

# WEBSTER TIMES

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## Dudley residents honored with Quilts of Valor



Gus Steeves

Ken Gillon talks to Theresa Perreault and Stephen Rogerson after being wrapped in his quilt.



Theresa Perreault and Stephen Rogerson prepare to wrap Mike Rodinov in his quilt.

BY GUS STEEVES  
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — A couple of local residents recently joined the growing list of veterans who have been presented Quilts of Valor across the country.

Ken Gillon, a Desert Storm vet, and Mike Rodinov, who served in the second Iraq War, both received their quilts and citations from the Legislature in a two-part ceremony cut in half by covid.

Their quilts themselves came last week, with state QOV coordinator Theresa Perreault saying any veteran is eligible to receive such honors, whether they've actually seen combat or not. The basic concept, she said,

is that they "vow to give their lives for you or me, no questions asked."

The concept was born several years ago, when founder Catherine Roberts's son was serving in Afghanistan. Perreault said Roberts went to sleep one night worried and dreamed about wrapping him in a quilt, which she recalled upon awakening. Originally, the effort focused on Iraq and Afghanistan vets, but expanded when she visited the Vietnam Veterans' traveling monument in 2009 and gave some to them instead. At the time, several of them told her, "Ma'am, this is the first time in 40 years anyone has ever thanked me for my service."

"From then on, any warrior who had been touched by war, no matter when his or her service was, could receive a Quilt of Valor, no questions asked," Perreault said.

As of last week, the organization had distributed 315,800 quilts nationwide, she added.

"We cannot judge what being 'touched by war' means to a veteran," she later said. "It is different for each, depending on where they serve."

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## Nichols gets pushback on student housing plans

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — Plans to build new student housing at Nichols College have received pushback from local residents as the project makes the rounds through Dudley's permitting processes.

Robert LaVigne, Vice President for Operations at Nichols, appeared before the Dudley Water & Sewer Commission and Planning Board in early July seeking permissions for the project. The new facilities would serve as replacements of current housing facilities, including some modular structures, and have been touted as a recruiting tool by offering prospective students more modernized amenities. The new facilities would be located on the southwest portion of the campus.

While LaVigne saw little pushback from the Water & Sewer Commission earlier in the month, when he visited the Planning Board for a public hearing a week later on July 13 local abutters weren't as welcoming. LaVigne started by providing a more visual presentation depicting where the town homes will be on campus. He called the proposed buildings an "evolution" of their student housing.

"The traditional double-loaded corridor, common bath configuration is really not what this generation is looking for, they're really looking for town houses and apartments and things like that," said LaVigne.

The main concern from the public seemed to be a lack of consideration for the abutters who felt that Nichols was more focused on their needs rather than considering local residents of the town. Concerns range from the impacts of the buildings on sightlines, the potential for drainage problems, and increased traffic and light or noise pollution.

Abutters Cynthia and James Rawson were among the most vocal citizens at the hearing. James Rawson expressed his concerns about a number of issues.

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## Volunteers sought for Recreation Commission

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — The Dudley Board of Selectmen is hoping volunteers will step up to revive the town's dormant Recreation Commission. During their July 11 meeting, selectmen affirmed their goal to revive the commission to help oversee numerous recreation properties and initiatives currently in the hands of other departments.

Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda said he was approached by the town's newest selectman, Mark Landry, about an update on the Recreation Commission. Ruda acknowledged the commission is one of several town boards in need of volunteers to fill vacancies, but the Recreation Commission specifically has been inactive. Ruda said the commission would be a vital asset to managing a variety of properties and projects.

"I think the board has struggled getting something like that together for a few years now. Having spoken with Mr. Landry, I see some of the first priorities as overseeing the rehabilitation and reopening of the playground up here at the town hall which is sorely missed. I know

a lot of people miss having that available to them," said Ruda, who added that maintaining the town beach would also be on the priority list. Ruda also noted that from a more practical standpoint a Recreation Commission is required in order to qualify for a variety of grant opportunities, including funding that could assist with rehabilitating the playground.

Selectman Landry agreed feeling that the commission would not only help maintain current recreational opportunities but also bring even more to the community in time.

"It'd be great to have them overseeing the parks, the beach, the playground, the beach, and report back and as we go along come up with an outline for them to get their feet wet," said Landry. "Times are getting tough. We have a beach here and a playground and parks — This is a perfect time to get it ready so people who don't have the money to go on vacation can stay in town and use their resources."

Selectmen are inviting any willing volunteer to apply to help restart the commission. According to the town bylaws, the commission is normally

comprised of five members. Interested parties can visit [www.dudley-ma.gov/recreation-commission](http://www.dudley-ma.gov/recreation-commission) where a link to the town's Volunteer Opportunities page will lead them to the application.

## Grant to fund engineering, design of Carpenter Pond Dam

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — Dudley's efforts to repair and revitalize several water dams in town got a significant boost with the announcement of more than \$100,000 in grant funding from the state Executive Office of Environmental Affairs.

Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda informed selectmen on July 11 that his office was made aware of the funding which will help address regulatory

and compliance issues at the town-owned dam on Carpenter Pond.

"The Carpenter Pond Dam is among our most critical dams that need to be addressed and a grant from the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs Dam and Seawall Repair and Removal Program in the amount of \$106,000 was awarded to Dudley based on an application made by the town in February of this year," Ruda confirmed.

The money will be used to offset costs asso-

ciated with engineering and design to help improve the dam. Ruda said the improvements will reduce Dudley's long term regulatory compliance and reporting expenses as well as reduce the threat of downstream hazards. The Carpenter Road dam is just one of several the town wants to improve if they can gather the right resources and funding.

"We are approaching each dam in order of pri-

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Courtesy

## THE FOURTH IN DAYS GONE BY

A crowd gathers to celebrate the Fourth of July in Webster, ca. 1907, in this photo taken from the Webster and Dudley Massachusetts Past, Present, and Future Facebook page. Check out the page for daily images offering a glimpse into the past of both communities.

# QCC awarded \$735,000 workforce training grant

WORCESTER — Today, Quinsigamond Community College was awarded a \$735,000 workforce training grant from the Baker-Polito Administration. A total of \$15 million in workforce training grants were awarded to the Commonwealth's 15 community colleges in

support of the creation and expansion of training programs in high-demand industries, such as healthcare, education, manufacturing, information technology and cybersecurity.

"Education is at the heart of all economic growth and this type of revenue stream goes a long way in supporting our region's employers, incumbent workers and potential workers," said QCC President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D. "Our students, our industries, and our Commonwealth will all prosper from this funding."

In late June, QCC was also awarded \$500,000 in state funding to train and help place over 70 participants into biotechnology jobs. Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito, along with Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development, Rosalin Acosta, visited QCC's Healthcare and Workforce Development Center to announce the grant, which is part of the Senator Kenneth J.

Donnelly Workforce Success Grants for Expanded Training Capacity & Employment Program Performance.

During the Donnelly Workforce Success Grant announcement, Lt. Governor Polito and Secretary Acosta also toured some of QCC's healthcare labs and interacted with the college's state-of-the-art, hands-on simulation equipment.

"I'm encouraged by the work that's being done here at QCC and all the grantees that have been awarded today. I'm very optimistic that our academic institutions are going to step up to meet this moment. We need our community colleges more than ever. You have the best platform to get this work done," Secretary Acosta said.

The training programs will assist those populations who have traditionally experienced higher rates of unemployment, as well as barriers to employment identified by the Black Advisory Commission

and the Latino Advisory Commission. Priority will be given to those who are unemployed and underemployed.

"One of the goals of these grants is to help address shifting economic conditions that occurred for many residents brought on by the COVID-19 crisis, and persistent racial inequities and workforce challenges that existed in the Commonwealth before the pandemic," said Education Secretary James Peyser. "We anticipate these new training opportunities will make it easier for more people to move into high-demand, higher paying careers."

Approximately one third of the \$15 million grant funding will be allocated toward training programs for the healthcare industry, which is in high demand across the Commonwealth.

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# Cornerstone Bank donates \$25,000 to YMCA of Central Massachusetts



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Todd Tallman, Cornerstone Bank CEO, and David Connell, President and CEO at the YMCA of Central Massachusetts.

WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank has donated \$25,000 to the YMCA of Central Massachusetts as part of the organization's annual campaign. This donation will be used to underwrite

youth development programs and services as well as the LIVESTRONG® at the Y initiative.

"We are proud to continue our sup-

port of the wonderful services offered by the YMCA," said Cornerstone Bank CEO Todd Tallman. "We are passionate about programs dedicated to helping local children, teens, and adults, an area in which the YMCA excels, and their LIVESTRONG® program provides assistance to many people when they need it most."

LIVESTRONG® at the YMCA is a free 12-week small-group fitness program designed for adult cancer survivors seeking to regain health following treatment. Instructors and personal trainers have undergone specialized training in the areas of cancer, post-rehabilitation exercise, nutrition and supportive cancer care. The program includes:

- A free 12-week YMCA Family Membership
- Two 75-minute classes per week
- Full access to the YMCA seven days per week
- Free drop-off child watch

YMCA youth programs include college-preparedness, workforce, and leadership development, after school care, summer camp and a host of healthy meals initiatives.

"From the earliest days of the pandemic, we maximized our resources and partnered with like-minded organizations — such as Cornerstone Bank — who remained committed to supporting the community. As families deal

with the lingering effects of COVID-19, our work remains the highest priority," said David Connell, President and CEO at the YMCA of Central Massachusetts. "With Cornerstone's generosity, we continue to assist cancer survivors as they reclaim their health as well as address food insecurity, the educational gap, and quality and affordable child-care needed for parents to work."

About Cornerstone Bank  
Cornerstone Bank was formed in 2017, born of a long history of supporting the community, and providing a strong foundation to help people and businesses thrive. Serving Worcester County, Massachusetts, Cornerstone Bank's local presence and community-based banking model enables a unique ability to deliver outstanding service, with a personal touch. Cornerstone provides the highest level of service and expertise for individuals, businesses, and community organizations with branch locations throughout Central Massachusetts. Cornerstone works to connect customers with opportunities, through a broad range of deposit and loan products, and services. Built on Trust is not just a tagline, but also one of our guiding corporate values. Whether a business or personal partnership, Cornerstone stands on the foundation that relationships are built on trust. To learn about Cornerstone Bank's personal and business banking offerings, please visit [cornerstonebank.com](http://cornerstonebank.com) or call 800-939-9103.

## Golden Bear pride shines brightly as Western NE University welcomes its newest members to the alumni family

SPRINGFIELD — Western New England University held its undergraduate commencement ceremony on May 21 in the Anthony S. Caprio Alumni Healthful Living Center, celebrating the Class of 2022. The keynote speaker Nick Newell ('08), a professional Mixed Martial Artist, talked about the power of dedication. "To be great, you must be willing to do things others will not so you can achieve things that others can't." He told the class of 2022 that they have proven their resiliency and encouraged them to continue chasing their goals.

