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Arrest made in Milford storage unit homicide

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

MILFORD — An arrest has been made in connection with the stabbing death of a Milford man recently found inside a storage locker.

According to Worcester County District Attorney Joseph D. Early, Jr., who held a press conference on Aug. 19 and recently released a press statement, an individual has been arrested and charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

The individual—Christopher Tetreault, 28—is being charged in connection with the murder of Paul T. Weaver, 54, of Milford. Weaver was found inside a storage locker at 15 Beach St. on Tuesday, Aug. 17, according to reports.

“The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner performed an autopsy, determined Mr. Weaver died of multiple stab wounds and ruled the death a homicide,” the press statement said.

Reports indicate that Christopher Tetreault, 28, was arrested in Charlottesville, Va. last week on the charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Following what Early described as an “all-hands-on-deck” investigation, State Police Detectives assigned to the Worcester County District Attorney’s Office applied for a warrant for Tetreault’s arrest and travelled to Charlottesville to apprehend him. With the assistance of Virginia State Police, Tetreault was “taken into custody without incident.”

Tetreault was set to appear in court in Virginia last week on a fugitive from justice charge. District Attorney Early added that the investigation remains ongoing by State Police Detectives assigned to the

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‘Paulie’s Push’ honors flight attendants, crew members killed on 9/11



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“I am doing this because I want

these crew members’ families to know how courageous they were that day,” Veneto said. “I want the public to understand that under those conditions that morning, what those crew members did, nobody could have trained for.”

Paulie’s Push is underway, and on his more than 220-mile journey, he pushed the airline drink cart through Uxbridge, Mendon,

and more.

“Mass resident Paul Veneto is calling attention to the courage of the flight attendants on the four flights involved in the terrorist attacks that day,” the Uxbridge Police Department shared.

According to Uxbridge Police, Veneto hopes to reach Ground

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Grafton Library opening delayed

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
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GRAFTON — Due to a delay in raw materials, fabrication, and shipping, the Grafton Public Library was unable to open to the public as planned on Aug. 23.

“Without the remaining shelving, we cannot put away relocated items or finish shelving the collections,” the library

released in a statement.

A ribbon cutting ceremony is still on schedule for 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 1, the town released. Further celebrations will take place next summer.

“We know how disappointing this is for the community, key stakeholders, and donors,” the library statement read. “Please know staff are doing everything in

their power to be ready for opening day, we miss you, and thank you for your patience.”

Additionally impacting the opening, according to the library, were COVID, weather, and other “vendor issues” that have delayed various installations and trainings on the A/V System, new Xerox copiers, key cards and alarm/security camera, printer release software,

and PC reservation software. The phones are also not yet installed, the library released.

“While there are several punch list items we can work around, we cannot plan workflow, or learn and practice systems that have not yet been implemented, nor can we open to the public if it is not safe to do so,” the state-

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Area residents to participate in Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk

REGION—Seven residents from Whitinsville will choose their own route on October 3 for the Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk: Your Way presented by Hyundai. Participants are encouraged to “Walk Your Way” from wherever they are most comfortable—whether that be from their neighborhood, favorite trail, or from a treadmill in their own home.

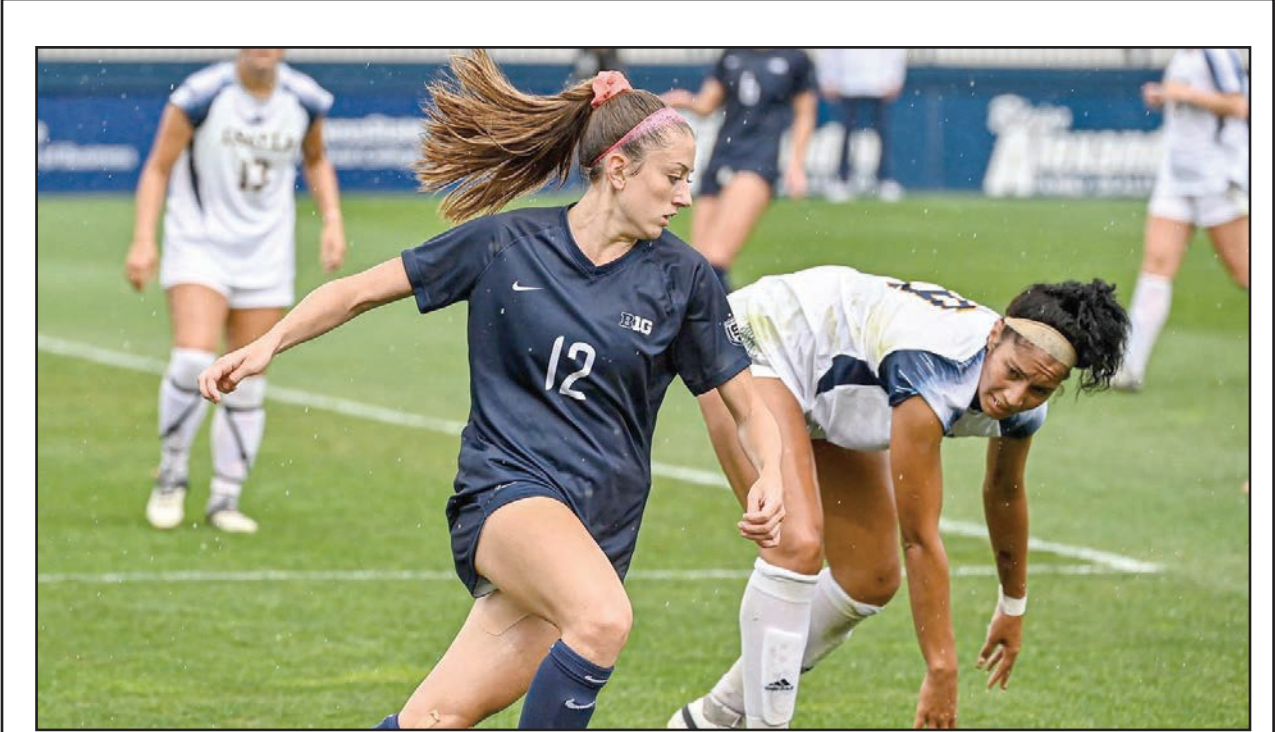
Dennis Bombara, Pat Morancy, Jessica Niro, Mary Potty, David Potty, Timothy Ryan, and Robert Such of Whitinsville; Ross Atstupenas, William Chaplin, Ann Costello, Dawn Gambardella, Jamie Giguere, Jeanne Lunny, and Kim Morse of Blackstone; along with thousands of other walkers, will participate in virtual programming during the Walk that aims to recreate the most inspiring elements of Walk day. While the event will not physically bring walkers together along the famed Boston Marathon® course, it will unite the community to raise funds to support all forms of adult and pediatric care and cancer research at the nation’s premier cancer center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The event has raised more than \$150 million for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in its more than 30 year history.

“While we can’t see everyone in person this year, we are excited for the virtual programing which will give participants the opportunity to support breakthroughs in cancer care and research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute,” said Zack Blackburn, Director of the Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk. “Together, from a safe distance, we will take critical strides in the journey to defy cancer.”

This year’s event will have a lower fundraising requirement, \$100 for adults and \$25 for those under 18, with a \$5 registration fee. All registered walkers will receive a bib and medal and the first 5,000 to register will receive a Jimmy Fund Walk T-shirt.

Anyone interested in additional information can reference the Jimmy Fund Walk: Your Way frequently asked questions or can send an email to JimmyFundWalk@DFCI.Harvard.edu. Funds raised from the Jimmy Fund Walk support all forms of adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at the nation’s premier cancer center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The Boston Athletic Association has supported the Jimmy Fund Walk since 1989, and Hyundai has been the presenting sponsor since 2002.

To register to walk (#JimmyFundWalk) or to support a walker visit www.JimmyFundWalk.org or call (866) 531-9255. All Jimmy Fund Walk participants are encouraged to utilize the Charity Miles App to help with training and fundraising, engage with Dana-Farber patient stories and podcasts, and much more!



Payton Linnehan

LOCAL SOCCER STAR SHINES AT PENN STATE

Penn State junior forward Payton Linnehan of Douglas, and a Blackstone Valley Tech graduate, was named the inaugural Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week for the 2021 season. Linnehan netted four goals and added two assists in the Nittany Lions 2-0 start to the season. Linnehan’s hat trick in the Nittany Lions 4-0 win vs. La Salle was the 22nd in program history and just the fourth since 2010 for Penn State. Linnehan was also instrumental in Penn State’s 3-1 win over UMass in the season opener. Linnehan had a hand in all three goals, scoring once and assisting on the Nittany Lions other two goals. Linnehan is tied for the Big Ten lead with four goals and two assists and leads the league with 10 points.

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Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy welcomes new professor

CHARLTON — Professors and students of the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy gave a warm welcome to Ana Olivar, MSN Ed, RN of Rutland as full-time faculty for the 2021-2022 academic year.

