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Friday, September 10, 2021

Dudley police continue to adapt to reforms

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – Since Gov. Charlie Baker signed the “Act Relative to Justice, Equity and Accountability in Law Enforcement in the Commonwealth” in December of 2020, police agencies across the Commonwealth have been hard at work adjusting to the mandates and preparing for any inevitable changes or requirements that may be passed down by the Massachusetts Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission (POST) Commission in charge of solidifying the mandates.

In Dudley, Police Chief Steve Wojnar said there are still a lot of unanswered questions his department has to juggle as they continue their effort to comply with the legislation.

“The POST Commission is still putting everything together, but we’ve been working on different things from the beginning of the year like revising policies, standardizing all of our training records and getting those loaded up on the state website. At some point, they’re going to have to certify police agencies. Full time officers are going to be recertified automatically as long as their qualifications are up to snuff, but they also want us to certify the agency,” said the Chief. “One of the things we looked at years ago was to have our department accredited. It kind of went off the map because we didn’t have the personnel to get it done. It looks like the state is moving in that direction. We’re restarting that process towards accreditation. We’re hiring a lieutenant and we’re looking to have that person spearhead that operation.”

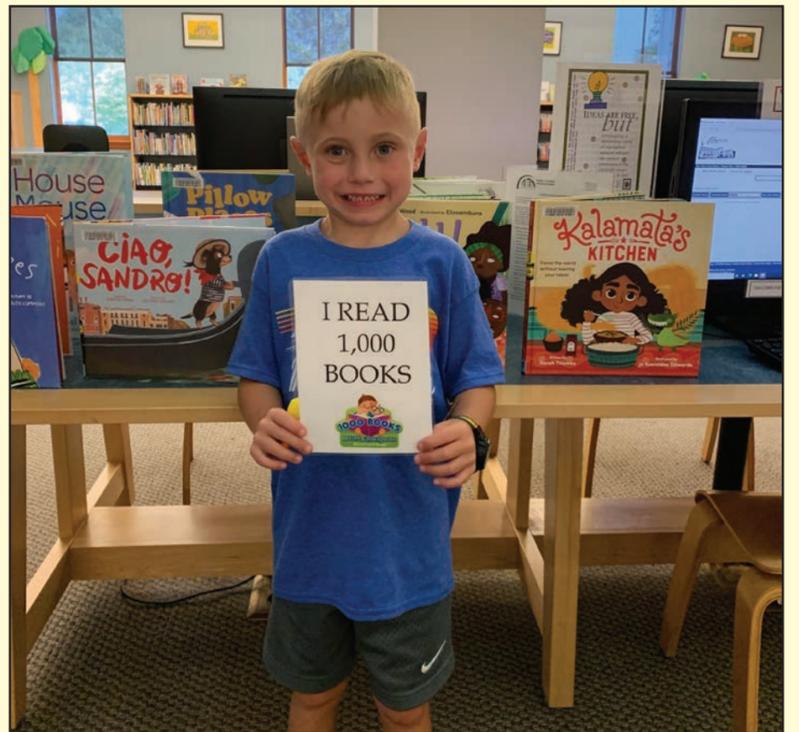
The POST Commission has been charged with creating a certification process for individual departments, and Wojnar said the accreditation process, which has been in place for years, seems to be the direction they are heading. The chief said a recommendation has been handed down to the POST Commission to combine the accreditation process with the certification requirements and if that happens the long-discussed accreditation for Dudley would effectively also serve as the certification under the new law. However, this is all speculative. Wojnar also noted how increased training requirements for officers will need to be resolved through the POST Commission as well.

“There are a few other things as far as reporting of complaints and those types of things. We’re still trying to determine how that’s supposed to happen. The state is supposed to be providing an oversight authority for departments,” said Wojnar. “There’s a lot that has to be worked out in that regard. It’s a huge undertaking because you’re looking at close to 20,000 police officers in the state that they’ll have to oversee. So that’s definitely going to be a big challenge for them, but we’ll try to work with them as best we can and work within the parameters of the law. We’ll see what develops.”

With the new law in effect for three-quarters of the calendar year to this point, Wojnar said his department appreciates the continue support they’ve received from the community. While he feels that departments like Dudley are being held to new standard due to the actions of authorities in completely different parts of the country, he feels the public appreciation for what Dudley’s officers do has never wavered.

“I think when you combine everything with the demands of the COVID situation with the reform movements and the anti-police and defund movements that were taking place it did put a tremendous strain on the officers. I give all my folks credit for staying the course, doing their job and continuing to be professionals and handling their responsibilities through everything,” said the chief. “I think you see the overwhelming majority of the people see the job that we do. It’s a challenging job. We’re always willing to look at things and improve on them when we can. I think I’ve stated before that I don’t think there’s another profession that’s out there that has had to change with society more than a police officer.”

1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN



Courtesy

Jaxon Thorstenson, of North Grosvenordale, Conn. just completed the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program at the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library.

DCLT to host program on native wildflowers

DUDLEY — The Dudley Conservation Land Trust (DCLT) invites the community to an educational program on native wildflowers with Robert Bertin, Professor Emeritus of Holy Cross who has studied the flora of Massachusetts. His areas of expertise include: Ecology and Evolutionary Biology of Higher Plants.

His talk will include the definition of a native plant, the problems caused by replacing native species with introduced species and how the environment has changed large amount of species over time. It’s important to note that native plants growing in the wild can be adaptable in your gardens and give you many years of enjoy-

ment. DCLT is also conducting a “Native and Pollinator Bulb Sale” and most of the plants for sale will be noted in this program. “Native Wildflowers through the Seasons” presentation is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept 21 at 7 p.m. (sharp) at The Dudley Grange, 139 Center Rd., Dudley. Event is free, however

registration is necessary, as space is limited. Please call 508-949-0250 to register and leave voice mail with your name and number. Visit our DCLT Web site, www.dudleyclt.org, for added information of the above program and our bulb sale, now showing limited quantities.

Ida underscores Baker’s emphasis on emergency preparedness

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION – Just hours after Gov. Charlie Baker proclaimed September as Emergency Preparedness Month, Mother Nature underscored his message with the remnants of Hurricane Ida.

Days after slamming into Louisiana as one of the strongest landfalling hurricanes in the state’s history, the once Category 4 storm marched northeast in a deadly path of flooding and destruction. On the night of Sept. 1,

the storm caused historic flooding impacts across the New York metro area before moving into New England.

In total, the storm was responsible for 56 deaths across the country.

Locally, several roads were made briefly impassable from flooding. Many towns experienced power outages, but the damage was far less than that experienced in the mid-Atlantic states. In New York City, the National Weather Service declared the first ever flash flood emergen-

cy for the city. In New Jersey, floods ravaged the northern part of the state while tornadoes struck the southern region.

For Massachusetts leaders, the storm represented the latest example of the importance of emergency readiness. As part of the state’s Emergency Preparedness Month, the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) is promoting its “30 Days of Preparedness” program. The initiative breaks down emergency preparedness into simple steps residents can take

in 30 days to be more prepared by the end of the month.

“To protect our families and communities, it is critical that our residents take steps to prepare for emergencies of all kinds, and Emergency Preparedness Month is an opportunity to do just that,” said Baker. “Preparedness can improve public health and safety and can help minimize property damage and the economic impacts of disasters.”

