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SENIOR CENTER HOSTS COOKOUT & PONTOON CRUISE



Courtesy

The Webster Senior Center held their Cook Out & Pontoon Cruise at Memorial Beach on Monday, Aug. 1. Our thanks go out to the Webster Lake Assn. and its volunteers who were so generous with their pontoon boats and time.

Everyone enjoyed their time on the lake. Thanks also to AJ of Point Breeze for his excellent burger flipping skills and Kim of Vibra Hospital for their water donation.

Dudley launches Hometown Hero banner program



Courtesy

The design selected for Dudley's Hometown Hero banners is circled.

Oxford selectmen set goals for Callahan

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD — With what's becoming a common 3-2 vote, the selectmen approved giving Town Manager Jen Callahan her first official goals in several years.

"I'm happy to see many of us had the same goals," Chair Norman Leblanc said, noting the only real differences were in details. He said the town attorney reviewed them with him, after which Callahan saw them and "submitted more definitive objectives."

Specifically, they laid out three primary goals for the current fiscal year: improve communications and community engagement, address infrastructure, and enhance economic development. Under the first, they tasked her with updating the town Web site and getting community input for its design; creating "stakeholder groups" to evaluate such changes; providing more information for town meetings, elections, for a and the like; and recruiting people for boards. For infrastructure, they're seeking three-year pavement management and five-year capital plan updates, new project management tracking, and funding projects from

diverse sources. For the economy, the underlying issue is having "more commercial revenue and less residential taxes" by such things as cultivating prospective developers, a "new microgrant storefront enhancement program," bylaw changes and Chapter 43D expedited permitting.

"I think this provides pretty good context," Callahan said.

In previous years, she used "individual goals that were listed on evaluations. I would strive to meet every single one of those. ... Sometimes, despite meeting those, it

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Commission responds to e-mails concerning Nichols Townhouses

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — Plans for Nichols College to build new residential townhouses for its students continue to be a major topic of discussion in Dudley, with the conversation appearing to now cross between town elected boards and commissions.

Dudley Water & Sewer Commission Chairman Scott Zajkowski discussed correspondence he received from a member of the Planning Board

about the Nichols College plans after a month where the townhouses because one of the biggest stories in Dudley. While the project which is still very much in its infancy, it received significant backlash from citizens when it was brought to the Planning Board in July. Earlier that month, the Water & Sewer Commission approved proposals to tie the buildings into the existing water lines on Nichols College property. During an Aug. 3 meeting of the Water &

Sewer Commissioners, Zajkowski said he recently received emails from a member of the Planning Board, who was not publicly identified, asking if residents would have the opportunity to hook up to whatever water installations were being proposed.

"He asked if neighboring properties would be able to tie in to water and sewer when these townhouses are tied in, and I just quickly explained to him that it's merely

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DA honors Charlton, Dudley police officers, civilians for saving woman from burning home

DUDLEY — Worcester County District Attorney Joseph D. Early, Jr. recently recognized the life-saving actions of two police officers and two civilians after they rescued a woman from a burning home.

Dudley Police Officer Ryan Daniels, Charlton Police Officer Timothy Bullock, Anthony Fitzherbert and Jacqueline Carter were presented with the District Attorney's Team Excellence and Merit – TEAM Award – for their efforts and actions during



Courtesy

Charlton Police Officer Timothy Bullock, Jacqueline Carter, Call Dudley Firefighter Anthony Fitzherbert with his daughter, Charlton Police Chief Daniel Dowd, District Attorney Joseph D. Early, Jr., Dudley Fire Chief Dean Kochanowski and Dudley Police Chief Steven Wojnar.

Dudley Fire Department offering car seat services

**BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT**

DUDLEY – The Dudley Fire Department made waves on social media July 30 when it posted that it has brand new car seats available to the citizens of Dudley. The seats were quickly spoken for, but the post also drew attention to a larger service that many may not realize has become one of the newest parts of the Dudley Fire Department’s commitment to the community. Chief Dean Kochanowski said the

car seats were provided through a grant awarded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration who partnered with the Massachusetts Office of Grants and Research Highway Safety Division to create the 2022 Car Seat Distribution Program. Dudley received \$5,120 through the program after one of the department’s members, firefighter and paramedic Antonio Trifone, spearheaded an effort to obtain the funding. Chief Kochanowski said this was also an extension of a relatively new service

offered by his department, professionally trained car seat installation. During COVID three members of the Dudley Fire Department underwent training to become certified car seat installers. The multi-day program taught the proper methods of securing the seats into the vehicles to ensure that children are safe during any event in the vehicle whether that be a simple sharp turn or an unfortunate accident. “The installation usually takes about an hour if you do it a hundred percent correctly, which my

guys do,” Kochanowski said. He added that the service has become a popular one and because of the limited manpower, appointments are strongly encouraged. “We do ask that people make appointments. Three of my guys are certified and they work rotating shifts. We want to avoid a big mass of people all at once because it takes time to do one installation,” he said. “We want to make sure we can control the flow only to better serve the people. We ask you call to make an appointment

so you know one of our installers will be on duty and you’ll be in and out in a timely manner.” With three trained installers on his staff, Chief Kochanowski fully supported Firefighter Trifone’s efforts to obtain the car seat grant. Around 40 car seats of all sizes were purchased and distributed one per household to citizens of Dudley. The chief said the program was so popular and the need to apparent they intent to continue to seek the funding again. “It was an overwhelming response,” said the chief. “Antonio did a

great job planning the whole thing out. He’s done a real good job with this program and thinking ahead. We can apply for this grant again next year, and I believe we will. The community was very appreciative of it and we’re glad to be able to help them when we can.” Those in need of proper car seat installation can contact the Dudley Fire Department at (508) 949-8040 to make an appointment or learn more about the service.

Quinsigamond Community College recognized as best community college in Massachusetts

W O R C E S T E R — Quinsigamond Community College (QCC) was ranked best community college in Massachusetts in 2022 by Intelligent.com, an online source for program rankings and higher education planning. The research identifies programs in the nation based on flexibility, faculty, course strength, cost, and reputation. QCC was also ranked eighth in 2022, in the category of best online universities and colleges in

Massachusetts. “This ranking is a testament of the hard work and commitment that our faculty, staff, administration and Board of Trustees have for our students,” said QCC President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D. “The last few years have offered unprecedented challenges for our students and higher education as a whole, but our steadfast commitment to 100 percent student success has been the driving force in everything that we do.” Since the start of the COVID-19 global pandemic,

QCC has rethought many of its programs and processes, developing an educational model that was conducive to the new educational landscape. “The college took a hard look at what was best for the students that we serve and increased our support services, as well as the way in which courses were offered,” President Pedraja continued. QCC offers a variety of flexible learning options that include on-campus, online and hybrid formats. Experts at Intelligent.

com assessed programs that help students enhance and develop advanced skills for a variety of in-demand positions. According to Intelligent.com, studies show that obtaining a degree increases income substantially, and degree holders earn 84 percent more than those with only high school diplomas or those without a completed GED. Specific programs at colleges and universities across the nation were also analyzed by Intelligent.com. On a national stage, QCC was

named best online associate degree for medical sales. Additionally, the college was named in the top 50 nationally for best online Associate degrees, online associate in human services programs, and online associate in administration and management programs. Intelligent.com implemented a unique methodology that ranks each program on a scale from 0 to 100 across five categories. The scoring system compares each university according to program strength, student readiness, return on investment,

cost, and student engagement. Researchers compared 704 programs from 2,900 universities and colleges across the United States. “There has never been a better time to attend QCC. As we prepare for the fall semester, I want to assure those students who have been reticent to attend that we have the support services, academic coaching, counseling, and other resources to ensure that college students will succeed,” President Pedraja added. To learn more, visit www.QCC.edu.

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Worcester Art Museum to debut works from first Japanese print collection of its kind

WORCESTER — This fall, the Worcester Art Museum (WAM) will present “The Floating World: Japanese Prints from the Bancroft Collection,” an exhibition of 50 Japanese prints from the Museum’s collection, 48 of which will be displayed for the first time. On view Nov. 26-March 5, 2023, the exhibition will take a comprehensive look at the diverse ukiyo-e genre through the lens of John Chandler Bancroft (1835-1901), one of the earliest and most significant collectors of Japanese prints in the United States. Bancroft’s collection of over 3,700 Japanese woodblock prints was bequeathed to WAM in 1901 and is considered the Museum’s first major collection. Illustrating the breadth of this transformative gift, “The Floating World” will feature works ranging in size, material, date, and subject matter, including works by renowned artists like Utagawa Hiroshige, Katsushika Hokusai, and Utagawa Kunisada. The exhibition is curated by Dr. Rachel Parikh, Associate Curator of the Arts of Asia and the Islamic World and Fiona Collins, Curatorial Assistant of Asian Art.

Organized chronologically and by artist, The Floating World illustrates the evolution of ukiyo-e artworks throughout Japan’s Edo period (1603-1868). Through these works, visitors will gain insight into the complexity and breadth of ukiyo-e, or “pictures of the floating world,” an artistic genre that sent lasting ripples of influence throughout the world. The exhibition will be a chance to see this impact firsthand, including Hiroshige’s featured Sudden Shower over Shin-hashi Bridge and Atake (1857), which inspired Vincent van Gogh’s Bridge in the Rain (after Hiroshige) (1887). Similarly, these works significantly shaped the work of American artist John La Farge, who collected Japanese prints alongside Bancroft starting in the 1860s.

Created in a period of economic growth, ukiyo-e prints often depict scenes of leisure and arts, highlighting the ability of the working class to participate in the entertainment culture of urban centers like Edo (Japan). Born from book illustrations, ukiyo-e prints

tell stories, often presented as intricate tableaux of everyday life portraying courtesans, kabuki actors, sumo wrestlers, dwellings, and landscapes. Intricate and colorful, these artworks were produced using innovative and collaborative processes involving planning, designing, carving, and hand-pressing.

“ ‘The Floating World’ is a landmark opportunity for the Worcester Art Museum to facilitate a deeper understanding of one of the most culturally rich periods of world history,” said Matthias Waschek, the Jean and Myles McDonough Director of the Worcester Art Museum. “Through these never-before-seen works, our visitors will recognize the enduring relevance of themes found in ukiyo-e prints, including pride, resilience, and humor. We are thrilled to draw these through lines using WAM’s Bancroft Collection, which is not only one of our most comprehensive collections, but also the nation’s earliest and among the most influential collections of Japanese ukiyo-e prints.”

“The Floating World” solidifies WAM as one of the fore-

most locations of Japanese ukiyo-e print scholarship in the country. Bancroft’s collection makes up nearly 10% of the Museum’s collection of approximately 38,000 objects from around the world. Assembled thoughtfully over decades, this collection of predominantly first-edition woodblock prints demonstrates the vastness of a Japanese art genre that has commonly been overgeneralized by traditional Western art history practices. The Bancroft Collection is also notable for the quality and well-preserved condition of the prints, which will be evident to visitors to the exhibition.

This exhibition is part of the Worcester Art Museum’s 2022-2023 exhibition and programming schedule that connects people, communities, and cultures through the experience of art.

