 56 percent of men and 40 percent of women are confident about their retirement savings, according to the Four Pillars survey. So, if you haven't yet retired, you'll still want to bolster your finances by contributing as much as you can to your investment accounts. And once

you do retire, you'll want to make sure you don't take too much from these accounts too soon, helping you avoid the risk of outliving your money.

As you can see, it's important to take a holistic approach to retirement in the 21st century. And when you do, you can find your days as a retiree to be greatly fulfilling.

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Memories my father gave me

BY TOBY MOORE

As Gary Moore's son, I had a unique vantage point to get to know my father in a way that almost nobody else could. He was a fantastic father!

I observed how he treated his family, close friends, distant friends, business associates, and strangers. He treated everybody with respect.

As a boy, I sat in his office, playing with toys, listening to his phone calls, and watching how he conducted his meetings. He was filled with enthusiasm.

He was at almost all of my Karate tournaments, soccer games, and swim meets. When I failed, he brought me up. When I succeeded, it was a celebration. He was a source of constant encourage-

ment.

Every day, he said to me, "Toby, you can do anything you want in this world and be successful, as long as you don't hurt others in the process." I usually rolled my eyes, "I know, dad," sometimes taking for granted that I had a father who believed in me.

I watched as he crawled his way from the bottom to the top of one business and then did it again with another. I watched him succeed, and I watched him fail; I observed how he dealt with it all. I didn't always understand, but the memories remain, and upon reflection; I couldn't have asked for a better role model.

The phrase "practice what you preach," goes back thousands of years. The Roman playwright

Plautus said, "Practice yourself what you preach." I can say with complete confidence my father practiced what he preached. Did he have his failings? We all do, but even in his failings, he was quick to get back on track.

How was he able to do this? Was it because he listened to Zig Ziglar, Tony Robbins, Jim Rohn, and other motivational speakers? Was it because of the hundreds of books he studied on human excellence? Was it his belief in what Jesus taught in the gospels?

Actions speak louder than words, and you can usually tell what somebody believes by their actions. My father's actions displayed precisely what he believed.

When I was a child,

there was a mother and her son who rode their bikes by the office every day. There was a barber-shop next door, and one day the mother took her son for a haircut. When finished, they walked out to find the boy's bike was stolen. With tears in their eyes, the mother explained to my dad that she didn't have money to buy him a new bike. My father was struggling financially during those days, but still, he bought her son a new bike the very next day. He and his mother were overjoyed from this act of kindness.

My father had hundreds of employees throughout the years. Every once in a while, he'd catch one of his employees stealing. When caught, they were brought into the office for a meeting, and a couple

of them cried and begged him for forgiveness. He forgave all of them and usually gave them a second chance. They became his very best and most trustworthy employees.

He performed in the Drum & Bugle Corps as a young man. As an older man, he partnered with a ministry in town and helped to teach dozens of middle school and high school kids how to play. One early morning he received a call from one of the kids who had nowhere else to turn. He was in jail and needed help. My father woke up, drove his car a couple of hours to the other side of Illinois, bailed him out, and brought him back home.

My father truly believed in all the principles he wrote about in

this column. He believed in people. He believed in love, peace, kindness, generosity, compassion, mercy, second chances, and the ability for anyone to change. No matter how low somebody sank, he believed they could turn it around and become a shining light in the darkness.

Perhaps that's why his funeral had hundreds of people who came to give their condolences. He impacted the world around him in a positive way. He wanted the best for everyone. His actions will echo into eternity and confidently testify that he practiced what he preached.

Toby Moore is a freelance columnist.

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OBITUARIES

Mark G. Beauchesne, 69



Quinebaug – Mark G. Beauchesne, 69, of Parkway Dr., died Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at home. Born in Webster, MA, he was the son of Norma E. (Siegmund) Beauchesne of Webster, MA, and the late Albert A. Beauchesne. Mr. Beauchesne worked for over twenty-five years at 3M retiring in 2016 as a supervisor. Mark is survived by his mother; a brother, Alan Beauchesne, and his wife Carol of N. Grosvenordale; two nephews, Shaun Beauchesne and his wife Melissa of Putnam and Jay Beauchesne and his wife Danielle of Halifax, MA;

and two step nieces, Lisa N'Chonon and her husband Yvon of Pomfret Center and Erica Smith and her husband Shawn of Brooklyn; and his dog Baby Girl, who was his constant companion. Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Memorial Service on Saturday, August 7, 2021, at 10:00a.m. in the United Church of Christ Federated, 4 Church St., Webster, MA 01570. Memorial donations in Mark's name may be made to the Quinebaug Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 144, Quinebaug, CT 06262. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Valade Funeral Home & Crematory, 23 Main St., N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Beverly J. Benoit age 77