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Oxford Library teams up with DAR to commemorate Constitution Week

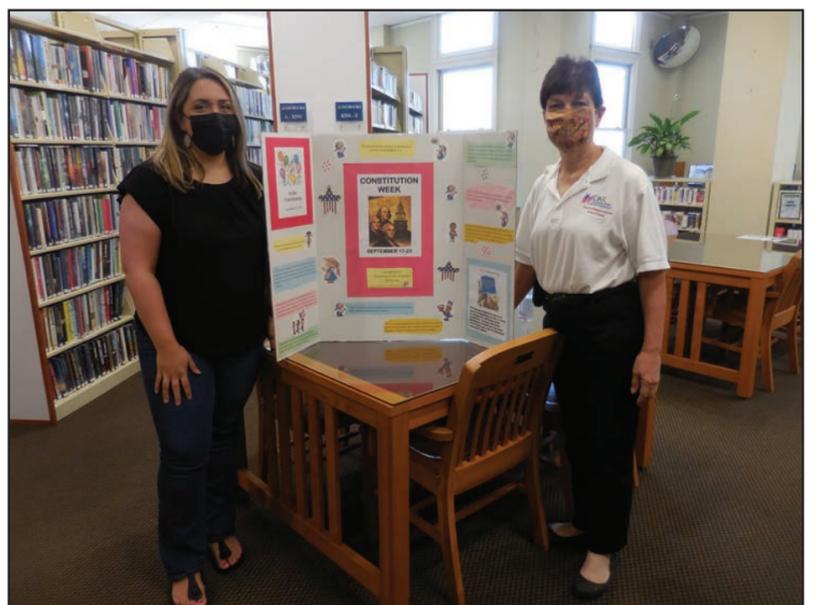
OXFORD — The Oxford Free Public Library and the General Ebenezer Learned DAR Chapter of Oxford, along with the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, have teamed up to commemorate the 232nd anniversary of the signing of the United States’ Constitution. During the week of Sept. 17 – 23, a display about the constitution with suggested books to read and bookmarks will be available. Come on in and see what it’s all about.

Did you know that nowhere in the Constitution does it say, “It’s a free country”? Amendment 1 of the Constitution does not include the words “free-

dom of expression,” but over time, it has been ruled to include limits to the freedom of speech/press/assembly for defamation, perjury, contempt of court, hate speech, size of public demonstrations, trade secrets, noise pollution, classified information and treason. Study the Constitution, know your rights, and know what it says and does not say.

Courtesy

Pictured: Library Director Brittany McDougal on the left, and Helen Poirier, regent of the General Ebenezer Learned DAR Chapter of Oxford.



TOWN OF WEBSTER HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT Motor Equipment Operator/Laborer

The Town of Webster is seeking a full time Motor Equipment Operator/Laborer who will work under the direct supervision of the Highway Superintendent. Duties include manual work of a routine nature in operating automotive equipment and related duties as assigned. The position requires frequent heavy physical effort and is performed under varying weather conditions. Qualifications: High school graduate; qualifying experience in the operation of light automotive equipment; or any equivalent combination of education and experience. Possession of **required operator's Class A or B CDL License and Air Brakes endorsement Hoisting license Class 2A, 2B, and 4A.** Starting rate is \$22.72 per hour.

Employment applications may be obtained from the Highway Department located at 23 Cudworth Road, Webster, MA or online at www.webster-ma.gov. Interested parties should submit a resume and employment application by 12:00 PM on September 17, 2021 to: Ms. Ruby Jones, Administrative Assistant, Town of Webster DPW/Highway Division, 23 Cudworth Road, Webster, MA 01570 or via email to rjones@webster-ma.gov. EEO/AA employer.



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Bay Path Practical Nursing students start donation drive

CHARLTON — Providing prudent nursing care is what Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy students master in ten months however, service learning is also a focus.

Helping members of the community who are in need has been a tradition for the practical nursing students and faculty at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy since 2013. Random acts of kindness and organized activities allows practical nursing students to help the needy. For the current cohort, through the efforts of Marylee Panient, the PN Class of 2022 had the opportunity to assist a patient's family and a community in Cuba.

According to Panient, "with the recent weather we are having, much of the community has been left in a vulnerable state as well as economic struggles and desperate need."

The PN class of 2022 and Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy alumni, faculty, and staff were able to donate personal Hygiene supplies (Toothpaste/ Toothbrush, soap, adult & baby/newborn diapers, etc.), Adult briefs, clothes (male/female of any size), blankets, canned goods, OTC medicine (such as APAP, Ibuprofen), entertainment/ toys, and supplements (such as Pediaisure).

"We were able to include everyone in the effort, but much credit goes to the Practical Nursing students for their caring heart and compassionate spirit," Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN Academy Director explained.

The previous years, the PN students helped many children through the UNICEF club.

"This year, PN Class of 2022 wanted to do more even with COVID-19, rather,



Marylee Panient

especially with COVID-19. The pandemic makes it clearer how much we need to be helping those in need," Bolandrina said.

The practical nursing students remain masked in class and continue to keep their distance. Not very different from last year, and the passion to help, the love and compassion remain the same. Service learning during the pandemic is more meaningful than ever.

"As nursing students, we are thinking of doing something like this once every couple of months and send help to a different community each time," said Panient.

"Most of practical nursing students have the desire to help, the compassion and love for community, so this has been a great opportunity to see everyone come together and contribute to making a difference," Bolandrina concluded.

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Bay Path LPN advocates for safe staffing ratios

CHARLTON — Even before the pandemic, safe staffing levels have always been a key concern in the nursing profession. COVID-19 highlighted the nurses' struggles. Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy alumna Ashlee Stevens-Ringuette, LPN from class of 2016 is advocating for change, writing academic papers on implementing safe staffing ratios to improve the nursing environment and quality of care.

A federal staffing standard do not exist. Currently, California is the only state with mandated staffing ratios after legislation was passed there in 2004. California's law outlines exactly how many patients a nurse can take care of in specified units like intensive care units and operating rooms. New York and several other states have laws requiring nurse-led staffing committees.

Stevens-Ringuette wrote that "maintaining safe nurse-to-patient ratios in healthcare facilities is a moral and ethical issue, as well as a patient safety issue." She emphasized that "more research on the frequently forgotten long-term care facilities is needed when it comes to staffing ratio models."

Further, she adds "it is clear that nursing homes, as well as all healthcare facilities, could benefit from safer nursing staff ratios."

Stevens-Ringuette's professional experience includes staff nurse position at the Apple Rehabilitation (Colchester, Conn.) and Wingate at Hampden (Hampden). While a student at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, she was inducted to the National Technical Honor Society, was an elected officer for the UNICEF Club and received a gold medal and silver medal for SkillsUSA district and state competition respectively for the Health Knowledge Bowl. She received the PN Class of 2016 academic



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excellence award for earning the highest GPA. Stevens-Ringuette was a finalist for the Massachusetts Vocational Association's Post-Secondary Student of the Year Award. She was a recipient of the 2016 Massachusetts Senior Care Foundation Scholarship. She is currently working on obtaining her bachelor's degree in nursing at Goodwin University (East Hartford, Conn.) with an anticipated spring 2023 completion.

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DUDLEY POLICE LOG

DUDLEY — The Dudley Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of Aug. 27 to Sept. 3.

A 31-year-old male whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Aug. 27 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member, Assault & Battery on a Police Officer, Strangulation or Suffocation, and Resisting Arrest.

A 44-year-old from Southbridge was issued a summons in lieu of arrest on Aug. 28 for Leaving the Scene of Property Damage and a Marked Lanes Violation.

Robert A. Iarosse, age 42, of Dudley was arrested on Sept. 2 for Resisting Arrest, Carrying a Dangerous Weapon, Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License, Failure to Stop for Police, Speeding at a Rate of Speed Greater Than was Reasonable and Proper, and in connection with an out of agency warrant.

WEBSTER POLICE LOG

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of Aug. 29 to Sept. 4.

James D. McNamara, age 46, of Dudley was arrested on Aug. 29 for Assault with a Dangerous Weapon, Disorderly Conduct, Disturbing the Peace, and Possession of a Class E Drug.

Stephan D. Putis, age 33, of Webster was arrested on Aug. 30 in connection with a warrant.

Kenneth Merrill Dupuis, Jr., age 52, of Webster was arrested on Aug. 31 for Disorderly Conduct, Disturbing the Peace, and Destruction of Property valued at less than \$1,200.

A 32-year-old from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Sept. 3 for Assault & Battery. A 33-year-old from Webster whose name has also been withheld was arrested during the same incident for Assault on a Family or Household Member.