Professor Olivar joined the Practical Nursing Academy as adjunct faculty in 2016. Professor Olivar will be the lead faculty for Medical-Surgical Nursing SIM laboratory with her expertise in high-fidelity and low-fidelity simulators.

Academy Director, Greheline Bolandrina, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN said, "We welcome Professor Olivar to Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy as full-time faculty. We are happy that Professor Olivar joined the practical nursing department of Bay Path and are excited to work together towards the Academy's nursing accreditation."

Professor Watson obtained her Master of Science in Nursing degree from Walden University in Nursing Education track (2013). Professor Olivar began her nursing career as a Registered Nurse earning her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Cebu City Medical Center



Ana Olivar

College of Nursing (1996) in the Philippines. She is a candidate for Doctor of Education specializing in Nursing Education from the Northcentral University.

Prior to joining Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, Professor Olivar's professional experience included faculty positions at the Blackstone Valley Technical School,

Quinsigamond Community College, and Massachusetts Bay Community College. Her past clinical affiliations include RN manager, nursing supervisor at the Neuro Rehabilitation Center at Worcester, Whittier Rehabilitation Hospital, and West Side House.

What are you doing for lunch today?

UXBRIDGE/NORTHBRIDGE — Meals on Wheels volunteers are needed to help pack meals for seniors through Tri-Valley's Nutrition Program in Uxbridge and to deliver meals to seniors in Northbridge. Meals on Wheels are delivered out of the Faith Fellowship Church in Uxbridge and the Northbridge Senior Center.

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P.E.O. Sisters' Meeting includes Bay Path PN Director



P.E.O. Chapter R met recently at the home of Pamela Thomas-Nielsen.

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PAXTON — P.E.O. Chapter R met recently at the home of Pamela Thomas-Nielsen. A delicious lunch was provided by the hostess. The P.E.O. sisters shared many interesting facts and explained the many wonderful fundraising activities as well as the equally wonderful scholarship recipients they have worked with in the past. Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN of Douglas, Academy Director for Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy attended along with her daughter Lilly A. Bolandrina of Boston, a sophomore at Boston University, major in economics. The Bolandrinas admired the many accomplishments and philanthropic

work of the P.E.O. sisters. P.E.O. is a philanthropic organization where women CELEBRATE the advancement of women; EDUCATE women through scholarships, grants, awards, loans, and stewardship of Cotter College and MOTIVATE women to achieve their highest aspirations. The P.E.O. Sisterhood is a U.S.-based international women's organization of about 230,000 members, with a primary focus on providing educational opportunities for female students worldwide. The Sisterhood is headquartered in Des Moines, Iowa, with chapters throughout the United States and Canada (www.Peointernational.org).



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Local students enroll at College of the Holy Cross

WORCESTER — The College of the Holy Cross congratulates 822 new Crusaders who will be starting at the College in Fall 2021. The following local students will be part of the Class of 2025:

Benjamin Johnson of Uxbridge
Khushi Patel of Uxbridge
The Class of 2025 includes students from 33 states and 15 nations across the globe. This year's incoming class is made up of 54 percent women and 46 percent men, with 23 percent of students coming from ethnically diverse backgrounds and 16 percent as proud first-generation college students.

These newly minted Crusaders have distinguished themselves through community service, leadership roles, and diverse participation in areas like the arts, music and athletics.

The new Crusaders will arrive on campus and move into the residence halls starting at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, August 28th, where they will be welcomed to Mount St. James by an enthusiastic purple crew of current students, staff, faculty and alumni. Fall classes are set to begin Monday, September 6th.

"I am thrilled to welcome Holy Cross' Class of 2025 - a vibrant and diverse group of exceptional students who are also one of the most academically accomplished classes in the College's history. I can't wait to see what you do and how you will grow ethically, spiritually and intellectually on The Hill," said Holy Cross President Vincent Rougeau.

About Holy Cross
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State officials reverse course on masking in schools

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION – Less than a month after authorizing local school boards to approve their own mask policies for the upcoming year, state leaders have reversed course and mandated masking in schools.

At a special meeting held on Aug. 24, the state’s Board of Elementary and Secondary Education voted 9-1 to give Commissioner Jeffrey Riley the authority to mandate masks in all K-12 public schools through at least Oct. 1.

When students left school in June for the summer break, they assumed they were also leaving mask mandates behind. COVID-19 conditions were rapidly improving at the time, but the highly contagious Delta variant caused a significant reversion over the last month.

Now, as students head back to school, they’ll once again have to include masks in their daily preparations.

“In light of the current rise of COVID-19 in Massachusetts, I believe a mask mandate will be an important addi-

tional measure to keep students in school safely at this time,” Commissioner Riley said. “Masks remain a simple and effective mitigation measure to prevent the spread of COVID-19. A mandate will also provide more time for students and staff to get vaccinated, as we know vaccination remains the single most important tool in mitigating the impact of COVID-19.”

The late changes in policy at the state level frustrated local school officials, parents, and students. Many school committees had already voted on masking guidance for the fall of 2021, only to have state leaders override local policies at the last minute. Governor Charlie Baker had even supported the DESE’s previous recommendations that individual school districts determine their own masking regulations.

“Giving the locals the opportunity to own the decisions they make is a big and important issue,” Baker said during an Aug. 16 press conference. “If you look at what has played out in other states where the gov-

ernment has taken away the authority for locals to make their own decisions, that’s not the right way to play this game.”

Despite the vacillation among state educational leaders, many local school officials and parents are pleased with the eventual change back to mask mandates. Officials had been concerned about how to ensure continued safety in schools without firm policies in place, especially with unvaccinated students, staff members, and visitors returning to school buildings this fall.

The state’s latest mask mandate applies to all public school students in grades K-12, as well as staff members. It includes an exemption for individuals who cannot wear a mask for medical or behavioral reasons.

At the end of September, Commissioner Riley will reassess COVID-19 conditions and determine with medical experts whether the mask mandate should be extended. With cases and hospitalizations sharply rising nationwide over the last month, many experts are predicting that conditions will worsen with the return of colder weather.

State officials said all decisions related to masking, however unpopular, are made with the goal of keeping students in class full-time this year. Riley and his team have faced pressure all summer from parents and educators on both sides of

the debate.

“At the forefront of my recommendation is the best interest of students and staff as they return safely to full-time, in-person instruction this fall,” Riley said. “While we have already put in place significant measures to support schools and districts in this regard, I am recommending this additional measure in light of the increasing case rates, and to further encourage and provide additional time for more students and staff to get vaccinated.”

State officials said the mask mandate complements additional safety measures that were implemented jointly by the DESE and the Department of Public Health (DPH). These include guidance for schools on hosting vaccination clinics, establishing plans for COVID-19 testing in schools, and improving health screening for students and staff.

State officials are also utilizing the mask mandate as a tool to incentivize vaccination. In an August 20 memo released by Riley, the Commissioner indicated that, as of Oct. 1, all schools with a vaccination rate of 80 percent or greater for students and staff will be able to lift the mask mandate for vaccinated individuals only.

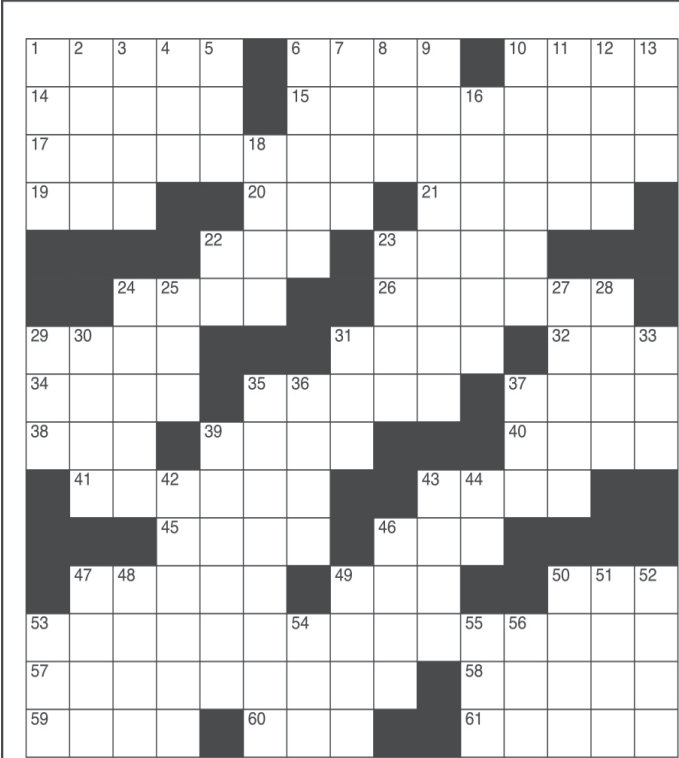
“Schools will be able to submit an attestation form provided by DESE to demonstrate they have met this threshold,” Riley wrote. “Once schools

reach the 80 percent threshold and receive approval to lift the mask mandate, vaccinated students and staff may remove their masks. In alignment with statewide guidance, unvaccinated students and staff would be required to continue wearing masks.”

