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# St. Joseph School says goodbye to Class of 2022



WEBSTER — On Saturday, June 4, the St. Joseph School Class of 2022 held their graduation ceremony following a special 1 p.m. Mass in St. Joseph Basilica. Eighteen eighth grade students were recognized by their Home Room Teacher, Mary Ann Weaver. Each eighth grade student received a St. Joseph School Graduation Certificate as well as recognition for their academic excellence and participation in clubs and organizations.

Philopateer Basha – End of Year Honor Roll – High Honors, Academic Excellence – Religion, Mathematics, Social Studies and Vocabulary; Andrew Bergeron – End of Year Honor Roll – High Honors, Student Council Class Representative, Outstanding Academic Excellence, Altar Server; Connor Czechowski – End of Year Honor Roll – Honors, Perfect Attendance, Altar Server, Morning Door Greeter; Treyton Dery – End of Year Honor Roll – High Honors, Altar Server, Morning Door Greeter; Gianna DiCola-Keddy - End of Year

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## Planning Board addresses betterment projects

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – With the recent Dudley Annual Town Meeting approving only one of three betterment proposals on the warrant, the Planning Board addressed the status of the remaining projects during their May 25 meeting two days later.

While the betterments were far from the most contentious items on the warrant on May 23, receiving very little discussion, they have been a common talking point during meetings of the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen the past few months. Tobin Farms Road, Misty Meadows Road, and Partridge Hill Road were on the warrant as individual items seeking potential betterment proposals that would see the town improve the roadways with the cost being shouldered by the taxpayers along those roads. The work would open the opportunity for all three to be accepted as town ways. However, only Partridge Hill Road saw a vote during the meeting, which was in the affirmative. Tobin Farms and Misty Meadows were passed over at the request of the petitioners and the recommendation of selectmen for more information which potentially moved them to the fall town meeting.

During their May 25 meeting the Planning Board expressing some frustration concerning the Tobin Farms and Misty Meadows project and the lack of details that have been made public regarding the cost estimates. After confirming the approval of the Partridge Hill bet-

terment, Chairman Guy Horne clarified some details about the remaining two projects including the cost estimates provided by Graves Engineering.

“The Tobin Farms Estates, we’re going to take another look at that one. That one came in with (potentially) almost a half a million dollars in needed improvements to finish the subdivision,” said Horne. “The other one was Misty Meadows. It wasn’t a half a million dollars it was \$280,000 if I remember right. The problem with Misty Meadows is there’s an awful lot of road and there’s very few homes on the street so they were looking at \$280,000 worth of improvements that needed to be made and it’s basically all asphalt. There are only ten houses that would be contributing to that.”

Town Planner Bill Scanlon was asked about a timeline and confirmed that Partridge Hill would soon go out to bid. When conversations turned to the remaining projects, he offered some insight into the future process.

“To my understanding the Planning Board will receive the bid information for those two projects before it goes out to bid and then you’ll have the opportunity to review the document. I don’t have an exact timeframe as to when you will get that, but that’ll be something the Highway Superintendent will be working on,” said Scanlon.

When Scanlon was unable to provide more information concerning the breakdown of the projected costs for either project, Board member Steve Watroba said he felt the residents hadn’t

received enough information to understand the potential investment. He wanted a cost breakdown so that the public and the board would understand where the price tags were coming from.

Scanlon acknowledged that Highway Superintendent Jeffrey Murray had those figures, but that he did not have the document for the Planning Board at that time. Scanlon did however note that the cost estimates were broken down into two parts, the estimates from Graves Engineering and the cost savings that would be accrued from using town resources. The Planning Board requested that those documents be provided at a future meeting to allow residents a better understanding of the project and what the investment would entail.

## Samuel Slater Experience offers free admission for Webster residents, by street

WEBSTER — The Town of Webster exists because Samuel Slater settled here, brought technology, built factories, created villages of families who came for a better way of life and helped the community grow and prosper.

In honor of Slater’s contribution to the creation and growth of Webster, the Samuel Slater Experience, 31 Ray St., invites residents by street address to experience the birth of the town with free admission on scheduled Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. More dates

and streets will be announced. Visit [samuel Slater Experience.org](http://samuel Slater Experience.org) or call 508-461-2955 for more information.

The June dates and streets are:

Sunday, June 12  
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Dresser St  
Eddy St  
Everett Ave  
Greystone Ave  
Grove St  
Hillside Ave  
Lincoln St  
Morris St  
Nelson St  
Oak Ln  
Park Ave  
Park Rd  
Pepka Dr  
Ray St  
Robinson St  
Spruce Ln  
Summit St

Tower St  
Washington  
Whitcomb St

Sunday, June 19

5th Ave  
Bartlett St  
Brookline St  
Church St  
Clark St  
Cutler St  
Englewood St  
Goddard St  
Granite St  
Lakemont Rd  
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Mechanic St  
Meringo Ave  
Myrtle Ave  
Negus St  
Oak St  
Peter St  
Poland St  
Prospect St  
Rosemont St  
Short St  
Veterans Way

Sunday, June 26

2nd Island Rd  
Beacon St  
Beaudry Ln  
Eastern Ave  
Emerald Ave  
Goodness St  
Gorski Ave  
Grandview Ave  
Harris St  
Lake St  
Little League Ln  
Maynard Ave  
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Mckays Way  
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Stefaniak Ave  
West Ave  
Woodlawn St  
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## Fun Zone playground in need of renovations

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – While Dudley’s annual town meeting on May 23 was a relatively uneventful evening, it did provide some insight into an ongoing effort to renovate a cherished public amenity, the Fun Zone Playground.

Located at 71 West main St., adjacent to the Dudley Municipal Complex, the playground has become a popular stop for families to allow their kids some time outdoors. However, the equipment has become worn, and the town is working on strategies to rebuild, restore, and renovate the playground. During the annual town meeting Article 11 sought to authorize \$380,000 in



The Dudley Fun Zone Playground in need of renovation.

borrowing for the project, however selectmen moved to pass over the article for the fall which was subsequently approved by the public.

According to Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda, the motion was made due to an unnamed group offering to lead a fundraising effort to help

offset the cost.

“There is a plan that is underway spearheaded by a local group who will announce themselves

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Jason Bleau

# State's 'social crisis' the focus of Legislative Breakfast



Yilza Fantauzzi

Joshua Burdett

## Sheriff holds graduation, swearing-in for newest class of correctional officers

WEST BOYLSTON — The most recent class of ten recruits of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office Basic Recruit Training Academy #57 graduated on Friday, May 27 after completing numerous interviews, mental health screenings, physical fitness metrics and a rigorous twelve-week academy. The new recruits have met the highest hiring standards and are among the best and brightest in corrections.

The ceremony for the WCSO BRTA #57 was held outdoors on the grounds of the facility with family and friends in attendance. This latest academy took their oath of office and are ready to begin active duty on the line at the facility.

Among the graduating class of new correctional officers are Officer Yilza Fantauzzi of Oxford, Officer Joshua Gelb of Charlton and Officer Joshua Burdett of Webster. Officer Gelb is the president of the class and is also the winner of the Lawrence P. Sullivan Physical Fitness Award Officer Burdett won the Francis T. Foley Academic Award for the highest academic grade point average of the class.

During the ceremony, Evangelidis thanked the recruits for "...their hard work and dedication. We wish them all the best as they begin the important work done every day at the Sheriff's department to help protect public safety and make Worcester County a safer place."



Courtesy

Left to right: Bill Fredericks of Sen. Ryan Fattman's office; Cindy Howard, CEO of the Center of Hope Foundation; and Rep. Joe McKenna.

WORCESTER — "We have a 'Social Crisis,' not just a work force crisis, here in the Commonwealth," stated Mike Hyland of Venture Community Services, a private provider of residential and day services for people with intellectual, developmental and other disabilities in Central Mass.

He, along with 10 other Central Mass providers serving many thousands of people sponsored the 31st Annual Central Mass Provider Legislative Breakfast to an audience of legislators, families, state agencies, self-advocates and other stakeholders at the College of the Holy Cross last week.

Cindy Howard, moderator and CEO of the Arc-Center of Hope Foundation, welcomed the group with a video about the crisis. Leo Sarkissian, Executive Director of the Arc of Massachusetts gave an overview of the issues to the more than 200 people in the audience. Festina Julue of the Arc of Opportunity, based in Fitchburg, gave a perspective as a staff member about the difficulty for people to work in these private provider environments with the inadequate pay that is allocated to the agencies to pay them. Many staff have to work more than one job in order to make ends meet. Self-Advocate,

Jeremiah Jezierski shared with the gathering how important the Center of Hope is to him and his ability to work.

Stephen Celuzza, parent of a young lady who cannot return to her program because the agencies cannot attract and retain the Direct Support Professionals, Nurses and other staff needed to allow her and 7,000 others who were going to programs before the pandemic and the several hundred more who are waiting for services as they age out of public school are affecting his family in a distressing way, too. One parent must be home at all times, so someone cannot go back to work. The implications are devastating for the person stuck at home for two and a half years along with the loss of income to the family.

State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz, Chair of the Committee on Ways and Means, spoke to the audience about his understanding of the issues and how the House is working towards trying to find solutions to this crisis.

A favorite part of the event includes awarding some of the heroes of each agency. Louisa Boamah of HMEA was awarded the "Exemplary Staff Award"; Serah Mururi received the "Seven Hills Care Crusader Award"; Lisa Morgan received

the Life-Skills "Building Better Futures Award"; Melissa Childs of Wendy's in Sturbridge became the "Employer of the Year" by the Center of Hope Foundation; Engle Torres earned the Venture Community Services "Program Leadership Award"; the "Distinguished Program Leadership Award" went to Walter Ross of Advocates, Inc. Angela McKeon and staff of 17/18 Golden Heights received the "Making a Difference Award" from Linda Cournoyer, founder of this event; Ruth Montgomery received an "Excellence in Performance Award" from CoHF and Mass. Rehab. Commission; Merari Alvarado of Thrive earned the "Community Impact Award"; Open Sky Community Services awarded a group of employees from the Malden Street home with the "Creative Support Award." Emmanuel Kudjoe from Arc of Opportunity was given the "Life-Saving Advocate Award" and Cindy Howard was surprised with the "Linda Cournoyer Excellence in Advocacy Award."

This annual event's mission is to allow a wide range of audience members from all walks of life, and especially the 35 legislators in Central Mass to learn what the issues are in human services each year. This has never been a more important time as so many industries cry for help. We are all talking about the work force crisis in every business, but as Mike said, we have a Social Crisis because the public does not understand what we do and how important our services are to human beings. The community understands and has sympathy for teachers, restaurants, hospitals, other health care environments and most other industries. The crucial work in the Intellectual and Developmental Disability field is not well understood and is not recognized and respected for the vital work we do for an undervalued population in our society.

It's time for drastic change. We hope that this event helped, but more needs to be done. You can learn more by contacting any of these providers who participated in this event.

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On Wednesday, May 25, the above pictured veteran detail placed wreaths in remembrance of our fallen veterans in preparation of Memorial Day. The veterans who participated in the detail represent the veterans organizations of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 654 of Webster and Dudley, and the American Legion Post 184 of Webster and Dudley. These hero squares have been named after our own town heroes who gave everything while serving in our military. This is the meaning of Memorial Day. Pictured, left to right: Stephen Rogerson, Richard Holewa, Richard Lavallee, Kenny Kuzdzal. The veterans' community would like to take this time to thank everyone who assisted with placing flags at all the cemeteries, planted flowers, donated to the Poppy Drive, attended the Parade and cheered on the participants, or said a prayer for a fallen soldier on this day of remembrance.

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## Julia Dandridge graduates from The College of Charleston

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Julia Dandridge of Dudley, recently graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication from the College of Charleston.

Dandridge was among more than 1,450 students who received degrees.

Located in the heart of historic Charleston, S.C., the College of Charleston is a nationally recognized public liberal arts and sciences university. Founded in 1770, the College is among the nation's top universities for quality education, student life and affordability. Its beautiful and historic campus, combined with contemporary facilities, cutting-edge programs and accessible faculty attracts students from across the U.S. and around the world.

# Local students named to Assumption University's Dean's List

WORCESTER — Assumption University has announced those who have been named to the University's Dean's List for the spring 2022 semester. Students named to the Dean's List must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 for a five-class, 15-credit semester to be included on the prestigious list, which is announced at the completion of the fall and spring semesters. Local students include:

- Jared Berg of Dudley, Class of 2022
- Christopher Rogan of North Oxford, Class of 2022
- Julie Dwyer of Webster, Class of 2023
- Rebecca Jalbert of Oxford, Class of 2023
- Brian James of Webster, Class of 2023
- Kelly Knutelski of Oxford, Class of 2023
- Jaclyn Landry of Oxford, Class of 2023
- Michael Gevry of Oxford, Class of 2024
- Hannah Sullivan of Webster, Class of 2025

"Earning the right to be named to the Assumption University's Dean's List is an extraordinary accomplishment and we congratulate those students who demonstrated exemplary academic excellence this semester," said Assumption University Interim President Greg Weiner, Ph.D. "These students have demonstrated a deep commitment to the pursuit of truth that lies at the heart of the Catholic liberal

education Assumption provides."

Assumption University provides students with a comprehensive, Catholic liberal arts experience through curricular and co-curricular programs, including internship opportunities, recreational activities, and more than 60 on-campus clubs and organizations. An Assumption education forms graduates both intellectually and spiritually, inspiring wonder and purpose as they discover their vocation.

Assumption University, founded in 1904 by the Augustinians of the Assumption, is New England's premier university for high-quality education, integrating career preparation and education of the whole person, drawing upon the best in the rich and centuries-long tradition of Catholic higher education. Assumption, located in Worcester, Massachusetts, seeks to provide students with a transformative education that forms graduates who possess critical intelligence, thoughtful citizenship, and compassionate service. The University offers 34 majors and 49 minors in the liberal arts, sciences, business, nursing and professional studies; as well as master's and continuing education degrees and professional certificate programs. For more information about Assumption University, please visit [www.assumption.edu](http://www.assumption.edu).



Courtesy

## BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF WEBSTER-DUDLEY HOLDS ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Boys & Girls Club of Webster-Dudley held their annual Spaghetti Dinner at Point Breeze Restaurant in Webster on May 26th. The Boys & Girls Club Helping Hands Award was presented to AJ Alkire, owner of Point Breeze, for sponsoring the event. AJ has sponsored this event since its inception in 2017 and donates the room and food to the Boys & Girls Club of Webster-Dudley. The event was once again a success and raised more than \$5,000 to support 2022 summer programs at the club. AJ is a big reason why this event is successful every year. Pictured left to right: Dan Wisniewski, Rob Bouchard, Charlie Baron, Liz Hamilton, John Lefebvre, AJ Alkire, Marilyn Fels, Dan O'Connor & Lori Smith.

## Crawford Library seeking local artists

DUDLEY — The Pearle L Crawford Memorial Library in Dudley is seeking local artists to display works in their gallery space for month-long exhibits.

"We'd love to see a variety of artists showing their works at the Library," says Director Drusilla Carter.

## St. Andrew Bobola announces Drive Thru Dinner schedule

Local students named to Assumption University's Dean's List

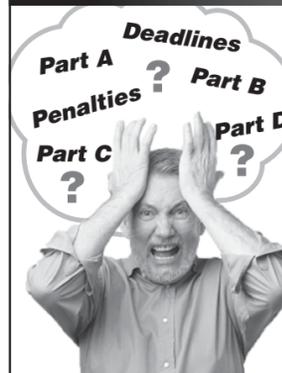
DUDLEY — St. Andrew Bobola Parish, 54 West Main St., Dudley, will be holding its second 2022 monthly Drive Thru Polish Dinner Sale on Saturday June 25, 2022 from 11 a.m. -1 p.m. and 4:30-6:30 p.m. Dinners are \$18 (note: price increase) include 1 cheese and 1 cabbage pierogi, a golabek, kielbasa and kapusta. Take out only. Additional frozen Polish food can also be purchased! So come get your dinners, enjoy a great meal and help support our small church!

