

Successful mentorships happening at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy



Courtesy
Dr. Adelina Healy of Dudley and Risper Wanjuri of Webster.

CHARLTON — The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Mentorship program has been a success. Dr. Adelina Healy of Dudley, and other faculty leaders teamed up with the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy cohorts to implement a mentorship program that not only allows experienced nurses to guide practical nursing students, but to receive one on one mentorship. The Practical Nursing Class of 2021 consisted of 23 females. The overall goal is to give the graduates the opportunity to learn and receive mentorship from the experienced faculty to help lead them to a positive nursing journey both academically and clinically. The faculty and staff

of the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy were introduced to the cohort early on at orientation and acceptance ceremony with each faculty assigned as an advisor and each practical nursing (PN) student receiving an advisor and a mentor be it an alumnus or a peer mentor. Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN Academy Director says, “this is a great way to connect with the future nurses, bring the community together, and provide nursing students with support and guidance.” Risper Wanjuri of Webster stated, “Dr. Healy has been an influential figure in my clinical practice as well as in my nursing journey. As a

qualified and experienced nurse, she has spirited my professional growth by commending my learning spirit and guiding me.” Wanjuri was inducted into the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS). She added, “Dr. Healy’s teaching style is an aspect I admired, as she considers all student nurse’s weaknesses and strengths. She is selfless, she sponsored the fee for my NTHS membership registration. I am forever grateful for her role in my professional growth, not forgetting the knowledge she shared with me.” The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy faculty believes in being thoughtful and taking time to build strategic relationships with the student body. Everyone begins by identifying a viable mentorship relationship, creating regular touchpoints, understanding the culture, engaging with PN students early, and immersing everyone in the Academy’s events and curriculum. “We begin to engage the PN students as early as the orientation and acceptance ceremony and through various events on campus,” concludes Bolandrina. “Our leadership and mentorship program connects PN students with advisors and mentors and even provides insight into academic progression. These relationships are strengthened throughout their nursing journey, inclusive of job placements and networking.” Through engagement with the Bay Path community, students and alumni develop and become prepared to be successful in nursing. Fostering a culture of belonging, encouraging mentorship, and celebrating diversity at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is successful because of goal-oriented and actionable activities and experiences.

Thrive Support & Advocacy announces graduation, expansion of leadership and development initiative

MARLBOROUGH — Thrive Support & Advocacy, a nonprofit empowering youth and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), today announced that seven young adults have graduated from its Leadership Experience And Development (LEAD) initiative, and that the program will expand to Worcester in September. Thrive’s LEAD initiative helps participants – LEADers – develop a dynamic set of leadership skills through a curriculum that includes role-play activities, public speaking, and group leadership projects. The year-long, application-based program is designed for young adults with IDD between the ages of 17 and 25. In addition to Thrive staff, LEADers engage with mentors including business leaders who share insights and real-world experiences, students from the Advanced Math and Science Academy (AMSA) in Marlborough, and past LEAD graduates. “On behalf of the entire Thrive community, I’d like to congratulate these LEADers for completing the program. It’s a significant accomplishment,” said Sean M. Rose, President & CEO of Thrive Support & Advocacy. “Through

LEAD, these young individuals have been able to learn and grow as both adults and leaders, and are now better prepared to advocate for themselves. We’re proud that for years LEADers have taken active roles and have gone above and beyond in giving back to their communities.” This year’s class of LEADers were celebrated in a virtual graduation ceremony, complete with purple caps and gowns. Honorees include: · Alexander Bowler of Sturbridge · Liam Clinton of Framingham · Jason Dore of Shrewsbury · Melissa Qualey of Shrewsbury · Giles Rae of Shrewsbury · Alexis Sokoloff of Northborough · Bryna St. Pierre of Auburn Additionally, Rumei Johnson of Westborough and Rose Mallon of Marlborough were recognized as Junior LEADers. They participated in this past year’s virtual program, but will return in the fall to complete the program in person for a hands-on learning experience. In September, Thrive will expand the Marlborough-based program into Worcester to serve the city and surrounding communities.

The planned expansion was possible by the opening of Thrive’s new Worcester office at 100 Grove St. Between the two locations, a total of 20 individuals are expected to participate in the 2021-22 LEAD program. The Marlborough group will meet in person on Mondays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and the Worcester group will meet in person on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. The program runs from September until June. For LEAD enrollment information, contact Caitlin Devaney-Fortwengler, Director of Youth Services at 508-485-4227 ext. 1009 or cdfortwengler@icanthrive.org. About Thrive Support & Advocacy Thrive Support & Advocacy has been empowering youth and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to lead active and self-directed lives since 1973. The Marlborough-based nonprofit supports over 1,000 individuals and families living in 47 eastern and central Massachusetts communities through recreational and social initiatives for youth and adults, community residences, and individual and family supports. For more information, visit www.icanthrive.org.

Auburn Historical Museum announces August programs for children

AUBURN — Registration is now open for the Tuesday and Saturday Children’s programs from 10 – 11 a.m. This is a free program held at the museum at 41 South St. All programs are opened to children 6-12, but preregistration is needed. The Saturday program is “Match the House” and deals with the historic houses of Auburn. Find all your matches and win a prize. The Tuesday program will involve exhibits in the museum and crafts. Aug. 3 will be about mills and weaving, Aug. 10- early toys and games, and Aug. 17 will be Native Americans. Reservations can be made by calling the museum at 508-832-6856 or email: auburnmuseum@verizon.net. You can sign up for just a certain day or for all.

Nichols College names two to Board of Trustees

DUDLEY — Jaime Paris Boisvert and Amahl H. Williams have been elected to the Board of Trustees at Nichols College. Paris Boisvert began her term of service at the board’s May 2021 meeting; Williams will begin his term at the October 2021 meeting. Jaime Paris Boisvert is a 1998 graduate of Nichols and director of the Higher Education Vertical Market for Johnson Controls, which is well known for delivering solutions that optimize buildings and infrastructure by improving energy efficiency, data analysis, comfort, safety and security. Previously she was the general

manager of the Boston Branch at Siemens Smart Infrastructure, where she served in a number of capacities over 12 years. She began her career through the Nichols Career and Professional Development Center as an account executive at AT&T, moving onto MAC Systems, followed by a stint as director of sales & marketing for Chace Building Supply of Conn. She and her husband have three children, and currently reside in Woodstock, Conn. Amahl H. Williams, a 2002 graduate of Nichols and three-sport varsity captain, has spent his career in sales and marketing leadership roles focusing on the monetization of new and adjacent technologies for the Fortune500 and Global2000. He is currently a director of transformation and consulting at SYKES Digital Services.



Jaime Paris Boisvert



Amahl H. Williams

He is also a contributor at Forbes as a member of the Forbes Communications Council. Prior to SYKES, Williams was vice president at WonderBotz. He serves as a volunteer mentor at BUILD, which provides hands-on entre-

preneurship training and college prep to help stem the high school drop-out rate. Prior to his appointment to the Board of Trustees, Williams served on the Nichols Board of Advisors, and is one of the found-

ing advisors for the Nichols College Center for Intelligent Process Automation. He is also a member of the college’s legacy program, the Colonel Conrad Society. He and his wife have

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



We Are Open Year Round 9-5
Brookfield Orchards
12 Lincoln Rd., N. Brookfield, MA 01535
Follow signs from Rts. 9, 31, 67 or 148

JOIN US! FINAL FLEA MARKET OF THE YEAR!

Be the BRIT

Minuteman Kettle Corn will be here with their delicious popcorn and famous lemonades!

Hardwick Winery will be here.

Our grill will be serving up Hot Dogs all day!

SATURDAY JULY 24 9AM - 3PM

To participate set-up begins between 7 & 8:30 a.m. to secure your spot and unload your items! This is a Flea Market for used items only. Brookfield Orchards will be renting out spaces in their parking lot for this event for \$20 to be paid upon arrival. You MUST bring all your own tables and pick up any trash before you leave the property.

Reach out to us with any questions you may have at 508-867-6858 and ask to speak with Diana

VISIT US ON FACEBOOK
508.867.6858 • 877.622.7555

browsethebrookfields.com & brookfieldorchardsonline.com

Proudly Serving the Community for Over 40 Years



Soft Service Ice Cream
Frozen Yogurt
Premium Hard Ice Cream
Specializing in Fresh Fried Seafood

Indoor and Patio Seating Now Available!

Route 31 Charlton Depot
Hours: Thursday through Sunday 11 am to 8 pm

WE ACCEPT MOST MAJOR CREDIT CARDS



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

DRINKING WATER NOTICE Monitoring Requirements Not Met for:

PWS NAME: **AUBURN WATER DISTRICT**

We violated monitoring and reporting requirements of the drinking water regulations. Even though this was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct this

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific man-made and naturally occurring contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During the monitoring period(s) listed below we did not monitor and/or did not complete all monitoring for the contaminant(s) listed below and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.

WHAT THIS MEANS: There is nothing you need to do at this time.

The table below lists the contaminant(s) we did not properly test for and/or report to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) during the required monitoring period(s).

Monitoring Period	Contaminant Group	Violation Comments
4/1/2019 6/30/2019	MANGANESE	MULT2, MULT4 AND MULT5
4/1/2019 6/30/2019	VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS	MULT4
4/1/2019 6/30/2019	IRON	MULT2, MULT4 AND MULT5
4/1/2019 6/30/2019	ARSENIC	MULT2, MULT4 AND MULT5

* WQP (Water Quality Parameters) = pH, alkalinity, silica, orthophosphate, and/or calcium

STEPS WE ARE TAKING:

In response to monitoring and reporting violations of the Massachusetts Drinking Water Regulations, our system is taking the following corrective actions:

- We are notifying our customers of the violation(s) by providing this public notice to you as well as submitting a copy of this public notice to the MassDEP and local board of health.
- Sample Collection (check appropriate boxes):
 - ☐ We have scheduled to collect and analyze sample(s) for the contaminants listed above and will submit copies of the sampling results to the MassDEP upon completion.
 - ☐ We have already collected and analyzed sample(s) for the contaminants listed above and have submitted copies of the sampling results to the DEP. These contaminant(s) were collected AFTER the required monitoring period(s) on: [Date].
- We will continue to collect samples for all contaminants according to our most recent sampling schedule.
- Other Corrective Actions Taken:

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Please share this information with all people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

For more information or questions regarding this notice, please contact:

Responsible Party Name: Gregory Woods at Phone #: 508-832-5336

CERTIFICATION: DEP Reference Number: NON-CE-19-5D00008340-CSA PWSID: 2017000

The Public Water system indicated above hereby affirms that public notice has been provided to consumers in accordance with 310 CMR 22.16 including: delivery, content, format requirements, notification deadlines and that the Public Water system will meet future requirements for notifying new billing units and new customers of the violation. I certify under penalty of law that I am the person authorized to fill out this form and the information contained herein is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Notice Distributed by: Auburn News on July 23, 2021
[Delivery Method] [Date]

Notice Distributed by: _____ on _____
[Delivery Method] [Date]

Gregory Woods 7/13/21
Signature of Responsible Party Date

Advertise Here

BRIMFIELD — The Tommy James Magic Show premieres on the Hitchcock Academy lawn in Brimfield on Monday, July 26 at 4 p.m.

Master magician Tommy James brings a show that combines a special blend of magic, comedy, wonder, and surprise for kids of all ages. Awarded the 2010 International Family Performer of the year award, Tommy James along with his “magical” bunny, Miracle, promises to put on a roller coaster ride of a show. Tickets for this event are available at hitchcockacademy.org when you click on the Summer Programs link. If the weather does not cooperate the show will be moved inside to the upper auditorium.

James began entertaining at the age of 14, when he performed for his grandmother’s Grange group; from there he branched out to 4-H clubs, schools, and local civic organizations. Over the next 30 years, his reputation expanded and today he is recognized as one of the premier kids’ show magicians in the world. The Tommy James Magic Show promises to be a summer highlight for the whole family.

Hitchcock Academy is pleased to announce a partnership with ART-ventures to present kid’s summer art programming. With a dash of whimsy and a dollop of fun, ART-ventures programming provides talented instructors to encourage children to explore art while fostering their creativity through exposure to a variety of tools, techniques, and materials. Each program session includes t-shirt creations and two or three awesome works of art each day. Program sessions run Monday through Friday the first three weeks of August from 9 a.m. – noon, with each week having its own theme. For more information and to register for one week, two weeks or all three weeks head to hitchcockacademy.org.

On Saturday, July 31, find out why “Goonies never say die,” when you follow Chunk and his friends as they hunt for the pirate treasure that will save their neighborhood. “The Goonies” debuts on Hitchcock Academy’s big outdoor screen as part of the HFA Midsummer Nights Free Movies on the Lawn. “The Goonies” shows at dusk, but moviegoers are encouraged to come early to pick a prime lawn spot and pass the time by playing games provided by Hitchcock or brought from home. This fan favorite movie is free of charge thanks to the Oscar Sponsorship of First American Insurance Agency and the Golden Globe sponsorship of Viant.

Music lovers can delight in the magic spell cast by great music on Wednesdays July 28, Aug. 4, Aug. 18, and Aug. 25 at 6 p.m. on the Brimfield Common. The summer series sponsored by Country Bank, First American Insurance and a Mass Cultural Council grant features a variety of genres from local favorite bands: Time Stretchers, Radio Ranch (sponsored by the Monson Lions Club), Frozen Red and The James Paul Band.

This summer Brimfield is a small town with big community happenings as Hitchcock Free Academy continues to work to provide activities to foster a spirit of joy.

SUMMER SALE – 100'S OF DEALS – DON'T BUY TILL YOU SEE US!

Over 1,000 ACs in stock

OVER 1,500 BICYCLES IN STOCK

MATTRESS SALE!