The latest mask mandate from DESE aligns with similar orders in schools and workplaces across the country. Now that the Pfizer vaccine has gained full FDA approval, the nationwide push for increased vaccination rates received a major shot in the arm. Last week, several companies and agencies joined the list of employers requiring staff members to be vaccinated.

For Riley and his team, the push for increased vaccinations will continue through the fall. Officials are heavily promoting vaccination clinics as the cold and flu season looms. For now, state leaders are relying on the mask mandate to maintain safety.

“I believe having these measures in place will allow for a strong start of the school year and provide additional safety measures until more students and staff are vaccinated,” Riley said. “As always, we will continue to monitor developments, consult with medical experts and public health officials, and adjust requirements as appropriate.”



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6. Earliest in and out
10. Ancient Egyptian symbol of life
14. Olfactory property
15. Kidnapping
17. Golf prize
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20. Cast a spell on
21. Panama is one
22. Dishonorable man
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40. Exam
41. Making less difficult
43. Without
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50. Singers who perform together
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61. Intestinal pouches

CLUES DOWN

1. Harsh cries of a crow
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11. Palm tree with creeping roots
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16. Stretched out one’s neck
18. Whale ship captain
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27. Fencing swords
28. Where researchers work
29. Expression of satisfaction
30. Broadway actor Nathan
31. Heavy, heat-retaining stove
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35. Type of tree resin
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37. Children’s TV network
39. Troublemaker
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43. Self-immolation by fire ritual
44. It cools your home
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Local residents named to Simmons University Dean’s List

BOSTON—The following local residents were named to the 2021 spring semester dean’s list at Simmons University in Boston.

- * Madison Poshkus, Auburn
- * Nicole Canas, Millbury
- * Hannah Bishop, Millbury
- * Amani Eljadidi, North Oxford

To qualify for dean’s list status, undergraduate students must obtain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, based on 12 or more credit hours of work in classes using the letter grade system.

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- * Katarina Senckowski, Brimfield
- * Alyssa Cameron, Brimfield
- * Lindsay Albright, Charlton
- * Olivia Panagiotou, Webster
- * Victoria Lavelle, Webster

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Apple Tree Arts celebrates return of live theatre

GRAFTON — Kids and teens stepped onto the stage and into the spotlight again this summer, and it was a jubilant return. After a year-long stretch of virtual-only programming, Apple Tree Arts held its four summer productions in person, giving actors the incomparable experience they love and audience members the high-quality performances they’ve come to expect from ATA.

Managing both the production value and participant safety was a delicate balance, but the summer went off without a hitch. “Our top priority is always keeping our students safe,” said executive director Alaina Calloway Bolton, “but we also really wanted to give these kids the chance to have a ‘normal’ performance.”

“For our teen show, ‘Cinderella,’” Calloway Bolton said, “what we ended up doing was having the cast wear masks during rehearsals, but then COVID-testing the day before each show so that they could perform without masks. The entire audience wore masks to reduce the risk to the cast. It was so wonderful to see such talented youth up there acting and singing their hearts out and safely bringing live theatre back to Grafton!”

For the month of July, ATA the-



atre was held in a new and unique location: The Willard House & Clock Museum. Two cohorts of actors entering grades 3-7 spent two weeks rehearsing Camp Rock outside under a tent and in the open barn on the Willard House grounds. “Some days were a little steamy,” theatre arts director Lisa Scarlett said, “but we had popsicles and cooled off under the tent and ended up having a great time!”

Based on the hit Disney movie musical, “Camp Rock” takes place at a summer camp, so an outdoor performance was a natural fit. “The resiliency of the kids was amazing! They danced and sang in the heat, drizzle, and cold; adjusted easily to Covid protocols; came in each day with boundless energy; and delivered two terrific performances. I couldn’t be prouder!” said Scarlett. Friends, family, and community members brought their own chairs and blan-

kets and enjoyed a unique experience watching theatre under the setting sun.

This fall and winter, Apple Tree Arts is offering all of its music, theatre, and early childhood programs in person, including theatre productions such as Shrek (grades 7-12), Willy Wonka (grades 2-6), and Pajama Party (grades 1-4). Students can register online at appletreearts.org/theatre.

Other programs offered include group piano classes for ages 6-9, Musikgarten classes for children from birth through preschool, songwriting classes for teens, and one-on-one instrumental and voice lessons for all ages. With over twenty professional instructors, Apple Tree Arts offers engaging, high-quality instruction on piano, violin, voice, guitar, songwriting, cello, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, ukulele, bass, music theory, and percussion. Visit appletreearts.org to register or learn more.

Apple Tree Arts is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization committed to enriching our communities through the arts by providing high-quality performing arts education and experiences for all ages, identities, and abilities. For more information, visit www.appletreearts.org.

Constitution Week Coloring Contest Is ‘on’ again

REGION — With life returning somewhat to normal as the Covid-19 pandemic recedes, the Deborah Wheelock Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Uxbridge Free Public Library are partnering for the sixth annual coloring contest that spotlights American history, especially the Constitution. The children’s level of the library is open and welcoming young patrons! A variety of interesting coloring choices will be arrayed on a table for those from Kindergarten through fifth grade to choose from. Creative talents can be exercised and there is no limit to how many ‘artworks’ can be entered in the contest.

Sept. 17 to 23 is officially designated by the federal government as Constitution Week and recognizes the signing of the Constitution of the United States of America on Sept. 17, 1787. Today, this ‘foundational’ document is 234 years old! That’s a long time to live with the same piece of paper, only ‘amended’ twenty-seven times thus far. To fully appreciate the import of that fact, the US Constitution is the longest, continuously operating, ‘governing’ document in world history!

Since its founding in 1890, DAR has had three objectives: education, historic preservation and patriotism. Our mission is to promote them through volunteer community service. Civic engagement of young people in learning about American history is always a high priority as the organization seeks to “Rise and Shine for America.” This year, the Library’s emphasis is on some of the men who were instrumental in presenting the lofty ideals, ideas and concepts to the Continental Congress that became the basis of the Constitution. In past years, this coloring contest has been a ‘fun’ way to achieve the ‘education’ goal so participation is encouraged now that doors are open to ‘learning’ again. Watch for two informative posters on the main and lower library levels. The Board of Selectmen has joined the Deborah Wheelock Chapter, DAR, in publishing an official Proclamation declaring Sept. 17-23 as Constitution Week in Uxbridge.

Details and rules about the contest are available at the Uxbridge Free Public Library or in a colorful flyer at www.uxbridgelibrary.org. A certificate of participation will be given to all entrants, and three winners will be awarded a newly-published book, created by NSDAR which features sixty-one Patriots, entitled, “Our Patriots, The Men and Women who Achieved American Independence- A Coloring Book.” A photo of the winners will be featured in a future press release.

For 131 years, the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution has welcomed young women from age 18 onward to Rise and Shine for America in their communities world-wide. Those interested in joining over one million women (and counting) can contact us at DeborahWheelockDAR@gmail.com.

Nathan Manna receives John Paul Reardon Medal and Award From College of the Holy Cross

WORCESTER — Nathan Manna of Whitinsville, a Self-designed: performance studies major, has received the 2021 John Paul Reardon Medal and Award from College of the Holy Cross.

The John Paul Reardon Medal and Award was established in 1985 by John Paul Reardon, a former faculty member, in memory of the late Rev. J. Gerard Mears, S.J. The medal and award are given annually to a graduating student for excellence in studio art.

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Expert says forest health needs citizen scientists

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

REGION — Area forests face a wide range of assaults, and the state can't keep track of them all.

To Department of Conservation and Recreation forester Felicia Hubacz, that's a call for citizen scientists to come forward and help.

"By giving everyone else the same knowledge I have, I hope you can take it and run," she told a few dozen participants of her MACC "Lunch and Learn" talk last week.

Hubacz's talk was primarily focused on updating the impact of several insect and other attackers on the Bay State's forest health, but there are countless citizen science opportunities available. One New England-specific website, nature-groupie.org, lists everything from monitoring Maine beaches or New Hampshire water quality to cataloging invasive plants, counting various

kinds of animals, identifying vernal pools, and documenting the effects of climate change. The federal citizenscience.gov website lists 491 operational or planned projects nationwide; some are recruiting volunteers, others are not. Mass.gov specifically has a Web page for "coastal citizen science" seeking people to do a variety of things to "advanc[e] scientific knowledge about the Massachusetts coast."

"Community-based data collection helps fill gaps left by government, private, and nonprofit groups with limited funds to research, explore, and protect vast natural systems," the mass.gov page states.

In Hubacz's case, such assistance would fill gaps in understanding the effects and outbreaks of such things as beech leaf disease, which she said is new in this area but "we're seeing it all over the place." The illness afflicts all kinds of beeches; it's most noticeable

symptom is dark bands on the leaves that later become distorted.

She said it's caused by a nematode, and was first observed two or three years ago. DCR has "no idea how it's being spread," but suspects birds.

