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Dudley Board of Health seeking expansion

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — The Dudley Board of Health will explore expanding its membership through a request to voters during the fall annual town meeting in October. Health officials argue the increased numbers would allow for more perspectives and more productive discussions if members are unable to attend meetings.

The board's three current members voted unanimously to support a recommendation from Health Inspector Patrick Hannon who felt increasing the membership to five would allow the board more freedom to make decisions if the full board isn't present and better address sudden health matters in the town.

"Three member boards historically have a problem with quorums. We have a particular problem that if we issue a cease-and-desist order or we close somebody down they have the right under the law to a hearing within three days and not everybody can always meet on three days' notice when you have a three-member board, but having a five-member board makes it much easier to have a quorum. It's easier to do business, you get more opinions, more input," said Hannon.

The idea was welcomed by the Board of Health with Chair Roberta Johnson, the most tenured active member of the board, explaining her support.

"I've been on this board for going on nine years and it's always been three. That's always been difficult. We generally get the agenda the night of, and we can't have a discussion because it breaks the open meeting law – I'm all for it," said Johnson.

Board expansion requires a vote of approval from the citizens of Dudley. The item is expected to be included on the warrant for the town's fall annual town meeting currently scheduled for Oct. 21. The board did not clarify how the two new members would be selected and added if the expansion is approved.

Louise Chadbourne

Gladys E. Kelly Public Library welcomes Louise Chadbourne! Louise Chadbourne is a photographer, entrepreneur, and published author. She's been taking pictures ever since I can remember. Born and based in Webster, Massachusetts. She worked for the Department of Mental Health for more than 32 years, and co-own Frosty's Christmas Trees. When she's not taking pictures/writing, she can be found volunteering at the zoo because animals bring me joy and a feeling of companionship. She is also passionate about collecting coins and traveling. Every day there is a picture to be taken.

Dudley receives grant for cybersecurity, stormwater runoff improvements

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — The Town of Dudley will be making efforts to bolster both its cybersecurity and flooding resistance thanks to a pair of state grants. Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda announced both grant awards during a Board of Selectmen meeting in July which will bring a combined $304,300 to the town for the two separate initiatives.

The first grant comes from the Office of Grants and Research totaling $23,300 to support cybersecurity enhancements through the FY24 Municipal Local Cybersecurity Grant Program Award. Funding for the grants is provided through the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program of the US Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and awarded to towns and agencies by the state itself. Dudley has prioritized cybersecurity for much of the 2020s following an incident in neighboring Charlton. Ruda explained that the funding will allow the town to further enhance its protection against hacking and help lay out a response plan in the case of an incident.

"This will secure some funding to add additional security features to our network and to further develop, exercise and train to a disaster recovery plan that will help us maintain continuity of operations if we lose our network," explained Ruda.

The Town Administrator didn't delve into the finer details of the enhancements. In the past officials had provided only minor information noting that expanding too much on such plans would only compromise security rather than enhance it. Work on the system is expected to begin in August.

The second grant is a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Grant in the amount of $281,000 which includes $49,050 in Fiscal Year 2025 and $231,950 in Fiscal Year 2026. The money will help fund the Stormwater Retrofit Program at the Dudley Municipal Complex and will provide enhancements that will prevent standing water flooding during significant rainfall and storms.

"It proposes to get some of the stormwater runoff out of the driveway and off of West Main Street and kind of pull back on the flooding that we experience on West Main Street," explained Ruda. "It uses trees and planting and that sort of thing to help absorb the water as opposed to shooting it off onto the Main Street and cause erosion and other problems that end up clogging up our storm drains and leading to flooded out areas."

The project will add around a hundred new plants to the 1,000 square-foot paved area reducing and diverting water runoff, reducing heat retention, and breaking up the uninterrupted pavement. The grant requires no match from the town meaning no cost will fall on the taxpayers. The town is hoping to pair this with another grant they have applied for to build a new playground on the Municipal Complex property. Town officials had yet to hear back from the state about that application as of the July 22 Board of Selectmen meeting.

Free admission for Oxford residents at Samuel Slater Experience Aug. 10 and 11

WEBSTER — Come explore the beginnings of the American Industrial Revolution and the creation of thriving local mill villages during free admission days for Oxford residents on Saturday, Aug. 10, and Sunday, Aug. 11, at the Samuel Slater Experience.

The free admission days are funded by a grant provided by the Janet Malser Humanities Trust.

Preregistration is required and admission times will be staggered during the two days. Go to https://samuelslaterexperience.org to register for Oxford Community Day. Entry times are every half hour for up to 10 people.

For more information or questions, email admin@samuelslaterexperience.org or call 508-461-2955.

The Samuel Slater Experience is located at 31 Ray Street.

About Samuel Slater Experience

The Samuel Slater Experience museum, which opened in March 2022, uses immersive digital technology and interactive exhibits to tell the story of Samuel Slater, the early American Industrial Revolution, and the creation of economically thriving mill towns like Webster.

It is located in the former National Guard Armory at 31 Ray St., Webster, and open to the public year-round. Daily schedule: Fridays and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday noon to 4 p.m. Last admission is at 3 p.m

DA honors Auburn officers for efforts in locating missing girl

Courtesy

Members of the Auburn Police Department are honored for their actions in locating a missing child.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

AUBURN — Several members of the Auburn Police Department, including K9 Biza, were recently honored by Worcester County District Attorney Joseph Early, Jr., for their efforts in locating a missing girl.

On July 25, APD officers and dispatchers were recognized by DA Early for working together on a cold night in January to bring a missing 12-year-old home.

The honorees all received the District Attorney's Team Excellence and Merit Award (TEAM Award) for their participation in the Jan. 31 search.

"These officers and dispatchers worked together to swiftly put an end to this family's worst nightmare," Early told guests. "With temperatures below freezing and uncertainty about how long this child had been exposed to the elements already, everyone knew they had to work quickly. Thankfully, Auburn Police were able to coordinate an effective search that led K9 Biza on the right track to follow the scent and bring this child home."

At about 10:30 p.m. on Jan. 31, a mother called the Auburn Police Department reporting that her child had left home on foot sometime after 8:30 p.m. The temperature was about 30 degrees, and the child was not believed to be wearing a winter jacket, only a hooded sweatshirt.

Auburn officers on both the evening shift and the midnight shift quickly launched a multifaceted effort to locate the child. This included searching the immediate

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FL!P Circus brings stellar lineup of talent to Auburn

Courtesy

Ukraine's Bingo Troupe and Brazilian clown "Bubi" Guiner.

AUBURN — FL!P Circus (www.FlipCircus.com) has been winning over audiences since debuting in 2022. This intimate big top experience, created by the Vazquez family, is bringing its brand-new 2024 production and its air-conditioned red and white big top tent to two additional Massachusetts locations. It will stop at Auburn Mall (385 Southbridge St.) from Aug. 23 to Sept. 3. Then it will move to Burlington Mall (75 Middlesex Turnpike, Burlington) from Sept. 6 – 17. Hailed as one of America's best new family entertainment events, this all-new show was specially curated to showcase an incredible and eclectic mix of international human performers. There's something for everyone! Tickets are on sale now.

The art form of circus has been part of America's entertainment landscape for over 200 years. Evoking this great American tradition, Fl!p Circus combines the classic and the contemporary to bring families and friends together for a memorable experience. There's something for everyone in this circus adventure that takes place under a distinctive red and white striped, 800-seat, climate-controlled big top tent. For those who like to be close to the action, no seat at Fl!p Circus is more than 50 feet from the ring. You might even find yourself being brought into the fun. And of course there's a generous concession stand featuring an assortment of delicious treats. At Fl!p Circus, leave your cares at the door and enter a world where the laughs are plentiful and the wows only stop when the show ends.

The international flair of the show is led by Brazil's favorite clown, Bubi Guiner, bringing his classic comedic routines and side-splitting antics to America for the first time. If you like daring acrobatic feats, Fl!p Circus is the place to be! From India, Hasan Ansari thrills audiences on the rarely seen Pole Mallakhamb performing body-bending maneuvers on a wooden pole leaving you wondering how a human body can do that. Anastasia & Misha, from Ukraine, present a stunningly synchronized and poetic presentation of dance and acrobatics. Pavel Valla Bertini, a fifth-generation performer from the Czech Republic, keeps audiences on the edge of their seats with his unparalleled one, three and even fifteen-wheeled unicycle skills! Fourth-generation performer, Alexa Vazquez, mesmerizes with her dazzling hula hoop display. The award-winning Bingo Troupe, direct from Ukraine, showcases their signature electrifying mix of dance and acrobatics. No circus would be complete without juggling, and Fl!p Circus features one of the very best acts of its kind From Chile, the Reyes Brothers, demonstrate the incredible, fast paced juggling skills with which they have amazed audiences all over the world. The live Fl!p Circus Band provides the versatile soundtrack to all the action. If you're looking for high-energy fun that the entire family can enjoy, grab your tickets to Fl!p Circus. Don't miss this exciting big top experience.

Show times are 7 p.m. on weekdays, 1, 4 and 7 p.m. on Saturdays, and noon, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Sundays. For tickets and additional information, please visit FlipCircus.com. Tickets start at $30 (children) and $50 (adults) with senior/military/handicap discounts available. A special family four pack discount is available online. Tickets can also be purchased in person at the box office during each engagement.

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Oxford's Ryan Moore graduates from UNC Chapel Hill

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Ryan Moore of Oxford graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on May 11. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Biostatistics from the University's Gillings School of Global Public Health. He is also a 2020 graduate of Shepherd Hill Regional High School, and is returning to UNC this fall to pursue a Master's degree in the same field.

VTSU congratulates Luke Morin on graduation

RANDOLPH CENTER, Vt. — Vermont State University is pleased to announce that Luke Morin of Auburn is part of VTSU's inaugural graduating class for May 2024!

This diverse group of over 1000 students hailed from more than 200 Vermont towns, over 20 states, and various countries around the world. Congratulations to Vermont State University's Class of 2024!