With a gallery-quality hanging system, the Library is able to accommodate a wide range of formats. Previous exhibits have included oil paintings, posters, photography, and even the works created by members of the Library's knit and crochet group.

Carter would like to encourage artists of all ages to contact her. "I know there are many talented artists in our community," says Carter, "including students taking art in school and folks who pursue art as a hobby."

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## DUDLEY POLICE LOG

DUDLEY — The Dudley Police Department reported only one arrest during the week of May 27 to June 3.

A 37-year-old male whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on May 30 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member, Vandalization of Property, and Felony Breaking & Entering a Building at Night.

### REAL ESTATE

#### Dudley

\$410,000, 50 Sawmill Rd, Dziobak, Dariusz, to Picard, Taze, and Picard, Holly.

#### Oxford

\$320,000, 358 Main St, Germain Donald R Est, and Germain, Mark A, to Hockley, Brien, and Greenup, Reva M.

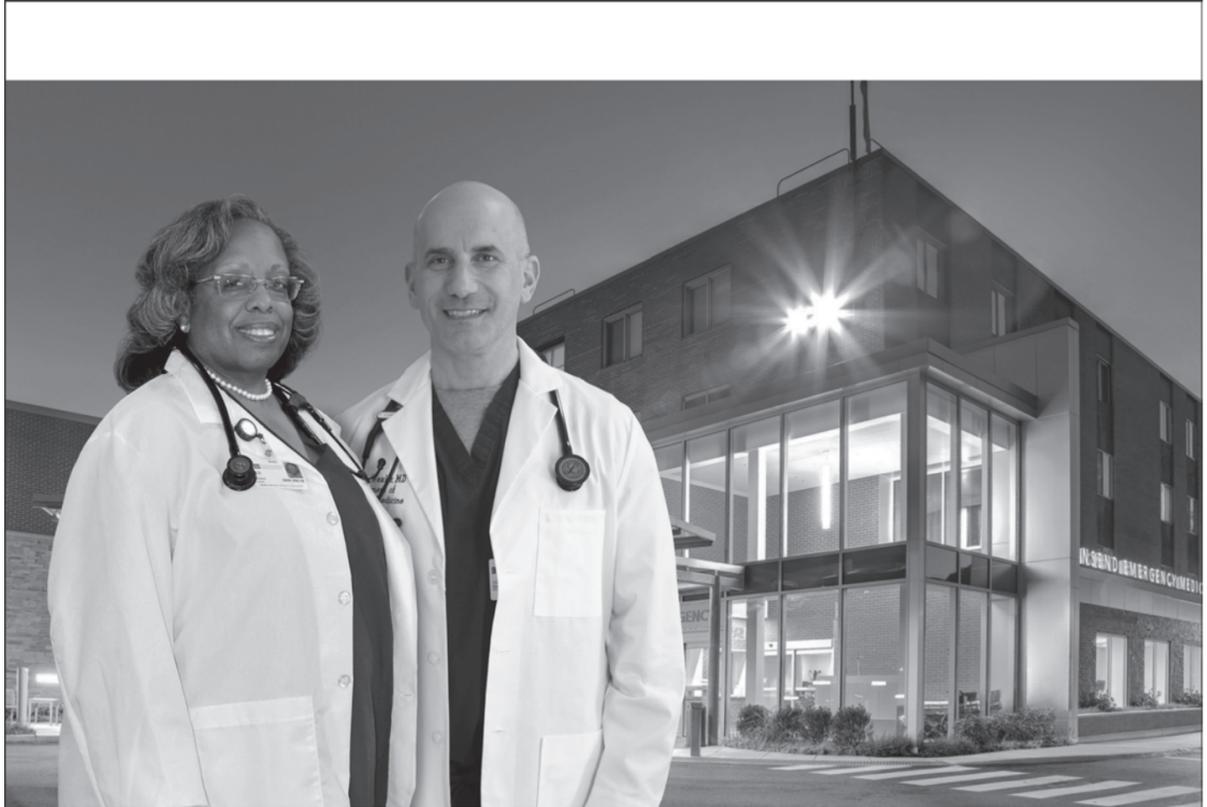
\$207,604, 7 Sherwood Dr, Harris, Roger D, and Citizens Bank NA, to Citizens Bank NA.

#### Webster

\$385,000, 1 Mark Ave, Davis, Gerald L, and Davis, Priscilla J, to Cruz, Nathaly.

\$375,000, 37 Scenic Ave, Huynh, Richie, to Garces, Mario, and Lee, Meaghan.

\$290,000, 5 Harris St, Zisk, Christina, to Gilbert, Michael S.



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**POKEMON CLUB**  
Tuesdays @ 3:30PM  
Calling all Pokemon fans! Children ages 7 to 14 are invited to join our club. This meeting will be a great opportunity to meet other players and share ideas. Please make sure you bring your trading cards and anything else you would like to share and discuss.

**LUNCH & STORYTIME – BEGINNING JUNE 22ND**  
Wednesdays @ Noon  
Bring your lunch and join Miss Lida for storytime and songs, plus a different take-home craft each week.  
Free; children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

**LEGO CHALLENGE CLUB**  
Wednesdays @ 3:30PM  
Come join us each week for a different Lego challenge, from writing your name in Legos to making a Lego zipline. Ages 5+

**ADULT BOOK GROUP**  
Third Thursday, 6:00PM-7:30PM  
The adult book group meets for an informal discussion of the month's title, which is available at the circulation desk a month prior to the meeting. For the current month's title see our website.

**CREATING A DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITY**  
Thursday, June 9 6:00PM-7:00PM  
Join representatives from the Council

on Aging for a presentation on the Dementia Friendly Community movement and learn how you can be part of helping Dudley become Dementia Friendly.  
Contact [coordinator@dudleyma.gov](mailto:coordinator@dudleyma.gov) for more information

**YOGA WITH JULIE**  
Saturday, June 11 Noon-1:00PM  
Monthly beginner-friendly yoga class, led by Julie St Francis.  
Free; children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.  
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**MUSIC AND MOVEMENT WITH DEB HUDGINS**  
Thursday, June 16 10:30AM-11:00AM  
This is a 30 minute interactive program featuring singing, guitar music, dancing, rhythm instruments, stories and variety of fun props, including a parachute, beanbags, scarves, and pom poms. These programs are theme-based, and cover everything from holidays and seasons to dinosaurs and bugs!  
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**SUMMER READING KICKOFF EVENT: ANIMAL ADVENTURES**  
Saturday, June 18 11:00AM-Noon  
We will have Animal Adventures here with eight to ten animals presented in a one-hour session. Meet the animals, hear interesting stories and information about them and get close. Controlled petting and touching is allowed at the discretion of the Animal Adventure Guide. A fun and unique learning experience to be enjoyed by all! We will have a Skink, Porcupine, and Coati!  
Sign up for Summer Reading while you are here! All children must

be accompanied by an adult.  
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**MESSY ART**  
Tuesday, June 21 10:30AM-11:30AM  
Create your very own messy masterpiece using a variety of supplies and fun techniques. For ages 2-6.  
Free; children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

**BRACELET WEAVING**  
Wednesday, June 22 2:00PM-4:00PM  
Ages 6+ are invited to learn to weave their own bracelet using drinking straws and yarn.  
Free; children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult

**MAKE YOUR OWN FIDGET**  
Thursday, June 23 1:00PM-3:00PM  
Drop in any time between 1:00 and 3:00 to make your own fidget using water beads and a balloon.  
For children ages 4+.  
Free; children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

**DROP IN SLIME MAKING**  
Friday, June 24 2:00PM-4:00PM  
Drop in and make your own slime to take home, with fun add-ins to choose from.  
Free; children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

**CRAFT BOOTCAMP: LEARN TO CROCHET**  
Monday, June 27 5:00PM-6:00PM  
Learn the basic crochet stitches that

you can use for many projects. Yarn and crochet hooks provided. For ages 10+ - teens and adults welcome too!  
Space is limited – registration is required.  
Free; children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

**MAKE A SOLAR OVEN**  
Tuesday, June 28 1:00PM-2:00PM  
Learn to make a solar oven from a pizza box, and take home all the ingredients to test it out by making your own s'mores.  
Free; children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

**CAMP BALLOON MAGIC**  
Wednesday, June 29 2:00PM-2:45PM  
Camp Balloon Magic is an interactive performance that features a variety of challenges for the "campers" in attendance. Big Balloon Sports, Animal Identification, Magic 101, and of course the giant 6-foot balloon!  
Free; children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.  
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**PEARLE JAM: TIM VAN EGMOND**  
Thursday, June 30 6:00PM-7:45PM  
The annual Pearle Jam concert series kicks off with folksinger and storyteller Tim Van Egmond.  
Free; open to all ages. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.  
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## Adult Programming

**SEED LIBRARY – Spring 2022**  
Do you have a green thumb, or are you looking to develop one? We are offering a selection of seeds for anyone to take home and plant! This selection changes weekly, this week we have mustard greens, carrots, and radishes. All of the seeds were generously donated by Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds.

## FRIENDS' FEATURED AUTHOR BOOK SALE – Ongoing

Welcome spring! Friends' featured author book sale this month will feature: David Baldacci, Mary Higgins Clark, and Stuart Woods. Buy one get one free!

**YOGA WITH JULIE – Saturdays 10AM-11:15AM**  
Join Julie at the Gladys E. Kelly Library for a vinyasa yoga class for all levels. In Sanskrit, Vinyasa yoga translates to the "uniting of movement with breath". A typical class involves a centering of the mind with the breath, aromatherapy, movement of the body to release energetic blockages and, finally, a rest and relaxation. Classes are free. Sponsored by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

**SPRING CONCERT SERIES FINALE – Rave On – June 9th 6:30-8:00PM**  
50's and 60's Rock'n'Roll featuring the songs of Jerry Lee Lewis & Elvis. Sponsored by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

**SEEING HISTORY: MONET'S GARDENS AT GIVERNY – June 23rd at 6:00PM**  
This beautiful and informative presentation will bring you into the world of Claude Monet's gardens at Giverny. The place that inspired so many of his masterpieces, from the water lilies to his Japanese bridge, will come alive in this vibrant and fun evening. No registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP – June 27th at 6:00PM**  
The Gladys E. Kelly Public Library Adult Book Discussion Group will be meeting in person this month! The group meets at 6:30 pm

and the meeting will take place in the Library's Community Room. New members are always welcome! Next month's book discussion will be on Monday, June 27th. The group will be discussing *The Wife Upstairs* by Rachel Hawkins. Stop by the library, or reach out by phone to 508-949-3880, or by email to [ehale@cwmar.org](mailto:ehale@cwmar.org) for inquiries.

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

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

## Children's and Young Adult Programming

**MAKER MONDAYS – Mondays from 3:30-4:30PM**  
Feeling artistic? We will have a variety of craft materials available to put your creativity to the test! Every month we will rotate our craft material, stop in to see what we're making this month!

**BUILD NIGHT – Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30PM**  
Put your creative caps on and come build with LEGOs, magnetiles, or other neat building materials! Materials will change monthly, so don't miss it! For children of all ages and their caregivers.

**SENSORY BIN STORYTIME – Wednesdays in June 10:00-11:00AM**  
Join us for stories and play time in a new sensory bin each week. Sponsored by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

**GET READY FOR KINDERGARTEN! REGISTRATION REQUIRED! – June 13th 10-11 AM**  
If you have a child entering Kindergarten this fall, join YFCP at the Tom Knight Puppet Show! Siblings are welcome. Please go to our website to register!

**(TEEN) VIDEOGAME NIGHT – June 13th 4:30-6PM**  
Wanna play Mario cart? or Smash brothers? come in and bring your friends!

**LASER TAG TEEN KICK OFF – June 23rd 6:00PM**

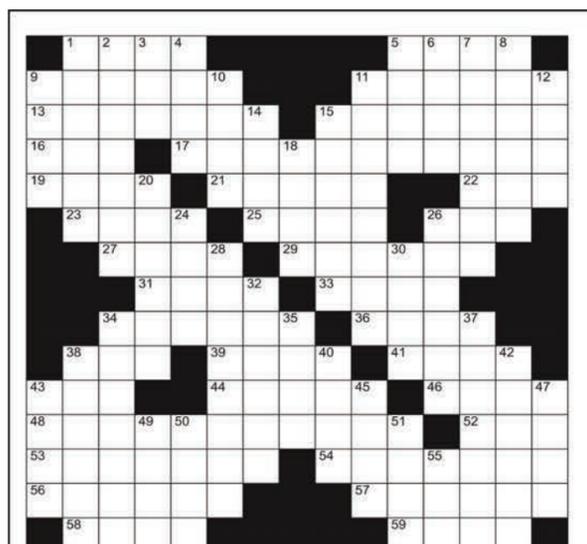
Come celebrate the start of Summer Reading with our Laser Tag kick-off event! This outdoor program is for teens 12-18! Please sign up via the sign-up sheet at the children's desk upstairs or by emailing [rocx@cwmar.org](mailto:rocx@cwmar.org). Please fill out the waiver that you can print and have a parent or a guardian sign and bring it into the library or email it to [rocx@cwmar.org](mailto:rocx@cwmar.org). You have to have the waiver filled out to play laser tag. Link to the waiver will be on the event page on our website. If you have any questions, please contact Randa our Teen Programming Intern through email listed above! Sponsored by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

**ANIMAL ADVENTURES – June 27th 10-11AM**

Come celebrate the start of Summer Reading with our Animal Adventures kick-off event! This outdoor program will feature live animals of all shapes and sizes! Learn all kinds of facts about how different animals live in a fun and safe (socially distanced) outdoor setting. Program for all ages! No sign-ups required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

**TEEN ANIME NIGHT – July 1st 3:30-5PM**

Join the Gladys Kelly Library in a day of anime! Vote to watch your favorite anime, sit back and grab a snack and enjoy!