About the Worcester Art Museum

The Worcester Art Museum creates transformative programs and exhibitions, drawing on its exceptional collection of art. Dating from 3000 BCE to the present, these works provide the foundation for a

focus on audience engagement, connecting visitors of all ages and abilities with inspiring art and demonstrating its enduring relevance to daily life. Creative initiatives — including pioneering collaborative programs with local schools, fresh approaches to exhibition design and in-gallery teaching, and a long history of studio class instruction — offer opportunities for diverse audiences to experience art and learn both from and with artists.

The Worcester Art Museum, located at 55 Salisbury Street in Worcester, is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10am to 4pm. Admission is \$18 for adults, \$14 for seniors 65 and older and for college students with ID. Admission is free for Museum Members and children ages 17 and younger. On the first Sunday of each month, admission is free for everyone. Museum parking is free. Tickets may be purchased in advance at worcesterart.org.

Hot weather garden woes



Melinda Myers

Misshapen fruit and some other issues can be the result of temperatures dropping below 55 degrees Fahrenheit.

Poor flowering and misshapen or a lack of fruit on tomatoes, peppers and squash may be due to the weather, not your gardening skills. Temperature extremes can interfere with flowering and fruit set on these and other vegetables in your garden.

We watch for and can’t wait to taste that first red ripe tomato. It is certainly frustrating when we see flowers drop or the plant fails to form fruit. Tomatoes thrive in warm sunny conditions; but temperature extremes can prevent fruiting, cause misshapen fruit, or reduce the size of the harvest.

When daytime temperatures rise above 90 degrees Fahrenheit and night temperatures remain above 70 degrees Fahrenheit blossom drop and poor fruit development may occur. Combine this with low humidity and the pollen is not viable. In hot and humid conditions, the pollen is too sticky and doesn’t move from the male to the female part of the flower. Without pollination the flowers won’t be fertilized, and fruit will not develop.

Cool weather can result in poor fruiting. Night temperatures below

the optimum of 59 to 68 degrees Fahrenheit will reduce the amount and viability of pollen that the plant produces. Less viable pollen means fewer fruit will form. Cooler temperatures below 55 degrees Fahrenheit can result in misshapen fruit and catfacing. Fortunately, the malformed fruit is still tasty and safe to eat.



GARDEN MOMENTS
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MELINDA MYERS

Temperature extremes also impact pepper productivity. When temperatures climb to 95°F or higher the pollen is sterile and flowers may drop. Small fruit may also fall from the plant during such hot spells. Pepper plants also experience poor fruit set when night temperatures drop below 60 degrees or rise above 75 degrees.

Tomatoes and peppers aren’t the only vegetables impacted by temperature extremes. Eggplants, a close relative to tomatoes and peppers, do not set fruit until night temperatures are above 55 degrees. Beans stop flowering or the flowers die when temperatures rise above 85 degrees.

Flowering in squash and cucumber plants is also influenced by temperature and other environmental factors. These plants produce separate male and female flowers. The male flowers usually appear first and it is not until both the male and female flowers are present that pollination, fertilization and fruit production can occur.

Research found cool temperatures, bright sunlight, and shorter days encourage female flower production while male flowers are more prolific during warmer temperatures, less sunlight and close spacing. Flowering on squash and cucumbers is also impacted by nitrogen fertilization. Too much can prevent female flower formation while insufficient amounts can reduce the number of male flowers.

The simplest solution is to wait for optimum temperatures and the proper humidity levels to return. Once this happens, the plants will begin producing fruit.

If poor productivity related to the weather is a yearly problem, consider planting more heat tolerant varieties, adjust planting times and look for more suitable growing locations.

When the harvest is delayed, extend the season

with the help of row covers. These fabrics allow sunlight, air, and water through while trapping heat around the plants. Just loosely cover plants and anchor the edges with stones, boards, or landscape stakes when frost is in the forecast. You can leave the fabric in place for the remainder of the year. Just lift it to harvest and secure the fabric when done.

If this summer’s weather leaves you disappointed with the harvest, remember there is always next year.

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*

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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 any-
one to take home and plant!
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Ongoing**
Do you love Jodi
Picoult? A grocery bag of her
books, just \$3.00 during the
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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 comfort-
able clothing for movement
and sneakers or walking shoes.
Students should also bring
water or another non-carbon-
ated beverage. No registration
required! Sponsored by the
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Public Library.

YOGA WITH JULIE –
Tuesdays at 6:30PM during the
summer, Starting July 5th!
Join Julie at the Gladys
E. Kelly Library for a vinya-
sa yoga class for all levels. In
Sanskrit, Vinyasa yoga trans-
lates to the “uniting of move-
ment with breath”. A typical
class involves a centering of
the mind with the breath, aro-
matherapy, movement of the
body to release energetic block-
ages and, finally, a rest and
relaxation. Classes are free.
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BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
– August 15th at 6:30PM
The Gladys E. Kelly
Public Library Adult Book

Discussion Group will be meet-
ing 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@cwmars.org for inqui-
ries.

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 par-
ticipants will paint a summer
scene with yarn! Needle felt-
ing is a relaxing and easy craft
that will be enjoyable for all
ages!
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Programming

MAKER MONDAYS –
Mondays from 3:30-4:30PM
Feeling artistic? We will
have a variety of craft materi-
als available to put your cre-
ativity to the test! Every month
we will rotate our craft mater-
ial, 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 build-
ing 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 inse-
curity and hunger, providing
every child with the food they
need to succeed! Food is pre-
pared and provided by Webster
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MUSIC TOGETHER –
Wednesdays starting July 6th,
and August 3rd and 10th, 2 ses-
sions, first from 9:30-10AM, sec-
ond from 10:30-11AM.
Fun, fabulous, uplifting,
magical early childhood music
class! Sponsored by the Friends
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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 dif-
ferent messy materials with us
outside on the common! Every
Thursday in July and August!

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 refresh-
ments while you relax with a
boardgame!

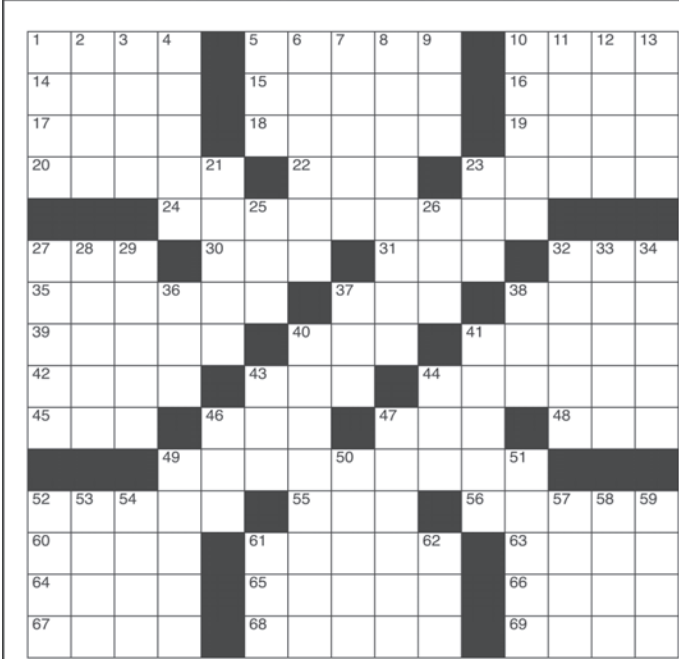
**1UP GAMES GAMING
TRUCK TEEN EVENT –**
August 15th 12:00-3:00PM
1 up Gaming is bringing the
gaming to us! 3 hours of non-
stop gaming! There will be
different types of consoles and
VR!

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!!

**UKULELE PRE-K SING
ALONG – September 7th 10:00
AM**
Join in for some Pre-K
Song Time fun!

ENCANTO SING ALONG –
September 9th 3:30-5:30PM
Come join Mirabel to
sing and dance your hearts out
to all of your favorite songs!
Something the whole Familia
can enjoy! This show is move-
ment heavy and loud music is
present to stay as authentic as
possible to the Colombia cul-
ture and experience. This show
IS bilingual.

YOGA PJ STORYTIME
– Saturdays in September
starting September 10th 9:30-
10:30AM
We will read some stories,
move our bodies, stretch,
breath and reset. You will need
a mat, towel or blanket. Stuffed
animals and comfy clothes wel-
come.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Female parent

5. NY city

10. Israeli diplomat Abba

14. Surrounded by

15. Car part

16. Simple aquatic plant

17. Tough skin of fruit

18. Finnish lake

19. Composition

20. Very willing

22. One and only

23. Cluster cups

24. Famed Hollywood director

27. Score perfectly

30. Important lawyers

31. Undivided

32. Part of the foot

35. Spun by spiders

37. Married woman

38. Reagan’s Secretary of State

39. Instruments

40. The A-Team drove one
41. Short-tailed marten

42. Oil organization

43. Predecessor to the EU

44. “Hotel California” rockers

45. Color at the end of the spectrum

46. Actress Ryan

47. Digital audiotape

48. Expression of creative skill

49. Scientific instrument

52. Dog-_: marked for later

55. Israeli city ___ Aviv

56. Fencing sword

60. Turkish title

61. Wise individuals

63. Cold wind

64. Popular type of shoe

65. The territory occupied by a nation

66. Tattle

67. Chop up

68. Actress Zellweger

69. Romanian city

CLUES DOWN

1. Female of a horse

2. Bowfin

3. Chinese dynasty

4. Small venomous snake

5. Global news agency

6. Common fractions

7. American state

8. Tired

9. Boxing’s GOAT

10. Made less severe

11. A group of countries in special alliance

12. God of fire (Hindu)

13. Northeast Indian ethnic group

21. Anchor ropes

23. They ___

25. Apprehend

26. Autonomic nervous system

27. A theatrical performer

28. 2-door car

29. Partner to flowerd

32. Pair of small hand drums

33. Former Houston footballer
34. Discharge

36. Former women’s branch of the military

37. Partner to cheese

38. Witch

40. Live in a dull way

41. Satisfies

43. Snakelike fish

44. Consume

46. Type of student

47. Erase

49. Instruct

50. Girl’s given name

51. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation

52. Every one of two or more things

53. Indian city

54. Greek letters

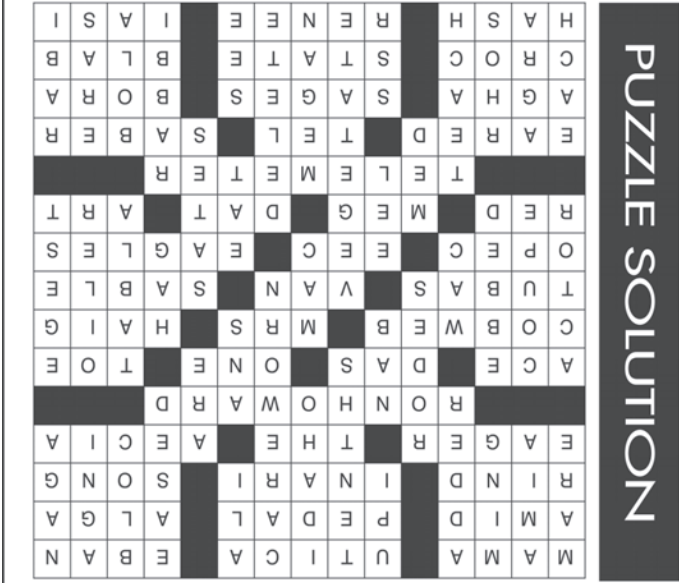
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Greatest Hits proposes new heat and power facility

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – A new project at the old Chase Mill will help supply heat and electricity to the recently opened retail cannabis facility owned by DMA Holdings. Greatest Hits became Dudley’s first recreational cannabis retail location earlier this year with plans to expand into a growing operation in the near future. However, that addition will require plenty of heat, water, and power. Town Planner Bill Scanlon spoke with the

Dudley Economic Development Committee at the end of July revealing that a new planned facility would help alleviate that issue by supporting the needs of DMA Holdings’ new growing center. “Electricity is a major cost factor in these facilities, and water usage, so this is a way for them to save a significant amount of money,” said Scanlon. EDC member Jonathan Androlewicz also commented on the project explaining how this facility will help with the growing process as well. “It’s a way to gain electricity

and it helps create the water through the steam rather than taking so much from the municipal system,” Androlewicz said. He compared it to a similar facility at IPG Photonics in near-by Oxford which his said would give citizens a general idea of what’s being proposed. The plan is still very much in its infancy. As of July, applications had been submitted but hearings won’t be held until September. Scanlon said one of their primary goals is simply to ensure that the facility doesn’t negatively impact the neighborhood.

