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The Webster/Dudley Veterans Council announces graveside Military Honors provided to fallen area veterans for the month of June. Honors were provided for John Adamuska, Joseph Turenne, and Kenneth Koszewski.

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Dudley adopts updated Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — The Dudley Board of Selectmen have given their blessing to an updated Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan that will guide the town in responding to major emergency events for the foreseeable future.

The plan, which has been in place in one form or another for around 15 years, was recently reviewed by local emergency officials and the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA). The updated document was presented to Selectmen on June 17 where Dudley Fire Chief Dean Kochanowski explained its purpose, to keep Dudley prepared for a worst-case scenario.

"A goal of emergency management is to ensure that effective multi-discipline and multi-jurisdictional mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery plan exist so that the public welfare and safety are preserved," said the chief. "The town of Dudley Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) provides a framework for a community-wide emergency management system to ensure a coordinated response to emergen-

cies and a coordinated support of certain pre-planned events. The CEMP addresses the roles and responsibilities of all community departments, agencies, government organizations, volunteers, and community partners that may be involved in a response operation and identifies how regional, state, federal, and private sectors and other resources may be activated to address disasters and emergencies in the community."

The plan is designed to be a blueprint for how Dudley will respond in the case of major events or disasters, detailing the roles that local emergency departments, selectmen, federal officials and other will play in the response. The town has utilized the plan during several major weather events since it was first published.

Kevin Filchak, Dudley's local coordinator from MEMA who helped revise the plan, said the document provides an overview of the critical infrastructure, hazardous places, and evacuation routes as well as delineating certain responsibilities and specifying a hierarchy of command. He clarified that the document is less of a specific plan of action and more of a general overview of

what the town should do in case of an emergency.

"It really delves into what are the roles of the Town Administrator or the Fire Chief (for example), what is the town going to do or how is the town going to set up its overall response structure. That's really what it's delving into. It's not going to give you the operation plan for how we're going to respond to an incident at the school. It's not meant to do that. It is meant to give you that base plan," said Filchak.

The plan is not required by the state but is considered best practice nationwide. The revised document adopts more up-to-date national standards including those set by the National Incident Emergency System (NIMS) and the Incident Command System (ICS). Selectmen weren't required to approve the document, only sign it since it is an existing plan that was only being updated. However, the board held a symbolic vote to support the revisions.

Kochanowski said he feels Dudley has worked hard to stay prepared for any incident, and this revised document only continues that effort.

"We've been on top

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Oxford schools changing rules for searches, passes and video

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD — The School Committee recently approved a few significant changes to the middle and high school handbooks that made even their own members a little concerned about legal risk.

Both schools are adopting language regarding searches. The original version, as proposed by Middle School Principal Leigh Joseph, stated that "refusal of search results in admission of guilt and the consequences that go along with that." She said the principals were concerned that if kids had the option of refusing a search, they might never get an answer "that there's an unsafe object" on their person.

Because of committee members' concerns, that wording was changed to "will be treated as an admission of guilt." Specifically, David Cornacchioli noted that while schools "have more of a right than a police officer" to search when needed, he said "a lawyer or advocate could eat us up because we're making them guilty."

Despite the change, Palmina Griffin was still "very uneasy" about the idea (although she did vote to approve the handbook).

"I don't like adults invading my child's personal space," she said, noting she wants to ensure two people are always present at searches. Joseph noted they are, and the school resource officer (a cop) cannot be one of them.

The searches discussion started when Joseph and High School Principal Rebecca Czernicki said their new handbooks will include language authorizing the use of search wands (portable metal/object detectors) to locate "contraband in a place not readily seen," in Joseph's words. She noted that can happen if they have "reasonable cause to believe something unsafe" is present.

Joseph said they counsel refusing students and call their parents; sometimes, the parents tell the kid to comply, sometimes they want staff to stay with the kid until they arrive. If they do comply, she said staff "talk our way through it with them" to ensure the kids feel

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New principals to lead Dudley schools

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — The Dudley-Charlton Regional School District is welcoming two new principals in the coming school year. Superintendent Steven Lamarche confirmed that Dudley Middle School and Dudley Elementary School will have new leadership announcing the hires during the School Committee's June 12 meeting.

The first hire announced is a very familiar name to Dudley, Gregg Desto who was Lamarche's predecessor as Superintendent of the DCRSD. Since leaving the district in 2019, Desto has served as principal of Auburn Middle School and is now returning to his roots to lead Dudley Middle School.

"This is very exciting news for Dudley-Charlton and the Dudley Middle School," said Lamarche. "Mr. Desto is an experienced Dudley-Charlton leader and educator. This opportunity represents Mr. Desto's coming home and his dedication to the community of Dudley and Charlton. We look forward to finalizing his return."

The second new hire is Christopher Audette who will be the new principal of Dudley Elementary School. Audette has an extensive history in education most recently serving as principal of the Patrick Lyndon Pilot School in West Roxbury, and previously leading schools in Fall River and Providence.

"Principal Audette has impressive credentials as a hard-working, dynamic educator and knowledgeable instructional leader with 24 years of leadership experience," said Lamarche. "Principal Audette has established effective working relationships with his peers, staff, and constituents. Furthermore, he was a fellow at the Lynch Leadership Academy at Boston College and completed extensive postgraduate work in Educational Leadership. He holds a Master of Education with a concentration in Elementary Education - Reading Specialist from Rhode Island College as well as a Bachelor of Arts in History and Secondary Education from the same institution. We are excited to have him join our leadership team."

Neither of the new hires were present for the announcements. As of the School Committee's June 12 meeting, the contracts for both principals were still being finalized. Lamarche said he planned to present Desto and Audette in person during the next School Committee meeting.

Auburn Woman's Club celebrates 100 years

A U B U R N — Celebrating its 100th anniversary, the Auburn Woman's Club is taking time to honor its past and the leaders who paved the way for success.

The club was founded by Arabella Hannah Tucker (1858-1939). A writer, educator, botanist, and suffragist, Tucker began her teaching career at age 15 in North Brookfield.

"Women's choices were so limited. A woman's primary role was marriage and child rearing. Miss Tucker was motivated, however, to further her education," read a statement released by the club.

Tucker enrolled in the Worcester State Normal School and graduated in its first class. As a devoted

suffragist, she was also a member of the Worcester Equal Franchise Club and held the distinction of being the first woman to vote in Auburn.

She also held memberships in the Worcester County Horticultural Society, the Natural History Society, and the Worcester Girls Trade School.

When Tucker retired in 1923, she moved to a small home located on Central Street. She served as a member of the Auburn School Committee and formed the Auburn Woman's Club in 1924.

She served as club president from 1924-27.

"Her beliefs about learning, teaching, serving, and enjoying have resonated these many



The Auburn Woman's Club is celebrating 100 years.

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years through our club's mission. We connect to the Auburn community by our support of social service programs,

by awarding educational scholarships, and by beautification projects," the club's statement read.

To celebrate its 100th anniversary, the club hosted a June 24 dinner:

DA brings together public safety, health officials to find common ground in fight against overdose epidemic

SHREWSBURY — Last Tuesday, public safety and public health professionals met to discuss how best to work together to address the overdose epidemic at an event organized by Worcester County District Attorney Joseph D. Early, Jr.’s office.

“We have so many good, caring people here who are all in this fight together against this horrible disease,” said Early. “People view each other from a distance, but let’s use today to come together, put aside our differences, find our common ground and move forward to build safer, healthier communities for all.”

The event featured two speakers from the CT Overdose Response Strategy (ORS) team, Robert Lawlor, a Drug Intelligence Officer from New England High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (NEHIDTA) and Anna Gasinski, a Public Health Analyst from the CDC Foundation. They talked about their firsthand experience fostering healthy collaboration between public health and public safety agencies.

“We’re all dedicated to addressing the overdose and addiction crisis. We all want to save lives. We just go about it differently,” said Lawlor. “We need to work together on this problem. And we’re more similar than we realize.”

Lawlor and Gasinski walked the nearly 100 attendees through the process of finding those similarities and building upon them to work on projects together.

“Although approaches may differ, the mutual goal is a commitment to their community which provides common ground for collaboration,” said Gasinski.

The Prevention and Support Network hosted the collaborative meeting last Tuesday at Independence Hall, Veterans Inc.’s treatment facility located in Shrewsbury. Early thanked Veterans Inc. President and CEO Vincent Perrone and Executive Director Denis Leary for generously agreeing to host the meeting.

The Prevention and Support Network was initially formed by Early in 2015 as the Opioid Task Force. The name was changed last year to reflect the broader scope of the work that is being done to address all the different root causes and impacts of the overdose crisis, including addressing mental health and trauma.

Anyone can join the Prevention and Support Network and attend upcoming meetings by emailing info@worcestertda.org.

Free summer kids’ program in Auburn

AUBURN — The Auburn Historical Society and Museum is offering a free summer kids program based on Abbie Wiley and her love of gardening and birding. She was a long-time member of the Auburn Garden Club and the Massachusetts Horticultural Society.

During Abbie’s lifetime she was a leader of a Girl Scout Brownie Troop, Campfire Girls, Rainbow Girls, 4-H, and Sunday School teacher all at the same time. She was a member of the Auburn Grange for 70 years and was its chaplain for 52 years. She was a member of the Auburn Historical Society, and Auburn Woman’s Club, and was the director of the Worcester Area Missionary Society. Abbie was the clerk for the Auburn Board of Assessors for 28 years retiring in 1970.

On Tuesdays and Saturdays beginning July 9 and running through Aug. 15, there will be a different project offered for children ages 4 and older each week.

Week 1: Decorating a flowerpot and planting a flower to take home.

Week 2: Wooden birdhouses

Week 3: Seed Germination

Week 4: Egg Carton Birdfeeders

Week 5: Windchimes

Week 6: Kids choice.

Tours of the museum will be offered and are always free to the public. Parents are encouraged to stay and enjoy the crafts and tour; as this is not a drop off program. For more information, please contact the museum email; auburnmuseum@verizon.net.

Dudley Democratic Town Committee announces July meeting

Santana’s musical wizardry coming to the Grange

DUDLEY — The Dudley Democratic Town Committee (DDTC) will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, July 11 at 6:00 p.m. at the Pearle Crawford Memorial Library, Fels Community Room, 40 Schofield Ave., Dudley, and via Zoom.