TWIN: Reg. \$299 **NOW \$179⁹⁹**
FULL: Reg. \$499 **NOW \$259⁹⁹**
QUEEN: Reg. \$599 **NOW \$289⁹⁹**

1000s OF APPLIANCES IN STOCK FOR PICKUP OR DELIVERY

GRILL SALE

TV SALE

WE REPAIR BIKES

18 CU. FT. REFRIGERATOR Reg. \$799 ⁹⁹ \$699⁹⁹	SIDE BY SIDE STAINLESS STEEL REFRIGERATOR Reg. \$1999 ⁹⁹ \$1499⁹⁹	KITCHENAID DISHWASHER Reg. \$999 ⁹⁹ \$899⁹⁹	OVER THE RANGE MICROWAVE OVEN Reg. \$299 ⁹⁹ \$229⁹⁹	GE STAINLESS SMOOTH TOP STOVE Reg. \$649 ⁹⁹ \$599⁹⁹
DELUXE ELECTRIC DRYER Reg. \$499 ⁹⁹ \$479⁹⁹	PROPANE FIRE PITS	5 CU FT CHEST FREEZER \$199⁹⁹	DELUXE DISHWASHER Reg. \$499 ⁹⁹ \$399⁹⁹	
FAMOUS MAKER GAS OR ELECTRIC RANGE Reg. \$699 ⁹⁹ \$499⁹⁹	DELUXE TOP LOAD WASHER Reg. \$499 ⁹⁹ \$479⁹⁹	WHIRLPOOL TOP WASHER Reg. \$699 ⁹⁹ \$599⁹⁹	GE TOP LOAD WASHER Reg. \$649 ⁹⁹ \$699⁹⁹	100'S OF FREEZERS IN STOCK

PRICES GOOD WHILE SUPPLIES LAST
INSTANT FINANCING UP TO \$10,000

Check www.whitcosales.com for special coupons

WHITCO

Mon-Sat 10-9 • Sun Noon-7
140 Main St., Spencer, MA
508-885-9343

SMALL 2 BEDROOM APARTMENT FOR RENT

1st Floor
Available August
\$750/month
No Utilities
First and Last Required

Call 508-765-5533
leave name and phone number,
please speak loud and clear

SEND US YOUR NEWS!!!



news@stonebridgepress.news





Emily Lamoureux

Bay Path's Lamoureux receives Community Service Award

CHARLTON — Emily Lamoureux, LPN of Charlton, a member of the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Class of 2019, received the 2020 Community Service Award during a special award ceremony on June 21 at the Lakeside Pavilion of the Indian Ranch in Webster. The award was granted in recognition of Lamoureux's volunteer work creating critical partnerships between the Academy, the Bay Path community and the Worcester County.

The Community Service Award was developed to honor a person who is making significant contributions to the Bay Path Practical Nursing community through their time, actions, talents and dedication through any volunteer work done. The honoree selected serves as a role model for compassion, service, giving back, and striving to make the world a better place.

Lamoureux's passion is in helping others. She has made important contributions to the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy through her participation in mentorship, blood pressure

clinics, information sessions, college fairs, health fairs, SkillsUSA, tutoring, and participation in all other volunteer events.

While a student at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Lamoureux was a UNICEF Club member. She was a SkillsUSA District Champion, earning a bronze medal in First Aid/CPR. She is Dementia Care Certified, Mental Health First Aid Certified, and Certified in Infusion Therapy and Central Line Care. Lamoureux represented Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy at the Innovation Summit at Northeastern University and was a recipient of \$5,000 grant from MassHire Worcester Career Center. She was a nominee for the 2019 Clinical Excellence Award and volunteered at the Charlton Lion's Club mobile health screening and a volunteer at the Charlton Senior Center's Blood Pressure Clinic.



ACCURACY WATCH

The Auburn News is committed to accuracy in all its news reports. Although numerous safeguards are in place to ensure accurate reporting, mistakes can occur.

Confirmed fact errors will be corrected at the top right hand corner of page 3 in a timely manner.

If you find a mistake, call (508) 909-4106 or email news@stonebridgepress.news during normal business hours. During non-business hours, leave a message in the editor's voice mailbox. The editor will return your phone call.

Southbridge RMV Service Center will open Aug. 2 by appointment

SOUTHBIDGE — The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) is announcing that on Monday, Aug. 2, customer service centers will open in Southbridge, Easthampton and Lowell to begin serving customers by appointment.

"We have appreciated the patience of the public during the State of Emergency as the RMV pivoted to serve customers with new processes in keeping with health protocols," said Acting Transportation Secretary and CEO Jamey Tesler. "Now, with almost 4.3 million individuals in Massachusetts fully vaccinated, the Registry can safely reopen additional customer service locations while still continuing with many of the new transaction policies which have worked so well since March 2020 and which customers have told us have been convenient and efficient."

"The health and safety of our customers and employees has been our focus in making decisions about how to conduct transactions and we are pleased that appointments will be made available Aug. 2 in three more Registry Customer Service Centers," said Acting Registrar Colleen Ogilvie. "Many new initiatives that were put in place to provide additional flexibility for customers during the COVID-19 pandemic will continue and initiatives which have been well received, including dedicated service hours for senior citizens, will be continuing."

RMV customers will continue to be served by appointments only at open Service Centers, and customers who are unvaccinated will be required to wear a face covering for transactions. In addition, the RMV will continue with including dedicated hours on Wednesdays to serve senior citizens at some locations, holding suspension hearings by phone, allowing learner's permit tests online, and using state vehicles for anyone taking road tests. (Everyone in a vehicle for a road test must wear a face covering, regardless of vaccination status.)

Initiatives which are continuing: Appointments for in-person transactions at open customer service locations will continue, and customers must wear a face covering for an in-person transaction if unvaccinated.

As of August 2, RMV Service Centers will open by appointment in Southbridge, Easthampton, and in Lowell.

Senior hours for customers 65 years of age and older on Wednesdays at specific locations will continue.

Road tests will still be offered using state vehicles only. Road test sponsors are required to be in the road test vehicle and everyone in a road test vehicle must wear a face covering regardless of vaccination status.

Online learner's permit exams will continue and cus-

tomers must still make an in-person appointment for the application process.

Suspension hearings by telephone will continue.

In-vehicle observation hours for Junior Operators have reverted back to driving schools for applicants who obtained a learner's permit on or after May 29 requiring Junior Operators to complete 6 hours observing another student driver, and 40 supervised driving hours with a parent or guardian. (This was the rule pre-pandemic.)

For more information on transactions and additional details on customer locations, please visit www.mass.gov/rmv or <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/rmv-covid-19-information>.

In May, Governor Charlie Baker signed an Executive Order terminating the Commonwealth's State of Emergency effective June 15, 2021. The Order also rescinded most COVID-19 restrictions, including limitations placed on businesses, as of May 29 as Massachusetts neared the goal of vaccinating four million residents. The Registry's partner for many transactions, AAA, will also continue with the system of serving AAA members who make appointments. For details about the Commonwealth's coronavirus vaccination locations and other information, please visit: www.mass.gov/coronavirus.

A Step Ahead Family Child Care Center

"A progressive approach to family child care"

Your child deserves quality child care

A Step Ahead is a licensed family child care facility in Auburn using classroom technology to enhance the hands-on curriculum with experienced Infant * Toddler * Pre-School teachers to help your child learn & grow

Large outdoor play area • Safe family neighborhood * Meals Provided *

Call today for more information! Auburn, MA • (508) 767-1214

PET of the WEEK



BAYPATH HUMANE SOCIETY OF HOPKINTON
Small Shelter Big Heart



Meet Ode! This sweet, nervous girl, is looking to find a family to call her own! Ode has traveled a long way here to find a special family with patience to help her learn what it is like to live in a home. Ode originally came from S. Korea. It is amazing to see how sweet she is! She loves to spend time with people, and is learning how to play and be a dog. Ode loves other dogs. She is looking for a quiet, adult only home. If you think Ode could be the one for you, please email adopt@baypathhumane.org today!

500 Legacy Farms North • Hopkinton, MA 01748



MILFORD FEDERAL
Our Community. Your Bank.



Milford Federal Bank is proud to sponsor Baypath Humane Society's Pet of the Week!

Bring your furry friend along on your next trip to MFB for a treat from our drive-up tellers, or stop in any branch and bring home a treat from our complimentary doggy treat bar.



1271 Providence Rd, Whitinsville, MA
508.234.8256 • 800.357.2265
MilfordFederal.com



Milford | Whitinsville | Woonsocket

LOWEST PRICES • FULL SERVICE

Serving Worcester County for almost 60 years!

Shrewsbury's Own...



www.alsoil.com



We accept most major credit cards

24-HOUR EXPERT BURNER SERVICE • 508-753-7221

LOST DOG

Missing Since 7/5/21 Intersection Rte 197/198 Woodstock CT
Last seen Bush Rd., Union CT



Female
Old English Mastiff
6 years old
188 lbs
Skittish

DO NOT CHASE!

860.942.2765

860.942.9194

CALL IN SIGHTINGS IMMEDIATELY!

Friday's Child



Jayden
Age 11

Hi! My name is Jayden and I love gymnastics!

Jayden is a lovable girl of Caucasian descent. Wise beyond her years, Jayden loves gymnastics, going to the park, and swimming. She also loves to ride her bike, do arts and crafts, make slime, and go to amusement parks. She does well with one-on-one attention. She has two teen foster brothers in her foster home who she looks up to as role models and for guidance. Jayden does best with a strong routine in the morning when getting up, getting dressed, and getting herself ready for school. Jayden is loving, caring, and determined. Her foster mother describes her as very technologically savvy.

Legally freed for adoption, Jayden will need one-on-one attention from her new family. This could be a two-parent family or a single-parent family with no other children in the home or a female child close in age to Jayden. Structure and routine in her new home are extremely important to Jayden. Jayden has older siblings in foster care and in adoptive families in Western Massachusetts with whom she will need to maintain contact. She would also like to maintain a lifelong connection with a previous foster family.

Who Can Adopt?

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

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

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



Community voices opposition to perceived teaching of Critical Race Theory



Jason Bleau

Concerned citizens wait their turn for the microphone during a public forum on July 12 discussing critical race theory in the Dudley Charlton School District.

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – An estimated 250 citizens of Dudley and Charlton turned out for a lengthy community forum on July 12 focused on the potential of adding Critical Race Theory, or CRT, to the school district’s curriculum.

The growing national debate over the controversial move-

ment, with origins in the 1970s, that examines the role racism has played in the legal and social constructs of the nation has erupted on the local level. Concerned citizens and parents turned out in droves to voice their grievances before the regional school committee, which many feel has not been transparent concerning the actions of its Equity Committee. In June, around

55 citizens attended a Dudley Charlton School Committee meeting to condemn the potential teaching of Critical Race Theory in the schools eventually leading the committee to call for a public meeting to have a larger discussion.

The July 12 meeting lasted several hours, with input from school officials, passionate citizens and even comments by podcaster and edu-

cator Sheldon Eakins of the Leading Equity Center, the consultant that the district’s Equity Committee had hired and who many accuse of trying to bring CRT to the district. Superintendent Steven Lamarche started things off ensuring parents that the district has no plans to include Critical Race Theory in their K-12 curriculum.

“I want to express to you that the Dudley Charlton Regional School District has not invested in or endorsed Critical Race Theory. We have not researched Critical Race Theory. We have not asked our educators to research Critical Race Theory. We did not change our curriculum to incorporate Critical Race Theory, and we have no plans to change out curriculum to incorporate Critical Race Theory,” said Lamarche, who reiterated this same message several times throughout the night.

Sheldon Eakins was also given a moment to speak, stressing that the “CRT” local parents think he is encouraging actually has a different meaning, and that he is not asking for Critical Race Theory to be incorporated into the district.

“We look at individual needs for special education or gender identity, or just other areas like abilities and race as well,”

Eakins said later clarifying what he discussed with the district. “I want to be very clear. I’ve read a few articles in the area, and I’ve even gotten a few emails. I do not teach Critical Race Theory. I teach the other CRT, Culturally Responsive Teaching. Any references that are made to CRT regarding the training that I provide is in regard to Culturally Responsive Teaching.”

Throughout the night, citizens took to the microphone citing references to Critical Race Theory in Eakins’ work and showing frustration that the exact modern definition and limitations of critical race theory are blurred at best.

One of the first speakers to the microphone, Carrol-Sue Rehm of Charlton, whose children attended the district’s schools, claimed that school officials did not properly vet Eakins when turning to him for consultation and, like many, claimed that the committee’s decisions going forward could have dramatic effects including parents and students leaving the district.

“We do not need to be lectured on what Equity or CRT is or isn’t, or any other coined phrases since the term and meaning keeps being shifted. Culturally Responsive Training is generally informed by the term Critical Race Theory. The NEA, the largest Teacher’s Union which many teachers of this district are members of, have now omitted CRT on their website and are labeling it ‘Common History.’ Regardless of what you call it, it boils down to a framework which seeks to actively dismantle systems it deems racially oppressive, and the way it seeks to do this is through deconstructing language and forms of discourse,” Rehm said. “The school committee has been voted in by citizens of both towns. [Assistant Superintendent] Dr. Brian Ackerman and [Superintendent] Lamarche report directly to you. You are elected officials, and report to the parents. You

were entrusted with our children’s best interest, and if this is not rectified to the satisfaction of parents, this will lead to the destruction of young hearts and minds and this will be catastrophic in generations to come. Families will pull their children to not expose them to this type of indoctrination.”

Rehm was just one of many citizens who made their voices heard over the course of the evening. Some were concerned parents, others former or current educators, and others still average citizens with no direct stake in the school district but who were simply concerned about the potential impact CRT could have on the youth of their community. While many were against CRT and others were more forgiving of the school committee even saying they believed the committee was telling the truth that CRT is not on the table, one other speech that stood out provided a unique point of view, that from a student.

Rhiannon Mansur, a senior at Shepherd Hill Regional High School, offered her perspective from the hallways of the district itself, telling the parents and school officials that while CRT may not necessarily be the answer, change is needed to ensure the safety and respect for all students of all races, sexual orientations, abilities and identities. Mansur began her speech saying she did not believe anyone at the meeting was racist or “bad” and that she respected the differing opinions expressed throughout the night, but as a student she feels there is more that need be done.

“I have heard every slur and every threat on Earth said within the halls of this district by high school students, some who never even knew the damage of such slurs,” Mansur said. “In the midst of criticism, I would like to put in a vote of support for the teaching of cultural sensitivity. My question is of the effectiveness of both versions of critical learning and social emotional learning. If this meeting is any indicator, this is not something that is pulling us together, but pulling us further into radicalism with the way that we are doing it right now, which I don’t blame any of you for, anyone here, anyone teaching, and especially Sheldon Eakin. I don’t know how to fix this, but I don’t want a Charlton where my people-of-color friends wish they could move to a school like Webster and Worcester because they are harassed every single day by your students and your staff.”