Oxford Library Friends’ Book & Bake Sale returns Sept. 22

OXFORD — The Friends of the Oxford Free Public Library are preparing a Fall Book & Bake Sale that will delight book lovers, dessert lovers and bargain hunters alike. Thousands of hard and softcover books in all genres, for all age groups, will be on sale Thursday, Sept. 22 from noon to 7 p.m.; Friday, Sept. 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturday, Sept. 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Large Print books, CDs, and DVDs will also be available. Homemade baked goods too! Dealers are welcome only on Saturday. Prices are: Paperbacks 50 cents, Hardcover and Trade Paperbacks \$1, Children’s books 25 cents - \$1, CDs, and DVDs \$1. Teachers pay half price on books for classrooms, and you can buy a bag of books from 2 to 3 p.m. on Saturday for \$10!

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Nichols College offers cool relief to Dudley neighbors

DUDLEY — With temperatures continuing to rise, Nichols College is offering a space for Dudley residents to work or just sit in air-conditioned spot to help beat the near record heat. The college has made available the Academic Building for neighbors to gather from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, beginning today. The space offers comfortable seating around a soothing water feature and areas to

work. “If you are not equipped to cope with the heat, working from home and even just trying to relax is a struggle. We welcome our neighbors to find some relief in cooler surroundings,” said Nichols College President Glenn M. Sulmasy, JD, LL.M.

WEBSTER POLICE LOG

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of July 31 through Aug. 6.

A 29-year-old from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Aug. 1 for Assault & Battery.

A 28-year-old from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Aug. 1 for Assault & Battery on a Pregnant Victim and Assault & Battery (Domestic).

Nicole K. King, age 27, of Webster was arrested on Aug. 2 in connection with a warrant of apprehension.

Sarah K. Caliri, age 42, of Southbridge was arrested on Aug. 2 in connection with a warrant.

Dallas Anson Nozzollio, age 38, of Dudley was arrested on Aug. 2 in connection with a warrant.

John F. Fitzgerald, age 36, of Webster was arrested on Aug. 4 in connection with a warrant.

Kristin M. Marando, age 29, of Sutton was arrested on Aug. 5 in connection with a warrant.

Jackson S. Sugrue, age 24, of Webster was arrested on Aug. 5 for Shoplifting by Asportation (second offense). Angela Rose Lumbra, age 20, of Marlborough were arrested during the same incident for Shoplifting By Concealing Merchandise.

A 25-year-old from Woonsocket, R.I. whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Aug. 6 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member, Strangulation or Suffocation, Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle, and Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon.

DUDLEY POLICE LOG

DUDLEY — The Dudley Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of July 29 to Aug. 5.

Arthur Tolman Christian, age 36, of Dudley was arrested on July 30 for Possession of a Class B Drug.

A 36-year-old male whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Aug. 4 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

Joe D. Kawaykla, age 23, of Oxford was arrested on Aug. 4 as a Fugitive From Justice on a Court Warrant.

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REPORTS TO: Cafeteria Manager
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QUALIFICATIONS:

- School Nutrition, Culinary and/or Food Service experience preferred
- Ability to multi-task and work under pressure
- Understanding of National School Lunch Program requirements preferred
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Legally free for adoption, Jacob is looking for his forever family and home. He will do well in a family of any constellation, including homes with either younger or older children. He does have biological siblings that he hopes to maintain relationships with in the future. He would really benefit from a family that is able to help him process the past and move forward with the future; patience is key.

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How the arts benefit academic performance

Career options for people with art degrees



The cost of products and services continues to rise and organizations everywhere have increasingly been feeling the pressure to reevaluate budgets. It's no different in school districts nationwide, with school boards making difficult decisions about which programs to keep and which will have to go in order to save money.

Music and arts programs often are the first to be cut when school budgets are tightened. The organization Save the Music says that, during the Great Recession in 2008 and 2009, per-pupil spending in public schools decreased by approximately 7 percent across the country. This led to a trickle-down effect that resulted in the cancellation of art and music programs. Since then, many districts have continued to cut arts programs due to budget limitations. COVID-19 also did little to help the situation.

Art program cutbacks are rarely met with open arms, and that resistance has a lot to do with the positive effects such offerings have on students' academic performance.

Better test performance

Numerous studies have found a correlation between early introduction to music education and a number of benefits for children. Music education can help develop communication skills, brain plasticity, language, and motor skills. A study conducted by the University of California, Los Angeles used a database of more than 25,000 middle and high school students. The researchers found that students involved in arts performed better on standardized achievement tests than students with lower arts involvement. Furthermore, data from 2015 from The College Board, which produces the SAT, found students who took four years of arts and music classes while in high school scored an average of 92 points higher on their SATs than students who only took one-half year or less.

Improved emotional states

In addition to better performance on tests, a review in *Frontiers in*

Psychology examined several studies linking arts and aesthetic experiences with "broad improvements" in people's emotional states. Those improvements included greater psychological and physical well-being.

Community involvement

Participation and even appreciation of the arts can have an impact as well. Researchers from the Department of Public Administration at the University of Illinois Chicago found that being an art curator or audience member leads to high levels of civic engagement and social tolerance.

The support and therapy company Evolve Treatment Centers reports that involvement in music and arts leads to overall higher GPAs, higher scores in math and reading and a reduced risk of behavioral problems and suspensions.

Music and arts education are important to students' development. Keeping these programs alive in schools can benefit students in many ways.

Students looking to expand their extracurricular horizons need look no further than the arts. Art-related extracurricular activities can enhance lessons learned in the classroom and provide a way to explore creative pursuits to help relieve stress and improve focus.

Art-based extracurricular activities are easy to find. Consider these ideas to get started.

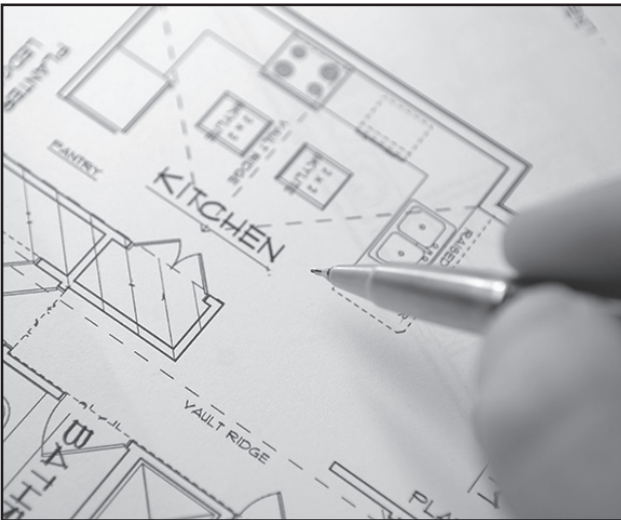
Visit an art museum

Those lucky enough to live close to an art museum can wander through the past or get artists' interpretations of the future. Many museums sponsor extracurricular activities for young artists, but even periodic visits using a student pass can provide all the inspiration creative young people need. Museums showcase everything from paintings to sculptures to historical artifacts, so

Creative individuals may be compelled to pursue degrees in the arts when enrolling in traditional colleges or universities or specialized schools. Studying the arts can be exciting, and an arts degree makes it possible to pursue an array of professional opportunities.

Students interested in the arts may question their desire to pursue an arts degree. Since technology is now ingrained in daily life, some students may wonder if they can chart a successful career path with a degree that does not fall under the STEM umbrella? Thankfully, art degrees can prepare students for a wide range of jobs. Here are some career options to explore.

- **Illustrator:** Someone with an arts degree can work in many areas of illustration. This may include fashion illustration, medical illustration, comic book illustration, and even children's book illustration.
- **General artist:** An artist works with different media to create and sell original works. This may include weaving, glassblowing, painting, or knitting.
- **Production artist:** Production artists produce high-quality print materials, packaging and



displays across a variety of industries.

- **Curator:** Curators specialize in particular subjects and work in museums. Curators also may work as educators.
- **Graphic designer:** Graphic designers primarily work in digital artwork for editorial products, company brands and logos and product packaging.
- **Industrial designer:** Industrial designers develop the look of manufactured products, such as cars, toys and home furnishings, among other items.
- **Art director:** Art directors develop the visual style for various items, including magazines, online publications, product packaging, and marketing materials. Art directors work in

conjunction with graphic artists.

- **Art therapist:** Art therapists are mental health professionals who use creative outcomes and tools to help patients deal with a variety of mental and emotional issues.
- **Interior designer:** Artists with an eye for home design will need to take some interior design courses in school, but this can lead to a career making spaces beautiful — both for private and corporate clients.
- **Architect:** Artistic individuals who also are interested in designing buildings and other spaces can pursue careers in architecture. Illustration skills are a valuable asset to have in this field.

Art degrees can open doors in a variety of fulfilling fields.

Art-based extracurricular activities

it's possible to find a specially curated collection that appeals to any artist's interests.

Enroll in an art course

Students who enjoy art can improve their skills by taking art classes and courses that extend lessons learned during the school day. Perhaps a student wants to hone his or her skills in a particular medium? An art class can do that and even expand on lessons learned in the classroom.

Attend arts-related camps

Summer camps come in all shapes and sizes, including ones geared around artistic endeavors. When school lets out for the summer or other breaks during the year, students can hang around with like-minded peers in specialty art camps.

Try other artistic activities

The arts include everything from music instruction to acting in a play or musical to participating in a choral ensemble. Some children like to experience art through culinary endeavors. Students should not limit themselves to one activity. Dabbling in all sorts of activities may inspire students to pursue new interests.

Find art in daily life

One does not need to be enrolled in a regimented program to enjoy art. Children can engage in art-related hobbies on their own at home or in the community. Find art in collecting leaves and flowers, building sand castles, taking photographs, or just about any other creative endeavor.

Arts-related extracurricular activities can be the perfect way to pass time outside the classroom.