Vermont State University combines the best of Castleton University, Northern Vermont University, and Vermont Technical College and serves students on five campuses and multiple learning sites across the Green Mountains and beyond, as well as online. Vermont State provides a high-quality, flexible, and affordable education for students seeking associate, bachelor's, and master's degrees, certificates, and in-demand professional credentials. The university builds upon a history of public higher education in Vermont dating back to 1787. Learn more at VermontState.edu.

Friday's Child

Aaminah
Age 9
Registration # 8076

Hi! My name is Aaminah

Aaminah loves to sing, dance, go to her gymnastic classes, color, play outside and watch movies. She will soon be joining a local Girl Scout troop and is so excited about it. In school she receives some assistance in writing and reading as well as support services for her social and emotional needs. She has been described as sweet with a vivid imagination but can so be very impulsive and will freely says what is on her mind. She currently has an incentive plan for daily and evening activities which has been set by her program.

Aaminah has 4 siblings with whom she is very close and will need a family that can commit to keeping her in contact with them on a regular bases by phone, virtually and in-person. The ideal family for her should be trauma informed, patient, and supportive. Aaminah will also need a 2 parent family with no other children in the home or much older children. Aaminah's new family must be trauma informed, patient, supportive, able to set and adhere to these limits as well as being loving and understanding. It is suggested that a family for Aminah would be one that would be a visitor to her on a regular basis, preferably weekly, until such time as Aaminah feels that she can trust and becomes bonded to this family.

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 visit www.mareinc.org . Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) can give you guidance and information on the adoption process. Reach out today to find out all the ways you can help children and teens in foster care.

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Local students gaining real-world experience with summer internships at Cornerstone Bank

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Pictured left to right: Bella Smith, Reese Levansavich, Collin Heenan, Zach Hebert, Kevin Skagerlind, Will Pieczynski, Jack Seery, Sam Quink and Jack Gaudette.

WORCESTER — This summer, Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with locations throughout Central Massachusetts, is hosting nine college students in its internship program. The goal is to provide them with hands-on experience that complements their studies and allows them to explore career opportunities and begin to build a professional network.

"We are committed to providing these bright students with solid work experience that integrates what they learn in the classroom with real-life experiences in a professional setting," said Cornerstone Bank CEO Todd Tallman. "They gain valuable skills, work on meaningful projects and make professional connections. We also benefit from their enthusiasm and perspectives, so it's a win-win situation."

This year's group of interns includes:

Investment Services Intern Jack Gaudette from Sturbridge attends Elon University in North Carolina.

Retail Intern Zach Hebert from Dudley attends Nichols College in Dudley.

Commercial Lending Intern Collin Heenan from Holden attends Worcester State University.

Community Relations Intern Reese Levansavich from Auburn attends Saint Anslem College in New Hampshire.

Investment Services Intern Will Pieczynski from Fiskdale attends Villanova University in Pennsylvania.

MIS (IT) Intern Sam Quink from Sturbridge attends the Rochester Institute of Technology in New York.

Facilities Intern Jack Seery from Brookfield attends the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Community Relations Intern Kevin Skagerlind from Holden attends the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Learning and Development Intern Bella Smith from Sutton attends Assumption University in Worcester.

The Cornerstone interns attend an orientation on their first day before joining their respective departments and have regular check-ins to ensure they are getting what they want out of their experiences. The students also have opportunities to engage in community support efforts, attend Cornerstone Bank events and network with each other.

"At the end of the summer, we ask them to reflect on their time with us and provide feedback," said Tallman. "This allows us to continue to refine the internship program to make sure we are providing truly valuable experiences."

Cornerstone's internship program started in 2021 and is open to both high school and college students. It offers both part-time and full-time internships, with most students choosing to intern for 38 hours per week. Each intern goes through an interview process so that they can be placed into the department that best aligns with their goals and interests. All interns are paid and are eligible to get school credit upon completion of the program.

About Cornerstone Bank

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

WEBSTER POLICE LOG

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of July 21-27.

Addam Jude Bradshaw, age 32, of Worcester was arrested on July 22 for Violation of an Abuse Prevention Order and in connection with a warrant.

A 42-year-old male from Webster whose identity has been withheld from publication was arrested on July 22 for Assault & Battery.

Christine Confer, age 68, of Webster was arrested on July 24 in connection with a warrant.

Michael D. Stoliker, age 27, of Webster was arrested on July 24 for Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon.

A 23-year-old female from Webster whose identity has been withheld from publication was arrested on July 25 for Assault & Battery and Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon.

Carlos Luis Sulsona, age 41, of Webster was arrested on July 25 for Vandalization of Property, Assault & Battery on a Police Officer, Disorderly Conduct, Disturbing the Peace, and Resisting Arrest.

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PET of the WEEK

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Meet Ms. Piggy, 3 years

Ms. Piggy is a sweet, smart, and affectionate lady, with the brightest smile!! Some of her favorite things include zooming around with squeaky toys, showing off her tricks for treats, and showing affection. She knows "sit," "down," "stay," and "paw." She loves going on walks and has made quick friends with staff and volunteers. Because she is so food motivated, she is eager to learn new tricks and catches on quickly. She adores snuggling and loves belly rubs and pets, making her a great cuddle buddy.

Ms. Piggy prefers a quiet home with a yard to play in, as she gets nervous around loud noises. Her playful spirit, love for fun, and best smile make her a wonderful addition to an active household. If you're looking for a loving, snuggly, and playful companion, Ms. Piggy could be the perfect. Don't wait, apply for this little Piggy today!

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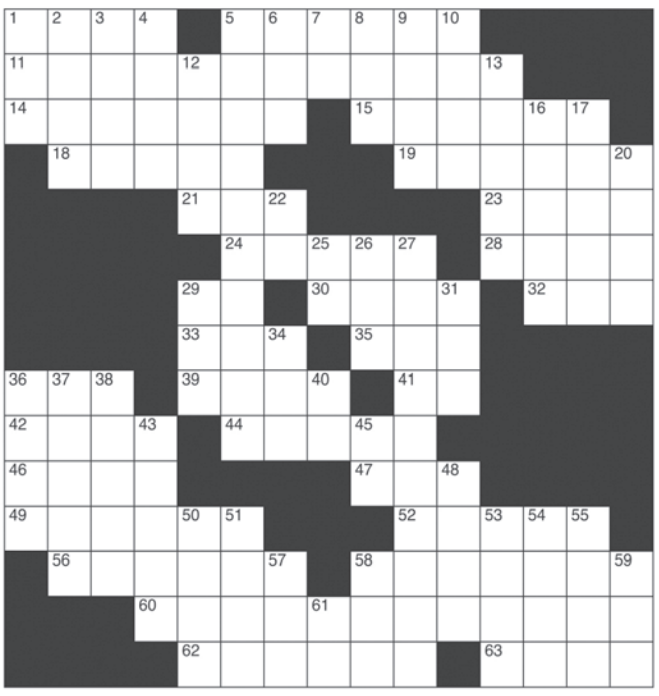

CLUES ACROSS

1. Nasal mucus
5. Hairs on the back of a dog
11. Ones who build anew
14. Consume too much food
15. Praised
18. Provides weapons
19. Become less lively
21. Engine additive
23. Thought or suggestion
24. South Korean city
28. Midday rests
29. Expression of acidity or alkalinity
30. Group of rockers
32. Very fast airplane
33. One who is paid to do something
35. Buzzing insect
36. Monotheistic religion founder
39. Strong dark beer
41. Blood type
42. Square measures
44. Honorific titles in NW Semitic languages
46. Present
47. Afflict in mind or body
49. Duty
52. Municipality in Stockholm
56. In a normal way
58. Rode a bicycle
60. Charitable
62. Verandas
63. Uncredited

CLUES DOWN

1. No seats available
2. Russian river
3. A European river
4. Phrase
5. Idol
6. Keyboard key
7. Prefix indicating mutual
8. Kilometers per hour
9. Set an example
10. It's among the "Great" ones
12. VVV
13. Murdered
16. Icelandic poems
17. Seas
20. Famed cartoonist
22. Partner to "Ma"
25. Equal to one quintillion bytes
26. Speak incessantly
27. Disquiet
29. Parts per billion (abbr.)
31. Upper-class young woman (abbr.)
34. S. American plant
36. Monetary unit of Thailand
37. Regions
38. Baseball legend Yogi
40. Ancient Egyptian notion of spiritual part of humans
43. Fishing net
45. Tinseltown
48. MacBeth's wife was one
50. Took a spill
51. Adversary to pets
53. Town in Galilee
54. Secret racist society (slang)
55. About aviation
57. Longing or yearning
58. Hawaiian dish
59. Field force unit
61. Partner to "Pa"

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Summer Reading 2024
READ, RENEW, REPEAT
Ends August 11, still plenty of time to register.

Fill out a library survey between August 1st and August 11th and get 10 extra summer reading tickets. The survey link is available at www.crawfordlibrary.org or stop in to fill out a paper copy.

Gentle Yoga
Monday, August 5, 12, 19 & 26
10:00-11:00
Fels Community Room
Join instructors Erin & Jia, for traditional "on the mat" yoga class with 15 minute relaxation at the end.
Bring your own mat. Wear layers, do not eat heavily 1.5-2 hours before class.

Movies @ The Pearle!!
Tuesdays in August at 1:00
August 6: The Persian Version
August 13: Challengers
August 20: IF
August 27: The Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare

Mahjong at the Pearle
Wednesday, August 7,14,21,28
10:00-12:30 Fels Community Room
The game consists of players competing to form distinct sets or pairs of tiles, similar to gin rummy.
Everyone welcome, registration not required.

Once Upon A Crime Book Club
A Death in Belmont
by: Sebastian Junger
Friday, August 2
11:00-12:00
Adult Reading Area
Do you have a passion for true crime and examining the details of each case? This book club is for you!
The "Once Upon A Crime Book Club" meets the first Friday of every month in the adult reading area.
All books will be pre-ordered and available for pick up at the circulation desk.

Crafternoons With Lena
Seashell Painting
Thursday, August 1
2:00-3:00
Fels Community Room
Spend the afternoon with our experienced and enthusiastic instructor, Lena. You'll leave with a one-of-a-kind creation to enjoy!
Registration is required.

Crawford Library Book Group
Monday, August 26
6:00-7:30
Book: Master Slave Husband Wife
By: Ilyon Woo
Books are available at the circulation desk for checkout one month prior to discussion.
No registration required.
*Meeting fourth Monday of each month.

