

Webster planning \$546,000 in roadwork

BY GUS STEEVES
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WEBSTER — Besides a long list of routine board (re)appointments, the selectmen’s meeting of June 13 was primarily occupied by a review of this year’s road work from Highway Superintendent Kenny Pizzetti.

He said most of the work will start after July 4, with town planning a total of about \$546,000 in projects this year. That sum includes local funding and money from the state’s Winter Recovery Assistance Program, which needs to be spent within one year of receipt. Pizzetti intends to spend most of that WRAP money in three “heavily traveled” places – Myrtle Street, part of Thompson Road, and part of Sutton Road. Exactly how much distance will get done depends largely on the cost of asphalt, which is very volatile right now since it’s based on the cost of diesel fuel oil.

He said that has been “changing dramatically.” According to OilPrice.com, oil cost per barrel ranged from \$102-\$118 on Sunday, depending on source. The town has about 74 miles of public roads, plus about 10 miles of private roads it does some work on to keep them open for emergency use.

While most of the work is happening in one-day projects on side streets, a few larger projects are still in process. Among those are the water lines in the Lincoln-Nelson area (nearly done) and the second half of Granite Street (starting soon), Pizzetti said.

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BLACK TAVERN HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Black Tavern Historical Society of Dudley recently announced the selection of three Shepherd Hill students for 2022 scholarship awards. Pictured with the Board of Directors, in the center, from left to right, are Bronson Dubey, Skylar Finley and Cy Ducharme.

Oxford selectmen award Gifford Medal of Merit

BY GUS STEEVES
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OXFORD — The first post-reorganization selectmen’s meeting of the new board started a little testy, as resident Casey Fleming tried to allege ethics concerns against new Chair Norman Leblanc, and new member Robert King moved to reconsider the vote that made Leblanc chair.

Neither effort went anywhere. Leblanc stopped Fleming from reading a lengthy Ethics Commission letter regarding another town, and King’s motion failed.

Otherwise, town business got done with some debate but few fire-

works. A key part of it was awarding the Medal of Merit to Sgt Michael Gifford for his actions at a May 20 fire.

According to Chief Tony Saad, Gifford was the first person to respond to a 911 call to 45 Leicester St, finding the home “fully engulfed with intense flames, heat and smoke” just before 1 AM. He quickly found a man on the ground who had jumped from a second story window to escape. He was still conscious with a broken leg and extensive second- and third-degree burns, and witnesses had put a tarp over him to provide some protection from falling debris.

Gifford rolled the man

onto the tarp and dragged him about 50 feet to a place EMTs could start treatment.

“This daring action ... gave this person an opportunity to survive this tragic event, but unfortunately, he did not survive,” Saad said, noting the man definitely would have died had he remained where he was. After Gifford received the medal, Saad added, “Thank you very much for your courage in serving the Town of Oxford.”

Switching gears, the board later debated and ultimately accepted a revised “Policy 2001,” which covers how members of all boards in town use the town attorney.

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Johnson to chair Dudley Select Board

BY JASON BLEAU
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DUDLEY — Following the recent town election, Dudley’s Board of Selectmen performed their annual reorganization process on June 14, naming a new Chair and Vice Chair for the board.

Sticking to unofficial tradition, selectmen first approached the highest vote-getter of the two members who were voted in during the June 13 election. Freshman selectman Mark Landry, who succeeded longtime public servant Paul Joseph, was nominated for the post but humbly rejected the opportunity choosing instead to nominate

Jason Johnson, who was reelected to the board alongside Landry, to lead the selectmen for the next year.

“Thank you very much for even considering me for that position and it is an honor and a privilege to serve,” Landry said after being nominated by the most recent Board Chair John Marsi. “With the issues that the town has coming forward I think it would be a better decision to choose someone who stands fast and can get the job done.”

Johnson was unanimously elected the Chair marking his first time leading the Board of Selectmen since his initial election in 2019.

Before choosing a new Vice Chair, selectmen thanked Marsi for his leadership. Marsi, in turn, said he felt the past year was a successful one.

“It was challenging, but we’re here and like always we’ll keep going forward. I’m proud to serve with you guys,” Marsi told his fellow selectmen.

Selectman Johnson nominated Marsi to serve as Vice Chair, which Marsi accepted with unanimous support. Kerry Cyganiewicz was elected the Clerk also by a unanimous vote establishing the new order for the Board of Selectmen for another year.

Bike Rodeo sees small turnout, potential for growth

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — Following the second annual Bike Rodeo in Dudley on June 11, the town’s Board of Health is still looking for ways to get the word out and increase participation in an event that has become a passion project during the pandemic years.

First held in September of 2021, the Bike Rodeo has been touted as a new annual tradition to help educate and inspire children to practice safe operation on the bicycles especially during school vacations. The event was held in June for 2022 to take advantage of the warmer weather and to help ensure kids are educated for summer vacation. The event also moved from the Dudley Town Hall parking lot to Nichols College providing better parking and a larger area for activities. However, the Board of Health reported that the turnout this year was a

bit smaller than 2021.

Board of Health member Roberta Johnson said that while they did see good participation, they were hoping to exceed the turnout from the first year but learned from some parents that a lack of awareness may have played a role in the lower numbers.

“I did hear from some of the parents who have children in the schools that they didn’t even know about it, so I don’t know if they missed the newsletter or it didn’t get out in a timely manner,” Johnson said during the Board of Health’s June 21 meeting. “We started thinking how else we can brainstorm to get this out there. We did the schools, we did the library, we did the Boys and Girls Club, we did everything.”

Despite the lower turnout, Roberta spoke positively of the event saying it was a perfect day with a great new location that provided a better course for kids to practice bike safety.

“The event was great. Boston Children’s Hospital came with their own van. They had a tent and some free things that they gave out. They had a skeleton of the spine just to go over some things with the kids. Comparing it to last year, I don’t think it was the space I think it was getting the word out,” said Johnson.

The Board’s attention now turns to the 2023 event and helping bring more awareness and involvement to help make the Bike Rodeo a continued success. The Board has been in touch with a member of the local PTO to help create more awareness among parents and the schools next year. They also plan to create “save the date” reminders and utilize other town events over the next year as opportunities to spread awareness of the Rodeo. In addition, the Board of Health is examining any potential changes to the date and time of year. Some

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NEW PASTOR INSTALLED

Pastor Michael Bastian, the Pastor of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oxford, and the Priest in Charge of Church of the Church of the Reconciliation, Webster, was formally installed on June 22. Bishop Douglas Fisher of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts and Bishop Jim Hazelwood of the New England Synod ELCA presided over the joyful, long anticipated service. Readers, music directors, choir members, and worship participants from the neighboring congregations joined in celebrating this new pastoral relationship of “Church Better Together.” Left to right: Rt. Rev. Dr. Douglas J. Fisher, Rev. James Hazelwood, Rev. Michael Bastian, Susan Bastian.

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New treatments are being pioneered by UMass Memorial Health for conditions that range from repairing abdominal aortic aneurysms to changing the way lung cancer biopsies are performed.

A man with an aortic aneurysm, which is a weak spot in the wall of a major blood vessel that can be fatal if it ruptures, is told that nothing can be done to help and that he should get his affairs in order. Then he learns about a procedure at UMass Memorial Health called FEVAR that could save his life.

A worried patient has a biopsy on a suspicious spot on her lung. While she is still asleep from the anesthetic, the biopsy is reviewed by a cytopathologist who determines the spot is cancer, so the surgeon immediately removes it. And a process of treating lung cancer that normally takes months is performed in a couple of hours.

Another patient needs hospital-quality care. But in this case, her home becomes a hospital, outfitted with monitors and medical equipment. Daily visits from the hospital staff make it possible for the entire “hospital stay” to occur in the comfort of her own bed and surroundings.