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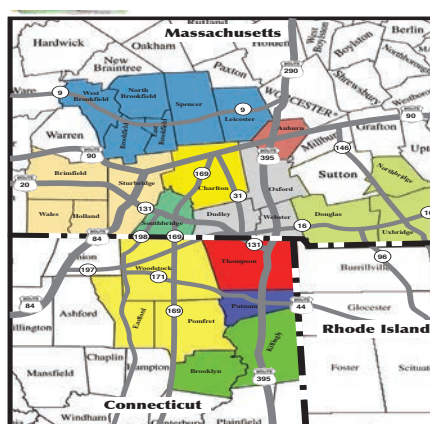
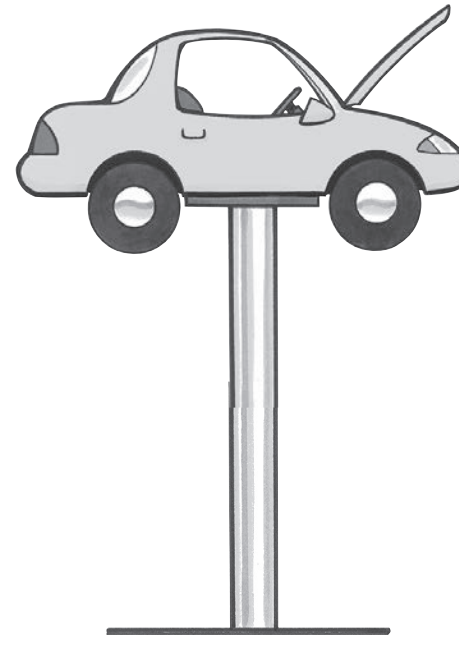
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EDITORIAL

School days, school days...

It's that time of year again, when back to school photos will soon infiltrate your social media feeds. We love this time of year, when a more structured schedule takes hold, however come June, we are ready for the daily routine to be a bit more relaxed.

We always consider mid August into September to be a new year. Yes, the actual new year begins on Jan. 1; however, the start of a new school year always brings a clean slate, and who doesn't love that?

This time of year brings with it memories for all of us, even if we are not headed back into the classroom. We recall school shopping at the height of the late '80s and early '90s, when Trapper Keepers were all the new rave. During that time, anyone who walked into a drug store would be greeted with a wall of the colorful organizers, with notebooks and pencil cases to match. Having a brand new Trapper Keeper with pencils neatly tucked away the night before school started was step one. Next, the perfect outfit would have to be picked out, after all, the first day outfit set the standard for the rest of the year. During these first few days of school, the excitement was always at an all time high. It's the famous week three, when things start to settle, and the groove of the school routine has become the norm, once again.

As with most things, we enjoy tracking history. The drastic changes that have occurred over the years are quite interesting, so we thought we would share our findings.

During the 1800's, a typical rural area would have one room schoolhouses, with one teacher for grades first through eighth. The younger students would sit in the front of the classroom, with the 'big kids' seated in the back. Memorizing lessons was the priority back then, where students had to recite what they had learned. Paper bags and lunch boxes were not used for lunch, instead children would pack a lunch and carry it to school in a tin bucket.

During the early 1900's, only half of the children between the ages of five and 19 attended school. This was during the Industrial Revolution where children were needed at home to help work the farms or were put to work in factories. One study reports that in the present, 264 million children are still not educated.

We've heard it all before, but it's true, most students would walk or ride their bikes to school in all kinds of weather up to five miles away. Today most students take the bus or are dropped at school by their parents. In some areas, there have been initiatives taken to promote the 'old school' way of transporting kids via bike or walking.

In days gone by, if a student misbehaved, they were placed in a corner and had to wear a dunce cap. Discipline has changed quite a bit; however, we remember a slew of students standing along the brick wall during recess in the 1980's at our elementary school for "talking too much"... but we won't mention any names.

Home Economics classes have been replaced with a more modern swing than when they first emerged in the 1950's and lasted through the 1970's. Back then, students, mostly female, were taught how to cook and sew. In the late 1980's, those classes saw more male students as it became a requirement for all. We remember sewing 'Nerd' (you know the candy) stuffed animals and Oreo cookies in our class. When it was time to cook, we have fond memories of baking a holiday cake and forgetting to add baking powder, or was it flour? Either way, that cake took on a life of its own, and we fondly remember taking red icing and writing 'Scrooged' over it.

Industrial Arts classes are few and far between, however are still offered in some places with a more technological twist. Back in the day, students would take large pieces of wood, run it through a planer, sand it, stain it and create all sorts of things from entertainment centers to cut out wooden apples using a jigsaw. We remember leaving notes for our friends in the afternoon class. We would slip them in the lockers and hope we remembered whose locker belonged to who. No texting back then.

Cursive writing was always fun. It was a great feeling when you made that lower case 'j' just right. Who knew that years later, hand writing would happen less and less and our cursive skills would be a thing of the past. Handwriting is, however, making a comeback in some schools.

We think it goes without saying, that the best memories involve a good old fashioned pencil sharpener. Trying to get the pencil as small as possible in one go, meant that you were talented. If that pencil still had a full eraser, you were batting a thousand. It was an even better day, if you could get your hands on an electronic sharpener.

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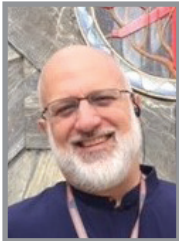
The freedom to choose how we see life

Janet Hourihan Brooks is an amazing woman. She is the mother of one of my son's best friends. She has suffered through aggressive metastatic pancreatic cancer for the past six years. Yet she is one of the most positive people I know, staying quite active in life through her kids' sports, her ongoing coaching of town teams, through running 10K and other races, and staying so engaged in life that it's hard to think of her as suffering. Yet, it surely isn't easy for her. She's in constant excruciating pain. Despite any negative prognosis, she chooses to face life with hope.

Last week, Janet posted on facebook an update of her condition. Having just celebrated her birthday, she wrote: "I'm 58 years young and need a theme for this year." She went on to talk about hearing a story about Viktor Frankl 30 years ago, and never forgot the message she got. A motivational speaker talked about what Frankl and his life in a Nazi concentration camp:

"Frankl was a survivor of a Nazi concentration camp where he endured, among other things, weekly medical "experiments." You might remember hearing about Nazi doctors did things like injecting blue dye into the brown eyes of a person to see if you could change their eye color. You can't but it can blind a person which then earned the poor victim a trip to the gas chambers since they were now disabled. In Victor's case he was a test "dummy" to see how much electric shock a body could handle before it would go into cardiac arrest. Before the war, Frankl was a 30 something-ish psychologist and professor at the university of Vienna. He came from a highly educated, privileged Jewish family. One day Frankl returned to the barracks after a miserable session and started thinking about what had become of his life. This once happy, vibrant man who loved teaching young people and helping his patients with their problems in his private practice was gone. He had become a shell of himself and didn't like it.

He started thinking about how the Nazis had taken away almost all of his freedom. Yet, he



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realized that there was one freedom his Nazi captors could not take away - and that was his ability to choose his response to his circumstances. He could continue to wallow in self-pity and eventually die or he could choose a different response. As he thought more about his new freedom, he immediately felt better and started to exercise his freedom. He began reaching out to others who struggled with their situation and encouraged them to use their freedom and choose to respond without hatred and self-pity. He became a beacon of hope to those around him and he gained strength as he realizes he was returning to his old self. As he endured torture treatments, he would use his imagination to project himself far away and pretend he was back at the university lecturing his students about how much the human body can endure. That helped him get through the torture. Eventually WWII ended and allies liberated their camp. Frankl returned to Austria to out his life back together. He used the lessons learned in the camp as his guide with his patients. You could sum up his philosophy as this: Often we cannot determine what happens to us. Yet we can choose how we respond to all the unexpected and unfortunate situations that confront us."

Think about this: Often we cannot determine what happens to us. Yet we can choose how we respond to all the unexpected and unfortunate situations that confront us."

This became the thesis of his classic book "Man's Search for Meaning" and concurs with a fundamental principle that we Christians believe in with whatever we may face in life. I often repeat the words of the blessed Bishop Gerasimos Papadopoulos, who said, "Life is not a problem to be solved but a mystery to be lived." We live this mystery by choosing to live with hope, by choosing to do good instead of giving in to evil, by choosing to believe in a Sovereign God who loves us and not allowing the unexpected suffering of this world determine our worldview.

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

Scams



CHIEF'S CORNER
STEVE WOJNAR

Unfortunately, various people have been the victim of financial "scams." I was recently asked about contributions to national police organizations who solicit donations over the phone. Many of us, including me, have received calls, from various groups, seeking donations. I was asked if these organizations were legitimate and what, if any, benefits do local police departments receive?

Money related scams have been occurring for years. Those responsible prey on unsuspecting individuals, such as seniors. People take advantage of their kind nature and can sometimes fool them into believing a story. The scammer's goal is to obtain either quick cash or other personal information, such as bank account numbers. It is natural for people to be skeptical of anyone calling, asking for money. When it comes to police organizations soliciting funds, I do not wish to mention any group by name for the purposes of this article. Some may be legitimately established national programs who do aid law enforcement. I can only speak from the perspective of our department. We rarely, if ever, see any monies from these various national groups who claim they raise funding for training, equipment, etc. Most of our sources of funding come from state and local budgets, grants, and direct donations. Locally, we have conducted fundraisers in the past. We try to be as open as possible with our residents when these will occur to establish the fact, they are for specifically for us. We want people to understand their donations are meant for local purposes.

Certainly, some national organizations have supported the families of officers who have been killed in the line of duty and their work is commendable. I can only recommend you do your research on any group soliciting funds. Ask for a Web site and other agency contact information to conduct your own research. You can also request information be sent to you by mail (if you wish) or ask for a phone number for you to call back at your convenience. Legitimate organizations should have no problem accommodating these simple requests. Feel free to contact the police department if you ever have questions. Certainly, if you ever feel hesitant, do not give. You should never be pressured in anyway and you are always welcome to donate locally at any time. Most departments or police associations maintain gift or donation accounts for these very reasons. This money can then be spent locally on equipment, training, or personnel needs. We thank our residents for their generosity and support over the years. We do not wish to see anyone lose money or become the victim of a scam. If you ever have a question, do not hesitate to reach out to the department and ask.

For those still seeking vaccination or COVID related information, it can be found at 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.

Opinions expressed in this weekly column are those of Chief Wojnar only and unless clearly noted, do not reflect the ideas or opinions of any other organization or citizen.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Honor thy father

To the Editor:
Honor thy father. Three simple words that mean a lot. My 97-year-old uncle had a fall. Now he sits in a wheelchair in a nursing home. The words "I don't want to be in a nursing home" fall upon his son's deaf ears. Pass the responsibility on so they don't have to be bothered. But they didn't bother before, did they. "We want you safe, dad!" How noble of you.

Hey guys, do you hear him? Do you ever really listen to him? Ask what he wants? Are you so selfish you've convinced yourself this is for the best? More accurately, easier? This is the man who did everything for you - sent you to college, gave you a home, money, let you live with him! He saved your life from your horrendous addiction! Saved your job.

Oh yes, you are honoring dad. As long as he remains passive and does what you say, you will visit him. "No dad, you can't go out for a day with those who really want you." After all, you might fall!

Hey, he already did the fall. What's next? Declaring him mentally incompetent? This precious sharp minded man who loves You unconditionally. Then you can say he's just rambling on.

God bless you, my dear uncle, as you sit in wheelchair city. They're all in wheelchairs. It's easier for the staff, you know? Too busy to help you walk. After a while your legs forget how to work.

Someday, you may be part of the wheelchair population, saying I want to go home. Will anyone hear you?

TINA GIZA THOMPSON

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When can you choose retirement?

If you're like most people, your work has been a central part of your life. So, wouldn't it be nice to have the flexibility to decide when you no longer want to work?