Community Art Unveiling
Monday, August 12
4:0-6:00
Fels Community Room
Let's celebrate our COMMUNITY ART PROJECT!
40 local artists, of all ages and skill levels, worked together to complete a 50' art display created by professional artist Lisa Kretchman. Lisa's original design for the project celebrates the natural beauty found in and around Dudley.
Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served.
This program is funded by the Hugh W. & Harriet K. Crawford Endowment Fund for the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library

Paint with Jean Walker-Mason Jar Flowers
Thursday, August 15
6:00-7:30
Fels Community Room
Jean Walker will help you create a beautiful canvas painting of flowers in a mason jar.
20 spaces available.
Registration is required.
Ages 17+

Picking Parlor Jam a "mostly" Bluegrass Focused Jam Session
1st Saturday of every month
10:00-12:00 in the Fels Community Room
This is an unplugged acoustic jam.
All talent levels welcome... beginners on up!
Don't want to play? No problem, listeners are welcome too!

Quilting Group
Wednesdays @ 1:30
All quilters and would-be quilters are invited to join our new group. Bring your projects!

Knit & Crochet Group
Thursday 5:30-7:30 and Friday 10:00-12:00
All stitchers are welcome for this informal group.
Bring your project, enjoy the company!

Guest Reader Story Time
Every Monday in August at 6:00pm
This month will feature many of the Crawford Library staff reading their favorite stories! We promise there will be laughs, a cool craft and plenty of fun for everyone.
August 5: Children's Librarian, Miss Courtney
August 12: Library Director, Nicole Messier
August 19: Library Super Star, Deb Coggans
August 26: Reading Specialist at Dudley Charlton Regional School District, Sue Pontbriand

Rubber Duckie Soaps
Thursday, August 8, 6:00-7:00
Fels Community Room
Get ready for a fun and creative soap-making experience that's perfect for all ages and each participant will have the opportunity to make their very own soapy creation using our high-quality glycerin-based soap. Our process is completely safe and lye-free. All supplies are provided.
Space is limited to 15.
Registration is required.
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Dungeons & Dragons Game
Thursdays, 6:00-7:30
Are you looking to play a game that contains action, adventure, and drama?
Come play the world's number one role playing game.
This program geared towards kids that are looking to learn more about playing and some short adventures!

Chillin' at the Library with Miss Courtney
Thursday, August 1, 8, 22 & 29
6:00-6:45
Children's Room
Courtney will introduce something a little different every week including journaling - blackout poetry - doodling - diary - and even haikus.
This weekly program is all about fun and surprising "writing" focused creative expression for kids 8+.
Registration is required

August sizzles with events at the Dudley Senior Center

DUDLEY — On Thursday, Aug. 1, the Dudley Senior Center will celebrate August birthdays with cake and ice cream after the Tri-Valley lunch. Please call to order a Tri-Valley meal or bring your own lunch and have cake and ice cream with us.

Wednesday, Aug. 7: a group lunch at noon at Samuel Slater's Restaurant in Webster. Meeting at the Dudley Senior Center to carpool. Reservations are required. Please RSVP by calling 508-949-8015.

Wednesday, Aug. 14: Is Brown Bag Lunch – choices will soon be announced. Please RSVP by calling 508-949-8015 and leave your phone number for us to call and let you know your choices. Cost is $3 per person.

Thursday, Aug. 15: Memory Café from noon – 2 p.m. Live entertainment by Sandy Allen. We will have a Luau with an assortment of Hawaiian foods, sweet and sour kielbasa, Hawaiian Ham sliders with assorted salads and dessert. The cost for this event is $5. Come celebrate with us in Dudley. RSVP by calling 508-949-8015 or sign up in the Dudley Senior Center.

Indian Princess Cruise on Webster Lake: We are taking reservations for an Indian Princess cruise on Webster Lake. The cost of the cruise is $25. We are also signing up for lunch after the cruise in Samuel's Waterfront Room. The cost for the cruise and lunch is $50. We are planning this for a Wednesday or a Thursday in September. Please stop by or call 508-949-8015 to let us know if you are interested.

The Dudley Senior Center is starting a book club! Our first book is The Paris Wife, by Paula McLain. Sign-up sheet in the Senior Center or call 508-949-8015. The library needs to know how many books and whether you want regular print, large print or audio. We will be starting this as soon as the books arrive.

Activities at Dudley Senior Center: Tuesdays 1 p.m. Pitch League, Wednesdays 1 p.m. The Dudley Senior Center Knitting group, Tri-Valley lunches served Monday and Thursday.

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SUMMER EATS
Starting July 8th Monday through Thursday at 12:00 PM.
A totally free-of-charge program that provides free meals to all kids and teens, ages 18 and under. Meals for adults will be available for $5.00. Part of Project Bread, the Massachusetts' Department of Education, and local school and community meal providers.

Adult Programming
YOGA – Tuesday August 13th, 20th and 27th at 6:00 PM
Join Julie or Lauren 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 centering the mind with the breath, aromatherapy, movement of the body to release energetic blockages, and, finally, rest and relaxation. Classes are free. Funded by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP— August 19th at 6:30 PM
This month's book discussion will be in the Library's Community Room. The Group will be discussing Mountains Beyond Mountains by Tracy Kidder. Stop by the library, or reach out by phone at 508-949-3880, or by email to rcox@cwmars.org for inquiries.

ADULT BOARDGAME NIGHT--- August 12th at 6:00 PM
Come in and play games with other board game enthusiasts. Learn a new one, or play one you know and help others learn!

COMPUTER BASICS CLASS--- August 29th at 3:30-4:30 PM
Come learn some computer basics with Assistant Director Evan Hale. Registration is required for this event. You can do that by visiting our website or calling the library.

FRAN HART PRESENTS: THE BEAT GENERATION A CULTURAL REVIEW OF THE 1950S THROUGH MUSIC Monday August 5th at 6:00 PM
The "Beat Generation" - A Cultural Review of the 1950s Through Music is a multimedia presentation that highlights the cultural nuances of the 1950s. This presentation features live acoustic music and audience sing-alongs, coupled with audio and video clips highlighting the best (and sometimes the worst) of the 1950s.

Children's and Young Adult Programming

Scavenger Hunt---- All Month Long
What's more exciting than a scavenger hunt? Come upstairs to the Children's room to pick up a list of things to find all around the library. Once you've completed the scavenger hunt, check in with the Children's Librarian to redeem a prize.

TAKE AND MAKE CRAFT--- All month long
Take and Make craft kids are now available for pick up upstairs in the Children's Room. Each month will feature a different craft to create and instructions will be provided with the supplies. New Take and Make kits will be available for pick up on the 1st of every month, while supplies last, and are limited to one per patron.

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

LEGO CLUB--- First two Tuesdays of the month at 3:30 PM
Come play with the library's Legos. If you like, we can put your work on display!
No registration Required

BUILD TUESDAYS - from 3:30-4:30 PM
Join us for the last two Tuesday for a self-guided STEM-based building challenge, appropriate for all ages. Younger kids should bring a parent. Instruction sheets will be provided. Contact Andrew at 508-949-3880, or atai@cwmars.org for more details.

OPEN PLAY TIME ADVENTURE--- Fridays at 10:00 AM
Kids 0 to 6 are invited to get their wiggles out with weekly obstacle course and fun.

STORYTIME--- July 23rd, and 30th at 10:00 AM
Mornings will be filled with fun stories, songs, and activities perfect for ages 2-5. Siblings are welcome to join.

OUTDOOR MESSY PLAY---- Every Thursday at 3:30 PM
Outdoor Messy Play is back! We supply the messy materials for your children to play with, along with a hose for washing off outside afterwards! This program is extremely messy, please dress in something you don't mind getting dirty or stained.

WEDNESDAY STORYTIME FUN ---- July 31st at 10:00 AM
Join Andrew the Children's Librarian for a few of his favorite stories, felt story fun, and some free play. For ages 0-3

SENSORY BIN EXPLORATION---- August 12th, 19th, and 26th at 10:00 AM
Join us for open sensory bin exploration. Bins will be filled up with sand, rice, dirt, dry pasta, and more! This program is geared towards ages 2 to 5, but siblings are welcome.

FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS---- August 7th and 21st at 11 AM
Grab your bestie and come make beaded bracelets in the children's program room. This is a self-guided program, all materials are provided. Ages 8 and up.

LET'S DANCE A STORY--- August 7th and 21st at 10:00 AM
We read a story and create creative movement and choreography that goes along with the story in the book. The ideal age for this class is 3-6 (grown-ups must stay but can observe).

WIGGLES AND GIGGLES--- August 8th and 22st at 10:30 AM
Come sing, dance, and make music with Lainey Hanlon! Geared for children ages 2-5 and their caregivers, but all ages welcome!

EYES ON OWLS--- August 2nd at 10:00 AM
This program introduces children of all ages to the owls of New England and beyond. They will meet six live owls (from small to huge) up close. Everyone participates in a hooting lesson and learns tips on how to attract and protect owls. Funded by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

ANGEL HAIR ALPACAS---- August 5th at 10:00 AM
Angel Hair Alpacas will bring two of their alpacas for you to meet with and even feed (they are very gentle and don't have top teeth)! Bring your curiosity and some questions as they can share information about alpacas, fleece characteristics, their history or alpaca care and ownership!