A similar relative newcomer is the emerald ash borer, but that has become so common it's "no longer a priority for the DCR," Hubacz said. She showed a map which indicated the insect's first pocket was in the Berkshires in 2012, but "we're just considering it everywhere" today. It's too new in our area for the trees to have developed a resistance, but she noted foresters are seeing resistant trees in Michigan. The agency uses three kinds of parasitic wasp as biocontrol, with five test sites in progress.

By contrast, the gypsy moth — sometimes now termed "LDD" after the abbreviation of its Latin name — has been well-

known for decades, but still strikes in cycles. This year, "almost all gypsy moth damage is in the Berkshires," where it's causing "lots and lots of defoliation," Hubacz said. Trees thus weakened tend to fall prey to various kinds of beetles and other attackers, and the moth's annual range is typically determined by weather.

Temperature also affects the wooly adelgid, a tiny insect that's been particularly harmful to hemlocks. Hubacz said they saw a "heavy dieoff" in the winter of 2017-8, but last winter did not get "enough of a temperature drop to see these guys drop in population."

Ironically, she noted, these insects are almost all asexual female clones because our area doesn't have the spruce species they normally breed in. A few of the species' winged males have been found in Massachusetts, though.

One troublesome insect DCR is "making good progress" against is the

asian longhorned beetle. That has required cutting down a large number of trees, especially in the Worcester area, which was hard hit. Last year DCR found one infested tree on an Auburn golf course, but it did not seem to spread to others nearby. This year, they found one in Worcester, but the damage "looks older." The agency set many ALB traps in the Worcester area, "but we haven't found an ALB in a trap since 2015," she said.

DCR is tracking several tree diseases, particularly white pine needlecast disease and red pine scale, both of which have become more common due to climate change. The agency is also watching a few "possible future threats" that are not yet in our area, but have been reportedly relatively nearby. One is the spotted lanternfly, a southern insect that feeds on tree of heaven (itself an invasive), but also several kinds of fruit

trees or vines. According to a map Hubacz showed, the closest infestation was in southwestern Connecticut as of August 2020, although individual insects have been spotted in Massachusetts. Part of the problem here is that the insect "will lay eggs anywhere" — on trees, on rocks — and its egg masses can be mistaken for lichens in early stages of development.

Similarly, DCR is concerned about the possible arrival of oak wilt infection, a systemic fungal disease that can spread both by a beetle attracted to the spores and by root contact. It's now in New York, and she said, "If it's found in Massachusetts, it's going to be a real pain in the butt."

Despite all these threats, she noted, "We'll always have trees, even if they're maybe not the ones we really want."

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Cornerstone Bank named among most charitable companies in Massachusetts by Boston Business Journal

WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with 12 locations throughout Central Massachusetts, has been named as an honoree in the Boston Business Journal's 2021 Corporate Citizenship Awards, a recognition of the region's top corporate charitable contributors. The Business Journal annually publishes this list to showcase companies that promote and prioritize giving back to their communities.

"We are honored to have been recognized for our charitable contributions throughout 2020," said Cornerstone Bank CEO Todd Tallman. "Our giving efforts last year included nearly \$400,000 in donations to local organizations. This included funds to purchase PPE for Harrington HealthCare System, donations to three local United Way chapters, the Worcester County Food Bank and the Worcester Community Action

Council, 16 scholarships to graduating seniors and many more."

This year, only 98 companies qualified for the distinction by reporting at least \$100,000 in contributions to Massachusetts-based charities last year. The honorees this year include companies from such industry sectors as financial and professional services, health care, technology, retail and professional sports.

"During a year filled with unprecedented events and change, it's incredible to think that so many companies, as represented by those on the Boston Business Journal's Corporate Charitable Contributors list, still gave so generously to charities in Massachusetts," said Boston Business Journal Market President and Publisher Carolyn Jones. "These companies give back at least \$100,000 to the local community, and now we are in a time when giving back

and helping one another is more important than ever. The philanthropic companies prioritize the welfare of our communities, and we are excited to be able to honor them."

Cornerstone Bank and other honorees will be celebrated at the Boston Business Journal's 16th Annual Corporate Citizenship Awards on Sept. 9, a commemoration of honorees that will be virtual to ensure everyone's health and safety.

"With the hardships many faced in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was more important than ever for us to continue to find ways to give back," continued Tallman. "Despite restrictions on gatherings, in-person events and other traditional opportunities for volunteering, we were still able to help better our own backyard, a commitment we will continue to pursue in 2021 and in the future."

About Cornerstone Bank

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Attention grandparents, we are providing two new workshops at Plummer Place for understanding and bonding with your grandchildren. The first is "Behavior is Communication" an educational workshop, Wednesday September 22nd with a day and evening session either 10-12:00 or 6-8:00pm. Bari Glazer, M.Ed, a retired Special Educator, will facilitate this important workshop to help you better understand grandchildren's behavior and give you tools to use in the home to try to decrease challenging behaviors. This is a free workshop, please call to register.

Our second grandparent workshop is a 6 week "Yoga for Grandparents & Grandchildren". Join Lindsey Centrella, Certified Yoga Instructor, each Wednesday evening beginning September 29th from 6:30-7:00pm to learn fun, mindful ways to move and breath that will help promote a sense of well-being, lessen anxiety and to enjoy more time with one another. Best for ages 4 and up. Feel free to bring your own yoga mats, though will be provided if needed. \$5/family. Please call to register.

Writing Workshop will return on Wednesdays beginning October 6th @ 6:00pm. This is a 5 week workshop meeting every other Wednesday with Diane Pollard as our instructor. We welcome new writers! Call the Center to sign up. \$5/class.

Exercise Classes at Plummer Place, Mondays: Chair Exercise @ 9:30 and Tai Chi @ 11:00, Tuesdays: Chair Zumba at 1:00, Wednesdays: Low Impact Aerobics @ 10:30, Thursdays: Chair Yoga @ 11:15,

Fridays: Stretch & Strengthen @ 9:30.

Mahjong is looking for new players at Plummer Place. The Four Winds Mahjong League meets Mondays, 1:00-3:00pm and on Wednesdays at 12:30pm, National Mahjong League meets.

Bridge League has returned to Plummer Place, Tuesdays at 12:30. They are in need of more players. If interested, call to sign up.

"Take a Hike" Walking Club will be on the move Tuesday, September 14th and 28th. Call Jeanne at Plummer Place for the locations.

Cribbage League will return on Thursdays beginning September 9th at 12:30pm. Call Elaine at the center if interested.

Painting Class has changed its day and time. Beginning September 7th, they will be meeting on Tuesdays, @ 10:00am.

Aqua Aerobics Class is offered through the Center at the Whitin Community Center Mondays @ 1:00pm. Call to sign up.

Shuffleboard League will begin Tuesday, September 7th @ 9:00am. Call the Center if interested.

Tap Class is back at Plummer Place with Ed Burch as our instructor. Begins Wednesday, September 29th @ 2:30pm. Call to sign up.

Book Club will meet on Wednesday, September 22nd at 10:30, this date was changed from what was in our newsletter

Coffee Break program returns at Fairlawn Church

WHITINSVILLE — Coffee Break, a non-denominational community Bible study for women will open their fall season with a study called "Genesis, The Beginning of the Story" beginning on Thursday morning, Sept. 9. This fall's study will be in small groups of six or less at Fairlawn Church—masks are optional, and we'll be physically distanced in the study groups. Due to COVID-19, you are encouraged to bring your own refreshments. If you plan on bringing small children, please call prior to our first meeting (see contact info below).

Coffee Break is free and open to anyone in the community and is held each Thursday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Fairlawn Church. Coffee Break offers women in the Blackstone Valley an opportunity to read and discuss the Bible, share questions and concerns, and develop new friendships. Each lesson is independent, so if you can't attend every week, you won't feel "lost." There's no "homework" required, and no previous Bible knowledge is necessary. Study guides are provided free of charge.

Fairlawn Church is located at 305 Goldthwaite Rd. (off Hill Street) in Whitinsville. For directions, questions, or to get more information, call Ginette at 508-234-4806 or visit fairlawncrc.org/outreach/coffeebreak.cfm.

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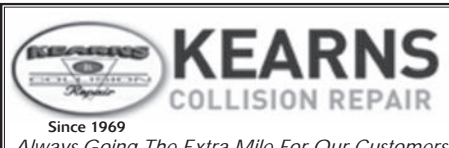
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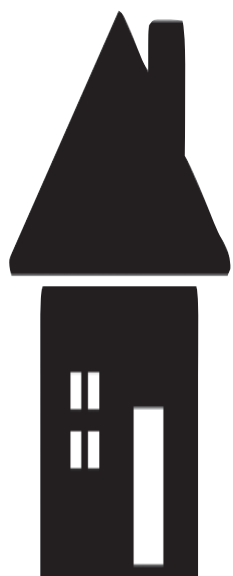


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EDITORIAL

Get a hobby

Although we typically hear the phrase ‘get a hobby’ as a sarcastic way of putting someone down, there is also some truth to it. It’s important, especially for students to get involved in extracurricular activities.

Even as adults, when looking for work, it’s important to showcase experience as well as other aspects of your life. Most employers are looking for candidates who have a range of skills.