Barefoot Bay, FL / Putnam, CT- Beverly J. (Augustynski) Benoit age 77 passed away at her daughters home with her loving family at her side. She leaves behind her devoted husband of 59 years, Normand O. Benoit. Beverly also leaves two daughters, Christine Benoit of Putnam, CT and Wendy Benoit of Plainville, MA, two sons, Vincent and Jeffrey Benoit both of Thompson, CT, three grandchildren and five great grandchildren. She was born in North Grosvenordale, CT, daughter of the late Stanley and Bridget (Oleszewski) Augustynski. She was formerly employed by XtraMart Corporate office where she did data entry. Beverly was heavily involved in all her children's activities, most times being the leader. While in Florida she was a member of bowling, bocci and cribbage league's. She also was the

shuffle board club's president for many years. She found enjoyment in playing cards, bingo and visits to the casinos. One of her great joys was travel. Beverly had no greater love then that of her best friend and husband Normand and enjoying quality time with family. A Mass of Christian burial will be held at St. Joseph's Church, North Grosvenordale, CT, at 1:00 pm on Friday July 30, 2021 Committal will follow in the West Thompson Cemetery followed by a Celebration of Beverly's life at the Valley Springs Sportsman's Club in North Grosvenordale, CT.. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the American Cancer Society or Saint Joseph Church in Thompson CT. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

Peter John Bolduc (“Pepé”)



Sutton, NH- Peter Bolduc passed away peacefully, surrounded by his children, at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center on July 19 at the age of 71. Peter lived a full life, on his terms, as anyone who knew him would expect. Peter was born and raised in Dudley, MA to Wilfrid “Leo” and Nathalie Bolduc. He graduated from Bartlett High School in 1967. He attended the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, where he received a Bachelor of Arts, and Boston University, where he obtained a Master's in Social Work. Peter and Kathleen (Dwyer) Bolduc married and later welcomed twins in 1982, Hannah Farrell and Charles Leo, settling in Warner, NH. Peter worked his entire career as a social worker in NH and MA. He formed meaningful friendships with colleagues and the many clients he supported. He spent most of his retirement in Austin, TX before moving back to Sutton, NH to be closer to his children and grandchildren. Peter cherished the experiences of life. Sunsets over High Pond, sweltering summer days, live music, science fic-

tion novels, even a good story on public radio would move him to tears. His favorite pastimes were sharing meals with friends and family, throwing the ball for his grand-dogs Zorro and Moose, and playing Uno and Cribbage with his grandchildren. His children remember Peter fondly for his support, humor, and tenacity. He was kind to others and made new friends everywhere he went. He cooked many excellent breakfasts and knew every Trivial Pursuit answer, except the pink ones. Peter is predeceased by his parents, Wilfrid Leo Bolduc and Nathalie Irene (Bazinet) Bolduc. Surviving family members include his children, Hannah Farrell McKenna (Edward McKenna) of Sutton, NH and Charles Leo Bolduc (Emilie Bolduc) of Sutton, NH; his siblings, Joan Noblet of Barkhamsted, CT, Mark Bolduc of Thompson, CT, and Judith Zienski of Dudley, MA; and his grandchildren, Helen Bolduc, Clara McKenna, and Isaac McKenna. A celebration of life service will be planned for a later date. Those who wish to honor Peter's life and work can send donations to SAFE/Austin Children's Shelter: <https://www.safeaustin.org/>. To sign an online guestbook please visit www.chadwickfuneralservice.com.

James “Jim” Fontaine, 58



Thompson, CT – James “Jim” Fontaine, 58, passed away on Tuesday July 20, 2021 while at the Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston. Jim was born in Webster, MA on October 30, 1962, son of the late Raymond Fontaine and Sally (LaRocque) McGuire; he served honorably in the United States Army and worked for the Builders Concrete Company in Windham for many years. Jim loved spending time with his family who was so close to his heart; he was also very active with the Relay for Life; he loved going to the ocean and watching his “corny old cartoons” like Scooby Doo. Jim will be deeply missed by his wife Donna (Mackowiak) Fontaine; his sons: Chris Fontaine of GA, Marcus DuCharme of Thompson; Corey Barsaleau of Thompson whom Jim

loved as a son; his daughters Tanya Mangiafico and her husband Andrew of Tolland, and Jessica Cosgrave and her husband Richard of NY; his brothers John Fontaine and his wife Tina of Danielson, and Daniel Fontaine of Warwick, MA; his sisters Bette Spielvogel and her husband Robert of Canterbury, and Sandra Martin and her husband Paul of East Haven; he also leaves two grandchildren, one on the way, and many dear relatives and precious friends. All are welcome to attend a memorial gathering to celebrate Jim's life on Friday July 30, 2021 from 10:00 am – 12 Noon at the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution to the Relay for Life or the NECCOG Animal Shelter. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may offer condolences, share fond memories, or light a candle in remembrance of Jim.