WEBSTER SENIOR CENTER

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Tri-Valley Lunches are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 11:30 am. Please call (508) 949-3845 at least forty-eight hours in advance to reserve or cancel your meal. A $3.00 donation is appreciated. All meals include milk, and bread with fruit or dessert. This week's menu: Tuesday, 8/6, Fish with crumb topping, rice pilaf, roasted broccoli and carrots. Wednesday, 8/7, Hot dog, baked beans, coleslaw. Thursday, 8/8, Beef with onions and peppers, seasoned potatoes, glazed carrots. Friday, 8/9, Cranberry chicken salad, pasta salad, three bean salad.
Need Transportation? Contact SCM Elderbus at 1-800-321-0243 at least two business days in advance to schedule transportation. Elderbus is available Mondays- Fridays 8:30 am- 3:00 pm.
A SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone) counselor is available at the Webster Senior Center. Please call (508) 949-3845 to schedule an appointment.
Come on down to the Bomba Beauty Salon at the Webster Senior Center! Call 508-341-8724 for an appointment. Bomba Beauty Salon is open for walk in appointments on Wednesdays from 10:00 am- 1:00 pm, and Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays by appointment only from 10:00 am-3:00 pm. Please call (508) 341-8724 to schedule an appointment.
The REC Farmers Market is on Webster Town Hall front lawn every Wednesday 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm.
Chair Dancing Exercise classes with Forty Arroyo are the perfect workout for any fitness ability! The cost is $3.00 per class. Classes are on Mondays only at 9:30 am. Wednesday classes have been cancelled until further notice.
Mondays: Knitting/ Crochet Social 10:00 am-12:00 pm.
Bingo is every Tuesday and starts promptly at 1:00 pm. Please plan to arrive by 12:30 pm to allow time to buy your bingo sheets. Bingo sheets are not sold after 12:45 pm.
Do you like to play Cribbage? Our weekly Cribbage group meets every Thursday at 1:00 pm. Feel free to join us!
Calling card players or interested persons to the Webster Senior Center! Come join us for six-card or thirteen-card pitch! Six-card pitch meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm. Thirteen-card pitch meets on Thursdays at 1:00 pm.
Mahjongg group meets every Friday at 1:00 pm. Beginners welcome!
Starting Wednesday, August 7th, 2024 there will be a walking group on Wednesdays and Fridays. You will meet at the Memorial beach walking trail at 9:00am. No registration required, but a sign-up sheet is available at the Senior Center front desk.
Join Elaine Davies on Friday, August 23rd at 1:30 pm at the Senior Center where she will talk about floral arrangements for Bites, Books, and Blooms. Learn how to make flower arrangements to correspond with a favorite book. No registration required for this talk.
Webster Senior Center Trips; Happy 2 Gather is a 60's Flashback Show at Lake Pearl in Wrentham MA on Wednesday, September 18th. Cost is $131.00 per person, and includes show ticket, transportation, luncheon, meal taxes, and gratuity. The Covered Bridge Tour and Octoberfest is a fall excursion on Monday, September 23rd. The first stop is Red Apple Farm in Phillipston, MA where everyone gets a bag of apples to take home, followed by the Inn at East Hill Farm in Troy, NH where you will enjoy a family style lunch which will be accompanied by Al Brogdon's Oompah band. After lunch you will set out on a narrated tour of some of New Hampshire's covered bridges. Price is $125.00 per person with a $25 deposit at sign-up, and the final payment is due August 23rd. Trip price does not include bus driver gratuity. For more information call (508) 949-3845.
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 at (508) 949-3845. if you are interested in having a house number sign made for you.
Senior SAFE is a program that supports fire and life safety education for seniors. The Webster Fire Dept. will do a home visit to ensure that you have the correct smoke and CO2 alarms, and that they are working properly. This is at no cost to you! All you have to do is give them a call at (508) 949-3875.

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Editorial

Beyond memes and headlines — the imperative of informed voting

In an age where social media dominates the landscape of information dissemination, it's too easy to fall into the trap of making decisions based on quick headlines and catchy memes. However, the upcoming election is of such paramount importance that it demands a deeper level of engagement from every voter. The stakes have never been higher, with one candidate making unprecedented claims that, if elected, no one will ever have to vote again because they'll have it "fixed real good." On the other side, a candidate is fiercely advocating for the preservation of American freedoms. This is a critical moment in our history, and we must take it seriously.

The rhetoric of patriotism and freedom has been used by both sides, often skewed and manipulated to serve political agendas. However, we must look beyond these slogans and closely examine what the candidates are truly saying. The promise of never having to vote again is a direct threat to the core of our democracy. Imagine if the Democratic nominee made such a statement—there would be widespread outrage. Yet, when the Republican candidate makes this claim, it is somehow normalized. This normalization is dangerous and undermines the very foundation of our democratic process.

Democracy is built on the right to vote. It is the cornerstone of our political system and the means through which we, the people, hold our leaders accountable. Any suggestion that this right could be taken away should be met with fierce resistance. It is not just a political issue; it is an existential threat to the values upon which our nation was founded. When a candidate threatens to erode this right, it is a call to action for all citizens to rise above party lines and defend the principles of democracy.

In this election, more than ever, we must be vigilant and well-informed. It is not enough to rely on snippets of information from social media. We must delve into the policies and promises of each candidate, understanding their implications for our future. We must listen to what they say and, more importantly, believe them. Their words and actions are a reflection of their intentions, and we must take them at face value.

The narrative that one side is the sole defender of patriotism and freedom is a distortion. In reality, the fight to maintain government out of our personal decisions and to preserve our freedoms is being waged by those who are committed to upholding democratic values. The threat to our democracy is real and immediate. If we are to preserve the freedoms we hold dear, we must act now.

For those who are still uncertain about the gravity of the situation, I urge you to do your research. Look beyond the memes and headlines. Seek out reliable sources of information and educate yourself on the stakes of this election. Understand that democracy is a fragile system that requires our active participation and protection.

This election is a defining moment in our history. The choice we make will determine the future of our democracy. We cannot afford to be complacent or misinformed. We must take the candidates at their word, understand the implications of their promises, and vote to protect our democratic rights. This is not just another election. Do not be fooled by party lines or catchy slogans. Believe in the power of your vote and use it to safeguard the principles of freedom and democracy.

Lay aside all cares and worries

Beyond the Pews

By Fr. Luke A. Veronis
Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Webster

Why worry about anything? Instead, seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all your worries will be taken care of by Your Father in Heaven!

These words of Jesus offer an important lesson that reminds us not to worry too much or not to put ourselves in the place of God by thinking that we have to solve all our own problems. Christ tells us that the answer to this problem of worrying - "seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these other things will be taken care of."

Let us look at this problem of worrying. Many of us worry about things we cannot control. We worry about the future, when the future may still be a long way off. We worry about what others will do or think, even though we can't control how others behave. We worry about little details or insignificant points in life. We worry about the world and all its problems. We worry about too many things that are out of our control. People even become sick, developing ulcers, high blood pressure or stress because of too much worrying.

Christ tells us, "Stop worrying. Don't forget that you have a loving father in heaven who knows all your problems and difficult situations better than you yourself know them. Turn to him and allow God to take care of you. Look around and see how wonderfully God takes care of the birds and animals of nature. Don't you think God is more concerned with human beings than with animals?"

The prophet Isaiah gives a beautiful image when he says, "God carved each of us in the palm of his hand." God is a master craftsman who takes great care to create a masterpiece with each human being he gives life. We know that a great craftsman does not create a masterpiece and then simply cast it aside. Instead, he takes great care, showing it to others with pride. This is what God does with all of us. We are his masterpiece. When he sees his masterpiece in need, he knows better than we ourselves how to take care of us! And he will – in his time and in his way. But we must be patient and believe.

Remember, God loves us more than we can even imagine. The Bible is filled with images describing God's unconditional love for humanity. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whoever believes in him will not perish but will have eternal life" (Jn 3:16). The image of the cross is the best symbol of God's love for us. His outstretched arms are reaching out to each of us, saying, "I love you." If God loves us so much, why do we forget that he will take care of our daily needs.

St. Peter emphasizes this love in his first letter when he writes, "Cast all your anxieties on God, because he cares for you" (1 Pet 5:7). To cast one's anxieties on God means to believe that God is near us, taking an interest in our lives. Do not think of God as someone who lives far away, uninterested in our daily affairs. Instead he is as a loving and caring father who looks over his child with the most tender concern. Think of the example of a young child. The young child turns to his parents for every little concern. Many times the child even thinks that his father can do everything in the world. God has revealed to us that he is our father, even more loving and careful than the greatest of earthly fathers. Just as an earthly father takes care of his children, even more so our heavenly father will take care of us.

We must turn to God with such childlike faith for our daily worries and problems. But at the same time, we must be responsible children who think, plan and act. St. Augustine wrote, "We must work as if everything depended on us, but we must trust as if everything depended on God." The secret of casting one's anxieties on the Lord is to be like children in simplicity and faith, while at the same time we plan and work as mature adults.

A second and similar problem for many of us is that we put ourselves in the place of God. When we forget to cast our anxieties on God, we begin to think that we have to take care of our anxieties ourselves. We try to do the work of God. A sincere Christian is a person who knows what he can do and does it. But he also has humility to know what he cannot do. And what he cannot do, he leaves in the capable hands of the almighty God, trusting in His goodness and care!

For both of these problems, worrying and trying to do the work of God, Jesus tells us that the solution is to 'seek first the kingdom of God.' Let the main concern of our life be God and striving to journey down the path that leads to His kingdom. Let us put Christ at the forefront of our lives, and strive to live according to His ways. If we focus on what is most important, and are in constant communion with Him, then God will take care of the other details of our lives.

Remember the story of Jesus visiting the home of the sisters Martha and Mary. Mary was sitting at the feet of Jesus listening to all his words, while Martha was busy serving and doing much work. Finally, when Martha got frustrated that her sister wasn't helping, she asked Jesus to tell her sister to get up and help serve. But Jesus answered, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and anxious about many things, but one thing is needful, and Mary has chosen the better part."

How many of us are like Martha who forget about the "one thing needful?" We are so busy with daily concerns, that we forget what is most important in life. We allow our little worries to make us forget that our life is in the care of God; we forget about the center of life, which should be our communion and union with God.

God tells us that if we focus on what is most important in life — the kingdom of God - than we will see life from a different perspective. We will learn to trust more in God, we will learn to turn over all our concerns in prayer to God, and we will learn to be at peace with whatever situations or problems we face in life. Think of the example of the saints. How many of them worried about what they would eat, or drink, or wear? Of course, they faced unimaginable difficulties and problems, yet they believed that God was in control of all. As Saint Paul told the Christians in Philippi, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, through prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God, and the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

So let us lay aside our worries and anxieties, whether about our daily concerns, or even about our uncertain future. Instead, seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all other things will be taken care of!