Tomasz Zajac, age 37, of Webster was arrested on Sept. 4 for Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License and in connection with a warrant.

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\$450,000, 14 Hillcrest Dr, Shine, Harvey A, and Shine, Barbara A, to Siaw, Godfred.
\$285,000, 17 Allen Ave, Dellechiaie, Keith, and Parker, Christina, to Whittemore, Andrew N.
\$247,000, 13 Mayfair Cir, US Bank NA Tr, to Kirby, Marissa.
\$220,000, 11 Locust St,

Brunelle Thelma I Est, and Starr, Diane C, to Sprague, Christopher.
\$77,000, 72 Huguenot Rd, Fleming, Timothy, and Fleming, Vera E, to Nisachan Realty LLC.

Webster
\$525,000, 10 Pebble Beach Rd, Schold, Michael, to Vartanian, James.
\$350,000, 20 Stoughton Ave, Ruggieri, John A, and Ruggieri, Debra L, to Hickey, William P, and Burton, Catherine R.
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All programs are scheduled to be held outside on the Library lawn (unless otherwise noted), weather permitting.

Adult Programming

Yoga with Julie – Saturdays in September 10:00AM-11:15 AM

Join Julie at Gladys Kelly for a vinyasa yoga class for all levels. In Sanskrit, Vinyasa yoga translates to the “uniting of movement with breath”. A typical class involves a centering of the mind with the breath, aromatherapy, movement of the body to release energetic blockages and, finally, a rest and relaxation. Classes are free for Gladys Kelly patrons, and will take place in the Library’s Community Room.

Edible Wild Plants of the Northeast with John Root – September 9th 6:00PM

“Edible Wild Plants of the Northeast” is a power point presentation offering a comprehensive introduction to the identification and uses of wild plants for food and beverage. Distinguishing characteristics, seasons of availability, habitats, methods of preparation, and nutritional and medicinal value of our region’s most common and appealing wild plants are discussed. Questions and comments are welcome throughout the presentation, and illustrated pamphlets with plant descriptions, guidelines for responsible and safe foraging, and a bibliography for further study are distributed as well.

Fall Concert Series: Mark Mandeville & Raienne Richards – September 11th 2:00PM

Mark Mandeville & Raienne Richards have contributed their first decade to the legacy of American folk and country music, sharing emotively intelligent lyrics, unmistakable vocal harmonies, and a unique blend of instrumentation with audiences throughout the US and Canada. The songs poetically reflect their personal experience as factory workers, teachers, community organizers and natives of post-industrial mill towns in central Massachusetts. Accompanying themselves on guitar, harmonica, ukulele, penny whistle, electric bass, and most uniquely clarinet, their live performance is often punctuated by humorous commentary.

Concert is scheduled to be held outside, but will happen in the Library Community Room in case of rain. Please bring a chair or blanket if the concert is being held outside!

Indoor Movie Night – Third Thursday of the month, beginning September 16th at 6:00PM

Join us monthly on the third Thursday of each month as we show a new release film. We’ll make theatre-style popcorn for you to enjoy! The film selection changes each month, call the Library for this month’s title: 508-949-3880.

Book Discussion Group – September 20th 6:30PM

The Gladys E. Kelly Public Library Adult Book Discussion Group meets at 6:30 pm on the third Monday of the month. New members are always welcome! Next month’s book discussion will be on Monday, September 20th at 6:30PM the meeting will take place via Zoom, and will be about the book *A Woman of No Importance*

by Sonia Purnell. Stop by the library, or reach out by phone to 508-949-3880, or by email to ehale@cwmar.org for inquiries.

Children’s and Young Adult Programming

Songs and Stories Storytime – Wednesdays at 10AM

Join Miss Emily Wednesday mornings at 10am (starting Sept. 1st!) to read books, sing songs, and do rhyme games. Meet other children and caregivers at this community event. After stories, catch up with other community members over a simple craft. This Storytime is best for children 0-5, but all ages are welcome!

Masks are required for everyone in the children’s room over the age of 2 years. Disposable masks will be available.

LEGO Club – Thursdays starting September 7th from 3:30-4:30PM

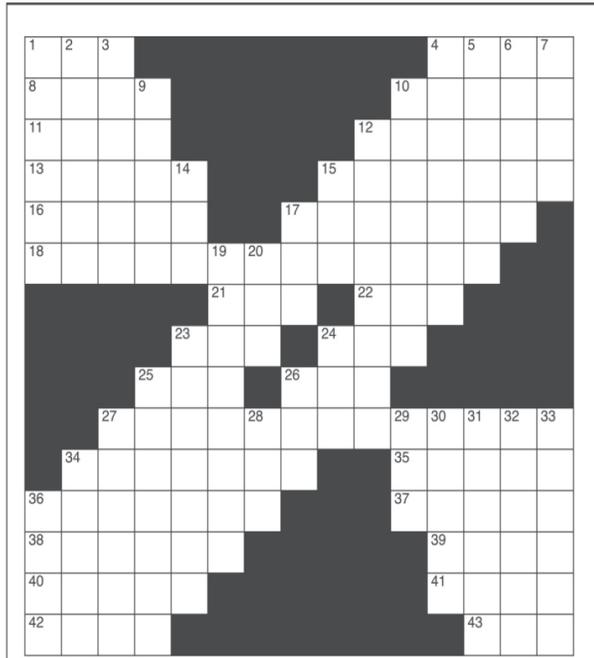
LEGO Club is back, and we’re so excited to have you build with us again. Stop by the storytime room every Tuesday at 3:30 to freeplay with our BUCKETLOADS of LEGOs or try out our weekly challenge!

Masks are required for everyone in the Children’s Room over the age of 2 years. Disposable masks will be available.

Drop in Paint Hour – Tuesdays starting September 13th from 3:30-4:30PM

It’s Time to break out the paintbrushes! With a variety of paints and paper available, bring your artist of any age to join in the fun.

Masks are required for everyone in the Children’s Room over the age of 2 years. Disposable masks will be available.



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| 8. Central Mexican river | 25. Corporate executive title (abbr.) |
| 10. Horn | 26. Shout of welcome or farewell |
| 11. Egg-shaped | 27. Imaginary awards for good deeds |
| 12. With tooth | 34. A citizen of Iran |
| 13. French modernist painter | 35. It can be sounded |
| 15. Disprove | 36. Making dirty |
| 16. Painful intestinal obstruction | 37. Romanian city |
| 17. Baby shoes | 38. Baking ingredient |
| 18. Make the grade | 39. Share a common boundary with |
| 21. Type of screen | 40. Succulent plants |
| 22. Christian fraternal organization (abbr.) | 41. Penny |
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| 1. A type of bomb | 23. Humorous expressions |
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| 5. Expressed opposite views | 27. One of British descent |
| 6. Group that lives near Siberia | 28. A way to get at |
| 7. Ore deposit | 29. Food-related allergic reaction |
| 9. Language related to Eskimo | 30. Group of arteries near the pelvis |
| 10. Narrative piece of music | 31. Picked up |
| 12. The distance covered by normal stride | 32. Being three in one |
| 14. Glycoprotein hormone (abbr.) | 33. Obscene |
| 15. Mathematical term (abbr.) | 34. Dravidian language |
| 17. Popular beer | 36. Growl |
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| 20. Historic Swedish castle | |

WORCESTER — Throughout the 2021 season, members of the Worcester Bravehearts baseball team had the unique opportunity of getting to know members of Open Sky Community Services through the Braveheart Pen Pal Club sponsored by Cornerstone Bank and Beltone. The summer-long program culminated with a cookout at Fitton Field on August 11 where the pen pals were able to meet in person.

The Community Membership team at Open Sky coordinated with Dave Peterson, Bravehearts General Manager, and Nate Gonelli, Director of Sales, to connect individuals served by Open Sky with Worcester Bravehearts players. The pen pals corresponded back and forth through a journal over the course of the summer to help the Bravehearts players feel welcome in Central Mass.