As we celebrate months of advocating for Democratic values, increasing our membership numbers will be the icing on the cake. If you have thought about becoming a member of the DDTC, please reach out to us as we would be delighted to add you to our growing list of dedicated members. Membership involvement can include supporting our projects to actively participating in a subcommittee of your choosing. And, if you are fluent in social media technology, know that we are eager to build that subcommittee! All this while engaging with like-minded people, and having fun along the way!

To get the Zoom link, or tell us that you are interested in becoming a member; email us at dudleydemsma@gmail.com.

Get the latest by finding us on Facebook: Dudley Democratic Town Committee.

DUDLEY — Love salsa-tinged rock & roll? Then pack your lawn chair and come on down to Dudley Grange Saturday, July 13 from 5-8 p.m. to groove the evening away with Supernatural. Formerly known as Abraxas, they’re a tribute to one of the guitar wizards – Carlos Santana and his famous melding of rock, jazz and Latin rhythms. The following month, you can get a dose of a wider range of classic rock from the Great Garage Band Reunion, who returns to the Grange Aug. 3, also 5-8 p.m. In case of rain, Supernatural will be July 20, and GGBR will be Aug. 17. Dudley Grange is next to Nichols College, 139 Center Rd., Dudley. Both shows are free and sponsored by the Dudley and Massachusetts Cultural Councils. Bring a picnic (no alcohol) or get some snacks from the bake table and enjoy!

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Local artist’s work on display at Rose Room Café

WEBSTER — Stop into the Rose Room Cafe, 4 East Main St., Webster, and see paintings by local area visual artist Jennifer D’Andrea. The theme is “Objects and Abstracts.” Prints and paintings available for purchase.

Area resident graduates from Mercer University

MACON/ATLANTA, Ga. — Mercer University conferred Bachelor’s, Master’s and doctoral degrees to more than 2,200 students at five commencements held in May in Macon and Atlanta.

Among this year’s graduates was Catherine French of Dudley, who was awarded a Master of Medical Science from the College of Health Professions.

Founded in 1833, Mercer University is a dynamic and comprehensive center of undergraduate, graduate and professional education. The University enrolls more than 9,100 students in 12 schools and colleges - liberal arts and sciences, law, pharmacy, medicine, business, engineering, education, theology, music, nursing, health professions and professional advancement - on major campuses in Macon and Atlanta, medical school sites in Macon, Savannah, Columbus and Valdosta, and at regional academic centers in Henry and Douglas counties.

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Area residents receive degrees from Clark University

WORCESTER — Clark University awarded 1,376 degrees (503 bachelor's, 847 master's, 26 doctoral degrees) to the Class of 2024 and conferred four honorary degrees during the University's 120th Commencement exercises on Monday, May 20. The graduates included 653 international students representing 39 countries.

Following is a list of area residents who received degrees:

Daniel Mojica, of Auburn graduated with a Master of Fine Arts in Interactive Media.

Sarah A. Kersting-Mumm, from Oxford graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts. Kersting-Mumm graduated with highest honors in both Sociology and Political Science and was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa honor society.

Tiffany Vo, from North Oxford graduated with a Master of Science in Communication.

Geography Professor Rinku Roy Chowdhury read a commencement address from Dr. Robert D. Bullard, «the father of environmental justice» and the Distinguished Professor of Urban Planning and Environmental Policy at Texas Southern University, who was unable to attend in person due to an illness.

“Every successful progressive social movement in the United States has had strong, fearless, and dedicated young people and students leading the way, pushing hard at the front and pressing for justice now, rather than justice delayed,” Bullard wrote.

Bullard grew up a child of the Jim Crow South, attending all-Black elementary, middle, and high schools and undergraduate college. In a speech that cited a number of environmental justice milestones over the years, Bullard wrote that he was “happy to be able to pass the baton to the up-and-coming generations of environmental justice advocates who will continue with the same resilience that so many involved in the journey have already shown.”

In addition to Bullard, honorary degrees were conferred to Sean B. Carroll, Distinguished University Professor and Balo-Simon Chair of Biology at the University of Maryland, who has been called “the greatest science storyteller of our time”; Akiko Iwasaki, Sterling Professor of Immunobiology at the Yale University School of Medicine, who researches the mechanisms of immune defense against viruses at mucosal surfaces; and Michel Nischan, a four-time James Beard Award-winning chef and champion of the farm-to-table concept.

Two members of the Class of 2024 also spoke during the ceremony. Laila El-Samra addressed her fellow undergraduates and said that during the COVID years, “Clark’s unique spirit prevailed, fostering resilience and solidarity.”

Graduate student speaker Gabe Spindel lauded Clark for providing a diverse learning environment.

“We encompass every corner of the earth,” he said. “Celebrating Diwali, Ganesh Chaturthi, and the Chinese New Year has enriched me in a way no classroom ever could.”

In closing, Clark President David B. Fithian told the graduates, “My greatest hope for you is that you truly relish the never finished business of the project that is you, that you embrace the joy of discovery still ahead, and that you seize the opportunities to learn even more about the world, yourself, and what fulfills you.”

Complete coverage of Clark’s 120th Commencement can be found on the web.

Founded in 1887, Clark University is a liberal arts-based research university that prepares its students to meet tomorrow’s most daunting challenges and embrace its greatest opportunities. Through more than 45 undergraduate majors and major tracks, more than 30 advanced degree programs, a growing number of professional certificate programs and nationally recognized community partnerships, Clark fuses rigorous scholarship with authentic world and workplace experiences that empower our students to pursue lives and careers of meaning and consequence.

DUDLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

DUDLEY — Dudley Middle School has released its honor roll for the third term of the 2023-2024 school year.

Grade 5

High Honors: Ronan Coulson, Logan Connor, Connor Ares, Benjamin Moisan, Ava Hortance, Marcus Meschke, Jason Broadmeadow, Elliott Harnois, Miah Amorelli, Zachary Standing, Braden Traverso, Michael Kaloyanides, Alexandria Lundy, Silas Ciuchta, Anthony LeBlanc, Leo Guardiani, Charlotte Langlois, Henri Hokanson, Finnegan Page, Logan Dunn, Kylie Ebbeling, Olivia Macek, Grayson Belle, Ayla Flores, Maya Rousey, Penelope Habib, Ivy St. Laurent

Honors: Ivory Agim, Jasmine Arboleda, Rihnaya Bembridge, Lily Blessington, Dylan Bort, Jacob Casey, Brynlee Chickering, Abigail Chojnacki, Fiona Cole, Daxton Colella, Liv Cushing, Lana Denson, McKenna Devine, Arianna Dos Santos, Logan Evanski, Caleb Gaumond, Afram Geres, Malcolm Goetz, Jack Joyce, Cynthia Kerry, Timothy King, Whitney Kungu, Aaron Lamusta, Abigail Larrabee, Angelina LeBlanc, Eliana Lempicki, Giada Manzi, Sebastian Milewski, Lauren Mitchell, Rylee Mongeon, Rhys Myler, Andreas Niforos-Ortiz, Delaney O’Grady, Ella Padgett, Adriana Panu, Jacob Paradis, D’Andre Parra-Olivera, Gavin Patenaude, Peter Penesis, Sara Rabski, Logan Rodrigues, Anthony Rodriguez, Amarie Rosario, Ava Rosario, Jenna Rousseau, Sabella Rust, Aaliyah Sabara, Leilani Sobinska-Colon, Isabella Soto, Anthony Stasiewicz, Harmony Stevens, Natalie Stinehart, Lorenzo Trifone, Hunter Trybulski, Jacob Wilson, Ishak Youssef

Grade 6

High Honors: William Antos, Oltina Bektashi, Gwyneth Boudreau, Sofia Cabrera, Richard Carmignani, Paul Chabot, Matilda Cronauer, David Curran, Tiffany DePaula, Addison Duval, Dylan Gidney, Taya Greene, Jasmine Hansen, Phoebe Houatchanthara, Eliora Ibrahim, Camden Karle, David Kruszewski, Olivia Laskowski, Calista Lawless, Alexander Lewandowski, Chidimma Madu, Arianna Norton, Carter Paquin, Nathan Shay, Maddex St. George, Ayla Tombeno, Ryder Trajanowski, Lucas White

Honors: Erik Anderson, Logan Ashford, Abigail Avakian, Gabriel Ayala, Griffin Bachand, Sophie Barcelo, Kellen Caines, Kolby Campbell, Celeina Collins, Isabella Congdon, Josephine Conrad, Breanna Curran, Evan D’Ambra, Ana-Clara Dallorto, Olivia Delisle, Rhea Denson, Jason Donais, John Doyle, Olivia Dubreuil, Dylan Dufresne, Benjamin Durgin, Chase Dzivasen, London Ellis, Kristina England, Jaxon Flagg, Sophia Garcia, Brianna Gingras, Autumn Greamo, Jameson Groh, Milani Hammiel, Karolina Janusz, Madison Labbe, Taylor Laskowski, Adam Legere, Coleton Lempicki, Noah LePage, Cooper LeVierge-Mallet, Maria Mankarios, William Martel, Eleanor McCool, Michael Menard, Victor Mensah, Santiago Munoz Lozano, Autumn Palmer, Olivia Panczyk, Jayce Peters-Green, Mia Piotti, Ariana Rodriguez, Damien Rodriguez, Valentina Sedykh-Gil, Justen Shenouda, Richie Soto, Connor Spahl, Evan Steriti, Jacob Strafer, Logan Thornburgh, Anastasia Towadros, Avianna Vega, Devante Whitcomb, John Whitcraft, Rofail Youssef

Grade 7

High Honors: Charity Acquaaah-Mensah, Kaylee Baillargeon, Dominic Bastardo, Julian Brockway, Eric Carlson, Miranda Carlson, Ava Cincotta, Lilly Connor, Helen Defranc, Avery Desautels, Amelia Donahue, Alessio Falcone, Kayla Flibbert, Caroline Fuentes, Connor Gasco-Albro, Tyrone Giteru, Emma Hooper, Maya Kaminska, Nikolas Mason, Marina Morgan, Mariah Morse, Georgia Niforos-Ortiz, Victoria Norton, Oliver Okolita, Haley Paquette, Aden Patterson, Amilia Piarulli, Antoni Powaza, Gabriel Soto, Aslynn St. Laurent, Colin Starczewski, Margaret Straw, Tobias Swanbeck, Noah Torres, Brayden Trybulski

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Grade 8

High Honors: Madison Boggio, Colson Caron, Aaron Desautels, Cecelia Donahue, Christopher Feliciano, Madyson Fitzgerald, Amal Joudi, Ariana Jurski, Olivia Kac, Mikhail Nemera, Caleigh O’Grady, Victor Sobinski, Paige Walker, Aiden Young

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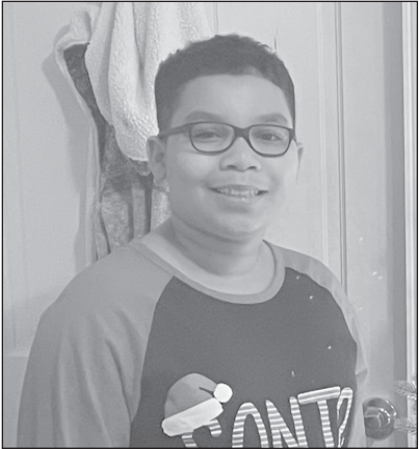


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Friday's Child



Michael
Age 12

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Nichols College announces Spring 2024 Dean's List

DUDLEY — Nichols College is proud to recognize the academic accomplishments of students on the Spring 2024 Dean's List.