At the meeting’s end, Lamarche said he looks forward to working with the community to “ensure we are not teaching critical race theory in our schools” and asked anyone with questions about the instructional materials being used in the district to talk to the teachers directly and then the principals if their concerns are not addressed.

“This is not an easy topic for anyone. We heard you,” he concluded.

Assistant Superintendent Ackerman ended the forum, thanking the public for the feedback and said the district “collectively remains committed to equity for all students regardless of race, color, sex, gender identity, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, or homeless status” and that the formal Equity Committee will pause activities and relaunch in the future with more specific processes and procedures regarding formulation and direction. Details will be presented at a public school committee meeting prior to the relaunch.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

DRINKING WATER NOTICE Monitoring Requirements Not Met for:

PWS NAME: **AUBURN WATER DISTRICT**

We violated monitoring and reporting requirements of the drinking water regulations. Even though this was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct this

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific man-made and naturally occurring contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During the monitoring period(s) listed below we did not monitor and/or did not complete all monitoring for the contaminant(s) listed below and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.

WHAT THIS MEANS: There is nothing you need to do at this time.

The table below lists the contaminant(s) we did not properly test for and/or report to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) during the required monitoring period(s).

Monitoring Period	Contaminant Group	Violation Comments
7/1/2020 9/30/2020	VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS	MULT4
7/1/2020 9/30/2020	LEAD & COPPER SCHOOL SAMPLING	2 TAPS @ 2 SCHOOLS
7/1/2020 9/30/2020	ARSENIC	MULT2, MULT4, MULT5
7/1/2020 9/30/2020	PERCHLORATE	01G, 03G, 02G, MULT3, MULT4, MULT5
7/1/2020 9/30/2020	LEAD AND COPPER RULE	60 TAPS
7/1/2020 9/30/2020	MANGANESE	MULT2, MULT4, MULT5
7/1/2020 9/30/2020	IRON	MULT2, MULT4, MULT5

STEPS WE ARE TAKING:

In response to monitoring and reporting violations of the Massachusetts Drinking Water Regulations, our system is taking the following corrective actions:

1. We are notifying our customers of the violation(s) by providing this public notice to you as well as submitting a copy of this public notice to the MassDEP and local board of health.
2. Sample Collection (check appropriate boxes):
 - ☐ We have scheduled to collect and analyze sample(s) for the contaminants listed above and will submit copies of the sampling results to the MassDEP upon completion.
 - ☐ We have already collected and analyzed sample(s) for the contaminants listed above and have submitted copies of the sampling results to the DEP. These contaminant(s) were collected AFTER the required monitoring period(s) on: _____ [Date].
3. We will continue to collect samples for all contaminants according to our most recent sampling schedule.
4. Other Corrective Actions Taken:

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Please share this information with all people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

For more information or questions regarding this notice, please contact:

Responsible Party Name: Gregory Woods at Phone #: 508-832-5336

CERTIFICATION:

DEP Reference Number: **NON-CE-21-5D00010722-CSA** PWSID: **2017000**

The Public Water system indicated above hereby affirms that public notice has been provided to consumers in accordance with 310 CMR 22.16 including: delivery, content, format requirements, notification deadlines and that the Public Water system will meet future requirements for notifying new billing units and new customers of the violation. I certify under penalty of law that I am the person authorized to fill out this form and the information contained herein is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Notice Distributed by: Auburn News on July 23, 2021
[Delivery Method] [Date]

Notice Distributed by: _____ on _____
[Delivery Method] [Date]


Signature of Responsible Party

7/13/21
Date



TO PLACE AN AD:

JUNE SIMAKAUKAS
(508)909-4062
jsima@stonebridgepress.news

SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES:

KERRI PETERSON
(508) 909-4103
kerri@stonebridgepress.news

TO PRINT AN OBITUARY:

E-MAIL
obits@stonebridgepress.news
CALL: 508-909-4149
OR send to Auburn News
P.O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550

TO SUBMIT A LETTER

TO THE EDITOR:

E-MAIL:
news@stonebridgepress.news
OR send to Auburn News
P.O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550

AUBURN NEWS PUBLISHED BY STONEBRIDGE PRESS

PRESIDENT AND PUBLISHER
FRANK G. CHILINSKI
860-928-1818 EXT. 103
frank@stonebridgepress.news

BUSINESS MANAGER
RYAN CORNEAU
860-928-1818 EXT. 102
ryan@salmonpress.news

OPERATIONS DIRECTOR
JIM DINICOLA
508-764-6102
jim@stonebridgepress.news

EDITOR
BRENDAN BERUBE
508-909-4106
news@stonebridgepress.news

PRODUCTION MANAGER
JULIE CLARKE
860-928-1818, EXT. 305
julie@villagernewspress.com

THE AUBURN NEWS (546-680) is published weekly for \$45 per year (in county) by Stonebridge Press, 25 Elm St., Southbridge, MA 01550. Out of county rate is \$56 per year. Periodicals postage paid at Southbridge. To subscribe call (800) 367-9898. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to The Auburn News, P.O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550

ALMANAC REAL ESTATE

AUBURN

\$570,000, 94 Tinkerhill Rd, Modern Structures Inc, to Odame, Ashley, and Odame, Yaw Y.

\$490,000, 2 Old Common Rd, Old Common Realty Corp, to Plumbers Inc.

\$390,000, 158 Hampton St, Agrawal Sisters LLC, to Sandstrom, Ryan G, and Johnson, Kayla M.

\$375,000, 3 Silver St, Megna, Michael J, and Megna, Kelly, to Jackowski, Brian, and Perry, Madelyn.

\$310,000, 31 Meadow St, RLR 31 NT, and Robertson, Richard H, to Napoli, Chanel, and Gooch, Daquan.

\$275,000, 6 Tuck Farm Rd #8, Rafferty, James P, to Cariglio, Steven L, and Cariglio, Cindy L.

\$255,000, 236 Prospect St, Brown, Donald W, to Brown, Christopher.



News, really close to home

Selectmen discuss possible change in town hall hours

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — The Charlton Board of Selectmen is beginning the process of reassessing town hall hours following recent complaints from citizens.

Currently the town hall is operational only four days a week, 7:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and 7:30 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Tuesdays according to the town website. The building is closed on Fridays, and when a holiday falls on a Saturday, it is recognized with a closure on Thursdays. Selectman Patsy Rydlak initiated a discussion during a Board of Selectmen meeting on June 13 after receiving complaints that

a recent weekend holiday led to a Thursday closure that citizens felt was inconvenient and that maybe the town should explore returning to a five-day week.

"Six or seven people must've reached out, and they were pretty upset," Rydlak said. "This discussion comes up I think every couple of years."

The town hall previously had a five-day week but several years ago it was changed to a four-day week as a test trial to see if it would create cost savings. As selectman David Singer pointed out, this was only meant to be a temporary trial where the selectmen would then examine the data and determine if the four-day week was effective from both a cost saving and customer service stand-

point.

"We were supposed to compile data on whether or not there was an actual cost savings to the town by going to the four-day model," Singer said. "It was never meant to be permanent. It was a trial, and we never got the results of the data back."

While it was argued that the discussion should be tabled for a future meeting with the full board present as Selectman Bill Borkowski was not present on June 13, Selectman Rydlak felt it was worth discussion at least in part because the town needs to start gathering data to determine if a change is needed.

"I thought that definitely there should be, between now and the next meeting, actual input (from employees) on why

each department may or may not need a Friday," said Rydlak. "In my opinion, each of the departments should come to us with a proposal. I've seen this energy savings and all this, it's never there. Company after company, I'm an auditor and I see it all the time. There's not really very much savings on the money part. It's customer service. What are our boards doing for our residents and what hours do those particular residents need?"

Town Administrator Andrew Golas confirmed that holiday closings on Thursdays are typically when the town gets the most push back as recognizing a holiday on Thursday and then normally being closed Fridays adds an extra day that citizens have to

wait to do business.

"Those are comments that I hear too, and I think it's something that we can better address," Golas said. "One policy that we were already looking at moving forward, with support of the board, was that when a holiday does fall on a Saturday that that's no longer a Thursday closing, that's a flexible holiday at that point so that way town hall remains open on Thursday, and we don't have that negative impact."

Golas further added that Fridays would usually be the busiest around tax collection time and that making drastic changes to the town hall schedule might not sit well with some employees due to the amount of turnover since the four-

day week was implemented as individuals may have adjusted their lives or taken the jobs with the four-day week in mind.

When the discussion wrapped up selectmen agreed to pursue data to determine whether or not returning to a five-day week would be the best option and even explore the possibility of a public hearing to get citizen input on the matter. It was also recommended that data be collected on what online resources were available and whether or not adding more awareness of those options could help citizens who can't access the town hall on a Friday or a holiday.

Fairy tale characters come to life at Old Sturbridge Village

STURBRIDGE — Beginning Aug. 12 and running Thursday through Sunday for the following two weekends, Old Sturbridge Village, the oldest living history museum in New England, will host the live performance Fairy Tale Farm. With a map in hand, guests will have the freedom to explore

every inch of the Village as the sun goes down. Characters they thought they've known since childhood face problems in the modern-day.

Guests will walk the Village to various buildings that become the stage for each performance. Characters step out of their "homes" for

the first time since the pandemic and are faced with real-world, grown-up issues;

- Pinocchio is a former child star coming to terms with his life as a "real boy."
- Recently awakened Beauty (formerly sleeping) is a princess-turned-Instagram

star.

- Little Red's once-devoured grandmother, Granny Lil, is back and feisty as ever.
- Goldilocks (who is newly engaged to Baby Bear) is an ambitious young tech entrepreneur launching her new product.
- A third little pig named Vincent whose

rational thinking has kept him alive.

- Hansel, who's determined to get in shape post-pandemic, and Gretel, who'd prefer to stay in quarantine.

The cast will include Laura Rocklyn as Goldilocks, who is newly engaged to Baby Bear. Bryce Crumlish plays an opinionated third little pig named Vincent. Sleeping Beauty — who has recently awakened in 2021 — is now an Instagram celebrity with many questions and is played by Jade Genga. Alexander Demetrius (Defending Jacob, Love, Weddings & Other Disasters, Something Wonderful and Doubt. Host of "Puerto Ricans on the Rise") is "real-boy" Pinocchio, adulting for the first time. The actors also play the roles of Granny Lil, Hansel, Gretel, and Baby Bear, respectively.

Fairy Tale Farm at Old

Sturbridge Village will also feature music by Worcester-based Gracie Day, whose mixture of rock and soul is "influenced by her parents' music of the '60s and '70s" will help bring the "enchanted" Village to life.

Come spend a night outdoors watching the sun go down and being entertained in the Village in a new way. Activities and games for kids, food, drinks, and fresh air for all ages.

Tickets go on sale July 1 to members, July 6 to the general public, and will be available through the Old Sturbridge Village Museum Web site. Ticket pricing is Member adult early bird (June 30 – July 6): \$15, Member youth early bird (Ages four 17) (June 30 – July 6): \$10, Adult (member and non-member starting July 7): \$20, Youth (member and non-member beginning July 7): \$15.

Deirdre Legasey makes Goodwin Dean's List for Spring 2021

EAST HARTFORD, Conn. — Deirdre Legasey has earned a spot on the Goodwin University Dean's List for Spring 2021.

Deirdre, a student from Auburn, is one of 1,014 students to make the Dean's List, reserved for those who demonstrate great academic performance.

Dean's List inclusion requires a student to earn a minimum 3.5 GPA, the equivalent of an A- average, during a given academic session. The student must also be enrolled in a minimum of six academic credits to qualify.

Goodwin University congratulates Deirdre on making the Dean's List and demonstrating such a high standard of excellence in the classroom and beyond!

Goodwin University in East Hartford, Connecticut, is an innovative learning community that empowers hard-working students to become sought-after employees. We tailor our programs to address the needs of employers, and we shape them to fit the lives of students. Classes are conveniently offered year-round - days, evenings, weekends, and online. Degrees may be flexibly layered across certificate, associate, bachelor's, and master's programs in a variety of in-demand fields. Better still, we surround our students with the personal support and the professional guidance they need - not just to earn degrees, but to change lives for themselves, their families, and their communities. For more information, please visit www.goodwin.edu.



Community Connection

Your guide to local businesses and events! To join us, please call June at 508-909-4062 or email jsima@stonebridgepress.news.



CHRISTMAS IN JULY!

Christmas in every room for the month of July!

New Items Arriving Weekly!

Home & Garden | Antiques to Farmhouse
Village Paint | Primitives & Country | Candles | Handmade
Patriotic Decor and more

Hours: Thurs-Sun 10am-5pm
146 Mendon St., Uxbridge, MA

508.278.2700

Check out our photos on Facebook
@primitivegoodssupply
or just drop by!



Charlton Oil

508-248-9797

Don't Pay Too Much for Propane

PROPANE	PRICE PER GAL.	Tanks Filled to 80%
75-150	\$2.35	
150-300	\$1.99	
300-500	\$1.85	Driver Discretion
500 PLUS...	CALL OFFICE	

DON'T PAY TOO MUCH FOR OIL!

- Monday price 7/12/21 was **\$2.30** per gallon* 100 gallon minimum
- Call for the most up to date daily price or visit us at www.charltonoil.com

"Call Us First!"
*prices subject to change



www.StonebridgePress.com



Crooked Creek Farm

~est. 1992~
East Brookfield, Massachusetts

BEST FARM FRESH MEATS IN CENTRAL MA
PASTURE RAISED • NATURAL MEATS



1/4, 1/2, WHOLE BEEF AVAILABLE

ASK US ABOUT OUR FREE LOCAL DELIVERY!

To purchase your meat packages
CALL/TEXT: (774) 200-7308
www.CrookedCreekFarmMA.com
Email: crookedcreekfarmma@gmail.com
Find Us on Social Media

ROOFING

CALL OR TEXT (860) 546-6292

Residential, commercial, flat, metal, & asphalt roofing!