Congratulations and best wishes to the newest Golden Bear Alumni. WNE is proud of you!

Hannah Rose Zieminski of Dudley graduated Magna Cum Laude with a BS in Actuarial Science and BS in Mathematical Sciences. Hannah also graduated with a minor in Statistics.

Kenneth Ralph Flynn of Dudley graduated with a BSBA in Sport Management.

Western New England University (WNE) is a

private, nationally ranked, comprehensive institution with a focus on preparing work-ready and world-ready graduates. Founded in 1919 in Springfield, Massachusetts as a division of Northeastern College, WNE's 215-acre suburban campus serves more than 3,700 students, including over 2,500 full-time undergraduates. More than 47,000 alumni have earned degrees through its 90+ undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs at Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, and Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and School of Law. Students come from 39 U.S. states and territories and 23 countries. Of 45,104 living alumni, 30% remain within the region, residing in the four Western Massachusetts counties and northern Connecticut.

WNE is classified among nationally ranked universities in US News and World Report, and among the Top 100 Undergraduate Engineering programs, and in the Doctoral/Professional Universities category in the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education.

## Emily Dabrowski Memorial Scholarship Winners announced

DUDLEY — The Shepherd Hill Regional High School class of 2022 has eight more Emily Dabrowski Memorial Scholarship recipients! These fine graduates have displayed a history of volunteering and community service. They are also known for kindness to others and to animals and who plan to pursue a career path in a humanitarian field.

Emily died in 2017 during her senior year at Shepherd Hill. Emily's "Happiest place on Earth" was a Haitian Orphanage called Espwa. She traveled there with other missionaries from St. Joseph's Church in Charlton to work for three summers! Stories

of Emily's kindness and support of others less fortunate continue to be told. Great care is taken in choosing the winners of this scholarship.

Congratulations to the graduating seniors who received the Emily Dabrowski Memorial Scholarships in 2022:

- Joseph Dumas
- Elzbieta Gronek
- Amalie Jarvis
- Eda Lindstrom
- Kyle Norberg

Jacob Roberts

Zachary Robinson

Anna Thomas

Please help us in applauding these students for their efforts to make our world a better place! Thank you to those who support the scholarship fund with your donations and participating in the annual "Dad's Swatfest" golf fundraising event at Heritage Country Club.

## Outdoor flea market to be held in Oxford

OXFORD — An outdoor flea market will be held on Saturday, Aug. 6 (rain date: Aug. 13) from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the First Congregational Church of Oxford, 355 Main St. (Route 12) in Oxford. Reservations from vendors are now being accepted. Each 10x10 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 at [officeadmin@oxfordfirstucc.org](mailto:officeadmin@oxfordfirstucc.org), or contact Fran at 508-987-8961.

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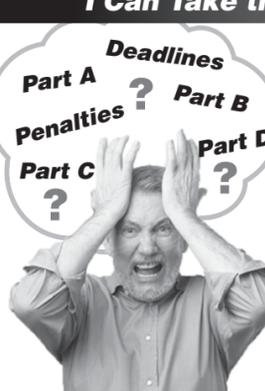
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**ART EXHIBIT: ANNE TISEDELL**  
July 1-July 29

Works by local artist Anne Tisdell will be on display in the Fels room throughout the month of July.

**MESSY ART**  
Monday, July 18 3:00PM-4:00PM  
Create your very own messy masterpiece using a variety of supplies and fun techniques. For ages 2-6.

Free; children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

**CRAFT BOOTCAMP: LEARN TO EMBROIDER**  
Monday, July 18 5:00PM-6:00PM  
Learn to embroider and make a simple pattern. Materials will be provided. For ages 10+ - teens and adults are welcome too!

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**TEEN/TWEEN ARROW CRAFT**  
Thursday, July 28 1:00PM-2:00PM  
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Thursday, July 28 6:30PM-7:45PM

Cuba has a longer history of art music than any other island nation in the Caribbean. Music making at first was centered around cathedrals in Santiago and Havana as far back as the early 17th century. Two hundred years later, Cuba was being greatly influenced by European Romanticism. Opera was thriving as were numerous music societies offering solo and chamber music. Cuba would produce several generations of talented composers who would instill their music with native rhythms and dances. Jeffrey Engel will explore this less well-known repertory and play examples from it.

This program will be offered via Zoom. Registered participants will receive a link to the event 24 hours before the program.

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**DROP IN SLIME MAKING**  
Friday, July 29 10:30AM-12:30PM  
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**TURTLES!**  
Thursday, August 4 1:00PM-2:00PM

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All children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

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**END OF SUMMER READING**  
Thursday, August 4 2:00PM-4:00PM

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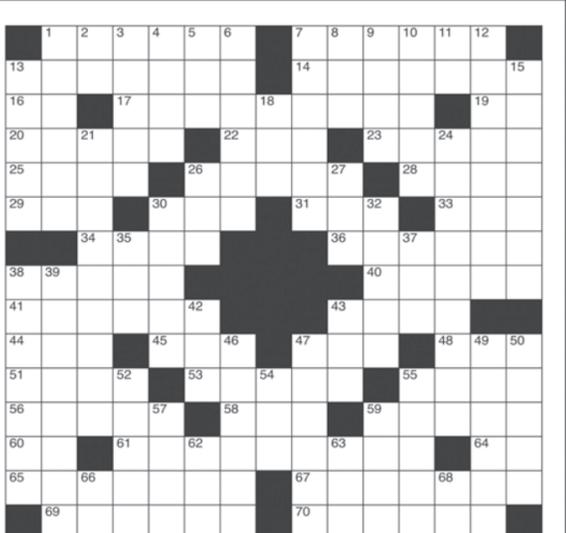
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The Pearle Jam concert series continues with Matt York performing the music of The Highwaymen, the country supergroup comprised of Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings, and Kris Kristofferson.

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**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Eurasian shrubs
- 7. Strikes and rebounds
- 13. Group of advisers
- 14. Modern necessity
- 16. Top lawyer in the land
- 17. Philadelphia university
- 19. Of I
- 20. Functions as a laser
- 22. Basketball phenomenon Jeremy
- 23. Famed island
- 25. Parent-teacher groups
- 26. Distributes
- 28. Self-immolation by fire ritual
- 29. Ad \_\_
- 30. Circulation problem (abbr.)
- 31. Brother or sister
- 33. A famous "Squad"
- 34. Stage actor Anthony
- 36. Violent seizure of property
- 38. Saclike cavities
- 40. Sound units
- 41. Counts on
- 43. Dad
- 44. Woman (French)
- 45. A digital tape recording of sound
- 47. Polish Baltic peninsula
- 48. Recipe measurement
- 51. Requests out of dire need
- 53. Precious stone weight unit
- 55. The immaterial part of a person
- 56. Anoint
- 58. Golf score
- 59. Supernatural
- 60. Northwest Territories
- 61. Can be made suitable
- 64. A professor's helper
- 65. Having a toothlike edge
- 67. Got atop a horse
- 69. Judged
- 70. Static balance between opposing forces

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Flowing
- 2. Computer department
- 3. Lasts
- 4. DiFranco and Samsonyan are two
- 5. \_\_ de sac
- 6. Merchant
- 7. Hosts film festival
- 8. State of agitation of fuss
- 9. A way to praise
- 10. Opaque gems
- 11. McKinley is one
- 12. Smallest interval in classical Western music
- 13. Famed designer Lauren
- 15. Occupies
- 18. Small island (British)
- 21. Misuse of the sacred
- 24. Covers with a thin sheet
- 26. Most valuable player
- 27. Title of respect
- 30. Investigated discreetly
- 32. Belonging to the bottom layer
- 35. Black tropical American cuckoo
- 37. Music genre
- 38. Indicates one is in mourning
- 39. Secured forever
- 42. Bodily cavity
- 43. A dog is one
- 46. Chose to do something
- 47. Annoy persistently
- 49. Large hotel rooms
- 50. Beg
- 52. Docket
- 54. Subway dwelling rodent
- 55. Sources
- 57. Mild Dutch cheese
- 59. Spanish city
- 62. Consumed
- 63. Ballplayer's tool
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- 68. Atomic #3



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### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Water Sewer Commission will be holding a **Public Hearing on Wednesday, August 10, 2022** at 7:00PM at the Town Hall in the **Selectman's Meeting Room, 350 Main Street, Webster, MA,** to discuss treatment options for **Per-and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances "PFAS6"**. MassDEP will provide a presentation about PFAS6 and the new MCL requirements and Tighe & Bond will present treatment options including estimated costs.



# GWCF grants more than \$450,000 to 34 awardees

WORCESTER — The Greater Worcester Community Foundation announced the 34 awardees of its 2022 Community Grants - a total of \$456,250. Community Grants are made possible by people who have set up discretionary funds with the Foundation. This type of fund provides GWCF with the maximum amount of flexibility to grant resources where community needs are greatest.

“Our community organizations are demonstrating their strong commitment to helping others in what is continuing to be a trying time for so many people in and around Worcester,” said Jonathan Cohen, Vice President for Programs & Strategy. “Each of these grants reflects the originality, ingenuity, and strong sense of community that distinguish Central Massachusetts from other places - and this Foundation is proud to be a large part of that philanthropic community.”

Rooted in the belief that together, everyone can collectively work towards a more equitable, vibrant and just community by offering flexible grant options, the Community Grant Program implements strategic focus areas, and emphasizes the underlying approaches nonprofit organizations apply to their work. For 2022, the Community Grants remained focused on three strategic areas: Health & Wellbeing, Thriving Families, and Creative Worcester. Additionally, GWCF sought to partner with grantee organizations with a commitment to Racial Equity, Community Voice, and Policy & Systems.