Dean's List recognizes those students who achieve high grades during a single semester. In order to be included on the Dean's List, a student must have a minimum average of 3.5 for at least 12 undergraduate credit-hours and must have received no grades below B- during the semester.

The following local students have achieved Dean's List honors:

Tommy Burny of Auburn
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Cy Ducharme of Dudley
Abigail Graham of Webster
Lukas Janusz of Dudley
Benjamin Kallgren of Dudley
Nicolas Micciche of Oxford
Sebastian Miedema of Webster
Alexandro Montreuil of Oxford
Chris Surman of Dudley
Desmond White of Oxford

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SUMMER EATS
Starting July 8th Monday through
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Website: www.oxfordma.us
Facebook: Oxford, MA Senior Center

The Oxford Senior Center will be
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5 and Thursday, July 11

Lunches are served on Tuesdays and
Fridays, prepared by our own in-house
cook! Please call at least 48 hours in
advance to reserve a lunch or come in
and sign up. We offer Dine In for \$5 and
TAKEOUT for \$6.

Weekly Activities:
Mondays and Fridays @ 10:00 am –
Cribbage
Tuesdays @ 9:15am – Strength &
Balance w/ Donna Freeland – Cost
\$3.00 per class
Wednesdays @ 9:15am – Chair Yoga
w/ Heidi Gambaccini – Cost \$3.00 per
class
Tuesdays and Wednesdays @ 10:00am
- Needleworkers (Knitting, Crocheting,
Needlepoint)
Bring your favorite project and come
join the group for conversation and
laughs.
Wednesdays @ 1:00 pm – Chair
Volleyball – Lots of laughs and only two
rules (1) stay seated (2) have fun!
Thursdays @ 10:00 am – Dominoes
Thursdays @ 12:30 pm – Quilting
Class
Fridays @ 9:00 am – Walking Club
(weather permitting)

Monthly Activities:
Let's Talk Oxford History –
2nd Tuesday of each month @ 1pm
- Sponsored by the Oxford Historical
Commission
Blood Pressure Clinic – 2nd Tuesday
of each month @ 11:00am
Senior Safety Education – 3rd Friday
of each month @ 12:30 – Sponsored by
Oxford Fire & EMS
Men's Coffee Group – 2nd Wednesday
of each month @ 10:30am – coffee and
pastry are served.
Tri-Valley Inc. Options Counseling
- 3rd Tuesday of each month from
12:30pm – 2:30pm. By appointment.
SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance
Needs of Everyone) – 3rd Wednesday of
each month. By appointment.
Book Club – 1st Friday of each month
@ 12:45pm – reserve your book from the
Oxford Public Library
Movie Matinee – 2nd Friday of each
month @12:45
BEANO – 4th Friday of each month
@ 12:45pm – arrive by 12:30pm to pur-
chase your BEANO sheets.

BUS TRIPS:
Boston Duck Tour- July 11th, lunch @
Maggiano's \$169pp
Mobsters & Lobsters Trolley Tour -
September 26th, lunch @ The Venezia
\$169pp
The Reagle Music Theatre presents
“Christmas Time”-December 1st \$135
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Like to make puzzles, but don't have
the room – we always have a puzzle
going on – come add a piece or two!

Need help completing paperwork?
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tions or re-certifications, SNAP etc., we
can help. Call us @ 508-987-6000 to make
an appointment.

**ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION
GROUP**— July 15th at 6:30 PM
This month's book discussion
will be in the Library's Community
Room. The Group will be discussing
The Midnight Library by Matt Haig.
Stop by the library, or reach out by
phone at 508-949-3880, or by email to
rcoc@cwmars.org for inquiries.

ADULT BOARDGAME NIGHT-- (No
Meeting in July) 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!

BEEKEEPING 101--- July 8th at 6:00
PM

Hedly Honey will be in to talk
about how to start a beehive, the bee
colony, collecting hone, the importance
of bees in pollination and more.

COMPUTER BASICS CLASS--- July
18th 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.

MOTOWN HITS AND HISTORY---
July 22nd at 6:30

In this one-hour concert,
Melodious Zach will perform Motown
favorites, and entertain you with
Motown trivia. Featuring songs from
artists such as: Smokey Robinson,
Stevie Wonder, Jackson 5, Four Tops,
and many more. Zach will also discuss
the cultural significance of Motown
and how it changed over the years, he
will also touch on Motown's relaunch in
2011.

**MATT YORK PRESENTS: WILLIE
NELSON** July 29th at 6:30 PM

Longtime New England sing-
er/songwriter Matt York will perform
songs and tell stories about the great
Willie Nelson. York will focus on Willie's
long and illustrious music career that

has spanned over seven decades. In
both 2022 and 2023, York was nomi-
nated for the Boston Music Award for
Best Country Artist and last year, his
album, Gently Used, was named one of
the top albums by Worcester Magazine.
This program is supported in part by a
grant from the Webster Local Cultural
Council, a local agency which is sup-
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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 vari-
ety 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 9th, 16th, 23rd,
and 30th at 10:00 AM

Mornings will be filled with fun sto-
ries, songs, and activities perfect for
ages 2-5. Siblings are welcome to join.

WEDNESDAY STORYTIME FUN ---
July 3rd, 17th and 31st at 10:00 AM

Join Andrew the Children's
Librarian for a few of his favorite sto-
ries, felt story fun, and some free play.
For ages 0-3

SENSORY BIN EXPLORATION---
July, 8th, 15th, and 22nd 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--- July
10th and 24th at 11 AM

Grab your bestie and come
make beaded bracelets in the children's
program room. This is a self-guided pro-
gram, all materials are provided. Ages 8
and up.

LETS DANCE A STORY--- July 10th
and 24th at 10:00 AM

We read a story and create cre-
ative 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--- July 11th
and 25th at 10:30 AM

Come sing, dance, and make music
with Lainey Hanlon! Geared for chil-
dren ages 2-5 and their caregivers, but
all ages welcome!

WEBSTER SENIOR CENTER

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Facebook page to view our photographs,
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our newsletter online. You do not have
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pate in our activities and programs.
ALL Seniors are welcome!

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 appreciat-
ed. All meals include milk, and bread
with fruit or dessert. This week's menu:
Tuesday, 7/9, Burger with chili and
cheese, seasoned potatoes, green beans.
Wednesday, 7/10, Marinated roast
pork, apple cornbread stuffing, roast-
ed Brussels sprouts. Thursday, 7/11,
American chop suey, roasted broccoli,
carrots. Friday, 7/12, Jambalaya, rice
pilaf, green peas.

Need Transportation? Contact SCM
Elderbus at 1-800-321-0243 at least two
business days in advance to schedule
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Mondays- Fridays 8:30 am- 3:00 pm.

A SHINE (Serving the Health
Insurance Needs of Everyone) coun-
selor 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

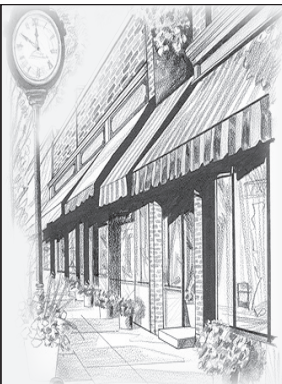
persons to the Webster Senior Center!
Come join us for six-card or thir-
teen-card pitch! Six-card pitch meets on
Wednesdays at 1:00 pm. Thirteen-card
pitch meets on Thursdays at 1:00 pm.

Mahjongg group meets every Friday
at 1:00 pm. Beginners welcome!

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 per-
son, and includes show ticket, trans-
portation, luncheon, meal taxes, and
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Webster Senior Center at (508) 949-
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seniors. The Webster Fire Dept. will do
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EDITORIAL

Facts about
Independence Day

One of our favorite holidays to write about is Independence Day. We all know the stories of our forefathers, John Adams, Sam Adams, George Washington, Paul Revere, James Madison, Benjamin Franklin, and Alexander Hamilton to name a few. However, the history is endless. We thought we would shine a light on aspects surrounding Independence Day that aren't commonly known.

The famous painting that depicts the signing of the Declaration of Independence isn't exactly an accurate portrayal. All of the delegates were never together at the same time in Philadelphia. The final signing took place roughly a month later on Aug. 2. The Declaration was formally dated and adopted by Congress on July 4, however Congress voted for independence on July 2.

Celebrating their new independence, soldiers along with civilians tore down a statue of King George III and melted it into bullets. In Georgia, people burnt the King in effigy and even held a faux funeral service. In Philadelphia, the King's coat of arms was burned in a bonfire. Massachusetts was the first state to recognize July 4 as a holiday in 1781.

In 1777, fireworks could be seen in the sky and the ringing of bells rang through the night in Philadelphia. Ships were decorated and lined the coast and streamers could be seen flying in celebration everywhere. The oldest annual parade takes place in Bristol, R.I.; 2020 will be the town's 235th consecutive celebration after its start in 1785.

In New England, dining on salmon became tradition. The story behind the popular cuisine, is due to the influx of salmon that summer. Along with the salmon, people had peas and turtle soup.