The individuals served by Open Sky who participate in the program had intellectual/developmental disabilities, mental health challenges or brain injury. This was an opportunity for them to be a part of the community and form a connection with the players. At the season-ending cookout, individuals from Open Sky gave baseball caps with the agency’s logo to their Bravehearts pen pals and in return received signed books, baseball cards and Bravehearts baseball caps. Peterson welcomed the individuals from Open Sky, and Matt Small, COO of Open Sky was in attendance as well.

“It is important for the student athletes of the Worcester Bravehearts to engage in a program like this, so they can develop connections with people who may not have had the same opportunities or experience they have had in their lives,” said Peterson. “A partnership like this goes a long way for our players to learn how to become role models in the community especially if they have aspirations to continue their playing careers at a professional level.”

Everyone had a chance to talk, get autographs and take photos. Several of the pen pals exchanged information and plan to stay in touch even once the season has ended. The individuals from Open Sky attended the game that evening and Lori Holden, an individual served by the agency, got to take home a pop-fly ball after it landed near her and a kind baseball fan helped her grab the ball.

Since 2015 the Bravehearts have hosted a Pen Pal Club, but 2021 was the first year the Bravehearts partnered with Open Sky to get in contact with those individuals served by the organization. The Bravehearts Pen Pal Club is sponsored by Cornerstone Bank and Beltone.

Open Sky is proud to partner with several local sports teams to ensure that the individuals served by the agency have every opportunity to be a part of the Central Mass community.

About Open Sky Community Services
Open Sky was formed through the 2018 affiliation of Alternatives Unlimited and The Bridge of Central Massachusetts. With over 100 programs throughout Central Massachusetts, the organization provides services and supports to more than 4,900 adults, young adults and youth with mental health challenges, developmental disabilities, brain injury, substance use disorders, homelessness or other complex challenges. Open Sky also provides services and supports for LGBTQIA+ youth through its Safe Homes program, as well as expert training for human service professionals and school personnel on evidence-based practices and best practice treatment models through the Bridge Training Institute.

For more information about Open Sky, visit openskycs.org.

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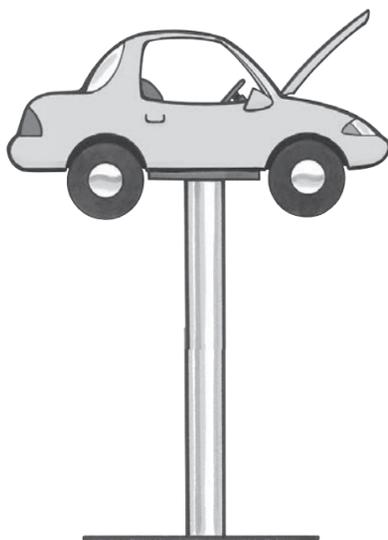
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EDITORIAL

'Tis the season... for fairs

The first day of fall is just around the corner, and while we love the summer months, there is no season better than fall. One of the reasons for that is, of course, the slew of county fairs taking place all around us.

While entertainment and rides have evolved over the years, there is something so refreshingly simple about a fair that brings everyone down a few notches. When we remember why county fairs came to be, we are reminded of the simplicity that once was the way of life for our ancestors.

Each year, the fair served as a vehicle for farmers to show off their produce and livestock in various categories. As the years progressed, more activities of course took place, however at the core is farm life.

When walking around through the different exhibits, complete with crafts and baked goods, the feeling of down home, old fashioned living welcomes us like a warm morning sunrise. To make things even better, it is the one place where just about the entire community will venture off too, making for a grand reunion of sorts.

We cannot write about a fair, without talking about fair food. Each year, we tell ourselves the same thing — 'no fair food this year.' Or perhaps you tell yourself something completely different, such as 'I cannot wait for fried dough and maple syrup'. But the fact remains, you should not exit the fair gates without eating a caramel apple or a steak bomb. An honorable mention goes out to kettle corn, fresh lemonade, soft pretzels and nachos.

The music scene at the county fair tends to lean towards country. This is just fine with us, as it helps to set the perfect backdrop to our ears for watching a draft horse pull or a demolition derby.

There is never a dull moment at a fair, especially for youngsters. There are petting zoos, contests and plenty of stores selling anything you can think of. Funny thing about the shops, they seem to be selling the same things they had in stock for the past 25 years. Mirrors, with a horse pictured in the middle with the silver or gold trimmed frame, invisible ink, rabbit foot key chains and a plethora of leather goods.

The midway games are a treat. We never really could figure out the basketball hoop, although we know there's a trick to it. The dart game, where you send one, hopefully straight into a balloon is a blast, but again, there's a technique involved.

In the states, the first fair took place in Pittsfield, Mass. in 1807, and was organized by Franklin Watson. Eventually, it became known as the Berkshire Country Fair and is still running today.

VIEWPOINT

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Do we desire to change?

Christianity is a faith that meets people where they're at. We welcome the believer and the one who has questions and doubts, the agnostic and the atheist. We welcome all people with whatever lifestyle they have.

We welcome everyone with all their shortcomings, failures, mistakes, poor choices and sins. The Church says, "Come and find a loving family, a home in which you can feel belonging and love. Come and find inspiration and guidance for life. Come and find forgiveness, healing, and new life. We won't judge you and surely have no desire to condemn you. We welcome everyone as you are. Come!"

If one accepts the invitation to come and be a part of God's Church, however, it's an invitation to discover something new about yourself; it's an invitation to change, to grow, to become "a new creation," to discover and fulfill the divine potential that God has placed within each one of us! It's an invitation to come and discover that we are deeply and unconditionally loved by God. Come and discover the precious and beautiful promises that God gives us to inspire our lives. Come and discover the divine potential each of us have deep within ourselves, a potential to become one with God, to become more and more like Jesus Christ in His love, mercy, grace and goodness. Come and become the saint, the holy one God calls you to become!

Our Orthodox Christian journey is not a journey to maintain the status quo. If one only wants to stay as you are and is not interested or open to change, then the Church and our Christian faith is not for you. If someone is content with who you are or even stubborn with holding on to your arrogance and pride, with your brokenness and shortcomings, saying, "this is who I am and you have to accept me as I am," then the Church and our Christian journey of transformation is not for you. You are welcome to come and discover something new but the welcome will be fruitless if you come and stubbornly stay as you are!

Saint Paul reminds us "If anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation; The old has passed away and the new is here!"

The problem is that too often we become comfortable with "the old," with who we are, even



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with our shortcomings and our ugliness. Maybe we don't want to honestly and vulnerably look at ourselves as we are and acknowledge where we need to change. Possibly we're afraid that change is too hard or even impossible, so we just give up and stay the same. Maybe we fully adopt the worldly view to "love ourselves as we are" and we lower our standards to what the world offers us instead of raising our eyes to what God calls us to become.

Remember the story of Jesus encountering the man blind for 38 years and the strange question our Lord poses? "Do you want to be made well?" It's not so strange to ask that question because many of us don't want to change and be made well; we don't believe we can change who we are. We doubt the power and inspiration of God in our lives to become new creations.

In our church calendar, we recently remembered Saint John the Baptist, the greatest prophet and messenger of our Lord. He prepared people to get ready to encounter and receive the Messiah, yet he did it in the ancient style of prophets of Israel. He was a voice crying out in the wilderness, "Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand!" He lived in the desert, was clothed in camel's hair and ate locust and wild honey. He boldly and bluntly preached a message to get people to wake up and turn back to God.

His words offended people because he was so blunt. "You brood of vipers," he chastised the religious leaders of his day, "Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come. Bear fruits worthy of repentance... the ax is laid to the root of the trees and every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown in the fire."

He called out the evil, sin and brokenness he saw rampant around him. Whether it was hypocritical religious leaders or corrupt political leaders, he candidly spoke the truth. He called out King Herod and declared publicly his adultery when he said "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."

When the crowds asked him what they must do, he clearly told them, "If you have two tunics, give

to the one who has none. If you have food, feed the poor... Bear fruit worthy of repentance."