We learn this from a very young age. Striking a balance between work, school and taking time for yourself is key to a happy life. These days however, time seems to be something there is just never enough of. In fact, over the past several years, there has been a decline in civic engagement including neighborhood get togethers and leagues such as bowling, softball etc. Time seems to get eaten by social media or bingeing tv shows. Experts say the term ‘busy’ has been used as a badge of honor to make us feel important, not that we need to be busy, to actually be important.

Hobbies tend to make us more efficient. If we have a meeting to attend, or workout class to go to, we will check things off the list for work, to make time for what we want to do. When we feel like we have more time ahead of us to finish work, with nothing else to do, that time will get eaten up by work.

People tend to be more energized by active leisure, as opposed to watching movies or scrolling through social media. Active engagement allows us to be more present.

Hobbies are great for both students and adults alike in that it creates a chance to make friends and create new connections. We all know that social connections are key to creating happiness. People want to feel like they’re a part of a community.

Further, learning new things gives you more to talk about it, therefore making you more of a unique person. It makes you a more well rounded. Whether you hunt, mountain bike, play music, collect stamps, or Doors memorabilia, you’ll always have an interesting story to tell.

Being involved in other things besides school and work does relieve stress. Experts say to allocate one hour per day or a few hours per week to do something you feel inspired by. If there’s something you’ve always wanted to do, don’t wait for ‘someday’ do it now.

In our office, there are all sorts of conversations that take place because we all have different hobbies. We have history buffs, runners, musicians, hikers, snowboarders, actors, artists, movie buffs, podcasters and so much more.

As Dale Carnegie said, “Make the most of today. Get interested in something. Shake yourself awake. Develop a hobby. Let the winds of enthusiasm sweep through you.”

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Now is not the time for second guessing from armchair generals

To the Editor:

It’s time for us to support our leaders and our military. They have tried to help a country ruled by foreigners for most of its history, and by domestic terrorist groups in recent years. It’s time for patriots to honor those who fought and died trying to help Afghans, and then to rescue as many as possible when the Taliban took control of Kabul.

This is not the time for partisan armchair generals to complain and offer platitudes. Their ‘coulda, woulda, shouldas’ accomplish nothing in the real world of terrorist politics.

E. L. MILKE
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Biden is driving the U.S. into a ditch

To the Editor:

What I believe. Feel free to disagree. Have you had enough?

As we approach the tragic 20th anniversary of 9/11, we are witnessing the catastrophe of the Biden Plan in Afghanistan and the catastrophe that is Biden. Veterans’ hotlines are red hot. Twenty years of blood, treasure and \$1 trillion. For what, say the soldiers? For what, say we citizens?

Biden’s failure is epic, along with his Woke Administration and Woke Generals. Sadly, America is waking up to what it is like to have an elderly career politician at the helm. It’s downright terrifying. It cost the lives of 13 American soldiers and 130 Afghans waiting at the Kabul airport. Our soldiers! The loss cannot be described in mere words. The worst loss since 2011 under Obama.

Biden’s grand plan left our equipment, supplies, aircraft, even the Bagram Airfield behind. If you were planning this, wouldn’t you remove Americans first and Afghans who helped us, followed by our equipment, and then finally remove our troops? That would be logical, but the Biden team is not logical. They are Woke.

Here is the reason Biden did this. He does not value the tax dollars or the human capital spent on Afghanistan. He has spent his life spending our money. Our taxes paid his salary, his mortgage, his health care, his transportation, his aides, his blinding white teeth. Our tax money is just “play money” to him.

Does Biden care about human capital? Our soldiers. The Afghan interpreters who helped us. The Afghan women who were educated, the Afghan Christians, the aid workers, the Shia citizens. The American citizens who - somehow? - have been left behind. How many? He doesn’t know, nor care because Biden is a politician who cared all his life about only one thing: himself getting re-elected. That’s all he knows. It shows. The President of Woke Fantasy Island has devastated our Southern border, Covid recovery, and Afghanistan in just seven months.

Afghanistan, Aug. 26, 2021, is a devastating debacle. Another Benghazi, crafted by the discredited Susan Rice of the Obama - now Biden - team. Fire Rice and the National Security Advisors like

Jake (Global Strategies degree from Yale University) Sullivan. Who are these people and why are they running my government? Is this designed to drive the U.S.A. into a ditch? You know the answer. If the Woke Generals focused on military strategy instead of Critical Race Theory and fantasy white rage, we may not be in this fix. There will be hell to pay.

Worst of all, this is not just Biden (who is non compos mentis, to say the least). This is the doing of the Woke Mob running the White House. They strategized to get this incompetent politician into the Presidency so they could run us. Notice what he said in the press conference? “They gave me a list here. The first person I was instructed to call on was Kelly O’Donnell.” If you had any doubt who is running the White House, it was confirmed: “they” are running this administration, and “they” are instructing the President what to say. He is not even aware of how it sounds! We currently do not have a President. The world knows it. As Desi Arnaz used to say on the old Lucy Show: “Ay Caramba!” If only this were funny.

The U.S.A. is in danger because of Biden, his Woke administration, and Woke military. Yes, it’s time to invoke the 25th Amendment. Send elderly Biden home permanently to Delaware and fire everyone around him. Biden has been wrong every single time in his 50 years in Washington. Even his friends say so. Remember, he so wisely advised Obama not to kill Osama Bin Laden, mastermind of 9/11. Biden is catastrophically wrong, all the time, and so is his Woke team. Who pays the price?

Welcome to Woke Marxist Progressive Dreamland. It’s time for patriots to be wide awake. Have you had enough of the scary “new Administration,” snatching failure from the jaws of success? If you are not on your knees, praying, “God help us,” maybe you should consider it. What say you?

Nevertheless, she persisted.

BEV GUDANOWSKI
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You are not your past

Many people feel like they can’t have the life they want because of their past limitations or failures.

Maybe your family wasn’t there for you; you didn’t get the proper education, you’ve been fired from multiple jobs, or mistreated in relationships.

Many things aren’t fair and can cause a chain reaction of events that may take us far off course. There are also many bad choices we make, and as a result, we end up missing out on the life we want.

You may have made mistakes, gotten into trouble, fired from a job, lost a relationship, but that doesn’t mean it always has to be that way.

George Washington Carver said, “Where there is no vision, there is no hope.”

I agree with his quote completely. George Washington Carver was a more brilliant man than I will ever be. For today’s column, I would like to modify the selection to say, “Where there is no positive vision of the future, there is no hope.”

It seems most people’s vision of the future is dictated by the failures and limitations of their past, and therefore, they do have a vision, but it’s a negative one.

One trait of a successful person is they don’t allow themselves to be defined by their failures or their present unfavorable circumstances. Instead, they define themselves by a positive vision of their future.

That seems odd when you think about it. They define themselves by something that hasn’t even happened yet.

It’s easy to look at a great person and assume they had everything handed to them or that somehow life was much easier on them than it was you.

I have many fond memories of my parents taking me to Disney World. I’ve been on the rides, seen the movies, and heard about the man who built it all, Walt Disney. I’ve driven past the Disney skyscraper in Burbank, California, hundreds of times; I’ve auditioned at Walt Disney Studios dozens of times. When surrounded by all that accomplishment, it’s hard to imagine that Walt ever faced any hardship.

Most don’t know that Walt Disney was fired from his job at the Kansas City Star after his newspaper editor told him that he didn’t have enough imagination or creativity!

What if Walt Disney allowed himself to be defined by that moment, and for the next 20 years, he wandered from job to job, telling himself, “I’m not creative, I don’t have a good enough imagination...”

If he would’ve, he never would have created Laugh-O-Gram. Laugh-O-Gram was an animation studio that Walt was contracted to run. The studio was supposed to make twelve cartoons. Although the company started promisingly, it wasn’t long before Walt was living at the office, taking weekly baths at Union Station in Kansas City, and finally bankrupting the studio; what a disaster.

He sold his camera, which gave him enough money for a one-way train ticket to Hollywood, Calif., and the rest is history.

I wonder how many potentially great people never accomplished their vision because they believed in their failures more than their vision of the future. They accepted what their present circumstances were telling them, rather than what their future vision was telling them.

If Walt Disney was one of those people, we’d have missed out on one of the most creative minds of the 20th century. Most obviously, he chose not to allow those negative experiences to define him because he became one of the most influential people of all time.

Like all great people, Walt Disney didn’t allow his future to be dictated by the failures or limitations of his past.

Designing gardens for year-round color and protecting your investment



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Create a colorful year-round garden filled with flowers, greenery, colorful fruit, fall color, winter interest and a few surprises. Consider seasonal interest when planning a new garden or landscape. Adding a few key plants to existing gardens can help boost your landscape’s seasonal appeal.

Include a variety of plants with multiple seasons of interest as well as bird and pollinator appeal. You will look forward to the change of seasons as your landscape transforms throughout the year.