These are examples of innovation at its finest, innovation that is transforming health care by making it more accessible, cost-efficient and, yes, more human. And nowhere is that commitment to innovation stronger than at UMass Memorial Health, where clinicians like Constantinos (Taki) Michaelidis, MD, a home hospitalist and medical director of the health system’s Hospital at Home program, are devoting their careers to making health care better for all.



UMass Memorial Health’s Hospital at Home program is allowing some patients to go home earlier to recover, or even avoid an overnight stay altogether.

“We are bringing safe, effective, human-centered hospital care to patients in the comfort of their homes. Our broader Hospital at Home vision is centered in UMass Memorial Health’s anchor mission, which is to make health care available for all people in our region, and you can’t fully address health equity if you don’t address the challenges people face in their daily lives that adversely affect their health,” Michaelidis says.

“So, not only does the Hospital at Home program make it possible to provide care in a setting that is more conducive to healing,” says Michaelidis, “but when we’re in the home, we can also see their other needs and help address those, too, like the need for transportation to get them to their appointments.

This is about making health care more convenient, more accessible and more personalized, to better treat the whole person.”

Hospital at Home is just one example of the work that is catapulting UMass Memorial Health to national recognition as a leader in the transformation of health and health care. Eric Dickson, MD, the health system’s president and



CEO and a practicing emergency medicine physician, says, “UMass Memorial Health’s mission is to ensure that everyone in our region, regardless of means, has access to outstanding care. The best way to make that possible is to find new and better ways to make health and health care available and more effective through cutting-edge technologies. Here, we strive to put innovation to work in the real world, for the purpose of helping everyone live their healthiest lives.”

Mark Maxfield, MD, is a thoracic surgeon and a member of a team that has helped pioneer the ROADAT procedure, a procedure available nowhere else in New England. ROADAT stands for Robotic One Anesthetic Diagnosis and Treatment. ROADAT is the lung cancer biopsy procedure that streamlines the process of identifying and treating lung cancer from a six-week process to just one day, saving time, money and endless nights of worry for the patient and family. “There is a very different culture here than you find at other places. Work gets done here. Physicians are drawn here for the opportunity to be a difference maker, to put research to work and save lives. UMass Memorial Health is about healing,” Maxfield says.

Andres Schanzer, MD, a vascular surgeon who heads up the FEVAR program at UMass Memorial Health agrees.

“FEVAR, which stands for Fenestrated Endovascular Aortic Repair, is a highly specialized procedure that is performed through a trial at only 10 medical centers in the country,” Schanzer says. “If we didn’t make it available here, those diagnosed with complex aortic aneurysms and in danger of dying would have no option and no hope. We’re able to provide that hope because of a culture that not only supports innovation, but also is relentless in its desire to make it available to people who need it.”

For more information on all the ways UMass Memorial Health is bringing breakthrough health care to the region, visit ummhealth.org/relentless.



Locals raised to Sublime Degree of Master Masons

SOUTHBRIDGE — On Saturday, June 18, Quinebaug Masonic Lodge in Southbridge gathered with members, family, and friends, along with other Master Masons throughout the 24th Masonic District. These people came to witness and congratulate the raising of two local men brother Eric Willard of Dudley and brother Clay Tully of Webster to the sublime Degree of Master Masons. The two local men, along with many other men before them, has followed this path to join this great fraternity. Freemasonry has been in this community going back to the late 1700's.

Let me give you a little history about Freemasonry in this community and the history of Quinebaug Masonic Lodge. The Quinebaug Masonic Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons was first organized on the second floor of Salem Towne's House in Charlton Mass. The lodge was granted a charter by Paul Revere on March 14, 1796, forming into Fayette Lodge. The lodge was given special permission on Jan. 10, 1799, to meet annually by rotation in Dudley, Charlton and Sturbridge, and parts that would form into Southbridge. On Dec 7, 1859, S.A. Drake a prominent businessman in Southbridge, along with fellow Masons were given special dispensation to organize a new lodge in Southbridge and this new lodge was named Quinebaug Masonic Lodge. The new lodge had 40 members at this time, most of them prominent businessmen from Southbridge. The lodge would hold their first official meeting a week later with Chester A. Dresser as the Worshipful Master and S.A. Drake as treasurer. 163 years later and Quinebaug Masonic Lodge is still thriving spreading the word of Freemasonry into the community. If you would like more information on the Masonic History in this community it can be found at the Jacob Edwards Library in Southbridge. Go to www.massfreemasonry.org to find a lodge nearest you.



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Center first row left to right with white apron on: Bro. Eric Willard; center with black top hat Wor. Bill Belanger and white apron Bro. Clay Tully both men were raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons. Surrounding these men in the background are officers of the Quinebaug Masonic Lodge and Master Masons throughout the 24th Masonic District. Also, a little history of the black top hat being worn by our Worshipful Master is 100 years old. Only Masters of the lodge are allowed to wear this hat. This hat is made from beaver pelt and was made in England. Every Master of the lodge for the past 100 years has worn this black top hat.

East-West rail a key part of state transport planning

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REGION — Extending passenger rail west of Worcester was a big topic of a recent CMRPC online forum, with shuttle services for non-rail towns “considered and monitored as the ridership increases.”

In our area, the key railroad under consideration is the CSX line that runs through Charlton, but the P&W line heading to Webster also came up. In both cases, the lines are currently almost entirely freight.

According to State Sen Eric Lesser, Worcester found that opening the rail link to Boston was “a key, key part” of Worcester’s “renaissance” in recent years, and he sees that as an example “of what we can do in greater Springfield.” The towns in between would also benefit; for example, Grafton and Westboro both have MBTA stops and have seen significant development in part due to them.

Former Mayor and Lt Gov Tim Murray said that happened in Worcester, where “development takes place in concentric circles around Union Station” now. Years ago, that station was vacant and dilapidated; today, developers “invariably” include rail access as a reason

why they come to Worcester, he said.

East-West rail “will pull more opportunity and job creation” into our region, Lesser said, adding he thinks it will also help “close our racial wealth gap.” But the state has for years not really invested in rail “outside of a handful of zip codes.”

US Rep. Jim McGovern agreed, noting this funding is federal and is being geared to regional projects, not necessarily communities. He said Massachusetts stands to get about \$12 billion of the bill’s roughly \$40 billion for rail, which he described as “the single largest investment in passenger rail since the creation of Amtrak.” While that’s in the current infrastructure bill, some related bills are also in process, including one by Sen Ed Markey dubbed the “Brain Train Act” that McGovern said will “enable the Department of Transportation [DOT] to make intercity passenger rail really take off.”

“We’re at a unique moment that’s making me optimistic, and I say that despite all the other crap that’s happening in Washington,” he said.

To him, the state needs to “be ambitious in what we can achieve. ... The state is overflowing with money” and what matters is to “make sure it’s not all spent in one place.”

But he also stresses, “this money’s not there forever,” so Massachusetts needs to ask for it and have a clear idea what to do with it. “I don’t know whether in my lifetime we’ll get this infusion of federal money for infrastructure ever again,” he said.

While it might benefit the state to have a rail authority as some states have, Mass DOT can apply for funds while the Legislature creates one, Lesser added.

The east-west rail is a key part of the Central Mass Regional Planning Commission’s current process to write a new long-range transportation plan. Planner Yahaira Graxirina said this is beginning now, with workshops in various area towns in the near future. The draft should be available by June of 2023, including scenario plans. She noted CMRPC wants to work with communities “to come up with some projects to put in the pipeline,” but did not think communities are eligible to apply for these funds directly. (By that time, McGovern had departed to cast a vote.)

That plan’s Web site is www.cmrpc.org/2050connections.