- Credit cards accepted
- Excellent financing options
- Free estimates
- Hundreds of homes roofed
- Fully licensed & insured in MA, CT, & RI
- Professional roofing company 25+ yrs experience

Google 5.0 ★★★★★ www.guaranteedroofingusa.com

GUARANTEED ROOFING
Because your roof matters!
MA HIC.200626 CSL: CS-115769



Morin JEWELERS

Fine Jewelry & Gifts

The Jewelry store where you buy with confidence

WE BUY GOLD

Specializing in Custom Designs
All types of Jewelry Repairs

MASTER JEWELERS™
BRILLIANCE YOU DESERVE®

409 Main St. Southbridge, MA
moringewelers.com • 508-764-7250
Located at CVS Plaza



Grab 'N' Go Home-style Lunch, Dinner, and Tasty Treats

Catering Available!

Rt. 20, 630 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-7077

Open 7 Days a Week • 11am-7pm

hearthstonemarket1@gmail.com • hearthstonemarketandcatering.com



Salem Cross Inn

RESTAURANT & TAVERN

260 West Main Street, West Brookfield, MA 01585

Come on in for a delicious meal!

Call For Reservations

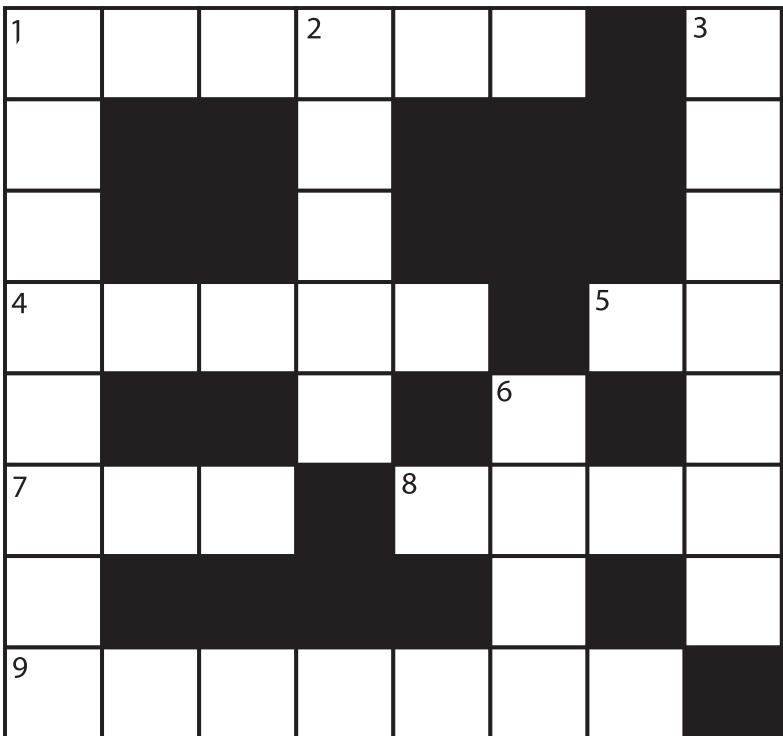
Indoor and Outdoor Dining (weather permitting)

Don't forget... TAKEOUT is available!

For more info visit www.salemcrossinn.com (508)867-2345
Hours: Thursday, Friday & Saturday 4-8; Sunday 12-5



Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1. Metal frames on a grill
- 4. Cup-shaped spoon
- 5. Midwestern state (abbr.)
- 7. Writing fluid
- 8. Venison
- 9. Comes together

DOWN

- 1. Cooking food over a flame
- 2. Place to eat a meal
- 3. Chicken or turkey
- 6. Unpleasant emotion

Answers: 1. Grilling 2. Table 3. Poultry 4. Deer 5. IL 6. Fear 7. Ink 8. Deer 9. Gathers Down

THIS DAY IN...



HISTORY

- 1861: CONFEDERATE FORCES WIN THE FIRST BATTLE OF BULL RUN DURING THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR.
- 1949: THE U.S. SENATE RATIFIES THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY.
- 1970: THE ASWAN HIGH DAM OPENS IN EGYPT.



TRUE OR FALSE?
MARINATING FOODS THAT WILL BE GRILLED CAN REDUCE THE FORMATION OF CANCER-CAUSING CHEMICALS FROM FLAME-LICKED FOODS.

ANSWER: TRUE



CHAR

partially
burn to blacken
the surface

How they SAY that in...

- ENGLISH: Grill
- SPANISH: Parrilla
- ITALIAN: Griglia
- FRENCH: Gril
- GERMAN: Grill



GRILLING COOKS FOOD DIRECTLY OVER HEAT, WHILE BARBECUING USES HEAT THROUGH CONVECTION OF HOT AIR. GRILLING IS FAST WHILE BARBECUING IS SLOW.



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: GRILLED STEAK

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

12 5 8 16 20 12

12 14 11 3 22 12

22 3 9 9 12

22 3 2 8 15 12

Solve the code to discover words related to parks.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 12 = S)

Clue: Schoolyard ride

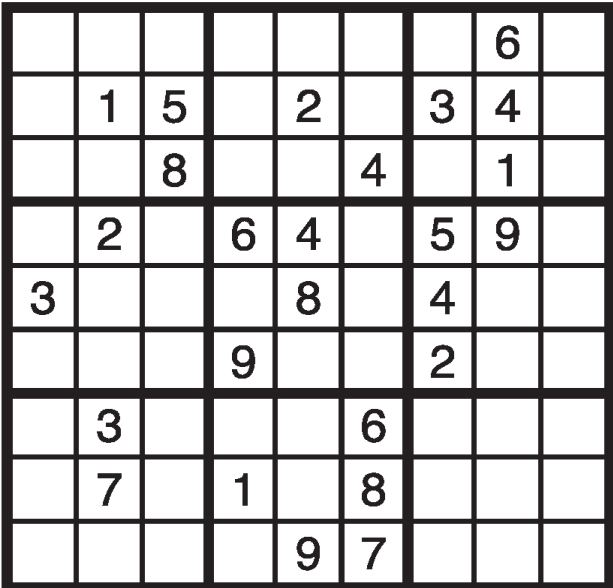
Clue: Team play

Clue: Plant with a trunk

Clue: Walking paths

Answers: A. swings B. sports C. trees D. trails

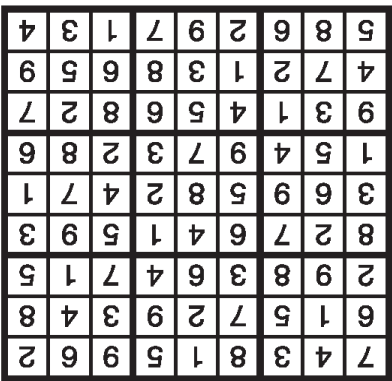
SUDOKU



Level: Intermediate

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!



ANSWER:

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!



This section reaches 47,000 households
in 7 Massachusetts newspapers.

Call 508-764-4325
or email ads@stonebridgepress.news
for more information

Home & Auto

Auto Body



Direct Insurance Repair Shop
In addition to our expert Auto Body Services,
NOW Woody's Professional Rustproofing and Undercoating Services! Maintain safety and value by protecting your vehicle's body from rust, debris, salts and pests. We are now scheduling appointments For detail information check out our website!

RENTAL CAR OR TRUCK CAN BE ARRANGED FOR YOU
ASE CERTIFIED TECHNICIANS
OUTSTANDING CUSTOMER SERVICE
ALL INSURANCE CO. ACCEPTED INCLUDING OUT OF STATE

HOURS: MON - FRI 8-5

Sean Wood - Owner
324 Main St., Spencer, MA
p: 774.745.8323 f: 774.745.8324
woodyautocollisionrepair.net

AUTO BODY / REPAIRS



Since 1969
Always Going The Extra Mile For Our Customers

Free Written Estimates • Damage Appraisal
Color Matching Specialists • Rental Car Services
Warranted Work & Repairs
Diagnostics • A/C Repair
Tune Ups & Engine Repair
Brakes • Alternators • Starters • ABS
Alignments • Tires...and more

Major Insurance Referral Shop
Honoring All Insurance Estimates

1734 Providence Road (Rt 122)
Northbridge, MA 01534
Ph: 508-234-5211 • Fax: 508-234-2231
www.kearnscollision.com
Fully Certified • RS# 2678

BEST WINDOW COMPANY



Award Winning
High Performance
Windows & Doors

100% FINANCING AVAILABLE | Lifetime Warranty

508-784-1550

ACCREDITED BUSINESS A+ f

BUILDER



Remodeling Expert

◆ FINISHED BASEMENTS
◆ ADDITIONS ◆ GARAGES
◆ SIDING ◆ ROOFING ◆ DECKS
◆ WINDOWS ◆ DOORS
◆ KITCHEN ◆ BATHS

Quality Building Since 1985
Licensed & Insured
508-764-2293 • 774-230-3967

Granite & Marble



SHREWSBURY MARBLE & GRANITE, INC.

Buy FACTORY DIRECT & SAVE

SUMMER SALE

Biggest Selection of Marble,
Granite & Quartz of ANY Fabrication Shop
300 Colors To Choose From
Please call for appointment

508-842-9800 • shrewsburymarbleandgranite.com
620 Boston Turnpike (Rte 9 E), Shrewsbury, MA
(1/4 mi. east of Home Depot - Big Blue Bldg)
Mon-Thurs 8-5, Fri & Sat & 9-4

Gutters



Need new gutters... Look no further!

COMMERCIAL • RESIDENTIAL

FREE Estimates
50% off leaf guards
with gutter installation
with this ad
Offer exp. 9/1/21

Fully Insured ~ Installations ~ Cleaning ~ Repairs
508.353.2279
gotogutterguy.com

LAND SURVEYORS



PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS

BOUNDARY ESTABLISHMENT
PLOT PLANS
CONSTRUCTION LAYOUT
SUBDIVISIONS
ALTA TITLE SURVEYS
CIVIL 3D SPECIALISTS

Pcoutujr@landsurveyinc.com
Cell: 401-864-7958
LandSurveyInc.com

Oil & Propane



Need propane or oil right away?
Call American today!

OIL 10¢ Off **PROPANE 20¢ Off**

PER GALLON (125 GAL MIN) PER GALLON ON YOUR NEXT FILL UP (MIN 75 GAL)

With coupon. One coupon per customer. Exp 7/31/21. Cannot be combined with any other offer or on previous purchases or fuel assistance program.

Order online
Americandiscountoil.com
413-289-9428
1182 Park St., Palmer, MA 01069

Paving



G. COOPER PAVING
New Beauty Blacktop
413.544.5381

DISCOUNTS ON REFERRALS! FAMILY OWNED & OPERATED

SENIOR DISCOUNT 10% OFF \$200 OFF NEW DRIVEWAY INSTALLATIONS

DRIVEWAYS • PARKING LOTS
SEALCOATING • STONE
HOT TAR CRACK FILL

"Big Or Small, We Do It All!"
FREE ESTIMATES

Power Washing



EXTERIOR HOUSE & SOFT ROOF WASHING

REMOVES HARMFUL:
Mildew • Moss • Algae • Oxidation • Dirt & Pollutants
FROM:
Vinyl • Aluminum • Wood • Brick • Painted • Stained

GREAT FOR: Before Paint Prep
Cedar Restoration • Decks • Patios
Stairs & Walkways • Foundations

HI-TECH MOBILE WASH
~ Est. 1987 ~

Commercial & Residential **100% Satisfaction Guaranteed or you owe nothing!**

PLEASE CALL
1-800-696-4913 • 508-248-4638
FOR MORE INFORMATION OR FOR A FREE ESTIMATE
www.hitechmobilewash.com

Sand Blasting



CENTRAL MASS DUSTLESS BLASTING, LLC

MOBILE PAINT STRIPPING AND CLEANING

Auto • Restoration • Marine
Commercial • Industrial • Municipal • Residential

Located in Spencer, MA, we offer an ecofriendly, courteous, and professional mobile media blasting service, to meet all of your needs. Our process gives us the option to blast wet or dry. One of our greatest benefits is being mobile, we come to you. We offer a wide variety of surface preparation needs, which include but not limited to: Auto Restoration, Antique Tractors, Truck Frames, Dump Bodies, Trailers, Snowplows, Heavy equipment, Boats, Concrete Floors/Walls paint or sealer removal, Graffiti, Pools, Log Cabins, Wood Beam Restoration, etc. We also offer blast cabinet services for much smaller stripping and surface prep.

YOUR PAINT JOB IS ONLY AS GOOD AS YOUR SURFACE PREPARATION

Alan Nussey • 508.648.8941
Email: cmdustlessblasting@charter.net
www.CMDustlessBlasting.net

Stump Grinding



MILLER STUMP GRINDING

Asian Longhorn Beetle Certified

Fully Insured • Free Quotes

REASONABLE RATES
PROMPT SERVICE
ROD MILLER • NICK MILLER
OWNERS / OPERATORS
508-688-2159

CHIMNEYS

CHIMNEY CLEANINGS ONLY \$99

ALL KINDS OF MASONRY & CONCRETE WORK
New & Repairs, Repointing, Rebuilding, Re-lining, Waterproofing, Foundation & Chimney Repair, New & Stair Repair, Concrete Walkways, Stonewalls, New Roofs, Construction & Carpentry.

Need to get it done? Call me!
-FREE Estimates-
Quality Chimney (508)752-1003

ELECTRICIAN

ALDEN
Electrical Contractors, Inc.
LICENSED ELECTRICIAN
New Construction
Remodelling
Kitchen & Bath
Service Updates

W. Brookfield, MA
1.774.230.9606
Talden1987@gmail.com

Fully Insured
Accepts credit card payments & free online bank transfers
Licenses:
MA-13705-21777A,
NH-13932M, RI-B013781

ELECTRICIAN

TNT ELECTRICAL SERVICES

Timothy N Tripp
Licensed Electrician

67 Hillcrest Drive
Southbridge, MA 01550
508.909.5114
774.601.3107

Tntelectricalserviceinc@gmail.com
MA#100257JR
NH#17425J

Electrician

BRIAN WOOD
Master Electrician
Residential • Commercial
o: 508.764.3925
c: 508-505-0111
35 Years of Experience
Lic#15885A | 29931E
Fully Insured
I specialize in:
New Construction
Renovations
Pools and Hot tubs
Lighting (int. & ext.)
Repairs and Maintenance
Electrical Panel upgrades
Bpwelec@gmail.com
Facebook:
Brian Wood Electrician

GUTTERS

GUTTERS
• Cleanings
• Repairs
• Installations
508-867-2877
508-754-9054
30+ years exp
Licensed & Insured
A. Eagle Gutters
aeaglegutters.com

ACCREDITED BUSINESS A+ f

Handyman

No Job Too Small Home Improvement
-Insured-
MA Reg #174661

• General Carpentry
• Laminated Floors
• Remodeling
• Kitchen, Bath & Cellar
• Painting
• Handyman Services
• Floor Leveling
• Power Washing and MORE!