Those organizations receiving funds for operating support this year are:

- Angels Net Foundation Inc
- Launch of New Early Education Program \$17,000.00
- Apple Tree Arts
- Preschool Music Outreach Program \$10,000.00
- ArtsWorcester
- 100 Views of Worcester \$5,000.00
- Ascentria Community Services, Inc.
- Safety Net Program for Refugees and Immigrants \$17,500.00
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Mass/Metrowest, Inc.
- Worcester Area College Mentoring Program at Fitchburg State University \$15,000.00
- Black Student Union - Worcester Technical High School (fs Worcester Public Schools)
- Multicultural Immersion of Art & Education \$5,000.00
- Boys & Girls Club of Webster-Dudley
- Social-Emotional Learning at the Club \$25,000.00
- Boys & Girls Club of Worcester
- Summer Programs and Outdoor Classroom \$20,000.00
- Building Futures, Inc. (fs Worcester Housing Authority)
- BFI Lakeside Summer Program \$10,000.00
- Colony Retirement Homes
- Wellness Nurse Project \$12,500.00
- Community Health Awareness Network (CHAN)
- Graceful Aging Summer Elder Initiative “Walk with an Elder” \$10,000.00
- Empower Children for Success (fs Highland Baptist Church)
- Family Child Care Entrepreneur Program: (Business/Job Creation) \$10,000.00
- Guardians of Tradition
- A night to remember: Folk Guardians of Worcester \$20,000.00
- Guild of St. Agnes of Worcester
- Early Childhood Behavioral Health Intervention Project \$15,000.00
- Living In Freedom Together (LIFT), Inc.
- BRAVE: Building Real Action for Viable Employment \$25,000.00
- Massachusetts Symphony Orchestra, Inc.
- Jazz in the Park: An Evening Celebrating Great Latin/American Musical Influences \$10,000.00
- Mustard Seed
- Mustard Seed Summer Enrichment Program \$7,500.00
- New England Botanical Garden at Tower Hill
- Project Bloom: Strengthening Connections Between Nature and Greater Worcester’s Youth \$25,000.00
- North Quabbin Citizen Advocacy, Inc.
- Building Relationships so Individuals with Disabilities & Their Families Thrive \$5,000.00
- Northeast Organic Farming Association Massachusetts Chapter
- Healthy Soils for Healthy Communities: A Worcester County Project with NOFA/Mass and SproutChange \$14,000.00
- Pakachoag Music School of Greater Worcester
- Quinsigamond Village Partners for

- Inclusive Children’s Theater \$7,250.00
- Pernet Family Health Service, Inc.
- Youth Program - Family Outings & Activities \$20,000.00
- Push Worcester (fs Worcester Roots Project)
- Skate Camp \$6,000.00
- Quinsigamond Community College Foundation
- Mental Health Counseling \$20,000.00
- Southeast Asian Coalition of Central Massachusetts
- Mental Wellness \$25,000.00
- Tenacity, Inc.
- 2022 Worcester Summer Tennis & Reading Program (STRP) \$10,000.00
- Training Resources of America, Inc.
- YouthBuild Worcester (YBW) - 33 Merrick St \$15,000.00
- Whitin Community Center
- WCC After-School Youth Resilience and Overall Wellness \$20,000.00
- Worcester Chamber Music Society
- Season 18 Fall Concerts \$5,000.00
- Worcester Children’s Chorus
- Raise Your Voice! After School Choirs Partnership with Worcester Public Schools \$7,500.00
- Worcester Islamic Center Social Services
- WICSS Cares: Healthcare Services for Afghan Refugees and Others \$12,000.00
- Worcester Public Library Foundation
- 2022 Summer Reading Program \$5,000.00
- Worcester Youth Center
- Violence Is Not Normal \$15,000.00
- Youth Opportunities Upheld (YOU), Inc. (an affiliate of Seven Hills Foundation)
- Dynamy Youth Academy \$10,000.00



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DKH will continue to operate as a not-for-profit and independent organization with a local board, with input on local issues. Covenant Health is a regional health delivery network and a leader in value-based, not-for-profit health and elder care. Covenant Health’s leadership believes that quality healthcare is delivered locally, not 50 miles away.

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# Seth Champoux of North Oxford makes Dean's List at RIT

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Seth Champoux of North Oxford was named to the Dean's List at Rochester Institute of Technology for the Spring 2022 Semester. Champoux is in the mechanical engineering program.

Full-time degree-seeking undergraduate students are eligible for Dean's List if their term GPA is greater than or equal to 3.400; they do not have any grades of "Incomplete", "D" or "F"; and they have registered for, and completed,

at least 12 credit hours.

Rochester Institute of Technology is home to leading creators, entrepreneurs, innovators and researchers. Founded in 1829, RIT enrolls about 19,700 students in more than 200 career-oriented and professional programs, making it among the largest private universities in the U.S.

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# Elms College announces Dean's List for Spring 2022

CHICOPEE — The College of Our Lady of the Elms has named the following students to the dean's list for the spring 2022 semester. Congratulations to all the students who are named to the list.

Nicholas McElroy of Oxford  
Eunice Osei of Webster  
More than 540 students were named

to the spring 2022 Dean's List. To qualify, a full-time student must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher, without incompletes.

Elms College is a co-educational Catholic college offering a liberal arts curriculum that prepares students holistically for a purposeful life in a diverse and interconnected world. Founded in 1928 by the Sisters of St.

Joseph, Elms College has a tradition of educating reflective, principled and creative learners, who are rooted in faith, educated in mind, compassionate in heart, responsive to civic and social obligations, and capable of adjusting to change without compromising principle.

# Roger Williams University announces Spring 2022 Dean's List

BRISTOL, R.I. — Select students have been named to the Spring 2022 Dean's List at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I. Full-time students who complete 12 or more credits per semester and earn a GPA of 3.4 or higher are placed on the Dean's List that semester.

Ashlee Bartels of Webster  
Hanna Scheffler of Webster  
Camryn Sullivan of Webster  
Darlane Tooley of Webster  
About RWU  
At Roger Williams University, stu-

dents are prepared to be thinkers and doers ready to solve challenging problems with innovative solutions. RWU offers 50 majors and robust offerings of graduate and professional programs across eight schools of study including Rhode Island's only law school, with campuses on the coast of Bristol and in the heart of Providence, R.I. With small classrooms and a focus on undergraduate and graduate research and community engagement, a Roger Williams education blends the strength of liberal

arts and professional studies, providing all students with the depth and breadth of interdisciplinary thinking and well-rounded knowledge necessary to succeed in our interconnected, global world. RWU is committed to strengthening society through engaged scholarship so that students graduate with the ability to think critically and apply the practical skills that today's employers demand.

# Worcester Academy Announces Honor Roll, Headmaster's List

WORCESTER — Worcester Academy proudly announces its 2022 Honor Roll and Headmaster's List. The honors represent the achievements that each of these Worcester Academy students has earned through academic excellence, challenge, and personal growth.

- Deryn Flynn of Dudley, Class of 2022, First Honors.
- Matthew Grniet of North Oxford, Class of 2022, Head's List.
- Maria Holland of Webster, Class of 2022, Second Honors.
- Christopher Best of Webster, Class of 2023, First Honors.
- Joseph Berberian of Webster, Class of 2023, Head's List.
- Sydney Ryder of Oxford, Class of 2023, Head's List.

- Andrew Grniet of North Oxford, Class of 2024, First Honors.
- Sophia Buffone of Oxford, Class of 2024, Head's List.
- Kortnie Adams of Webster, Class of 2025, First Honors.
- Brooke Goodrich of Oxford, Class of 2025, Head's List.
- Colin Farrarher of Webster, Class of 2025, Second Honors.
- Thomas Flynn of Dudley, Class of 2025, Second Honors.
- About Worcester Academy  
Founded in 1834, Worcester Academy is an independent day and boarding school for boys and girls in grades 6 to 12 (and postgraduates). Located in the thriving city of Worcester, the Academy provides an

exceptional and time-befitting educational experience that fosters personal growth, nurtures a sense of belonging and well-being, and develops intellect and understanding through authentic community engagement and real-world experiences. Students, who are joyful and curious, define what it means to "Achieve the Honorable" and are equipped to honorably impact the world wherever they go.  
For information about the Worcester Academy, contact Neil Isakson, director of external communications, at 508-459-6918 or e-mail him at [neil.isakson@worcesteracademy.org](mailto:neil.isakson@worcesteracademy.org).



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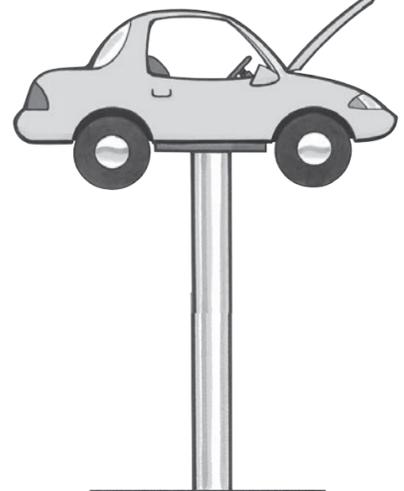
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# VIEWPOINT

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## Let our light influence others

"The criminal in your community may be less guilty for his crime than you, his Christian neighbor," the Russian writer Fyodor Dostoevsky wrote in his book "The Brothers Karamazov." "For you could have been a light to the evil doer, yet you were not. For the man remained beside you in darkness. Had you been the kind of example you ought to have been and allowed your light to shine on that lost man's path, perhaps he might not have stumbled into his crime. If you had loved your neighbor as yourself and lavished upon him some of the care you generously lavish upon yourself, shared some of the warmth God has privileged you to possess, that criminal might have changed in time."

This thought-provoking statement reminds us of the responsibility we have for our neighbor, for "the other," for those who surround us. How easily we judge and condemn others, instead of accepting our responsibility in helping those struggling with evil. We are brothers and sisters with one another, and if we truly possess divine love, then we will be deeply concerned for the other. On the internet daily, we can see countless examples of confused, hurting, desperate people who give in to temptations of violence, aggression, immorality and other vices. Do we accept part responsibility for their actions? What are we concretely doing to reach out to such people? What are we doing to change the structures that lead people into poverty, violence, depression and despair?

Dostoevsky challenges us by saying "The criminal in your community may be less guilty for his crime than you, his Christian neighbor!" Jesus Christ says something related to this. "Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." The light of Christ is to shine from our lives.

We must understand that every person has a certain influence in the world. No matter how great or small we are, we affect people around us – in our families, in our neighborhoods, among our friends in our work, in our recreation, and in our schools. Maybe our circle of influence doesn't appear to be great but we do influence certain people, and who knows what great or terrible things those people may do in the future because of our witness!

Saint Innocent Veniaminov, one of the greatest Christian missionaries who brought the Gospel to Alaska in the 19th century, admitted that his main problem in preaching to the native peoples of Alaska was the terrible witness his fellow Russian fur traders gave to the Alaskan people. When St. Innocent preached the Gospel, the people asked him, "Are the Russians also Christian? If yes, then why would we want to be like them. They drink too much, they abuse and misuse us, they are dishonest and greedy. If that is what it means to be a Christian, then we are not interested in your teachings." Only after a long period, during which St. Innocent offered an example of authentic Christian love, sacrifice, and service, did he finally persuade them of the beauty and truth of the Christian faith.

We have to be careful what message we transmit to others, whether consciously or unconsciously. Let us ask ourselves, by what we say and who we are, are we radiating light or darkness in the world? Are we helping our neighbor come closer to God and His love, or are we scandalizing or ignoring them and unconsciously pushing them away from goodness? It is a sobering thought to realize that our examples may cause people to either draw closer or fall away from God!