He warned tax collectors who often stole from the people, "Collect no more than what is appointed for you," and to soldiers he said, "Do not intimidate anyone or accuse falsely and be content with your wages."

The Prophet John surely offended people as he uncompromisingly pointed out people's shortcomings and hypocrisy, calling them to deep and sincere repentance, to authentic change in their lives. He didn't accept the status quo and surely didn't believe it was enough to be a "typical" religious Jew who would go to the Temple or synagogue, make an offering, and do the minimum of one's faith tradition while living a life away from God. He challenged the norm and put the spotlight on hypocrisy of the religious leaders and pseudo-faithful.

Now the prophet comes in and stirs up the pot. He is not a pastor who gently meets people where they're at or carefully challenges them and slowly guides them in the direction of a new life in Christ. The prophet speaks the truth bluntly and unapologetically, no matter if he offends or ruffles any feathers. He is the mouthpiece of the Lord speaking the truth.

We need prophets today! We need to hear their prophetic voice of divine truth calling us to change, to repent, to turn back wholeheartedly towards God and the path that leads into the Kingdom of heaven.

Yet as a pastor and shepherd, I honestly cringe sometimes at the prophetic voice because I'm afraid it will scare people away. It comes across quite judgmental and harsh. In our society today, let's be honest, we've become too soft spiritually and often aren't ready to hear the Truth naked and unabashed. We aren't ready to listen because our fragile ego and pride won't allow us to vulnerably look at ourselves and our society and see where we have utterly fallen away from God and His ways. We quickly dismiss any prophetic voice as too fanatic and extreme.

The true prophet of God, however, was extreme, but extreme in his love for God and

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A refresher on school bus laws



CHIEF'S CORNER

STEVE WOJNAR

The last year and a half-plus have certainly been a challenge, especially for kids attending school. Even though we are not completely back to "normal," the start of the "in-person" school year is upon us. With classes back in session, this is a good opportunity to remind everyone of the laws surrounding school busses. Buses transport hundreds of children each day. Safety is a great concern while they are engaged in their business.

The law covering school bus violations is contained in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 90 Section 14. Drivers are required to come to a full stop when these vehicles have red lights flashing and children are entering or exiting the bus. A first offense penalty for a violation carries a \$250 fine. Subsequent offenses can range from \$500 to \$2,000 and can also include a license suspension for a minimum of 6 months. Drivers must also keep their vehicles at least 100 feet behind a school bus. Buses are required to have the words "keep back 100 feet" prominently displayed on the rear of the bus.

It is important to note, there are many other vehicles used to transport school children that qualify as school busses. These are outside the normal "large yellow bus." Passenger cars and vans are used quite often to transport students, particularly those who are disabled or with special needs. The Dudley Charlton Regional School District will have a number of these vehicles out transporting children in our area. Due to the less obvious appearance of these vehicles, many drivers fail to stop when required. The same bus rules apply to these vehicles. Please pay extra attention and be aware of their presence.

Remember to watch for children approaching or leaving busses. They may be rushing around and not paying particular attention to their surroundings. This is especially true for younger kids during the first few weeks of the school year. It can take some time for children and parents to become acclimated with their situation. Buses will make frequent stops, especially when transporting the elementary school children. As drivers, take the time to pay extra attention for potential hazards and always exercise patience.

On behalf of everyone at the Dudley Police Department, I wish you all a happy, healthy, and safe 2021-2022 school year.

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

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Facing a new need

To the Editor:

First, we would like to thank our community for their continued generosity in donating comforters and blankets for our sleeping bag ministry. As with everyone, this past year and a half has brought challenges and encouraged us to find ways of meeting them.

The ladies who work in the sleeping bag ministry certainly did that by instituting a round robin as they worked at home, continuing their part of the process. They kept things going through a wonderful person who would drop off work to be done while picking up

completed work and then going to the next person until each "station" had new work to do. In this way, well over 200 sleeping bags were completed. The ladies have been back at the church for three weeks continuing their work and have given out 120 sleeping bags in that period.

We now find ourselves with a new dilemma. We are once again asking the community for help. While we have the sleeping bags, we have been unable to do the fundraising needed to fill the health kits that go with them. These health kits contain a washcloth, hand towel, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste,

Band-Aids, Bible or inspirational book plus extra items such as shampoo, hand lotion, tissues (small package), etc. A hat, scarf, mittens or gloves are also included with the sleeping bags.

All items for the health kits are welcome but the items most needed are the toiletries, hand towels, toothpaste, toothbrushes, band aids and combs. Ties are also welcome as they are needed to keep the sleeping bags rolled up and closed.

If anyone would like to help, items can be dropped off at United Church of Christ, Federated at 4 Church St.

in Webster from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. People may feel free to call the church at 508-943-0061 during those times if they have any questions regarding the Sleeping Bag Ministry or this request.

We are grateful for your continued support!

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Who you see as quacks, I see as qualified researchers

To the Editor:

Wouldn't it be fun to be a fly on the wall to observe a debate between Mr. Magiera and myself? What is it about human nature that makes two people get totally opposite understandings of a single subject or fact?

I'm not embarrassed, Mr. Magiera, to share the sadness I felt when Dr. Coffman lost his battle with cancer. His

writings are being missed by many, but can be reviewed online through Range Magazine, among many other sources. I was mistaken, though, in not mentioning another author, Roy W. Spencer, who is a principal research scientist at the University of Alabama. Formerly a senior scientist for climate studies at NASA, and now leads the U.S. science team for the Advanced Microwave

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cles on weather and climate published in scientific journals. So, I believe the exhibiting facts I see with my eyes of those I consider qualified authors, but who you believe as quacks.

MARCIA WAGNER
DUDLEY

Thousands of trout being stocked this fall



This week's picture shows Don Cook of Uxbridge with his 250-pound Thresher shark he caught last week with a few of his buddies while fish at Stellwagen Bank.

Mass. Fish & Wildlife released information on the upcoming fall stocking last week that reported more than 65,000 trout would be available for this year. They are hoping to start stocking in mid-September if the waters cool. You can check out the daily stocking list starting in Mid-September on the MFW Web site.

A public hearing will be held on Zoom at 9:30 a.m. on Sept. 28, on the proposed changes in the pheasant hunting regulations. A proposal to allow bird hunters to harvest an unlimited amount of pheasant annually, and add a pheasant & quail stamp to requirements for all bird hunters will be discussed. For more information, go to the Mass. Fish

& Wildlife hearings page. The Fish & Wildlife board will take up the proposal immediately following the hearing.

A freshwater invasive snakehead was recently caught in Mass. waters. The invasive species could cause a lot of problems to the native species if they become out of control. It is illegal to stock any species of fish in Massachusetts waters without a permit, especially nonnative fish.

The early Canada Goose season opened Sept. 1 in Central Massachusetts! The early season runs through Sept. 24,



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with a 15-bird daily bag limit. The early goose season is geared to alleviate the overpopulation of nuisance birds that are fouling our water, beaches and golf courses. The first segment of the Mass. waterfowl season opens on Oct. 11 in the Central District. For a complete list of all the waterfowl regulations, go to the Mass. Fish & Wildlife Web site.

This week's picture of Don Cook with his Thresher shark that was brought to the boat in less than 20 minutes. This species of shark is very good eating, and this writer was given a steak from the big fish to convince me that they are very good eating. It was great. Tasted like a piece of swordfish after grilling it.

This week's second picture shows Eva and Logan Henchey with a few seabass that they caught while fishing with their Mom, Grandfather and Papa last week. They were fishing on the Southwest side of block Island.

Reports of numerous sightings of bear and bobcat for the last few weeks in the valley is good news for some residents, and a bit scary for others. Last week, a large bobcat was spotted in South Uxbridge by numerous residents. They

have been blamed for the loss of small pets over the years, but they are not a concern for adults. Residents in rural areas need to keep a watchful eye on their pets and young children. Deer populations are also high, but they will have plenty of food to sustain them through the winter, with the huge Achorn crop this year.