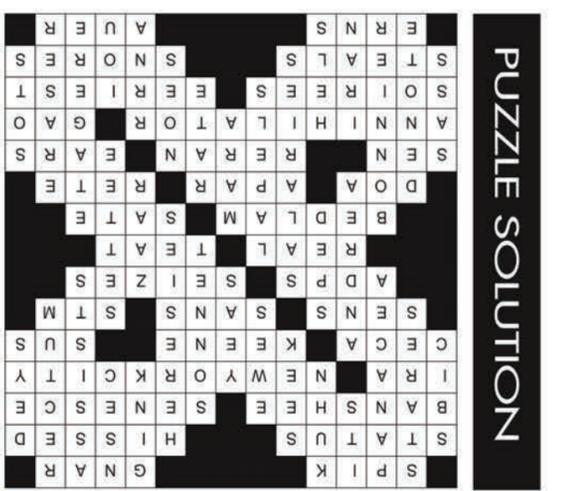


## CLUES ACROSS

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|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Slovenian mountain               | 33. Female mammal's nipple      |
| 5. Growl                            | 34. Pandemonium                 |
| 9. Where things stand               | 36. Satisfy                     |
| 11. Made a sharp sound              | 38. Arrived extinct             |
| 13. Female spirit in Irish folklore | 39. Shipborne radar (abbr.)     |
| 15. Deteriorate with age            | 41. Network of nerves           |
| 16. A way to save for retirement    | 43. Monetary unit               |
| 17. The Big Apple                   | 44. Showed old TV show          |
| 19. Intestinal pouches              | 46. They help you hear          |
| 21. City in New Hampshire           | 48. One who eliminates          |
| 22. Giving a bad impression         | 52. Congress' investigative arm |
| 23. Samsung laptops                 | 53. Parties                     |
| 25. Without (French)                | 54. Most supernatural           |
| 26. Scientist's tool (abbr.)        | 56. Takes illegally             |
| 27. System of one more computers    | 57. Breathes while asleep       |
| 29. Captures                        | 58. Sea eagles                  |
| 31. Authentic                       | 59. German surname              |

## CLUES DOWN

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| 1. Looks at for a long time             | 26. Long upholstered seat          |
| 2. Solution for diseases                | 28. Set wages                      |
| 3. Belonging to a thing                 | 30. Peter Gabriel song             |
| 4. Former Packers fullback              | 32. Sides of a jacket              |
| 5. Contemptible person                  | 34. More beautiful                 |
| 6. One billionth of a second (abbr.)    | 35. Actress Kate                   |
| 7. Helps                                | 37. Furniture with open shelves    |
| 8. Final section of the large intestine | 38. Indicate                       |
| 9. Invests in little enterprises        | 40. The cost of a room             |
| 10. Look for                            | 42. Gets rid of something          |
| 11. Unbeliefs                           | 43. Impudence                      |
| 12. Susan and Tom are two               | 45. No No No                       |
| 14. Female sheep                        | 47. Drunkards                      |
| 15. A poet writes it                    | 49. Middle eastern country         |
| 18. Affirmatives                        | 50. High energy lasers (abbr.)     |
| 20. "Full House" actress Barber         | 51. Primary component of ribosomes |
| 24. Traveled rapidly                    | 55. An informal debt instrument.   |



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# MAPFRE USA hires Jesse Zimmerman to lead commercial lines

WEBSTER — MAPFRE USA, the leading personal and commercial auto writer and home insurer in Massachusetts, announced that Jesse Zimmerman has joined the leadership team as Vice President of Commercial Lines, to oversee the company's Commercial Underwriting and Product departments.

Zimmerman, who has 20 years' experience in the property and casualty insurance industry, will lead MAPFRE's Commercial Lines strategy in Massachusetts, evaluating opportunities to further strengthen the company's market-leading position in commercial auto and grow its commercial property business. Previously, Zimmerman served in small commercial and personal lines at Travelers Insurance, Hartford Financial Services Group and Allstate.

"Jesse brings a depth of industry knowledge and experience that will be pivotal to the success of our Commercial Lines business," said Ruben Martin Santos, Executive Vice President and Chief Technical Officer. "His expertise will be invaluable as we look to expand Commercial Lines, which is a critical element of MAPFRE USA's strategic plan."

About MAPFRE Insurance  
MAPFRE Insurance®, rated "A" (Excellent) by A.M. Best Company, serves policyholders in 12 states across the United States. It is the largest auto and home insurer in Massachusetts and ranks among the top 25 personal lines insurers in the United States. MAPFRE Insurance is part of MAPFRE Group, a global insurance company with a worldwide presence.

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## WEBSTER SENIOR CENTER

5 Church St.  
(508) 949-3845  
Open Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Email: SeniorCenter@Webster-MA.gov

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

The Webster Senior Center will be closed on Monday, June 20th in observance of Juneteenth and on Tuesday, June 28th for the town election.

Tri-Valley Lunches are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 11:30 am. Please call (508) 949-3845 at least 48-hours in advance to reserve or cancel your meal.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mahjongg group meets every Friday at 1:00 pm

Soup Social sponsored by Christopher Heights will be held on Monday, June 13th at 11:30 am. Sign up at front desk.

Join United Healthcare for an ice cream social on Thursday, June 16th at

## Victoria Lindberg named to Spring 2022 Dean's List at Stonehill College

EASTON — Victoria Lindberg of Dudley, a member of the Class of 2022, has been named to the Spring 2022 Dean's List at Stonehill College.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must have a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better and must have completed successfully all courses for which they were registered.

About Stonehill College  
Stonehill College, a Catholic institution of higher learning, was founded by the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1948. Located on the beautiful 384-acre campus and former estate of Frederick Lothrop Ames in North Easton, Massachusetts, it is a community of scholarship and faith, anchored by a belief in the inherent dignity of each person.

Through more than 100 academic programs in the liberal arts, sciences, business and pre-professional field, Stonehill College provides an education of the highest caliber that fosters critical thinking, free inquiry and the interchange of ideas for over 2,500 students.

Stonehill College educates the whole person so that each Stonehill graduate thinks, acts and leads with courage toward the creation of a more just and compassionate world.

12:00 pm. Please sign up at front desk.

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

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

Trip 1: Webster Senior Center and Best of Times are offering a trip to the Danversport Yacht Club for a Patsy Cline Tribute Show on Wednesday, June 22nd. Trip price of \$99.00 per person includes show ticket, transportation, luncheon, meal tax & gratuity. Trip 2: Lake Winnepesaukee Cruise & Castle in the Clouds on Tuesday, August 16th. Trip price of \$149.00 transportation, 2-hour Lake Cruise, visit to Castle in the Clouds, luncheon, meal taxes and gratuities. Our trips are quickly selling out so don't wait to reserve your seat! Please call the Senior Center at (508) 949-3845 for more information.

Summer Porch Pot Workshop with Bemis Nursery will be held on Monday, June 13th at 10:00 am. Cost of \$25.00 includes all supplies. Sign up at Senior Center front desk, payment due at time of sign up.

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

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

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Thursday nights.....5 to 7 p.m.  
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##### OXFORD

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Friday.....9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR CONTEST!

# QCC announces spring semester Dean's and Merit Lists

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College has released its Spring 2022 Semester Dean and Merit Lists. A total of 435 students were named to the College's Dean's List and 834 students were named to the Merit List.

Students who meet the criteria below and have earned 12 or more credits in a given semester are named to the Dean's List:

- All grades must be "C" or higher. (No grades of "I" or "X" are permitted).
- Semester QPA must be 3.50 or higher, and cumulative QPA must be 2.00 or higher.
- All courses must be college level.

## QCC's Dean's List Spring 2022

Auburn: Hanayah Barjolo, Cameron Baron, Devon Bruyere, Hansi Confer, Gracie Curtis, Colin Fitzgerald, Aidan Foley-Foster, Kevin Foley-Foster, Tiana Germain, Priscilla Kot, Hailey Martell, Emma Martin, Angel Mensah, Maria Misenti, Tien Luc Nguyen, David Tetteh, Giuliana Valera

Blackstone: Erin McDonald, Justyne Tellstone  
Charlton: Lauryn Dawson, Johnson Ebe, Natasha Emco-Rollins, Chase McKenney

Cherry Valley: Joslyn Rutter  
Douglas: Alorian Orcutt

Dudley: Isabella Freitas, Deirdre Grubb, Grace Jocson, Nicole Karp, Grace Nixon, Anthony Rivera, Denise Ryan Schwartz, Jade Shultz, Chris Surman, William Tashjian, Mehrael Towadros, Hannah Volpe

East Douglas: Caroline Beaird, Britni Conner, Benjamin Doyen, Joshua Gopin, Sage Hurteau, Trevor Jolin, Rheianna Messier, Ethan Soyinthisane

Fiskdale: Maxwell Bachand

Grafton: Jeremy Conti, Ryan Davidson, Christina Duggan, Lily Hunter, Olivia Lee, M'Leia Sweeney, Audrey Ziegler

Holland: Hunter Boudreau, Emma Bullock, Deniella Harwood

Leicester: Owen Boisvert, Bryson Bujak, Ryan Butler, Camden Crocker, Amanda Neil, Meghan Niddrie, Sam Rice, Cassidy Saksa

Leominster: Gillian Salafia, Jessica Stanton, Bianca Vaquerano

Milford: Angel Campos-Castellanos, Danielle Cerqueira, Xiang Chen, Livia DeMoura, Anastasia Francy, Natalia Maldonado, Joslin Pinto

Millbury: Casey Ampagoomian, Brenna Berube, Jacob Brodeur, Elizabeth Chagnon, Brandon Charbonneau, Kennedy Day, Ivie Lapointe, Natalie Lebo, Rosalie Powers, Sydney Westerlind

North Grafton: Fadi Alkoht, Sheraz Awan, Nicholas Calo, Julia Rooney

North Oxford: Salvatore DeMalia

Northbridge: Vivian Adams, Aaron Bishop

Oxford: Micaela Christenson, William Harvey, Amanda Listewnik, Rose Morin, Dillon Palmer, Jaedyn Starr, Jared Torosian

Rochdale: David Lavallee, Isabelle Maynard

South Grafton: Nicholas Waller, Nawal Zeidan

Southbridge: Zachary Egan, Rosalie Groleau, Giovanni Hernandez, Christina Ruberti, Justin Santiago, Jarianys Solero, Venus Streeter

Spencer: Mariannah Chase, Judith Hickman, Ashley Leighton, Kyle Paquette, Kyle Sadusky, Dustin VanDyke

Sturbridge: Brynlee Beaucage, Megan Curboy, Ryan Manners

Sutton: Aliyssa Courville, Katherine Fields, Angela Fiore, Disha Khanna, Nathan Posterro, Katya Potkonjak

Uxbridge: Jason Baillargeon, Hailey Bergman,

Antonio Demalia, Abigail Hanscom, Scott Lawrence, Jeremy Lutton, Mayra Marquez, Jake Murray, Olivia Powell

Webster: Carin Bolos, Melissa DeLuca-Midgett, Adriana Duby, Natalie Duszak, Sean Flynn, Dylan Grandmaison, Amber Hallaman, Anna Israelian, Cynthia Johnson, Klarissa Johnson, Hanna Kunkel, Chime Lama, Tenzin Lama, Arianna McCarthy, Elena Ralph

West Upton: Stephany De Souza, Collin Gorman, Jacob Patzer, Omer Rona

Whitinsville: Isabel Carroll, Jennifer Flanagan, Cora Gauthier, Travis Gould, Jibrán Khan, Rebecca Malo, Joshua Pinoos

Students who meet the criteria below and have earned six or more credits in a given semester, but fewer than 12 credits, are named to the Merit List:

All grades must be "C" or higher. (No grades of "I" or "X" are permitted).

Semester QPA must be 3.50 or higher, and cumulative QPA must be 2.00 or higher.

All courses must be college level

## QCC's Merit List Spring 2022

Auburn: Zahraa Alshammari, Dawn Bombard, Conor Carlson, Madison Cove, Dominic D'Amore, Kiara Diaz, Griffin Hurley, Mark John, Leesa Kamaru, Hao Mai, Matti Phaneuf, Katelyn Pike, Courtney Robertson, Kathryn Simard, Derek Szafarowicz

Blackstone: Alexa Boyt, Thomas Deguire, Jordan Geoffroy

Brimfield: Haileigh Chase, Lyndsey Gamache, Lauren Jones, Jonathan Rubio

Brookfield: Jared Maldonado, Emily Pope, Emma Puishys, Tye Zola

Charlton: Cameron Allard, Yanellie Andino, Ashley Antkowiak, Leslie Chaves, Valic Fair, Abigail Joesten, Haley LaFortune, Heather McManus, Taylor Phoenix, Pedro Prieto, Dylan Smaltz, Christian Sokowaski, Oliver Weiland

Cherry Valley: Stephanie Grayum, Inutu Mwinga, Eden Riel

Dudley: Trinity Battista, Mia Bohanan, Yakeydy Calderon, Nicholas Champagne, Jenna Errico, Parker Filo-Loos, Conor Fitzgerald, Nayalis Gonzalez, Joseph Guaragno, Sharon Guidaboni, Heather Lamprey, Julie Milner, Abigail Northrop, Christina Richert, Molly Riley, Nicholas Ruo, Demyana Tekla, Laura Tetreault

East Brookfield: Nicole Boucher-Eccleston, Brian Messier, Kelsey Mitchell

East Douglas: Katelyn Ballou, Courtney Barch, Michael Purvis, Hannah Rosenkrantz

Fiskdale: Hannah Abubakar, Brianna Brothers, Autumn Cassell, Brianna Lawrence, Autumn Martelli, Tristan Shaw, Anna Simons, Lauryn Wandmacher, Warren Zelenak

Grafton: Alisha Braich, Andrea Carenzo, Grace Cummings, Hailey Dorazio, Wilson Fettig, Anneliese Oetsen, Debokkawe Pannasiri, Catherine Roseen, Elisabeth Spencer, Jayce Walker

Groton: Shay McGillivray

Holland: Beau Boudreau, Monica Confer, Seann Lauritsen, Julie Schutz, April Swanson

Leicester: Chad Champion, Amy Carr, Yarelis Cortes, Ashley George, Patricia Herholz, Kristina Jarobski, Leskalie Rentas, Jonah Wicklund

Milford: Shawn Amiel Arquillano, Alex Begay, Joseph Cafarella, Maria DosReis Soares, Mariana Ferraz, Marina Mucera, Amanda Silva, Rebecca Silva, Emily Smith

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Wesley Hutchinson, Karmela Krause, Delaney Mierzejewski, Alyssa Newman, Abdoul Aziz Salim Ouedraogo, Michael Quitadamo, Yidan Song, Jala Tadros, Hanifa Yusuf

Millville: Lillian Austin, Hannah Mullaly

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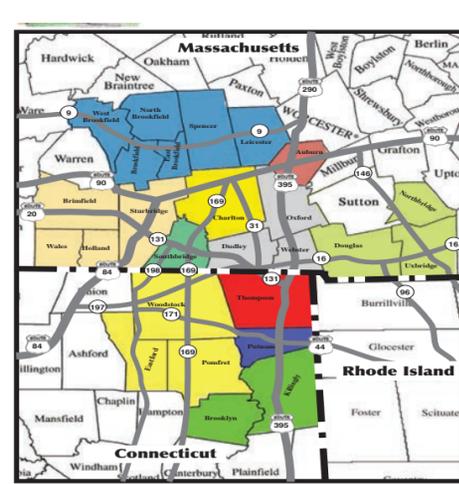
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# VIEWPOINT

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## Overcoming our biases

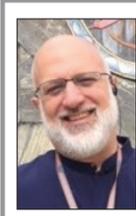
In a study published in Psychological Science, evidence was given to show that the human brain categorizes people within the first second after seeing a face. In other words, our brain very quickly will separate people according to groups, typically in the "us vs. them" category. This separation most often occurs according to race. Even infants as young as three months old showed a preference for their own racial group, over some other racial group.

I remember two instances from my younger years which seemed to point this out. As a teenager, I would sometimes bring home one of my African-American basketball buddies, and it happened that one day my two year old niece was there. When she saw my very dark-skinned friend, and it may have been the first time she ever saw a black person, she began to cry. She seemed afraid. And to tell the truth, I felt a bit embarrassed for my friend, wondering if my niece was showing some kind of prejudice from such a young age.

A few years later, however, I was living in Kenya. I got a small sense of what it was like to be a minority, traveling sometimes on a bus where I would be the only white person. Well, I lived and worked mainly in Western Kenya, where I would travel around to villages that rarely saw wazungu, or white people. I remember so clearly how one day I was walking up to a house where a little African toddler was happily splashing around in a tub of water on a hot day. Her joy, however, seemed to turn to terror as soon as this child saw me. Her eyes got real wide and she started screaming and crying. I think she thought she was looking at a white ghost!