An inspiring illustration of shining

Christ's light to others occurred during WWII, when the Russians began their countermarch against the Nazis. A young Nazi soldier found himself behind Russian lines. He was bleeding from a gun wound in one arm. Bewildered and afraid, he found his way into the home of a poor Russian peasant. She welcomed him into her humble home, and offered him food and rest. He did not understand why she was so kind, since he was her enemy, but he noticed how she prayed daily, standing before her icons of Christ and the saints. This soldier recalled years later, "I could see God living in that home, even though I had never known Him before. Before this, I believed that God didn't exist, but that the State was my god. And this false god taught me to hate those who didn't believe as I believed. Although I had never even seen a Bible in my life, no less read one, from the witness of that woman, I came to realize that God was alive because I saw Him in the life of that poor peasant woman." A short time later, as this same soldier attempted to find his way back to the German lines, he became

lost and returned to the home of this friendly Russian woman, only to discover that her home had been burned down because of what she had done to help an enemy soldier.

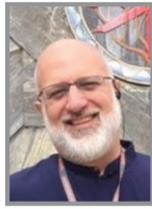
Well, the soldier did find his way back to the German side, but he found his way back as a new man! And following the war, he dedicated his life to serving Christ and becoming a great defender of the Christian faith, all because he witnessed God's love and mercy through this humble Christian woman! "Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." Obviously, the witness of saints throughout history has always reminded others of how to shine God's light onto the world around us!

The second important lesson from Christ's words is to let our light shine, so that "others may see your good works and give glory to your father in heaven." Whatever good witness we offer to others we must never take the credit for ourselves but give all glory to God and God alone. One of the quickest ways to darken a shining light is to cover it with our pride and a desire for praise. Our purpose in allowing others to see our good works is so that others may understand where our source of goodness comes from, and thus, to draw closer to that source – God himself.

Too often we are tempted to forget that every good thing we do comes from God. We foolishly become proud, thinking we ourselves deserve the credit. We forget that we are not the light, but simple reflections of the light. If a mirror reflects the rays of the sun, its reflection can be very powerful, but the mirror itself has no light; all light comes from the sun itself.

I remember how Mother Teresa described her great works: "I am simply a pencil in the hands of God. If a great author writes a masterpiece, can the pencil take credit? Of course not. Greatness came from the mind of the author, not the pencil." In like manner, if any good comes from us, remember that its source is God alone. Who are we to take credit for anything good?

Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven! Let us reflect upon what light we are radiating from our lives and how we are influencing our neighbor. May our example bless others and draw them closer to the source of love Himself.



### BEYOND THE PEWS

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## Vehicle rack regulations



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With the pandemic restrictions relaxed, and summer in full swing, people are seeking outdoor recreation or traveling for vacation. Bicycle and storage racks are a common sight on the rear of many cars at this time of the year. I was asked to explain any

restrictions for the use of these racks attached to the rear of a vehicle.

Luggage or bicycle racks are an easy way to increase a vehicle's storage or trunk space while traveling. One main concern, that many people may not be aware of, is the possible obstruction of the vehicle's rear license plate. If a bicycle rack or other device is placed in such a way as to block the clear view of the number plate, this is a violation. Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 90 Section 6 outlines the display of number plates. It states in part, "number plates shall be kept clean with the numbers legible and shall not be obscured in any manner by the installation of any device obscuring said numbers, and during the period when the vehicle or trailer is required to display lights the rear register number shall be illuminated so as to be plainly visible at a distance of sixty feet." This law requires all number plates to be visible. It particularly prohibits the installation of any device which can obscure the numbers. A bicycle rack or other type of carrier must be positioned in such a way to not interfere with the display of the license plate. It is also important to remember this law applies to both the front and rear plates. A violation of this section can result in a \$35 civil infraction.

This law ensures vehicles traveling on the roads can be properly identified. It is important to keep the plate clearly visible. This is a critical consideration before purchasing or installing any device on your vehicle. If the use of a storage rack on the vehicle blocks the number plate, you may need to seek an alternative, such as a roof device or something which allows for the number plate to be temporarily relocated onto the rack itself. Take the time to research your options prior to purchase. This will still allow you to transport larger items and keep you in compliance with the law.

For those still seeking vaccination or COVID related information, it can be found at [www.dudleyma.gov](http://www.dudleyma.gov) or by calling 508-949-8036. 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](mailto: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.

## What you should know about IRA rollovers

If you've been contributing to an IRA, you've chosen a great way to save and invest for retirement. All IRAs have potential tax benefits and a range of investment possibilities, but not all IRA providers offer the same features. So, if you decide that your current IRA provider is charging higher fees than you'd like, or perhaps doesn't offer as many investment choices as you want, then you might choose to move your IRA assets to another provider. How should you go about making this switch?

Here are some options to consider: Trustee-to-trustee transfer or direct rollover – You can ask the financial institution holding your IRA to move the money directly to another IRA. No taxes will be withheld from the amount transferred at the time of the transfer. This method is generally hassle-free, but some IRA sponsors will still only mail the check to your address of record, so you'd have to forward it to your new IRA.

Indirect rollover – If you take an indirect rollover, also known as a 60-day rollover, the assets from your existing IRA will be liquidated and the custodian or plan sponsor will send you a check or deposit the funds directly into your bank or brokerage account. This payment may be subject to withholding for

federal taxes, and possibly state taxes, unless you opt out of withholding. You have 60 calendar days from the time the funds were withdrawn to deposit the money, including any amount withheld, into a new IRA. If you miss this 60-day deadline, the withdrawal may be taxable at your personal income tax rate, and it could also be subject to an early withdrawal penalty if you're younger than 59 and a half.

Given the immediate withholding and the possibility of further taxes if you don't move the money into a new IRA before the 60 days are up, you've got much to consider before initiating an indirect rollover. Consequently, you should consult with a financial advisor and tax professional before you make this type of move.

In addition to a rollover from an existing IRA, you may someday want to move the money from your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan to an IRA. This can occur when you retire or change jobs, although if you do



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take on another job, you might have the options of leaving your 401(k) with your former employer or rolling it over into your new employer's plan. However, if you do want to move your 401(k) funds into an IRA, you can make what's known as a direct rollover, in which the administrator of your old retirement

plan will send you a check made payable to the custodian of your IRA. No taxes will be withheld, but you need to get the funds transferred within 60 days to avoid any potential tax issues.

You spend years contributing to your IRA and 401(k) — and for good reason. So, when it's time to move that money, be careful and consider getting help from your financial and tax professionals. These funds can play a big role in your retirement income, so manage them wisely.

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### EDITORIAL

## Embrace aging

Over the weekend, we were able to spend some time at a music festival. A friend happened to lean over and say, "Did you notice everyone is getting so much older?" They didn't say it in a negative way, but as a statement of fact. The festival was filled with people of all ages; however, it did bring us back to our youth, when stress was low and our futures were still unwritten.

That comment resonated with us because as the years pass by, we actually don't feel old, we still feel pretty young! Aging doesn't have to be this doom and gloom experience. It can be pretty awesome, and the better you take care of yourself, the more fun aging will turn out. Of course, aging is better than not aging, so let's do it with grace and spunk.

When you take care of yourself, age is just a number. Experts say to focus on what you can change, instead of what you cannot. Embracing healthy habits is key to enjoying your youth for as long as you choose.

Number one on the list is to get sleep. Sleep is essential to health and aging well. Lack of sleep can cause us to look older than we are. Sleep has been shown to reduce wrinkles and dark spots.

Keep your brain sharp. Always seek knowledge. If going back to school isn't your jam, then read books, watch documentaries, download apps that teach you algebra and fractions and jog your memory. You'd be surprised at how fast those formulas come back to you! Travel and visits to museums are also easy ways to give your brain some exercise.

Stay hydrated. Everything our body needs to function requires water. Staying hydrating can benefit your heart and ease hypertension.

Sugar? Eh; we don't need it. Once in a while, of course, it can be a nice treat; however, sugar can wreak havoc on our bodies to include premature aging of the skin. Experts also say that processed foods are a no-no. Experts suggest giving up diet soda, as it can cause acne, depression, diabetes and lower bone density.

Learning a new skill is excellent for the brain. Pick up a guitar, learn to fix an engine, learn how to operate a fancy camera, anything that piques your interest. Challenging ourselves can boost our brain power and keep us young.

Research has indicated that there is a connection between happiness and spirituality. When we have found a meaning to life, or a purpose, we feel more satisfied. This can include anything such as gardening, meditation, yoga or even writing poetry.

Keep your skin hydrated by moisturizing. Dermatologists recommend washing your face twice daily with gentle products and use a good facial moisturizer and don't forget your sunscreen. This goes for both men and women.

Power down your gadgets. Your cell phone is more harmful than you think. One study showed that Americans check their phones up to 150 times a day! They point out that each interaction releases adrenaline, which leads to stress and anxiety. We all know stress ages us fast.

Always take time for yourself. When you do so, you're able to stay refreshed and relate to others in a more meaningful way. On the flip side, maintaining good friendships and keeping up some sort of social life keeps us young, and may reduce the risk of Alzheimer's, heart disease, some cancers and cardiovascular disease. Steer clear of toxic people that can bring you down. Positive people can help us live longer.

Stay cautious of too much down time and don't slouch! Sedentary individuals are biologically eight years older than their active peers. Slouching can lead to misalignment which can affect our joints, muscles and spine. Having good posture is a mood booster as well. Build muscle. Men lose three to five percent of muscle mass per decade. Stay active; we often see 80 year olds hiking mountains, and we think they know something we don't.

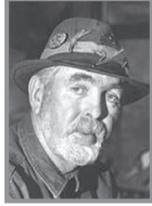
Reduce your sodium intake. One study showed that teenagers who consumed high amounts of sodium accelerated the cellular aging process especially if they were overweight. Maintaining a healthy weight is also important. It's one thing to indulge every so often, however as we age our metabolism comes to a screeching halt.

Get out in nature. One study showed that those who spend time outdoors are less depressed and have an overall better sense of well being.

In the words of playwright George Bernard Shaw, "We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing."

# The fishing gets better every day

This past week saw fishing improving every day, with fluke, seabass, and tuna providing most of the action. Bluefin tuna fishing has been great in both Mass. & Rhode Island, with plenty of 70- to 80-pound fish being caught. Many bottom fishing anglers are catching some impressive fluke and seabass in both Rhode Island & Mass.!



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cormorant will consume one pound of small fish each day.

I had watched cormorants eating recently spawned winter flounder along the shoreline at the boat ramp at Galilee Rhode Island not that long ago. Today, winter flounder populations have crashed in all of Narragansett Bay. Overfishing is also to blame! A decision needs to be made soon. Do we keep feeding these birds and seals, or do we keep some of the fish for human consumption?

Freshwater fishing has been holding its own lately, with a bit of a slowdown last week on some of the local ponds and lakes. It also was very slow last week on the Quabbin Reservoir for numerous anglers including my brother Ken and his son Mark, that visit the Res. annually for some laker fishing. Ken also brings his wife Debbie on a few trips, and often have some great fishing, but not last week. It was slow for all of the anglers he talked to on that day. You should have been here yesterday!

A new type of fishing for brown sharks on the Cape was shown to this writer last week. Anglers are taking a long walk at night on some of the beaches on the cape, with fishing gear

in tow! They are catching and releasing six-foot brown sharks, and are tagging them for the state. Many beach goers may want to take a look at some of these photos. More and more great white sharks are also showing up along the Cape beaches, which is causing concern about the safety of going into the water just for a quick dip! Yikes!