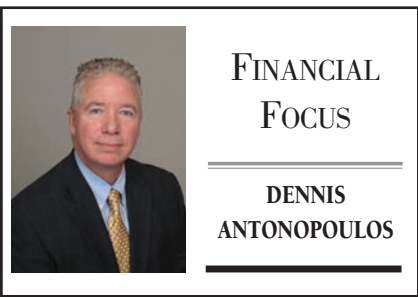
Many people of retirement age have achieved this type of control. In fact, two-thirds of workers ages 65 and older say they work primarily because they want to, not because they have to, according to a 2021 study by Edward Jones and Age Wave. But that means that one-third of workers in this age group feel financially compelled to work. This doesn't necessarily mean they dislike the work they do — but it's probably fair to

say they would have liked the option of not working. How can you give yourself this choice?

You can start by asking yourself these questions:

When do I want to retire? You'll want to identify the age at which you wish to retire. You may change your mind later and move this date up or back, but it's a good idea to have a target in mind.

What sort of retirement lifestyle do I want? When you retire, do you anticipate staying close to home and pursuing your hobbies, or do you hope to travel the world?



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Would you like to spend your time volunteering? Open your own business or do some consulting? Clearly, some of these choices will require more resources than others, so you'll want to follow a financial strategy that aligns with the retirement lifestyle you intend to pursue.

Am I saving and investing enough? As you chart your course toward your

retirement journey, you'll want to assess the sources of income you'll have available. If you think you may be falling short of achieving your retirement goals, you may need to consider saving more.

When should I start taking Social Security? You can begin collecting Social Security benefits as early as 62, but your monthly payments will be much bigger if you wait until your "full" retirement age, which will likely be between 66 and 67. Your decision about when to take Social Security will depend on several factors, includ-

ing your other sources of income and your family history of longevity. Of course, as you're probably aware, the Social Security system is facing significant financial stress, so it's possible that we may see changes to Social Security, based on actions Congress could take. In any case, you might want to be fairly conservative in estimating how much Social Security can contribute to your retirement income.

By addressing the above questions, you can get a clearer sense of when you might reach the point at which work is optional. But you'll also need to con-

sider other factors, too, such as how much you enjoy working or when your spouse or partner is planning to retire. In any case, the sooner you start planning for this next phase of your life, the better position you'll be in when it's time to make the transition.

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Hoping the heat breaks

The hot weather should have broken by the time you read this column. I have had enough of this hot humid weather for this summer, although some people love it. It is summer, they say! Farm crops have suffered severely this year, and water supplies have in most area towns receded to dangerously low levels. I would not be surprised to hear of numerous fish kills, from the unusually low levels of water in most ponds and lakes, because of little rain fall.

Fishing continued to provide some anglers with a bit of action on many local freshwater ponds, but most anglers that are fishing report slow action. Anglers fishing the saltwater are having some good days and bad days depending on who you talk to. This week's picture shows a happy angler from Mendon with a real impressive fluke taken last week aboard a charter boat in Galilee, R.I. Fishing for fluke has been slow on most boats, with very



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few keeper fish being caught. Fortunately, some seabass are keeping anglers catching fish, but even those fish are mostly shorts.

Public hearings on cod & seabass are being scheduled for the North Shore, but do not get too excited! Their proposals include one cod per angler starting Sept. 1- Oct. 7. Twenty haddock per angler is being proposed for the 2023 season starting in May. Haddock size is going to be 17 inches if the proposals are passed.

The month of August is being designated as a push to clear the kennels of pets that are looking for new homes in Mass.! More beagles have also been brought to Mass. from the research center in Virginia. Hopefully, they can all be found good homes ASAP. The deplorable treatment of these research animals, needs to be a wakeup call to all state agencies that stricter regulations and constant inspection of these facilities, needs to be done more often. As a

dog lover, it makes me sick to watch the daily news, describing the way these animals are treated.

Do not forget to check out the status of your antlerless deer permit for Mass. sportsmen. You can go online, if the site is working, and check to see if you have been selected as a winner of a permit for the 2022 deer season. Do not forget that the permits now cost \$10! There were some problems with the site last week, but should be up and running now.

Bee stings are on the rise, with reports of numerous residents being stung this past week! Some residents have had severe reactions to the bee stings. Many people that are aware that they are allergic to bee stings, and carry an EpiPen to treat the sting, & need to be reminded that they do have a shelf life. Be sure your pen is up to date! To some people it can be a matter of life or death.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!



Courtesy
This week's picture shows Kurt Bellefontaine with an impressive fluke!

Take the Hint!

Summer is winding down and seasonal chores are adding up, but thankfully readers took time from their busy schedules to share an assortment of tips and tricks that worked for them!

From cooking and cleaning tips to a safety trick, read on for this month's roundup of Reader Hints!

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Too many Zucchini? A reader shares his effortless way to enjoy more of the garden squash:

Here is another great use for Zucchini: Cut spears of Zucchini and put them in the Claussen pickle jar. Chill overnight and you will enjoy them. Maybe better than with using Cucumbers.

Paul Davignon
Uxbridge, MA

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This reader has keeping asparagus fresh all wrapped up!:

In addition to cutting off hard ends of asparagus stalks before placing upright in container with 1-2" water, use a piece of plastic wrap to "hood" the tips. Secure loosely with an elastic. Now, the tips will not dry out and stay fresh for several days!

Nan Johnson
Auburn, MA

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This eco-friendly tip saves both money and the

planet!

Just want to share my recently discovered money-saving helpful hint: I have a dog that constantly sheds and tracks dirt on my light colored kitchen floor. Instead of using costly and environmentally unfriendly Swiffer wet and dry pads to clean it, I bought inexpensive face cloths and microfiber cloths that fit into the Swiffer mop. The microfiber cloths do a better job of cleaning the floor than the Swiffer pads when I spray my cleaning solution on the floor, and the facecloths allow me to easily dry the floor. When done, I just toss the cloths into the laundry instead of into the trash. A win for my pocketbook and a win for the environment!

Irene White

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Love garlic but hate the lingering smell on your hands? Read on:

Whenever you chop or mince fresh garlic, the smell of garlic stays on your fingers all day. To eliminate the odor, wash your hands then dry them. Then rub your fingers all over your faucet. The smell of garlic disappears.

Donna Lewandowski
Charlton, MA

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This regular reader shares a tip that could

halt a safety hazard:

I was recently reading about a grade school boy about the age of 10, who couldn't get the bottled water his mom packed for his snack. Like a kid, he stuck in his mouth to try to twist the cap with his teeth and squeezed the bottle just as it loosened forcing the cap down into his windpipe! He pounded his chest at the teacher's desk and thank God she knew what was wrong and did the Heimlich maneuver!

For years I have kept a rubber band on my coffee mug and kitchen/office cabinet handles to grip tight lids. It is a great thing to teach a child that a doubled over rubber band wrapped around the cap can help loosen it so they don't stick soda, water, or other bottles in their mouths to use their teeth to open!

Viola Bramel
Northbridge, MA

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A t t e n t i o n Readers: Plea for Home Remedy to treat Poison Ivy

I have a severe allergy to Poison Ivy. I have been under a Doctor's care for over a month and the rash and the itch are still lingering. When I was young I was treated with a homemade formula that was excellent. I moved away and the remedy is no longer available. Since then I have used

medicines etc. with varying degrees of success. Is what I have something different? It could be but the treatment is about the same as always. And so, I ask if you have been told of any home remedies that have been successful in the past that you could share with me and other readers. It is most aggravating, as you might imagine.

I read your articles every week and have enjoyed every one. Please send your best advice for this problem.

Thank you. JS

H i JS:

So sorry you are going through this! I appeal to readers to share any poison ivy "cures" they may know of. Readers, if you have any home remedies to heal poison ivy rashes, please send them in!

Meanwhile, I am sure you are familiar with the common poison ivy remedies of baking soda; calamine lotion; and oatmeal baths. Did you also know over the counter creams with zinc acetate, zinc oxide and zinc carbonate also ease itching, reduce oozing, weeping, and swelling of the rash?

Here are some home treatments to try:

*H2O2: Hydrogen peroxide rates high on improving itch and drying out the poison ivy rash. Simply pour 3% hydrogen peroxide in a spray bottle or dab a cot-



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ton ball with H2O2 and spray the affected areas and allow to air dry.

*Or, try Witch Hazel, which has been an effective Poison Ivy treatment for generations. Just apply as above. The itching and inflammation should subside within minutes!

*Eucalyptus oil is a natural anti-inflammatory. Apply with to the poison ivy rash and allow to dry to naturally soothe the skin and promote healing.

*From the Farmers' Almanac: Make a paste from one tablespoon of salt, 1/8 teaspoon of peppermint essential oil, 1 to 2 cups green clay, and a little water (just enough to give it a pasty texture). Apply liberally and leave in place for approximately 30 minutes. Rinse. Apply 2-3 times daily.

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Prize Winner
Congratulations to Nan Johnson of Auburn, MA who submitted the kitchen tip above. Her name was drawn for Dinner for Two at the Publick House.

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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.

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Unit No. 17-5 (the "Unit") in Thayer Pond Village Condominium, created by Master Deed dated September 28, 1983 and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 7930 Page 203 as amended in accordance with M.G.L. c. 183A. The mailing address of said Unit is 17 Thayer Pond Drive, Unit 17-5, Oxford, MA.

Said Unit is laid out as shown on a plan, to which is affixed to a verified statement in the form prescribed by M.G.L. c. 183A, Section 9, and which plan is a copy of a portion of the plans filed with an amendment to the Master Deed. The Unit is conveyed together with:

a. An undivided interest of .7179% in the common areas and facilities described in the Thayer Pond Village Condominium Master deed. In the event that, and at such time as a subsequent Phase or Phases are added to the condominium by amendment of the master deed, the undivided interest of the Unit in the common areas and facilities shall be and become that specified in any Amended Exhibit B recorded at such time;

b. An appurtenant easement for the exclusive use of Parking Space No. 98 as described in the Thayer Pond Village Condominium Master Deed and shown on the Plan of Land recorded therewith;

c. An appurtenant easement for the exclusive use of Storage Locker No. 17-5 as described in the Thayer Pond Village Condominium Master Deed;

d. The benefit of, and subject to, all easements, rights, observations, restrictions, agreements and provisions contained in said Master deed the Declaration of Trust creating the Thayer Pond Village Condominium and the By-Laws contained therein, dated September 28, 1983 and recorded with said deeds in Book 7930 Page 261, as the same may be amended of record, and the Rules and Regulations from time to time promulgated thereunder, all of which are hereby incorporated by reference and constitute covenants running with the land and are and shall remain binding upon any person or persons claiming through or under them. Subject to and with the benefit of the provisions of said General Laws, Chapter 183A as now in force and as from time to time amended, and subject also to (a) municipal taxes attributable to such Unit and common areas and facilities, assessed as of the current tax year and that are not yet due and payable, which the Grantee, by accepting this Unit Deed, assume and agrees to pay, (b) building and zoning laws; and (c) those encumbrances set forth or referred to in Exhibit A of the Master Deed.