Antiques, collectibles and estates profile: Kris Casucci



This week's column will focus on a local antique dealer. Kris Casucci of Brookfield, Mass. runs an antique shop, an auction house, antique shows and antique tailgate shows. She also sets up at antique shows in the Midwest and Mid-Atlantic states. Somehow, she still finds time to garden in her spare time. Along with her husband Paul, Ms. Casucci ran successful antiques tailgate shows at the Walker Homestead in Brookfield, Mass. The pandemic

led them to move the tailgate shows to New Hampshire. Their Flying Pig Antiques group shop and Flying Pig Auctions were already located in Westmoreland, New Hampshire, about 20 minutes from Keene, New Hampshire and Bellows Falls, Vt. In a recent phone interview, Casucci traced her love of antiques back to her youth. Growing up in her parents' mid-century home, she was surrounded by antiques that had been passed down through her family. In 2008 or 2009, she made a career change from her real estate title examiner job and opened an antique shop. Casucci said that she has a passion for antiques and the personalities of each item. She specializes in country and primitive antiques with stoneware as one area of focus. Like all types of antiques, the country and primitive antiques market is always changing. Casucci said that “Simple Life” magazine was popular with her customers. She would see items in “Simple Life” and know that her customers would be looking for those items. “Simple Life” went out of publication and things are less predictable now, but she did note several



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recent trends. She finds customers have “a greater interest in early stoneware.” Her businesses sell a lot of painted furniture and she told me that “blue seems to be making a comeback.” She also noted that shaved brooms (from the 18th and early 19th centuries) have been selling well, with some bringing over \$1,000. Casucci had some good advice for collectors, suggesting that “they buy what they love,” adding that “someone else is going to like it too.” She also offered helpful perspective when looking for items saying collectors should look for “something that makes that piece more special than the one next to it.” Beginning with her own grandchildren, Casucci finds time to help young people who are interested in antiques. She believes it's important to “encourage each child that's in your life to appreciate old things.” She added, “I think it is really important, especially in this technical age where everything is instantaneous.” Casucci also helps mentor young people who are interested in antiques. For example, she and her husband have been helping a young man who is about 20 who has been

picking since he was 12 to pursue his interest in antiques. Casucci's next antiques and primitive goods show will take place at the Walker Homestead on Sept. 25. You can see the 1698 estate and you could even find that special piece that will be perfect for your home. We have three upcoming auctions. We'll be auctioning a 1962 Corvette, two 1950s Corvette project cars, boat motors and other memorabilia. We will also be running a sports card & memorabilia auction as well as a model railroad and die-cast car auction. I'll be appraising items at the John B. Gough House in Boylston, Mass. on Saturday, Aug. 7 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Later this year, I'll be virtually appraising items on Nov. 13 for the Townsend Historical Society. My “Evaluating your Antiques” class will take place at Bay Path Evening School in Charlton on Wednesday, Nov. 10. Please visit our Web site for more details on upcoming events: <https://centralmassauctions.com> Contact us at: Wayne Tuiskula Auctioneer/Appraiser Central Mass Auctions for Antique Auctions, Estate Sales and Appraisal Services www.centralmassauctions.com (508-612- 6111) info@centralmassauctions.com

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town's proposed cannabis businesses, True Roots. Callahan told the board the company's attempt to buy land on Route 20 “may not have gone through,” but the firm hasn't returned her recent calls seeking information. She noted there was some concern about possible soil contamination there, and “the bank wanted to do more analysis.” Selectmen expressed interest in possibly “restructur[ing] the host agreement,” in Meghan Troiano's words, to

allow True Roots to switch sites. She said she “wouldn't feel comfortable entertaining other proposals” without doing that first. Under state law, a cannabis host community agreement becomes void if the firm changes location or ownership without the town's consent. Although the manager said the firm was looking at the vacant bank building across the road, that is not in the same zoning district. She said the Planning Department is considering expanding the zone to create more space for retail, including shops like this.

Many of the meeting's other issues involved announcements of receipt of various grants. Among them were a \$200,000 Green Communities grant to promote energy efficiency at Chaffee and Barton schools, \$87,000 in grants for Community Center programs, and additional Department of Transportation funding and design work to help Oxford fulfill Shared Streets project bids that came in over its previous \$400,000 award. The board also approved the annual Operation Santa 5K road race, this time being held Saturday, Oct 2 with start

and finish in the Middle School parking lot. According to race organizer Brittany Morgan, the event is a key fundraiser by which the police department provides Christmas gifts for local families with children in need. Due to Covid, it didn't happen last year, but 2019's race drew 130 runners, she said. Before then, residents can celebrate Community Day Sept 18 at the American Legion post. Gus Steeves can be reached at gus.steeves2@gmail.com.