See Our Work Online
nojobtoosmallhomeimprovement.com
Tel. 508.414.7792
Sturbridge, MA

HANDYMAN

MAIN STREET HANDYMAN & ROOFING SERVICES
Carpentry
Flooring
Painting
Plumbing
Shed & Deck Repairs

What do you need done? If we don't do it you don't need it done!
SENIOR CITIZEN (65+) DISCOUNTS
Give me a Call
Rich at
508-963-1191

Home Improvement

BONETTI'S Home Improvement
Roofing
Siding
Decks
Remodeling
Windows
Doors
Basement Finishing
Gutters Cleaning
Pressure Washing
Painting Landscaping

Over 25 Years Experience
Residential Specialist
Licensed and Insured
128231
508-347-4906
Cell 508-688-0072

MASONRY

C & J
MASONRY HARDSCAPE
RETAINING WALLS
OUTDOOR LIVING CONSTRUCTION

Chimney Repair
Foundation Repair
Steps, Patios
Pool Surrounds
Pressure Washing
Property Maintenance
Water Proofing
Delivery of Aggregate
Cord Wood

Brian French
(413)222-5542
frenchyn45@gmail.com

Pest Control

ACCURATE PEST CONTROL
Full Pest Control Services
Over 28 yrs. experience
Reasonable Rates
Owner Operated

508-757-8078
Ask for David or Jason
Hight
Auburn MA

PAINTING

Scott Bernard's PRECISION PAINTERS
Finest Craftsmanship
Since 1979

Interior-Exterior
Paints, Stains,
Wallpaper and
Fine Faux Finishes

Satisfaction Guaranteed
Free Estimates
774.452.0321

PLUMBING

JOHN DALY Plumbing

Water heaters, Faucets,
Toilets, New pex water piping,
Outside hose connections
replaced or added.
Dishwashers, Garbage
disposals, Water filters,
Tub & shower valves,
Tub & shower replacements
Any repair or
replacement needed.
Buy your own fixtures &
faucets, or I will supply.
Serving all of
Worcester County
Lic.#MPL-21763
Since 1988
Call John 508.304.7816

We are home owners' plumbers!
jdtrainman714@aol.com

ROOFING

GUARANTEED Roofing & Building Maintenance LLC
Roofing, Siding,
Gutter and
Gutter Cleaning

Contact:
Daniel Truax
508-450-7472
gbmaintco.com

Senior Citizen Discount
Credit Cards Accepted
Over 30 years of satisfied customers
Fully Insured - Free Estimates

A+ Rating BBB
MA HIC Lic #146620
MA CSL #099487

ROOFING

David Barbale ROOFING
Roofing/Gutters
Repair Work

Fully Licensed
and Insured

MA LIC #CS069127
MA HIC. LIC #1079721
INS. # CAC032585

C: 508-397-6709
O: 508-248-6709
davidbarbale.com

Roofing

SAUNDERS & SONS ROOFING
When you need a roof,
hire a roofing company,
that's what we do!

Call Bill Toll-Free
1-866-961-Roof
508-765-0100
Lifetime material warranty
& 25 yr. labor warranty
available
MA Reg #153955
CSL #095459
CT-HIC #0638641
Fully Insured,
Free Estimates
Family Owned and Operated
Now Accepting All
Major Credit Cards

ACCREDITED BUSINESS A+ f

SOLID FUEL

PELLET STOVE REPAIR

CHIMNEY & FIREPLACE
TOM CIRAS
508-248-3733

PLEASE LEAVE YOUR NAME
NUMBER & TOWN, FOLLOWED
BY YOUR SERVICE REQUEST,
THANK YOU!

SWEEPS AND CAPS STOVE INSTALLATIONS

MA HIC #144152
MA CSL #094542

This section reaches 47,000 households in 7 Massachusetts newspapers.

OPINION/COMMENTARY



A STONEBRIDGE PRESS WEEKLY NEWSPAPER
25 ELM STREET, SOUTHBRIDGE MA 01550
TEL. (508) 764-4325 • FAX (508) 764-8015
www.StonebridgePress.com

FRANK G. CHILINSKI
STONEBRIDGE PRESS PRESIDENT AND PUBLISHER

BRENDAN BERUBE

Summer is a

great time to manage stress

Most individuals take time during the summer months to unwind and sort of reset after a busy fall, winter and spring. Summer vibes are usually all about taking things slow and soaking up as much sunshine as possible before Old Man Winter heads back into the neighborhood. Many people who suffer from “burnout” welcome the longer days and warmer weather, however sometimes these three months of frisbee throwing and hanging by the lake aren’t enough.

With the go, go, go culture that has taken over our society, many people find themselves burnt out, to their detriment. Experts say people can reverse that feeling of burn out and we decided to share what we have found with our readers.

If work is taking its toll on you, you may need to make some changes there. Experts say that oftentimes, simply talking it out with a co-worker or supervisor can help to get things off your chest, especially if the consensus is to create a healthier work environment. Some people have found that the only way to cure burnout is to change positions, however without proper techniques every job, could eventually burn you out.

Managing stress properly is huge; however, not everyone knows exactly what that entails. Healthy eating, exercise and proper sleep are the easiest things one can do to ease stress in other aspects of your life. Most people who are over working themselves claim that time is an issue. There is no time to exercise, no time to sleep, no time to eat healthy. Point blank, if they can put a man on the moon, you can find the time to put yourself first without letting your job duties fall by the wayside. This could include little tricks such as parking your car far from the entry of a place to extend the walk, taking the stairs or even placing your computer on a counter so that your sitting time is lessened. Everyone knows what works best for themselves, so often times a bit of creativity and resourcefulness is needed.

A vacation can help ease burnout symptoms but often, a week isn’t enough time to truly combat burnout. If you are at a severe risk of burning out, experts say to stop working for at least two weeks and cut yourself off completely from the office. According to those in the know, they say most employers will understand that this break will result in a better employee after they return. If two weeks isn’t in the cards, at least take one day a week to yourself with no phone calls, no emails or anything work related.

Finding a release is imperative, whether it’s going for a run or simply tuning out with a good movie or an old fashioned game of solitaire. If you let stress build and build without letting off some steam, that could lead to unintentional outbursts and severe irritability.

Try not to let yourself become dependent on alcohol and caffeine. Everything in moderation. We’re not sure, but we do believe the Red Bull trend has settled a bit.

Switch things up by asking for different responsibilities. When things get mundane, they can become less interesting. Having fun while also getting the job done can make a world of difference. Even working away from the norm, and changing up the scenery can be a game changer. Find a nice coffee shop or a park and try to avoid working from home at all costs. If you work from home, you will begin to associate the same feelings about work, in the home. Your home is your sanctuary, and you need to protect it.

Oftentimes, people take better care of their vehicles then they do themselves. To keep a car running smoothly, you need to upkeep with maintenance, use top of the line fuel and keep the miles low.

In the book “Don’t Sweat the Small Stuff, and It’s All Small Stuff” by Richard Carlson, he talks about how when you die, your ‘In Basket’ won’t be empty. His point is that we all feel the need to get everything done. We stay up late, get up early, just to get everything done. By doing this he says we put off having fun or spending time with loved ones. Keeping a full ‘In Basket’ means that your time is in demand, with projects to complete and phone calls to return. Carlson reminds his readers that no matter what you do or who you are, nothing is more important than your own happiness and sense of inner peace and that of your loved ones. He reminds us that when we die there will still be things left to finish, and that someone else will do it.

It’s one thing to read tips, and take advice from others, but it’s another thing to remember what you’ve read, and to put those words into action.

After the rain

It did not take long for fishing to improve on saltwater after all of the rain we had already in the month of July. Freshwater fishing took a little longer to improve in rivers and streams overall, but many felt that lake and pond fishing remained pretty steady. Last week, another wave of stripers provided some exciting fishing at the canal, with numerous large stripers being caught and released. The following day, the cabal was dead quiet. This writer fished Westport River last week in the thick fog, but managed to catch numerous species of fish, of which most were undersize. Schools of stripers were everywhere in the river, with all stripers just under the legal size of 28 inches. It was still fun catching the stripers on surface poppers.

Last week, my brother Ken caught a nice strip-er, showing the popper plug still in his mouth. A quick release had the fish on his way to grow a few more inches. Maybe next year. They were feeding on the large schools of bait fish. The fluke were also short a few inches. One good size bluefish hit my brothers surface popper, giving him a good fight on his light fishing rod. The thick fog kept us fishing mostly in the river, but one angler did go outside the river and reportedly caught his limit of fluke. As he was speaking to us in the parking lot, a lone seagull had a meal on his bait that was left near the back of his boat. I am sure this bird has done it



THE GREAT
OUTDOORS
.....
RALPH
TRUE

before, and waits until the angler leaves the boat to get his car & trailer. It was not long before the thief landed in my boat, and was feeding on the scraps of bait that was left over from our day of fishing.

Over the years, Mass. Fish & Wildlife has been building boat ramps around the state’s coastal waters with sportsmen’s monies. Many are turned over to the towns to monitor and clean the area, and they charge a fee to launch a boat. They also provide portable restrooms for anglers and their families to use. This past week, while visiting the Westport boat launch, we were happy to see a portable facilities set up for anglers and families to use.

When you are elderly, you need to monitor the boat launch areas that have a porta potty, in case you need one. After launching our boat, I thought it would be a good idea to use the facility before we headed out onto the ocean. Slowly opening the door, I was not ready for what I was seeing. Without going into too much detail, it looked as though it had not been cleaned out in months. I quickly shut the door. Fortunately, my digestive track & bowels remained quiet through-

out the fishing trip.

It is outrageous that the town was not monitoring the facility, and to have women and children & the elderly looking for a clean facility prior to boarding their boat for a few hours of pleasure or fishing should not be hard to do! All boat launch areas should have a portable restroom at the sites year-round, and they need to be clean!

A lot of tuna are being caught this year in Massachusetts waters! The tuna are providing a lot of action 20 miles south of Block Island. Seabass & Fluke are still biting, but you need to be patient and fish numerous areas to catch them. There are still a lot of throwback fluke because of their size.

The outrageous wildfires in the West are still calming lives and burning thousands of acres daily, along with more than three billion wild animals being lost. This past week, Germany had some of the worst flooding in their history and other countries are also feeling the effects of climate change. The constant rain in our area needs to stop soon or farmers will see a large loss in their crops, resulting in higher prices at the store for consumers. Global warming!

This year especially, I have noticed a big drop in small frog populations on my daily walk & bike rides. Normally, after a rain storm, I would notice a lot of dead frogs in roadways. In the last few years, I have seen very few.

The right emotions can be useful in investing



FINANCIAL
FOCUS
.....
DENNIS
ANTONOPOULOS

You may have heard that it’s important to take the emotions out of investing. But is this true for all emotions?

Certainly, some emotions can potentially harm your investment success. Consider fear. If the financial markets are going through a down period – which is actually a normal part of the investment landscape – you might be so afraid of sustaining losses that you sell even the investments that have good prospects and are suitable for your needs.

Greed is another negative emotion. When the financial markets are rising, you might be so motivated to “cash in” on some big gains that you will keep purchasing investments that might already be overpriced – and since these investments are already expensive, your dollars will buy fewer shares.

In short, the combination of fear and greed could cause you trouble.

But other emotions may prove useful. For example, if you can channel the joy you’ll feel upon achieving your investment goals, you may be more motivated to stay on track toward achieving them. To illustrate: You may want to see your children graduate from college someday. Can you visualize them walking across the stage, diplomas in hand? If so, to help realize this goal, you might find yourself ready and willing to contribute to a college savings vehicle, such as a 529 plan. Or consider your own retirement: Can you see yourself traveling or pursuing your hobbies or taking part in whatever activities you’ve envisioned for your retirement lifestyle? If you can keep this happy picture in mind, you may find it easier to maintain the discipline needed to consistently invest in your IRA, 401(k) or other investment accounts.

Another motivating force is the most powerful emotion of all – love. If you have loved ones who depend on you, such as a spouse and children, you need to protect their future. One key element of this protection is the life insurance necessary to take care of your family’s needs – housing, education and so on – should something happen to you. Your employer may offer group life insurance coverage, but it might not be sufficient, so you may want to supplement it with your own policy.

Furthermore, you may need to protect your loved ones from another threat – your own vulnerability to the need for long-term care. Someone turning age 65 today has almost a 70 percent chance of eventually needing some type of long-term care, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This type of care, such as an extended nursing home stay or the help of a home health aide, is extremely expensive, and, for the most part, is outside the reach of Medicare. So, to pay for long-term care, you might have to drain a good part of your resources – or depend on your grown children for financial help.

To keep your financial independence and avoid possibly burdening your family, you may want to consult with a financial professional who can recommend a strategy and appropriate solutions to cover long-term care costs.

By drawing on positive emotions, you can empower yourself to make the right financial moves throughout your life.

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

Positively Speaking

Editor’s note: Following is the final column written by Gary Moore, who succumbed to his illness and passed away last Wednesday evening, July 14. His family is grateful for the tremendous outpouring of support he received from readers during his final months, and his son Toby has promised to attempt to continue the Positively Speaking column in his honor.

“He died full of light, love and gratitude,” Toby writes. “Although he was in great pain, he kept his sense of humor, and he kept his joy. He was a model of how to live, and how to die. I will forever try to be like him.”



POSITIVELY
SPEAKING
.....
GARY W.
MOORE

I’ve led a blessed and full life ... a big life. I’ve been fortunate in more ways than I can count, and I’m grateful for the many ways I’ve been blessed.