One common fact is that Thomas Jefferson and John Adams both died on July 4, 1826. James Monroe also died on the fourth of July in 1831. President Calvin Coolidge was born July 4, 1872.

Left out of mainstream history was the story of Crispus Attucks, the first to die in the patriot cause. Attucks was a black/Native American patriot who was shot, and the first to fall during the 1770 Boston Massacre. Attucks was a runaway slave who was a rope maker and sailor. History says he was shot by two musket balls to the chest. In 1778, it became legal in Rhode Island for free and enslaved blacks to serve the cause, with freedom as part of their payment.

Educated by her owners, Phillis Wheatley was a well-known poet during those times. Wheatley was kidnapped in West Africa and brought to America. At the age of 20, in 1773, she became the first African American and third female to publish a book of poetry. She eventually became free. She also advocated for independence, writing in support for George Washington's Revolutionary War in her poem, "To His Excellency, General Washington." Washington, impressed by her talent invited her to a meeting.

In 1958, when Alaska and Hawaii were on deck to become states, a history teacher assigned his class to design a flag depicting the two new states. Robert Heft, 16, received a B- on the project. Unhappy with the mark, Heft sent the flag to Dwight D. Eisenhower. After the flag was chosen, Heft had his grade changed to an A.

Another fun fact is that Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration on what was referred to as a laptop. A writing desk that could fit over a person's lap.

In 1778, Washington ordered a double ration of rum for soldiers to celebrate with.

In 1776, there were roughly 2.5 million people living in America. The current population is now 325.7 million.

Wearing an American flag, whether it be on a tee-shirt, headband, towel or shorts, is in violation of the Flag Code. The code says that you are in violation if you sell, display any "article of merchandise, upon which shall have been printed, painted, attached, or otherwise placed a representation of [the flag... in or- der to] advertise, call attention to, decorate, mark, or distinguish the article or substance on which so placed." The code, however, is not enforceable.

VIEWPOINT

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

True freedom

The Statue of Liberty has always been a symbol of hope for millions and millions of immigrants who have come to this country, often fleeing poverty, oppression and the harsh realities of their homeland. "Give me your tired, your poor; your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shores. Send these, the homeless, the tempest-tost to me, for I lift my lamp beside the golden door!" We children of immigrants understand these words better than most, and should always thank God!

Why did Lady Liberty encourage many of our own ancestors, instilling a burning ray of hope in them? Because she symbolizes one of the great values of life itself – the value of liberty and freedom! It is precisely these blessings of liberty and freedom that we Americans celebrate on the 4th of July. And yet, as we lift up and celebrate the blessings of freedom, we should always pause and meditate upon the meaning of freedom. What is freedom? What is the best way to enjoy freedom? What is the ultimate purpose of freedom?

Although we live in a so-called "free country," does our freedom mean we are free to do whatever we like? Obviously not! We have laws that all citizens must obey – laws that limit people in certain ways, yet laws which hopefully enhance our freedom and experience of life.

Try to imagine what life would be like with unrestricted freedom. Absolute freedom, where one can do whatever he/she chooses, is not freedom at all, but anarchy and chaos! When people misuse their freedom to do whatever they like, even when it infringes on the freedom of another; the end result is slavery to one's passions and desires.

I experienced such unrestricted freedom, which turned into anarchy, when I lived in Albania in 1997. People rose up in arms against the government because of an economic "ponzi" pyramid scheme that robbed most people of their life savings. Common people began raiding the army storage houses, and then selling anything from Kalashnikov machine guns to hand grenades on the streets for a couple dollars. The police and army disappeared, and everyone had unrestricted freedom. What was the result of no laws – absolute anarchy and madness! People looted shops, robbed one another, and made life a living hell for countless victims. And such freedom-turned-to-anarchy surely is not unique to Albania. Here in our own country, we witness the same anarchy from time to time, whenever a power outage darkens a major city and people freely act out their passions and desires.

Thus, true freedom is not liberty to do whatever one chooses. Freedom may mean liberation from an oppressor or may mean the absence of coercion in making a choice or action in certain circumstances, but it does not imply the absence of limits and guidelines.

This is why someone once said, "Along with the Statue of Liberty in the harbor of New York, we need another statue in the harbor of San Francisco. We need the Statue of Responsibility. With liberty comes responsibility. With true freedom comes a willingness to follow certain guidelines and rules that allow you to enjoy your freedom in a fuller way.

The Christian Faith preaches this understanding of freedom! Jesus Christ desires to set each one of us free from any bondage that may enslave us. Yet such authentic freedom comes with responsibility, with a readiness to follow certain commandments.

We were created in the image and likeness of God, which means we were created as free creatures. We have the freedom to choose: to believe in God or not; to follow His commandments in our lives or not; to love or to hate; to do good or to do evil; to see the good around us, or to complain about the evil surrounding us.

God has given us the freedom to choose in every decision we make. Such a gift of freedom is closely connected to God's greatest gift of love. True love cannot have coercion in it. To love someone means to give them the freedom to choose whether they want to love you back or no.



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So each one of us was created free. Yet with our freedom we have choices, and with choices we can misuse our freedom and become enslaved to certain passions, to certain habits, to certain temptations, and to certain sins. And as we read from Saint Paul's writings, "The wages of sin is death." The misuse of freedom leads to death.

The danger to misuse one's freedom can be seen numerous times in the Old Testament. For example, the central story of the Old Testament is about freedom – describing the freedom of the Israelites after 400 years of slavery and their Passover into the Promised Land. What is interesting, however, is that as soon as God frees the Israelites from their bondage, Moses leads the people to Mt. Sinai to meet Him and to make a choice. Will they use their freedom to accept a covenant with God, or will they use their freedom to indulge their sinful desires?

The Lord shows them clearly that if they want to enjoy their freedom, then they need to follow His Commandments. The Law of Moses which they received was a guide to help them protect their freedom. God basically says, "Obey my law and you will truly be free, because you will be living as you were created to live!" He knows what is best for us since He is our Creator. Doesn't it make sense to responsibly follow His Commandments?!

In the Old Testament we see an important pattern from Slavery to Freedom, from Freedom to Covenant, from Covenant to Responsibility, and from Responsibility to Obedience. Only in this pattern can we truly experience and live true freedom!

In the New Testament, we see a similar pattern in the teachings of our Lord. In His famous Sermon on the Mount, Jesus promises many blessings to his followers: they will taste the kingdom of heaven, and they will experience an abundant life of love, joy, mercy, peace and grace. After He promises the blessings, however, he talks about the responsibility. We must love one another. We must forgive even our enemies. We must pray, fast, and offer alms to the poor. And we must do unto others as we want them to do unto us. We must strive to become perfect as our father in heaven is perfect!

The freedom to live life as God meant it to be lived, as God created us to live, living under His blessing, can never come without responsibility. Responsibility helps one to live freely, just as discipline helps one experience true freedom.

Responsibility, discipline and obedience go hand-in-hand with freedom. Saint Paul even tells us that we have been set free from sin, but with our freedom we should become slaves of righteousness. He challenges us to yield ourselves to holiness and sanctification. He tells us to use our freedom to obey God! He even tells us to use our freedom to become slaves of one another, because through our consciously deciding to sacrifice self, we discover our true nature of divine love, which is the fruit of wisely using our freedom.

Remember this as we celebrate the 4th of July, Independence Day for our country. This country prides itself on liberty and freedom, yet we are in danger of losing our true freedom precisely because we have forgotten the connection between freedom and responsibility, between freedom and obedience to a higher law. Too many people clamor for unrestricted freedom in absolutely foolish ways, thus enslaving themselves to bane desires and unrestricted passions.

As the Orthodox Christian Saint Paisios says, "It is not freedom when we say everything is permitted. This is slavery."

As we celebrate our national independence day, let us reflect on the nature of true freedom. Are we interested in experiencing the freedom for which our Creator created us? Do we want to experience freedom in its fullest? If we say yes, then we must be ready to accept the responsibility, discipline and obedience that come along with true freedom. Then we must be ready to use our freedom to become slaves of righteousness, slaves of holiness, slaves in loving one another with the Divine Love of God.

Leading by example

Many who've studied history have heard the stories of Alexander the Great, who famously led his troops into battle, always at the front lines, putting his life in danger but doing exactly what he expected his soldiers to do. Similarly, Joan of Arc inspired her followers by fearlessly leading French troops during the Hundred Years' War. These leaders weren't just commanding from a safe distance. They led from the front, instilling a vision in their soldiers' minds of what they should do.

In the 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership, John C. Maxwell states, "People do what people see."

The idea is that people will tend to mimic the actions of their leaders rather than follow verbal instructions.

Whether a soldier following a commander, an employee observing a CEO, a child watching a parent, a student emulating a teacher, or athletes on a team, people are likelier to do what they see their leaders do. This underscores leaders' immense power and responsibility in shaping the behaviors and actions of those they lead.

Leaders are interesting. They tend to be visionaries entrusted with bringing their dreams to life. To do that, they must thoroughly understand their purpose, vision, and strategy for achieving it, but that's not all.

Leaders must articulate what they want from their team members, but more than verbal communication is needed to create a lasting impact. Vision without action achieves nothing. A leader must exemplify the behaviors they wish to see. The better a leader's actions, the better their team's actions will be.

If a restaurant manager tells their staff that maintaining a clean kitchen is essential, yet they catch them leaving dirty dishes in the sink and not correctly storing ingredients, do you think the staff will adhere to it?

Consider a sports coach who emphasizes the importance of punctuality and discipline but frequently arrives late to practices. Do you think the players will take the coach's words seriously and maintain punctuality and discipline?

Remember that famous public service announcement from the late '80s where an angry father bursts into his son's room, yelling because he discovered his son was smoking marijuana? After a tense standoff, the son yells, "I learned it by watching you!" This commercial perfectly highlights the point.

Teaching what is right is far easier than doing what is right. It's easier to tell the team what to do than to do it. It's easier to instruct someone on how to behave and then retreat to a private space where no one can see any contradictions. This type of leadership, often justified with thoughts like, "Well, they need to do it, not me. I'm just here to tell them how they should be," can be ineffective.

It's a hypocritical form of leadership. An effective leader is in a challenging position. They must hold not only those under their guidance accountable but also themselves.