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Didonato Ave
Dragon Rd
East Main St
Emil St
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Girard St
Golden Hts
Harry’s Way
Hartley St
James St
Normandy Ave
Oak Tree Ln
Old Worcester Rd
Pond Ct
Pontiac Ave
Racicot Ave
Riverside Dr

Vecchia St
Victory Dr
Worcester Rd

Sunday, July 24
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Davis St
Day St
Frederick St
Hall St
Main St
Market St
Mill St
North Main St

Pearl Ave
Pearl St
Plasse Ct
Railroad Ave
Slater St
South Main St
Starzec Dr
Stoughton Ave
Tracy Ct
Upland Ave
Village Way
Wakefield St
Wall St

Sunday, July 31

Barnes St
Boyden St
Boyden Street Ext
Brook St
Chase Ave
Elm St
Foster St
George St
George Street Ext
High St
Hill St
Joyce St
Linwood St
Maple St
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Valley St
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Oxford Woman’s Club awards scholarships

OXFORD — The Oxford Woman’s Club is very pleased to award three \$750 scholarships to deserving graduating Seniors who reside in Oxford.

The Clara Barton Scholarship is awarded to a student pursuing a four year college in nursing/ Healthcare. The recipient is Adrian-Nicky Anrwi from Bay Path Regional Vocational High School.

The Josie Tyler Scholarship is awarded to a student pursuing a four year college in a career in education. The recipient is Julia Trainor from Oxford High School.

The Oxford Woman’s Club Scholarship is awarded to a student pursuing a four year college in the studies of their choice. The recipient is Marialaina Gelineau from Oxford High School.

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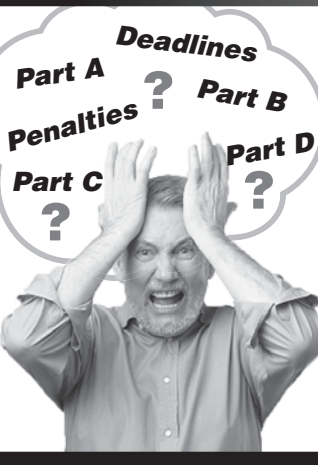
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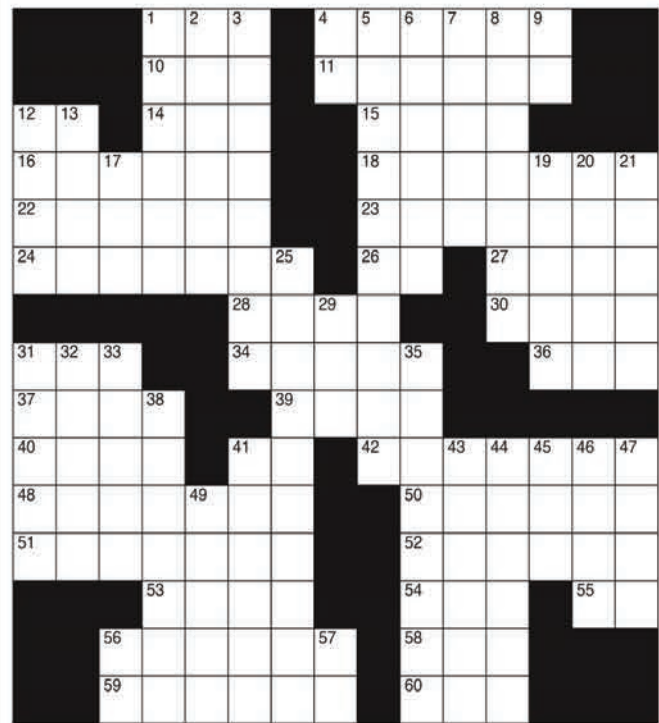
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Basics
- 4. In a new way
- 10. __ Paulo, city
- 11. Jailhouse
- 12. Expresses surprise
- 14. Trigraph
- 15. A small stream
- 16. Dissimilar
- 18. Promote
- 22. Gives a boost
- 23. Lawmaker
- 24. Orthodox Jews
- 26. Actor Harris
- 27. Wild cherry
- 28. Participate in democracy
- 30. Opposite of begins
- 31. A Brit's mother
- 34. Set of moral principles
- 36. Very fast airplane
- 37. Czech river
- 39. Private school in New York
- 40. Israeli dance
- 41. Electron volt
- 42. Adjusting
- 48. Duct by the bladder
- 50. Small burger
- 51. Begin again
- 52. Unstuck
- 53. Jai __, sport
- 54. Get free of
- 55. For instance
- 56. Hotel chain
- 58. A team's best pitcher
- 59. Extracts from various sources
- 60. Indefinite period of time

CLUES DOWN

- 1. St. Francis of __
- 2. Supported
- 3. United in working
- 4. It cools your home
- 5. Predicting
- 6. Irritated
- 7. Popular talk show host
- 8. Fabric edge
- 9. A resource for employees
- 12. Broadway's Jackman
- 13. Small water buffalo
- 17. City of Angels: __ Angeles
- 19. Asteroids
- 20. Tailless amphibians
- 21. German expressionist painter
- 25. What drives you
- 29. N. Vietnamese ethnic group
- 31. Gold coin used in British India
- 32. Have deep affection for
- 33. Ponds
- 35. Breaks between words
- 38. Hairstyle
- 41. Print errors
- 43. Family of iron alloys
- 44. Sidelined in bed
- 45. Many couples say it
- 46. Brazilian hoopster
- 47. Allman Brothers late frontman
- 49. German city
- 56. One hundred grams (abbr.)
- 57. One billionth of a second (abbr.)



Cornerstone Bank announces new senior vice president, chief risk officer

WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with 10 locations throughout Central Massachusetts, is pleased to announce that Michael J. Roy has been hired as senior vice president, chief risk officer. Roy is a successful industry leader who comes to Cornerstone with more than 25 years of experience in helping financial institutions manage risk and drive financial improvement. He will oversee the company's governance and strategy for risk management and compliance, and protect the investments of stakeholders.

"We are very excited to welcome Michael to the team as our new chief risk officer," said Cornerstone Bank CEO Todd Tallman. "Throughout his impressive career, he has shown a great aptitude for creating and implementing risk management plans, and we're confident his success will continue as a leader in our organization."

A Whitinsville native, Roy previously served as the regulatory compliance manager at Sheshunoff Consulting and has also held senior vice president positions at several other banking institutions. He has a bachelor's degree in finance from Bryant University in Rhode Island and an MBA from Anna Maria College in Paxton.

"I look forward to growing with Cornerstone Bank, building upon the successes this institution has achieved," said Roy. "Central Massachusetts has always been my home, and I'm excited to use my experience to provide protection for local stakeholders and the community as a whole."

About Cornerstone Bank
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QCC's Respiratory Care program breathes life into community

I WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College's Respiratory Care Program has received the Distinguished Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) Credentialing Success Award from the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) for the second consecutive year. The College has once again joined a select group of programs that received this national recognition based on a high-level performance of key accreditation metrics.

The CoARC views the RRT credential as a measure of a program's success in inspiring its graduates to achieve their highest educational and professional aspirations. The award is considered a standard of professional achievement.

"This award is a testament to the hard-working faculty who have put together a high-quality program that is revered in the healthcare community. Their caring and dedication have fostered a successful learning environment for our students," said QCC President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D.

To earn this significant award, programs were required to have three or more years of outcome data, hold accreditation without a progress report, document RRT credentialing success of 90% or above, and meet or exceed core thresholds for the Therapist Multiple Choice (TMC) examination high cut score and retention. QCC had a three-year (2018 - 2020) average of 100% of students who achieved the high cut score and 96 percent achieve the RRT credential. The CoARC threshold for retention is 70 percent, and QCC had a 95 percent retention rate for the same three-year average (2018-2020).

QCC's Respiratory Care is an 18-month program that prepares graduates for employment as allied health practitioners in the specialty area of pulmonary medicine. The program began in 1967 and has graduated approximately 126 students since 2005.

"It is an honor for our program to be recognized

over the past several years. It is a tribute to all the current and former faculty, QCC administration, and our advisory board who helped make this achievement possible, as well as our graduates who took the exams and earned the RRT credential," said Assistant Professor of Respiratory Care, Keith Hirst. "I am proud to be part of such a great team who strive to provide an exceptional respiratory care education."