Deer hunters are already setting up their tree stands in anticipation of opening day of archery season on Nov. 27. A youth deer hunt will be held on Oct. 2 this year and a paraplegic hunt is planned for three days starting on



Andrea and Logan Henchey with a few seabass they caught last week while fishing on a charter boat out of Galilee, R.I.!

Oct. 28. If you no someone that is confined to a wheelchair, or some other major disability, invite them to join you for the three-day deer hunt. There are many veterans that would appreciate the invite, and time spent in the outdoors. Who deserves it more!

The Whitinsville fish & Game Club is getting ready for their annual field Day which will be held on Sept. 18 this year. They are planning a big day for all to enjoy, with a chicken bar BBQ, and plenty of other food from the kitchen. The Chicken BBQ tickets need to be purchased prior to the event. All ranges will be open to the public and there is plenty of free parking and music!

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Tips to Preserve Garden's Bounty the Old Fashioned Way

The pleasures of the New England harvest season are truly bountiful. Ripe, red tomatoes heavy on the vine, stately rows of corn stalks, and pots of leafy herbs promise home grown goodness for the family table. Whether plucked from your own backyard or purchased fresh from local gardens or farmers markets, preserving the "just picked" flavor of the New England harvest is a seasonal quest.

While freezing has long been a favorite form of "keeping" crops and traditional canning is enjoying a comeback, the old fashioned method of drying garden vegetables often gets overlooked by home gardeners. A modern dehydrator isn't necessary, as all it takes is an oven, some trays and a bit of time to maintain all the flavor, integrity and wholesomeness of the season's harvest.

Dry to Preserve
Drying is one of the oldest forms of food preservation, and a reliable technique that can be easily employed to stretch the goodness of home grown vegetables. Dehydrating removes moisture and therefore halts the growth of bacteria and molds, extending the life of precious garden crops.

Proper preparation of vegetables to dry is very important. Pick produce at peak of ripeness and rinse in cool water to remove dirt and debris. Dry thoroughly and cut into uniform thicknesses to ensure even drying time. Some vegetables, such as tomatoes, corn, carrots and potatoes should be blanched before drying to kill potential bacteria and enzymes that can decrease flavor and color during storage. Common foods that do not require pre blanching include mushrooms, peppers, onions, garlic and herbs. Blanch vegetables by boiling or steaming. Immediately drop into cold water briefly to stop cooking and drain and dry vegetables while still warm. (The warmth will aid the drying process.)

Place vegetables in a place dehydrator, or if drying in oven, arrange in a single layer on a wire cake cooling rack set on top of a sheet tray to allow air circulation. The optimum temperature for

successful drying is 140 degrees. This low temperature ensures moisture has completely evaporated, therefore lowering the risk of mold from any trapped moisture. If your oven doesn't have as low a setting, try the "warm" setting checking the temperature with a thermometer to avoid cooking the vegetables. Check temperature periodically to ensure oven maintains an even 140 degrees.

It can take several hours for garden produce to be properly dried. Sufficiently dehydrated vegetables and herbs will be crisp and brittle. Vegetables cut in thicker slices such as tomatoes should be dry but not hard (a bit pliable). Dried goods must be cooled completely before storing. Air tight containers such as zipper lock bags, glass mason jars and plastic freezer tubs are all good candidates for storage of dehydrated vegetables. Dried produce should be stored in a cool, dark place and can last from a few months up to a year, depending upon the vegetable. Refrigeration can extend the life of some dried vegetables, just be sure they are stored in an air tight container and always use within one year of packing. To ensure the product remains dehydrated, it is very important to check the contents periodically and discard any food that has become rehydrated, smells "off", or is moldy or tainted in any way.

Garlic Braids and Pepper Wreaths
Garlic braids dangling from kitchen rafters and colorful hot pepper wreaths hung near the chopping block offer not only homegrown décor, but a handy "pick as you use" year round supply of garden produce. Storing garden garlic and dried peppers in a creative way is not only satisfying for the home gardener, but the finished products serve as ideal "garden gifts" throughout the seasons.

Garlic Braid: Give Bountiful Bulbs a "Twist": Garlic is easy to grow, and even a novice gardener can produce enough garlic bulbs to store for use all year round via a well constructed garlic braid. To do: Gather up



TAKE THE HINT
KAREN TRAINOR

about a dozen of fresh garlic bulbs with greens attached. Begin braiding greens of three garlic bulbs, and then begin adding more bulbs as you continue up the braid. Add a new bulb on the right and work it into the braid, then a new one in the middle and do the same, then add a bulb on the left, layering the bulbs in an attractive braid as you move up the length. At this point the braid technique resembles "French braiding" of hair. For larger bulbs bring greens in from the outer edges (forming an x with the other greens) for an attractive French braiding rope. Continue braiding until all bulbs are used.

To finish off your garlic rope, wind a length of twine or raffia around the greens close to the top bulb. Tie off and tie ends together to form a loop to hang the rope. Hang in a well ventilated, warm area to dry for two to three weeks. When dry, simply snip off desired bulbs. For long term storage, hang braid in a cool storage area or root cellar.

Onions and shallots can be braided in the same manner.

Pepper Wreath: Pick Perfect Peppers:

Note: Before stringing hot peppers be sure to wear gloves to ensure safety while handling. Texas A & M University advises using waxed dental floss to string and dry hot peppers like jalapeños, as the strength of their oils can dissolve normal thread.

Wreath: To make a pepper wreath with slim peppers, you'll need to wash and dry a generous amount of fresh peppers. With a sharp knife, make two slits at the top of each pepper, under the cap. Using 12 gauge wires form a sturdy round circle (for larger wreaths double the wire or use a heavier gauge. To form circle, stretch wire over a bucket or clay flower pot. Make a loop at one

end. Thread peppers onto the wire through the slits, pushing them together at different angles until the wreath is full and looks attractive. Make a hook at the end of the wire and hook onto the loop. Hang up to dry for about two weeks.

Swag: To string a swag of peppers, wash and dry thoroughly. Thread a heavy duty needle with fishing line or unflavored wax dental floss. Tie a knot at the end of the line and thread through the stem of the pepper, pushing peppers close together and off to each side as you form the swag. For decorative effect, alternate red and green peppers. Continue stringing until swag is desired size.

Tie off and loop top and hang to dry.

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

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

out there to share your best helpful hints!

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

Friday's Child

Sacoya
Age 14

Hi! My name is Sacoya and I love to play active sports!

Sacoya is an outspoken, charismatic teenage girl of African-American descent who is always open to exploring new activities and settings. She loves to play active sports like soccer, basketball, cheer-leading, swimming, gymnastics, and dancing. Sacoya was on a local soccer team, as well as a Pop Warner Cheerleading team and really enjoyed it. Sacoya does very well in community activities, is very personable, and makes friends easily. She loves school and is on target academically with extra support in the classroom.

Who Can Adopt?

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

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

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

Some of my best estate finds

People often ask me “what’s the most interesting or valuable item you’ve sold?” After selling antiques and collectibles for over 30 years and running auctions for over 20, there are plenty of items that come to mind.

One of the first estates I handled after starting my auction business was full of treasures that were literally buried. The estate belonged to a doctor who served as an officer during World War II. He held on to many things throughout his lifetime, including newspapers and magazines. His newspapers covered many valuable items that were hidden beneath.

However, there were larger items that were clearly visible when I first walked through the home. There were marble-top Victorian tables as well as other Victorian era furniture. Furniture sold much better 20 years ago than it does now, and we sold marble-top tables from the estate for around \$400 then. Two fireplace mantles that were also from the Victorian era sold for just under \$1,000 each. There were five or six stacking bookcases that brought around \$200 per stack at auction then.

I had to dig a bit deeper for other smaller valuable pieces. I found a wooden folding camera in a purple velvet

lined box brought a little over \$1,000 at auction. A bookcase held a small bud vase marked “LCT.” The approximately six-inch vase was a “pulled feather pattern” by Louis Comfort Tiffany and sold for close to \$1,000 at auction.