A good leader is a visionary, a teacher, a figure of accountability, and an agent of change. Leaders are responsible for improving their team's performance and embodying the values they wish to instill. Leaders who don't achieve good results are often seen as not leading by example.

A leader must also lead themselves. Maxwell states, "Followers may doubt what leaders say, but they'll always believe what they do."

So, what's the most valuable thing a leader can do to be effective? Lead by example.

St. Francis of Assisi said, "Preach the Gospel at all times. Use words if necessary."

There are many historical figures who emphasized the importance of leading by example.

Nelson Mandela lived out his commitment to peace and reconciliation during his struggle against apartheid in South Africa, even after 27 years of imprisonment. Similarly, Florence Nightingale revolutionized healthcare by tirelessly working alongside her nurses during the Crimean War, setting high standards of hygiene and care through her actions.

Leaders who lead by example bring their vision to life. When leaders act with integrity, demonstrate the behaviors they expect, and consistently align their actions with their words, they inspire their teams to do the same. Are you ready to step up and be the example your team needs to achieve greatness?

Annual Guide to Pick Perfect Produce

Last week this column featured tips to harvest home grown vegetables for peak perfection. But what if you don't have a backyard garden? No worries. Each year at this time this page offers tips to choosing the freshest picks, whether it be at a farmer's market, roadside stand, or grocery store. Read on for our annual guide to help you pick perfect produce from early crops through the end of the season.

Beans, snap: Look for small seeds inside straight, fleshy pods. If you can see large seeds through the skin than the beans are probably too old. Avoid beans with dry-looking, rusty, wilted or damaged pods.

Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Cauliflower: Look for tightly compacted flower clusters on broccoli and cauliflower, and compact, uniform sprouts. Avoid wilted, yellow, or dirty heads, and avoid loose, open sprouts or those that are yellow or pale green.

Cabbage and head lettuce: Look for firm com-

pact heads that are heavy for their size. On leaf lettuce, choose unwilted, compact, crisp-looking compact plants.

Carrots: Look for deep orange colored and smooth skinned roots. Avoid carrots with purple or green shoulders or pale in color, or ones with forked or crooked roots. Oversized roots usually mean they are woody. If tops are still attached on carrots, they should be fresh.

Celery: Choose large, firm stalks with uniform stalk and a white bottom. Avoid spindly, wilted stalks.

Chard: Look for fresh, dark green leaves with bright, tender stalks. Avoid wilted, poorly colored leaves.

Collards and kale: Check for tender, green, full-sized leaves with tender tips; avoid wilted, tough or overly large leaves.

Corn on the cob: Choose for well-filled cobs with plump, straight rows of kernels. Avoid



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large, wrinkled kernels.

Cucumbers: Pick long, slender cukes that are medium to dark green.

Peppers: Look for firm, darkly colored fruit with uniform size, color, and number of lobes. Avoid wrinkled or shriveled ones or fruits that are sunburned (contrasting color spots).

Radishes: Choose medium-sized, firm, crisp roots. Avoid wilted or soft roots or those with growth cracks or insect damage. Oversized roots will be pithy. Sunburned crowns are also not desirable.

Summer squash: Choose ones that are uniform in size, color, and shape. Avoid large fruits (over mature) or ones with scarred skins, missing stems, or

that are soft or wilting.

Tomatoes: Look for smooth skinned, firm fruits with uniform color. Avoid fruits with growth splits, sun scald, or overripe (soft) fruits.

Apples: Choose firm, well-colored fruit that feels crisp.

Blueberries: Pick plump, firm, deep blue berries with their natural waxy silver coating.

Cantaloupe: Look for a smooth shallow base; thick, coarse, corky netting that stands out from skin. Should yield slightly when pressed on non-stem end and have the slight scent of cantaloupe.

Cherries: Should be dark in color, glossy, plump, with fresh looking stems.

Nectarines: Fruit should be plump, slightly soft along "seam"; either orange-yellow or greenish between red-blushed areas depending on variety.

Oranges: Choose firm

oranges, heavy for its size; smooth-textured, with bright-looking skin.

Peaches: Should be somewhat firm, becoming slightly soft; red with creamy, orangy base color.

Pears: Look for firm fruit, just barely beginning to soften. Bartletts: pale to rich yellow; Boscs: green to brown yellow.

Pumpkin: Look for a pumpkin with an even orange hue. Give it a thump; if it sounds hollow, it is ripe and ready to be picked. Look for hard skin and a hard stem. Leave several inches of stem when you harvest a pumpkin. Doing so will slow down the rotting process.

Watermelon: Should be symmetrical with bright green rind with a creamy yellow underside. Choose a watermelon that's heavy for its size.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

Your tips can win you a great 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 renown 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 E-mail KDRR@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

Managing weeds in the garden



Melinda Myers

Persistence is the key to success when battling bindweed.

No matter the weather, weeds seem to thrive and reproduce, and if left unchecked, they can overwhelm the garden and gardener. These unwanted plants find their way into your garden as seeds, roots, rhizomes, or whole plants. Seeds can be carried in by the wind, birds, and other animals, or on the soles of shoes. Roots, rhizomes, and even plants hitch a ride in the soil or with plants that we move into the garden.

Start early managing weeds in your garden. Smaller weeds are easier to pull and removing them before they flower and form seeds can prevent hundreds of weeds in next year's landscape.

This is not always possible. Weather and busy schedules often limit gardening time, allowing these vigorous plants to overtake the garden.

It is never too late and worth investing time in managing weeds in the garden. Weeds are adaptable and vigorous, outcompeting your desirable plants for water and nutrients. Many serve as host plants for insect pests and diseases that may also attack your garden plants.

Carefully dig or pull weeds, removing the top and roots. Established weeds may have a deep tap root or extensive root system that may be difficult to remove. Depending on the weed, any part left behind has the potential to start a new plant.

Find the tool that best works for you. A Dutch or action hoe works well on small weeds where there is space between plants. Glide the cutting edge just below the soil surface to cut the roots. Many gardeners find a weed knife to be a useful tool. It allows you to dig right next to the weed and pop it out of the ground with minimal impact on surrounding plants.

If bending is an issue, you may opt for one of the standup weeders. There are several types available. Most have tines you insert into the soil surrounding

the weed. A hand or foot-operated action causes the tines to tighten around the weed roots before you lever it out of the ground.

Perennial weeds are a bit more challenging. Many have extensive roots that are nearly impossible to remove entirely. Repeatedly digging up the plants can eventually manage these weeds, but it can take years. Cutting the plants back to the ground as soon as they appear can help "starve" them, prevent reseeding, and help contain and even eliminate some perennial weeds.

If the weeds begin to take over the garden, tackle those flowering or setting seeds first. Do not compost these or perennial weeds. Most compost piles don't get hot enough to kill the seeds or perennial weeds. Contact your local municipality to find out your options for disposing of these as well as perennial and invasive weeds.

Once the weeds are out of the garden, spread a layer of organic mulch over the soil surface. The finer the mulch, the thinner the layer needed. Pull the mulch away from tree trunks, shrub stems, and the crowns of your other plants.

Mulching helps suppress weeds by reducing seed sprouting and making it easier to pull the seedlings that get through the mulch. Increase your success by placing a couple of sheets of newspaper or a piece of cardboard beneath the mulch. Mulching won't stop existing perennial weeds like quackgrass and bindweed. Keep managing these until all the roots have been removed.

Shredded leaves, evergreen needles, and other organic mulch also conserve moisture, moderate soil temperatures, and add organic matter to the soil as it breaks down. Mulch also helps protect the soil from compaction and erosion during heavy rains. As many places experience more intense rainfall and higher-than-normal summer heat, mulching the soil becomes even more beneficial.

Consider the benefits when you head out to tackle the weeds in your garden. You will improve the health and beauty of your garden while burning between 200 and 400 calories every hour you weed.

Melinda Myers has written over 20 gardening books, including *Midwest Gardener's*



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Veterans Council seeks help with renovations

REGION — The Webster-Dudley Veterans Council is seeking licensed contractors to volunteer their services for several renovation projects at the Veterans Home located at 4 Veterans Way in Webster.

Recently, the Home Depot Foundation awarded the Veterans Council a grant for materials needed for the replacement of the roll roofing over the front entryway, replacing the handicap ramp, and replacing the gutters and downspouts.

The Council will provide any required manpower to assist the completion of these much needed projects.

Letter submission policy

Letters to the Editor must include the author's name, address, and a daytime phone number for purposes of verification in order to be considered for publication. Only the author's name and the town in which they reside will be published. Letters submitted without all of the required information will not be accepted.

It is the sole prerogative of the Editor to determine whether a submission satisfies our requirements and decency standards, and any submission may be rejected at any time for any reason he or she might deem appropriate.

The Webster-Dudley Veterans Council is a non-profit organization that is dependent solely on donations from the public.

The Veterans Home currently houses the office of the local Veterans Service Agent, provides organizational space for the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 53, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 654, and the Webster-Dudley Veterans Council.

Any contractor interested in assisting with these projects may contact the Webster-Dudley Veterans Council at wdveteranscouncil@gmail.com.

The Veterans Home has a storied past. Also known as the "Marble House", it was constructed by Alexander Joslin in 1870 and was originally located at the corner of Main and Church Streets. It was sold to the Marble family and remained in that family for several generations.

When that land and house were purchased for the construction of Bartlett High School and the current Town Hall, the Marble House was moved by teams of horses to its new foundation on Church Lane (now Veterans Way) on Nov. 1, 1926.

It was purposed by the town to house veterans organizations over the years, which included the Grand Army of the Republic, Sons of the G.A.R. Veterans, Spanish American Veterans, American Legion Post 184, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

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Dudley hires Sarah B. Mongeau as Town Accountant

DUDLEY — “Ms. Mongeau’s experience and background combined with her education and credentials are exactly what is needed for taxpayers to better trust and understand the financial information the town provides to them,” Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda said.

Mongeau is a Certified Public Accountant, a Certified Government Financial Manager and a Certified Fraud Examiner with extensive experience conducting compliance and performance audits of Commonwealth agencies.

She has more than 20 years of experience working for the state and more than 10 years of diverse accounting experience in private and public accounting.