Title reference deed recorded herewith. For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 58395, Page 138.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thir-

ty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Nationstar Mortgage LLC successor by merger to Pacific Union Financial, LLC
Korde & Associates, P.C.
900 Chelmsford Street
Suite 3102
Lowell, MA 01851
(978) 256-1500
Hamlin, Timothy J., 19-035768
July 29, 2022
August 5, 2022
August 12, 2022

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Matthew J. Bonney and Sheryl A. Bonney, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for H&R Block Mortgage, dated June 30, 2004, and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 34045 at Page 8, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., to Bank of America, N.A., Successor by Merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP, f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP, dated June 28, 2012, recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 49271, Page 345; by assignment from Bank of America, N.A., Successor by Merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP, f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP to Nationstar Mortgage LLC, dated May 21, 2014, recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 52556, Page 210; by assignment from Nationstar Mortgage LLC, to MTGLQ Investors, L.P., dated January 5, 2017, recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 56662, Page 27; and by an assignment from MTGLQ Investors, L.P., to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee of the Chalet Series IV Trust, dated August 26, 2019, recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 61191, Page 268, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 9:00 A.M. on the 31st day of August 2022, at 10 Sullivan Boulevard, Oxford, MA 01540, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, To wit:

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

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

BEGINNING at a point at the northeast corner of tract herein described on the westerly sideline of Sullivan Boulevard, at the southeast corner of Lot #10; THENCE: south 02 degrees 41' 48" west along the westerly sideline of said Sullivan Boulevard a distance of twelve and twenty-eight hundredths (12.28) feet to a point;

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

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

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

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

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

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

Premises to be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments

or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

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

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale. U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee of the Chalet Series IV Trust,

Present holder of said mortgage,
By its Attorneys,
Demerle Hoeger LLP
10 City Square, 4th Floor
Boston, MA 02129
(617) 337-4444

August 5, 2022
August 12, 2022
August 19, 2022

IMORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Raymond R. Fish to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Indymac Bank, F.S.B, a federally chartered savings bank, its successors and assigns, dated April 11, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 38741, Page 282, subsequently assigned to OneWest Bank, FSB by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for IndyMac Bank, FSB, its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 47214, Page 189, subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Lehman XS Trust Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-10N by OneWest Bank, FSB by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 61076, Page 251 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 AM on September 2, 2022 at 27 Dresser Street, Webster, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

That certain lot or parcel of land situated in the Town of Webster, County of Worcester, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, being Lot No. 38 on a Plan of Lots recorded in the Worcester County Registry of Deeds entitled "Dresser Land" in Book 1348 page 653 is bounded and described as follows: Said lot bounds northerly by land now or formerly of Theophil Koeller and measures 63 feet in width and 165 feet in depth. Being the same premises as described in Book 1653 at page 200. For my title see Book 18009 at page 145.

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney's fees and costs.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.

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

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Trustee for LEHMAN XS TRUST MORTGAGE PASSTHROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-10N
Present Holder of said Mortgage,
By Its Attorneys,

ORLANS PC
PO Box 540540
Waltham, MA 02454
Phone: (781) 790-7800
19-010196
August 12, 2022
August 19, 2022
August 26, 2022

**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. WO22P2575EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Hazel Buchka
Also know as:
Hazel A. Buchka
Date of Death: 05/18/2022**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Gary Sosnowski of Woodstock CT** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Gary Sosnowski of Woodstock CT** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/13/2022**. 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: August 04, 2022
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
August 12, 2022

**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. WO22C0319CA
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
In the matter of:
Lynda Genise Santiago
A Petition to Change Name of Adult**
has been filed by **Lynda Genise Santiago of Webster MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:
Travis Jaydin Santiago

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/16/2022. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 18, 2022
Stephanie K. Fattman
August 12, 2022

Antique and collectibles auction news

There's been plenty of antique, collectibles, and auction news hot off the press this summer, starting with some shipwrecked treasures heading to auction this fall. USA Today reports that items from an 1857 shipwreck heading to the block include "a pair of work pants and wedding rings to letters and a first edition of "The Count of Monte Cristo.'" The Steamship Central America was traveling from San Francisco to New York carrying many passengers who became rich during the California Gold Rush, meaning the ship was also transporting tons of gold. A hurricane off the Carolina Coast sank the ship, killing 475 people and sending its precious cargo 7,000 feet below sea level. USA today report that the ship sinking marked "the greatest economic disaster in U.S. maritime history and contributed to a global panic." Items were recovered from the wreck in the 1990s and again in 2014. Many of the estimates are in the hundreds of thousands and millions of dollars.



ANTIQUES,
COLLECTIBLES
& ESTATES
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WAYNE TUISKULA

Here on land, online bidding is open for a bitter 1971 letter sent from John Lennon to Paul McCartney. TMZ reports that the letter came in response to an interview McCartney did with Melody Maker, a British music magazine. According to Ultimate Classic Rock and Culture, Paul wanted only the four Beatles present when they signed a paper agreeing to a split. Lennon's letter to McCartney read, "Maybe there's an answer there somewhere ... but for the millionth time in these past few years, I repeat, what about the TAX?" Along with the tax issue, Lennon also took offense with the fact that McCartney wanted just the four Beatles to meet. He wrote "I thought you'd have understood BY NOW that I'm JOHNNANDYOKO." The auction estimate for the letter is \$30,000. A Honus Wagner T206 baseball tobacco card once again set an auction record recently. The Wagner card is considered the Holy Grail or Mona Lisa of baseball

cards. Wagner didn't want his likeness depicted on tobacco cards because he thought they would encourage tobacco use by young fans. Major League Baseball's website reports that "there are thought to be only 50-60 copies of the card in existence, making it one of the rarest sports cards in the world." In August of last year, a Wagner T206 card sold for \$6.6 million. This Wagner card sold for \$7.25 million last month. The jacket that Buzz Aldrin wore to the moon also recently set a record, fetching the highest price for a jacket ever sold for at action. The jacket featured Aldrin's name and an Apollo 11 patch. Forbes reports that it was the only garment worn to the moon that was ever available at auction. The previous record for an American space flown artifact was a lunar dust bag which brought \$1.8 million in 2017. The previous record for a jacket was for the one worn by Michael Jackson in the Thriller video which also sold for \$1.8 million in 2011. Aldrin's jacket exceeded the \$1 to \$2 million estimate, selling for \$2.8 million last month. A rare space item selling like truly only happens



once in a blue moon. We are still accepting consignments for our upcoming fall multi-estates auction. Other events this fall include my "Evaluating your Antiques" class at Bay Path high school in Charlton on September 13th, an appraisal event at the Townsend Historical Society on October 15th, an appraisal event at the Worcester Senior Center from 9:30 am to 11:30 am on October 18th and an appraisal event for the Leicester Historical Society on November 5th. Please visit our website <https://central-massauctions.com> for links to upcoming events. Contact us at www.centralmassauctions.com (508-612-6111) info@central-massauctions.com for antiques and collectibles auction services.

LEGALS

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
Docket No. WO22P2641PM
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT
OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER
PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT
TO G.L.c. 190B, § 5-304 & § 5-405
In the matter of:
Ann Constantine
Of: Webster, MA
RESPONDENT**

(Person to be Protected/Minor)
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Jeffrey A. Wayman of E. Templeton, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Ann Constantine** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Jeffrey A. Wayman of E. Templeton, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **Without Surety** on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **08/30/2022**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the abovenamed person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice
August 03, 2022
Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
August 12, 2022

**(SEAL)
THE COMMONWEALTH
OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF
THE TRIAL COURT
Docket Number: 22 SM 002006
ORDER OF NOTICE**
TO: **Heirs, Devisees or Legal Representatives of the Estate of Mabel Ann Hurley a/k/a Ann M. Hurley a/k/a Mable Ann Hurley, Maryellen Cherwinski, Individually and as Proposed Fiduciary of the Estate of Mabel Ann Hurley a/k/a Ann M. Hurley a/k/a Ann M. Hurley a/k/a Mable Ann Hurley** and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (*et seq*) **Mortgage Assets Management, LLC** claiming to have an interest in a

Mortgage covering real property in Dudley, numbered 13 Piasta Road, given by Mabel Ann Hurley a/k/a Ann M. Hurley to Graystone Tower Bank, dated October 6, 2011, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 47950, Page 110, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendants' Servicemembers status.
If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before 9/12/2022, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.
Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on 7/26/2022
Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
August 12, 2022

**NOTICE OF
MORTGAGEE'S SALE
OF REAL ESTATE**
By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Jeannine A. Brodeur to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Reverse Mortgage Funding LLC, dated October 7, 2014 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 52911, Page 187 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Reverse Mortgage Funding LLC, its successors and assigns to Reverse Mortgage Funding LLC, recorded on March 22, 2022, in Book No. 67305, at Page 304

for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 3:00 PM on September 9, 2022, on the mortgaged premises located at 1 St. Mary Avenue, Dudley, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,
TO WIT:
The Property is located in the county of WORCESTER, state of Massachusetts, described as follows: A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND together with the buildings thereon situated in Dudley, Worcester County, Massachusetts, together with the buildings thereon situated at the junction of St. Mary Avenue and Elizabeth Street and being Lot #8 on a plan entitled "Plan of Buena Vista Heights, Dudley, Massachusetts, dated November 6, 1954, and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, bounded and described as follows:
Plan Book 203, Plan 45
BEGINNING at a point on the northerly side of St. Mary Avenue eighty (80) feet easterly from the intersection of Elizabeth Street and St. Mary Avenue; thence
NORTHERLY one hundred twenty (120) feet by the westerly line of land now or formerly of one Gardecki; thence
EASTERLY by Lot #12 on said plan eighty (80) feet to a stake; thence
SOUTHERLY by other land of said grantors one hundred twenty (120) feet to the northerly side of St. Mary Avenue; thence
WESTERLY by the northerly side of St. Mary Avenue eighty (80) feet to the point of BEGINNING.

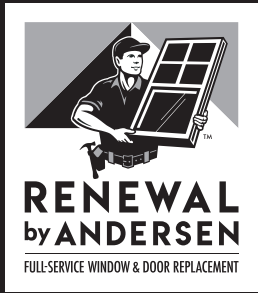
For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 17072, Page 337.
These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.
TERMS OF SALE:
A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.
Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.
REVERSE MORTGAGE FUNDING, LLC
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California St.
Newton, MA 02458
(617)558-0500
20871
August 12, 2022
August 19, 2022
August 26, 2022

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO21P0058EA
Estate of:
Karen E. Stevens
Also known as:
Karen Stevens
Date of Death: 11/28/2020
CITATION ON PETITION
FOR ORDER OF
COMPLETE SETTLEMENT**
A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by **Dee Stevens of Spencer MA** requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, First and Final and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/30/2022**. 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.
Witness, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court
August 04, 2022
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
August 12, 2022

**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. WO22P2646EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
June G Adams
Date of Death: 06/13/2022**
To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Samuel Adams of Dudley MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Samuel Adams of Dudley 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 08/30/2022**. 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: August 04, 2022
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
August 12, 2022

INVITATION TO BID
The Town of Webster Department of Public Works is requesting sealed bids for a new 2022 Ford F350 regular cab 4x4 pickup or equal and Two (2) new 2022 Ford F450 regular 4x4-cab chassis or equal. Bids will be received up to and read at 10:00 am on Thursday, August 18, 2022
Specifications are available at the Town of Webster/Highway Department, 23 Cudworth Rd, Webster, MA 01570. All envelopes must be marked "BID TRUCKS"
Office hours are Monday – Friday 7:00 am – 3:00 pm, office number 508-949-3862.
The Town of Webster through its Board of Selectmen reserves the right to reject any all bids if deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.
August 5, 2022
August 12, 2022



Tax-Free Sales Event on windows!