This year, mice and chipmunks are out of control in Mass., and the high acorn crop is partially to blame. Just when you think you have them under control, they start showing up again in basements, garages, and in your home. They are eating their way through plastic and cardboard boxes. This past winter, they caused a lot of damage to automobile & lawnmower wiring. They were responsible for damage to outboard motors, and lawnmower wiring as well.

It was not long ago I mentioned a quick way to get rid of some of these rodents using a simple bucket of water and a ramp from the floor to the top of the pail. A simple wire coat hanger was used by cutting the wire so that it could go through one side of the pail to the other at the top. A soda can had two holes drilled in it at each end, so that the wire could be inserted through the can, allowing it to spin. Place some peanut butter on the surface of the can. Partially fill the bucket with water, a third full. It works! I caught at least 15 mice in a few days, and still counting!



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This week's picture shows two yellow Lab pups from which this writer had to choose from 11 years ago. It was a hard decision, as I am sure they both would have turned out just great. I wish I had bought both of them!

We still have a lot of summer left, and our pets need to be kept in a cool dry place, with plenty of fresh water. Exercising should be done early mornings and late evenings. Taking your dog for a walk in the heat of the day can be unhealthy for them, as well as burning their feet on the hot pavement or sidewalk. When we were young, we often fried an egg on the hot pavement, just to prove a point as to how hot it was. Never leave your kids or pets in a hot car! We have all watched our TV showing the horrible results!

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

## Summertime Tips

It's summertime and the livin' is easy - if you know some "tricks of the trade" to make your warm weather activities less of a hassle! The following timely tips are geared toward carefree summertime living.

It's fresh fruit and veggie season, but before you spend big bucks on commercial produce cleaners and fresheners, try these homemade solutions that do the job for pennies!

To make a homemade "fruit fresh" clone, dissolve two vitamin C tablets in a large bowl of water. Dunk in the fruits or vegetables to keep them fresher longer.

If you're buying "Fit" produce wash, your hard earned cash may be literally going down the drain! Whip up this homemade version for pennies: In a spray bottle, mix two tablespoons of baking soda with one cup of water. If you want add a tablespoon of lemon juice. Spray veggies, let sit for a few minutes and rinse!

Fresh summer fruit is a gift of the season and picking a fruit at its peak of freshness is a top priority. When shopping for peaches, look for fruit that feels heavy for its size, with smooth unblemished skin. Ripe fruit should be soft enough to yield to the touch, but not overly mushy. To pick a sweet cantaloupe, look for the one with small, tight netting on the skin. If the seeds rattle, it may be overripe. Strawberries, should be plump and bright red. Top leaves should be attached, green, and fresh looking. Look for firm watermelons with a dull outer skin. When you thump it, it should give a hollow sign. If you're buying sliced watermelon, look for a

bright, deeply colored pink to red flesh. Many fibers or white streaks indicate an over ripe, older fruit.

Need to ripen fruit fast? If you want to speed up the ripening of other fruits place them next to your bananas. Bananas give off a gas called ethylene.

July is National Ice Cream Month, so it's practically our patriotic duty to indulge in the sweet, frozen treat this month! In 1984, President Ronald Reagan designated July as National Ice Cream Month. Recognizing ice cream as a fun and nutritious food that is enjoyed by a full 90% of the nation's population, Mr. Reagan called for all people in the US to celebrate the event each July - and who are we to argue? To kick off a month of sweet celebrations, try this refreshing Frosty Freeze. In a mixing bowl, just chop one cup of slightly softened vanilla ice cream with a spoon. Drizzle on one tablespoon frozen lemonade, thawed but not diluted. You'll love it!

When you eat ice cream, the intense cold can sometimes causes blood vessel spasms, otherwise known as "brain freeze." If you start to feel an ice cream headache coming on, you may be able to slow it down by holding your tongue against your palate to warm it up until you finish your chilly dessert.

Want to lick your ice cream headaches altogether? Some doctors say that simply eating cold foods more slowly can help prevent brain freeze.

Did you know? Ice cream should be



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stored at 0 to -10 degrees F. to maintain its texture. However, the best temperature for scooping ice cream is 8 to 12 degrees F, so leave it out of the refrigerator for several minutes before scooping. And ice cream should never be stored on the door of the freezer. Fluctuating temperatures from all the opening and closing can melt and refreeze it, creating ice crystals.

It's fishing season! If you're dropping your line into the waters this weekend read on for a few tips to help make your time at the fishing hole more productive:

Successful fishers make it a habit to change their line. Fishing line has memory- it will retain the twist, nicks scrapes, and it gets weaker every time it is used. Don't chance losing the "big one" to brittle line!

And be sure to match your hook size to your bait: small for small, large for large. It makes a difference in holding your bait, and in how many strikes you will get.

Take a valuable fishing tip from old timers who say "if you find the bait you'll find the fish." To do this efficiently, they make it a habit to scan the water for bird activity. Follow the birds, who follow the bait, and you'll likely find the fish!

Want to up your odds of trout for supper? When lake fishing, dip your crawler in the oil from a can of smoked

oysters! Or try this secret recipe from anglers: Combine two ounces of cod liver oil with 20 drops oil of anise. Mix well. Dip your bait in the mixture and string up the trout!

Still no bites? It could be your bug repellent. Never handle bait after applying it as the scent will keep the fish away.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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.

## The building blocks of dreams: Faith

Last week, I discussed the first thing you must have to achieve your dream: desire. Whatever you want to do in this life, you can do, as long as your desire is strong enough. Desire isn't the only factor. Probably the second most crucial building block to accomplishing your dream is faith.

Faith is often confused with belief. Belief is something we intellectually accept as true, but faith is a commitment to think, speak, and behave in a manner consistent with your belief. If you cannot live your life in a manner consistent with your belief, can you genuinely say that you have faith?

When it comes to accomplishing your dreams, you must not only believe it can be achieved, but you must also combine your belief with action. You must act as if. When you can align belief with your thoughts, words, and actions, that's faith.

We often associate faith with positivity. It can be related to negativity as well.

Many believe they are doomed to a life of failure and bad luck. Unfortunately, they've combined this belief with their

thoughts, words, and actions. They think thoughts of defeat, speak words of failure and behave in ways that indicate they will not succeed. This alignment with the negative produces a strong faith that failure and misfortune are their lots in life and nothing will ever change.

This type of faith is destructive in many ways. When you think, speak, and behave as if you will never be successful, you may never try, and even if you do have a desire to try, your passion will eventually be stifled and extinguished by your faith that failure is inevitable.

You may think, "I do behave and live as if things will always be bad and I'll never get a good break in life; how can I change?"

There is an old belief that your subconscious mind will move you towards the life you want based on what you instruct it to do; that it's like a programmable computer, and you can program it however you wish. There is now science that indicates this may be true.

If you tell your subconscious mind, through thoughts, words, and actions, that you are destined for failure and that you'll never have what you want, then your subconscious mind will work day and night to make that a reality.

It's been said, "If a person repeats a lie repeatedly, they will eventually accept it as truth." Every person is what they are because of the dominating thoughts they hold in their mind, and when you align your thoughts with emotion, it's one of the best ways to get your subconscious mind to move in a desirable direction.

What are you telling yourself? Are you telling yourself you're a failure and combining that narrative with pity? Are you telling yourself you'll never have what you want and combining it with the emotion of anger? When you do this, you mix your thoughts with emotion. Some say you're programming your subconscious in the wrong direction, increasing your faith in the negative.

Can you tell yourself you're a winner, accept it, and feel the emotions that

accompany victory? Can you learn to dream of success and feel joy, love, and gratitude?

Repetition of thought, words, and action, mixed with the proper emotion, done often enough, will increase your ability to think, speak, and act in a manner consistent with your desired outcome, thereby increasing your faith.

When combined with faith in a higher power, your thoughts, words, and actions can powerfully align with your desire to accomplish your dream. If you can bring yourself to align your vision with faith in a higher power, it can be the single most powerful way to increase your confidence.

Living as if you can attain your dream life means you'll think, speak, and act as if accomplishing your dream is inevitable. Bringing all of these into alignment will also increase your desire. When you affirm your desire with faith, you'll begin to want it more and be that much closer to living the life you want.

Join me next week to discuss the third step you must take to accomplish your dreams.

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# OBITUARIES

## Edwina E. Holewa, 73



WEBSTER – Edwina E. Holewa, 73, formerly of Dudley, died Wednesday, July 13, 2022 in Webster Manor after a period of declining health.

She leaves a son, William F. Borowski and his wife Cindy of Charlton; a daughter, Michelle Borowski; 3 grandchildren, Gianna, Michael and Angelina Borowski; a brother, Joseph Holewa and his wife Judy of Charlton and their children Laura Holewa, Colleen Holewa, Caitlin Rickaby and Brian Kiley; nieces and nephews.

She was born on April 9, 1949 in Worcester and raised in Dudley, the daughter of Edwin E. and Winifred K. “Winnie” (Markuski) Holewa. She graduated from Bartlett High School in 1967 and attended Worcester State

College. She lived in Dudley for most of her life and then at Christopher Heights in Webster for several years.

Edwina was a receptionist in the administration department at Hubbard Regional Hospital. She also worked in the tax department of the Town of Dudley for many years.

She was a communicant of Saint Andrew Bobola Church in Dudley. She enjoyed reading and Motown music.

Her funeral was held Monday, July 18, at 10:00 AM in Saint Andrew Bobola Church, 54 West Main Street, Dudley (please meet at the church). Burial will be in Saint Joseph Garden of Peace. Donations in her name may be made to the Second Chance Animal Shelter, 372 North Main Street, North Brookfield, MA 01535. Arrangements are under the direction of Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main Street, Webster.

www.scanlonfs.com

## James C. Mack, 93



QUINEBAUG, CT – James C. “Curly” Mack, 93, a long-time resident, died Friday, July 8, 2022 in Harrington Memorial Hospital, Southbridge in the presence of his family.

He leaves his daughter, Jane Ellen McCluskey and her husband Paul L. McCluskey and a granddaughter, Anna Carroll McCluskey, all of Melrose, MA; a niece, Jeanne Elby of Richmond, RI; a dear friend and caregiver, Denise Harkins of Thompson; and cousins. His first wife, Theresa (Alexandrowicz) Mack died in 1978 and his second wife of 20 years, Dorothy F. (Hawthorne) Mack, died in 2010.

He was born at home in Quinebaug on December 10, 1928, the son of James H. and Anna (Carroll) Mack and graduated from Tourtellotte Memorial High School in North Grosvenordale in 1946. In his later years he lived in North Grosvenordale and then at Christopher Heights in Webster, MA.

He was a United States Army veteran of the Korean Conflict, serving as a corporal, and was a life member of

the Webster-Dudley American Legion Post #184.