I've never forgotten these two experiences, and they made me wonder if our prejudices begin from such a young age. Well, this study from Psychological Science seems to affirm what I experienced - that from a very young age, our brains discern and sort people by categories, and one of the primary categories is race. In an interesting part of this experiment, young children were shown ambiguous photos of people smiling and frowning. All the people were either Asian or white. When shown to white American children, they overwhelmingly said that those who were smiling were white, while those frowning were Asian. Yet, the same test, with the same pictures, done in Taiwan revealed that the Taiwanese children came to the same conclusion based on race - the smiling faces were all Asian, while the frowning ones were white.

It's interesting to think whether our biases begin from such an early age. Of course, we know that as we grow older, many other prejudices develop consciously, and often unconsciously. More often than not, when we have little intimate knowledge or contact with people who are different than us, we easily listen to and believe the



### BEYOND THE PEWS

BY FR. LUKE A. VERONIS  
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false caricatures that our society gives of these people. So whether it is the disastrous depictions of Jews in early 20th century Germany, or the malicious description of blacks in the American south throughout the 19th and into the 20th century, or the traditional images between Catholics and Protestants in Ireland, or Palestinians and Jews in the Middle East, or the list can go on, we see that when there is little intimate knowledge or friendly contact with people who are different, we than cultivate this us vs. them attitude.

So whether it is in social class, ethnicity, religion, political parties, sports teams, or whatever - it can be big or small, seemingly serious and important, or silly and superficial, we see how easily we fall into the deception of dividing, separating, splitting up, or disconnecting one from the other. I'm sure we could do a simple test here in the Church. Let's have an informal meeting, and let's start talking about politics. Watch how quickly our church will divide into Republicans and Democrats, conservatives and liberals, and then watch how quickly the good spirit in the church turns ugly.

It's interesting to note that the Greek word for devil is diavolos, which can mean "the one who separates or divides." Satan is always trying to divide and destroy.

We can even look at how the Old Testament event of Babel came about - how humanity had the proud intention to separate from God and to build something that would lead them to heaven on their own. This pursuit wasn't inspired by a good desire to unite with God, but by the proud and arrogant attitude that they could do anything we wanted. The diavolos deceived humanity, just as he deceived Eve in the Garden of Eden, with the lie that we can be God without God. And thus, he tricked them into separating themselves from God Himself.

As the Church prepares to celebrate the great feast of Pentecost, this highlights the opposite of this danger of dividing and separating. All the disciples are filled with the Holy Spirit, and this empowering of the Holy Spirit leads them to speak in the different languages of the world. It is symbolic of how the Spirit of God unites us with one another. The hymns of Pentecost will point to the fact that this feast reverses what was done at the tower of Babel. Just as humanity was divided by that event in the Old Testament, now the Holy Spirit fills the followers of Christ and leads them to unity with one another. It doesn't matter what is one's race or color or language or ethnicity, we are united and one in Christ.

In fact, the early Church lived this unity out by accepting all people into her embrace. As

St. Paul so beautifully wrote in his letter to the Galatians, "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are one in Christ Jesus." Gal 3:27-28

Think about this radical statement. For first century Jews, there was a very clear distinction between Jews and non-Jews. The Jews were the chosen people of God. They were separate from everyone else. Yet, the Spirit of God led His followers into a new understanding. Through Christ, we are called to live in unity and oneness with one another. God's Spirit transcends all boundaries and calls His followers to lay aside any ethnic prejudice we may have toward the "other." In Jesus Christ, we are called to be one!

Then Paul goes on to say that in Christ, there is "neither slave nor free." Around 25 percent of all the people who lived in the Roman Empire during the time of Christ were slaves - property of another. There was a clear distinction between slaves and non-slaves. Yet, St. Paul states that in God's eyes, there is no difference between a slave or a slave-owner. We are called to be brothers and sisters with one another. We are not to judge another because of their economic class. And this spirit is one we need to carry today - to show no distinction between social classes. We are to treat all equal - whether lower class, middle class or upper class. Wealth holds no special status in the eyes of God, and thus, should not lead us to treat or view people differently. In Jesus Christ, we are called to be one!

Finally, St. Paul says that in Christ, "there is neither male nor female." Coming from the patriarchal Jewish society, and living at a time when women were treated as second class citizens, here the Church teaches that God doesn't look at men in a better way than women. Both male and female have the same calling, and opportunity, to grow in their union with God, and enter into His heavenly kingdom. The gender barrier is broken when it comes to our journey in holiness. In Jesus Christ, male and female are united in their journey towards God!

So let us reflect on the biases and prejudices we hold, many of which are unconscious. No matter what attitude has been instilled in us from a young age, or even if we have been influenced by the spirit of the culture and society from which we come, let us remember that our Lord Jesus Christ is calling us to a new standard. We are called to go beyond our biases, to put aside our prejudices, and to see the other as our brother and sister.

"For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are one in Christ Jesus."

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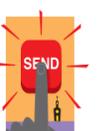
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Vote yes for BHS

To the Editor:

I implore you to come and vote yes at the Special Town Meeting on June 21 at Bartlett High School at 6:30 p.m., and to also vote yes at the ballot box on June 28 to determine the future of our Town. Even more importantly, you will be determining the future of our most precious assets, our children. Please review the information on the School's and the Town's websites. Once you do, I believe you will be convinced to vote yes to approve the renovation project for Bartlett High School. The Town Meeting vote requires a two thirds majority yes vote on the Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion and the ballot initiative requires a simple yes majority for the project to move forward.

My wife Donna and I are proud BHS graduates of the Class of 1979. We graduated from the "old Bartlett," which has been transformed into Senior Housing and our Senior Center. In May of 1976, the Citizens of Webster voted overwhelmingly to support the construction of the "new Bartlett," first occupied 43 years ago. It is time to pay it forward once again. The "new Bartlett" is now old and in need of substantial renovation. In spite of years of repairs and maintenance, only the exterior walls are in decent shape and even they must be upgraded with new insulation, wiring and windows. The roof, along with the HVAC, plumbing and electrical systems are well beyond their useful lives. The cost of the "new Bartlett" was approximately \$20 million when voted in May, 1976. When you take inflation into account, that \$20 million figure calculates to \$102.3 million. This is just slightly above the \$101.4 million total cost of the BHS renovation. If voters say yes, the town will receive a grant for \$51.6 million or over half the cost - for a net cost to taxpayers of \$49.8 million. As you read on, the cost of voting no will be more than double this \$49.8 million cost over the next 10-plus years.

In my seven-plus years serving as a Selectman, this is the single most important issue facing our Town. This is a decision for our town's future. It is of paramount importance for our children, but let's not forget the importance and benefits of having a 21st century high school to attract new citizens and retain students. When a new family comes into town and sees the current condition of the high school they may very well consider school choice to send their student elsewhere. As of today, the parents of 110 high school aged children have made this choice in Webster. This represents approximately 20 percent of high school students in our town not going to BHS.

The Board of Selectmen has wholeheartedly endorsed this project for the future of our Town. Since the previous votes, the School and the Town have provided more information, answers to more questions and have been able to factually dispel much of the misinformation and undue concerns raised as to why we need to proceed with this renovation. Please review the FAQs and videos located on the Webster School's website <https://www.webster-schools.org/> and the School Building Committee's webpage <https://www.webster-schools.org/domain/1891>. It's important to vote knowing the facts. Once viewed, you will have a better understanding of educating in today's environment and the vision that is an integral part of the project, beyond just the physical renovation.

No matter the results of the votes, the renovation work must get done. A yes vote means a lower ultimate cost for the Town with the benefit of a 21st century school that will address many of the learning concerns of today's environment. If this vote fails, there will be no state aid, and we will end up paying more and getting less. It's also important for citizens to understand the significant increased costs of proceeding with non-debt exclusion borrowing to handle the basic \$66.5 million of Code-compliant renovations that will be required over multiple (10-plus) years in multiple phases. The School's consultant has estimated these costs will balloon to over \$106.0 million if done in a multi-year process without state aid. These increased costs are a result of inefficiencies of renovating various systems (HVAC, Roof, Electric, Plumbing) over multiple years versus a coordinated renovation, coupled with the estimated impacts of inflation. For example, the cost for just the first phase, code compliance replacement of HVAC and Fire Protection, is \$18 million. Worse yet, without a debt exclusion, the Town will be faced with paying the cost of this back over time with those funds coming directly from the operating budgets of the Town and the School. Without a debt exclusion, that means cutting back on the budgets that pay for the non-debt exclusion borrowing. That means significant cuts to operating budgets.

Beyond the building's physical necessities, sadly, a no vote would also

destroy any chance at the benefits of a 21st century learning environment. These benefits, which would give our youth hope and a better chance for a bright and successful future, will be lost. It might surprise you to know that our students are in great need of help as can be seen in the overall make-up of the almost 1,700 students in the entire K through 12 Webster School system. When you compare this information to the Dudley/Charlton school system you will see some stark differences. For example, almost 80 percent of all Webster's students are classified as "High Needs" according to the Massachusetts Department of Education's website (versus 45 percent for Dudley/Charlton). Almost 73 percent of all Webster students are classified as "Low Income" (versus 34 percent for Dudley/Charlton). The breakdown of our overall student race/ethnicity is also quite different with Webster's population being 50.3 percent White (Dudley/Charlton is 84 percent), 35.2 percent Hispanic (Dudley/Charlton is 10 percent) and 6.9 percent African American (Dudley/Charlton is 2 percent), rounding out the top three classifications. Our Webster teachers do an incredible job with the resources they have to provide the best possible education to our students. The previously mentioned videos will provide you a better understanding of the needs of our students and I urge you to do your homework to better understand the need for these important changes. When you think about it, a yes vote gets Webster a 21st century school for free - when you consider the "Code-Compliant only" renovation alternative that actually costs more, while getting less.

In my opinion, it's a no brainer that a yes vote will mean ultimately spending less money with the state aid and getting more value. It will cost taxpayers significantly more if the state's MSBA Funding is turned down.

It is also important to understand the basics of why it's impossible to have large capital projects completed in Massachusetts under Proposition 2 ½ without a debt exclusion. Prop 2 ½ limits the Town's revenue increase per year to a 2 ½ percent, increase from the prior year's total real estate tax collections, plus "new growth," which normally amounts to less than a half of one percent. Combined, that's less than a 3 percent increase in revenue each year. With small salary increases for town and school employees, coupled with increases in basic operating expenses like insurance, pensions, fuel, electricity, repairs/maintenance and many other costs, that 3 percent revenue increase leaves no room to tuck away money for major items - like a renovation. To put this in perspective, think of a homeowner that is faced with having to replace their roof after 25 years or so. If the homeowner got less than a three percent raise each year, how would they pay for that new roof? Simply put, the vast majority would have to borrow the money! That's what we're asking the citizens of Webster to do through a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion.

Lastly, we all understand a great deal of concern was expressed that, with inflation running so high, now is not a good time for this project as people are having a hard time making ends meet. It is once again important to understand that the increase in taxes is not expected to hit tax bills for another two to three years or so. This tracks along with the timeframe when more significant monies will be expended for the project. Also, if the debt exclusion is approved, the project cost cannot exceed the \$101.4 million. If bids come in above that amount, modifications will have to be made to keep the work within that budget. A yes vote on the debt exclusion will cost an average homeowner a little over \$8.00 per week. I hope you agree with me that this is a worthwhile investment for our future.

In closing, our Schools and our town are at a crossroads. I only hope and pray that our citizens make an educated decision by reviewing the available material on the School and Town websites in order to make an informed decision on which road to take. A yes vote means we care about the future of our town and our children. Sadly, a no vote will make the Town and our children suffer the fiscal and educational consequences.

Please remember to get out and vote. Now is the time to stand up and be counted as supporting our Town and our students. Please vote yes for our children's future.

I am more than happy to provide additional information should anyone request it. My email is [rbeckerforbos@aol.com](mailto:rbeckerforbos@aol.com). Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

RANDY BECKER  
WEBSTER

### Maureen Chickering deserves your vote for Dudley School Committee

To the Editor:

Maureen Chickering, a life-long resident of the Town of Dudley, is running for a seat on our School Committee. Maureen's two daughters and four grandchildren have also resided in town and received their education within our district.

The Chickering family, owners of Whip-O-Will Farms in Dudley, have served our community as an egg farm, having local products available in our town supermarket. Maureen assisted with the daily operations, ensuring quality to their customers, our town residents. Currently, Whip-O-Will is a working horse farm catering to neglected equines in need of a soft landing. Maureen aids in the daily and convalescent care of the animals housed at Whip-o-Will. In addition to her responsibilities back at the farm, she has worked in the cafeterias of our

school system, volunteered as a Girl Scout Troop leader, and 4-H's Two Town Trotters. For over a decade, Maureen has worked in hospitality as an assistant activities director for Christopher Heights in Webster serving our seniors.

These experiences show Maureen's deep commitment to helping others and her dedication to our community. She is looking forward to working with the members of the Dudley School Committee, along with administration and teachers. She is a shining example of someone who has the values and integrity to help keep our schools among the best in the State. Maureen Chickering is ready to serve as a valued member of the Dudley School Committee and deserves your vote.

CARMELLA D'AMBRA AND CHARLE MARLBOROUGH  
DUDLEY

## BBQ Recipes



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It's barbecue season and this time of year backyard cooks anticipate sharpening their skills with creative grilling. Whether you prefer the flavor of cooking over hot coals, or the convenience of a gas grill, the following tried and true recipes for rubs, sauce, and marinades are just right whenever you fire up the barbie!

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All Purpose Barbecue Dry Rub for Chicken

Be sure to apply this rub to dry chicken for superior flavor!

Ingredients: one quarter cup paprika; two tablespoons granulated garlic; two tablespoons granulated onion; two teaspoons peppercorns; one teaspoon dry mustard; one teaspoon chili powder; two tablespoons cumin seed, toasted; three tablespoons coriander seed, toasted; one quarter cup kosher salt; one quarter cup light brown sugar; chicken pieces.

Directions: Combine all ingredients and mix very well. Rub on chicken directly or coat in a plastic storage bag. Makes about 1 ½ cups.

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Classic BBQ Sizzling Sauce

This old fashioned sauce has been a favorite for decades. Best of all, it's made with common kitchen ingredients.

Ingredients: One cup condensed Tomato Soup; one quarter cup vinegar; one quarter cup vegetable oil; two tablespoons packed brown sugar; one tablespoon Worcestershire sauce; one teaspoon garlic powder; one eighth teaspoon hot sauce (optional)

Directions: In small bowl, combine soup, vinegar, oil, brown sugar, Worcestershire sauce, garlic powder and hot sauce; set aside. Use sauce to baste ribs, chicken, hamburgers or steak during broiling or grilling. Makes about 1 1/3 cups sauce

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Onion Barbecue Glaze  
If you like onion flavor, this glaze is the perfect mix of sweet and salty with an oniony edge.

Ingredients: one envelope Lipton onion soup mix; three quarters of a cup of chili sauce; two tablespoons vinegar; one (12 oz.) jar peach or apricot preserves

Directions: In a small bowl combine all ingredients. Use as a glaze on spare ribs, chops, kabobs, steaks, burgers and chicken. Just brush on during last half of cooking. Makes 2 ½ cups.

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Low Carb BBQ Sauce  
Low carb diets don't have to translate to boring meats on the grill. You can boost up your

BBQ flavor with this homemade sauce that is low carb and delicious. Make up a batch and store it in the refrigerator.