During her nearly seven years with the Office of the State Auditor, she led performance audits for Judiciary Agencies, Educational Institutions and Independent Authorities. As an Audit Director of Independent Authorities and Education with that office, she managed up to 20 audit teams.

During her nine years at the University of Massachusetts Office of the President, Mongeau first served as a Senior Internal Auditor and later as the University Controller.

She holds a Master of Science degree in Accountancy from Bentley University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Management from Emmanuel College.

Mongeau’s duties include presenting quarterly updates to residents at Board of Selectmen meetings, adding her expertise to budget and finance hearings, providing subject matter expertise to volunteer boards and committees and attending Town Meetings to assist residents in interpreting municipal financial data and budget information.

Mongeau succeeds Deborah A. Thibaudeau, who is retiring on Aug. 7 after 21 years with the town.

Kyle Sebastyanski graduates from Elms College

CHICOPEE — Kyle Sebastyanski of Auburn graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Accounting from Elms College during the May 18, 2024 commencement ceremony.

Sebastyanski was among 400 students who received their degrees.

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Area residents named to Dean’s List at University of New England

BIDDEFORD, Maine — Kyle Kennedy and Victoria Robichaud of Auburn and Maryn LaPlante and Jason Nowak of Webster have been named to the Dean’s List for the 2024 spring semester at the University of New England. Dean’s List students have attained a grade point average of 3.3 or better out of a possible 4.0 at the end of the semester.

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100 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

100 Years Ago This Month: Historical events from July 1924

The month of July has been home to many historical events over the years. Here’s a look at some that helped to shape the world in July 1924.

- Full-time airmail service begins on July 1. A fleet of airplanes are used to transport mail day and night, and the time to send mail between New York and San Francisco is 35 hours, a reduction of 50 percent.
- A political dispute prompts a sword duel between Álvaro de Castro, the Prime Minister of Portugal, and Flight Captain Teófilo José Ribeiro da Fonseca on July 2. Ribeiro suffers a wounded arm during the duel.
- The Caesar salad is created in Mexico on July 4. Italian-born restaurateur Caesar Cardini is inspired to create the dish by Americans crossing the border into Tijuana to legally purchase alcohol from his eatery during the holiday weekend.
- The opening ceremonies of the Summer Olympics are conducted at Colombes Stadium in Paris on July 5. The Organizing Committee decides against inviting Germany for the second straight Olympics.
- English Jew Harold Abrahams wins the 100 meter sprint at the Summer Olympics in Paris on July 7. Abrahams, who was the target of antisemitic prejudice during the Games, is later profiled the 1981 film, “Chariots of Fire.”
- Panama receives diplomatic recognition from Colombia on July 9, more than 20 years after the country seceded from Colombia at the urging of the United States.
- The Kimberly-Clark Corporation files the original trademark application for Kleenex on July 12.
- Horacio Vásquez is inaugurated as president of the Dominican Republic on July 13, officially ending the United States’ administration of the island.
- Éamon de Valera and other political prisoners are released from incarceration by the Irish Free State on July 15.
- The legend of “Bigfoot” begins on July 16 when The Oregonian publishes the first nationwide news story about a tall and hair-covered “apeman.” The creature is not described as “Bigfoot” until 1958.
- The United States Vice Consul to Iran, Robert Imbrie, is beaten to death by an angry mob in Tehran on July 18. Imbrie photographed a well in the city’s bazaar where a miracle was believed to have occurred, and some who assaulted him believed he poisoned the well. Imbrie survives the initial beating and is taken to a hospital, but the mob follows him there and beats him again, leading to his death.
- Herman “Hi” Bell of the St. Louis Cardinals pitches all 18 innings of the St. Louis Cardinals’ doubleheader on July 19. Bell earns the victory in both contests, and remains the last Major League pitcher to pitch all 18 innings of a twinbill on the same day.
- Film catches on fire in a movie house in Veracruz, Mexico on July 23. Twenty children are subsequently trampled to death as patrons attempt to flee the fire.
- Greece announces the expulsion of 50,000 Armenians on July 25.
- American League umpires are ordered to cut short arguments about balls and strikes in an effort to speed up the pace of play on July 25. The directive, issued by league president Ban Johnson, also prevents players from taking too much time inspecting baseballs for signs of tampering.
- Rebels affiliated with the Brazilian Army quietly withdraw from Sao Paolo on July 28. The rebels are gone for five hours before the government realizes they had quit.
- The prosecution rests in the Leopold and Loeb case on July 30. Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb are subsequently each convicted of the murder of 14-year-old Bobby Franks and sentenced to life imprisonment plus 99 years, though Leopold is released on parole in 1958. Loeb is murdered in a prison shower room in January 1936.

Did you know?

The adage, “Success has many fathers, but failure is an orphan” is an applicable turn of phrase in many instances, and it seems to ring true when trying to pin down the origins of ice cream. A 2019 study from Datassential that surveyed more than 2,500 consumers about their dessert habits and preferences found that ice cream is the No. 1 dessert. If that’s a fairly straightforward pursuit, identifying the origins of this beloved treat is not so easy. Many attribute the origins of ice cream to China’s Tang dynasty, which was in power from 618 to 907. History.com notes that sources from that period reference a sweet drink made from iced, camphor-laced water buffalo milk, which certainly sounds similar to modern day ice cream. But others point much further back, noting that iced drinks and desserts were sold along the Euphrates River as far back as at least 4000 B.C. History.com also notes that the first European ice creams can be traced to Italy in the 1600s. The difficulty with distinguishing the exact origins of ice cream, and the various claims

that trace those beginnings to one place or another, support the notion that success, in this case the confectionary triumph that is ice cream, indeed has many fathers.



We all scream for ice cream

Few treats are more popular on a warm day than ice cream. With its rich flavor and cooling nature, ice cream is perfect in a cone, cup, cake, or even as a sidekick to a brownie or piece of pie. Summer may be the season when ice cream is enjoyed the most — and many people have fond memories of chasing down the neighborhood ice cream truck on summer afternoons — but ice cream is a favorite all year long.

The number of ice cream flavors is only limited by the imaginations of ice cream shop owners. New small-batch offerings come out each week at privately owned shops. However, despite the infinite number of flavor combinations, certain ice cream flavors are more popular than others. According to the International Dairy Foods Association 2022 Ice Cream & Frozen Novelty Trends Survey,



these flavors are tops in the eyes of Americans.

1. Chocolate
2. Cookies N’ Cream
3. Vanilla
4. Strawberry
5. Chocolate Chip
6. Cookie Dough
7. Butter Pecan
8. Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough
9. Caramel
10. Salted Caramel

According to a 2022 survey of

1,239 Canadians conducted by Narrative Research, these are the favored flavors among Canadian ice cream aficionados.

1. Chocolate
2. Vanilla
3. Mint chocolate (with no chip)
4. Maple walnut
5. Butterscotch
6. Cookie Dough
7. Cookies N’ Cream
8. Strawberry
9. Moose Tracks
10. Neapolitan

Vanilla stands as the global ice cream favorite, but some key flavors also stand out in countries around the world. In Japan, Green Tea is a popular flavor; Venezuelans prefer Banana, and in Thailand Coconut reigns supreme.

Ice cream preferences vary across the globe. However, ice cream in all flavors and forms is a beloved dessert few can resist.

Interesting facts about ice cream



Charles E. Menches is the inventor of the ice cream cone, which he first offered for sale at the St. Louis World’s Fair in 1904. Ernest Hamwi, Abe Doumar, Albert and Nick Kabbaz, Arnold Fornachou, and David Avayou are some others who have been credited with inventing the ice cream cone.

- The Dairy Alliance reports that three gallons of milk are required to produce a single gallon of ice cream. That means one cow can produce between two and three gallons of ice cream per day.
- Ice cream aficionados span the globe, but the

World Atlas reports that no country consumes more ice cream per capita than New Zealand. New Zealand is reportedly renowned for producing high-quality dairy products, which might be one reason why the average New Zealander consumes 28.4 liters of ice cream per year. The United States (20.8 liters per year per person) and Australia (18 liters) are next in line behind New Zealand.

- Chocolate reigns supreme as the most popular ice cream flavor in the world. So says an analysis of data from Lexham Insurance conducted by The Food

Channel®. That data represents figures from 121 countries and found that vanilla, mint chocolate chip, cookie dough, and buttered pecan round out the top five ice cream flavors across the globe.

- According to Ben & Jerry’s, the new ice cream texture that develops after a pint melts and then re-freezes is the result of microscopic air bubbles that keep ice cream soft and fluffy. That air escapes when ice cream melts, and since it’s gone when the ice cream refreezes, the result is a product that’s no longer as soft as it was intended to be.



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LEGALS

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
Dudley Conservation Commission**
Pursuant to MGL ch131 Section 40, as amended, and the Town of Dudley Wetlands Protection By-Law, thwre will be a public meeting on a Request for Determination of Applicability for 7 Deary Lane filed by Lot 3 Deary Lane, LLC, Francis Hylka Jr.
The meeting will take place at the Dudley Town Hall, 71 West Main Street 3rd Floor Conference room at 6:00 PM, July 10th 2024. The public is invited to attend.
July 5, 2024

**MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
OF REAL ESTATE**
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Frances M. Brunelle to Household Finance Corporation II, dated May 30, 2001 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 24153, Page 260, subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF8 Master Participation Trust by Household Finance Corporation II by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 52797, Page 45, subsequently assigned to DLJ Mortgage Capital, Inc. by U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF8 Master Participation Trust by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 60072, Page 340, subsequently assigned to NYMT Loan Financing Trust by DLJ Mortgage Capital, Inc. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 60072, Page 344, subsequently assigned to Wilmington Savings Fund Society dba Christiana Trust, not individually, but solely as Trustee for NYMT Loan Trust I by NYMT Loan Financing Trust by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 61643, Page 26, subsequently assigned to FV-I, Inc. in Trust for Morgan Stanley Mortgage Capital Holdings LLC by Wilmington Savings Fund Society dba Christiana Trust, not individually, but solely as Trustee for NYMT Loan Trust I by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 67874, Page 232, subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust by FV-I, Inc. in Trust for Morgan Stanley Mortgage Capital Holdings LLC by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 68067, Page 76 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 AM on July 12, 2024 at 6 Holly Street aka 6 Holy Street, Oxford, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit

THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS THEREON LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF OXFORD, WORCESTER COUNTY, STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS; BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS REFERENCED BELOW.
BEING SHOWN AS LOT 36 ON A PLAN OF LAND IN OXFORD, OWNED BY FAIRLAWN REALTY COMPANY, LESLIE J. CHAFFEE, SURVEYOR, DATED APRIL 28, 1958, RECORDED WITH THE WORCESTER REGISTRY OF DEEDS, IN PLAN BOOK 233 PLAN 3, TO WHICH REFERENCE MAY BE MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION.
FOR TITLE SEE DEED DATED 9-25-98 FROM FRANCES M. BRUNELLE, TO FRANCES M. BRUNELLE AND ALBERT LEPAGE, RECORDED IN THE WORCESTER COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS BOOK 20490, PAGE 250.
The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney's fees and costs.
TERMS OF SALE:
A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made

before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.
U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust
Present Holder of said Mortgage, By Its Attorneys,
ORLANS PC
PO Box 540540
Waltham, MA 02454
Phone: (781) 790-7800
21-001822
June 21, 2024
June 28, 2024
July 5, 2024

**MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
OF REAL ESTATE**
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Pamela Ward and Peter L. Ward to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Countrywide Bank, N. A., its successors and assigns, dated December 14, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 40345, Page 331, subsequently assigned to Nationstar Mortgage, LLC by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Countrywide Bank, N.A., its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 50206, Page 141, subsequently assigned to Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc. by Nationstar Mortgage, LLC by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 61398, Page 220 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 AM on July 19, 2024 at 66 Old Douglas Road, Webster, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:
The land in Webster, Massachusetts and shown as Lot #8 on plan entitled "Plan of Land in Webster, Massachusetts, surveyed for Finecamp K.O.A., Inc. dated September 4, 1986, Para Land Surveying, Inc." and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 565, Plan 19. BEGINNING at an iron pipe at the northwest corner of tract herein described on the southerly side of Old Douglas Road at the northeast corner of Lot #7; THENCE S. 84° 33' 00" E. along the southerly side of Old Douglas Road a distance of one hundred and twenty seven hundredths (100.27) feet to an iron pipe; THENCE S. 01° 12' 40" W. along Lot #9 a distance of five hundred sixty and three hundredths (560.03) feet to an iron pipe; THENCE N. 86° 46' 41" W. along land of Harold Beatty a distance of one hundred and six hundredths (100.06) feet to an iron pipe; THENCE N. 01° 12' 40" E. along Lot #7 a distance of one hundred fifty three and eighty three hundredths (153.83) feet; THENCE N. 88° 48' 20" W. along Lot #7 a distance of thirty nine and seventy one hundredths (39.71) feet; THENCE N. 09° 27' 03" W. along Lot #7 a distance of one hundred fifty three and forty four hundredths (153.44) feet; THENCE N. 62° 48' 54" E. along Lot #7 a distance of seventy seven and forty one hundredths (77.41) feet; THENCE N. 01° 12' 40" E. along Lot #7 a distance of two hundred twenty two and fifty one hundredths (222.51) feet to the point of beginning.
The above described tract contains an area of 1.505 acres of land, more or less.
BEING the same premises conveyed to Peter L. Ward and Pamela Ward by deed of Michael Finamore and Eileen Finamore dated October 14, 1987 and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 10904, Page 244.
The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney's fees and costs.
TERMS OF SALE:
A deposit of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$10,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the pur-

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22-001709
June 28, 2024
July 5, 2024
July 12, 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. WO24P2142EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Helen A. Pare
Date of Death: 05/15/2024**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Patricia A Petro of Auburn MA and Deborah A Joinville of Auburn Ma, David G Pare of West Boylston MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that:
Patricia A Petro of Auburn MA and Deborah A Joinville. of Auburn Ma, David G Pare of West Boylston MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration .**
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/23/2024..**
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: June 26 2024
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
July 5, 2024

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
Docket No. WO24P1907GD
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF
GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED
PERSON PURSUANT TO
G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
In the matter of:
Peter J. Brozowski
Of: Oxford, MA
RESPONDENT**
Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Richard A. Vacca of Oxford, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Peter J. Brozowski** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Richard A. Vacca of Oxford, 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 **07/16/2024**. 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: June 12, 2024
Stephanie K. Fattman
July 5, 2024

PUBLIC HEARING
The Dudley Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing at the Municipal Complex, 71 West Main St., at 6:00 p.m. on July 10, 2024, to consider a Notice of Intent for Sebastian Mroczka for the property located at lots 36 & 42 Corinthia Ct. for construction of a single-family house in the 100-foot buffer zone to a Wetland. This is a Public Hearing under the requirements of G.L. CH. 131 §40, as amended. Plans are available at the Dudley Conservation Office -For more information, call 508-949-8011.
July 5, 2024

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
Docket No. WO24P1908PM
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT
OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER
PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT
TO G.L.c. 190B, § 5-304 & § 5-405
In the matter of:
Peter J. Brozowski
Of: Oxford, MA
RESPONDENT**
(Person to be Protected/Minor)
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Richard A. Vacca of Oxford, MA of in the above captioned matter alleging that **Peter J. Brozowski** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Richard A. Vacca of Oxford, MA , (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **Without Surety** on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **07/16/2024**. 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.
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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
June 12, 2024

Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
July 5, 2024

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safe and “always communicate with families whenever it takes place.” Such incidents are historically “unusual” at middle schools, but more common at high schools. Czernicki cited one incident in which they only got the weapon because the boy gave it to them, since teachers never saw it although he’d shown it to other students. She noted she based the policy on discussions with her school council and reviewing policies of other schools, and always

thinks of her own daughter when dealing with searches. Superintendent Mike Lucas said he spoke to the district’s lawyer and was told “We can proceed and go forward” with this, since they do not search randomly, but only when necessary. Cornacchioli said the principal’s “number one job is to make sure the building is safe.” A different area of safety was also added to the handbooks under the rubric of “Smart Passes.” Czernicki said the high school “tried it out in January” and found “staff and students

both like it,” so the middle school tried it. The concept was sparked by “an epidemic of students going to the bathroom every period.” Joseph said they agreed to allow up to four visits a day, with nurse, counseling and other speciality reasons being separate. In some cases, medical reasons can supercede that number; Czernicki noted some students have “unlimited” passes. Kids create their own passes on their Chromebook after asking their teacher; the teacher approves it, and it gets transmitted into the school’s system with the

kid’s photo. Joseph noted the photos help teachers from other grades get to know students they wouldn’t otherwise see. Lucas added the system has also helped prevent kids in conflict from going at the same time. Images were also part of another change, namely a new rule prohibiting recording, photographing and posting incidents in school on social media without permission. Joseph described that as “not acceptable in our learning environment,” and cited incidents of students uploading altercations between other students. She noted such

postings have caused kids to get harassed online and “affect Oxford Public Schools reputation.” Czernicki agreed, saying “There’s never a good fallout from that.” The two schools also added language defining that “bodily fluids” can be considered a weapon, that using AI to complete assignments will be treated as “plagiarism,” and various changes in non-discipline-related areas. Those include banning the use of DoorDash and similar services for food delivery to the high school, although family members will still be allowed to do so.

Gus Steeves can be reached at gus.steeves2@gmail.com.

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of it. We’ve had plenty of events since I’ve been chief here to prove it. It’s worked. Most of our disasters were weather related and we came out on the good side of things every time, or as good as it can be, and it was thanks partially to this plan,” said the chief.

Worcester State University announces Dean’s List

W O R C E S T E R — Worcester State University congratulates the following students on being named to the Dean’s List for the spring semester of 2024.

Auburn: Emily A Adamiak, Brittany C Andrews, Julia B Benvenuti, Nicole Bradshaw, Kyle M Callaghan, Jacqueline Cetrone, Eireni Chatzopoulos, Ioannis Chatzopoulos, Nicole A Clemente, Lilliana Cutting, Chloe R Dacri, Kali N Day, Owen C Despres, Savannah G Devine, Juliany M Diaz-Gonzalez, Sara E Dowd, Emily A Dupuis, Joan E Elliott, Ashley M Fazio, Sage F Friedland, Dawson E Gemme, Alexander Hearnlaye, Cameron G Larcheveque, Elizabeth R Lauzonis, Vina P Le, Nathan S Lewos, Madison R Marois, Christopher K Martin, Emma L Martin, Raachel F Nash, Andrew J Noonan, Victor M Pacheco, Courtney D Robertson, Gabriel Rodriguez, Brendan J Slomski, Jaelynn P Smith, Jillian Stelmach, Sarah D Stevens, Zachary M Stomski, Claudia R Symonick, Hai H Tran, Vivian T Tran, Kelley A Willard, David R Zona

Blackstone: Emily J Amiro, Emily S Bak, Luke D Boyan, Dylan J Brown, Mallory C Hreczuch, Joshua T Mirra, Tori Y Munro, Jenna E Niemczyk

Brimfield: Olivia G Magierowski, Elizabeth G Portwood, Ashleigh F Settle

Brookfield: Connor E Dufault, Noah M Genest, Cayleigh L Peterson,

Taylynne Pope, Abigail R Rossi, Karyn J Scott, Jennifer Sutton

Charlton: Skylar R Adcock, Rasa Auskalnyte, Jake Beaudette, Elaine Bond, Natalie S Boutiette, Kiara J Dean, Marci R Giorgio, Sarah L Gosselin, Garrett D Jones, Emma J Lanpher, Isabelle M Leahy, Sydney M Lizotte, Heather D Mackenzie, Rhiannon L Mansur, Austin S Michaelson, Richard J Payne, Jordyn M Poirier, Vitor Scariot, Elizabeth R Stone, Kyleigh Sutherland, Lyba Tariq, Derek S Varnum, Mariam A Wassef, Oliver A Weiland, Anthony T Zaleski, Ashlee E Zaleski

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Cherry Valley: Kwasi S Adu, Isabella C Connery, Joslyn N Rutter

Douglas: Caroline C Beaird, Emily C Brooks, Jared S Dermoshegian, Joshua P Gopin, Celina P Moore, Shane M Murphy, Olivia M Muscatell, Arouny N Souphida, Jordan A Staples, Harley L Westgate

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R Sullivan, Sean Wang

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Fiskdale: William J Bailey, Liam O’Brien