I think of you as a beautiful blessing in my life. The privilege to write to you every week has been an honor. So many of you have written me about my columns, and I’ve been grateful for each word. I’ve had the privilege to meet some, but for most, our relationship is through this column. That has not hindered the friendship I feel and my gratitude for you.

If you are a regular reader of my column, you know I was diagnosed with Stage 4 Gastric Cancer in mid-February 2020 and given nine to 12 months to live. Along with my incredible Oncologist, Dr. Pashtoon M. Kasi, at the Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Iowa, we have fought this cancer with everything we have. It has at times been a fun battle with Dr. Kasi at

my side, but as I’ve written many times before, there are a few diagnosis that a positive fight cannot overcome. It appears my battle with stomach cancer is one of them. So, this is my last letter to you in the form of my column, Positively Speaking.

To this newspaper, Managing Editor and Publisher, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the privilege of serving you and your readers. The fact you believe, as I do, that positive, uplifting, and encouraging content are essential for your community speaks volumes about you. Thank you for publishing my weekly column.

I’ve penned this column in anticipation of the day I can no longer write to you. I have passed the torch to my son, Toby Moore, a writer, actor, CEO, and now a columnist. Toby has instructions to send this column for publication upon my death.

So thank you for reading Positively Speaking. I hope you continue. I pray that my words have made a difference and positively impacted your life. I encourage you to be the light in the darkness.

So, here is where it comes to an end. May God bless you and yours. I wish you nothing but happiness and joy.

Warmest and kindest regards,

From your optimistic friend,

Gary

LETTERS

Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

We think you’re important enough to tell all our readers to turn to the Opinion pages and read your Letters to the Editor.

But first, you have to write us!

Mail your letters to the Auburn News, P.O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550.

Or e-mail your letters to the editor at news@stonebridgepress.com.

You’ll need to provide your name and place of residence, along with a phone number, so we can verify the letter is yours.

We don’t have a set limit, but if you keep it around 600 words or so, you’re going to have a better chance at seeing all your words in print.

If you want to write a bit longer about a particular issue, maybe a guest Your Turn column is your cup of tea. If you do that, try to keep it between 700-800 words.

Remember, libelous remarks and/or personal attacks are a no-no and could lead to your letter not being published.

So, what are you waiting for? Start writing!



July is FREE WINDOWS MONTH at Renewal by Andersen.¹



Why is July one of the best times to replace your windows?

Because more energy-efficient windows can help you **get relief from your uncomfortably hot home.**

Our exclusive High-Performance™ Low-E4® SmartSun™ glass is **up to 70% more energy efficient.**² It's engineered to help make your home cooler this summer.

Call before July 31st!



Why have our customers chosen us over another window company?

1. Fibrex® Material

Our exclusive Fibrex material was **researched by Andersen** for 30 years before it was installed in even one home. **Our Fibrex material is twice as strong as vinyl.**

2. Accountability

There's no frustrating "middle man" to deal with. **We manage the entire process—from building to installation to the warranty—on windows and doors.**

*A great discount
and financing can be
a huge help right
now! ★*

It's almost
like getting
FREE WINDOWS
for 1 year¹

\$0 DOWN

**0 MONTHLY
PAYMENTS**

0% INTEREST

FOR 1 YEAR¹

Plus

**SAVE
\$330**

ON EVERY WINDOW¹

**SAVE
\$725**

**ON EVERY ENTRY AND
PATIO DOOR¹**

Minimum purchase of four. Interest accrues from the purchase date but is waived if paid in full within 12 months.

Our
Fibrex®
material is

2X STRONGER

**THAN
VINYL**

Make your home more secure. Book a Virtual or In-Home Appointment.



**RENEWAL
by ANDERSEN**
FULL-SERVICE WINDOW & DOOR REPLACEMENT



Renewal by Andersen
is the only brand to win
both J.D. Power awards
for Windows and
Patio Doors in 2020



1-800-209-2746

For J.D. Power 2020 award information, visit jdpower.com/awards. ¹DETAILS OF OFFER: Offer expires 7/31/2021. Not valid with other offers or prior purchases. Get \$330 off each window and \$725 off each entry/patio door and 12 months \$0 down, 0 monthly payments, 0% interest when you purchase four (4) or more windows or entry/patio doors between 7/4/2021 and 7/31/2021. Military discount applies to all active duty, veterans and retired military personnel. Military discount equals \$300 off your entire purchase and applies after all other discounts, no minimum purchase required. Subject to credit approval. Interest is billed during the promotional period, but all interest is waived if the purchase amount is paid before the expiration of the promotional period. Financing for GreenSky® consumer loan programs is provided by federally insured, federal and state chartered financial institutions without regard to age, race, color, religion, national origin, gender or familial status. Savings comparison based on purchase of a single unit at list price. Available at participating locations and offer applies throughout the service area. See your local Renewal by Andersen location for details. License number available upon request. Some Renewal by Andersen locations are independently owned and operated. "Renewal by Andersen" and all other marks where denoted are trademarks of Andersen Corporation. ©2021 Andersen Corporation. All rights reserved. ©2021 Lead Surge LLC. All rights reserved. ²Values are based on comparison of Renewal by Andersen® double hung window U-Factor to the U-Factor for clear dual pane glass non-metal frame default values from the 2006, 2009, 2012, 2015, and 2018 International Energy Conservation Code "Glazed Fenestration" Default Tables.

REAL ESTATE



Jules Lusignan



T.A. King



Maureen Cimoch



Ellen Therrien



John Kokocinski



Adrienne James



SMART MLS

www.LakeRealty.net • www.WebsterLake.net

111 East Main Street, Webster, Massachusetts 508-943-9306 508-987-0767 1-800-552-7444
Licensed in MA & CT

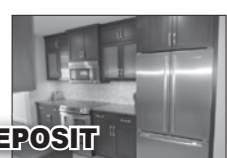
Listings Always Needed – We're Always Busy Selling!



WEBSTER LAKE - 11 Bay View Rd! One of the Lake's Premier Properties! 9,822' of Real Nice Set on .68 Acres of Park Lake Grounds with 297' Waterfront! Over \$4 Million Spent! Nothing was Spared! 18 Spacious Rooms! 5 Water View Bedrooms, 4 with their Own Bathrooms! 5.5 Bathrooms Total! Brazilian Cherry Hardwood Floors, Grand & Spiral Stairways! Elevator from the Ground Floor up 3 to the Master Suite! In-door Resistance Swimming Pool, Hot Tub & Bathroom with Steam Shower just off the Mirrored Exercise Room! Billiard Room! Media Room with Custom Cabinetry & Wet Bar! Fantastic Center Island Granite Kitchen with Viking Gas Range, Sub-Zero Refrigerator, 16' Butler's Pantry & Breakfast Bar! Open Floor Plan! Dining Area, Family Room with Cherry Entertainment Center & Wet Bar! Open Formal Dining Room, Fireplace Living Room & Atrium! Library with Private Deck! Waterfront Master Suite with Private Office, Bedroom with Triple Glass Door to its Private Deck with Panoramic Lake Views, 3 Walk-in Closets, Lake View Bathroom with Huge Multi-Head Shower, Whirlpool Tub, Double Vanity Sinks & Separate Commode/Bidet/Pedestal Sink Area! 16 Zones of Updated Geothermal Heat & Air Conditioning - 30 Tons! Recessed Lighting & Sprinkler System Through Out! 3 Car Heated Garage! Full House Generator! Slate Roof! All Decks & Railings Brazilian Ipe Hardwood! Copper Gutters & Downspouts! It's Time to Reward Yourself! **\$1,999,900.00**

DUDLEY WATERFRONT! 14 Elizabeth St! Sought After Merino Pond, AKA High Pond! Full Recreational - All Water Sports and Activities! Your Kids will Love the Sandy Beach! 7 Rm Colonial! First Floor Features a Spacious Eat-in Country Kitchen w/Tons of Cabinet Space, Plenty of Room for a Huge Dining Table, Island w/Lunch Counter, Laundry Closet, Pantry Closet & Entry Closet! Comfortable 13 X 26' Living Rm! Possible Office or Bedroom off the Kitchen! Full Tile Bathroom! Second Floor w/4 Possible Bedrooms, 2 w/Water Views! Convenient Second Full Bathroom! Full Storage Basement! 2 Zone Oil Baseboard Heat! Town Services! **\$379,900.00**

SUTTON - 30 Jones Rd! 9 Room 2,156' Colonial! 5.31 Acres of Privacy! Long Circular Drive! New Granite Kitchen! Dining, Living & Fireplaced Family Rooms w/Hardwood Floors! Year Round Sunroom w/2 Skylights! 3 Bedrooms! 24' Master w/ Master Bath! 2.5 Bathrooms Total! 12x24 3 Season Porch w/3 Skylights! Expandable Attic! Wraparound Deck! 2 Car Garage! Central Air! Super Easy Access to Rte 146! **\$549,900.00**



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

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

WEBSTER LAKE - 305 Beacon Park! Lake View 1,280' 5 Rm Townhouse - 10 Acres Park Lake Grounds w/Panoramic Lake Views! Yr Round Living or as 2nd Home - Summers on the Lake - Winters in Florida! Move-in Condition! Appliance Kit! Din Rm w/Slider to the Composite Deck! Frplc Liv Rm w/Wall to Wall Carpeting & French Dr to the Deck! Updated Half Bath! Spacious Master w/Wall of Closets & Full Bath w/Recent Sky Light! 2nd Bedroom w/Wall to Wall Carpeting & Full Bath just outside its Door! 2 Bdrms & 2.5 Updated Baths! Garage w/Opener! Lakeside Heated Pool & One of the Best Sandy Beaches on the Lake! Canoe Rack! Rented Boat Dock through 2022, Longer Possible! Great Fireworks Viewing! **\$335,000.00**

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



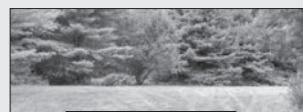
hope2own.com

508.943.4333

Sharon Pelletier - Owner Broker
Licensed in MA, CT & RIWe Want
Your Listings!

June Cazeault * Laurie Sullivan * Matthew Ross * Lori Johnson-Chausse * William Gilmore II * Brian Bohenko

WATERFRONT THOMPSON - BECOLA RD



SORRY, SOLD!

5+ Acre Waterfront Land On "Little Pond/Schoolhouse Pond. Private Setting. Open Field. 250+ feet Waterfrontage. Dead end road!
\$179,900

FEATURED NEW LISTING - WEBSTER - 22 ELAINE STREET



Bonnett Acres - Beautiful Residential Neighborhood! 3 bedroom Ranch, Hardwoods, cabinet packed kitchen! Tile bath, partially finished lower level! 20' X 12' deck! Garage! all on a nice level lot. Private well plus town water & sewer! A must see.
\$269,900.

FEATURED NEW LISTING - WEBSTER - 135 LAKE STREET



ON DEPOSIT

2 THUMBS UP! A RARE FIND! A TRULY ABOVE AVERAGE-TOP NOTCH-HIGH QUALITY-TWO FAMILY! SPACIOUS, CLEAN, UPDATED & EXTREMELY WELL MAINTAINED! Apt# 2 - 1,536 SF+ & 3 BRs on the 2nd Flr. Apt# 1 - 1,290 SF+ & 2 BRs on the 1st floor. Perfect setup for the INLAWS or MORTGAGE HELPERS. 1st Flr HWBB By Oil, 2nd Flr apt. HWBB by natural gas. Spacious Rooms, High Ceilings, Impeccable hardwood flrs & solid doors, granite tops, laundry hookups in ea. unit. Incredible Common Areas to Enjoy like the L-Shaped Covered Farmers Porch! Level Lot!
\$399,900.

PUTNAM CT - 89 PERRY ST UNIT# 250



ON DEPOSIT

Heritage Pines Condo Town House - Everything one would expect and then more! 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, all Hardwood floors, granite, stainless steel appliances, central air, 2 decks, 2800 sq ft +/- of finished living area, and so much more!
\$319,900.

WEBSTER - 99 UPPER GORE ROAD



SORRY, SOLD!

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

STAMFORD CT - 57 BARHOLM AVENUE



SORRY, SOLD!

Beautiful Stone faced. 8 room Colonial, 4 bedroom, 3 Full baths, one Half bath. Stone fireplace, 2236 Sq. Ft. living area. Walk up attic. 2 car garage. Heated by Natural Gas, Town Water, assisted sale **\$660,000.**

SHREWSBURY • 15 ABBEY LN UNIT 15



SORRY, SOLD!

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

LAND WEBSTER/OXFORD/DUDLEY/DOUGLAS

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

SORRY SOLD! \$200,000

Oxford - 4 Leicester St - Approx. 8.47 ACRES! River Frontage Possible to be Subdivided! **\$89,900**Webster - Upper Gore w/View of the Lake! 1+ Acre! Artesian Well, Septic Design & Conservation - DONE. **\$115,000.**Webster - Cooper Road 2 Buildable Lots! Water & Sewer Access. Zoned Lake Res! **ON DEPOSIT! Each \$24,500.**

WEBSTER • 233 - 235 NORTH MAIN STREET



SORRY, SOLD!

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

On the shores of Lake Chargoggagoggmanchauggagoggchaubunagungamaugg



Webster Lake - 300 Killdeer Island

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS! A WEBSTER LAKE waterfront property on Killdeer Circle, you won't want to miss! Offers a prime waterfront location! 64' of water frontage and a gently sloping landscape to waters edge. Crystal clear, sandy bottomed shoreline. Everyday is a new day at the Lake! Nicely arranged floor plan. 5 rooms 2 bedrooms, 2 baths! Walk out lowerlevel to nice size patio! Garage.
\$650,000.