Ingredients: 2 strips of thick bacon, chopped fine; 1 small onion, minced; 1 clove garlic, minced or 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder; 1 small can (6 oz) tomato paste; 1 can (12 oz) diet (sugar-free) cola - Splenda or Stevia sweetened preferred; 1/4 cup no sugar added ketchup; 3 T mustard; 1 Tablespoon Worcestershiresauce; 1 pinch ground cloves ; Hot sauce to taste

Directions: Fry and drain bacon;. Add the onion and cook over medium until soft - 3-5 minutes. Add garlic at this point if you're using fresh and stir it for half a minute or so. Add the rest of the ingredients, plus about half a cup of water. Stir well. Allow to simmer or a half hour to marry flavors (sauce will cook down). Season to taste.

The recipe makes approximately 10 servings of 1/4 cup each. Each serving has about 3 grams of carbohydrate plus 1 gram of fiber.

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Tenderizing Techniques: Great grilling starts with meat preparation. Taking the time to tenderizing tough cuts of meat can make the difference between grilling success or failure. While the goal is to break down the muscle fibers in the meat, there are a few standard methods that have been proven successful. The manual method employs the use of a kitchen mallet, which is used to "beat" down the fibers in raw meat. Also, there are several meat tenderizers available on the market that can be sprinkled onto the meat before cooking. Perhaps the most popular tenderizing option is the use of marinades, as these liquids not only make the meat tender but impart an important boost of flavor too. Add the fact overnight marinating can reduce cooking time by up to 35%, and it's no surprise the marinating method is a top choice.

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BBQ experts recommend tender cuts of beef marinate for just a couple of hours, while tougher cuts may require overnight soaking. Keep in mind marinating should be used with zippered plastic bags or glass or plastic bowls as the acids in some marinades can react with metal. After marinating, be sure to pat the meat dry with paper towels to ensure it cooks evenly on the grill.

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No Fail Marinade: This unconventional recipe from the retro era promises taste and tenderness.

Ingredients: one third cup steak sauce; one half cup packed brown sugar; one twelve ounce can 7Up or Sprite; one half cup melted butter; four tablespoons red wine vinegar; one quarter teaspoon each onion powder, garlic powder, salt and pepper.

Instructions: Combine all in a bowl or zip lock bag. Allow meat to marinate in mixture for at least an hour, or as long as overnight.

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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](mailto:KDRR@aol.com). Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

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# OBITUARIES

## Eva J. LaPlante 83



Oxford- Eva J. LaPlante 83, passed away Thursday, May 19th in St. Vincent hospital. She was preceded in death by her Grandson, William John McAllister, and her brother in law, Robert Voorhis. She leaves two sons, Bradford Butler II and his wife Donna of GA, William Butler and his wife Julie of Auburn, and three daughters Linda Purretta and her husband Daniel of Shrewsbury; Theresa Kane and her partner Fred Dolan of Marlborough, and Sue Ann Butler of Worcester. She also leaves eleven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. A brother Francis LaPlante and his wife Marilyn

of Oxford, and two sisters Theresa Voorhis of Oxford, and Linda Bressler and her husband Martin of TX.

She was born in Worcester the daughter of Francis and Eva (Prunier) LaPlante. She worked for many years as the senior file clerk at UMass memorial hospital. Eva liked to read, and loved her puzzles, crocheting, and needle point. Most of all spending time with her grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

After cremation a graveside service will be held at St. Roch's Cemetery Federal Hill Road Oxford MA. At 10 am on June 11th, 2022.

Robert J. Miller Funeral Home and Lake Chapel is assisting the family with arrangements.

## Margaret W. Adams, 82



OXFORD - Margaret W. Adams, 82, died Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at Brookside Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center in Webster. She is survived by three children, Peter C. Gillies of Fitchburg, Jane S. Pietrzak and her husband Joseph of Dudley, and Jennifer G. Landgren and her husband Donald of Oxford; five grandchildren, Lori Pietrzak, Michael Pietrzak, Tyler Myers-Gillies, Kyra Stauffer, and Bridget Landgren; three great-grandchildren, Penelope R. Pietrzak, Malia M. Konie, and Theodore C. Pietrzak; and her second former husband, Alan Gelineau of Auburn. She was predeceased by her first former husband, Robert B. Gillies; and her sister, Barbara Chandler. She was born in

Worcester, daughter of the late Charles S. and Pauline F. (Stewart) Adams, and lived most of her life in Auburn and Oxford. She graduated from Holden High School and received her bachelor's degree from Clark University in Worcester.

Ms. Adams was an elementary school teacher for Oxford Public Schools for many years. Later, she was a social worker for the Worcester and Oxford Councils on Aging. In addition, she worked at Quinsigamond Community College and Digital Equipment Corporation. Ms. Adams volunteered for many years for the Meals-on-Wheels program in Auburn. She loved cats, coffee, was an avid Red Sox fan, and loved her grandchildren more than anything.

Memorial calling hours are Friday, June 17, 2022, from 5-7 p.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. Family remembrances will be held on Friday at 7 p.m. at the conclusion of calling hours. In lieu of flowers, please donate to a local cat shelter.

## Lucille Duclos, 94

Webster - Lucille (Girardin) Duclos, 94, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Monday May 23, 2022 while at Lanessa Extended Care.

Lucille was born in Webster, MA on May 30, 1927, daughter of the late Philip and Christina (Gauthier) Girardin; she was a lifelong resident of Webster and a devout member and generous benefactor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church.

Lucille was predeceased by her beloved husband, the late Roland Duclos, and by three sisters: Florence Stelmach, Lydia Guyette, and Sylvia Raymond; three brothers: Alfred Girardin, Philip Girardin, and Oliver Girardin. Lucille is survived by her three nieces: Barbara Orłowski who was her caretaker for many years,

Theresa Decelles, and Janice Czernicki; she also leaves many great nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, please make a memorial contribution to Lucille's beloved Sacred Heart Church, 18 East Main Street Webster, MA 01570.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday June 20, 2022 at 10:00 am in Lucille's beloved Sacred Heart of Jesus Church. Committal Services will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home.

A guest book is available at [www.shaw-majercik.com](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you may offer condolences, share fond memories, or light a candle in remembrance of Lucille.

## Moussa Nayef



Moussa Nayef Moussa passed away on May 26, 2022 in Ksara, Lebanon.

Moussa was born on December 15, 1945, in Sarine, Lebanon. He attended private schools and later became a tennis coach at a private school in El Shoof. Once the war broke out in Lebanon in the mid-1970s, Moussa left for Canada. After living a bohemian life and spending a couple of years crisscrossing the country, he immigrated to Lowell, MA, where his brothers already lived. Moussa owned and operated The Lodge restaurant in Webster, MA, with his brothers Eli and George. Moussa had a strong work ethic. His restaurant venture consumed him six days a week. On Sundays, he enjoyed relaxing and hosting his friends, brothers and sister.

Moussa was an avid reader who enjoyed the poetry of Beaudelaire and Verlaine, among other French writers. He loved writing poetry in French. He often talked about "le mal du siècle" and the melancholy of poets. Moussa loved tennis and had weekly tennis matches with a faithful group of friends

in Pomfret, CT and in Webster, MA. He was a faithful Maronite Christian. He attended Sacred Heart Church in Webster, MA.

Moussa's proudest moment was the birth of his two sons in the 1980s. He loved them immensely and spent the majority of his time working at a business he thought surely his two sons would inherit.

Moussa spent the last two decades of his life between Boston, Worcester, and Lebanon. In his later years, following his kidney transplant, Moussa spent his time taking daily walks and reading the latest research on organic living, health and the medicinal value of herbs. He could be found shopping for the freshest produce, following politics, or watching tennis and European soccer on TV. But his greatest joy was holding his grandchildren.

Moussa is preceded in death by his father, Nayef, his adored mother, Anisi, and his brother, Jean. He is survived by his siblings George, Edmund, Eli, Maria, Najat; his beloved family, Claudette; his sons Mario and Jean-Claude (Lindsay); and his grandsons, Alvin and Elio. Christ is Risen.

## Grace Konkell, 89

Charlton- Grace (Giovinazzi) Konkell age 89 passed away Sunday, May 29, 2022 at the Rose Monahan Hospice Residence, Worcester, MA. She was the wife of the late William "Bushy" Konkell who passed away Dec. 3, 2015. Grace is survived by two daughters, Kathy Meagher and her husband Franny of Webster, Jane Gale and her husband Jay Gale of Charlton, a son Billy Konkell and his wife Dawna of Charlton, five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Grace was predeceased by two grandsons, Joshua Meagher and Jeremy Konkell. Grace was born in Webster daughter of the late Egidio Giovinazzi and Grace O'Rourke Giovinazzi and lived in Charlton most of her life. Grace enjoyed cooking, baking, bingo, bowling, cards with friends at the Golden Greek Restaurant in Southbridge, Diamond Art with friends

and GWA. She was a master pie maker, making pies for friends at a moment's notice especially her famous Banana cream pies! In short, to sum up Grace, "to know her was to love her." Her generosity was only surpassed by her compassion and love for people. Her love for her home, farm and family was paramount. The funeral was held from the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St. Thursday, with a graveside service at 10 am in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Webster. Calling hours at the funeral home was held Wednesday, June 1, 2022, 5pm- 7pm. Please omit flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp, 565 Ashford Center Rd., Ashford, CT. 06278. A guest book is available at [www.shaw-majercik.com](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you may post an obituary or light a candle.

## Rita M.H. Boudreau, 87



OXFORD - Rita M.H. (Lehto) Boudreau, 87, of Wild Rose Street, died Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at Harrington Memorial Hospital in Southbridge, after a battle with kidney disease. She was predeceased by her husband of 54 years, Richard W. Boudreau who died in 2009. She is survived by two children, Teri M. Floyd and her husband Edward of Ocala, FL, and Michael R. Boudreau of Oxford; two grandchildren, Ashely Lynn Defries and her spouse Dana of Malden, and Shaun P. Nystrom of Ocala, FL; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a daughter, Sandra Boudreau who died in 1956; two brothers, David Lehto and Richard Lehto; and two sisters, Helen Rawson and Janet Lumbr. She was born in Worcester, daughter of the late Emile and Alberta (Lambert) Lehto, and lived in Worcester before moving to Oxford in 1975. She attended Commerce High

School in Worcester.

Mrs. Boudreau was a foster parent for children through Catholic Charities for several years. Later, she was a babysitter for many children within her family, and for friends outside of her family for over 30 years. She was a Cub Scout den leader when her children were young. Mrs. Boudreau was a member of St. Roch's Church in Oxford, and the Red Hat Society. She enjoyed puzzles, word searches, cooking and baking. She was a wonderful homemaker and mother, and she will be remembered for the wonderful meals she cooked for her family.

A funeral Mass was held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 31, 2022, at St. Roch's Church, 332 Main Street, Oxford. Burial will follow at Notre Dame Cemetery in Worcester. Calling hours were Tuesday from 9:00-10:30 a.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main Street, Oxford, prior to the Mass. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Visitation House, 119 Endicott St., Worcester, MA 01610.

## Rose L. Moore, 78



BUFFALO, SC - Rose L. Moore, 78, formerly of Oxford, MA, passed away Friday, May 27, 2022, at Spartanburg Medical Center in South Carolina surrounded by her loving family.

Rose was predeceased by her husband two years to the day, Willis; survived by four daughters, Deborah Paddleford and husband Carl of Webster, Diane Contois and husband Stephen of Charlton, Denise Carrier and husband Steven of Oxford, and Darlene Ilvonen and husband James of Oxford; 14 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren; sisters Mary Duhaime and Theresa Duquette of N. Grosvenordale, Connecticut, and brothers Sidney Nichols, Jr. of Woodruff, South Carolina and John Nichols and wife Joyce of Providence, Rhode Island. She also leaves many nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Rose was born on January 1, 1944 in Putnam, CT, the daughter of Sidney E. Nichols and Loretta Derosier. She attended Putnam High School. She worked for various companies, includ-

ing Cumberland Farms and TJ Maxx. She retired to Buffalo, South Carolina in 2006 with Willie and led an active lifestyle.

Rose was socially and physically active throughout her life. As a devoted member of St. Augustine Church in Union, S.C., she enjoyed her church family. Rose appreciated the simple pleasures of outdoor activities such as gardening, hiking, and visiting the beach. She treasured spending time with family and friends, as well as crafting, building puzzles, and never passing up a yard sale.

She was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. Her family and friends will always remember her as a strong, generous, devoted woman. She was an honest, giving person with a heart of gold, whose everlasting mark of acceptance and love will remain in all who knew her.

A Funeral Mass for Rose will be celebrated Saturday June 18th at 11am at St. Ann's Church on 652 Main Street in North Oxford. There are no calling hours. Wille and Rose will then be laid to rest at North Cemetery in Oxford. Those wishing may make a memorial donation to the COPD Foundation.

## Susan A. Jarzabski, 70



WEBSTER - Susan A. (Germain) Jarzabski, 70, died Monday, May 23, 2022, in UMass/Memorial Healthcare Worcester in the presence of her family. Her first husband Wilfred DiFusco died

in 1978. Her second husband, Joseph Jarzabski, died in 2002. She leaves a son, Daniel J. DiFusco and his fiancée Nicole, and a daughter, Monique A. Coulson and her husband Joshua, all of Dudley; 6 grandchildren, Anthony Cafarelli, Alexandra Cafarelli, Chloe DiFusco, Jenna DiFusco, Ronan Coulson, and Kaiden Coulson; a sister, Jean Packard and her husband William of Charlton; many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her sisters Marlene and Karen. On November 10, 1951, she was born in Webster, the daughter of Raymond E. and Elodie G. (Bedard) Germain, and was raised in Oxford. She graduated from Oxford High School in 1969 and attend secretarial school. She had lived in Webster for over 50 years. Mrs. Jarzabski worked in several secretarial positions within the Webster Schools System starting as

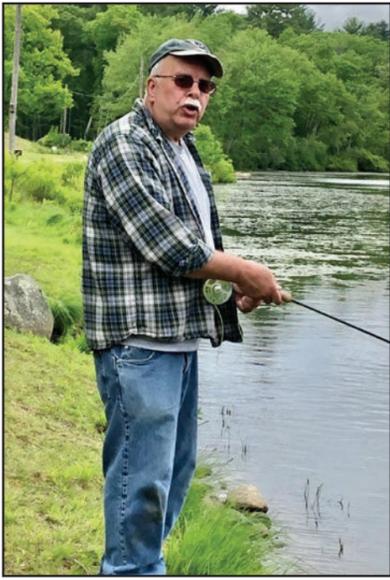
an aid at Park Ave and then moving to several secretarial positions at Bartlett within the nurse's office, athletics office, vice-principals office, and principals offices. She finished her career as a secretary in the district central office until her retirement. Sue was a lifelong member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church and a weekly adorer at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel since its inception. She was an exceptional cook and baker, she spent years cake decorating for family and friends, was known for her green thumb in the garden, and enjoyed ceramics, reading, and playing cards. Her grandchildren were her heart's treasure. A memorial mass will be held on Friday, June 10, 2022, at 11:00 AM in Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 16 East Main Street (please meet at the church). A time of visitation from 10:15 AM to 11:00 AM will be held in the church that morning. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery then followed by a celebration of life gathering at Bistro Eighty Ates in Webster. Friends and family are welcome to attend. Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street.

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# Fishing Buzzards Bay



This week's picture shows Bob Czupryna fly fishing at the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club pond.