Mr. Mack was a printer at Heffernan Press in Worcester for 26 years, retiring in 1989.

He was a communicant of Saint Stephen’s Church in Quinebaug and volunteered at the Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group (TEEG). He enjoyed reading, especially history, walking and gardening.

A memorial Mass will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, July 23, in St. Stephen’s Church, corner of Rts. 131 & 197. Burial with military honors will follow in St. Joseph’s Cemetery, North Grosvenordale. Visitation will be held from 9:00 to 10:15 AM that morning in Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main Street, Webster. Donations in his memory may be made to either Saint Stephen’s Church, c/o St. Therese Parish, PO Box 665, Putnam, CT 06260 or to the Webster-Dudley Veterans Council, 4 Veterans Way, Webster, MA 01570.

www.websterfunerals.com

## Medora B. Jones, 90



SOUTHBRIDGE – Medora B. (Morneau) Jones, 90, passed away on Saturday, July 2nd, in the Webster Manor Healthcare Center, Webster, after a long illness.

Her husband of 62 years, Arthur R. “Dickie” Jones, passed away in 2018. Her son, Kevin Jones, passed away in 1967. She leaves her three sons, Brian Jones and his wife Mariam of South Carolina, Alan Jones and his wife Janet of Southbridge and Todd Jones and his wife Nancy of Southbridge; her five daughters, Sharon Parent and her husband Kurt of Southbridge, Sandra Smick and her husband David of Southbridge, Donna

Winston and her husband Allen of Ocala, FL, Ruby Jones and her fiancé Kevin Rekowski of Webster and Lisa Jones of Connecticut; 1 brother; 3 sisters; 10 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by 4 brothers and 6 sisters. Medora was born in Southbridge the daughter of Paul and Theresae (Laroche) Morneau.

Medora worked at the former Underwood Typewriter in Southbridge, retiring many years ago. A graveside service was held on Friday, July 9th, in the New Notre Dame Cemetery, Southbridge.

The Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, is directing arrangements.

www.morrillfuneralhome.com

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# Increase flowers with a bit of deadheading

Keep your garden looking its best with a bit of deadheading. Removing faded flowers can promote repeat bloom on some plants, encourage fuller, more compact growth, and tidy up the garden.



GARDEN MOMENTS  
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Use a bypass pruner or deadheading snips to remove faded flowers. These tools have two sharp blades like scissors. This results in a clean cut that closes quickly, leaving your plant looking its best.

The type of flower will influence how and where to make the cut. In general, remove the stem of faded blooms back to the first set of healthy leaves or nearby flower buds.

Deadhead flowers like salvia, veronica, and snapdragons by removing faded flowers to encourage more blooms. Make cuts below the faded flower and above a set of healthy leaves or

new flower stems.

Encourage additional blossoms and improve Shasta daisy’s appearance by removing faded flowers. Prune back just above a set of healthy leaves.

Cut the flowers of Armeria, coral bells and other flowers back to the base of the flower stems that arise from the foliage. This improves the appearance and encourages more blooms on some of this type of flowering perennial.

Plants like daylilies and balloon flowers require a bit different care for a tidier look. Remove the individual blooms as they

fade. Once bloomed out, you can cut the flower stem back at the base. Allowing the faded flowers to hang on the stem until it is all bloomed out won’t hurt the plant, it just detracts from the plant’s overall beauty.

Removing fading flowers of fuchsia and lantana will prevent the plants from going to seed and encourage more blooms. Remove any berries that do form to keep these plants flowering.

Some plants like impatiens, cuphea and calibrachoa are self-cleaning. Old blossoms fall off the plants as new flowers form, eliminating the need for deadheading.

Deadhead heavy seeders like columbine to reduce the number of seedlings and contain the spread. Or allow some seeds to develop if you have space to fill or want lots of seedlings to trans-

plant to new garden beds.

Allow seedheads to develop on coneflowers, rudbeckias, and other plants that provide winter interest and food for the birds.

Remove flowers as they appear on coleus to promote more compact growth. Late blooming, flowerless varieties and self-branching coleus hybrids reduce or eliminate time spent on this task.

Consider skipping the deadheading of late blooming perennials. This allows them to prepare for winter and form seedpods for a bit of winter interest.

Improve the appearance of leggy plants with long stems and few leaves with a bit of pruning. Cut back further into the leafy stem when deadheading to encourage fuller growth as well as more flowers.



Melinda Myers

Removing the individual blooms of balloon flower as they fade will keep this plant looking its best.

Make deadheading part of your regular garden maintenance. Investing time throughout the season will help keep your garden looking its best.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released *Midwest Gardener’s Handbook, 2nd Edition* and *Small*

*Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses “How to Grow Anything” DVD instant video series* and the nationally syndicated *Melinda’s Garden Moment TV & radio program*. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and her Web site is [www.MelindaMyers.com](http://www.MelindaMyers.com).

# LEGALS

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**The Trial Court**  
**Probate and Family Court**  
**Worcester Probate and Family Court**  
**225 Main Street**  
**Worcester, MA 01608**  
**(508) 831-2200**  
**Docket No. WO22P2338EA**  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**  
Donna N. Burd  
**Date of Death: 04/28/2022**  
To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Melissa L Moldover of Oxford MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Melissa L Moldover of Oxford MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/02/2022**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.  
**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**  
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal

Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.  
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: July 06, 2022  
Stephanie K. Fattman,  
Register of Probate  
July 22, 2022  
**TOWN OF WEBSTER**  
**WATER SEWER COMMISSION**  
**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
The Water Sewer Commission will be holding a Public Hearing on Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at 7:00PM at the Town Hall in the Selectman’s Meeting Room, 350 Main Street, Webster, MA, to discuss treatment options for Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances “PFAS6”. MassDEP will provide a presentation about PFAS6 and the new MCL requirements and Tighe & Bond will present treatment options including estimated costs.  
July 22, 2022

**Released on July 12, 2022 from the Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary declared a Level 2-Significant Drought with the following restrictions:**  
Minimize overall water use  
Limit outdoor watering to hand-held hoses or watering cans, to be used only after 5:00pm or before 9:00am.  
We are prohibiting the following: installation of new sod, seeding, and/or landscaping; washing of hard surfaces (sidewalks, patios, driveways, siding) personal vehicle or boat washing; operation of non-recirculation fountains; filling of swimming pools, hot tubs, and backyard informal rinks.  
Any questions or concerns you may contact the Water Sewer Department at 508-949-8007 or refer to the State of Mass drought dashboard at [www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status](http://www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status).  
July 22, 2022

## GLADYS E. KELLY LIBRARY

2 Lake St., Webster  
508-949-3880

Library Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs: 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Wed: 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Fri: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

### JOIN OUR MAILING LIST!

Want to receive updates about our upcoming events? Sign up for email alerts by visiting our website, or by reaching out to our Library Director, Sondra Murphy, at smurphy@cwmar.org.

### Adult Programming

ADULT SUMMER READING – June 27th – August 22nd

Stop by the Circulation Desk to sign up for Adult Summer Reading! You get a raffle ticket for signing up, as well as a ticket for every book, or audiobook you return to the library between now and August 22nd!

SEED LIBRARY – Spring/Summer 2022

Do you have a green thumb, or are you looking to develop one? We are offering a selection of seeds for anyone to take home and plant! This selection changes weekly! All of the seeds were generously donated by Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds.

FRIENDS FEATURED AUTHOR BOOK SALE – Ongoing

Grab a mystery for the summer! Buy 1 Get 1 Free! Featured authors include Susan Conant, Patricia Cornwell, Jeffrey Deaver, and more!

TAI CHI WITH SIFU – Fridays between July 1st and August 26th 9:00-10:00AM

Friday mornings through July and August the Gladys E Kelly Public Library will be having a free Tai Chi class! Join Sifu Gary from the Kung Fu and Tai Chi Academy of New England for an hour of focused movement each week to hone your body, mind, and spirit for the day ahead. Classes will be held on the lawn, weather permitting, and students should wear comfortable clothing for movement and sneakers or walking shoes. Students should also bring water or another non-carbonated beverage. No registration required! Sponsored by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

YOGA WITH JULIE – Moving to Tuesdays at 6:30PM during the summer, Starting July 5th!

Join Julie at the Gladys E. Kelly Library 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. Sponsored by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP – August

15th at 6:30PM

The Gladys E. Kelly Public Library Adult Book Discussion Group will be meeting in person this month! The group meets at 6:30 pm and the meeting will take place in the Library’s Community Room. New members are always welcome! Next month’s book discussion will be on Monday, August 15th. The group will be discussing This is Happiness by Niall Williams. Stop by the library, or reach out by phone to 508-949-3880, or by email to ehale@cwmar.org for inquiries.

GORGEOUS GARDENS OF NEW ENGLAND – July 21st at 6:30PM

Sit back and enjoy a visual tour and the history of some of the most gorgeous gardens in New England. Presented by Joanne Pearson, this lively presentation features a colorful slideshow of some of her favorite public and private gardens in the region. Sponsored by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

JEAN WALKER PAINTING – August 11th 6:00-8:00PM

Jean Walker is back with another beautiful scene for you to paint! Registration required. Registration opens July 18th!

NEEDLE FELTING: SUMMER SCENE – August 18th 6:00-8:00PM

Pop Up Art School will be leading a workshop where participants will paint a summer scene with yarn! Needle felting is a relaxing and easy craft that will be enjoyable for all ages! Please contact the library at 508-949-3880 or webstercirculation@gmail.com to sign up. Registration opens July 18th!

Children’s and Young Adult Programming

MAKER MONDAYS – Mondays from 3:30-4:30PM

Feeling artistic? We will have a variety of craft materials available to put your creativity to the test! Every month we will rotate our craft material, stop in to see what we’re making this month!

BUILD NIGHT – Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30PM

Put your creative caps on and come build with LEGOs, magnatiles, or other neat building materials! Materials will change monthly, so don’t miss it! For children of all ages and their caregivers.

SUMMER EATS – Tuesdays and Thursdays from July 5th to August 4th 11:30AM-12PM

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

is prepared and provided by Webster Public Schools.

MUSIC TOGETHER – Wednesdays starting July 6th, and August 3rd and 10th, 2 sessions, first from 9:30-10AM, second from 10:30-11AM.

Fun, fabulous, uplifting, magical early childhood music class! Sponsored by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

MESSY SUMMER DAYS – Thursdays until August 18th, starting July 7th from 3:30-4:30PM

Enjoy creating messy art and playing in bins of different messy materials with us outside on the common! Every Thursday in July and August!

WIGGLES AND GIGGLES – Thursdays from July 7th through the 21st 10-11AM

Come sing, dance, and make music with Lainey Hanlon! Geared for children ages 2-5 and their caregivers, but all ages welcome! Stop by the Children’s Room, contact our Children’s Librarian, Andrew at atai@cwmar.org, or call the library at 508-949-3880 to register!