WEBSTER - 401 TREASURE ISLAND CONDO



ON DEPOSIT

Floor & Carpet. Master Bedroom, W/2 Closets, Master Bath! 2-1/2 Baths Total! Slider to Deck & Slider to the Patio! Central Air! Central Vac! Very efficient natural gas heat & hot Water! 2 Boat Slips D10 & D11 in the Private Marina. Heated Pool! Natural Sandy Beach! **\$439,000.**



PUT YOUR TRUST IN US
TEAMWORK AND EXPERIENCE
Jo-Ann Szymczak 774-230-5044
Diane Luong 774-239-2937
Maria Reed 508-873-9254
ReMax Advantage 1
25 Union St., Worcester MA 01604



CALL FOR A MARKET ANALYSIS

Licensed in MA & CT

REAL ESTATE

8 Property REO AUCTION

Selling Absolute or with Low Reserves

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3

E. Haven, CT: 1,390± sq. ft., 3BR, 1.5BA Home

Newtown, CT: 2,110± sq. ft., 3BR, 1.5BA Home

(2) Bristol, CT: Retail Store & Auto Shop

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

Burlington, CT: Home Under Renovation

Simsbury, CT: 2.4± Acres Land

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

Johnston, RI: Comm./Office with 3 Apartments

Millville, MA: 32.5± Acres Land

JJ Manning
AUCTIONEERS

Addresses, Times, Full Terms & More at:

www.JJManning.com

800.521.0111 CT Lic #REB.0790057 • Ref # 21-1922-29

PUBLIC AUCTION

SOUTHBRIDGE

45 Sawyer's Path

Mortgagee's Sale of Real Estate on Premises



TUESDAY, JULY 27 @ 2:00 PM

This 4 BR Custom Cape features 2.5 baths, 1st level master, walkout bsmt, 2-car garage, vinyl siding, 1+ acre lot on dead end street. TERMS: A \$5,000 deposit shall be paid in cash or bank cashier's check by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance to be paid within 30 days. Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Details at: www.amgss.com
508-842-1900

AMG AUCTION MARKETING GROUP

Dale W. Schaeetzke, CAI, AARE PO Box 107, Shrewsbury, MA LIC#207

Be Your Own Landlord

Dudley: 2nd floor unit will be vacant, formerly owners residence.
Updated kitchen, bath, laundry.
3rd unit finished 8-10 years ago - modern kitchen and bath.
1st floor charming unit with natural woodwork. Off street parking.
42 Mill St ~ \$359,900

SZYMCZK SELLS!



SOLD

Dudley: 2 baths, 3-4 Bedrooms, Family room, Country kitchen, Fenced in yard
2 Ellis St ~ \$324,900

NEW LISTING



Webster: 6 units, Sided, 50 year roof, 1 bedroom each unit, Large storage garage, Updated electrical, heating & plumbing
227 School St ~ \$599,900

www.Stonebridge
Press.com

Gianna Grici named to Montclair State University's Dean's List

MONTCLAIR, N.J. — Gianna Grici of Auburn was named to Montclair State University's Spring 2021 Dean's List. Grici is a/n Dance major.

Grici was among almost 6,000 students named to the Spring 2021 Dean's List. To qualify, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Montclair State University is a research doctoral institution ranked in the top tier of national universities. Building on a distinguished history dating back to 1908, the University today has 11 colleges and schools that serve 21,000 undergraduate and graduate students with more than 300 doctoral, master's and baccalaureate programs. Situated on a beautiful, 252-acre suburban campus just 12 miles from New York City, Montclair State delivers the instructional and research resources of a large public university in a supportive, sophisticated and diverse academic environment.

Selectmen support feasibility study to join Webster dispatch

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — The Charlton Board of Selectmen has given the Town Administrator permission to pursue a study exploring the feasibility of the town joining in on Webster's regional dispatch center.

Housed in the Webster Police Department, the Southern Worcester County Communications Center is a regional dispatch center serving both Webster and neighboring Dudley who struck an agreement in 2013 to direct emergency communications for both towns through Webster. Seven years later Webster is exploring adding other

towns to the center's coverage area including Charlton. Charlton had shown interest in joining the dispatch center as far back as 2014.

On June 13, Town Administrator Andrew Golas discussed the idea with selectmen revealing that a study has been proposed that would explore whether or not several towns should take Webster's offer.

"State 911 has offered to fund a feasibility study to review the potential of this partnership and what would be required to meet the needs of each town," said Golas.

The Town Administrator added that he had spoken with Charlton Police Chief Daniel Dowd who sup-

ports the study.

Selectmen showed support for the study especially considering it comes at no cost to the town. However, Selectman David Singer urged everyone to approach the idea with caution especially with multiple towns involved.

"I certainly would pursue it and see where we are today, but just move forward slowly and understand that it may or may not go as planned," Singer said.

The board voted unanimously in favor of approving the study with Selectmen Bill Borowski absent from the June 13 meeting. Sturbridge must also agree to the study as well before it can move forward.

Seven Hills Foundation announces partnership agreement with IDD Organization in Puerto Rico

WORCESTER — Seven Hills Foundation and the Instituto Psicopedagogical de Puerto Rico (IPPR) announced the signing of an agreement to promote the advancement of community-based residential supports for children and adults with developmental challenges on the island.

Seven Hills President Dr. David A. Jordan and IPPR CEO Jorge Garcia-Ortiz made the joint announcement expressing "their Partnership Agreement is mutually beneficial to both our organizations and IPPR looks to Seven Hills in providing the technical skills required to establish a spectrum of community-based residential

options in Puerto Rico and Seven Hills looks to IPPR in cultivating a cadre of trained DSP's and clinicians supporting Seven Hills' activities in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. This is truly a win-win for both organizations."

The Psicopedagogical Institute of Puerto Rico is a private non-profit organization that for more than 65 years has offered integrated and specialized services to people with Intellectual Disabilities, including young people, adults, and the elderly. These integrated services include housing, food, nutrition, clinical, habilitative, educational, and recreation services, among others. <http://www.ipprpr.org/noticias.html>.

Headquartered in Worcester, Massachusetts, the Seven Hills Foundation is a comprehensive health and human services network currently offering program sites at 190 locations throughout Massachusetts and Rhode Island employing nearly 4,600 professionals. Seven Hills Foundation offers a continuum of clinical, educational, and community-based supports to 60,000 children, adults and seniors with disabilities and other life challenges through its 14 affiliate organizations that are part of the Foundation.

Deirdre Legasey named to Goodwin University's President's List

EAST HARTFORD, Conn. — Deirdre Legasey of Auburn earned a place on Goodwin University's President's List for the Spring 2021 Session. The Spring 2021 President's List includes 411 students, all of whom scored a perfect 4.0 GPA.

Goodwin University in East Hartford, Conn., is an innovative learning community that empowers hard-working students to become sought-after employees. We tailor our programs to address the needs of employers, and we shape them to fit the lives of students. Classes are conveniently offered year-round - days, evenings, weekends, and online. Degrees may be flexibly layered across certificate, associate, bachelor's, and master's programs in a variety of in-demand fields. Better still, we surround our students with the personal support and the professional guidance they need - not just to earn degrees, but to change lives for themselves, their families, and their communities. For more information, please visit www.goodwin.edu.



MEET YOUR LOCAL REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONALS

Perfect for Realtors, Mortgage Companies, Banks, Real Estate Attorneys, Home Inspectors, Chimney Inspectors, Lead Removal businesses, Insurance Companies, etc... any business involved in the buying or selling of real estate.

To join this section, please contact your local sales rep, 1-800-367-9898 or email jsima@stonebridgepress.news

Welcome Back



HEATHER MCKEON MAWN

Coldwell Banker Realty
9 Pleasant Street
Frammingham, MA 01701
508-479-5874
508-872-0084
heather.mawn@cbrealty.com
Serving the Blackstone Valley.

COLDWELL BANKER REALTY

2 HIGH STREET, BROOKFIELD - \$279,900 OPEN HOUSE 7/25/21 FROM 1-3PM

3-4 bedroom cape with 1 car detached garage and wrap around porch in nice neighborhood. Sought after Tantasqua School District, close to town and recreation areas. Large eat-in kitchen with walk-in pantry and laundry area. Dining room with hardwoods and built-ins. Harmon pellet stove, living room with hardwood floors, den, office or 4th bedroom complete first floor. 2nd floor has 3 good sized bedrooms all with hardwood floors, 2 with cedar closets, full bath and walk-up attic with a nice finished room. Newer metal roof, windows, furnace, oil tank and generac generator. Brand new septic being installed.




Lisa Caron, Broker/Owner
ABR, GRI, SRS, SRES, MRP, LMC, CDPE, PSA, RENE, E-PRO, C2EX


42 W. Main Street (Rt. 9)
Brookfield, MA • 508-341-8299
www.lisacaron.com

LISA CARON REAL ESTATE
FOR ALL YOUR REAL ESTATE NEEDS


REAL ESTATE REDEFINED



49 MAIN STREET, STURBRIDGE, MA



Patrick Sweeney
Realtor
License #9529769
(774) 452-3578



Carrie Abysall
Realtor
License #904677
(508) 641-0150

Licensed in MA and CT

Our Families working hard for your Family's Real Estate needs.



Randy & Shirley DeVries
(The DeVries Team)
508-320-1018
randy@devriesdolber.com
shirley@devriesdolber.com
Licensed in MA, CT & RI



Angela Dolber
508-826-8553
angela@devriesdolber.com



Janet Dolber
508-887-5136
janet@devriesdolber.com

DeVries Dolber Realty, LLC
971 Providence Road
Whitinsville, MA 01588
www.devriesdolber.com

Meet Your Local Real Estate Professionals



Jules Lusignan
#1 in Sales 2006-2021
South Worcester County
\$159,578,930.00 SOLD



Jules Lusignan
Owner Broker Founder

Lake Realty
A 42 Year Company!

111 East Main St., Webster, MA
Thinking of selling? Call 1-800-552-7444
www.LakeRealty.net
www.WebsterLake.net




FOR ALL YOUR REAL ESTATE NEEDS




Call: 508-341-8299
Lisa Caron Broker/Owner
42 West Main Street
Brookfield, MA
~ Notary Public ~

Representing Buyers & Sellers for over 15 years
caronlisarick@aol.com • lisacaron.com

www.StonebridgePress.com



Jo-Ann Szymczak
CRS, GRI, SRES
508-943-7669
774-230-5044



DUDLEY
Foundation with permits. Build your 46' Ranch. Select your own builder. Walk out basement. 2 car garage
44 Alton Drive ~\$149,900

ReMax Advantage 1
25 Union St., Worcester MA 01604

CALL FOR A MARKET ANALYSIS

Licensed in MA & CT



Why call the Michelle Terry Team to sell your home?

We have a great marketing plan that includes:

- Home staging services
- Home warranties
- 3D videos
- Professional photography
- Ramped up open houses!
- And so much more...



YOUR LOCAL REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONALS
130 W. Main Street
Spencer, MA 01562
Michelle Terry • Broker /Owner
michelleterryteam.com

Give us a call today! 508-202-0008

[facebook](https://www.facebook.com/michelleterryteam)

Summer harvest and care of raspberries

Easy care raspberries are high in fiber and Vitamin C, making them a healthy snack as well as delicious in jams, jellies, and desserts. Enjoy the best flavor and reduce pest problems with proper harvesting and summer care.

Pick raspberries when the fruit is firm but soft, deeply colored, and easily slides off the hard core. Check your raspberry patch and harvest every few days to avoid overripe fruit that attracts picnic beetles and other pests. Consider wearing long pants and a long sleeve shirt for protection against the thorns and mosquitoes.

Place berries in shallow containers when harvesting and storing to avoid crushing the delicate fruit. Chill any uneaten berries within two hours of harvesting to preserve the freshness and flavor. Wait to wash berries until right before use to further lengthen their storage life.

Once the summer harvest is complete, it is time to do a bit of pruning. Remove the canes that bore the summer fruit back to ground level. These canes will not form fruit in future years. Removing them now gives new canes room to grow and reduces the risk of



GARDEN MOMENTS

MELINDA MYERS

clues disease, like anthracnose and spur blight have moved into your raspberry patch. Remove and destroy diseased canes to ground level as soon as they are found. This is often enough to manage these diseases.

Summer is also a good time to thin the remaining canes on summer bearing raspberries. Remove weak or damaged canes, leaving three or four of the sturdiest per foot of row or six or eight stems per hill when growing in the hill system.

Wait until next spring to reduce the height of the remaining canes. At that time, you can determine winter dieback and damage and prune accordingly.

Fall bearing raspberries are handled a bit differently. Prune them like the summer bearing raspberries to harvest two crops in one season. Often called everbearing, these produce a summer crop on second year canes and fall crop

disease.

This is also a good time to check all canes for signs of disease problems. Look for sunken and discolored areas, cankers, and spotted, yellow or brown leaves. These symptoms along with dry crumbly fruit are

on first year canes.

Make pruning easier and benefit from an earlier, larger fall harvest by managing fall bearing raspberries with one pruning. Cut or mow all the canes to ground level once the plants are dormant and before growth begins in spring. This pruning technique eliminates the summer crop but is much easier, less time consuming, and eliminates any animal and winter damage in just one cut.

Consider planting a summer and a fall bearing raspberry patch to maximize the harvest. You'll enjoy summer raspberries from one planting plus a larger, earlier harvest from your fall bearing raspberries when pruning all the canes to ground level each year.

Grab your favorite berry harvest basket, dress appropriately and head to your raspberry patch. With every bite of fresh-from-the-garden raspberry or homemade raspberry treat you will be glad you took the time to plant, tend and harvest your own.

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-syndicat-



Melinda Myers

Raspberries are ready to pick when the fruit is firm but soft, deeply colored, and easily slides off the hard core.

ed Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

Town-to-Town

Home Town Service,
BIG TIME RESULTS

CLASSIFIEDS

1-800-536-5836

Place your ad today!

Salem Cross Inn
RESTAURANT & TAVERN
260 West Main Street, West Brookfield, MA 01585

NOW HIRING
**SERVERS, BARTENDERS,
& DISHWASHERS**

Applications available at
salemcrossinn.com, or send resume
to info@salemcrossinn.com

MOVING SALE
SAT. JULY 24 9am-3pm
21 First Avenue
Northbridge, MA

Rain Or Shine!

Weber Grill charcoal and gas, various hand and power tools, patio table & chair set, various yard equipment.

Trailer For Sale
with enclosed porch located at Indian Ranch, Webster, site G13. Completely furnished. All appliances included and extras. Refrigerator, combo wash/dry, A/C, Heat. View at www.indianranch.com.
Contact Arthur or Sage 508-892-4576.