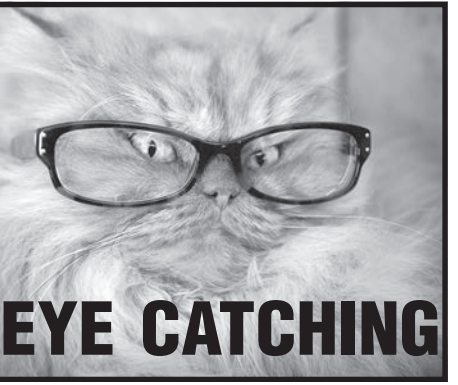
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The Dudley Charlton Regional School District offers a unique and diverse sport and non-sport experience for the youth in our communities; children ranging from kindergarten through the 8th grade can be active in exciting and engaging challenges. The district provides age-appropriate skills and drills experiences in sports and other areas of individual particular interest. The goal is simple - kids should have fun!

The Dudley Police Department partners with The Dudley Charlton Regional School District on a variety of programs designed to build positive relationships between the young people and police officers. The School Resource Officer program has been a tremendous success over the last decade and is a main focal point for many of these school-based community policing efforts. Other police programs include D.A.R.E (Drug Abuse Resistance Education – at the 6th Grade level), bicycle safety and

helmet distribution events, virtual driver safety courses, the Officer Friendly Program at the Mason Road School, and more. These are all excellent ways to foster relationships and understanding between the community and the police department. The Dudley Police thanks Superintendent Lamarche, all the Principals and their assistants, the teachers, and staff for all their support of our community policing efforts throughout the years.



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Readers Share Favorite Tips and Tricks

As summer peaks and life becomes busier this time of year, finding ways to make life a little easier is especially appreciated! From timely tips to cleaning strategies, the following submissions from readers are sure to save you time and money this season!

A backyard gardener takes recycling to the next level with this ingenious tip!

I found the hot sleeve on my morning coffee cup is useful for more than just protecting my hand. I have a lot of collard greens growing in my garden. One issue I have come across while growing collards is the cutworms – they emerge from the soil and eat through the stems of the plant. I used to wrap the stems of my collard plants with newspaper to prevent cutworms from killing my plants, but I discovered the sleeve from my morning coffee cup is a perfect size and material for the task. When young plants have just begun to sprout, simply stick the coffee sleeve into the dirt encompassing the base of the plant, pushing it one or two inches down into the soil. For mature plants, detach the seam of the coffee sleeve and wrap it around a cluster of stems, reattach



TAKE THE HINT
KAREN TRAINOR

at the seam again, and push the sleeve down 1-2 inches into soil. This can also be done with tomato plants.

Kevin Turner
Whitinsville, MA

This busy mother offered the following trio of tried and true tips:

For a quick breakfast I use Birchbenders (just add water) non GMO pancake mix and use a tablespoon to make lots of little quarter size pancakes. I use coconut oil to give them a cake flavor and portion a bunch of snack bags with five or six in each. I keep them in the refrigerator and the kids just grab a bag and eat them cold without syrup or you can heat them up and offer a little ramekin of syrup or honey for dipping.

I always keep a bag of dollar tree party balloons on hand. My kids constantly get their hats wet all summer. The trick I use to keep the hat shape is to blow up a balloon into a wet hat

and let it dry.

Window cleaning is a pain, so I made my husband do it and could not believe his method!

He used one of those garden gallon containers with pump hose spray handle and filled it with water, a cup of vinegar and 2 Tbs. of Dawn dish detergent. He opened the screens and just power washed all the dirt right off of the window! They looked new!

Laurie Sutherland
Charlton, MA

Instead of stockpiling your freezer with over-ripe ripe bananas for banana bread, try this reader's easy, yet effective trick to keep the fruit fresher longer:

If you want to keep bananas from ripening too soon, simply wrap stem with aluminum foil.

Sandra Pratt
Brookfield, MA

This super simple kitchen tip solves a common culinary challenge:

For a quick way to separate hot fat from the broth, pour it in a paper or foam cup and pierce the side of the cup with a sharp point near the bottom. Drain the liquid into a pan until you see the fat come out then tip the cup back to stop the

flow.

Paul Davignon
Uxbridge, MA

This trick eliminates the dirty work when it comes to the most dreaded household chore:

To freshen up your toilet bowl and to remove mineral deposits/stains from hard water drop one or two Polident denture cleaning tablets in the toilet and let sit for about 20 minutes. Run a quick brush around the bowl and flush. The tablets will kill germ and remove stains from the bowl with no harsh chemicals or smell.

MC
Sturbridge, MA

A longtime loyal reader shares her strategy to save the spices!

Many spices are affected by humidity and are so expensive. Just put them in a baggie and store in the freezer – they stay perfect!

Always learning and still loving cooking and baking at 86!