The doctor whose estate I was handling had served in the South Pacific during World War II and had many photographic negatives from his time in the service as well as other times during his life, including photos and negatives from the 1939 New York World’s Fair. These photos and negatives sold for well over \$1,000 when split into several lots.

There were also some paintings in the estate, including one by Impressionist painter Joseph H. Greenwood of Spencer, Mass. According to a Worcester Art Museum biography, Greenwood “left school at age 11 to work in the local boot factory and later wire mill. Meanwhile, he scavenged chicken feathers for brushes and wallpaper scraps for pigment to create his first works of art.” A wealthy mill owner recognized his artistic talent and



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paid for two terms of study for Greenwood at Wilbraham Academy. Greenwood made a living painting local landscapes. The Greenwood painting I found in this estate had been damaged, but still sold for over \$2,000.

A collection of phonographs was the most valuable find. There were Edison cylinder players that were selling in the \$300 to \$500 range at the time. A metal sign advertising Edison records picturing Thomas Edison sold for nearly \$1,000. But the best find was a Berliner gramophone. Emile Berliner manufactured phonographs that played discs in competition with Edison’s cylinder players. The Berliner gramophone hit a high note with bidders when it sold for over \$5,000 at one of our auctions.

Our current online model railroad and die-cast car auction ends on Sept. 22. Our online estate auction with 1950s and 1960s Corvettes, boat motors, tools and other estate items will be open for bidding by September 22nd. I’ll be teaching my “Evaluating your antiques” night class Nov. 10 at Bay Path Evening



School in Charlton and on Nov. 13 I’ll also be appraising items virtually for the Townsend, Mass. Historical Society. Please visit our website for more details on upcoming events: <https://centralmassauctions.com>

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Enthusiasm

When people decide to pursue a dream, they usually get fired up and motivated. They lose weight; make a business plan, build the team, hire the lawyers, contact the agents, write the book, rent the office, and tell everyone they know; They make sure to dot all the i’s and cross all the t’s!

It’s easy at the beginning of a dream to keep a good attitude; we know our success is imminent. It is in this stage of a plan when people’s enthusiasm is usually through the roof.

If the dream doesn’t happen as fast as we think it ought to, sometimes people quickly become depressed, the negative voices in their head begin to say, “it’s

been too long; it’s never gonna happen” “Just give up; who do you think you are?” “You weren’t cut out for this! stop wasting your time!” “No reason to stay sober, just have a drink and smoke!”

Suddenly, the enthusiasm is gone. What was once a happy and exciting endeavor has now become something different. Fear, doubt, complacency may have set in, and being fired up and excited about the possibilities is just a fading memory.

For most, this is just too much to handle. After just a couple of days of feeling like that, they’ll give up and wish they’d never have tried in the

first place. What happened? It started so well! Lots of things can happen that lead to a downfall of a dream, but the most dangerous thing that can happen is a loss of enthusiasm.

Without the enthusiasm that was first brought to the dream, the dream may become unobtainable. Sometimes it takes so long that when the opportunity for success finally presents itself, it’s ruined because the loss of enthusiasm can make you uninteresting at best, jaded and bitter at worst.

Without that original fire you brought to the dream, it will be hard for anyone to want to buy what you’re selling or even want to be of any

help whatsoever.

Have you ever had a non-enthusiastic teacher hold your attention for very long? How long can you sit through a sermon from a pastor who doesn’t seem to care what they are teaching? Have you ever wanted to buy a product from a non-enthusiastic salesperson? How do you feel when your waiter acts like they hate their life? Do you want to tip them?

I got my oil changed a couple of weeks back, and I was the first customer of the day! I drove into the garage, sure to be greeted with a smile. The young man working the front just glared at me as I pulled in; it was uncomfortable! He was heartbroken at my presence; I wanted to drive

away as fast as possible, but unfortunately for him and me, I had to get the oil changed right then and there.

The one ingredient missing from the above scenarios that would make everything better is enthusiasm! Without enthusiasm, you’re blah!

Enthusiasm makes you likable, it makes you interesting, and it makes people want to help you!

On the long road of accomplishing a significant dream, finding a way to keep your enthusiasm will be your most important task and maybe your most difficult.

Napoleon Hill said that “Enthusiasm is the steam that makes the engine work.”

The word “enthusiasm” has its origins in

the Greek language and translates to “God Within!”

The ancient Greeks used it to describe people who possessed superhuman abilities! If you accomplished great things, the Greeks would say you have Enthusiasm!

Have you ever seen a non-enthusiastic person described as having a god within them?

It’s almost exclusively the fired-up, motivated, interested, and person who is full of life who has that quality! That’s the type of person the Greeks would say has a god living within them!

Have you lost your enthusiasm? Get it back! Get fired up! Let people see the power inside of you!

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LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Matthew J. Bonney and Sheryl A. Bonney, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for H&R Block Mortgage, dated June 30, 2004, and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 34045 at Page 8, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., to Bank of America, N.A., Successor by Merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP, f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP, dated June 28, 2012, recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 49271, Page 345; by assignment from Bank of America, N.A., Successor by Merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP, f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP to Nationstar Mortgage LLC, dated May 21, 2014, recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 52556, Page 210; by assignment from Nationstar Mortgage LLC, to MTGLQ Investors, L.P., dated January 5, 2017, recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 56662, Page 27; and by an assignment from MTGLQ Investors, L.P., to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee of the Chalet Series IV Trust, dated August 26, 2019, recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 61191, Page 268, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 2:00 P.M. on the 22nd day of September 2021, at 10 Sullivan Boulevard, Oxford, MA 01540, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

To wit:
Property Address: 10 Sullivan Boulevard, Oxford, MA 01540
Tax Assessor’s Information: 48 C 01.14

The land in Oxford on the westerly side of Sullivan Boulevard, so called, and shown as Lot 11 on a Plan of Land in Oxford, Massachusetts owned by John D. Sullivan and Margaret A. Sullivan, dated April 3, 1989 and recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 621, Plan 113, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point at the northeast corner of tract herein described on the

westerly sideline of Sullivan Boulevard, at the southeast corner of Lot #10; THENCE: south 02 degrees 41’ 48” west along the westerly sideline of said Sullivan Boulevard a distance of twelve and twenty-eight hundredths (12.28) feet to a point;

THENCE: running southerly along the westerly sideline of said Sullivan Boulevard on a curve to the right having a radius of 375.00 feet and a length of 143.99 feet to a point;

THENCE: north 76 degrees 49’ 25” west along Lot #12 a distance of two hundred fifty-one and ninety hundredths (251.90) feet to a point;

THENCE: north 02 degrees 41’ 48” east along land now or lately of one Germain, a distance of one hundred fifty-seven and no hundredths (157.00) feet to a point;

THENCE: south 76 degrees 59’ 11” east along said Lot 10 a distance of two hundred and seventy nine and fifty-two hundredths (279.52) feet to a point;

The above described tract contains an area of 41,958 square feet.

For our title reference see that deed of Steve Campbell and Nancy Campbell to Nancy A. Campbell, Individually, dated August 19, 1996, and recorded with the Oxford, Worcester (S) County Registry of Deeds on at Book 18192, Page 128.

Premises to be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

Terms of sale: A deposit of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Demerle Hoeger LLP, 10 City Square, 4th Floor, Boston, MA 02129 within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

U.S. Bank Trust National Association,

as Trustee of the Chalet Series IV Trust,
Present holder of said mortgage,
By its Attorneys,
Demerle Hoeger LLP
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(617) 337-4444

August 27, 2021
September 3, 2021
September 10, 2021

LEGALNOTICE

Warrant Articles #7, 8, and 9 of the Annual Town Meeting held on May 24, 2021, has received approval from the Attorney General’s Office on August 20, 2021. The entire text of this by-law is posted in the following five places in accordance with G.L. c. 40 § 32:

Dudley Municipal Complex, Pearl Crawford Memorial Library, Mason Road School, Dudley District Court House and Shepherd Hill High School.