Letters to the Editor

Thank you, Ralph

To the Editor:

It is sad to hear that Ralph True will no longer be writing his Great Outdoors column in the Webster Times. I've always enjoyed it! Although I haven't been fishing in may years, it brings me back to the days of going fishing with my Dad and family in both summer and winter!

You will be missed, and I wish all the best to you and your family. Thank you.

George J. Kujawski
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Consistency

Positively Speaking

Toby Moore

Pursuing a dream can be very challenging. If you're like most people, unless you have financial backing, you're probably juggling a day job, a night job, taking care of a family, and then pursuing your dream.

Once you decide to pursue your dream, it's often easy to get started because, at this early stage, you have all the motivation. You're convinced of success and can see a future where your hard work pays off in a big way. You picture the people you'll help, the industry you'll revolutionize, and the competitors you'll surpass. This vision fuels your enthusiasm and propels you forward with energy and optimism.

But once you've laid the foundations, you may see flaws. Things may go differently than planned. You'll undoubtedly encounter many roadblocks. You might feel you've tried so hard for so long that you need a break.

Days turn to weeks and weeks into months, but suddenly, you remember your dream, get a burst of inspiration, and go at it again. You start getting some results, but there's still a long way to go. You work your socks off for a while, doing those 16-hour days and making sacrifices, but then life gets in the way. Family obligations may arise, your day job demands more time, and you may put your dream on hold again, still unwilling to let it go.

Maybe you have a friend, acquaintance, or even family member who pursued their dream, and you're in awe of how far they have gotten.

Out of frustration, you pick up the phone and give them a call, all while wondering how on earth they've managed to make it all work.

Luckily, they answered your call and gave you 30 minutes of their time. They ask you a series of questions, and you give them all the answers, detailing the ups and downs and the starts and stops.

Suddenly, you hear their Aha moment. They have an answer, and as you eagerly await, they say, "My friend, it seems you've got a consistency problem," and it hits you like a bolt of lightning. Consistency!

The word reverberates as you think of all the times you started and stopped.

Your friend says that they, too, had the same problem, and one day decided to work on their dream every single day, even if it was just half an hour or one small task. They never took a break; they just kept churning.

It's not about large bursts of effort but small, persistent, daily efforts. You set tiny goals that you know are achievable, and you keep doing them daily. You realize that consistency is one of the most potent ingredients for turning your dreams into reality.

As the days turn into weeks and the weeks into months, you start to see progress. Your business begins to grow steadily. The challenges stay, but your consistent efforts help you navigate them better. You find that consistency builds momentum, and momentum keeps you moving forward.

What are some things that will make you inconsistent? Drugs and alcohol are certainly significant factors. While some people claim substances like marijuana or alcohol make them more productive, over time, they often find the opposite to be true. When they quit, their productivity usually improves significantly.

Other things that can lead to inconsistency include procrastination, which creates a cycle of stress and rushed work, and lack of sleep, which severely impacts focus and energy levels.

Poor time management without a clear plan or schedule can lead to distractions and overwhelm. A negative mindset, filled with self-doubt and pessimism, can sap motivation.

Unhealthy relationships can drain your energy and focus, pulling you away from productive habits. Constant distractions from social media, emails, or a noisy environment can also break your flow and hinder consistent progress.

Ultimately, you learn that consistency is not just a habit; it's a powerful force that transforms aspirations into achievements. It's the difference between those who succeed and those who don't.

Dedicate yourself to your dream every single day. Let consistency be the engine that propels you toward your goals and turns your aspirations into reality.

Poor flowering and fruiting in the vegetable garden

GARDEN MOMENTS

MELINDA MYERS

Another summer of above-normal summer temperatures in much of the country may be taking its toll on your vegetable gardens. Temperature extremes can interfere with flowering and fruit set, resulting in poor flowering, blossom drop, and a lack of or misshapen fruit on tomatoes, peppers, squash, and more.

The impact of temperature on plants depends on the stage of the plant's development. Plants ready to flower or developing fruit during times of optimum temperatures will be fine but plants that are ready to flower or develop fruit during more extreme temperatures experience problems.

Tomatoes thrive in warm, sunny conditions but when daytime temperatures rise above 90 degrees Fahrenheit and night temperatures remain above 70 degrees Fahrenheit blossom drop and poor fruit development may occur. This combined with low humidity and the pollen is not viable. In hot and humid conditions, the pollen is too sticky and doesn't move from the male to the female part of the flower. Without pollination, the flowers won't be fertilized, and fruit will not develop.

On the other hand, when night temperatures are below the optimum of 59 to 68 degrees Fahrenheit, less viable pollen is produced so fewer fruit will form. Cooler temperatures below 55 degrees Fahrenheit can result in misshapen fruit and cat-facing. Fortunately, this malformed fruit is still tasty and safe to eat.

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

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

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

In addition, rainy weather or improperly applied pesticides that prevent bee activity and pollination can also result in malformed cucumbers.

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

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

If poor productivity caused by weather is a yearly problem, consider planting varieties better suited to these extremes, adjust the planting times, and if needed, find a more suitable growing location.

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

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

Melinda Myers

Cooler temperatures below 55 degrees Fahrenheit can result in misshapen fruit and cat-facing as seen in this photo.

Melinda Myers has written over 20 gardening books, including Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Myers' Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

The Peach Harvest is In!

TAKE THE HINT

KAREN TRAINOR

Nothing says mid-summer like a sweet, juicy peach, and here in New England, the long awaited peach crop is in! In celebration of the sweet harvest, this week's column offers the following "peach primer."

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Perfect Peaches: Using three of your senses will confirm when a peach is perfect to eat:

See: Ripe peaches should have reddish and yellow hues. Peaches that show any tinge of green are not yet ripe. Also, a fully developed peach at its peak of ripeness should be round; typically, oblong peaches aren't yet ripe.

Smell: Take a sniff. You should be able to smell a sweet, familiar scent when a peach is fully ripe.

Touch: Peaches should be slightly soft to the touch, with a little give. Hard peaches are not ripe.

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Rev up Ripening: If the peach is hard, you can accelerate ripening by placing it in a brown paper bag for a day or two. If you have multiple peaches, do not pile peaches in the bag, rather spread them out so they do not touch.

Or, perch peaches on a kitchen windowsill to speed up ripening.

Ripened peaches will keep their flavor for up to five days in the vegetable crisper drawer of the refrigerator.

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Have too many ripe peaches? Try freezing them. Cut unbruised fruit up and freeze on a cookie sheet. Once frozen, place the chunks into a plastic freezer bag. These sweet morsels can be used for smoothies, fruit salad, cobblers, and more as they should stay fresh up to six weeks when properly frozen. Try this quick and easy Peach Yogurt recipe using peach chunks straight from the freezer (from JustATaste.com):

Ingredients: Four cups frozen peach chunks; 3 tablespoons honey; ½ cup plain yogurt; one tablespoon fresh lemon juice.

Directions: Place the frozen peaches, honey, yogurt and lemon juice into the bowl of a food processor. Process until creamy, about 5 minutes.

Serve the frozen yogurt immediately or transfer it to an airtight container and store it in the freezer for up to 1 month.

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Want frozen peaches to keep their flavor longer? Peaches can last up to one year in the freezer, according to the National Center of Home Preservation if you follow this process:

1. Wash, peel, and remove pits from peaches.

Place peaches into a freezer-safe container, leaving at least 1/2 inch of headspace.

Pour water or syrup over the peaches to cover. To make a syrup, dissolve sugar in lukewarm water and mix until clear. You can use anywhere from 10% to 50% sugar in your syrup.

Place the peach-filled container labeled with the date into the freezer.

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Nutrition: A medium peach has 0.5 grams of fat, 0 grams of cholesterol and sodium, 15 grams of carbohydrate, 13 grams of sugar, 2 grams of fiber and 1 gram of protein.

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Peaches are also an antioxidant, diuretic, expectorant, and a laxative. Studies show the potassium in peaches, coupled with the fiber of the fruit, can help lower blood pressure.

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Peaches are considered a super fruit. they contain anti-inflammatory antioxidents, therefore, peaches can be an effective treatment for skin inflammations, such as allergies.

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Peaches' Past: As noted previously in this column, peaches were first grown in China, traced as far back as 551 BC. Peaches are a member of the same family as the rose, which accounts for its sweet fragrance. But early peaches, which were tiny and tart with a larger pit and lots of fuzz, barely resembled today's plump, juicy fruits. Despite its shortcomings, the historic peach earned its place in early Chinese folklore, as it was considered to bring luck and immortality. In fact, today, the Chinese still consider peaches are proper birthday gifts.

Strains of early peaches attracted favor and the tasty fruit traveled from China through Europe and finally to the "New World," gaining legions of fans along the way. The Romans fondly dubbed peaches "Persian Apples," for the country that first introduced the sweet fruit to the west. Louis XIV of France was so fond of peaches that he once awarded a pension to the man who provided him with peaches from Montreuil, a suburb of Paris.

While Spanish explorers brought the peach to America, Native Americans are credited with spreading their cultivation. Eventually, Georgia was named the Peach State, for its abundant peach crops, which flourished in the warm, southern climate.

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Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

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

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Bay Path graduate recognized with two citations

CHARLTON - Massachusetts State Sen. Ryan Fattman, through Amanda Galonek Hellyar, MPA, Deputy District Director and Special Projects Coordinator from the Office of Sen. Ryan Fattman, Worcester & Hampden, presented a citation to John Martin Wanjiru.

State Rep. John J. Marsi, Jr. also presented a citation to John Martin Wanjiru as an acknowledgement for his accomplishments and award as the MassCTE.org Post-secondary student of the year, Central Chapter. Citations are awarded to constituents who have reached a significant personal or professional milestone.

Ryan C. Fattman currently serves in the Massachusetts State Senate. Previously, he represented the 18th Worcester district in the Massachusetts House of Representatives as a Republican.

John J. Marsi, Jr. is currently serving as a Republican member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives from the 6th Worcester district.

Both Senator Fattman and Representative Marsi honored John Martin Wanjiru at his graduation and pinning ceremony June 21 at the Overlook Performance Arts Center.

John Martin Wanjiru of South Grafton graduated with the PN Class of 2024.

"What an honor to witness and celebrate this recognition for our nursing graduate," said Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN, Academy Director. "We are proud of John Martin for this achievement and grateful to both Senator Fattman and Rep. Marsi."