TEEN ANIME NIGHT PART II – July 21st 4:30-6PM

Did we like the anime we watched earlier this month, and want to watch more? Come on in and enjoy some snacks and anime!

ED THE WIZARD – July 29th 11AM-12PM

Learn how to make your own Balloon Animals with Ed the Wizard! A Family Friendly Hands-on outdoor Program for all ages! Younger children may need parental help; parents may

require offspring help! This performance is funded, in part, by a grant from the Webster Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the MA Cultural Council. No sign-ups required.

WILL PARKER & THE MAKE-BELIEVE BAND – August 4th 10-11AM

An interactive singing and dancing show for all ages. Come help Will create an improvised song.

TEEN BOB ROSS PAINT NIGHT – August 5th 3:30-5PM

Come paint along with Bob Ross and turn those little mistakes into happy little trees!

STAR WARS PARTY – August 8th 10-11AM

Don’t miss story time and a light saber demonstration at our Star Wars party!

TEEN BOARD GAME 201 – August 11th 4:30-6:00PM

Did you enjoy the new board game you learned or would like to play a new one? Come in and bring your friends and enjoy some refreshments while you relax with a boardgame!

1UP GAMES GAMING TRUCK TEEN EVENT – August 15th 12:00-3:00PM

1 up Gaming is bringing the gaming to us! 3 hours of non-stop gaming! There will be different types of consoles and VR!

TEEN BINGO NIGHT – August 16th 4:30-6:00PM

Come ready to yell BINGO!! Let’s celebrate the wrap up of summer reading by winning awesome prizes!!

## Gabrielle Lawrence named to Dean’s List at University of Findlay

FINDLAY, Ohio — Gabrielle Lawrence, of Dudley, was named to the spring 2022 dean’s list at the University of Findlay. To earn this achievement, a student must attain a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Located in Findlay, Ohio, the University of Findlay is known not only for science, health professions, animal science and equestrian studies programs, but also for cultivating the next generation of business leaders, educators and global citizens through a dedication to experiential learning, both in and outside of the classroom. Established in 1882 through a joint partnership between the Churches of God, General Counsel and the City of Findlay, the University of Findlay has more than 80 majors leading to baccalaureate degrees and offers 11 master’s degrees, and five doctoral degrees. More than 3,500 students are enrolled at Findlay, and the University is nationally recognized by U.S. News and World Report and the Princeton Review.

## Connor Hansen awarded degree from American International College

SPRINGFIELD — Connor Hansen, of North Oxford, has been awarded a degree in Liberal Studies from American International College (AIC) in Springfield. Hansen joins 216 undergraduate students representing five countries, twelve states, and Puerto Rico in receiving congratulations.

Founded in 1885, American International College (AIC) is a private, co-educational, doctoral granting institution located in Springfield, Massachusetts, comprising the School of Business, Arts and Sciences, the School of Education, and the School of Health Sciences. AIC supports and advances education, diversity, and opportunity for its students and the community.

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Email: SeniorCenter@Webster-MA.gov

Like the Webster Senior Center Facebook page to view our photographs, news and announcements. Please stop by to pick up our monthly newsletter for a complete list of activities, upcoming events and our monthly lunch menu.

Tri-Valley Lunches are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 11:30 a.m. Please call (508) 949-3845 at least 48-hours in advance to reserve or cancel your meal. A \$3.00 donation is appreciated.

The Bomba Beauty Salon at the Webster Senior Center is closed on Mondays. Open Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays 10:00 am – 3:00 pm BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Walk-ins Are Welcome on Wednesdays 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Please call (508) 341-8724 to schedule your appointment! Ask about our July Special!

Mondays and Wednesdays: Exercise Classes with Forty Arroyo – Chair Dancing – the perfect workout for any fitness ability! 9:30-10:30 am. Cost: \$3.00 per class

Mondays: Knitting/Crochet Social 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Bingo: Every Tuesday, starts promptly at 1:00 pm. Please plan to arrive by 12:30 pm to allow time to buy your bingo sheets.

Do you like to play cribbage? We have a weekly cribbage group that meets every Tuesday at 1:00 pm – feel free to join us!

Calling card players or interested persons to the Webster Senior Center – come join us for 6-card or 13-card pitch! Six card pitch meets on Mondays and Wednesdays at 1:00 pm. Thirteen-card pitch meets on Thursdays at 1:00 pm. Want to learn pitch? Please call the senior center at (508) 949-3845. Six card beginners will meet Mondays and Wednesdays at 12:15 pm, thirteen card beginners will meet on Thursdays 12:15 pm. Please call to sign up!

Mahjongg group meets every Friday at 1:00 pm

A SHINE (Serving the Health

Insurance Needs of Everyone) counselor is available at the Senior Center by appointment only. Please call (508) 949-3845 to schedule an appointment.

Join us for Creating a Caring Community, a presentation to address bullying and how to create a caring, safe environment. Presented by the Community Outreach Unit of D.A Joseph D. Early, Jr.’s Office. Thursday, July 28th at 10:30 am. Please sign up at Senior Center front desk.

CRAFTERS WANTED! The Friends of the Webster Senior Center are sponsoring a Craft Fair on Monday, October 17, 2022. We are looking for applicants that are senior residents of Webster or a member of the Webster Senior Center. Come join us for the craft fair and rent a table for only \$10.00! Applications available at the Senior Center. Space is limited so be sure to fill out an application early.

Trip 1: Lake Winnepesaukee Cruise & Castle in the Clouds on Tuesday, August 16th. Trip price of \$149.00 includes transportation, 2-hour Lake Cruise, a visit to Castle in the Clouds, luncheon, meal taxes and gratuities. Trip 2: Shades of Buble’, a three man tribute to Michael Buble’ on Tuesday, Sept. 20th. Trip price of \$99.00 includes transportation, show tickets, luncheon, meal taxes and gratuities. Our trips are quickly selling out so don’t wait to reserve your seat! Please call the Senior Center at (508) 949-3845 for more information.

The Worcester County Sheriff’s Office House Numbering Program will create a custom wooden sign with your house number free of charge. One sign per senior household. Please contact the Webster Senior Center if you are interested in having a house number sign made for you. (508) 949-3845.

Senior SAFE is a program that supports fire and life safety education for seniors. The Webster Fire Dept. will do a home visit to ensure that you have the correct smoke and CO2 alarms and that they are working properly, at no cost to you! All you have to do is give them a call at (508) 949-3875.

Please call the Senior Center at (508) 949-3845 or stop in to pick up our monthly newsletter for a complete list of additional activities and upcoming events.

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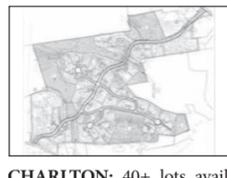


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**QUILTS**

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When Gillon and Rodinov each got his quilt at the Dudley Grange, they were notably different, but the brief presentation ceremony was the same. They sat, and Perreault and Dudley Veterans Agent Stephen Rogerson held each end of the quilt behind them. Folding it, they wrapped each man in his quilt.

Perreault noted they do so many they can't do them by hand, but do make sure each is unique, including dating them and specifically identifying the recipient somewhere on it. The first ones "had to be put in a special, identifying case," but that later became a pillowcase-like sack. Injured vets wore them through their chopper journey from the field to hospitals and ultimately back to Europe and the US, she added.

"Every time you use it, you get a hug," she said, noting the intent is to "cover all service members ... with comfort and healing."

Afterward, Rogerson noted only about 1 percent of the population are veterans today.

Back in June, on Flag Day, Gillon and Rodinov received their citations with a visit from State Rep Peter Durant and Bill Fredericks from Sen Ryan Fattman's staff. At that time, both noted they've participated in several Quilt of Valor ceremonies. Durant said his own father received one in February, while Fredericks said Fattman's brother is in the Army aviation program.

"They're made with love to honor your service," Durant said then. "... It's meant to be a living memorial."

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**NICHOLS**

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"It will impact all the people who have been good citizens," said James Rawson.

His wife Cheryl also added her thoughts, particularly when it comes to potential added water runoff from the project.

"Assuming that there is a problem and there is a lot of water running off into Center Road and into the Center Road area - If Nichols doesn't own the property than they're not liable to clean up the mess," Cheryl Rawson said. "What if there's a problem and Nichols says, 'it's not on our land, it's on town land?' Is Dudley prepared for multi-million-dollar repairs should be have a 500-year storm? Looking down the road this might be great right now, but what happens if there's a catastrophe?"

Another abutting property owner

Mark Stefanik said he'd like to see alternative locations explored for the housing.

"My first thought was next to the softball field. There's a piece of land there that's fairly flat, it's depressed, and the buildings wouldn't be as noticeable. I also thought that moving the basin and the parking and the roadway to get to the parking on the western side of this project would be better for the residents along Center Road," said Stefanik.

He also expressed concerns about noise and trash control during construction.

LaVigne responded to some of the concerns stating that the location is the best area they could identify on campus for the project. He also clarifying that the buildings aren't built to be big with the engineer quoting the heights as 35-feet, or two stories.

"We believe that we're not putting up a four-story large complex. We're putting up town houses. We believe that

they fit the area and we don't think they are intrusive," said LaVigne.

As the debate neared its conclusion, LaVigne acknowledged the residents' concerns but said the project is essential to Nichols College's growth and pursuing new students.

"I hear what the neighbors have to say - We're permitted to have a thousand beds on campus. We currently have 750. It is very challenging. We are trying to change the numbers and get back up to where we are permitted. I do appreciate the concern and I'm willing to take a look at it, but the reason we're doing this is economics. It's a very challenging environment right now," LaVigne said.

After well over an hour of debate, the Planning Board decided to continue the hearing to their Aug. 10 meeting to allow Nichols a chance to address some of the resident concerns and abutters who were unable to attend the meeting a chance to speak.

**DAM**

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priority for funding by continually applying for any source of funding that may be available," Ruda said later building on that thought. "We've been talking about trying to get grants for dams and we're finally starting to get money to help address some of these problems rather than taking it out of the operating budget."

Ruda credited Town Planner Bill Scanlon, Highway Superintendent Jeff Murray, and the Dudley Fire Department for playing critical roles in seeking funding resources and permanent fixes for these projects. There was timeframe announced for when the design or work on the Carpenter Pond Dam will commence.

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# SPORTS

## Injury riddled season plagues Cherry Valley this summer



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Cherry Valley starting pitcher Evan Remington delivers the ball in the first inning against Milford.

WORCESTER—Before the Cherry Valley Post 443 American Legion baseball team finished its season against Milford Post 59 on Thursday, July 14 at Tivnan Field at Lake Park, manager Jim Stephens looked back on what was a tough summer for his squad.

“What really happened this year was the injuries. You can’t keep harping on it, but the injuries, no

depth and kids playing out of position [hurt us the most]. When we got behind, we couldn’t battle out,” explained Stephens.