★ We're celebrating our Tax-Free Sales Event all month long! ★

Through September 3rd only, **save \$350 on every window** and **save \$750 on every patio and entry door**, and **get 6.25% off your entire project with \$0 down, 0 monthly payments and 0% interest for one year!**¹

- From last year we know that these appointments fill up quickly, so call today
- You must call by September 3rd



Save on every window!



Save on every door!



Must call by September 3rd, 2022

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SAVE \$350
on every window¹

SAVE \$750
on every patio and entry door¹

Minimum purchase of four.

AND

2

6.25% OFF
your entire project¹

No minimum purchase required.

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Down Monthly Interest
Payments

FOR 1 YEAR¹

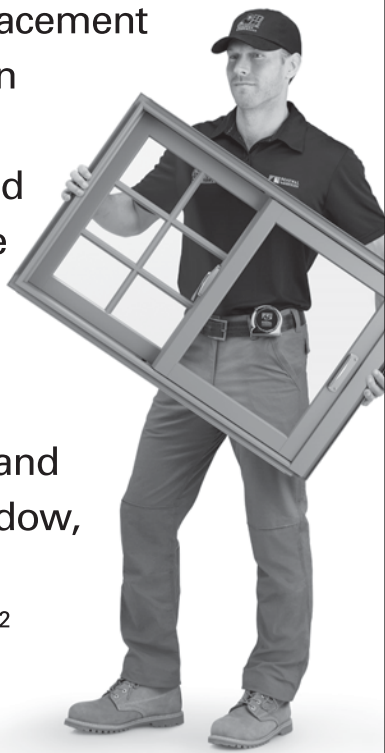
Minimum purchase of four. Interest accrues from the purchase date but is waived if paid in full within 12 months.

Don't settle for poor-quality vinyl windows.

Not only can they look shiny and low-end, some poor-quality vinyl windows can warp, leak and become drafty after just a few years. Our windows are made of our exclusive Fibrex® material, which is twice as strong as vinyl.

Unlike some other companies, we warrant our windows and installation.²

Renewal by Andersen is the full-service replacement window division of Andersen Corporation, and because they've been around for 119 years, you know we'll be around to stand behind our window, our service and our installation.²



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



Call for your **FREE Window and Door Diagnosis**
1-800-209-2746

¹DETAILS OF OFFER: Offer expires 9/17/2022. You must set your appointment by 9/3/2022 and purchase by 9/17/2022. Not valid with other offers or prior purchases. Get \$350 off each window and \$750 off each entry/patio door and 12 months \$0 down, 0 monthly payments, 0% interest when you purchase four (4) or more windows or entry/patio doors between 8/1/2022 and 9/17/2022. Get 6.25% off your entire purchase, taken after initial discount(s), no minimum purchase required, when you purchase windows or entry/patio doors between 8/1/2022 and 9/17/2022. Military discount applies to all active duty, veterans and retired military personnel. Military discount equals \$300 off your entire purchase and applies after all other discounts, no minimum purchase required. Subject to credit approval. Interest is billed during the promotional period, but all interest is waived if the purchase amount is paid before the expiration of the promotional period. Financing for GreenSky® consumer loan programs is provided by federally insured, federal and state chartered financial institutions without regard to age, race, color, religion, national origin, gender, or familial status. Savings comparison based on purchase of a single unit at list price. Available at participating locations and offer applies throughout the service area. See your local Renewal by Andersen location for details. License number available upon request. Some Renewal by Andersen locations are independently owned and operated. "ENERGY STAR" is a registered trademark of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. "Renewal by Andersen" and all other marks where denoted are trademarks of Andersen Corporation. ©2022 Andersen Corporation. All rights reserved. ©2022 Lead Surge LLC. All rights reserved. ²See limited warranty for details.

OBITUARIES

Kenneth Orson Bean, 83



It is with great sorrow and faith in Christ, that the family of the Reverend Kenneth Orson Bean, age 83 of Webster Massachusetts announces his passing on August 2, 2022. As a Lutheran pastor, husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend, he consistently poured out compassion, faith, and joy for everyone. He was a generous and faithful child of God with a heart so big, it never ran out of room to love and care for others even to his last days. Ken was a graduate of Concordia Seminary, Mission Developer (LCMS) in London Ontario, senior pastor at Good Shepherd Westborough, MA (ELCA) from 1970-2005, and a part-time chaplain for the Lutheran Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center in Worcester (1978-2021). Looking back on the many ways and places he was able to serve, he said “what I did in ministry was largely strengthened by the love and unfailing support of

my dear wife, Patricia (Neulieb) Bean whom I married in 1963.” Ken leaves behind his loving wife, Patricia Bean, and four children; Deborah Harvell, Daniel Bean and his wife Debora, Michele Pavlis, and Mark Bean. As well as seven grandchildren including; Jessica Recore and her husband Richard, the Rev. Nicole Harvell, Courtney Pavlis, and Chiara & Lucia Bean. He was predeceased by his five siblings, and leaves numerous nieces/nephews behind. A viewing will take place at Miller Funeral Home in Webster on Friday August 12th between 4pm-7pm. The funeral will be held on Saturday August 13th at 10:00am at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (183 W. Main St. Westborough, MA) with a brief reception to follow. All are invited to attend the graveside burial in Mount Zion Cemetery in Webster at 2:30pm on Saturday August 13th. Donations can be made to Zion Lutheran Church Memorial Fund (Oxford, MA) or Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Memorial Fund (Westborough, MA), or Ascentria Care Alliance (Worcester, MA).

Anthony J. Stefanik, 95



WEBSTER – Anthony J. Stefanik, 95, died Tuesday, July 26, 2022 after an illness. His wife of 53 years, Leatrice E. (Lavoie) Stefanik, died in 2004. He leaves 2 daughters, Suzanne M. Stefanik of Dudley and Debra L. Leno and her husband Robert of Rochdale; 3 sons, Richard A. Stefanik and his wife Dorothy of Chester, NH, Randy J. Stefanik and his wife Rose of North Grosvenordale, CT, and Lee E. Stefanik of Greenfield, NH; 3 grandsons, Jared Leno, Myles Salazar and Edward Stefanik. He was preceded in death by his grandson Nathan Plaza in 2007. He was born on April 16, 1927 in the Wilsonville section of Thompson, CT, a son of John and Mary D. (Majercik) Stefanik and was a 1944 graduate of Bartlett High School. He received his Bachelor’s degree in Pharmacy from the New England College of Pharmacy in Boston. He was a Navy veteran of World

War II and a life member of the Webster-Dudley American Legion Post #184. Mr. Stefanik owned and operated TonyLea Pharmacy in Webster and later worked at the Fallon Pharmacy, Worcester. He retired at the age of 80 in 2007. He was a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church and a life member of the Auburn-Webster Lodge of Elks #1466. He enjoyed fishing, golf, playing pitch and his daily trip to the Senior Center. He was a long-time fan of the New England Patriots and the Boston Red Sox. Services will be held privately at the convenience of the family. Donations in his name may be made to the Webster-Dudley Veteran’s Council, 4 Veteran’s Way, Webster, MA 01570. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster. www.websterfunerals.com



Jeanne H. Saad, 75



OXFORD – Jeanne H. (deVillers) Saad, 75, of Dudley Road, died Friday, July 29, 2022, at UMass Memorial Medical Center – University Campus in Worcester, surrounded by her three children and daughter-in-law. She was predeceased by her husband of 56 years, John G. Saad, Jr., of Oxford who died in 2021. She is survived by three children, Michael J. Saad of Oxford, Barbara J. Fields and her husband Ronald of Webster, and Thomas J. Saad and his wife Heather of Dudley; two brothers, Paul deVillers of Spencer, and Robert deVillers and his wife Karen of Westerly, RI; two sisters, Carole Kemble and her husband James of Westport, and Marjorie Streeter of Worcester; five grandchildren, Malissa I., Michael J. Jr. and his wife Leslie, Jonathan M., Gavin T., and Ronin W.; and one great-grandson, J.D. Fields. She was predeceased by two brothers, Frank deVillers and David deVillers. She was born in Worcester, daughter of the late Ernest R. and Marjorie J. (Wallace) deVillers, and was a lifelong resident of Oxford. She graduated from St. Peter’s High School in 1965. Mrs. Saad worked at Central Mass Auto Auction for several years, retiring in 2007. Previously, she was an admin-

istrative assistant at Toyota Motor Credit Company. She was a member of St. Roch’s Church in Oxford. Mrs. Saad was an active member of the Oxford community for many years, as a member of the Founder’s Day Committee, the Oxford Democratic Committee, and founder of the Oxford Women’s Softball League. She had a vigor for life and enjoyed singing and watching her grandchildren’s sporting events. Her family meant everything to her and her greatest joy in life was catering to her family and grandchildren. Mrs. Saad will be remembered as a very social person who was loved by all who knew her. The family would like to thank the staff at the Jewish Healthcare Center and the UMass Emergency Department for their exceptional care, and the Spooner family for their unwavering love and support. A funeral Mass was held at 11 a.m. on Friday, August 5, 2022, at St. Roch’s Church, 332 Main St., Oxford. Those attending are respectfully requested to meet directly at the church. Burial followed at North Cemetery in Oxford. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1942. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements.



PIC Wilfred (Willie) J. Charette, 64, passed away peacefully after his long battle with End Stage Renal Failure on July 11, 2022 with the love of his entire family by his side. He was born on June 21, 1958 in Thompson CT. He enjoyed watching his son race more than anything. He would call him as soon as the race was over to get the inside scoop on the car and driver. He loved teaching his daughter how to build a deck and show her how to be independent. He loved hunting and fishing just as much as he loved building/flying his model airplanes. He was

always full of life and never let his battle hold him back from enjoying time with his wife, children, grandchildren and friends. He is survived by the love of his life, Michelle Charette, his wife of 43 years. His children, Diane DeCampos; husband Ray DeCampos and grandson Julian. His son Paul (Buddy) Charette; wife Stephanie Charette and grandchildren Hailey, Collin and William; His sisters Norma Mroczek, Joyce LaPrade, Bonnie Warren, their spouses, many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. He is predeceased by his father, Paul Norman Charette and mother, Constance (Connie) Charette of Thompson, CT. A graveside service will be held at West Thompson Cemetery, Thompson CT on Saturday, August 27, 2022 at 10:00 am.

Paul R. Beauchamp, 63



FITCHBURG – Paul R. Beauchamp, 63, of Oak Hill Road, died Friday, July 29, 2022, at UMass Memorial Medical Center – University Campus in Worcester, from complications of MRSA. He is survived by his brother, Mark P. Beauchamp and his wife Maribeth of Dudley; and several cousins. He was born in Worcester, son of the late Donald R. and Agnes J. (Mathurin) Beauchamp, and lived in Fitchburg for 10 years. He graduated from Bay Path High School in Charlton in 1977, and received a bache-

lor’s degree from the Culinary Institute of America in New York. Mr. Beauchamp was a baker at Roche Brothers Supermarket for many years. Previously, he was a partner and manager at P.J. Murphy’s Bakery in St. Paul, Minnesota, and worked at the Colonial Club Restaurant in Webster, among several other food service businesses. He raised ferrets and enjoyed riding his Victory motorcycle. No services are planned at this time. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the M.S.P.C.A., 350 South Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02130. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements.