Claire Horvath
Sturbridge MA

Opening hard plastic (clamshell) packaging can cause cuts as well as frustration! Thankfully, this reader found a better (and safer) solution:

Rather than struggling with scissors you can safely open a plastic clamshell package by using a can opener the same way you use it on a can.

Donna Lewandowski
Charlton, MA

This reader's tip for drying sneakers not only prevents tangling laces, but keeps shoes in tip top shape:

If you dry sneakers in the dryer, you know that laces can come untied and tangled despite your best efforts. Even if you remove the laces, they still get twisted. In addition, the shoes get banged around as the dryer turns. This method solves both problems:

Keep laces in the shoes and tie laces together at the top and hang sneakers in the inside door of the dryer. Leave the knot outside the door and close. The sneakers will dry from the heat of the dryer, yet will not tumble. Problem solved!

Lois O'Leary
Brookfield, MA

Prize Winner
Congratulations to Donna Lewandowski of Charlton, whose name was drawn for the three course Dinner for Two at the Public House!

She offered the safe and simple trick above for opening clamshell

plastic packaging.

Win Dinner for Two at the Public House – Contest has resumed!

Your tips can win you a great three course 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 course dinner for two at the renowned 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 newspapers? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint!, C/o the Southbridge Evening News, PO Box 90; Southbridge, MA 01550. Or email KDRR@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

Welcome to our 3rd Annual Summer Scramble!

We've decided to change it up for Summer and instead of a crossword puzzle, we've created a scramble. We hope you'll enjoy this challenging puzzle! Please find the answers (business names) on the ABC's of SUMMER on page 2. We will unscramble for you and announce a winner of a \$25 Gift Card to an ABC Business in the August 27th issue. Please mail to ABC's of Summer Scramble, P. O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550 or take a pic and email to jsima@stonebridgepress.news by August 18. Good luck!



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We love your feedback comments: _____

ABC'S OF SUMMER SCRAMBLE

(These are not in alphabetical order)

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to fairs.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 8 = S)

A. 16 24 4 5 1 8

Clue: Given as rewards

B. 24 4 26 1 8

Clue: Fun modes of transport

C. 9 25 23 1 8

Clue: Form of play or sport

D. 25 26 23 4 8 8 4 13 10

Clue: Allowed entry

Answers: A. prizes B. rides C. games D. admission

SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

Fun By The Numbers

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

Here's How It Works:

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

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ANSWER:

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 69 Cushing Road, Webster, MA 01570

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by James A. Peterson, Guinevere J. Ficara Peterson, and Albert B. Peterson to Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and now held by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, N.A. f/k/a Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A., not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee, or its permitted successors and assigns, on behalf of Vendee Mortgage Trust 2001-3, said mortgage dated June 27, 2001 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 24305, Page 3, said mortgage was assigned from The Secretary of Veterans Affairs to Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A., not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee, or its permitted successors and assigns, on behalf of Vendee Mortgage Trust 2001-3 by assignment dated October 25, 2001 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 25607, Page 087; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on August 11, 2021 at 12:00 PM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

PROPERTY: 69 Cushing Road, Webster, Massachusetts

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon of every nature and description situated in the Town of Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts and being shown as Lot #5 on a plan entitled "Definitive Subdivision Plan in Webster, MA, owned by Ernest J. Pelletier, Alfred A. Pelletier, Gerald J. Pelletier, Emile J. Pelletier, dated September 15, 1987, amended January 5, 1988, recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 595, Plan 95", further bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the north-west corner of tract herein described on the easterly sideline of Cushing Road at the southeast corner of Lot #4; THENCE S. 52° 57' 00" E. along said Lot #4 a distance of 135 feet to a point; THENCE N. 86° 06' 57" E. along said Lot #4 a distance of 162.65 feet to a point; THENCE S. 02° 58' 03" E. along other land of Ernest J. Pelletier et als, Lot #1, a distance of 126.08 feet to a point; THENCE S. 86° 06' 56" W. along Lot #7, a distance of 153.02 feet to a point; THENCE N. 32° 46' 27 W. along Lot #6, distance of 114.07 feet to a point; THENCE S. 86° 06' 57 W. along said Lot #6, a distance of 100 feet to a point on the easterly sideline of said Cushing Road; THENCE running northerly along the easterly sideline of said Cushing Road on a curve to the right having a radius of 200.00 feet and a length of 125.38 feet to the point of beginning. CONTAINING an area of 32.694 square feet.