Fishing continues to provide plenty of action on the saltwater, if you are at the right place at the right time. This writer and Matt Fontaine made a trip to Buzzards Bay this past Saturday and absolutely hammered the seabass & Scaup. The seabass were being caught two at a time, as well as huge sea scaup, on a high and low rig that were baited with a small piece of squid and small green Berkley rubber grubs. At one point, I switched over to a Jig and a teaser rubber squid which they hammered as soon as it hit the bottom. At times, we used no bait at all, and continued to catch fish. We estimated catching over 100 seabass and as many jumbo scaup. What a day! Our limit of four seabass each were retained for the dinner table.

At the time of writing this column, striper fishing was red hot in both Massachusetts & Rhode Island waters. It should only get better in the



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coming days and weeks, providing no big storms being forecast. Fluke fishing in both Mass. & Rhode Island is improving every day, with a lot of undersize fish being caught. A nine-pound fluke was caught last week on one of the party boats out of Point Judith, R.I.!

There are plenty of bait fish in the area, including squid, that should keep fish around for a while. It was long winter, but that is behind us now, so grab your rod & reel and go fishing!

Weakfish are still hitting in many parts of Narragansett Bay and at Block Island, which is good news! Apponaug Bay in Rhode Island is a great place to find some of these hard fighting fish, and you do not need a large boat to fish the area. As I said last week, the Apponaug Bay area is easy to get to, and easy to fish. There are numerous boat ramps to launch your boat, and is often fished by kayakers. Strippers are also abundant in

the same area, but you need to go early morning for the best fishing.

Apponaug once had a big population of winter flounder there at this time of year, but is now absent of the once abundance great eating fish. Commercial fishing has depleted the fish in most of Narragansett Bay, and is now closed to flounder fishing! If you want to catch some winter flounder, you need to go to Quincy Bay where the action is really good. Seaworms are very expensive but nightcrawlers will work very nicely. Garden worms will also work very well, but you need to change them often if you do not get a bite from a fish in a short period of time. Flounder rigs work very well, but I prefer using a single flounder hook and weight.

This week's picture shows Bob Czupryna enjoying some fly fishing for trout at the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club last week. Bob also enjoys fishing at the Quabbin Reservoir and has become very good at catching salmon while trolling flies.

Take a Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

## Sustainable water use in the landscape

No matter where you live, the conservation and wise use of water in our gardens and landscapes is important. Sustainable water use helps grow beautiful gardens while conserving water and helping reduce water pollution and stormwater overflows.



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Amend the soil with compost or other organic matter to increase the soil's ability to absorb and retain rain and irrigation water. More water is absorbed by the amended soil so less runs off your landscape and into the street. This means less fertilizer and pesticides wash into nearby storm sewers, rivers, and lakes.

Cover bare soil with a layer of organic mulch. It conserves moisture so you water less, prevents erosion and helps suppress weeds. As the mulch decomposes, it improves the soil by adding organic matter and nutrients.

Use rain barrels to capture rainwater that drains off the roof. Purchase a

rain barrel or make your own from a recycled food grade container. Evaluate the functional design, appearance and space needed when making your selection. The Flat-Back Rain Barrel fits snugly against your house and holds 50 gallons of water. Add some storage or planting space with a rain barrel like the Madison Rain Barrel with space on top to hold watering accessories or flowering plants. Use the rainwater for watering gardens and containers. Start with a call to your local municipality as some have restrictions on water harvesting, while others encourage this practice and even offer rebates.

Use drip irrigation or soaker hoses for applying water right to the soil where it is needed. You'll lose less water to evaporation and overspray. Avoiding overhead watering helps reduce the risk of disease. Irrigation systems also reduce your time spent watering and are especially helpful for container gar-

dens and raised beds. Systems with closer drippers like the Raised Bed Drip Line Irrigation Kit (gardeners.com) are more effective at watering small areas like raised beds.

Plant native plants suited to your growing conditions and landscape design whenever possible. These deeply rooted plants help keep rainwater where it falls, reducing the risk of basement flooding and overwhelming storm sewers. The plants slow the flow of water, helping keep it on your landscape for the plants to use. Their deep roots create pathways for rainwater to enter and travel through the soil. Plant roots and soil help remove impurities from the water before it enters the groundwater and aquifers.

When adding walks, patios or other hard surfaces to your landscape consider enlisting permeable options. Permeable pavers allow water to infiltrate the surface rather than run off into the street and storm sewer.

Stepping stones placed in mulched pathways or surrounded by groundcovers make an attractive walkway or patio. Look for attractive, long lasting and easy to install products like the Rubber Leaf stepping stones. Plant groundcovers suited to the growing conditions and those that tolerate foot traffic. The planted spaces between the hard surfaces allow water to move into and through the soil.

Implementing just a few of these changes in your landscape design and water management can help increase your landscape's sustainability while



Raised Bed Drip Line Irrigation Kits with closer drippers are more effective at watering small areas like raised beds.

reducing your workload.

Melinda Myers is the author of more than 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening* and *Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything"* DVD series and the *Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program*. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by *Gardener's Supply* for her expertise to write this article. Her Web site is [www.MelindaMyers.com](http://www.MelindaMyers.com).

## When you think you've got it made, keep striving

Goal setting is essential to anybody who wants to get things done, but often, momentum is lost when we accomplish one goal but fail to set another. So often, people climb to the top, and they begin to tell themselves, "I've got it made." When this attitude creeps in, desire and motivation fade, and progress come to a halt.

POSITIVELY SPEAKING  
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TOBY MOORE

One person I knew who became wildly successful told me that the best time in his life was when he was struggling, living on a dream, and barely making it. Once he had accomplished his goal, he was satisfied, but the feeling of accomplishment began to disappear. Something was missing from his life; he stopped striving, and the thrill of trying to make it to the next level was gone.

Although he had reached a high level of success, his life had become dull and uneventful because he didn't have any new goals to accomplish; he thought he had it made. He started doing drugs to try and recreate the excitement, but that only made things worse. He lost all forward momentum, and things began to fall apart.

We've heard it said it's not the destination that matters; it's the journey.

I can say the same in my life. The most exciting times are always when I struggle to accomplish a goal. When I first decided to become an actor, I had

no money; I could barely pay the rent. Dinner was a couple of cans of tuna and some saltines from the dollar store. I wasn't living a glamorous life, but I felt alive. There was nothing like those days.

Norman Vincent Peale said, "The true flavor, the real fun, the continuous excitement is in the process of making it rather than having made it."

It's been a long road, and many hard lessons I've learned since then. I've been guilty of accomplishing a goal and thinking, "I've got it made." The result was I lost all momentum and progress. The loss of momentum is a dangerous place to be. It means you've stopped. Losing momentum can mean the loss of a dream, the loss of a career, and maybe even the loss of a relationship.

One of the best ways to avoid losing your momentum is to set more goals. Once you accomplish your first goal, it's good to celebrate; it's good to be happy for what you've accomplished, but only temporarily. If you settle, you might find that everything you've worked for is gone one day.

Many things can bring happiness. Tony Robbin's has said, "Progress equals happiness." I know that might sound controversial to some. You might say, "My faith makes me happy," or, "My family

makes me happy." I would agree that is true, but I ask you, "How happy are you when your faith isn't progressing?" or "How happy are you when your family relationships aren't moving in the right direction?" I think there is something to the idea that progress brings happiness. It may not be the root of all happiness, but it can undoubtedly make you happier.

If it's true that progress can make us happier, how hard is it to make progress? It depends, of course, but it's easier to make progress in any area of your life once you get the momentum going. It's always hard to start making significant progress when starting from a dead stop. The momentum builds once you get the ball rolling, and eventually, progress comes faster and faster.

Think of a weight loss goal. In the beginning, it's hard to make the necessary changes, but as the pounds begin to melt off, more motivation comes, you begin to make more changes, and soon you're on your way.

Next time your accomplishments start to make you feel like you've got it made, don't stop; keep going. Set your sights on ever higher goals. Just as a snowball gets bigger and faster as it rolls down the hill, as you build momentum, more opportunities will present themselves, and when you look back, you'll be amazed at how far you've come.

### Friday's Child

**Malayaja**  
Age 11

**I like to sing, dance and listen to music!**

Malayaja, who goes by the name Jack, is a sweet and funny child of African American descent. She most definitely likes to sing and dance. She likes K-pop and spending time with others. She enjoys watching K-Dramas and YouTube. She also likes to learn different dance routines. Jack is described as an entertainer who likes making others laugh. Jack enjoys spending her extra time napping and listening to music.

Legally freed for adoption, Jack would do well in a family of any origin. She would like a family that would help her maintain contact with her siblings. Jack would benefit from caregivers who are patient and kind.

<https://www.mareinc.org/waiting-child-profiles#gallery/child/8111>

**Can I Adopt?**

If you're at least 18 years old, have a stable source of income, and room in your heart, you may be a perfect match to adopt a waiting child. Adoptive parents can be single, married, or partnered; experienced or not; renters or homeowners; LGBTQ+ singles and couples. As an adoptive parent, you won't have to pay any fees, adoption from foster care is completely free in Massachusetts.

The process to adopt a child from foster care includes training, interviews, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you. These steps will help match you with a child or sibling group that your family will fit well with.

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at (617) 964-6273 or visit [www.mareinc.org](http://www.mareinc.org). Start the process today and give a waiting child a permanent place to call home.

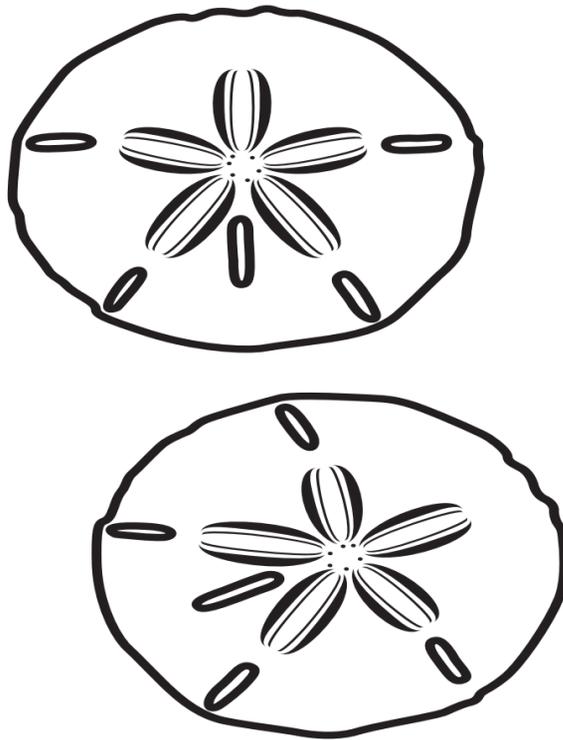
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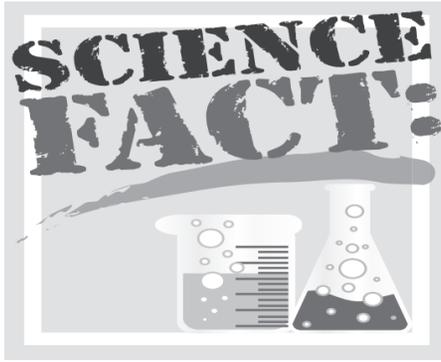


### THIS DAY IN...



### HISTORY

- **1940:** THE GERMANS RENEW THEIR OFFENSIVE IN THE BATTLE OF FRANCE.
- **1956:** ELVIS PRESLEY SPARKS AN UPROAR WITH HIS DANCING AS HE SINGS "HOUND DOG" ON "THE MILTON BERLE SHOW."
- **1993:** PORTIONS OF THE HOLBECK HALL HOTEL IN ENGLAND FALL INTO THE SEA FOLLOWING A LANDSLIDE.



WIND AS WELL AS GRAVITATIONAL PULL BETWEEN THE EARTH, SUN AND MOON HELP THESE FORM IN BODIES OF WATER.

ANSWER: WAVES



### BUOYANCY

the tendency to float in air, water or some other fluid

### How they SAY that in...

- ENGLISH:** Beach
- SPANISH:** Playa
- ITALIAN:** Spiaggia
- FRENCH:** Plage
- GERMAN:** Strand

### Did you know?

PLENTY OF LARGE ANIMALS LIVE IN MARINE AREAS. THE WHALE SHARK HOLDS THE HONOR OF BEING THE LARGEST SALTWATER FISH. SURPRISINGLY, IT FEEDS ON PLANKTON.



### GET THE PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: SURFING WAVE CURL

### CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to cats.  
Each number corresponds to a letter.  
(Hint: 18 = S)

- A. 7 3 8 18 15 11 26 18**  
Clue: Sensory hairs
- B. 24 4 7 18**  
Clue: Feet
- C. 5 1 10 24**  
Clue: Leap off surface
- D. 15 8 17 17 12**  
Clue: Nickname for a cat

Answers: A. whiskers B. paws C. jump D. kitty

### SUDOKU

			6	3	8			
		6					2	
	4					5		1
	9				1			2
8		3			9	4		
	5			7			1	
5						9		
2	8							
4				8				3

Level: Intermediate

#### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

4	6	9	1	8	5	2	7	3
2	8	7	3	9	6	1	4	5
6	5	3	1	7	4	2	9	8
5	2	4	7	3	8	1	9	6
8	1	3	2	6	9	4	5	7
7	9	4	8	5	1	6	3	2
3	4	8	9	2	7	5	6	1
9	7	6	5	1	4	3	2	8
1	2	5	6	3	8	7	9	4

ANSWER:

#### Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

## LEGALS

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**The Trial Court**  
**Probate and Family Court**  
**Worcester Probate and Family Court**  
225 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608  
(508) 831-2200  
Docket No. WO22P1890EA  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**  
Richard Joseph Vincent  
Also known as:  
Vinnie Vincent  
Date of Death: 04/19/2022

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Tina L Vincent of Douglas MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Tina L Vincent of Douglas 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 06/28/2022**. 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: May 27 2022

Stephanie K. Fattman,  
Register of Probate  
June 10, 2022

#### Public Notice

Sale of Motor Vehicle under G.L. c. 255, Section 39A Notice is hereby given by: Arnie's 24HR Towing, Inc. 74 Southbridge Rd North Oxford, MA 01537 pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that on June 13, 2022 at: 74 Southbridge Rd, North Oxford, MA 01537 by means of private sale the following Motor Vehicle will be sold to satisfy the garage keeper's liens thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicle.