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its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of CSMC 2018-RPL9 Trust by virtue of an assignment dated May 10, 2022, and recorded in Book 67635, Page 101, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at PUBLIC AUCTION at 11:00 AM on **July 18, 2024**, on the mortgaged premises. This property has the address of 41 Dudley Road, Oxford, MA 01540. The entire mortgaged premises, all and singular, the premises as described in said mortgage: The land with the buildings thereon of every nature and description and all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, situated in said Oxford, being part of Lot #178 Walnut Street, as shown on a Plan of Lots, owned by Leslie J. Chaffee, drawn by Leslie J. Chaffee, Surveyor, dated June 1, 1955 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 210, Plan 68, more specifically described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the easterly line of Dudley Road, at the intersection of Walnut Street; THENCE northeasterly along the easterly line of said Dudley Road ninety-five and five tenths (95.5) feet more or less to a

point at Lot #181; THENCE S 47° 10’ E One hundred six (106) feet more or less by Lot #181 to a point at the northwesterly corner of Lot #176; THENCE S 37° 10’ W One Hundred (100) feet by Lot #176 to a point on the northerly line of Walnut Street; THENCE N 52° 50’ W Ninety-four and five tenths (94.5) feet by the northerly line of Walnut Street to a point; THENCE by a curve to the right whose radius is Twenty (20) feet along the line connecting the northerly line of Walnut Street with the easterly line of Dudley Road to the point of beginning. SUBJECT to restrictions in deed to us from John H. Rives et ux, dated 9/28/78, recorded with Worcester County Registry of Deeds at Book 6577, Page 13. For title reference see Book 21913, Page 59. Subject to and with the benefit of easements, reservation, restrictions, and taking of record, if any, insofar as the same are now in force and applicable. In the event of any typographical error set forth herein in the legal description of the premises, the description as set forth and contained in the mortgage shall control by reference. Together with all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property and all easements, rights, appurtenances,

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ANSWER: JULY

Math Blocks

Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-20.
The numbers in each row add up to the totals on the right.
The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.

		2	14
10	15		26
	20	3	28
19	43	6	

3	02	5
1	51	01
2	8	4
Solution		

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HISTORY

- **1608:** QUEBEC CITY IS FOUNDED BY SAMUEL DE CHAMPLAIN.
- **1767:** ADRESSEAVISEN, NORWAY'S OLDEST NEWSPAPER STILL IN PRINT, IS FOUNDED.
- **1973:** MUSICIAN DAVID BOWIE RETIRES HIS STAGE PERSONA ZIGGY STARDUST.

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

LCEETAREB HET NONITA

Answer: Celebrate the nation

New Word

INDEPENDENCE

the state of being free of control

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Parade

SPANISH: Desfile

ITALIAN: Parata

FRENCH: Parade

GERMAN: Parade



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Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: FIREWORKS



Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to swimming pools.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 23 = E)

A. 20 10 1 23 19
Clue: Wet stuff

B. 11 3 6 15 19 13 9 23
Clue: Pool chemical

C. 6 10 7 7 23 19
Clue: Climbing device

D. 17 20 13 26 17
Clue: Moves through water

Answers: A. water B. chlorine C. ladder D. swins

SUDOKU

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

Level: Beginner

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!

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

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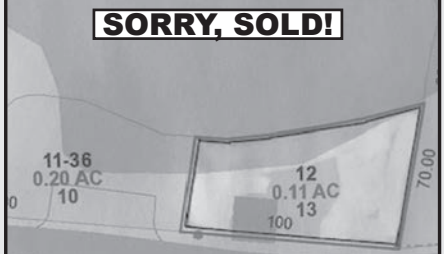
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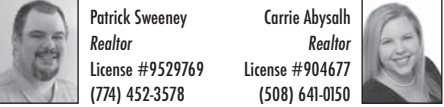


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Father Javier, Pastor, Tim Messenger, Youth Ministry Coordinator, and Saint Louis Parish young people having fun at Boundless Adventures Zipline and Aerial Park on June 26.

Webster Five announces retirement of President/CEO

AUBURN — Webster Five announced today that Don Doyle will retire on July 1, 2025 from his role as President and CEO of the community Bank after 20 years with the company, nine of which have been at the helm.

Brian Westerlind, Worcester native and current COO/CFO, has been approved by the Board of Directors and will take over the role upon Doyle's retirement.

Doyle has been a fixture in the Worcester banking industry for 40 years, having started his career at Mechanics Bank in Worcester in 1985. The foundation of his leadership philosophy has always been to find a way to meet the Bank's business goals, while positively impacting the community.

During his tenure at Webster Five, Doyle focused the institution on technological advancements and progressive practices to enhance the customer/employee experience and take the company's growth to the next level. While weathering the COVID-19 pandemic, he initiated the construction of a new Auburn-based headquarters. In addition, under Doyle's leadership, the Webster Five Foundation has annually awarded hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants to local nonprofits.

"It has been a great honor to spend the second half of my career at Webster Five," said Doyle. "This is not a job that can be done alone, and I am lucky to have worked alongside some of the most dedicated, innovative and passionate professionals in the industry. Together we have achieved remarkable results, and I am excited to see Brian continue Webster Five's growth and success journey."

Westerlind joined Webster Five in 2010 as Chief Financial Officer, has more than 20 years' experience in the banking industry and was recently promoted into the role of Chief Operating Officer. Overseeing a multitude of departments and functions in his current role, Westerlind is well poised to take this next step in his leadership journey with the financial institution. Having worked alongside Doyle on the Leadership Team during his entire Webster Five tenure, Westerlind has played a significant role in steering the Bank's overall vision, significantly contributing to the organization's overall success and growth.

"We have made great strides under Don's leadership, and I am thankful for his partnership and collaboration during his time as President and CEO," said Westerlind. "During this transition period we will work together to ensure a smooth changeover. I look forward to sharing my vision for Webster Five's future and continuing to work with the Board and our employees to achieve even greater success in the years to come."

With more than 155 years rooted in Central Massachusetts, Webster Five is a financial and civic leader in Worcester County. Westerlind holds those values close and exemplifies his own commitment to the community through leadership roles on the Boards of both the Worcester Community Action Council and the Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce.

"Brian's commitment to excellence, the mission of Webster Five and the communities where we do business is testament to his selection and approval as the next President and CEO of the company," said Stephen H. Charniak, Chairman of the Board. "The Board members of the Bank are thrilled to elevate Brian to the next level of leadership and what it means for the future of Webster Five and we thank Don for his dedication over the past two decades."

Established in 1868, Webster Five offers consumers, businesses, and nonprofits not only a wide range of products and services but also stability and community support that can't be matched by their larger counterparts. To learn more about Webster Five, visit web5.com.

Bay Path Mock Code Team celebrates Nurses' Week

CHARLTON — The Practical Nursing Class of 2024 Mock Code Team (MCT), under the guidance and leadership of Professors Cheryl Cahill, Jennifer DeFilippo, Angela McGrath, Christine Piehl, and Rianna Romano, prepared and executed the Term 3 Mock Code Scenario in celebration of Nurses' Week 2024. The PN Class of 2024 was joined by alumnus, Timothy Nikopoulos, BSN, RN from PN Class of 2019. Nikopoulos is experienced in managing care of all code and crisis scenarios.

Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy's MCT and Simulation Training improves response to code events. During cardiac arrests, the quick response of a code team requires cohesiveness, timely defibrillation, and clearly defined roles. It is important for members of the healthcare team to intuitively know their role as part of the response team especially during code situations when seconds count.

Photo shows members of the 2024 MCT from left Victoria Boateng, Julie Dodson, Ashley



Urbain, Samantha Stanikmas, Melissa Nale, Cynthia Zayas Torres, Patrick Njunge, and Richard Nsiah, all wearing their white scrub jacket and special MCT patch on their left sleeves.

"The Mock Code Team and Mock Code Day was amazing, it is so rewarding to see their progress," shared Professor Piehl.

"We continue to believe in using simulation training to improve performance," said

Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN Academy Director.

"We are blessed to have the continued guidance, experience, and expertise of our faculty, and now alumnus!" Bolandrina added.

The timely use of defibrillation and empowered, confident nurses result in a positive response to code events. According to the American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines (GWTG) resus-

citation program, time to first shock is one of four achievement metrics. The guidelines state that hospitalized patients exhibiting ventricular fibrillation or pulseless ventricular tachycardia should receive defibrillation within two minutes to improve outcomes.

In 2017, the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy MCT was formed to improve resuscitation skills and comfort levels for practical nursing students. The MCT meets for a full day of preparation, with members practicing as much as possible. On Mock Code Day, the MCT runs the code scenarios multiple times. The formation of the MCT increased mock code opportunities and participation three times in an academic year. Participation in mock codes increases the comfort level of practical nursing students. An effective code team is one that acts safely, and efficiently, and saves lives. The MCT aims to be proficient with skills and knowledge, effective with communication, and highly organized.

Sheriff's office hosts annual senior picnic

REGION — Seniors from throughout the area attended an annual picnic hosted by Sheriff Lew Evangelidis, the Worcester County Sheriff's Office, and the Worcester County Reserve Deputy Sheriff's Association.

Held on June 8 at SAC Park in Shrewsbury, the event provided several fun activities and programs for local seniors. The picnic was once again held as a drive-thru, featuring a BBQ boxed lunch and goodie bags.

The event also included music, giveaways, and raffle prizes.

"The Senior Picnic signifies the start of summer for many in Worcester County," Evangelidis said. "I look forward to reconnecting with so many friends and familiar faces that we see throughout the year at area senior centers and community events."

The picnic has been especially meaningful for seniors following the pandemic, which caused the cancellation of favorite traditions. Looking ahead, members of the Sheriff's Office are eager to continue working with seniors across the area.

"It remains my mission as Sheriff to support the communities we serve. Our older generations deserve to be celebrated for how much they've done and continue to do in our communities," Evangelidis said.

This year, the picnic was sponsored or supported by the



Local seniors always enjoy an annual picnic hosted by the Worcester County Sheriff's Office.

following businesses and organizations: Care One at Millbury, The Overlook, Christopher Heights Assisted Living, Table Talk Pies, Dimitria Delights, the Worcester Red Sox, the Massachusetts State Lottery, Tito's Handmade Vodka, Polar Beverage, and several other organizations.

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