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated June 13, 2001 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 24305, Page 001.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or

cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Brock & Scott, PLLC
1080 Main Street, Suite 200
Pawtucket, RI 02860
Attorney for Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, N.A. f/k/a Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A., not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee, or its permitted successors and assigns, on behalf of Vendee Mortgage Trust 2001-3
Present Holder of the Mortgage 401-217-8701

July 16, 2021
July 23, 2021
July 30, 2021

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 5 Fifth Avenue, Webster, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Elite Rivers LLC to Sun West Mortgage Company, Inc., said mortgage dated March 14, 2019, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 60150 at Page 115, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on August 12, 2021 at 11:00 AM Local Time upon the all and singular premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land with the buildings thereon of every nature and description and all privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, situated on the easterly side of Fifth Avenue in Webster, County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts and being Parcel on Plan of Property owned by Telesphore Leboeuf, dated October 11, 1945 and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a spike on the easterly line of said Fifth Avenue, one hundred twenty (120) feet southerly by the southerly line of Negus Street at land now or formerly of Henry Carey ; THENCE N. 73 degrees 24' E., sixty-one and twenty-four hundredths (61.24) feet by land now or formerly of said Carey to an iron pipe; THENCE N. 83 degrees w. one hundred sixty-one and seven-tenths (161.7) feet by remaining land of Telesphore Leboeuf, now or formerly, to a spike on the easterly line of said Fifth Avenue; THENCE NORTHERLY with an included angle of 90 degrees 11 ' a distance of twenty-three (23) feet to the point of beginning.

Also the land with the buildings thereon of every nature and description and all privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, being a certain triangular tract of land in said Webster on the easterly side of Fifth Avenue, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a spike on the easterly line of said Fifth Avenue at land of grantor; THENCE N. 70° 15' E., sixty-one and twenty-four (61.24) feet by land of grantor to an iron pipe; THENCE Westerly with an interior angle of 12° 14' 30", a distance of sixty

and forty-nine hundredths (60.49) feet by land of Francis E. Cassidy, Temp. Gad., now or formerly to an iron pipe on the easterly line of said Fifth Avenue;

THENCE SOUTHERLY with an interior angle of 87° 10' 30", a distance of thirteen (13) feet by said Fifth Avenue to the point of beginning.

Property commonly known as: 5 Fifth Ave, Webster, MA 01570

The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagors' Title see deed dated March 15, 2019, and recorded in Book 60150 at Page 111 with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within sixty (60) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

BENDETT & MCHUGH, PC
270 Farmington Avenue
Farmington, CT 06032
Attorney for Sun West Mortgage Company, Inc.
Present Holder of the Mortgage (860) 677-2868

July 16, 2021
July 23, 2021
July 30, 2021

NOTICE OF SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLE UNDER G.L.C 255 SECTION 39A

Notice is hereby given by: Cruise Control Transportation pursuant to the provisions of G.L.C., Section 39A, that on August 6, 2021 , at 9:00am at 210 Charlton Rd Sturbridge MA by private sale the following Motor Vehicle will be sold to satisfy the garage keeper's lien for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicle. Vehicle description: 2012 Honda Accord Registration#/State: No Plates VIN: 1HGCPZF7XCA129906

Name and address of vehicle owner: Rafaelin Acevedobinet of 36 Manchester Street Apt 3 Lawrence Ma 01841

This notice has been given under the provisions of G.L.C. 255, Section 39A.

July 16, 2021
July 23, 2021
July 30, 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. W021P2358EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of:
Robert K Lyle, Jr.
Also known as:
Robert Keith Lyle, Jr.
Date of Death: 05/16/2021

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by James Pelczarski of Windsor CT requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that James Pelczarski of Windsor CT be appointed as Personal Representative(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 08/24/2021.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance 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: July 19, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate

July 30, 2021

A.C. 92A

Commonwealth of Massachusetts 21E0041PP

Worcester, ss. Probate Court

To Ediz Pelevan of Dudley in the County of Worcester and to all persons interested. A petition has been presented to said Court by Jennifer Breault of Dudley in the County of Worcester representing that she hold as tenant in common undivided part or share of certain land lying in Dudley in said County Worcester and briefly described as follows:

The land and dwelling located in the Town of Dudley, Worcester County Massachusetts known as 7 Ash Lane, Dudley, Massachusetts being more particularly described as Lot 29 on a plan of land entitled, "Subdivision of Land Owned by Raymond Marchi Phase II and III Developer M&H Development Corp." dated November 9, 1992 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 717 plan 71.

and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which th Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Worcester before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the seventeenth day of August 2021, the return date of this citation.

Witness, LEILAH A. KEAMY, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixteenth day of July 2021.

Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
July 30, 2021



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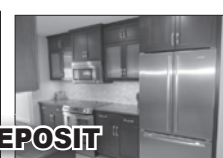
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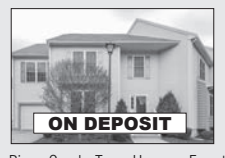
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QCC continues to adapt to the needs students

Bryant University students named to Dean's List

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College has begun transitioning to more in-person services and courses as it readies for a robust in-person footprint this fall.

One of the recent additions to facilitate an easy back-to-school transition is QCC's new virtual waiting line service. Designed to offer students a unique way to make appointments at various college offices, the Easy Queue (EZQ) system enables students to join virtual waiting rooms for the offices they need to meet with such as Admissions, Advising and Financial Aid.