Description of vehicle:  
2014 GMC Savana Cutaway  
VIN# 1GD374CG7E1907267  
Owned by: Brian Devries  
6 Hibbard Rd  
East Woodstock, CT 06281  
May 27, 2022  
June 3, 2022  
June 10, 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. WO22C0192CA CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

In the matter of:  
**Cody Walker Ross**  
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Cody Walker Ross of Oxford MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

**Cody Xander Smith**  
**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 06/14/2022**. 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: May 15, 2022

Stephanie K. Fattman  
Register of Probate  
June 10, 2022

# LEGALS

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 15 Tanner Road, Webster, MA 01570

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Gregory L. Campanella, Lawrence Cucchi and Lauri L. Campanella to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Security Atlantic Mortgage Co. Inc., and now held by **Bank of America, N.A.**, said mortgage dated August 29, 2007 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41771, Page 115, as affected by a Default Judgment Order dated November 12, 2020 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 63887, Page 20; said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP FKA Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP by assignment dated November 29, 2011 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 48218, Page 218; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction on June 24, 2022 at 04:00 PM Local Time** upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: *The land in the Town of Webster, Worcester County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, being bounded and described as follows:*

*Beginning at an iron pipe at the southwest corner of the tract herein described, and the northwest corner of land, now or formerly of Martin, on the easterly side of the Massachusetts State Highway layout of Route 12, Worcester Road;*

*Thence North 3° 2' 34" West along the easterly side of Worcester Road, a distance of 134.83 feet to a Massachusetts Highway bound;*

*Thence running northerly along the easterly side of Worcester Road, on a curve to the right, having a radius of 4,000.0 feet and a length of 74.20 feet to an iron pipe;*

*Thence North 87° 11' 42" East along land of Richard Pizzetti, a distance of 100.00 feet to an iron pipe;*

*Thence South 4° 07' 38" East along land of grantor, Joseph Pizzetti, a distance of 220.58 feet to an iron pipe;*

*Thence North 86° 29' 04" West along land of Martin, a distance of 104.40 feet to the iron pipe at the point of beginning. Together with a right of way described in Book 7235, Page 125.*

*Being Parcel A on Plan Book 486, Plan 86.*

*For title reference see deed recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 34459, Page 82.*

**ALSO** the land situated on Tanner Road, Webster, Worcester County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

**BEGINNING** - at an iron pipe at the southeast corner of tract herein described on the westerly side of Tanner Road at the northeast corner of land of Martin, now or formerly;

**THENCE** - N 86° 29' 04" W along said Martin land, a distance of seventy-five and no hundredths (75.00) feet to an iron pipe;

**THENCE** - N 4° 07' 38" W along other land of Dean and Susan Mason a distance of two hundred ten and forty-five hundredths (210.45) feet;

**THENCE** - N 85° 53' 40" E along land of Richard and Theresa Pizzetti, now or formerly, a distance of six and no hundredths (6.00) feet;

**THENCE** - S 4° 07' 38" E along Parcel C-1, Ann B. Pizzetti, a distance of one hundred seventy and sixty-eight hundredths (170.68) feet;

**THENCE** - S 86° 29' 04" E along said Pizzetti land, Parcel C-1 a distance of seventy-nine and ninety hundredths (79.90) feet to a point on the westerly side of Tanner Road;

**THENCE** - S 11° 28' 24" W along the westerly side of Tanner Road a distance of forty and thirty-nine hundredths (40.39) feet to the point of beginning.

The above described tract contains an area of 4,242 square feet.

**BEING Parcel C-2 on Plan entitled "Revised Plan of Land in Webster, Mass. surveyed for Dean and Susan Mason dated May 15, 1985, Robert F. Para, R.L.S., Southbridge, Mass., and recorded in Plan Book 536, Plan 41.**

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

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated August 29, 2007 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41771, Page 113.

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

**FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00)** Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in

cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale. Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Brock & Scott, PLLC  
1080 Main Street, Suite 200  
Pawtucket, RI 02860  
Attorney for Bank of America, N.A.  
Present Holder of the Mortgage  
401-217-8701

May 27, 2022  
June 3, 2022  
June 10, 2022

## A.C. 92A Commonwealth of Massachusetts 22E0027PP Worcester, ss. Probate Court

To Marlena E. Dembniak of Webster in the County of Worcester and to all persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by Stanislaw Piwowarczyk of Dudley in the County of Worcester representing that she hold as tenant in common undivided part or share of certain land lying in Dudley in said County Worcester and briefly described as follows:

A certain tract of land situated on the southerly side of Linwood Street Extension in the Town of Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pipe in the southerly line of said Linwood Street Extension at land of August Pepka, said pipe being 124.5 feet easterly of the easterly line of Harris Street, measuring along the southerly line of said Linwood Street Extension;

Thence easterly 106.5 feet by the southerly line of said Linwood Street Extension to a stake at land of Julianna Radzik, now or formerly;

Thence southerly with an interior angle of 78° 16', a distance of 116.9 feet by land of Julianna Radzik, now or formerly, to an iron pipe;

Thence westerly 75 feet to a stake at land of said Pepka;

Thence northerly 109.0 feet by land of said Pepka to the point of beginning.

Also a certain tract of land in said Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts, being a portion of the property conveyed to William and Mary Pepka by Madiej Kozub, by deed dated October 26, 1940, and recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 2796, Page 547, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the junction of a wall at the northeasterly corner of the original lot;

Thence N. 84 1/4° E. 75.0 to an iron pipe;

Thence S. 15 1/4° E. 81.0 feet to a point;

Thence S. 84 1/4° W. 75.0 feet to a point at other land of Mary Pepka;

Thence N. 15 1/4° W. by other land of Mary Pepka 81.0 feet to the point of the beginning.

**ALSO** the land with any buildings thereon in the Town of Webster, County of Worcester, Commonwealth of Massachusetts off the westerly side of Poland Street and shown as Parcel B on a plan by Albert L. Fitzback, P.L.S., entitled "Subdivision of Land Owned by Rita Johnson" dated May 10, 1988, and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, in Plan Book 599, Plan 66, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point at the southeasterly corner of the Parcel to be described; said point being S. 89° 41' 20" W. and 150 feet from an iron pipe on the westerly side of Poland Street;

Thence S. 89° 41' 20" W. along land or formerly of Stefan Homme et ux for a distance of 140.64 feet to a point;

Thence N. 09° 42' 11" W. along land now or formerly of John J. Pepka et ux for distance of 46.03 feet to a point;

Thence N. 88° 09' 05" E. along land now or formerly of John J. Pepka et ux for a distance of 75.54 feet to a point;

Thence N. 09° 42' 11" W. along land now or formerly of John J. Pepka for a distance of 81.00 feet to an iron pipe;

Thence N. 88° 09' 05" E. along the northerly face of a stonewall and land now or formerly of Peter Radzik and Stasia Radzik for a distance of 98.77 feet to a point;

Thence S. 05° 20' 48" W. along the westerly side of Parcel A for a distance of 130.64 feet to the point of beginning. The above described parcel contains 14,048 square feet.

Setting forth that her desires that – all – the aforementioned described part – of said land may be sold in private sale for not less than \$400,000.00 dollars, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Worcester

before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the fourteenth day of June 2022 the return date of this citation.

Witness, LEILAH A. KEAMY, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twelfth day of May 2022.

Stephanie K. Fattman  
Register of Probate  
May 27, 2022  
June 3, 2022  
June 10, 2022

## LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Cynthia Johnson and David C. Johnson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for GMAC Mortgage Corporation, dated April 28, 2006 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 38857, Page 172 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage PHH Mortgage Corporation is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for GMAC Mortgage its successors and assigns to PHH Mortgage Corporation dated January 23, 2020 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 61869, Page 22, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 39 Brodeur Avenue, Webster, MA 01570 will be sold at a Public Auction at 12:00 PM on June 28, 2022, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land in said Webster, situated on the westerly side of Brodeur Avenue, so-called, in said Webster and being Lots Nos. 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29 as shown on Plan B of Upland Terrace in said Webster, Mass., drawn by Henry A. Racicot, C.E., dated August 18, 1939 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 110, Plan 10. Exceptions, restrictions and conditions as stated in Deed from Anna Rulli to Maryann Zagami recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds at Book 18449, Page 33. Excepting out portions of the premises recorded in Book 3640, Page 166 in Book 3683, Page 206. For title see deed recorded in Book 35674, Page 341.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 38857, Page 170.

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 thirty (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.

PHH Mortgage Corporation  
Korde & Associates, P.C.  
900 Chelmsford Street  
Suite 3102  
Lowell, MA 01851  
(978) 256-1500  
Johnson, Estate of Cynthia, 19-036569  
May 27, 2022  
June 3, 2022  
June 10, 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 Daniel J. Garney to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for Envoy Mortgage, dated December 20, 2013 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 51878, Page 150 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Envoy Mortgage, its successors and assigns to Envoy Mortgage dated May 15, 2018 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 58870, Page 300, and Assignment from Envoy Mortgage

to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper dated March 16, 2020 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 62080, Page 96, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 4 Millbury Road, Oxford, MA 01540 will be sold at a Public Auction at 10:00 AM on July 5, 2022, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

**PARCEL ONE:**

A certain tract or parcel of land situated in the central part of Oxford, Worcester County, Massachusetts, and bounded and described as follows:

**BEGINNING** at the northwesterly corner thereof at a steel axel driven in the ground on the easterly line of Millbury Road and also being the southwest corner of land now or formerly of Nettie F. Chaffee.

**THENCE** by land now or formerly of said Chaffee, North 87 degrees 49 minutes East, one hundred and thirty-five and ninety-five hundredths (135.95) feet to an iron pipe driven in the ground at land now or formerly of Remillard;

**THENCE** by land now or formerly of said Remillard South 15 degrees 48 minutes West, ninety-three and eight tenths (93.8) feet to an iron rod driven in the ground;

**THENCE** by land now or formerly of said Remillard North 86 degrees 40 minutes West, one hundred and thirty-five and ninety-five hundredths (135.95) feet to an iron rod driven in the ground on the easterly line of aforesaid Millbury Road; **THENCE** by the easterly line of said road, North 18 degrees 20 minutes East, eight-one (81.0) feet to the point of beginning.

Containing eleven thousand three hundred and eighty - two (11,382) square feet, more or less.

**PARCEL TWO:**

The land in Oxford, Massachusetts, with building thereon, bounded and described as follows:

**BEGINNING** at the southwest corner of the tract to be conveyed at a point on the easterly line of Millbury Road and also being the northwesterly corner of land of the grantors;

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**THENCE** by land of said Heeps, North 87 degrees 28' West, 62.5 feet to a stake at land now or formerly of Phoebe Remillard;

**THENCE** by land of said Remillard, South 88 degrees 05' West, 82.0 feet to an iron pipe driven in the ground at land of the grantors;

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For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 51878, Page 146.

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# SPORTS

## Bay Path baseball, softball compete in Division 4 State Tournaments



Nick Ethier photos

Bay Path's Paige Osche opens the game with Nipmuc with a single up the middle.



Bay Path pitcher Sam Buchanan winds up and delivers to the plate.

UPTON/CHARLTON — On Friday, June 3, Division 4 State Tournament season began for Bay Path Regional when the softball team played a Round of 32 matchup at No. 15 Nipmuc Regional.

Central Mass. Athletic Directors Association Class B Tournament, which the Warriors won 5-0, Nipmuc won again — although this time it was more of a classic, 8-7. No. 18 Bay Path scored a run in the top of the first inning on a Leeann Dagnese RBI double, but

the Warriors responded in the home half of the frame with a two-run homer off the bat of Ella Fernald. The game turned into a back-and-forth affair with Nipmuc scoring four runs in the bottom of the seventh to win in walk-off fashion.



Trish Gallien of Bay Path tries to score a run but is called out at the plate.

Bay Path finished with a record of 10-11. Then, on Monday, June 6, attention was turned to baseball when No. 14 Bay Path hosted No. 19 Ipswich High in the Round of 32. The local nine were able to keep their season alive thanks to an 8-3 victory.

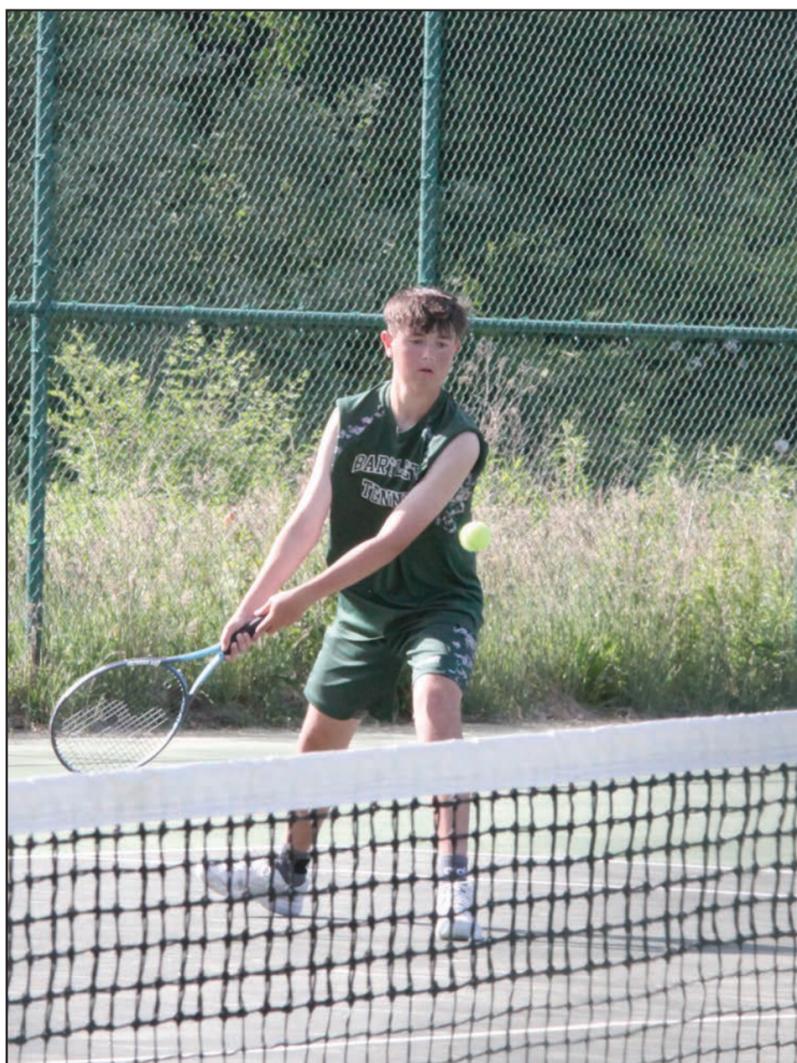


Zach Fritze of Bay Path deals a pitch versus Ipswich.

Zach Fritze worked wonders on the mound for the Minutemen, tossing the first 6-1/3 innings and allowing a four-hitter with nine strikeouts. Offensively, Brandon Martocci was 3-for-4 which included an inside-the-park home run. Bay Path was next set to play at No. 3 AMSA (Advanced Math and

Science Academy) in the Round of 16, after press time. AMSA defeated the Minutemen twice during regular season play.

## Indians win State Tournament opener over St. John Paul II, 4-1



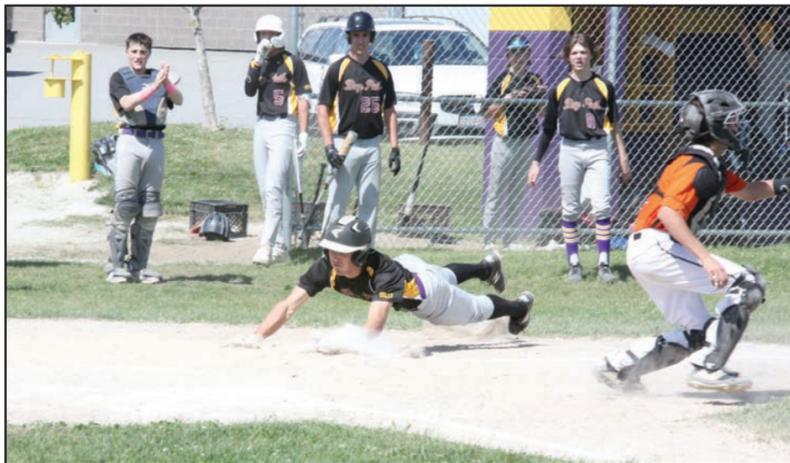
Nick Ethier photo

The Bartlett High boys' tennis team defeated St. John Paul II in the Round of 32 inside the Division 4 State Tournament on Sunday, June 5.

WEBSTER — After a 14-2 regular season slate, the Bartlett High boys' tennis team earned the No. 15 seed in the Division 4 State Tournament and were able to host their Round of 32 matchup against No. 18 St. John Paul II. The tilt took place on Sunday, June 5, and the Indians continued their winning ways. They finished off a 4-1 victory and moved to the Round of 16. There, 15-2 Bartlett took on No. 2 Lynnfield High (16-1), and that took place after press time.