FIREWOOD
Cut, Split & Delivered
Green or Seasoned
Call Paul 508-769-2351

WE'RE HIRING!
Looking for part-time:

- Accountant
- Bookkeeper
- Tax Preparer

All work is on site ONLY in Southbridge.
20-25 hrs/week
Salary commensurate with experience

Resume to:
Doris L. Towns, CPA, PC
39 Elm St, #212,
Southbridge, MA 01550

DOUGLAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2 Full-Time Custodian positions
High School (2:00 PM - 10:00PM)
Primary/Middle Schools (10:00AM - 6:00PM)
Hours and school building are subject to change
Positions are open until filled.

Interested candidates should send a letter of interest, resume, and three recent letters of recommendation to:
Jeffrey Kollett, Facilities Manager,
21 Davis Street, Douglas, MA 01516

We are also looking for substitute custodians on an as needed basis
All appointments are conditional based on a satisfactory CORI and SAFIS Background check per 603 CMR 51.00

The Douglas Public Schools is committed to maintaining a work and learning environment free from discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, pregnancy, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital/civil union status, ancestry, place of birth, age, citizenship status, veteran status, political affiliation, genetic information or disability, as defined and required by state and federal laws. Additionally, we prohibit retaliation against individuals who oppose such discrimination and harassment or who participate in an equal opportunity investigation.

APARTMENT FOR RENT

7 Lyon Street
SOUTHBRIDGE
first floor, 3 bedroom,
no pets, non smoker
\$800/month
Call 508-764-6425

LEE'S COINS & JEWELRY
\$ BUY & SELL \$
ALL GOLD & SILVER
ITEMS Specializing in
NUMISMATIC COINS,
Bullion items, gold
& silver of any form!
Qualified with over 30 years experience & a following of many satisfied customers. We also sell a nice selection of fine jewelry, antiques & collectibles. Bring in your items & see what they are worth. You won't leave disappointed. Honesty and fairness are our best policies!
Lee's Coin & Jewelry,
239 West Main Street,
East Brookfield
(Route 9-Panda Garden Plaza)
508-637-1236
or cell: 508-341-6355

FOSTER PARENTS WANTED:
Seeking Quality Homes Throughout Central MA To Provide Foster Care To Children In Need.
24/7 Support
Generous Reimbursement,
\$1000 Sign-On Bonus. Call For Details.
Devereux Therapeutic Foster Care.
(508)829-6769

ITEMS FOR SALE

Nordic Track GX5 Pro **\$250.00**
Dining Table and Chairs **\$150.00**
Large Wood Cradle **\$60.00**
Single Wood Chairs **\$25/each**
1988-1992
Auto Repair Manual **\$50.00**
1965 Jules Feiffer
Hard Cover Comic Book **\$50.00**
Elvis Presley
Cardboard Silhouette **\$40.00**
Elvis Presley Card Collection **\$75.00**
1923 Printers Specimen Book Catalog **\$100.00**
Printers Antique Drawers **\$25.00/each**
1953-1961 National Archives Peace and Prosperity **\$100.00**
Many Commercial Light Fixtures
Wood Tea Cart **\$75.00**
Coffee Table **\$75.00**
Small Wood Trunk **\$75.00**
Rocking Chair **\$60.00**
Call 508-764-4458

FIREWOOD
3/4 Seasoned/standing dead hardwood custom cut to your specs. Delivered to your home.
12"-14" \$300 per cord.
16-18" \$260 per cord.
Call: 508-282-0232

ESTATE SALE
Saturday, July 24 • 8am to 4 pm
71 Smithville Rd. Spencer, Mass.
Antiques, cast iron wood stoves, wood burning boiler, glassware, paintings, furniture
EVERYTHING MUST GO!
Call 774-289-1007 for more information

www.StonebridgePress.com

Town of Charlton - Animal Control Officer/Barn Inspector

The Town of Charlton seeks to fill a FT (40hr) benefited position for an Animal Control Officer/Barn Inspector. Must have knowledge of State and local law regulations related to Animal Control; Must have 3 years of experience with animal care and control. Must be able to obtain ACO certification. Hours vary depending on needs.
Salary range \$43,555.20 - \$49,275.20 yearly depending on qualifications.

To apply for the position or to see a full job description go to
<https://www.townofcharlton.net/158/human-resources>.
Applications must be received by July 24,2021.
The position will remain open until filled.
The Town of Charlton is an equal opportunity employer and encourages diversity.

TOWN OF BROOKFIELD ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The Town of Brookfield Highway Department seeks an Administrative Assistant (24 hours/week).The administrative assistant performs highly skilled administrative and clerical duties to coordinate the administrative activities of the department in an effective and efficient manner.
Position requires excellent communication skills both oral and written. Must be able to deal tactfully, courteously and professionally with residents, town officials, industry professionals and highway department personnel. The ability to multi task while remaining organized and detail oriented is very important. Must have working knowledge of Open Meeting Law, Public Records Law, State Ethics Law and Public Procurement Laws.
High school diploma and 3-5 years of relevant office administration in a municipal setting are required.
Please see job description (available on www.brookfieldma.us) for a list of qualifications and responsibilities.
We offer competitive wages and benefits.
Submit cover letter and resume to the Brookfield Highway Department,
56 Mill St. Brookfield, MA 01506
no later than July 30, 2021. EEO Employer

ALL WE KNOW IS LOCAL ~ StonebridgePress.com



Summer Lawn Tips

If the grass is always greener on the other side of the fence - it may be time to review the basics of lawn care.

A beautiful lawn is worth the effort. And properly groomed grass doesn't offer only aesthetic benefits. An average sized lawn creates enough oxygen to meet the needs of a family of four every day, is a natural provider for our ecosystem, and can boost property value by nearly ten percent! Need another reason invest time and energy into your lawn? Ponder this: The front lawns of a block of eight average houses have the cooling effect of about 70 tons of air conditioning-enough to cool 16 average houses. On a hot summer day, grass can be 10 to 14 degrees cooler than exposed soil and as much as 30 degrees cooler than concrete or asphalt. And it also provides oxygen. A 50' x 50' well-maintained grass area will create enough oxygen to meet the needs of a family of four every day.

**

Watering Your Way to a Lush Lawn
When and how much you water your lawn can determine lawn success. If you subscribe to the old rule of thumb of watering for a short time each day, you may want to rethink your strategy. Lawn experts claim a healthy lawn with a good root system doesn't require watering more than one to three times per week. The bottom line? Your lawn needs about an inch of water once every seven to 10 days to grow strong roots.

**

Still not convinced when it comes to watering less is more? Keep in mind frequent shallow watering leads to shallow root growth because roots only grow where the soil is moist. Shallow root growth can make a lawn more susceptible to heat stress and drought damage. On the other hand, if you water too much and saturate the lawn, you run the risk of suffocating grass roots. In saturated soil, deep roots can't get air and die. The only roots that survive will be those near the surface.

**

Your goal in irrigating should be to wet the soil where the grass roots are growing, no more and no less. To achieve this, experts advise wetting the top six inches of the soil thoroughly. To gauge how long you should run your sprinkler to achieve the six inch mark, place a few tin cans around the yard and run the sprinkler for a set amount of time. Then measure the accumulation to figure out how long it will take to equal six inches.

**

Despite the best intentions, watering a lawn thoroughly enough to wet the soil at least six inches deep is often



TAKE THE HINT

KAREN TRAINOR

easier said than done. Most sprinkler systems apply water much faster than the soil can absorb it. As a result the water just runs off, especially if you have a sloped landscape. To control runoff, take periodic pauses in watering by turning off the sprinklers to allow the water to seep in.

**

Compacted soil is another cause of water runoff. Soil compaction also restricts air, water and nutrient entry and slows root development. Remedy this by aerating the soil. Keep in mind lawns with deep roots can be watered less often than lawns with shallow root systems.

Also, let the weather work for you. Keep a rain gauge to determine how often you will need to water your lawn. For example, if it rains an inch, you can skip watering until next week!

**

Water at the Right Time of the Day
Early morning is by far the best time for watering lawns. For optimum efficiency and success, try to water in the wee morning hours. The high humidity and morning dew adds to the moisture quota, and evaporation of the water is lessened during this time. If you cannot water in the morning, irrigate after sunset. But remember, early morning watering helps to prevent lawn diseases that can be caused by watering at night because it gives your lawn time to dry by night fall.

**

Mowing Minders
Experts say a common mowing mistake is cutting your grass too short, particular for cool season grasses. Higher heights usually provide for a deeper root system, looks better, and is less likely to have weeds invading, particularly crabgrass.

Lawn pros advise adjusting your blade so that you never remove any more than one third of the grass leaf at any one cutting. By doing so, you can safely leave clippings that will quickly decompose and add valuable nutrients back into the soil.

**

The direction you mow your lawn is also important. For best results, your lawn in a different direction with each mowing... Altering the direction gives you an even cut and will prevent your grass growing in a set pattern.

**

To ensure a good cut, make sure your lawn mower blade is sharp, which may translate into sharpening it at least three times during mowing season.

Want to up your odds of a lush lawn? Try mowing during the moon phases. Here's how: If you want your lawn to grow, mow it during new or

first quarter moon. If you want your lawn to grow more slowly, mow it during a full or last quarter moon.

**

Lawn Statistics
That patch of backyard grass is much more beneficial than you think. Consider these lawn statistics:
*Healthy, dense lawns absorb rainfall six times more effectively than a wheat field, four times better than a hay field, and prevents runoff and erosion of our precious top soil. It also traps much of the estimated 12 million tons of dust and dirt released into the US atmosphere annually. Lawns also purify water entering into underground aquifers—its root mass and soil microbes act as a filter to capture and breakdown many types of pollutants.

*Increases real estate market value and salability. A Gallup Survey reported 62% of all US homeowners felt investment in lawns and landscaping was as good or better than other home improvements. The investment recovery rate is 100-200% for landscape improvement, compared to a deck or patio that will recover 40-70% of installation cost. Proper and well maintained landscaping adds 15% to a home's value according to buyers.

*Recovery rates among hospitalized patients are often quicker when their rooms view a landscaped area compared to patients with non-landscaped views.

*Playing fields covered with dense turf have proven safer, as demonstrated by a simple egg drop test. When a dozen raw eggs were dropped from a height of 11 feet onto a two-inch thick piece of dense turf, none broke; two thirds broke on thin turf from that height, and from just 18 inches, all broke on an all-weather track.

**

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

Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three 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.

To Heal, To Respect, To Console

Now Hiring for Registered Nurses for the following Departments:

(Some departments include working 72 hours and getting paid for 80 hours)

Medical/Surgical	Operating Room/Surgery
Emergency Room	Intensive Care
Pediatric Acute	Labor & Delivery

We are looking for strong, driven, compassionate Nurse Leaders, come join us.

Sign on Bonus	Excellent Benefits Package
Subsidized Housing options	Very Competitive rates
Loan Repayments options available	

www.tchealth.org • 928-283-2432
TCRHCCRR@tchealth.org
1 hour from Grand Canyon, Monument Valley, Lake Powell and Flagstaff.

CASUAL WATERFRONT DINING ON LAKE LASHAWAY

Check out our new SUMMER MENU including our delicious Lobster Roll!

Friday Acoustics 7-10pm

Please call 774-449-8333 for reservations, take-out or reserve online 308lakeside.com

Open 7 days a week Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Sun 11-8; Fri & Sat 11-9
 Please visit our website or Facebook page for our full menu.

**308 MAIN STREET
EAST BROOKFIELD
774-449-8333
308 LAKESIDE.COM**

Find us on Facebook

SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR WEEKLY SPECIALS!

Hot Summer Deals on All Meals

Many delicious Grab 'n' Go options to choose from!

WEDNESDAYS <i>Family Meal Specials</i> Starting at \$26.95!	THURSDAYS <i>Senior Citizen Day!</i> 15% OFF
---	--

Rt. 20, 630 Main St., Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-7077 • Open 7 Days a Week • 11am-7pm
 hearthstonemarket1@gmail.com • hearthstonemarketandcatering.com

Summer @ MW

TREY MCLAUGHLIN & THE SOUNDS OF ZAMAR

THE HANOVER THEATRE
SUNDAY JULY 25 AT 6PM
TICKETS FROM \$25

JOIN US FOR THESE UPCOMING FREE PERFORMANCES IN AUGUST

THE WORCESTER CHORUS WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE | THURSDAY AUG 5 AT AUBURN'S RILEY-PAPPAS PAVILION AT 6PM
BOSTON BRASS | SUNDAY AUG 8 AT WORCESTER'S CRISTOFORO COLOMBO PARK AT 4PM

LEARN MORE AND GET TICKETS AT **MUSICWORCESTER.ORG**



TRADE-A-THON GOING ON NOW!

*Your Vehicle Is Worth More Now
Than Ever Before! We Want Your Ride!*

LAMOUREUX





Visit us on-line at
lamoureuxford.com

366 E. Main Street, Rte. 9, East Brookfield
877-LAM-FORD or 508-885-1000

~ SALES HOURS ~ Mon-Fri 8:30am-7pm • Fri Until 6pm • Sat Until 4pm
~ SERVICE HOURS ~ Mon-Fri 8am-5pm • Sat 8am-Noon



WHITCRAFT – EASTFORD IS HIRING

State of the Art Facility
Highly Engineered Aerospace Parts
Climate Controlled Environment

Are you looking for a challenging opportunity that will allow you to develop skills on your career path to success?

Then Whitcraft is for you!

LEARN MORE AT THE IN PERSON

JOB FAIR

FRIDAY, JULY 23RD
12:00PM-4:00PM
76 County Road Eastford, CT 06242

**Be Part of a Best-In-Class
Aerospace Manufacturing Team**

**On the Spot Interviews!
Contingent Offers!**

Learn about our opportunities and enjoy lunch on us!

Employment for ALL
Know your Capability
Your aim, your choice, your goal.

Positions available:

- ❖ Flow Line Technicians
- ❖ Press Operators
- ❖ Inspectors
- ❖ Machinists
- ❖ KPO Technicians
- ❖ Welders
- ❖ Sheet Metal Mechanics
- ❖ Leadership candidates

Many Second Shift opportunities that come with a shift differential!