Through a text messaging system, students will receive reminders and wait time updates as their appointment gets closes.

“Our students are often juggling multiple responsibilities. This support service should be a game changer for many who do not have the time to stand in line and wait for their appointment,” said QCC President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D.

In addition to this new support service, QCC will continue to offer remote support services and online courses, as well as in-person services and courses beginning this fall.

“The pandemic reinforced that our students need a variety of learning modalities that align with their needs,” Dr. Pedraja continued. “We have kept our extensive remote classes and support services, while bringing back in-person classes and continuing to look for ways to assist our students. Removing the barriers that prevent students from attaining their dreams of a better future through higher education is our number one priority.”

To learn more about visit www.QCC.edu/EZQ.

For more information on QCC, contact Josh Martin, Director of Institutional Communications at 508-854-7513 or jmartin@qcc.mass.edu

SMITHFIELD, R.I. — Bryant University is pleased to recognize the students who have been named to the Deans' List for the spring 2021 semester.

Michael Warren, class of 2021, from Oxford

Christopher Place, class of 2022, from Webster

Max Shepherd, class of 2022, from North Oxford

Eric Lavoie, class of 2024, from Dudley

Congratulations on this outstanding achievement!

About Bryant University

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Bee-come a Pollinator Protector

WEBSTER — Local 4 Life, a non-profit organization based in Dudley, invites kids ages five to 12 to “Bee-come a Pollinator Protector” on Saturday, July 31, at 10:30 a.m. at Booklovers' Gourmet, 72 East Main St. in Webster. The event is also sponsored by Hebert Honey.

Beekeeper Dave will provide information about pollinators, how to help them and how to build a bee hotel for your yard. The event is free but space is limited. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

To sign up, visit www.local4life.org and go to the Events Page.

Local 4 Life was founded by Erin Anderson and Wendy Kalwarczyk, both math and science teachers at Charlton Middle School with a passion for learning, preserving the environment and supporting all things local.

Annual road race coming to Charlton Old Home Day

CHARLTON — The 54th annual Charlton Old Home Day Road Race will take place on Labor Day, Sept. 6. The race starts at 9 a.m. with registration beginning at 7:30 a.m. at Charlton Town Hall (across from the library), 37 Main Street/Route 31. Pre-entry cost is \$20 with a guaranteed T-shirt before Aug. 20; The cost is \$20 after and up to the day of the race. Walkers are welcome. Register online at charltonoldhomeday-roadrace.godaddysites.com/ or through RaceWire.

Oxford resident Michael Warren named to President's List at Bryant University

SMITHFIELD, R.I. — Bryant University is pleased to recognize the students who have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to academic excellence and achievement. Michael Warren, class of 2021, from Oxford, has been named to the President's List for the spring 2021 semester.

The President's List is an academic distinction reserved for Bryant's highest achievers who earn a GPA of 4.0 or better for at least 12 semester hours of work. Congratulations to Michael on this outstanding achievement!

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Area students named to President's List at Fitchburg State

FITCHBURG — Fitchburg State University President Richard S. Lapidus has announced the names of students included on the President's List for the Spring 2021 semester.

The President's List honors students for consistently high academic achievement. A student is named to the list after achieving a 3.75 average in each of three successive semesters.

Fitchburg State University enrolls 7,000 day and evening students in more than 50 programs of study. The university was established in 1894.

Auburn

Nicholas D. Bisceglia

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Local students receive Bachelor's degrees from UMass Amherst

AMHERST — Approximately 5,500 students received bachelor's degrees in over 100 majors at the University of Massachusetts Amherst's Undergraduate Commencement on May 14, 2021 at the McGuirk Alumni Stadium.

Below is a list of students from your area who earned a degree.

OXFORD

Angela Suzanne Conway

Amy R Leary

Melissa Rosado Miranda

Anthony M Panarelli

WEBSTER

Shayna Lynne Kubilis

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Find a sunny, well-drained location where your plants will thrive, produce a bountiful harvest and you can enjoy their beauty. Although most blueberries are self-fertile (you only need one plant to produce fruit), you'll get better results when growing several in your landscape or containers. Consider including several varieties with different ripening dates to extend the harvest season.

Blueberries are particular about their growing conditions. They prefer moist, well-drained and acidic soils. Properly prepare the soil by adding organic matter like compost, aged manure, or peat to the planting bed. Or grow

your blueberries in a container filled with quality potting mix. Water in-ground and container plantings often enough to keep the soil moist. Mulch the soil with shredded leaves, evergreen needles, or shredded bark to keep the roots cool and moist and add organic matter to the soil as the mulch breaks down.

And don't forget to protect your harvest from hungry birds. Cover plantings with netting or try scare tactics to keep the birds and other wildlife from devouring your harvest.