Use trees and shrubs to provide the framework and longevity in your landscape. Serviceberries, crabapples, dogwoods, and many others have flowers, fruit, pollinator, and bird appeal and add winter interest with their bark or form. Look for those with colorful exfoliating bark like paperbark maple, heptacodium, and river birch for a beautiful statement in the winter garden.

Include a few summer blooming shrubs like St John’s wort, buttonbush, panicle hydrangeas and Rose of Sharon. They add



Melinda Myers

Include shrubs like this Blue Satin Rose of Sharon to add color and interest to the garden.

an unexpected fresh look to your summer landscape.

Perennials combine nicely with trees, shrubs, and annuals, adding seasons of color and texture. Include those that also attract songbirds, bees, and butterflies by creating a beautiful habitat. Blue star (Amsonia), Siberian iris, sedum, Rudbeckia, coneflower, and grasses are

just a few that can brighten any garden with several seasons of color, provide homes for beneficial insects and food for the birds.

End the season with fall bloomers like goldenrod, asters, and hardy mums. These provide food for late season pollinators. Leave healthy plants stand, providing homes for many beneficial insects, winter interest in the garden, and food for the songbirds.

Use annuals to fill any voids, add season long color and yearly changes in the landscape. Containers on steps, decks and patios help bring the garden to your front and back door.

Include spring flowering bulbs like tulips, daffodils and hyacinths planted in fall for a colorful welcome to spring. These and many of the earliest bloomers like winter aconites, grape hyacinths, and crocus provide needed nectar for early season pollinators.

Evergreens are always a welcome addition to any landscape. They provide shelter for the birds and year-round greenery. Find new and interesting ways to include them in your landscape.

Use taller evergreens for screening bad views, buffering traffic and other noises, or creating privacy. Use evergreens with interesting form and texture to create a focal point in a garden bed or landscape. Combine them with perennials and flowering shrubs for added seasonal interest.

Then keep your landscape looking its best by protecting key plants from hun-

Fall means trout fishing

As we enter the month of September, many freshwater anglers are thinking about the fall trout fishing season in Massachusetts. As the waters start to cool from the extremely warm temperatures of this summer, anglers need to be aware that Massachusetts Fish & Wildlife will not stock trout until the waters are suitable to sustain the freshly stocked trout. It may be until October before the waters are cool enough to see a trout stocking. It is hard to believe that the Gulf has 90 Degree surface water temperatures this past week, prior to Hurricane Ida!

Saltwater fishing continues to improve on all fronts in both Massachusetts and Rhode Island, with schools of mackerel along the South shore of the Island. Fluke & seabass fishing also remains very good at the Island. Tuna were being caught around the Gully! Albi are showing up in both Mass. & Rhode Island waters. These hard fighting fish provide some great fishing for

anglers using light tackle and fly rods. They do not provide good eating; however, some anglers do take a few home for table fare. Saltwater fishing should explode with action on all fronts in the coming weeks.

Ten local sportsmen left for Maine this past weekend to enjoy a bit of bear hunting that opened up this past Monday statewide. Bear hunters are allowed to set up bait hunting spots prior to hunting season. Hunters are allowed to use crossbows, compound bows, shotgun, etc. to harvest their bear in Maine. It should be a good year for hunting bear in Maine, if the weather cools off. Hunting bear in Massachusetts is open in all zones again this year, and a permit that costs only \$5 is required. Be sure to check all hunting regulations before the season opens on Sept. 7. Second season opens Nov. 1, and the third season opens for shotgun Nov. 29.

Have you checked your status for an antlerless deer permit? Go to the

Mass. Fish Hunt Web site to see if you have won a permit. If you did, you will need to pay a \$5 fee. If you did not win a permit, you can still apply for an antlerless deer permit starting on September. The antlerless surplus deer permits go fast. The permits will be in zones 9, 10, 11, 13 & 14. Zone 11 will go on sale Tuesday, Sept. 28 at 9 a.m. It will be a staggered system. Zone 10 will go on sale Wednesday, Sept. 29 at 9 a.m. Zone 9, including 13 & 14, Tuesday, Sept. 30 at 9 a.m. Number of surplus deer permits available in zone 9, 1,410 - Zone 10 - 9,092 & Zone 11 7,770 Zone 13 2,526 and Zone 14, 2,619.

This week's picture shows nine-year-old Payton fishing with her grandfather Charlie this past Saturday on the Meadow Pond in Whitinsville. He takes her fishing as often as he can. She still will not handle the fish, but that will come in time.

Last week's picture of a huge whale cod was caught a number of years ago, prior to the



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recreational cod fishery being shut down ,causing numerous charter boats to close. Starting Sept. 15, recreational anglers can retain one cod daily with a minimum length of 21 inches. Fifteen haddock can now be caught daily by recreational anglers.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of our servicemen & women, and with those affected by Hurricane Ida, fires in the West, and floods in

many parts of the country. Take a Kid Fishing & Keep them rods Bending!

Harvest Canning Tips

It's harvest season and Farmer's Markets are selling tomatoes and cukes in bulk, workshops on preserving produce are filling up fast and canning jar manufacturers report double digit hikes in sales. There's no doubt about it, canning continues to make a comeback!

Whether canning in bulk to use up garden vegetables or filling a few jelly jars for holiday gifts, the following information is geared toward helping your preserving efforts pay off in both financial and "feel good" benefits.

Not sure if canning is worth the work? Consider the many "perks" of processing food at home, which include:

*The ability to control the salt, sugar and additive content of the foods you intend to preserve.

* Studies show foods canned at peak ripeness offer superior nutrition and flavor despite the typical loss of vitamins during the heating process.

*Processing foods also allows seasonal fruits and vegetables to be enjoyed throughout the year.

*Since the canning process doesn't rely on refrigeration for preservation, canned foods are readily available and safe during power outages or appliance shut downs.

One of the joys of canning is the ability to literally put the fruits of your garden labor on the dinner table. For those who don't grow their own foods, a trip to a farmer's market or neighborhood farm stand can reap bushels of freshly picked produce. Don't be afraid to ask for "seconds" and/or discounts on less than perfect but perfectly fine produce. Just be sure to overlook those with obvious bruises or major imperfections.

Common backyard garden vegetables such as tomatoes and cucumbers are popular candidates for canning as they offer a variety of finished products from condiments to side dishes. Best of all, a few old fashioned canning recipes can transform the versatile garden favorites into glistening jars of pantry staples. For example, tomatoes can be prepped to be canned as tomato sauce, tomato soup, tomato juice, salsa, ketchup, and more. Cucumbers transform into sweet gherkins, dill pickles, chow chow and a variety of relishes. Orchard fruits such as apples and peaches can be processed as jelly, butter, chutney, pie filling, syrups and sauces.

Before choosing a preferred method of processing be sure to study the options, all of which are available in canning "how to" books or online. For safety's sake be sure your resources are up to date, since processing recommendations have changed in the past several years. A new edition of the classic Ball Blue Book is always useful. Online, a reliable and free resource titled "U.S. Department of Agriculture's "Complete Guide to Home Canning," is available and can be accessed by visiting www.uga.edu/nchfp/publications/publications_usda.html.

Here are some simple canning "tips from the pros" worth noting:

*Never use overripe fruit. A good rule of thumb to remember is that canning can't improve the quality of food, so always begin with top quality fruits, ripe and free of bruises.

* Don't be tempted to over do the celery, peppers, onions and other low acid ingredient in pickles or other recipes. Stick to the recipe to avoid creating an unsafe product.

*Never add considerably more spices or seasonings than a reci-



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pe calls for. Some spices can be high in bacteria and too much of a good thing can put your safety at risk.

*Be sure to wash hands and all food prep surfaces and all canning supplies thoroughly before starting the canning process,

*Always wash and examine all foods to be canned. Be sure to cut out any bruises and discard any overripe fruits and vegetables.

*Never reuse canning jar lids. Be sure to seal jars with a new, clean lid each and every time.

*Do not store filled jars above 95° F or near hot pipes, a range, a furnace, in a non insulated attic, or in direct sunlight. Under these conditions, food will lose quality in a few weeks or months and may spoil.

*Don't store jars in damp areas such as a basement. Dampness may corrode metal lids, break seals, and encourage spoilage.

Pepper Jelly

This jelly, which uses up the last of the season's garden peppers, makes a festive holiday gift.

Ingredients: 3 green bell peppers, minced; 2 (4 ounce) cans diced jalapeno peppers

1 1/2 cups distilled white vinegar; 6 1/2 cups white sugar; 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper; 1 (6 fluid ounce) container liquid pectin; 5 drops green food coloring.

Directions: In a large, stainless steel saucepan, combine peppers, vinegar, sugar, and cayenne pepper. Cook over medium high heat. Stir frequently until mixture begins to boil.

Stir in pectin; boil 5 minutes longer, stirring constantly, and mix in food coloring. Skim off foam, and remove from heat.

Ladle into sterilized jars. Seal and process in a boiling-water canner for 5 minutes.

Apple Chutney

It's apple season in New England and this chutney, made from freshly picked fruit, will be the perfect accompaniment to upcoming holiday feasts.