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Audrey Bonaventura named to High Honors List at Pomfret School

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Country Bank recognizes the President’s Platinum Recipient

REGION — Country Bank, a full-service financial institution serving Central and Western Massachusetts, announced the recipient of the 2021 President’s Platinum Award. The Bank’s recognition program, “CB

Shines”, encourages team members to look for coworkers who embody the Bank’s corporate values of Integrity, Service, Teamwork, Excellence, and Prosperity (iSTEP). Within this program, members can receive different levels of recognition: Silver Spotlight, Gold Star, and the President’s Platinum.

“Country Bank’s team members contribute to the Bank’s success in so many ways throughout the year, and we are delighted to celebrate their contributions. The 2021 President’s Platinum award was presented to Tracey Wrzesien, Assistant Vice President, Retail Banking Officer. Tracey embodies the Bank’s corporate

values. In addition, her nominator recognized her contributions to the organization, customers, and coworkers. Our team is extremely dedicated, knowledgeable and committed to delivering the best service to their external and internal customers”, stated Paul Scully, President, and CEO of Country Bank.

“I am extremely honored to have been named a recipient of the Presidential Platinum Award! Thank you to my colleague for nominating me and to Paul and Country Bank for selecting me. I could not do what I do without my amazing team, the Retail Banking Leadership, and last but certainly not least, my customers. I am honored and humbled. I love what I do”, stated

Wrzesien.

About Country Bank
Country Bank is one of the Commonwealth’s most highly capitalized mutual savings banks, offering full-service consumer and commercial banking services. Country Bank serves Central and Western Massachusetts with 14 offices in Ware, Palmer, West Brookfield, Brimfield, Belchertown, Wilbraham, Ludlow, Leicester, Paxton, Charlton, Springfield, and Worcester. Country Bank is an FDIC, DIF, and SUM network member. Country Bank can be reached at 800-322-8233 or online at countrybank.com.

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Dudley

\$625,000, 5 Castle Cir, Loughlin, Jonathan, and Loughlin, Michele, to Mulherin, Shawn, and Mulherin, Bailey.

\$619,900, 1 Corbin Rd, Krevis, Sisomphone, and Krevis, Andrew, to Shore, Terence M, and Shore, Brenda L.

\$483,000, 31 Raymond St, Ciprari, Michael L, and Ciprari, Lindsey A, to Gagnon, Justin S, and Marcotte, Kailyn.

\$426,000, 68 Flaxfield Rd, Robillard, Paul M, and Robillard, Paul, to Stapin, Jack, and Perry, Alexa.

\$380,000, 2 Progress Ave, Pineda, Adister, to James, Anita, and James, Aneesah A.

\$370,000, 3-A Fairview Ave, Blanchet, Sally A, to Mayombwe, Ivan.

Oxford

\$450,000, 17 Rocky Hill Rd, Hylton, Mark J, and Hylton, Cynthia L, to Casey, Christopher.

\$450,000, 265 Main St, Ayala, Iris, and Montanez, Yanira, to Carneiro, Jorge A.

\$440,000, 201 Main St, Abilhomme, Marjorie, to Pacheco Jr, Wilfredo, and Pola, Cynthia.

\$330,000, 7 Oxbow Rd, Dutra, Maria D, to Noronha, Lauren E.

\$230,000, 30-32 Watch St, Morse, Kristin L, and Morse, Melissa, to Andrade, Robert.

\$190,000, 14 Thayer Pond Dr #12, Scott, Nathaniel, to Ohare, Deborah.

\$25,000, 11 Sutton Ave, PMVW 7 LLC, to Trinity Est Inv& Dev LLC.

WEBSTER

\$3,400,000, 70-74 Worcester Rd, Webster Market Realty LLC, to Lep Worcester Road RT, and Lundgren Equity Partners.

\$1,925,000, 70-74 Worcester Rd, Webster Plaza Realty LLC, to Lep Worcester Road RT, and Lundgren Equity Partners.

\$1,250,000, 11 Old Worcester Rd, DJJ Realty LLC, to Bankmaker Holdings LLC.

\$400,000, 28 Goddard St, Kaliszewski, Carl, to Bendaravicius, Tadas.

\$320,000, 17 Dresser St, Gevry, Timothy P, and Gevry, Lou A, to Pabon Sr, Benjamin.

\$275,000, 42 Harris St, Ostrokolowicz, Ronald, and Ostrokolowicz, Ron, to Potem, Thomasz.

\$200,000, 32 George St Ext #32, Deschenes, Brian C, to Castillo, Angelic.

Crowley appointed enrollment chief at Nichols College

DUDLEY — Nichols College President Glenn M. Sulmasy, JD, LL.M, has announced the appointment of Michael Crowley as vice president for enrollment management, effective July 11.

Crowley served as senior vice president for enrollment at Suffolk University from 2015 to 2017. Prior to that, he was vice president/senior consultant for enrollment management at Ruffalo Noel Levitz from 2003 to 2015, and more recently served as vice president of outreach/director of Northeast sales at ZeeMee and an enrollment solutions consultant at Capture Higher Ed.

“Michael is a visionary and strategic leader who effectively uses data and technology to steer student

recruitment, financial aid, and retention initiatives,” said Sulmasy in making the announcement. “I am thrilled that he will bring his extensive experience and talents to Nichols College to grow enrollment and ensure the success of our students in our march toward regional then national prominence.”

As a member of President Sulmasy’s cabinet, Crowley will be responsible for establishing and achieving enrollment goals as well as tuition, room, and board revenue goals for undergraduate degree programs. He will also establish, measure, and manage recruitment and retention strategies for undergraduate programs as well as develop and implement strategies and practices for promoting the college through marketing and communications initiatives and

intercollegiate athletics.

“I am thrilled to be joining the Nichols Community,” said Crowley. “With its longstanding commitment to student success and developing future leaders, along with President Sulmasy’s vision of the college’s future, this is truly an exciting time to be a Bison.”

A resident of Westborough, Mass., Crowley earned a BA in history from Fordham University.

About Nichols College
The mission of Nichols College is to educate and enlighten students to capitalize on their ambitions and to become impactful, forward looking global leaders.

Keith Kirkpatrick graduates from CCU in May 2022

CONWAY, S.C. — Coastal Carolina University recognized more than 1,200 students during its spring commencement ceremonies, held May 6-7. Among the graduates was Keith Kirkpatrick, a Coastal Marine and Wetland Studies major from Oxford, Mass.

A Universitywide ceremony recognizing all graduates was held on Saturday, May 7, at 9 a.m. in Brooks Stadium and featured a keynote address by Vanessa Wyche, a Conway, S.C., native and director of NASA’s Johnson Space Center. Each of CCU’s academic colleges held individual ceremonies during the weekend, where graduates’ names were called and they had the opportunity to walk across the stage and receive their diploma covers.

Coastal Carolina University is a dynamic, public comprehensive liberal arts institution located in Conway, located just minutes from the resort area of Myrtle Beach, S.C. CCU offers baccalaureate degrees in 95 major fields of study. Among the University’s graduate-level programs

are 27 Master’s degrees, two educational specialist degrees, and the doctorates in education and in marine science: coastal and marine systems science. CCU boasts a growing array of internship, research and international opportunities for students, as well as numerous online programs through Coastal Online.

More than 10,400 students from across the country and around the world interact with a world-class faculty, and enjoy a nationally competitive NCAA I athletic program, an inspiring cultural calendar, and a tradition of community interaction that is fueled by more than 180 student clubs and organizations.

Julia Dandridge named to College of Charleston President’s List

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Julia Dandridge of Dudley was named to the College of Charleston Spring 2022 President’s List. Dandridge is majoring in Communication.

To qualify for President’s List (Highly Distinguished), students must earn a GPA of 3.800 or higher and complete a minimum of 14 semester hours.

To qualify for Dean’s List (Distinguished), students must earn a GPA of 3.600 or higher and complete a minimum of 14 semester hours.