Sandra H Gracyalny, 76

Sandra H Gracyalny, age 76, of Dudley died Thursday, July 21, 2022 at Harrington Memorial Hospital of Southbridge, MA. after a short illness. Sandra was born March 12, 1946 in Webster, MA. She is the only child of the late John and the late Florence (Ryznal) Kalvinek. She was predeceased by her husband of 45 years , Gerald “Gracy” Gracyalny in 2009. She is survived by one son: Mark Gracyalny of Dudley, MA; . Predeceased by her Son, Scott Gracyalny

She was employed by Lanessa Extended Care as a Activities Director for 12 years before retiring . Sandy previously worked at Howard Johnson’s Hotel in Worcester . She loved her pet parrot and an occasional trip to the Ct. casino’s . After cremation a graveside service will be held at St. Joseph Garden of Peace old Worcester Rd. Webster on Friday August 19th at 11 AM .There are no calling hours. www.bartelfuneral-home.com

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going to be an extension of lines that are already on Nichols College property,” said Zajkowski. “They will be the property of Nichols College when they are completed.” Zajkowski compared this to extending a water line from someone’s house to a garage on the same property. Their understanding is that the hookups will be an extension of existing lines at Nichols College. However, another take-away from this correspondence was that a member of the Planning Board took it upon themselves to ask water commissioners about the process citizens need to undertake for water line hookups which Commissioners didn’t deem out of line but did seem to imply was unusual. Typically, if someone wants to tie into a system, they make that request to the Water & Sewer Commission themselves. Zajkowski said as much in his response emails to the Planning Board member where he explained that a resident can contact the Water & Sewer Office for information on that process. Zajkowski noted that this was not the end of the email exchange. Another correspondence included “personal questions” about the Planning Board member’s neighborhood. At that point, Zajkowski said he stopped responding because he felt they were getting into discussions that needed to be dealt with in the public meeting forum. “Until it comes to us, we start getting into he said, and she said, and I just don’t want to get involved in that,” said Zajkowski. That was where the Commission left the discussion for now. The Planning Board was expected to continue their public hearing on the Nichols College townhouses on Aug. 10.

So far, we’ve discussed Desire, Faith, Specialized Knowledge, and Imagination as fundamental in your quest to accomplish your dream. Now we will move on to the fifth step, ORGANIZED PLANNING.

When you read that, you probably thought you must begin to think through a master plan to accomplish your objective. That’s true, but there is one essential component to ORGANIZED PLANNING often overlooked.

None of us have the education, experience, foresight, ability, creativity, capability, or knowledge to devise and carry out an organized plan ourselves.

Once you’ve done your best to invent an organized plan, it won’t be good enough. You must ally yourself with experts in every field you can identify to develop a flawless plan. You won’t be able to do it alone.

Do you have the legal knowledge to implement your plan, or will you need a legal advisor? Do you have the know-how to create a financial plan, or will you need a Chief Financial Officer? Do you have the expertise to market yourself, your product, or your service? If not, then you’ll need a marketing expert. Do you have the technical knowledge to build what you need on the internet, or will you need to find someone who can create the website or platform you desire?

Sports stars, actors, and musicians have publicists, agents, managers, law-

yers, coaches, trainers, and a team. Nobody makes it happen on their own.

You may feel a bit overwhelmed. You may wonder how you can find the people necessary to accomplish your dream. The good news is that if you have the desire, faith, specialized knowledge, and imagination, a team will naturally start to coalesce around you.

A star athlete will have the team form around them because they are winning. An actor will have a team grow up around them because they are booking jobs. If you’re a CEO, your team will organically begin to develop if you’re aggressively moving the vision forward.

That doesn’t mean you won’t have to look for the right team members. You’ll probably need to create ads and search for the right job prospects.

Success will result from a team of people helping you push forward and break through barriers to overcome obstacles.

An organized plan always works better when implemented by a team of experts strategizing and creating a group-organized plan for success.

Once you have your team, you’ll need to communicate with them regularly. Keep them updated, informed, and in the loop. Share the good news so they stay motivated.

If they have advice, listen to them. If they have ideas, hear them out. Make

them feel unique and special because they are. You need them. Promote peace, harmony, and unity amongst your alliance at all times.

Compensation is key. Often, we will need to ask those around us to help for free initially, but that only lasts for so long. With desire, faith, specialized knowledge, and imagination, you will cause others to see and believe your vision for a time, but it won’t be enough to keep them around forever if they aren’t compensated fairly.

If you cannot pay them, you’ll need to ensure they have a future stake in the company. That could be a percentage of money earned or an equity share. You’ll need to balance giving too much and giving too little. Remember that having 10% of something is better than having 100% of nothing.

There will be failures; there will be people who drop out of your alliance. If you’re convinced of your success and don’t let it affect you, the next person who comes to replace them will often advance the vision much further than the last person ever could.

Developing an organized plan is crucial to accomplishing your dreams. To create the best plan, you’ll need a team of experts. Promote harmony and unity with them at all times. Give credit where credit is due, and realize your success will be a team effort.

Join me next week to read about the next step you’ll need to take to accomplish your dream!


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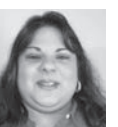
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**ON DEPOSIT**

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**ON DEPOSIT**

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**ON DEPOSIT**

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CHARLTON: 5 Acre Lot, Area of Custom Built Homes
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a veteran or active-duty service member in the family or not, and whether they choose to participate in the Hometown Hero Banner program or not, the hope is that the banner program will start a conversation in families or with neighbors or friends that may otherwise be lost with the passage of time or the passing of generations.”

Ruda added that Dudley has strived to provide the best services possible for veterans in the community. He complimented the town’s Veterans Services Office for delivering assistance and benefits information to veterans and families on par with larger communities. The town has made strides to provide better funding to that office over the last decade to further enhance a growing need in the community. As Ruda stated, veterans have already “done the heavy lifting” and now it’s time to their home community to honor them even more with the banners recognizing them forever for posterity.

“I think this is a great way for families, business owners, neighbors, or employers to chip-in and show pride in the service of a family member, employee or friend while demonstrating patriotism and pride in Dudley,” said Ruda.

The cost of the banners is \$160 which includes the design and mounting hardware, supplies and costs of securing and installing the banners. The program provides no profit to the town itself with the cost simply covering the creation and installation of the banners. The program is open to active, retired, living, or deceased military service members. Those interested in the program can contact Michelle Jervis in the Board of Selectmen’s Office at (508) 949-8001 or email selectaa@dudley-ma.gov. Information can also be found on the town website at Dudleyma.gov by following the “Hometown Heroes Banner Program” link on the Board of Selectmen’s Page, Veterans Agent Page or Town Administrator’s page.

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the March 2022 house fire.

“All four of these people knew there was a woman in need of help. All four of these people decided to act, and saved a life,” Early said. “This is an excellent example of officers and civilians working together and going above and beyond what was expected in order to help someone in need. I am proud to honor these four individuals.”

It was around 5:45 p.m. on March 24 when the Dudley Fire Department and Dudley Police Department were dispatched at 19 Brandon Road for a structure fire.

Ms. Carter was at a nearby store when someone told her a building was on fire. She called 911 and ran to the Brandon Road dwelling. She began knocking on doors to help residents escape.

Officer Daniels was first to arrive and learned a woman was trapped in a second-floor apartment. Officer Bullock, who was off duty at the time, and a civilian, Anthony Fitzherbert, joined Officer Daniels and tried to reach the woman but the heavy smoke held them back.

The woman yelled for help from inside her burning apartment. Mr. Fitzherbert was able to get back inside the building and pulled the elderly woman out of her apartment. As he led her down some steps, Officer Bullock and Officer Daniels ran back inside and were able to carry the woman out.

Dudley firefighters and EMS arrived. The woman was treated and taken to an area hospital. Her injuries were not life-threatening.

“We’re very fortunate to have people in town who are willing to help out. If it wasn’t for the two officers, my call firefighter, and the civilian, I think lives would have been lost. Lives were saved because of their quick thinking and actions,” Dudley Fire Chief Dean Kochanowski said. “The conditions of the fire were very difficult that day. We pulled up to a very large volume of fire and it was a very hot and humid day. For people to go in with no protection on, even under regular circumstances it would have been amazing, but the conditions made it even harder for them. We’re appreciative that they risked their lives to save people.”

Mr. Fitzherbert was already in the process of working to become an on-call firefighter for the town of Dudley at the time of the fire and has since received that status.

“We’re very proud of the accomplishments of Officer Daniels and the others who participated in this rescue. It is one of those scenarios where you see a good outcome from people who were willing to put their lives on the line to save someone’s life, a person they didn’t know,” Dudley Police Chief Steven Wojnar said. “They were certainly willing to step up and help. Especially in today’s world, when there’s a lot of cynicism and trouble, it is good to see there are good people out there who are willing to sacrifice themselves for others.”

This isn’t the first time Officer Bullock saved a life while off duty. In 2019, the officer was in East



Dudley Fire Chief Dean Kochanowski, Dudley Police Lieutenant Marek Karlowicz, Dudley Police Chief Steven Wojnar, District Attorney Joseph D. Early, Jr., Dudley Police Officer Ryan Daniels, Dudley Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda, and Dudley Selectman Mark Landry.



Dudley Police Officer Ryan Daniels, Charlton Police Officer Timothy Bullock, Jacqueline Carter, Call Dudley Firefighter Anthony Fitzherbert with his daughter, Charlton Police Chief Daniel Dowd and District Attorney Joseph D. Early, Jr.

Brookfield when a man accidentally cut his arm with a circular saw. Officer Bullock heard the man call for help, secured a tourniquet to the man’s upper arm and saved the man from possible life-threatening injuries.

The TEAM Award was created by Mr. Early in 2019

GOALS

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left this nebulous area of ‘Sure, you did those, but we’ll evaluate you on something else.’ I don’t want that to happen.”

One of those who voted against the list, Robert King, said he would evaluate based on the list even though he wanted “more numbers attached to this” to avoid “a metric that’s kind of

spongy.” As examples, he suggested measuring the website traffic and public responses after the changes and having the board provide more direction on Callahan’s financial plans.

Tim Moriarty agreed, saying he thought the list was “lacking the details I presented.”

Amy Frick, however, noted the financial plan point is not the board’s job, but Finance Committee’s (which she

served on before election). Callahan said she presents such a plan every year that includes hiring, spending priorities and more.

King also said he’d like to have a specific date next spring on which Callahan presents on those goals prior to the formal evaluation, saying that’s “as much for the public as for us.”

Leblanc noted the board gets regular reports already, but

“what you’re asking is not unreasonable,” since the top goal is communication improvement.

Callahan said she actually works on many more things, and “the town would be very sad if that was all I’d focus on as manager.” Many other things are more internal and administrative, but if board members were to handle those things they’d have to resign their day jobs, she added.

In other business,

Callahan said she opened bids for the Joslin Annex demolition, which the board awarded to a firm for \$235,000 with an Oct. 31 deadline. Originally, Town Meeting allotted \$57,000 for the project, but discovery of hazardous materials prompted the town to bulk it to \$250,000.

Additionally, she announced the hiring of a new chief assessor, Alex Sendzik, to replace Chris Pupka. Sendzik was

most recently Assistant Assessor in Westboro for the last five years.

Also, she said Aquarion Water is sending notices to all customers to stop automatic garden sprinkler use due to the ongoing drought.

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