John Martin pursued a career in nursing, having been motivated by his experience as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), Certified Home Health Aid (CHHA), and a direct support professional.

"Giving the best version of a nurse whenever I will be working, to create a positive environment for the residents and colleagues," John Martin noted.

He spends his free time giving back to those who give their service to the country. He collected items for care packages that were sent to soldiers. He spoke in front of the Practical Nursing Class of 2024 about this initiative. Care bags were filled and donated to the https://military-missions.org/ sent via USPS at 570 Delzan Place, Suite 10, Lexington, KY 40503. He felt encouraged and empowered to show appreciation to the veterans.

John Martin was a CNA at the River Terrace Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center since 2021. From 2019 to 2022, he was a direct support professional at Venture Community Services. Originally from Kenya, he obtained his certification at Kenyatta University (Nairobi, Kenya for CISCO Networking Academy, 2012). He completed his secondary education at Kiamuya Secondary School (Nyeri, Kenya 2009).

John Martin is certified in BLS/HCP CPR, mental health first aid, and dementia care. As a member of the PN Class of 2024 he was a member of the admissions panel interview and coordinated the Alzheimer's Association memorial luminary during the longest night in December. Through https://www.betherecertificate.org/ he received his Be There Certificate. The Be There Certificate is a self-paced learning experience designed to increase mental health literacy. The training provides knowledge, skills, and confidence needed to safely support anyone who may be struggling with their mental health. From "It provides a deep understanding of Be There's 5 Golden Rules — a simple but actionable framework on how to recognize when someone might be struggling with their mental health, your role in supporting that person, and how to connect them to the help they deserve."

Spaces still available for parking lot craft fair

AUBURN — There is still some room at the Auburn Historical Society & Museum Annual Parking Lot Craft Fair on Saturday, Aug. 24at 41 South St., Auburn. It will be held 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., rain or Shine.

Vendors can reserve a 10-by-15-foot space for $15. Vendors will be responsible for bringing their own tables, chairs, and pop-ups. Food selling will be restricted. For more information or to reserve a space contact the museum at auburnmuseum@verizon.net or 508-832-6856. Better yet, come in and visit the museum on Tuesday and Saturdays 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Community mural to be unveiled at Dudley library

DUDLEY — More than 40 local artists, of all ages and skill levels, have worked together to complete a 50-foot art display at the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library created by artist Lisa Kretchman. Her original design for the project celebrates the natural beauty found in and around Dudley.

The unveiling celebration for this project will be on Thursday, Aug. 12, from 4-6 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served. This program is funded by the Hugh W. & Harriet K. Crawford Endowment Fund for the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library

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ANSWER: SUN

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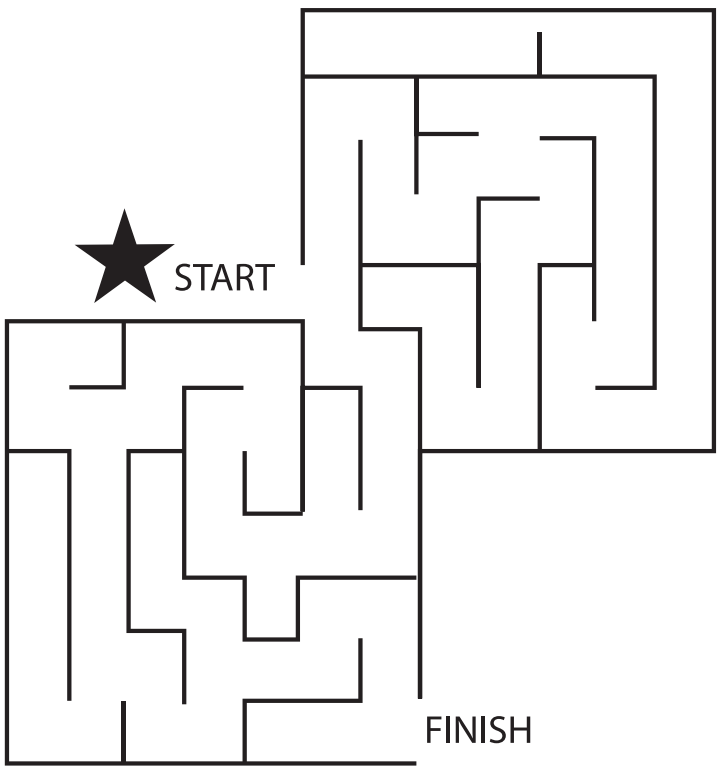

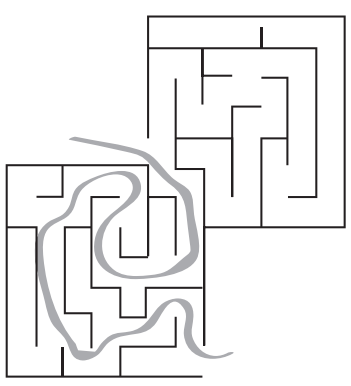

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

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New Word

BLAZING

burn fiercely or brightly

How they SAY that in...

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ITALIAN: Umido

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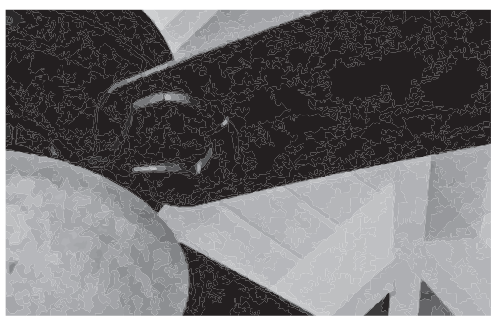

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: CEILING FAN

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A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to fairs and carnivals. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 14 = A)

A. 17 11 1 22 16

Clue: Moving attractions

B. 14 25 11 10 14 2 16

Clue: Farm residents

C. 2 22 10 12 25 14 1 22

Clue: Tart beverage

D. 24 14 10 22 16

Clue: Fun activities

Answers: A. rides B. animals C. lemonade D. games

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Level: Advanced

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!

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!

ANSWER:

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

Area residents named to Clark University Dean's List

WORCESTER, Mass. — Sydney M. Lyons of Auburn and Sarah A. Kersting-Mumm of Oxford were named to first honors on the Clark University Dean's List. This selection marks outstanding academic achievement during the Spring 2024 semester.

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

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Roger Williams University announces 2024 graduates

BRISTOL, R.I. — The following students received their degrees in May as part of the Class of 2024.

Danh Le of Auburn
Alli Schoenfeldt of Auburn
Niccola Zona of Auburn
Zack Pryor, of Dudley

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Obituaries

June Waldron

CHARLTON – June Waldron died Saturday, July 20th at her home in Charlton, MA. June was born in Oxford on June 20th, 1925, and lived most of her life in Oxford before moving to Chatham, MA and then to Charlton. She was predeceased by her parents, Arthur I. and Jessie A. (Mulvey) Gardner, her first husband, James R. Officer, who died in 1954, and her second husband, James F. Waldron, who died in 2012.

She is survived by her four children, Kathleen (David) Casavant of Oxford, Susan Donovan of Webster, Peggy (John) Prouty of Charlton, and Timothy (Nancy) Waldron of Orleans. She leaves 8 grandchildren, Katharine Casavant, James Casavant, Nathan Prouty, Martha Prouty, Seth Prouty, Shannon (Waldron) Hubbard, Michael Waldron, and Kali Waldron. In addition, she leaves 11 great grandchildren, all of whom she adored. As an only child, June took great pleasure in watching her family grow.

June was a graduate of Oxford High School and Boston University. She began her long teaching career at North Brookfield High School and then spent over 30 years as a teacher at her alma mater, Oxford High, beginning as an English teacher, then moving over to the business department, of which she later became the head. She was loved and respected by her students, and she loved and respected them in return. She maintained contact with many of them over the years and was always so proud of their accomplishments. Soon after retiring in 1985, she and Jim fulfilled a life-long dream, moving to West Chatham, MA, where she lived until 2014.

June's greatest love besides her family was Howgate Cottage in Wells Beach, Maine, where she spent many happy years walking the beach, watching the waves, and basking in the sun followed by cocktails on the back porch and watching the sunset. She loved the off seasons, noting the changes in the landscape and weather. She loved to travel and had special memories of her trip to Ireland, as she was fiercely proud of her Irish heritage. She enjoyed playing cards, especially around the dining room table at Howgate with the Waldron clan. An avid reader, she always had a book (or in recent years her Kindle) close by, passing on this love of books to her children.

June made a lasting impression on all who knew her for her kindness and concern for others, often putting their needs before her own. Throughout her long life, she touched many people, leaving a lasting impression on so many. She will be missed not only by her family but also all who knew her.

A funeral Mass was held at 12 noon on Monday, July 29, 2024, at St. Roch's Church, 332 Main St., Oxford. Burial followed at North Cemetery in Oxford. Calling hours were Monday from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at the funeral home, prior to the Mass.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 6704, Hagerstown, MD 21741.

Kathleen E. "Kathy" Czechowski, 74

WEBSTER – Kathleen E. "Kathy" (Gregory) Czechowski, 74, died Wednesday, July 24, 2024 in UMass Healthcare Harrington at Hubbard after being stricken ill.

She leaves her husband of almost 52 years, Frank A. Czechowski, Jr.; 4 children, Frank A. Czechowski III and his significant other Heidi Simmons of Webster, Joseph A. Czechowski and his wife Ania of Thompson, CT, and Melissa E. Czechowski and Kimberly E. Czechowski, both of Webster; 9 grandchildren, Erica, Ryan, Kyleigh, Bradley, Connor, Brett, Braylyn, Brooklyn and Victoria; a brother, Paul A. Gregory, Jr. and his wife Ann of Auburn; 2 sisters, Nancy Eisnor and her husband Steven of Charlton, and Patricia Gaspie and her husband Charles of Oxford; nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brother Richard Gregory. She also leaves her beloved pugs Harper and Ace.

She was born on March 24,1950 in Worcester, a daughter of Paul A. Gregory, Sr. and Constance (Anderson) Gregory and was raised in Oxford, graduating from Oxford High School in 1968. She attended Quinsigamond Community College and graduated from Worcester State College with a bachelor's degree in early childhood education. During her lifetime, she completed many other courses in this field.