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



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Knights of Columbus Council #228 has celebrated 125 years as a chartered council. For 125 years, the council has served the community of Webster and Dudley through charitable acts and giving. Council #228 held a celebration mass at Sacred Heart Parish June 11 and then joined for a formal dinner celebrating a century and a quarter of service to the community. In attendance were Knights and their families from Council #228 as well as Knights and families from other local councils. State Representative Joseph McKenna, and State Senator Ryan Fattman also attended, each offering a citation to the council. Knights of Columbus Council #228 serves Sacred Heart Parish (Webster), Saint Louis Parish (Webster) and St. Anthony of Padua Parish (Dudley).

Questions to consider before waiving a home inspection

REGION — In the currently hot real estate market, many buyers are resorting to somewhat dramatic measures to increase their likelihood of securing the home they love. Buyers are proposing all cash offers, bidding thousands of dollars above asking price and even waiving home inspections. However, the act of waiving inspections is less common than some make it out to be; most buyers, sellers and agents still recognize the importance of the inspection. “Prior to this housing market, 80 to 90 percent of homes were inspected. Now, 70 to 80 percent of homes are being inspected. So, the trend of waiving home inspections isn’t as widespread as the industry makes it seem,” explained Adam Long, HomeTeam Inspection Service President of Ohio franchise headquarters. “There are a lot of agents and buyers that will never make or accept an offer without an inspection.”

Should a buyer or seller find themselves in a situation where waiving the inspection seems like a viable option, there are a few things to consider before committing to a contract with no home inspection contingency.

Both parties should be clear on what the waiver means

The home inspection gives a buyer the time and opportunity to verify the condition of the home, condo, investment property before signing a Purchase and Sales Agreement and before putting substantial down payment money on the line.

In other words, waiving the inspection contingency means that you agree to handle any issues that come with the property, and you agree to receive it in “as-is” condition.

For the seller, a waived home inspection means that they will be protected from any price or repair negotiations that may arise. A waived home inspection does not mean that the buyer cannot get an inspection, but it does mean that the results of any inspection cannot be used as leverage during negotiations.

Every real estate contract has a stipulation with what type of inspection is included. Contracts may have the option that sale of the house is not

contingent on the inspection. This just means that the buyer cannot use that inspection to get out of the contract.

Have all known issues been disclosed? Sellers are required by law to disclose anything about the home that may be wrong and failing to do so can lead to bigger problems later on. However, an inspection can be critical in ensuring all these shortfalls are addressed.

“Home inspections can bring up things the owner knew about but didn’t realize was an issue,” Long said. “For example, if a homeowner repaired something in a nontraditional way, they may not realize that this is something that must be disclosed. The inspector will see what has happened and report the potential issue.”

Specific disclosure requirements may differ from state to state, but the overarching requirement is that the buyer receives a thorough, transparent report of any issues. Regardless of how or why a potential issue is left out of that disclosure, failure to disclose can lead to major issues for the seller.

What are the other legal implications? There is a common misconception about who an inspection — or lack thereof — protects.

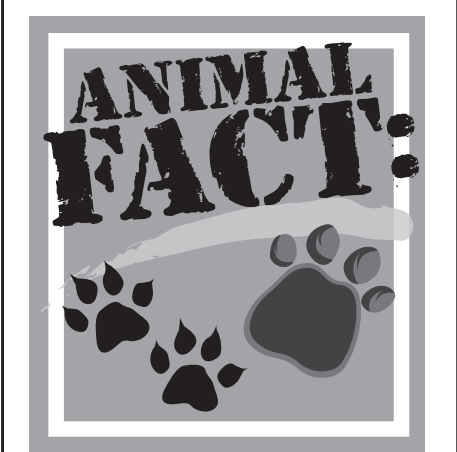
“Sellers often think not having an inspection protects them, but it actually doesn’t. It hurts everybody involved,” he said. “If someone waives an inspection and the contingency, the concern is not just for the buyer. The buyer may realize there are issues they can’t afford to fix or safety issues that can impact their health, but there is also a higher likelihood of the buyer suing the seller and the agents.”

This harkens back to the issue of legally-required disclosure. While some sellers may feel it’s better to waive the inspection to avoid any nitpicking or overzealous inspectors, the inspection actually protects them just as much as the buyer.

Understanding all of the implications of inspections, reporting and the home-buying contract is critical in deciding whether an inspection can, or should, be waived.

About Hometeam Inspection Service

HomeTeam Inspection Service of Central Massachusetts and Northeast Connecticut is a full-service, independent home inspection franchise serving home buyers, sellers and real estate agents. HomeTeam has built a reputation for providing professional, reliable, efficient and accurate inspections on both residential and commercial property, focusing on electrical and plumbing systems, HVAC, exterior and siding, gutters and drainage, mold inspections, air quality reports and much more. Unlike other inspection companies, HomeTeam sends a team of inspectors to every appointment in order to provide a better and faster inspection, every single time. The brand’s reputation for excellence has made them a top choice among real estate agents. For more information about HomeTeam please visit <https://www.hometeam.com/Worcester> or check out our google reviews and FaceBook page: <https://www.facebook.com/HomeTeamInspectionWorcester>

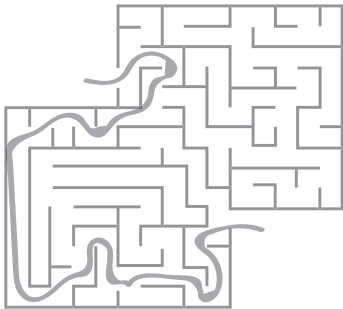
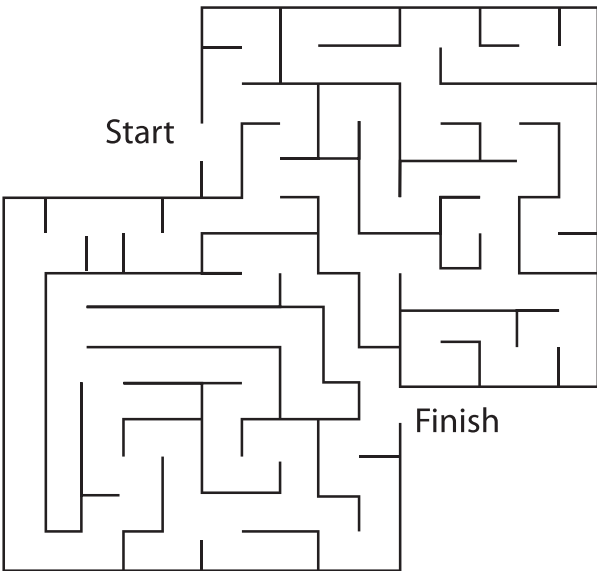


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- 1976: THE SEYCHELLES GAIN INDEPENDENCE FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM.
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DUDLEY POLICE LOG

DUDLEY — The Dudley Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of June 17-24.

A 71-year-old male was taken into protective custody on June 17.

Patrick David Ford, age 22, of Dudley was arrested on June 18 in connection with an out of agency warrant.

QuoVadis Club awards scholarships

REGION — Since 1960, the QuoVadis Club of Webster and Dudley has been proud to support education in our local communities in the form of scholarships, educator grants and sponsorship of scholar recognition programs. Awards for the 2021-2022 school year were presented to Shepherd Hill graduates Sean McCarty, Ashley Harvey and Keirsten Doud and to Dudley-Charlton educators Barbara Marderosian and Cyndi Piehl. Webster award recipients were Bartlett graduates Amanda Warchal, Colin Minarik and Jessica Peets and Park Avenue Elementary educator Ellen Jeffers.

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Bay Path celebrates 50th graduation



CHARLTON — On Sunday, June 5, Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School celebrated the Class of 2022's Graduation at the DCU Center in Worcester with 272 students receiving their diplomas and over 2000 family members and friends present. This year, the school proudly marked its 50th year of operation.