Ingredients: 2 quarts chopped, cored, pared tart apples (about 10 medium); 1 cup chopped onions; 1 cup chopped sweet red bell peppers (about 2 medium); 2 hot red peppers, seeded and chopped; 1 1/2 pounds seedless raisins; 4 cups brown sugar; 3 tablespoons mustard seed; 2 tablespoons ground ginger; 2 tablespoons ground allspice; 2 teaspoons canning salt; 1 clove garlic, crushed; 1 quart white vinegar (5%).

Directions: Combine all ingredients; simmer until thick, about 1 hour and 15 minutes. As mixture

thickens stir frequently to prevent sticking. Pour boiling hot chutney into hot jars, leaving 1/2 inch headspace. Remove air bubbles and adjust headspace if needed. Wipe rims of jars with a dampened clean paper towel; adjust two-piece metal canning lids. Process in boiling water canner according to the altitude recommendations below. Makes about six pint jars.

Recommended process time for Apple Chutney pints in a boiling water canner (altitude chart): 1-1,000 ft, 10 minutes; 1,001-6,000 ft, 15 minutes; above 6,000 ft, 20 minutes.

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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.

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Friday's Child

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Hi! My name is Jayven and I like to play board games and football!

Jayven is an inquisitive boy of African-American and Hispanic descent. He loves board games and is always happy to play one, either with his friends or with an adult. Jayven also likes to be outside, and his favorite outdoor activity is playing football, which he is currently doing with Pop Warner Football. Jayven likes playing football so much that when he grows up, he would like to play for the NFL. Just in case he isn't drafted, though, he is also considering careers as a detective or as a piano teacher. Jayven is currently doing well in school.

Legally freed for adoption, Jayven is looking for a loving and patient family of any constellation, with or without other children in the home. Jayven is very close with his young-er brother and has expressed a desire to be a role model for him. An ideal family for Jayven will be open to helping him maintain this relationship.

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, inter-views, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you, and if so, to help connect you with a child or sibling group that your family will be a good match for.

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

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Local residents named to Clark University’s Dean’s List

WORCESTER — The following local residents were named to Clark University’s Spring Dean’s List:

Emily Jane Steiger, of Northbridge, was named to first honors.

Erin C. Hynes, of Uxbridge, was named to first honors.

Lillian J. Salatiello, of Whitinsville, was named to first honors.

Jacob P. Devlin, of

Whitinsville, was named to second honors.

Allison G. Dunphy, of Douglas, was named to second honors.

Students must have a GPA of 3.8 or above for first honors or a GPA between 3.50 and 3.79 for second honors.

Founded in 1887, Clark University is a liberal arts-based research university that prepares its students to meet tomorrow’s most

daunting challenges and embrace its greatest opportunities. Through 33 undergraduate majors, more than 30 advanced degree programs, and nationally recognized community partnerships, Clark fuses rigorous scholarship with authentic world and workplace experiences that empower our students to pursue lives and careers of meaning and consequence.

QCC and MWCC collaborate on new program partnerships

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College (QCC) President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D. and Mount Wachusett Community College (MWCC) President James L. Vander Hooven, Ed.D. have forged a new transfer agreement between the two Central Massachusetts community colleges, strengthening an already strong partnership.

The agreement will enable QCC students to seamlessly transfer to MWCC after they have completed their general education courses, in order to earn an Associate Degree in either Physical Therapist Assisting or Veterinary Technology. MWCC students will have a similar reciprocal transfer opportunity with QCC. MWCC students interested in an Associate Degree in Radiologic Technology or Respiratory Care can transfer into QCC’s programs once their general education courses are completed.

“We serve the community and our communities are not defined by rigid boundaries; they blend into one another,” President Pedraja said. “I think it is critical to create partnerships such as

this one that will allow us to provide services to a greater number of students.”

“One of the areas in Massachusetts that all community colleges are looking for are ways to partner with one another so that we are not duplicating all of the services we offer. I think the proximity of QCC and MWCC offers us an opportunity for unique partnerships and this is a perfect example of how we can do that,” said President Vander Hooven.

Both presidents see these types of agreements only increasing in the future to meet the needs of a diverse student population that community colleges such as MWCC and QCC historically serve.

“It can’t be about competing against one another. We’re all part of the Commonwealth and we are all working to help our students to ensure they are successful,” said President Pedraja.

Visit QCC or MWCC to learn more about these new program partnerships.

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

OBITUARIES

Marion F. Stebbins, 100



DOUGLAS - Marion F. (Jones) Stebbins, 100, of Gilboa St. passed away peacefully at home on Wed. Aug. 25, 2021 with her family by her side. Her husband of 50 years Charles S. “Stan” Stebbins died Dec. 27, 1990. She is survived by her four children Donna M. Jacques of Putnam, CT, Charles R. Stebbins, Robert E. Stebbins, and David J. Stebbins all of Douglas; 6 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; 6 great-great-grandchildren; 2 sisters Margaret Paquette of Worcester and Grace Laliberte and her husband Roland in Alabama; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by siblings Raymond, Walter, Edward, Dorothy, George, and she had twin children who died at birth. She also loved her numerous cats and dogs over the years. Born in Douglas, MA on Dec 11, 1921 she was the daughter of Raymond H. and Grace M. (Collins) Jones and lived in Douglas most of her life. A hard working woman, Mrs. Stebbins was employed at Hayward Schuster Woolen Mill many years. She later taught textile wool procedures at the Stanley Woolen Co in Uxbridge. She retired in March of 1985. An outspoken “Warrior for the Lord” Marion was a longtime member at the Methodist Church in Douglas where she was a past Choir Director

and sang at weddings and funerals. She had a wonderful voice and a love of music. She was a supporter of the Media Church of Jimmy Swaggart and loved how he “told it how it is”.

She collected porcelain chickens and roosters, enjoyed getting out for rides, trips to the ocean, seafood, flowers, and baking. Her apple pies and date nut bread were her signature items. She also loved her annual fall family reunions. She was a member of the American Bible Society. Her Funeral Service was held Mon. Aug. 30 at 11 am in Jackman Funeral Home, 7 Mechanic St. Burial in Munyan Cemetery, Putnam, CT will be later at the family’s convenience. Calling hours at the funeral home were Sun Aug 29 from 4 to 7 pm. Memorial donations in Marion’s memory may be made to VNA Hospice, 100 Trade Center, Suite G Woburn, MA 01801 or to Jimmy Swaggart Ministries, Box 262550 Baton Rouge, LA 70826. To leave a condolence message for her family please visit www.jackmanfuneralhomes.com

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LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 103 Franklin Street, Douglas, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Taryn Eisnor and Christopher Eisnor to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Sovereign Bank, said mortgage dated March 5, 2010, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 45544 at Page 277 and now held by Santander Bank, N.A. f/k/a Sovereign Bank, N.A. for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on **September 20, 2021 at 11:00 AM Local Time** upon the premises all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated on Franklin Street, in Douglas, Worcester County, Massachusetts, and being shown as Land of Richard & Eunice D. Flinton in a Deed recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds at Book 3613, Page 426 and a Deed recorded with said Registry at Book 2009, Page 67, and as identified as Tract 1 Map 195 Lot 31 Lot Area = 126,117 sq. ft. +/- 2.89 Ac. +/- on a plan entitled “Plan of Land of 103 Franklin Street in Douglas, MA owned by Eunice D. Flinton” Scale 1” = 40’ Date November 17, 2006 Andrews Survey & Engineering Inc., Uxbridge, MA Tel 508-278-3897, recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 851, Plan 32 to which reference may be had for a more particular description.

For title see Deed recorded in Worcester County Southern District Registry of Deeds at Book 41565, Page 107. The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. For Mortgagors’ Title see deed dated July 30, 2007, and recorded in Book 41565 at Page 107 with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds.

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

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

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

BENDETT & MCHUGH, PC
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Farmington, CT 06032
Attorney for Santander Bank,
N.A. f/k/a Sovereign Bank, N.A.
f/k/a Sovereign Bank
Present Holder of the Mortgage
(860) 677-2868

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

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Division 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. WO20P1762EA Estate of: Elinor H Leland Date of Death: 05/04/2020 CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by **Andrea M Leland of Northborough MA** requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, First and Final and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before: **10:00 a.m.** on the return day of **09/28/2021**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

Witness, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court
August 25, 2021
Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of
September 3, 2021

A.C. 78A COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS WORCESTER, SS PROBATE COURT 21P0996PM

To all persons interested in the estate of Edward J Matson of Northbridge in said County, person under conservatorship.

A petition has been presented to said Court for authority to sell – private sale– real estate of said Edward J. Matson for his maintenance.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Worcester before ten o’clock in the forenoon on the twenty-first day of September 2021, the return day of this citation.

Witness Leilah A. Keamy, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this seventeenth day of August 2019.