Bay Path shortstop Dale Nussey records a force out at second base and then looks over to see if a double play possibility is on the table.



Brandon Martocci of Bay Path slides safely into home plate for an inside-the-park home run.

## POSTSEASON SCOREBOARD

All results include games played through Monday, June 6

Monday, June 6

Division 5 Baseball Round of 32

(5) Oxford 10, (28) O'Bryant 6 — The Pirates began their journey in the State Tournament with a home victory. Oxford was set to host another game, this time in the Round of 16, against No. 12 Pioneer Valley after press time.

Division 2 Softball Round of 32

(4) Westfield 7, (29) Shepherd Hill 0 — The Rams ran into a strong Westfield team to finish their year with a record of 9-11. But Shepherd Hill did earn a State Tournament victory on Saturday, June 4 when they hosted and beat No. 36 Marlborough High, 6-5, in a preliminary round contest.

Sunday, June 5

Division 4 Softball Round of 32

(6) Abington 9, (27) Bartlett 3 — The Indians scratched and clawed their way to a 10-10 regular season record to automatically qualify for the State Tournament, but they were unable to pull off the upset against Abington to advance.

# Oxford High School celebrates Class of 2022



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Graduates gather to sign each other's year books before making their way to the graduation ceremony.

OXFORD – More than 85 students celebrated their big day at Oxford High School on Friday, June 3 as they crossed the stage to receive their diplomas after years of hard work and dedication.

As with all graduations, the day was the culmination of countless memories, struggles, successes, and little moments only significant in hindsight as the graduates prepared to enter their next phase in life. Speakers commented on how the small community of the Oxford school system allowed each of them to flourish and find their passions, which they believe gives everyone a leg up in discovering who they really are as they enter the world at large.



Valedictorian Catherine Sauter shares memories with the Class of 2022 before they cross the stage.



Kauan Barboza greets school officials after completing his walk across the stage for his diploma.



Honor Graduate Molly Raymond speaks to her fellow graduates about the lessons they learned during their years in Oxford.



Graduates Evan Brindisi and Elijah Ortega enjoy their final minutes as Oxford High School seniors before graduation.



Mary Alliy was one of the first to make the march to receive her diploma.

Immanuela Asiedu proudly displays her diploma as she officially graduates from Oxford High School.



Soon-to-be OHS graduates pose for a photo before the big ceremony.



(From left) School Committee member Palmina Griffin congratulates soon-to-be graduates Jelixsa Burgos, Luis Campos, and Antoine Lacourt Ramos prior to the graduation ceremony,



The Class of 2022 marches toward the Oxford High School graduation ceremony.

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# Allison Grzembki makes Dean's List at Delaware Valley University

DOYLESTOWN, Pa. — Allison Grzembki, a resident of Webster, was honored for academic achievement by being named to the Dean's List at Delaware Valley University for the Spring 2022 semester.

About Delaware Valley University  
Delaware Valley University is a private, comprehensive, nonprofit university educating students with a curriculum that emphasizes and requires experiential learning. Located in Doylestown, Pennsylvania, about 30 miles north of Philadelphia, the University offers more than 25 undergraduate majors in life and physical sciences, business, the humanities, and agricultural and environmental sciences; nine master's degrees; and a doctorate in education. Founded in 1896, DelVal has been cited by the National Society for Experiential Education as having the country's top experiential learning program, by Princeton Review as one of the best colleges in the Northeast, and by College Factual as having one of the top 20 animal science programs in the country.

# Local students Graduate from College of the Holy Cross

WORCESTER — Holy Cross celebrated nearly 755 bachelor of arts degree recipients at its 176th Commencement held in person on Friday, May 27 at the DCU Center in Worcester. Acclaimed writer and infectious disease physician Abraham Verghese delivered this year's address to the Class of 2022 and received an honorary degree.

Vincent D. Rougeau, president of the College, presided over the celebratory event, bestowing the honorary degrees and greeting each graduate as they crossed the stage. This marks Rougeau's first commencement exercises since being installed as Holy Cross' 33rd president - the first lay and first Black president to lead the 179-year-old institution - back in October 2021.

In his remarks, Dr. Verghese, the best-selling author of "Cutting for Stone" and the Linda R. Meier and Joan F. Lane Provostial Professor and Vice Chair for the Theory and Practice of Medicine at Stanford University, asked graduates to consider how they will define success in their personal stories after graduation.

"My advice to you would be: don't set the bar too high," Verghese told the graduates. "Don't live your life waiting for the one magical moment when you achieve this or that, or have this much in the bank, or particular letters behind your name. You and I know too many people, often successful, famous, accomplished people, whose success was not enough to keep them joyful. I would urge you to define success for yourself simply such that on a daily basis you can feel joy."

In addition to Verghese, Holy Cross also awarded an honorary degree to Rev. Philip L. Boroughs, S.J., the 32nd president of Holy Cross, a role he held from 2012-2021.

The following local students earned degrees:

- Matthew Waterhouse of Dudley
- Meghan Gates of Oxford
- Trevor Dow of Dudley
- Nicholas Rockwood of Webster

About Holy Cross  
The College of the Holy Cross, in Worcester, Mass., is among the nation's leading liberal arts institutions. A highly selective, four-year, exclusively undergraduate college of 3,100 students, Holy Cross is renowned for offering a rigorous, personalized education in the Jesuit, Catholic tradition. Since its founding in 1843, Holy Cross has made a positive impact in society by graduating students who distinguish themselves as thoughtful leaders in business, professional and civic life.

# Lasell University students named to Spring 2022 Dean's List

NEWTON — The following students were named to the Lasell Dean's List in recognition of their spring 2022 academic performance:

- Victoria Mann of Webster
  - Hayden Wildes of Dudley
- To be named to the Dean's List, Lasell students must complete at least 12 credits as a full-time student and achieve a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher.

For more information contact: Samantha Mocle, assistant director of communications at smocle@lasell.edu or at 617-243-2386.

# Local students graduate from Pomfret School

POMFRET, Conn. — On Sunday, May 29, members of the Class of 2022 gathered with friends, family, and faculty to celebrate the 128th Commencement of Pomfret School. The Honorable Eric D. Coleman, superior court judge for the State of Connecticut, was the graduation speaker. Congratulations to the following graduates.

- Sasha Becker of Webster
  - Kaitlyn Curley of Webster
- Founded in 1894, Pomfret is a small independent boarding and day school serving grades 9-12 plus postgrads. Set on a stunning 500-acre hilltop in Northeastern Connecticut, our students come from around the country and the world to find purpose and meaning in their lives through a transformational educational experience. Pomfret is deeply committed to fostering an atmosphere of diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging for all of our students, faculty, and staff. In 2021, we were ranked one of the best private high schools in America. To see how we're inspiring the next generation of change makers and problem solvers, visit [www.pomfret.org](http://www.pomfret.org) today.



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Honor Roll – High Honors, Academic Excellence -Language Arts, Drama Club; Sebastian Ketnouvong-Ung – Graduation Certificate; Aleksandra Kurowski – End of Year Honor Roll – High Honors, Student Council Vice President, Drama Club; Paul Mankarios – End of Year Honor Roll – High Honors; Steve Mathu – End of Year Honor Roll – Credit, Drama Club; Bradley McCarthy – End of Year Honor Roll – Honors, Academic Excellence - Literature, Altar Server; Matthew Obrycki – End of Year Honor Roll – Honors, Altar Server; Alexandra Parafinowicz – End of Year Honor Roll – Honors, Student Council President, Drama Club; Adam Podgorny – End of Year Honor Roll – Honors, Altar Server; Juliana Rudnicki – End of Year Honor Roll – Honors; Rocco Rudnicki – End of Year Honor Roll – High Honors, Altar Server; Maeve Sullivan – End of Year Honor Roll – High Honors, Academic Excellence – Science, Drama Club; Hannah Watson – End of Year Honor Roll – High Honors, Altar Server, Drama Club; Matthew Zdrok – End of Year Honor Roll – High Honors, Morning Door Greeter.

In addition, Headmaster, Rev. Grzegorz Chodkowski and Principal, Beth Boudreau distributed the following awards: Bishop Daniel P. Reilly Book Award - presented to the student who best exemplifies the bishop's motto, "In Kindness and in Truth" and who demonstrates qualities of duty, honor, sacrifice, and accomplishment within the school community. The criteria for selection include displaying kindness and truth in everyday life, an enthusiasm for learning, and active involvement in service to the school, community, and church: Connor Czechowski; Josephine P. Nalewajk Christian Witness Award – a distinguished award presented to the student who exemplifies outstanding Christian qualities as well as notable service to the St. Joseph Community. The student's name is also engraved on a plaque displayed in the school: Hannah Watson; Sister Mary Valenta Akalski Scholarship Award - given to students who will be continuing their education at a Catholic High School: Philopateer Basha, Andrew Bergeron, Steve Mathu, Aleksandra Parafinowicz, Adam Podgorny, Rocco Rudnicki, Maeve Sullivan, and Hannah Watson (Marianapolis Preparatory School). Congratulations and Best Wishes, St. Joseph School Class of 2022!

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soon," said Ruda. Despite voters easily agreeing to pass over the article, it was not without some small debate. In fact, despite only three citizens speaking on the matter, it was one of the most discussed items on the first half of the warrant. Town Clerk Lori Smith felt that the town needed to act on the borrowing without delay with the anticipation of a successful

fundraising effort. "I know it's a very active playground and a lot of people like to use that playground," said Smith. "I'm just afraid that if we wait until the fall to borrow the money, by the time we get the fundraising in order it's going to put it behind that much further." Citizen John Briere was in favor of passing over the article due primarily to the cost itself. "When I first saw this article, my first inclination was 'does it come with a three- or four-car garage,'" Briere said.

"It's an extraordinary amount. I understand that the insurance company isn't just going to allow us to fi a slide. It has to be totally redone, but that's a lot of money and I think we should pass it over and see if we can get some better prices." The vote did push the conversation off until the fall with an expectation that the fundraising group may make themselves public by then along with any cheaper options and a better idea of the fundraising goals.

# Marianapolis Preparatory School graduates 107

THOMPSON, Conn. — On June 5, 107 students (102 seniors, three post-graduates, and two joint diploma students) will graduate from Marianapolis Preparatory School. Brett Marston, Trinity Foundation Board member, was the keynote speaker. Valedictorian Daniel Twohig-Mann of Douglas, Salutorian Ian MacKenzie of Woodstock, Conn., and Head of School Joseph Hanrahan also spoke.

Marianapolis Class of 2021 in Alphabetical Order  
Olivia-Mae Acquaah-Harrison, Charlton; Oluwadurotimi Adebisi, Lagos, Nigeria; James Alves, Uxbridge; Kaitlin Baca, Webster; Tung-Lam Bach, Hanoi, Vietnam; Samuel Balzanka, Banska Stiavnica, Slovakia; Morgan Beaudreault, Dayville, Conn.; Vincent Bourgeois, Thompson, Conn.; Hayden Buzzell, East Brookfield; Tung-Duong Cao, Hanoi, Vietnam; Manh-Duy Chu, Hanoi, Vietnam; Spencer Courville, Charlton; The-Trung Dang, Hanoi, Vietnam; Tien-Anh Dang, Hanoi, Vietnam; Quang-Minh Dao, Hanoi, Vietnam; Trung-Hai Dao, Hanoi, Vietnam; Evan Darvish, Worcester; Anna De Villa, San Pietro di Cadore, Italy; Anthony DeFusco, Worcester; Hoang-Dat Do, Hanoi, Vietnam; Sydney DUBY, Worcester; Daniel Ducharme, Worcester; Olivia Duquette, North Grosvendordale, Conn.; Gustavo Jose Escalante Peon, Merida, Mexico; Gabriela Fung, Colchester, Conn.;

Edisha Galan, Manchester, Conn.; Federica Galli, Lipomo, Italy; Ashley Giorgio, Millbury; Xiayuan Gong, Wuxi, China; Madelyn Grundstrom, Moosup, Conn.; Amin Gutierrez, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic; Timothy Hall, Plainfield, Conn.; Audrey Hammond, Sutton; Son Ho, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; Anh-Minh T. Hoang, Hanoi, Vietnam; Minh-Anh Hoang, Hanoi, Vietnam; Kaylynn Horan, Putnam, Conn.; Arianna Howell, Thompson, Conn.; Nghi Huynh, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; Ge Jia, Baoding, China; Mackenzie Jutras, Greenville, R.I.; Filip Kalis, Prague, Czech Republic; Jordan Kasongo, South Grafton; Claire Kelleher, Auburn; Zachary King, Plainfield, Conn.; Ayana Kobayashi, Aichi, Japan; Nicholas LaFlamme, Woodstock, Conn.; Thai-Duong Lang, Hanoi, Vietnam; Bao-Tran H. Le, Hanoi, Vietnam; Linh Le, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; Quang-Truong Le, Hanoi, Vietnam; Vinh-Kien Le, Hanoi, Vietnam; Abigail Leahy, Leicester; Juhyoung Lee, Seoul, South Korea; Alexander Litke, Brooklyn, Conn.; Alana Lorusso, North Oxford; Kaya Lukasek, Webster; Ian MacKenzie, Woodstock, Conn.; Sophia Maloney, Sutton; Szymon Mamro, Webster; Delia Marchand, Holden; Patrick Martineau, Putnam, Conn.; Keegan McLeod, Foster, R.I.; John McMullen, East Greenwich, R.I.; Valentina Mena Munch, Merida, Mexico; Ayame Mizuno, Aichi, Japan; Jacob Mobley, Webster; Lily Mueller,

Webster; Hugo Ndizeye, Kigali, Rwanda; Ha-Vi Ngo, Hanoi, Vietnam; Ngoc-Anh Nguyen, Hanoi, Vietnam; Phuong-Ngan Nguyen, Hanoi, Vietnam; Thuy-Tien V. Nguyen, Hanoi, Vietnam; Hayley O'Connell, Dudley; Collin O'Connor, Sutton; Declan O'Connor, Worcester; Siliang Pan, Guangzhou, China; Andrew Peck, Paxton; Dominic Penny, Charlton; Luis Arturo Perez Povedano, Distrito Nacional, Dominican Republic; Maksymilian Poreda, Mazowieckie, Poland; Shunnan Qi, Shanghai, China; Sophia Rabor, Dayville, Conn.; Grace Rhoads, Stafford Springs, Conn.; Emilio Jose Sanchez Villalpando, Merida, Mexico; Colby Scanlon, Fiskdale; Hannah Schoemer, Oxford; Olivia Sczuroska, Brooklyn, Conn.; Lewis Shamback, Sterling, Conn.; Sara Soares, Putnam, Conn.; Alex Spetseris, Webster; Cadence Stawiecki, Webster; Zachary Stoddard, Pomfret Center, Conn.; Maya Summiel, Dayville, Conn.; Christian Terwilliger, Lebanon, Conn.; Matthew Tomasino, Leicester; Chinh Tong, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; Mariano Torres Hernandez, Villahermosa, Mexico; Daniel Twohig-Mann, Douglas; Rachel Ullstrom, Auburn; Ashley Vandenbrouck, Oxford; Elizabeth Walker, Thompson, Conn.; Pu Wang, Beijing, China; Anna Wildes, North Uxbridge; Caleb Williams, Valley Cottage, N.Y.; Zhihe Ye, Beijing, China; Xingyu Zhu, Wenzhou, China; Yutian Zhu, Zhejiang, China.

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# Zieminski of Dudley honored at Western New England University Senior Award Ceremony

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

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