The graduation program began with the Pomp & Circumstance procession, followed by the singing of the National Anthem by Adelina Giaquinto of Southbridge, and a welcome address by Superintendent-Director Mr. Kyle Brenner. Marisa DeJesus from Charlton provided the Valedictorian address, class president Tyler Verrier of Webster delivered the Student Address, and Ethan Shanbaum of Southbridge

read the Salutatorian Address.

Following the Salutatorian Address, the senior class officers presented a class gift, awards were presented by Director of Student Services Mrs. Nancy J. Ferriter-Alpine, and the presentation of diplomas were given by District School Committee Chairman Mr. David H. Grenier, Superintendent-Director Mr. Kyle Brenner, Principal

Mr. Clifford C. Cloutier, and Dean of Students Mr. Daniel T. McGowan.

This year's graduating class was advised by Mrs. Johanna Giles and Mr. Alan Greenough. Class officers were Tyler Verrier, President; Marisa DeJesus, Vice-President; Marlee Donohoe, Treasurer, and Paige Osche, Secretary.

BAY PATH HONOR ROLL

CHARLTON — Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School has released its honor roll for the fourth quarter of the 2021-2022 school year.

Grade 12
High Honors: Justin Barton, Sadie Bickford, Alexia Brawn, Dylan Butkus, Isabella Capuano, Jackson Chaffee, Anaya Compres, Carter Coughlin, Marisa DeJesus, Kailani Dessus, Chloe Dexter, Marlee Donohoe, Danielle Gautier, Julia Graveson, Ashley Hamel, Nicholas Hunter, Tiffany King, Cole Komssi, Bethany Lasell, Marguerite MacKenzie, Anthony Martins, Amber Mercon, Olivia Morin, Samuel Murillo, Aidan Oosterman, Anyse Pinto, Lukas Rafferty, Luzyvette Sagastibelza-Lopez, Jayna Schmohl, Ethan Shanbaum, Sarah Simpson, Olivia St. Germain, Scarlet Taveras, Mackenzie Tupaj, Rohan Vaidya, Tyler Verrier, Mateusz Zych

Honors: Nathaniel Anderson, Lana Antocci, Adam Barter, Connor Barton, Thomas Benoit, Dominic Benvenuti, Jayde Berthiaume, Anna Bonin, Brian Bonnette, Hayden Bourgeois, Catalina Burden, Isaiah Burlingame, Patric Campbell, Andrew Cannon, Diego Canovas, Adriana Carignan, Stephanie Chege, Aiden Chernisky, Abby Christian, Yadriel Colon Vega, Dylan Cotton, Nathan Cuff, Kevin Cunningham, Chad Cutroni, Jack Dalton, Lillian Dolan, Cody Douglas, Nathan Dreitlein, Nathan Dubeau, Johnathon Ferreira, Tricia Gallien, Brady Garabedian, Isabella Gervais, Adelina Giaquinto, Gavin Gillet, Genesis Gonzalez, Robert Gordon, Nicholas Gosselin, Amie Grenier, Nathan Gulkin, Christopher Hanley, Haevyn Hazzard, Zachary Hinman, Anthony Hudon, Morgan Ivory, Kailey Jones, Chloe Jordan, Ryan Kempskie, Kevin Kilcourse, Ryan Komssi, Jason Kozlowski, Cody LaMonda, Chase Lamprey, Anthony Lang, Andrew Leach, Jacob LeBrun, William LeCuyer, Lexie MacDonald, Jaohn Marchetti, Alannah Matthews, Allison Maynard, William Ofori, Evan O'Malley, Gabrielle Packard, Michael Pashoian, Elizabeth Pilling, Hunter Pocus, Krystal Quadarella, Zachary Sargent, Kristina Scott, Brandon Shippee, Daniel Sibert, Chloe Sicari-Swinimer, Brant Smith, Katrina Somers, Caroline Soucy, Kyra Stevens, Isabella Strzelecki, Isabella Tanacea, Camden Towns, Aaliyah Tremblay Collins, Adriana Vazquez Gonzalez

Principal's List: Kendall Barton, Thomas Becker, Kylie Bouchard, Samantha Brown, Gabriella Carlin, Dominic Chivallatti, CJ Church, Connor Clardy, Hailey Cournoyer, Anthony Defilippo, Madison DiGiantommaso, Zachary Dubsky, Lillian Dunkerton, May Emsiranunt, Austin Fish, Angelina Friend, Colin Gagne, Declan Johnson, Nathan Johnson, Lucas Kaufman, Elizabeth King, Gianna Legere Olivencia, Richard Menard IV, Paige Osche, Ethan Page, Ilias Perez, Jocelyn Rodriguez, Carlos Rosado, Anthony Seymour, Kristina Sylwanovicz, Jomar Torres, Aaron Trahan, Owen Vaillancourt, Isaac Vieira

Grade 11
High Honors: Sincere Bailey, Aleana Brayton, Dennis Brunelle, Miranda Burden, Ronald Desrosiers, Brenna Donohue, Elizabeth Dreitlein, Jayden Flanders, Emma-Abigail Gachagua, Emily Gelineau, Evan Gelineau, Osiris Gonzalez, Emma Hesselton, Samantha Inangelo, Hunter Kelley, Aiden LaFrance, Sydney Lamontagne, Gianaleze Lopez, Mackenzie Morrissey, Merissa Murray, Stephen Ngaruiya, Wyatt Sadusky, Jazlynn Santana Arminada Smoes, Sawyer Smith, Emily Westwell

Honors: Alyssa Adams, Ayan Ahmad, Samuel Audunsson, Lukus Bachand, Haven Banks, Quinn Beck, Alexander Besaw, Benjamin Besaw, Samuel Boria, Ryan Brown Herraiz, Arriana Cabana, Julia Canty, Daniel Chaffee, Michael Chanssignavong, Amanda Christanson, Isabella Coleman, Makayla Collins, Anthony Comforti, Samantha DeCell, Cam'Ron Desrosiers, Cheryl Dolson, Ty Dupuis, Gabriel Espinosa, Tori Fontaine, Evan Frost, Casey Gallagher, Aiden Gelardi, Amber Girard, Noah Gilspin, Adrian Gonzalez, John Guerin, Julius

Guillen, Lauren Hennessy, Luke Hill, Rebeka Janusz, Tatyanna Johnny, Grace Jones, Matthew Kallgren, Eyan Karlowicz, Nakia L'Ecuier, James LeProhon, Anna L'Esperance, Judy Maignan, Matthew Marchetti, Jaime Marrero, Matthew Marshall, Alyssa Masciarelli, Connor McCarthy, Rachel McMenemy, Erika Melendez, Jaysi Miller, Yerilian Miranda-Colon, Dominic Moniz, Dylan Morrison Ilvonen, Jonathan Nussey, Gabrielle Oikle, Michael Pacheco, Joelle Peluso, Damon Provencal, Jacob Provencher, Timothy Putnam, Hilary Queirolo, Ariane Ramos, Jenisey Ramos, Emma Rannikko, Sabrina Rodrigues, Madrid Rodriguez-Carpenter, Kieya Santerre, Nolan Sharry, Terry Simon, Naomi Soriano, Emma St. Francis, Gavin Suprenant, Damion Szafaraowicz, Alexzander Tetreault, Brayden Therrien, Jacob Thomas, Taylor Tremblay, Lucas Welton, Jacob Wilga, Jonathan Young

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Grade 10
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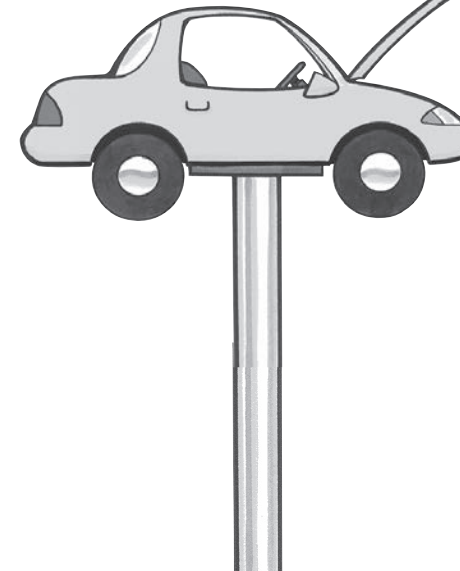
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EDITORIAL

Juneteenth is more than just one day

Last year, President Joe Biden signed legislation making Juneteenth a federal holiday. The House approved the legislation in an overwhelming bipartisan vote of 415-14. All 14 who voted against the legislation were Republicans, despite even former president Donald Trump’s support of the holiday.