Mrs. Czechowski currently operated the Discovery House Preschool and Day Care in Dudley which she owned for 51 years.

She was a communicant of Saint Joseph Basilica and an active member of the former Saint Joseph Polish Women's Club. She loved her trips to Old Orchard beach, Maine and playing bingo. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. Her life revolved around her grandchildren.

Her funeral was held on Wednesday, July 31, from the Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, with a Mass at 10:00 AM in Saint Joseph Basilica, 53 Whitcomb Street. Burial was in Saint Joseph Garden of Peace. Visitation was held from 5:00 to 8:00 PM Tuesday, July 30, in the funeral Home.

The family requests that donations in her memory be made to the Discovery House Preschool and Day Care Scholarship Fund, 85 Oxford Avenue, Dudley, MA 01571.

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Western New England University celebrates Dean's List

SPRINGFIELD — Western New England University (WNE) takes immense pride in recognizing the outstanding academic achievements of over 670 students who have been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2024 semester.

A WNE education provides career-span agility through a curriculum grounded in professional/experiential studies, enhanced by the liberal arts, and enriched by mentored research that equips graduates to adapt and succeed in the workplace of the future.

Kiana Tonkin of Dudley is working toward a BS in Health Sciences.

Sadie Smith of Oxford is working toward a BSE in Biomedical Engineering.

Logan Paranto of Webster is working toward a BSE in Computer Engineering.

Vincent Denolf of Auburn is working toward a BSE in Computer Engineering.

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 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 more than 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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Western New England University Celebrates President's List students

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Alayna Karam of Dudley is working toward a BS in Construction Management.

Rhylan Hopkins of Dudley is working toward a BSBA in Finance.

Allie Provost of Dudley is working toward a BSBA in Marketing.

Jack Dalton of Webster is working toward a BSE in Mechanical Engineering.

Carter Coughlin of Auburn is working toward a BSE in Electrical Engineering.

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Golden Bear Pride shines as Western New England University honors Class of 2024

SPRINGFIELD — Western New England University held its undergraduate commencement ceremony on May 19 at the MassMutual Center, celebrating the Class of 2024. The keynote speaker, esteemed journalist Latoyia Edwards, talked about the importance of bringing passion and intensity to one's work without overshadowing what's most important: family. "If you don't remember any piece of advice that I give you this morning, remember to never take anyone who loves and supports you for granted."

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

Sadie Bay Smith of Oxford graduated Magna Cum Laude with a BS in Biomedical Engineering.

Logan E. Paranto of Webster graduated with a BSE in Computer Engineering.

Allie Germaine Provost of Dudley graduated Summa Cum Laude with a BSBA in Marketing. Allie also graduated with a minor in Enterprise Research Planning with SAP.

Alayna Marie Karam of Dudley graduated Magna Cum Laude with a BS in Construction Management.

Rhylan John Hopkins of Dudley graduated Cum Laude with a BSBA in Finance.

Amy Ly of Auburn graduated Magna Cum with a BS in Health Sciences.

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LEGALS

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 Jessica S. Peterson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Plains Commerce Bank, its successors and assigns, dated December 16, 2022 and recorded in Worcester County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 68619, Page 383 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage Plains Commerce Bank is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Plains Commerce Bank, its successors and assigns to Plains Commerce Bank dated October 30, 2023 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 69852, Page 44, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 10 Melba Avenue, Auburn, MA 01501 will be sold at a Public Auction at 3:00 PM on August 14, 2024, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated in Auburn, bounded and described as follows:

The land in Auburn situated on the easterly side of Claire Drive and the northerly side of Melba Avenue, and being Lot 9 on a resubdivision of Nortonwood, dated June 1955 by R.B. Culinan, Registered Land Surveyor, recorded at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 206, Plan 71, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a stone set at the intersection of the easterly line of Claire Drive and the northerly line of Melba Avenue;

THENCE N. 68 degrees 57' 45" E. one hundred (100) feet by said line of Melba Avenue to a stake set at a corner of Lot 7 of the "Nortonwood Subdivision";

THENCE N. 21 degrees 02' 16" W. one hundred (100) feet to a corner of Lot 7;

THENCE S. 75 degrees 01' 21" W. eighty-nine and 03/100 (89.03) feet by land now or formerly of Yale to a point in the easterly line of Claire Drive;

THENCE S. 15 degrees 03' 30" E. one hundred ten (110) feet by said line of Claire Drive to the point of beginning.

Subject to rights and restrictions of record if in force and effect.

Being the same premises conveyed in deed recorded with the Worcester County Registry of Deeds at Book 44162, Page 330. See also deed into mortgagor(s) recorded immediately prior hereto.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 68619, Page 379.

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.

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Peterson, Jessica S., 23-043823
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Newspaper: Auburn News
RE: LEGAL NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
Plains Commerce Bank v. Peterson, Jessica S.
File #: 23-043823
July 19, 2024
July 26, 2024
August 2, 2024

LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Theresa I. Dick to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Citimortgage, Inc., dated August 24, 2007 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41763, Page 116, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for CitiMortgage, Inc. to CitiMortgage, Inc., recorded on July 11, 2012, in Book No. 49259, at Page 253

CitiMortgage, Inc. to Green Tree Servicing LLC, recorded on September 19, 2014, in Book No. 52813, at Page 324

Ditech Financial LLC f/k/a Green Tree Servicing LLC to New Residential Mortgage LLC, recorded on March 11, 2019, in Book No. 60131, at Page 44

New Residential Mortgage LLC to LoanCare, LLC, recorded on January 11, 2021, in Book No. 64189, at Page 245

LoanCare, LLC to NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, recorded on October 6, 2023, in Book No. 69730, at Page 230

NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing to US Bank Trust National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For VRMTG Asset Trust, recorded on June 17, 2024, in Book No. 70644, at Page 351for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 PM on August 19, 2024, on the mortgaged premises located at 62 Rockland Road, Auburn, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND IN WORCESTER COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 20573, PAGE 237, ID# , BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 110, PLAN OF LOTS OWNED BY WHITAKER-IRISH-PERRY REALTY, FILED IN PLAT BOOK 42, PAGE 110, RECORDED 05/01/1920. PROPERTY IS UNREGISTERED BY FEE SIMPLE DEED FROM STEVEN E. WITT AS SET FORTH IN BOOK 20573 PAGE 237 DATED 10/23/1998 AND RECORDED 10/27/1998, WORCESTER COUNTY RECORDS, COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 20573, Page 237.

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

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand ($5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

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

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
Docket No. WO23P3367GD
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
In the matter of:
Henry J. Maska
Of: Webster, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Martina A. Maska of Webster, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Henry J. Maska** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Martina A. Maska of Webster, MA** (or some suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **08/06/2024.** This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.

Date: July 9, 2024

Stephanie K. Fattman

August 2, 2024

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. WO24P2493EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Sandra J. Kochanowski
Also known as:
Sandra Jeanne Kochanowski
Date of Death: 0 7/11/2024

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Kurt D. Adams** of **Punta Gorda FL** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:

Kurt D. Adams of **Punta Gorda FL** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/20/2024.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.

Date: July 24, 2024

Stephanie K. Fattman,

Register of Probate

August 2, 2024

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. W024C03445CA
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

In the matter of:

Daemon Osmond Donnelly-Seibel

A **Petition to Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **Daemon Osmond Donnelly-Seibel** of **Webter** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Lili Rose Seibel

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 08/20/24. 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: June 22, 2024

Stephanie Fattman,

Register of Probate

August 2, 2024

Town of Webster
Office of the Town Clerk

Article 2 of the Webster May 13, 2024 Annual Town Meeting authorizing changes to the Town of Webster's Departmental Revolving Funds has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General. A complete copy of the article is available in the Town Clerk's Office .

August 2, 2024

August 9, 2024

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. W024C0332CA
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

In the matter of:

Alyson Gabriela Ramos-Chambers

A **Petition to Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **Alyson Gabriela Ramos-Chambers** of **East Douglas** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Carter David Chambers

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 08/13/24. 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: June 22, 2024

Stephanie Fattman,

Register of Probate

August 2, 2024

(SEAL)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

LAND COURT

DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

Docket 24 SM 002580

ORDER OF NOTICE

To:

Jeffrey Lucewich

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq):

NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing,

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Webster, numbered 64 Myrtle Avenue, given by Jeffrey Lucewich to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Newrez LLC, its successors and assigns, dated December 16, 2020, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 64002, Page 140, and now held by plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before September 2, 2024, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of this Court on July 18, 2024.

Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson

Recorder

24-005993

August 2, 2024

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION
NOTICE OF A VIRTUAL DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING
Project File No. 605323

A Virtual Design Public Hearing will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed Bridge Replacement, O-06-030, (St 56) Leicester Road over The French River project in Oxford, MA.

WHEN: 6:00 PM, Wednesday, August 7, 2024

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Bridge Replacement, O-06-030, (St 56) Leicester Road over The French River project. All views and comments submitted in response to the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of replacing the bridge deck, increasing safety, and improving operations of the roadway. The bridge deck will be replaced under full closure, utilizing accelerated bridge construction methods and separate detour routes for cars and trucks will be posted. Safety improvements consisting of new guardrail, pavement markings are proposed. Significant widening of the bridge is not part of this project, however a minimum 6-foot shoulder on both sides of the bridge will be provided to facilitate pedestrian and bicyclist access.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The town is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT's

policy concerning land acquisitions will be presented at the hearing.

Project inquiries, written statements and other exhibits regarding the proposed undertaking may be submitted to Carrie E. Lavallee, P.E., Chief Engineer, via e-mail to MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us or via US Mail to Suite 7550, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Project Management, Project File No. 605323.

Statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the hearing transcript must be emailed or postmarked no later than ten (10) business days (14 calendar days) after the hearing is hosted.

This hearing is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (e.g interpreters in American Sign Language and languages

other than English, live captioning, videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT's Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), TTD/TTY at (857) 266-0603, fax (857) 368-0602 or by email (MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us). Requests should be made as soon as possible and prior to the hearing, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten business days before the hearing.