Once you harvest your first ripe blueberry, you will discover there is nothing better than the flavor and satisfaction of consuming something you grew yourself.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *The Midwest Gardener's Handbook* and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series* and the nationally-syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* program. Myers' Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

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Adult Programming

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.

Book Discussion Group – August 16th 6:30PM
The Gladys E. Kelly Public Library Adult Book Discussion Group meets at 6:30 pm on the third Monday of the month. New members are always welcome! Next month's book discussion will be on Monday, August 16th at 6:30PM either on the Library Lawn, or in the Library's Local History Room, and will be about the book *The Children Act* by Ian McEwan. Stop by the library, or reach out by phone to 508-949-3880, or by email to ehale@cwmar.org for inquiries.

Outdoor '90s Movie Night – August 19th 8:00PM
Get ready for a throwback to the '90s with this extraterrestrial extravaganza! Bring a chair or a blanket, and stop by the Library Lawn to experience the aliens who live among us, and the group whose job it is to keep them a secret! Feel free to dress up in your favorite '90s apparel!

Yoga on the Lawn – Saturdays in September 10:00AM-11:15 AM
Join Julie at Gladys Kelly for a vinyasa yoga class for all levels. In Sanskrit, Vinyasa yoga translates to the "uniting of movement with breath". A typical class involves a centering of the mind with the breath, aromatherapy, movement of the body to release energetic blockages and, finally, a rest and relaxation. Classes are free for Gladys Kelly patrons. Please bring the following to enable the best experience for your body.

Edible Wild Plants of the Northeast with John Root – September 9th 6:00PM
"Edible Wild Plants of the Northeast" is a power point presentation offering a comprehensive introduction to the identification and uses of wild plants for food and beverage. Distinguishing characteristics, sea-

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Fall Concert Series: Mark Mandeville & Raianne Richards – September 11th 6:00PM
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Children's and Young Adult

Programming

Summer Reading 2021 - "Tails and Tales!" - June 28th-August 20th
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Wiggles and Giggles! - Wednesdays, June 30th-August 18th (excluding July 7th and August 4th) 10:00-11:00AM
Come sing, dance, and make music with Lainey Hanlon! For children ages 2-5 and their parents/caregivers.

Summer Eats – Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 6th – August 5th 12:00-12:30PM

Summer Eats provides FREE grab and go meals for all kids and teens! Stop by the library during these times and either eat lunch outside on the library lawn or take meals home! Meals are pre-packaged and nutritional. Summer Eats is a federally-funded food program that seeks to combat food insecurity and hunger, providing every child with the food they need to succeed!

Visit from the Massachusetts Pirates – August 9th 10AM
Come and meet the Massachusetts Pirates football team! Their mascot, Arthur, will be doing story reading at 10AM!

Scott Jameson – August 6th 10:30AM-11:30AM
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DUDLEY POLICE LOG

WEBSTER POLICE LOG

DUDLEY — The Dudley Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of July 16-23.

Brittany Lee Kaepfel, age 36, of Putnam, Conn. was arrested on July 22 for Intimidation of a Witness, Juror, Police Officer, or Court Official; Resisting Arrest; and multiple counts of drug possession. Jeremy W. Nason, age 38, also of Putnam, Conn. was arrested during the same incident for Failure to Stop or Yield and multiple counts of drug possession.

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of July 18-24.

A 36-year-old male from Webster was taken into protective custody for intoxication for Disturbing the Peace on July 18.

Mathew John Lucifer, age 44, of Webster was arrested on July 19 in connection with a warrant.

Scott B. Seraphin, Jr., age 35, of Southbridge was arrested on July 20 in connection with a warrant.

A juvenile, age 17, was arrested on July 20 in connection with a warrant.

A 23-year-old male from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on July 21 for Assault & Battery on a Pregnant Victim, Assault on a Family or Household Member, and Strangulation or Suffocation of a Pregnant Victim.

Jeremy J. Adams, age 44, of Webster was arrested on July 21 in connection with a warrant.

Brittany Lee Kaepfel, age 36, of Putnam, Conn. was arrested on July 22 for Intimidation of a Witness, Juror, Police Officer, or Court Official; Resisting Arrest; and multiple counts of drug possession. Jeremy W. Nason, age 38, also of Putnam, Conn. was arrested during the same incident for Failure to Stop or Yield and multiple counts of drug possession.

A 24-year-old male from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on July 23 for Assault on a Family or Household Member, Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon, Intimidation of a Witness, Juror, Police Officer, or Court Official, and Violation of an Abuse Prevention Order.

A 32-year-old male from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on July 23 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

Nedjma Sarah Bensahih, age 25, of Webster was arrested on July 23 in connection with a warrant.

A 51-year-old male from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on July 24 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

A 32-year-old male from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on July 24 for Assault & Battery (Domestic).

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