This day commemorates the actual end of slavery in our country, a day that should be celebrated by all. An entire race of people was now free, two years after Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, what’s not to celebrate? If that bothers anyone, we have to wonder why. Adding a Federal Holiday does not negate, nor take away from any other holiday. It just doesn’t.

In 1776, just under 100 years earlier, Thomas Jefferson wrote in the Declaration of Independence “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.”

However, not all Americans were ‘free’ until June 19, 1865, when Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger in Galveston, Texas, issued General Order No. 3, which stated that in accordance with the Emancipation Proclamation, “all slaves are free.” Several months later, the 13th Amendment was ratified, abolishing slavery in the final four border states that had not been subjected to President Abraham Lincoln’s order.

During that time, Union presence was weak in Texas, therefore enforcement wasn’t strong, allowing people to still own other people. Anytime evil is undone, as it was on that day in 1865, it should be celebrated.

Lawrence Alexander, an African American from New Hampshire, shared his thoughts on Juneteenth: “Feeling ambivalent about celebrating Juneteenth? Feeling like a national holiday is a tad too much? Well, that’s how many of us feel about July 4th. July 4th is an 89 year head start on freedom for every American except African Americans. July 4th is like throwing me a birthday party at another kid’s house on their birthday and making me serve cake. Juneteenth is an opportunity to acknowledge that our mutual freedom is inexorably linked to everyone’s liberation. Juneteenth is the only holiday where ‘All lives Matter.’”

In current times, the goal is for all law abiding Americans to enjoy the same opportunities and rights as one another. Such a simple concept yet so many continue to feel threatened by our differences. How great would it be if everyone was just kind to each other, despite our differences, why is that so hard? The fact is, it’s not hard to try to understand each other. Maybe we may never understand each other but that’s ok. We can guarantee that anyone you meet, has something in common with you, even if it’s something as simple as preferring Pepsi over Coke. Start there.

Make it a point this week to seek someone out who lives and feels completely different than you and just be kind to them. It is possible to have different views on different topics yet still possible to treat each other with respect and dignity. We all deserve that, no matter who you vote for, what you look like, what you do for work or who you love.

Addressing Americans, the President said, “The promise of equality is not going to be fulfilled until we become real, it becomes real in our schools and on our Main Streets and in our neighborhoods,”

VIEWPOINT

Seek first the Kingdom of God

“Fr. Arseny helped so many people that we, looking at him, began helping others. How did I become a believer?” noted a former communist atheist, “ After watching Fr. Arseny for a long time, how could I NOT become what he was! He was a light in unbearable darkness!”

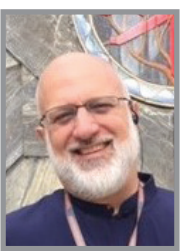
This testimony came from a former Communist and die-heart atheist from the Soviet Union, a political prisoner who suffered in the worst prison camps of Siberia in the 1940s and ‘50s. In these unimaginable camps of hell and utter darkness, this proud intellectual came to faith through the witness and life of Fr. Arseny (Piotr Andreyevitch Streltsof). One of the most inspiring biographies I’ve ever read is entitled Fr Arseny: Priest, Prisoner, Spiritual Father which describes the life of a man who proved how divine love is greater than the worst evil of history. Fr. Arseny’s example of divine love transformed the world around him by offering a glimpse into the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth!

Jesus calls all to “seek first the Kingdom of Heaven.” Fr. Arseny epitomized this desire to prioritize God’s Kingdom in his life. He was a Russian intellectual, a famous art historian and a prolific writer, who during the Stalinist era of the Soviet Union - when the communists martyred more than 600 bishops, 40,000 clergy and 120,000 monks and nuns, along with millions of believers - decided to become a priest.

Why would a famous and renown art historian endanger not only his career, but moreso his life, by becoming a priest during this insane period of communism? The answer is quite simple – Fr. Arseny was “seeking first the kingdom of God.” He longed to fulfill the will of God, no matter what the cost. He discovered the “pearl of great price” which Jesus describes in the Gospels, and willingly sold everything he had in order to buy the field possessing the hidden treasure of faith!

Shortly after Fr. Arseny became a priest, a KGB spy who posed as his spiritual child, reported him and had him sent to the Siberian gulag for the next 25 years of his life. Imagine, 25 years in this frozen hell. Most prisoners didn’t survive 10 years in the Siberian prisons. The prison guards made life miserable for the prisoners, demanding back-breaking and endless labor, torturing them, humiliating them, taking away their dignity and squashing any hope they had to survive. The basic purpose of these work camps was to kill people in gradual, demonic ways. Millions of people died in such Siberian camps.

Fr. Arseny, however, turned his suffering into a means of strengthening his faith. He became a blazing fire of divine love shining in the midst of hell’s deepest darkness. His love and faith gave hope to others, transforming the lives of many who crossed his path. Over the years, die-heart communists, ardent atheists, hardened criminals, and even prison guards and the lieutenant of his prison camp, came to faith because of his witness. The most amazing conversion was how the very KGB spy who initially reported Fr. Arseny to



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the police, years later repented and turned to God, actually becoming a favorite spiritual child of his!

How did these radical conversions occur? Fr. Arseny led people to a living and dynamic relationship with God through the example of his life. First and foremost Fr. Arseny prayed unceasingly and communed with God continuously. Day and night he prayed the Jesus Prayer – Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, Have Mercy on Me a Sinner. After a typical 14 hour day of tortuous labor in the Siberian wasteland, when all others would try to get a few hours of sleep, he would stand by his bunk praying, regaining his strength from Almighty God. This deep communion with our Lord led him to live a life of sacrificial and divine love for others. He believed the most important aspect of life was to love others by alleviating their pain and suffering.

One small example of his love occurred during a fierce fight between two groups of prisoners, the hardened criminals and the political prisoners. The criminals had already killed two political prisoners, and were beating to death a young student. The prison camp had an unstated rule that no prisoner should ever enter into another’s fight, for if they did, the warring prisoners had the right to kill the intruder. Yet as Fr. Arseny watched this horrible scene as he was praying constantly, he felt compelled to jump into the middle of the fight and shout, “In the name of God stop fighting.” He then pulled the half-dead student away from the criminals, as the perpetrators of the fight surprisingly walked away without a word. A witness stated how the prisoners had never seen something like this before.

Following this incident and false testimonies from the criminals, prison guards took Fr. Arseny and the young student he saved and placed them in solitary confinement. Both men were placed in an outside cell six feet by three feet, whose walls and floor were made of metal sheets. The weather outside was -22 degrees and the prison guards knew that no one could survive in this metal box for more than 10-20 hours without literally freezing to death. Fr. Arseny began fervently praying and even teaching this atheist young student how to pray. As they prayed, a bright light and warmth surrounded them, so that when the guards returned 48 hours later, sure that the two corpses would be frozen stiff, they were shocked to discover Fr. Arseny and the student alive and warm!

Fr. Arseny’s life of extreme asceticism through suffering led him to love others unconditionally. He always tried to help the most desperate of prisoners. He gave his ration of food at times, cared for the sick during his few hours of rest, and never expected anything in return. He treated others with gentleness and love while staying firm and strict with himself!