This hearing will be hosted, or a cancellation announcement posted, on the internet at https://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events.

JONATHAN GULLIVER

HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR

CARRIE E. LAVALLEE, P.E.

CHIEF ENGINEER

July 26, 2024

August 2, 2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
Docket No. WO3D1965DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
Kristin Brown
vs.
Michael Brown

To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown.

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411**.

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:

Kristin Brown
29 Allen ave.
Oxford, MA 01540

your answer, if any, on or before **09/10/2024.** If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.

Date: June 137, 2024

Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate

August 2, 2024

Summer meeting for P.E.O. Sisterhood and Chapter R, Worcester

PAXTON — Members of P.E.O. (Philanthropic Education Organization), Chapter R Worcester, an organization that is helping women reach for the stars met at the home of Pamela Thomas-Nielsen to go over upcoming activities for the summer. In attendance was Gretheline Ramos Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN of Dudley. Bolandrina is the Academy Director for Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy in Charlton.

The P.E.O. began as a bond of friendship among seven young women in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, and is now one of the oldest women's organizations in North America. According to the P.E.O. Web site, https://www.peointernational.org/, "since its inception in 1869, the nonprofit has helped more than 105,000 women pursue educational goals by providing more than $321 million in grants, scholarships, awards, and loans."

P.E.O. has 6,000 chapters across the United States and Canada. Bolandrina said she initially did not know much about P.E.O., other than her students and alumni receiving grants.

"I am continuously amazed at what P.E.O. does," she said, thanking the other members of Chapter R, Worcester.

Chapter R nominated Bay Path Practical Nursing students and alumni for the Program for Continuing Education (PCE) and helped with the process of grant applications and approvals.

"I came across information on P.E.O. back in 2018 when I was researching scholarships for my nursing students," said Bolandrina.

The P.E.O. sisterhood has brought together women in the United States and Canada who are enthusiastic change-makers helping women's advancement through education, support, and motivation.

"I am inspired every time I attend meetings and socials," said Bolandrina, who has been inducted to Chapter R in November 2021.

"I look forward to seeing Chapter R's growth!" she exclaimed.

Chapters hold fundraisers throughout the year to support the organization's scholarship programs, as well as the stewardship of Cottey College, a nationally ranked, fully accredited, independent, liberal arts and sciences college in Nevada, Mo. The women's college has been owned and supported by the P.E.O. since 1927. The fundraisers are as varied as the chapters that hold them.

"It is a very special kind of friendship and sisterhood," said Bolandrina.

Chapter R has a nut sale as a fundraiser that Bolandrina participates in. The fundraisers help support the national organization and help local women like Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy students and alumni.

Membership is by invitation only. Philanthropy is the goal of P.E.O. However, friendship is its cornerstone. The P.E.O. has a long legacy of sisterhood.

About Bay Path RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy

Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy offers a 40-week (10-month), full-time, Monday through Friday, evening program. The program begins mid-August and is completed in late June. Graduates receive a Practical Nursing Certificate and are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN licensure exam. The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is fully approved by the: Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Human Services of Public Health Board of Registration in Nursing, 250 Washington St., Boston, MA 02108 617-973-0900 https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-registration-in-nursing The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is accredited by the: Council on Occupational Education, 7840 Roswell Rd., Building 300, Suite 325, Atlanta, GA 30350 Telephone: 800-917-2081 www.council.org Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School is fully accredited by the: New England Association of Schools and Colleges 209 Burlington Rd, Suite 201 Bedford, MA, 01730-1433 781-271- 0022; www.neasc.org.

Bay Path announces grade 10 honor roll

CHARLTON — Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School congratulates the following students in grade 10 on being named to the honor roll for the fourth quarter of the 2023-2024 school year.

High Honors

Addison Aho, Logan Barriere, Vincent Bedard, Arianna Belanger, Ema Berry, David Betancur, Isabella Bitar, William Blash, Dominic Boyd, Aleah Brink, Brianna Brink, Liam Carlson, Emily Corey, Jacob Creeron, Joseph Daige, Jayla Fowler, Aliyah Gonyea, Anna Guay, Natalie Ingles, Nicholas Jalbert, Phoebe Lawendowski, Miranda Linde, Philipos Makrodimitras, Emily McDonald, Madeline McDonald-Trimby, Alexis Moody, Gianna Morelli, Connor O'Brien, Kayleigh Ramm, Nathan Rouille Montoya, Jared Senosk, Luke Smolski, Gaige Thompson, Gabriel Turcotte, Gabriela Vazquez Hernandez, Ava Wall

Honors

Helena Adkins, Adriana Alicea, Jacob Archambault, Violet Aucella, Alexander Audunsson, Victoria Bachand, Megan Bell, Edward Blash, Riley Boucher, Dominic Brodeur, Dimitri Burtt, Frederick Cierpich II, Valentina Culberson, Myiah DeLaRosa, Treyton Dery, Carla Diaz, Cody Dombroski, Savannah Dubois, Aedan Ellis-Morris, Jocelyn Evans, Yandel Feliciano, Anika Ferrantino, Jordan Ferreira, Ethan Ford, Leia Foster, Rylee Fulmine, Tristan Garcia-Cruz, Aiden Giroux-Provencher, Anthony Gonya, Arianna Gonzalez, Kylie Greska, Sadie Hawley, Luke Heller, Liam Hesselton, Hannah Ingalls, Joshua Irons, Jr., Amara Johnson, Tabian Keegan, Zackery Kelleher, Samuel Kittredge, Allison Klar, Cassie Kotomski, Nia Laforest, Callie Lamberrt, Zachary Landry, Mia Lussier, Cullen MacLeod, Ava Mastrototaro, Emmanuel McDaddie, Jr., Felix Menard, Alexis Messina, Kyle Mondor, Sebastian Moniz, David Morales, Tyson Moriarty, Chase Newman, Liam Nicoll, Sebastian Nieuwenhoff, Matthew Obrycki, Kelsey Olson, Cole Paradis, Amari Pereira, Mariah Pereira, Adam Phaneuf, Jacob Pratt, Kiley Prochnow, Jordan Russell, Yasmilette Santana, Sawyer Schultz, Jaxon Sitko, Alexxis Spenard, Nathan Steen, Josiah Torres, Yandel Torres, Thadaeus Tweneboa, Esmerelda Velez, Natalie Vigeant, Londyn Walker, Ethan Wall, Hunter White, Trey Wilkin, Madison Williamson, Haylee Zurowski

Principal's List

Bayleigh Abdella, Sarah Appiah Kubi, Emma Baldyga, Roger Bishop, Lucien Brodeur, Alissa Burlingame, Nathan Chenevert, Charles Congdon, Connor Czechowski, Abigail Dejong, Eliseo Diaz Villegas, Jr., Max Domineck, Brandon Donnell, Nathan Dube, Genevieve Dupont, Jayden Filadelfo, Matthew Fornari, Bridgette Gaudreau, Hailey Gentile, Lillian Horner, Marshall Lafond, Joel Landor, Gabrielle Lapan, Alyssa Lopez, Michael Lulu, Lucas Lyons, Brandon McGlone, Jackson Mullins, Oskaryna Nunez, Maddox Parente, Niti Patel, Leah Raymond, Connor Reidy, Cam Renzi-Suprenant, Samantha Reseigh, Grace Retallic, Kiarelis Rodriguez, Braden Smith, Wyatt Snay, Keagan Standring, Sebastian Vargas, Aynara Vazquez, Elias Vegas, Marcanthony Weld

OFFICERS

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area around the home; checking addresses of the child's friends; and utilizing social media to seek information.

Meanwhile, K9 Biza was deployed as part of the search, tracking the child's scent along a nearly two-mile path before eventually finding evidence of where the child had been present. This led officers to closely search the surrounding area and ultimately locate the child, just before 1 a.m.

After a precautionary medical evaluation at the hospital, the child was returned home.

"This call spanned two shifts and showed an unbelievable amount of coordination," said Auburn Police Chief Todd Lemon. "This was an incredible show of teamwork, and we are proud to recognize all of these members of the Auburn Police Department."

The officers and dispatchers receiving the TEAM Award include Sergeant Mike Tarckini, Detective Tyler Bresse, Officer Brandyn Geldart, Officer Randy Hawley, Officer Matt Laskes, Officers Dave Ljunggren and K9 Biza, Officer John McLaughlin, Officer Jordan Ryan, Dispatcher Alex Cortese, Dispatcher Carrie Girardin, Dispatcher Madison Hamill, Dispatcher Brianna Parker, and Dispatcher Luke Snay.

The TEAM Award was created by Early in 2019 to recognize public safety employees who go above and beyond the call of duty.

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BY BRO. JIMMY FALZONE
QUINEBAUG MASONIC LODGE

SOUTHBRIDGE — On Saturday, July 27, the upper parking lot of Westville Dam recreational area in Southbridge was filled with cars from Masonic family members from the Quinebaug Masonic Lodge and the Doric Chapter of Southbridge. Both highly respected organizations have been organizing this great family event since 1991.

A great turnout on this beautiful summer day for this gathering of Masonic family and friends. All enjoyed the walking trails and a few even tried some fishing. The scenic and beauty of the Westville Dam area has been the go-to recreation area for our lodges for the past 33 years. We must reserve the large pavilion area at least a year in advance. The children were running around laughing, and games were played by young and old. Most pleasant of all was the tasty food and the comradery had by all. If you are interested and would like more information about Freemasonry, go to www.massfreemasonary.org and find a lodge nearest you.

Elizabeth J. Simonian of Auburn graduates from Western New England University

SPRINGFIELD — Elizabeth J. Simonian graduated from Western New England University with a Juris Doctor.

The graduate ceremony was held on Sunday, May 19, at the MassMutual Center in downtown Springfield. More than 350 graduate students received their master's, law, and doctorate degrees from its Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, Pharmacy, and School of Law.

In his remarks, President Robert E. Johnson urged graduates to "embrace the future with confidence, courage, and optimism" and assured students that wherever their future career takes them, they are "equipped with the skillset and the mindset to excel and make a meaningful impact on society."

The Western New England University graduating class of 2024 hailed from 26 states: Alabama, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin. Graduates also came from Canada, India, Malaysia, and Pakistan.

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

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

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