Stephanie K. Fattman
Register
September 3, 2021

LEGAL NOTICE

The Town of Douglas seeks bids for #2 heating fuel supply, not to exceed 10% biofuel, to municipal buildings for the upcoming winter. The bidder offering the lowest, all-inclusive price per gallon will be awarded the contract. The bid packet is available on the Town website at www.douglas-ma.gov and must be submitted to the Town Administrator no later than 12:00 PM on Wednesday September 29, 2021. The Town of Douglas is an equal opportunity service provider and employer.

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September 3, 2021
September 10, 2021

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 57 Quaker Street, Northbridge, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Meaghan C. Walsh f/k/a Meaghan C. Skaggs to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for HSBC Mortgage Corporation (USA) and now held by Wilmington Trust, National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as trustee for MFRA Trust 2014-2, said mortgage dated May 7, 2007, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 41142 at Page 235, as affected by a Home Affordable Modification Agreement dated March 27, 2013 and recorded with said Deeds in Book 51337 at Page 171, as affected by an Assignment of Mortgage dated August 25, 2010, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 46231 at Page 5, as affected by an Assignment of Mortgage dated July 29, 2013, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 51337 at Page 383, as affected by an Assignment of Mortgage dated July 24, 2015, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 54121 at Page 276, as affected by an Assignment of Mortgage dated April 1, 2016, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 55202 at Page 40, as affected by a Confirmatory Assignment of Mortgage dated June 15, 2016, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 55674 at Page 199, as affected by an Assignment of Mortgage dated May 3, 2019, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 60546 at Page 383, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on September 24, 2021 at 12:00 PM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land with buildings thereon, situated in the Town of Northbridge, County of Worcester, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, situated on the easterly side of Quaker Street, and being shown as Lot #2 on a plan of land entitled, “Land of Roy C. Peterson, Northbridge, Mass., April 23, 1977, Scale: 1”=60’., John R. Andrews, Jr. Registered Land Surveyor,” which plan is recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 438, Plan 30, to which a more particular description may be had.

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

For Mortgagor’s Title see deed dated October 21, 2004, and recorded in Book 34909 at Page 77 with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed

subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer’s or cashier’s check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer’s or cashier’s check within forty-five (45) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Marinosci Law Group, P.C.
275 West Natick Road, Suite 500
Warwick, RI 02886
Attorney for Wilmington Trust, National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as trustee for MFRA Trust 2014-2
Present Holder of the Mortgage
Telephone: (401) 234-9200
September 3, 2021
September 10, 2021
September 17, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Division Docket No. 21P2706 Estate of: Lorraine F. Crawford Date Of Death: June 25, 2021 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Lori A. Crawford-Cooney of Mendon MA** **Lori A. Crawford-Cooney of Mendon MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

September 3, 2021


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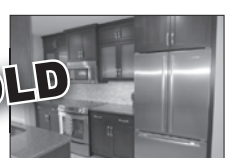
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WEBSTER - 135 LAKE STREET



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Featured Island Listing! Webster Lake - 22 Long Island



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Once in a lifetime opportunity to own a Webster Lake Waterfront Cottage on Long Island! Properly named the "Grand View". Sandy beach, boat house! Antique Cottage w/5 Rms, 3 BRs, a stone fireplaced w/pellet stove, eat-in kitchen w/modern appliances, full bath! washer/dryer. Screened porches. Included, 25% ownership share in a main land waterfront lot at 38 Point Pleasant Rd, in sheltered Mumford Cove! land provides boat slip & winter storage. A FAR AWAY PLACE NEAR BY! **\$389,900.**

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ON DEPOSIT



Webster Lake - 300 Killdeer Island

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4 Boynton Pkwy ~ **\$449,000**

INVESTORS!
WEBSTER: 6 units, 50 year roof, sided, off street parking
227 School St ~ **\$599,900**

PAULIE
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Zero on Saturday, Sept. 11. In Uxbridge, he traveled on East and West Hartford Aves., according to police.

This is a “mammoth

personal undertaking for Paulie,” according to a social media page for Paulie’s Push. His sole focus is to “honor and remember the crew members who lost their lives on 9/11/2001.”

“Paul Veneto, a retired United Airlines flight

attendant, came through the Town of Mendon pushing an airline beverage cart in honor of fallen crew members on 9-11,” Mendon Police shared. “Thanks to K-9 Officer Pichel who ensured that ‘Paulie’ safely made it through Mendon on his way...All of us at the

Mendon PD and in the Mendon community wish you well on your journey Paulie, as we remember those who we lost on the flights and on the ground that day.”

Veneto said that the flight attendants and crew members need to

“recognized as heroes.”

“That day sent me into a tailspin of opiate addiction that almost cost me my life,” Veneto shared. “After almost 15 years of numbing myself out from the thoughts of that day, I have finally been freed from addiction since

2015. I can now finally give tribute to my fallen crew members.”

More information can be found online at pauliespush.com.

LIBRARY
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Construction specialists from the Massachusetts Board

of Library Commissioners (MBLC)—the library’s grant funders—visited recently to review the project, according to the library. They were “pleased with the design” and had some feedback.

“MBLC advised remaining closed completely for two full weeks after everything is set up so staff have time to acclimate,” the library statement continued, adding that MBLC “does not condone” the partial opening the library had intend-

ed and said they must either be fully open at 60 hours/week or closed.

This puts the library into September for reopening to the public, according to the press statement. Dates will be

announced as soon as possible. Residents can continue to hold materials at home and use digital resources shared at www.graftonlibrary.org/digital.

Country Bank announces promotions

REGION — Country Bank, a full-service financial institution serving central and western Massachusetts, is pleased to announce recent staff promotions.

Julie Yi has been promoted to Senior Vice President, Controllor and Operations. She has extensive experience in finance and operations and serves on Country Bank’s senior management team. Yi holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from the University of Nevada Las Vegas and is a Certified Public Accountant.

Justin Calheno has been promoted to Assistant Vice President, Retail Lending. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management from Westfield State University and is a graduate of The New England School for Financial Studies. Calheno serves as a Board Member for the Ludlow Boys and Girls Club.

Lisa Saletnik has been promoted to Assistant Vice President, Business Systems. She holds an Associate’s Degree from Baypath University in Health Science and is a graduate of The New England School for Financial Studies.

Mackenna Hogan has been promoted to Commercial Banking Administration Officer. She holds a Bachelor of Finance Degree from UMass Amherst.

Antonio Palano has been promoted to Assistant Vice President, Retail Lending. He holds an Associate’s Degree in Business Administration from Springfield Technical Community College.

Newly appointed officers include Sam Pursey, Erin Skoczylas, Ashley Swett and Sarah Yurkunas.

Sam Pursey has been promoted to Relationship Management Officer. Pursey holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Finance from UMass Amherst.

Erin Skoczylas has been promoted to Assistant Controller. She holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from Western New England University, an Associate’s degree in Business Administration from Springfield Technical Community College, and is a graduate of The New England School for Financial Studies.

Ashley Swett has been promoted to Customer Care Center Officer. She is a graduate of The New England School for Financial Studies.

Sarah Yurkunas has been promoted to Relationship Management Officer. Sarah holds a Bachelor of Science in Business from Baypath University, a certificate from the Massachusetts Bankers Association in Fundamentals of Credit Analysis: Intro to Commercial Lending, and is currently enrolled in the New England School for Financial Studies Program.

“I am thrilled to congratulate Julie, Justin, Tony, Lisa, Mackenna, Sam, Erin, Ashley and Sarah on their promotions and all of the accomplishments that got them here; they are a key part of our success. We’re pleased to provide the opportunities for our people to develop not only within their roles today, but into new opportunities tomorrow. These team members embody our corporate values of iSTEP – Integrity, Service, Teamwork, Excellence and Prosperity,” stated Miriam Siegel, First Senior Vice President of Human Resources.

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Worcester County District Attorney’s Office and the Milford Police Department.

During the Aug. 19 press conference, Early said that it appeared Weaver had been living in the storage unit in which his body was found. Authorities added that it appeared there had been at least one person living in the unit, but they were not previously unaware of this and were also unaware if any more individuals were living at the unit.



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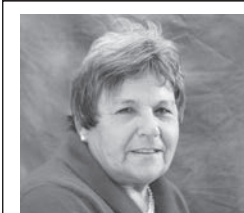


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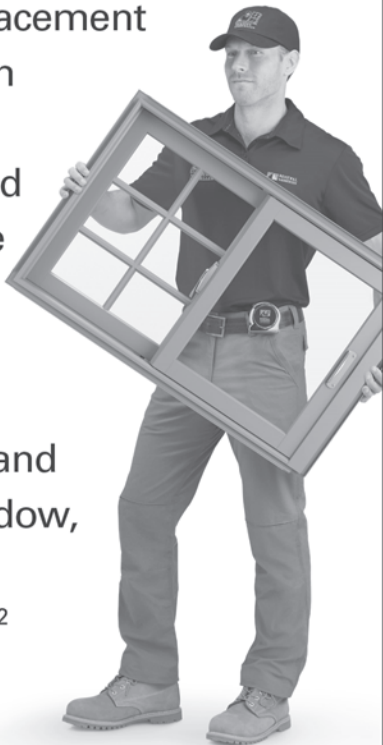
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