Attest: Lori A. Smith,
Dudley Town Clerk
September 3, 2021
September 10, 2021

WEBSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS Special Education Information - August, 2021

Child Find

This notice is provided in compliance with State and Federal regulations for conducting Child Find activities in order to identify students who may be in need of an evaluation to determine eligibility for special education services.

Parents/guardians of children ages 3 through 22, who reside in Webster and feel their child is in need of an evaluation for determination of eligibility for special education services, should contact the Office of Student Support Services at Webster Public Schools, 77 Poland Street, Webster, MA 01570. Information regarding the procedure for requesting an evaluation can be obtained by calling the Office of Student Support Services at (508) 943-3646.

NOTICE OF DESTRUCTION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION RECORDS

In compliance with Massachusetts Student Records Regulation, the Webster Public School District will destroy the Special Education records of any Webster student who transferred, graduated, withdrew or termi-

nated from Special Education programs or services prior to June 30, 2014. This is in accordance with the requirement to destroy such records after a period of seven years.

Any parent/guardian or student, ages 14 years or older, can obtain their original record within two weeks of this notice. They may do so by contacting Webster Public School’s Office of Student Support Services at 508-943-3646 no later than October 1, 2021.

All unclaimed student records meeting the above criteria will be destroyed after the October 1, 2021 deadline.

September 3, 2021
September 10, 2021
September 17, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Division Docket No. WO21P2735EA

Estate of:
Richard C. Fournier
Date Of Death: June 24, 2019
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Jeannine M. Fournier of Woodstck CT

a Will has been admitted to informal probate
Jeannine M. Fournier of Woodstck CT

has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

September 10, 2021

Keep gardening after the first fall frost

There is nothing worse than frost in the forecast and a garden full of vegetables not quite ready for picking. Use some simple strategies to extend the growing season and keep enjoying garden-fresh vegetables.



GARDEN MOMENTS
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MELINDA MYERS

filled with large plants. Use hoops and row covers to allow easy access for harvesting while protecting the plants. Systems like Maxi Garden Hoops stand seven feet tall and five feet wide when installed. Simply cover the set of three hoops with row cover fabric.

Fortunately, some vegetables like cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, kale, and Brussels sprouts tolerate frost and even taste better after a slight chill. Most of these can tolerate temperatures as low as 24 to 28 degrees Fahrenheit.

Leeks are another vegetable that thrive in cooler temperatures. Many tolerate temperatures as low as 20 degrees Fahrenheit. Just mound some protective mulch around the plants and continue harvesting. Leave some of your carrots, turnips, and parsnips in the ground for winter. Just cover the soil with straw or evergreen boughs after it lightly freezes. Dig as needed or during a winter thaw. You will enjoy their wonderfully sweet flavor.

Protect frost-sensitive plants with old bed sheets and even mattress pads. Cover the plants in late afternoon and remove them as soon as the temperatures climb above freezing. Keep them handy and be ready to cover whenever frost is in the forecast.

Make it easier by using all-purpose garden fabric row covers. This spun material allows air, light, and water through while protecting the plants from frost. Loosely cover the plants and anchor the edges with stones, boards, or garden pins. You only need to remove the fabric to harvest ripe vegetables. Otherwise, it can stay in place until the vegetables stop producing or you decide it is time to end the season.

Cloches have long been used to jump start the season or extend it beyond the first fall frost. You will find a variety of shapes and sizes available. Select one large enough to cover your plants and protect them as needed. Look for those with vents to prevent plants from overheating and ones like the cool weather row cloches (gardeners.com) that allow water through while trapping in the heat.

Don't let unripe tomatoes go to waste if you are unable or unwilling to protect them from frost. Harvest any that are starting to show color before the killing frost and finish ripening them indoors. The bottom of the tomato should be greenish white or starting to color up. Store your green tomatoes in a cool (60 to 65 degrees) location to extend their storage life.

Spread the tomatoes out on heavy paper or wrap them individually in newspaper so the fruit do not touch. They will ripen over the next few weeks. Speed up the process by moving a few tomatoes to a warm, bright location a few days before they are needed. Enjoy green tomatoes fried, in relish, salsa, pies or one of many more ways.

And when the season finally ends for you, start planning for next year. Many of these same strategies can be used to jump start the season for an earlier harvest.

Melinda Myers is the author of more than 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to



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High tunnel systems with hoops and row covers work well on garden beds filled with large plants, allowing easy access for harvesting while protecting the plants.

Grow Anything" DVD series and the Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds &

Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Gardener's Supply for her expertise to write this article. Her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

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in his faithfulness in obeying God. He preached his message because he wanted people to see how they have fallen away from God and to turn back toward Him so that they could be healed and renewed and given new life.

So how do we reconcile this – on one hand the Church warmly welcomes everyone as they are and where they are, with all our brokenness and sinfulness. Yet the prophetic voice bluntly calls us to repentance and change. These two approaches can go hand-in-hand.

Remember, the Church welcomes

everyone as we are and where we are but with an invitation to discover who we can become. The invitation of the Church is to embrace a journey of change, of healing, of transformation, of new life. None of us should stay as we are but all of us should strive to fulfill our divine potential and become who God wants us to be.

Let's not be deceived by those who say we don't need to change. Let's discover and strive to walk down the path of life that leads to true, eternal life – a new life in Jesus Christ that constantly changes us into a new creation growing more and more into His likeness.

Come everyone and discover this path of new life!

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Visitors to www.Mass.gov/Ready can view a full list of preparedness steps that can be taken in 30 days. The website also features ways to prepare for specific threats and hazards. From the possibility of tornadoes and hurricanes in warmer months, to ice storms and blizzards in the winter, New England residents have to be ready for all kinds of wild weather.

“Emergency Preparedness Month is a time each year to make ourselves and our families better prepared,” said Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito. “While MEMA and other agencies continue to strengthen our state’s preparedness for the next disaster, we encourage the Commonwealth’s residents and businesses to take simple steps to prepare before the next emergency.”

Added Acting Public Safety and Security Secretary Director Terrence Reidy, “Massachusetts faces a variety of hazards and threats that can cause damage. Residents can improve their personal preparedness and build community resilience by knowing their risks, taking steps to prepare themselves, and knowing what to do in an emergency.”

MEMA officials will play a pivotal role in the monthlong preparedness campaign. MEMA is the agency charged



Courtesy

The remnants of Hurricane Ida caused flooding throughout the region last week, with multiple roads closed due to rising water.

with ensuring the state is prepared to withstand all types of emergencies and disasters, including natural hazards, accidents, deliberate attacks, and technological and infrastructure failures.

“Even though getting prepared may seem overwhelming, it can be simplified by breaking it down into smaller,

more manageable steps,” said MEMA Deputy Director Pat Carnevale. “We encourage you to complete one task each day throughout the month and you’ll be better prepared by the end of the month.”

A few preparedness steps include ensuring you have flashlights and extra

batteries; stocking up on bottled water and other supplies; readying your vehicle with blankets, water, and medical supplies in case you become stranded on the road in a storm; and making sure your home is winter-ready.

During September, MEMA and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health will share information on their respective social media accounts about emergency preparedness topics. These include emergency planning, building an emergency kit, preparing for disasters, youth preparedness, and community preparedness. Meanwhile, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation will feature signage along highways to raise awareness of Emergency Preparedness Month.

Additionally, MEMA is continuing to expand partnerships with federal, state, and local government agencies, as well as the private sector, families, nonprofits, and businesses.

“MEMA ensures the Commonwealth’s ability to rapidly recover from large and small disasters by assessing and mitigating threats and hazards, enhancing preparedness, ensuring effective responses, and strengthening our capacity to rebuild and recover.” read a statement released by the agency.

For additional information about MEMA and emergency preparedness, visit www.mass.gov/mema.

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Reservations from vendors are now being accepted. Each 10-by-10-foot space is \$15, and vendors must bring their own table.

For more information or to reserve a spot, contact the church office at 508-987-2211 or officeadmin@oxfordfirstucc.org, or contact Fran at 508-987-8961.

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