Cherry Valley lost to Milford, 16-2, in five mercy rule shortened innings to finish 5-16. Post 443 was scheduled to also finish its postponed game with Northborough Post 234 on July 14, but the Legion commissioner informed Stephens that it wouldn’t be played because it didn’t have any playoff implications. Northborough led 4-0 after an inning on July 12 before the game was called due to poor weather.

Milford grabbed a 4-0 lead on Cherry Valley after the first inning, and all the runs scored on pitcher Evan Remington were unearned due to an early error.

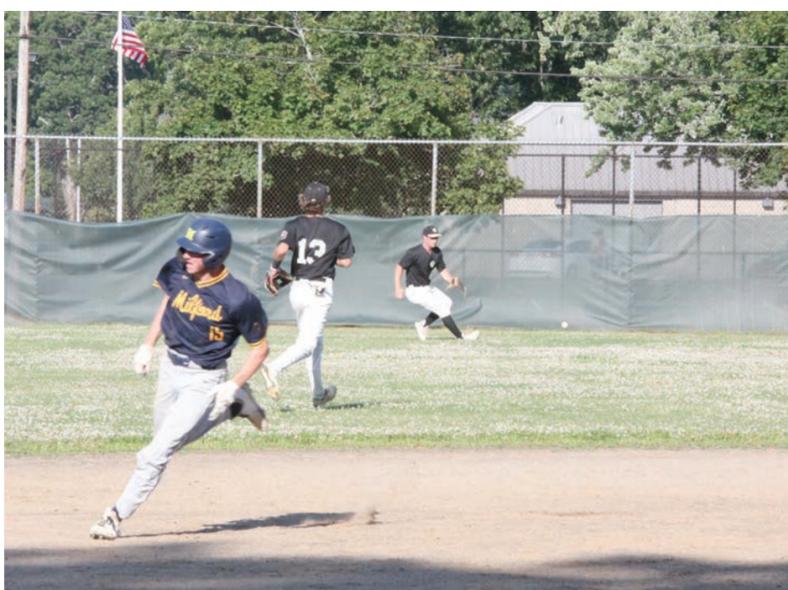
Post 59 also scored four runs in the second inning and added two in the fourth and six more in the fifth.

Matt Kustigian (two), Remington and Jacob Delvalle had the hits for Cherry Valley.

When looking ahead to next summer, Stephens mentioned losing three important pieces due to aging out — they are Chris Kustigian, Dave Acevedo and Anthony Marsi — while also having a solid group should they return to the program.

“I think next year, if we get these kids back, we could have a good team,” Stephens said while specifically mentioning Evan Brindisi, Matt Kustigian and Remington.

Nick Ethier

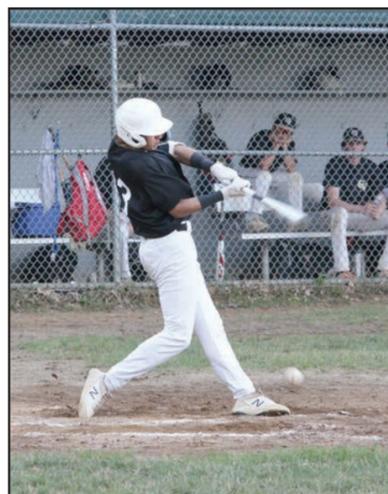
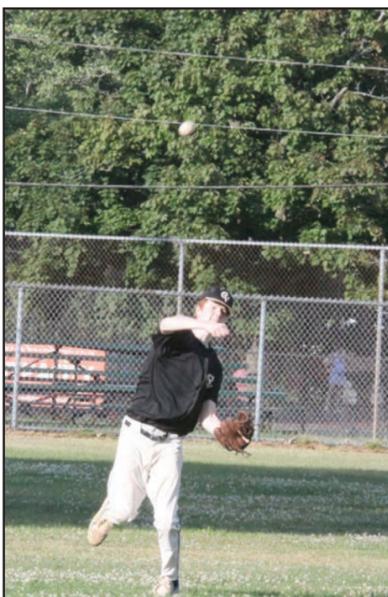


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Center fielder Chris Kustigian of Cherry Valley makes a play on the ball, which keeps Milford's base runner from scoring.



Cherry Valley's Evan Brindisi takes a lead off the first base bag.



Cherry Valley's Jacob Delvalle takes a big swing versus Milford. AT LEFT: Nolan Remington of Cherry Valley fires the ball back to the infield from left field.

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# SPORTS

## Young Sturbridge team gains plenty of experience during trying season



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Sturbridge first baseman Anthony Pellegrine catches the ball with his foot on the bag to record an out.



Sturbridge pitcher Joe Amaru has the ball sail off his fingertips and toward the plate.

**STURBRIDGE** — Scoring only 48 runs and surrendering a total of 221 on their way to a winless 0-22 season, it was certainly a trying summer for the Sturbridge Post 109 American Legion baseball team. But instead of being down in the dumps about it, manager Jim Rosseel

remained upbeat about the experience his young roster gained while looking ahead to the future. “All the kids hung their heads high all year, until the very last inning of every game,” said Rosseel before Sturbridge hosted Milford Post 59 on Wednesday, July 13 at Tantasqua Regional.

“The kids know they’re in over their heads and know that we’ll be good in the future. They’ve said it.

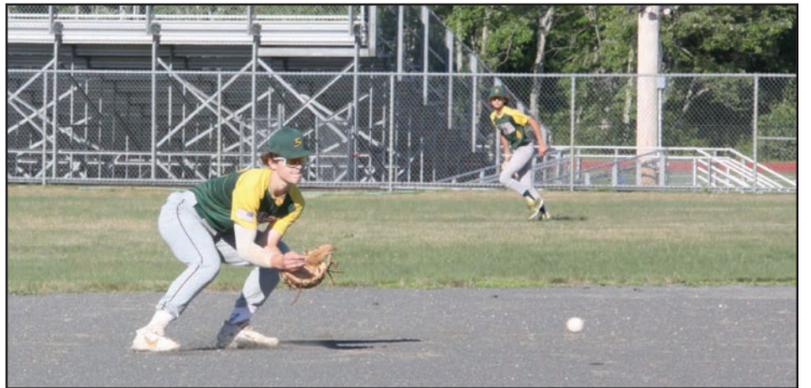
“They got plenty of playing time, all the young players,” continued Rosseel.

Sturbridge ultimately lost to Milford, 11-0, in five mercy rule shortened innings and then forfeited their final game scheduled for July 14 at Hudson Post 100, but Post 109 showed some glimpses of solid ball against Milford. Post 59 scored just one run in the top of the first inning and didn’t score in the second against the pitching of Joe Amaru.

But Milford began to pour things on in the third inning with a three-run output courtesy of a home run off the bat of Andrew Gaughan. Post 59 then scored five more times in the fourth inning and tacked on two more in the fifth.

Devin Krochmalnyckyj and Tim Paine had the base hits for Sturbridge.

Nick Ethier



Shortstop Devin Krochmalnyckyj of Sturbridge gets low in anticipation of fielding the ground ball.



Left fielder Ryan Kelly of Sturbridge covers a good amount of ground before catching the fly ball.

## AUBURN RECREATION AND CULTURE SUMMER BASKETBALL LEAGUE RESULTS

After a week off from summer hoops due to the Fourth of July, the action in the Auburn Recreation and Culture Boys’ and Girls’ Summer Basketball Leagues picked back up. Below are last week’s results.

### Boys’ Summer Basketball League

Monday, July 11  
 Tahanto 46, Bartlett 37  
 Tantasqua 50, Bay Path 34  
 David Prouty 44, Uxbridge 41  
 Auburn 54, Sutton 30  
 Quaboag 55, Leicester 30  
 Millbury 67, Shepherd Hill 55  
 Southbridge 38, Oxford 37  
 Quabbin 41, Grafton 38  
 Tuesday, July 12  
 Quaboag 62, Oxford 53  
 Wednesday, July 13  
 Quabbin 46, Uxbridge 43  
 Quaboag 38, Sutton 35  
 Shepherd Hill 52, Leicester 39  
 Southbridge 41, Millbury 21  
 Auburn 65, Oxford 54  
 Bartlett 52, Grafton 42  
 Bay Path 42, Tahanto 29  
 Tantasqua 51, David Prouty 45  
**Standings**  
 Auburn (5-0)  
 Quabbin (5-0)  
 David Prouty (4-1)  
 Southbridge (4-1)  
 Quaboag (4-1)  
 Uxbridge (3-2)  
 Shepherd Hill (3-2)  
 Grafton (2-3)  
 Bartlett (2-3)  
 Bay Path (2-3)  
 Tantasqua (2-3)  
 Sutton (1-4)

Tahanto (1-4)  
 Millbury (1-4)  
 Oxford (1-4)  
 Leicester (0-5)  
**Girls’ Summer Basketball League**  
 Tuesday, July 12  
 Notre Dame Academy defeats Worcester Tech (forfeit)  
 Blackstone Valley Tech 32, Quaboag 25  
 Tantasqua 16, Grafton 4  
 Worcester South 41, Northbridge 11  
 Quabbin 50, Auburn 18  
 Sutton 52, David Prouty 11  
 Uxbridge 47, Leicester 19  
 Thursday, July 14  
 Northbridge 45, David Prouty 14  
 Quabbin 48, Leicester 25  
 Sutton 32, Notre Dame Academy 29  
 Uxbridge 36, Quaboag 23  
 Tantasqua defeats Worcester Tech (forfeit)  
 Worcester South 50, Blackstone Valley Tech 9  
 Auburn 32, Grafton 30  
**Standings**  
 Worcester South (6-0)  
 Notre Dame Academy (5-1)  
 Northbridge (5-1)  
 Uxbridge (5-1)  
 Sutton (5-1)  
 Tantasqua (3-3)  
 Quabbin (3-3)  
 Blackstone Valley Tech (3-3)  
 Quaboag (2-4)  
 Leicester (2-4)  
 Grafton (1-5)  
 Worcester Tech (1-5)  
 Auburn (1-5)  
 David Prouty (0-6)

## Friday's Child



Marc

### “I love to cuddle!”

Happy and affectionate are the words used most often to describe Marc. He loves getting as many cuddles and as much attention as he can, and will seek people out for cuddles and tickles. Marc enjoys going outside and especially loves to play ball whenever possible. He also has fun going on the swings. Another interest of Marc’s is food! He is happy to eat just about anything and is especially fond of salads with lettuce and tomatoes. Marc likes to play with others and gets along well with everyone he meets. He is always smiling and his sweet, playful nature makes everyone around him smile too!

Marc is autistic. He communicates using gestures, pictures and signs

and is working on increasing his independence with activities of daily living. He benefits from clear and consistent structure and routines, as well as lots of attention and affection.

Marc is legally freed for adoption, and seeks a family of any constellation who can provide him with lots of love, patience and attention. He responds very well to structure and predictable routines, so would thrive in a family who could provide a balance of this along with the affection that he craves. It will be important for him to maintain his relationships with biological family members in Massachusetts through quarterly visits.

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