Despite the inhumane conditions of the camps, Fr. Arseny learned to accept that wherever one is, that is the will of God. He would say, “God gave us this

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You have what it takes

I was raised with the idea that the most successful people in the world failed more than they succeeded. My dad taught me that no matter how often a person fails if they apply themselves, have a strong work ethic, and have a positive attitude, they will eventually succeed.

I’ve met many people who had the opposite belief. They thought that you either have it or you don’t, and there isn’t much room for improvement.

I had the great opportunity to meet and be coached by the fastest swimmer in the world for a time. His name is Tom Jaeger, and he earned seven gold medals.

Before I met him, I assumed he got to where he was because of his hard work ethic and will to win. That was true, but I also learned that he never lost a race in his life. When it came to swimming, he won way more than he lost.

Most actors in Hollywood have to audition for years before they book their first job; it takes hundreds of auditions before becoming a star. That’s true for the vast majority of actors, but there is a tiny percentage who begin working right away.

There are always exceptions to the rule. For the 99.99 percent of us, how can we make it to the top?

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I was listening to Malcolm Gladwell’s lecture on why some people succeed, and some don’t. He talked about students in western cultures versus students in eastern cultures and their approaches to math. It turns out that eastern students score far higher at math than their western counterparts. Why?

Listening to his lecture made me see a huge contradiction in my life. I did think that I could succeed at anything as long as I had the right attitude, but I also had a conflicting belief that I was terrible at math and there wasn’t much I could do to improve. It’s just how my mind worked. I was good at English, history, and the arts but terrible at math.

According to Gladwell, western students think success in math lies in their innate ability; either you have it, or you don’t. Whereas in the east, the attitude to solving a math problem is very different. Their philosophy is that all math problems are solvable by almost anyone. They believe that anyone can be good at math, given enough time and dedication.

When I was in math class, I didn’t try hard. Why? Because I believed I was bad at math. Why would I try? I didn’t think I had the mind for it. Listening to Gladwell made me realize that my approach to math was wrong. I could

Give funeral processions the right of way



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One question I am frequently asked concerns driver’s responsibilities when happening upon a funeral procession. I have written about this subject previously; however, it is always beneficial to remind people of these activities. A person had observed a “young-er” driver enter the road during one of these events. Drivers who are not part of the funeral will quite frequently ignore the rules relative to these processions by “cutting” into or across the procession. I was asked to review the laws and etiquette drivers should observe at these times.

Funerals have the right of way while traveling on the roads. They are given special privileges as well. Only the first vehicle in line is required to stop at a red signal or stop sign. The others following are not required to stop. Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 272 Section 42 prohibits anyone from willfully interrupting “by driving fast or otherwise in any way disturbing a funeral assembly or procession.” Punishments include fines or a jail sentence of up to one month.

Most funeral parlors provide some form of signage for participants to advise fellow motorist of the procession. Vehicles can use their headlights and/or hazard lights to provide additional warning. Drivers should be observant of traffic and pay special attention to the possibility of a funeral passing by. This is of particular concern when a driver happens upon the middle of a procession. It may take a period of extra observation to understand what may be happening. Drivers should take the time to look for the magnetic signs, high beam headlights, hazard flashers, etc. These processions can be regular week-day occurrences in town. They are generally short in duration. Waiting for a few moments is the lawful thing to do. It is also a last token of respect for the deceased individual being brought to their final resting place.

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have done much better if I had the patience and determination!

It appears that attitude is everything when it comes to math. Can this attitude towards math be applied to other areas of life? Of course, it can.

Before Elvis Presley became the King of Rock, his music teacher told him he had no aptitude for singing. He failed many times on his way to the top; finally, he got a chance to perform at The Grand Ole Opry. The audience didn’t receive him well; the manager threw him out of the venue. What if his attitude was, “I just can’t sing and perform?”

Steven Spielberg was rejected from the University of Southern California’s film school. One of the first films he made, 1941, was considered a flop. What if his attitude was, “I just don’t have the ability to make a good film?”

Oprah Winfrey was a news anchor early in her career; one day, she was demoted to a minor role on the daily news show. What if she said to herself, “I just don’t have the mind for media?”

For the 99.99 percent of us, we will often fail on our way to accomplishing our dreams. It’s inevitable. Don’t let it get you down. Instead, have the attitude that you have what it takes, you can be who you want to be, and if you choose, you can even be good at math!

Fishing in upstate New York

Upstate New York is the place to be if you want to really catch big brown trout. This week's photo is a testament to the fantastic fishing that can be enjoyed in Lake Ontario. This writer and my fishing buddies of not that long ago, made sure we went to lake Ontario a couple of times a year. The late Jack Cunningham and Peter Opperwall joined this writer for many years on our annual trip to New York with this writer's boat in tow. My 21-foot boat was easy to tow by my Chevy van taking only five and a half hours from Uxbridge to our destination at "Winnies Waterfront" house on the waterfront in Sodus Bay.

After arriving at our home away from home for one week, we immediately launched the boat, and tied her up to the dock in front of our small but comfortable house for the week. The whole weeks expenses totaled a bit over \$100 each. We enjoyed catching daily limits of brown trout, the largest weighing in



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at 21 pounds, and a couple of salmon during our weeks stay. The home that we stayed in is no longer available, as the couple that owned the camp have since passed away. Them were the days. Fishing is as good as it ever was today, and anyone that enjoys catching big fish need to make the trip to Lake Ontario once in their life.

We caught many browns on streamer fly's trolled with copper wire, but we also caught many fish on planner boards, which held three lines on each side of the boat. Many browns were caught using this method of fishing right at dusk. The salmon were caught using downriggers and lures, of which type I cannot recall. Nights at the camp were always crazy, enjoying each other's company and remembering our trips from earlier years. Life can pass you by very fast and if you enjoy fishing, you need to make at least one trip to Lake Ontario.

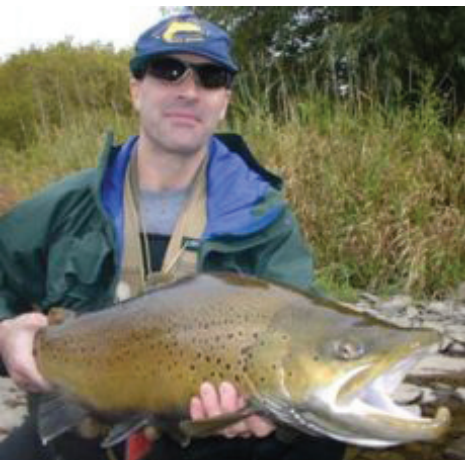
My brother Ken and his son Mark

made another trip to the Quabbin Reservoir again this week, but the details of their trip were not available at the time of this writer's column, as the deadline is Monday at noon.

Striper fishing has been nothing but fantastic last week at the canal, and at other weekly hotspots. The top bait was mackerel chunks drifted during slack tide. One angler stated it was the best day of his life, fishing for stripers. A lot of monster stripers in the 40-pound class were reported last week also. Unfortunately, they had to be released to fight another day, because of the slot size limit.

Seabass continues to dominate the fishing craze, with most anglers filling their daily limit ,with some of these great eating fish. Although the daily limit per angler is only four fish in Mass. and two in Rhode Island anglers are willing to spend the time and money catching these prize eating fish. Depends on who you talk to; some fluke fishing anglers are doing OK, while others continue to complain about the recreational size limit in Rhode Island.

Freshwater anglers are continuing



to catch some impressive smallmouth bass in local lakes and ponds. Some real nice bass are coming from Wallum Lake and Webster Lake, to mention a few.

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club will hold another league archery shoot this Sunday, starting at 7 a.m.! The event is open to the public!

Take a Kid fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

A Potpourri of Assorted Tips and Tricks

This week's column features a smorgasbord of helpful hints and household tips to make this season's chores a whole lot easier. From gardening strategies to saving money without feeling the pinch, read on for a round of assorted hints:

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If you are mulching the garden this season, you should know many mulches will bind nitrogen from your soil, so before purchasing a particular mulch, do some research. Cocoa mulch adds nitrogen to your soil and can be used as an amendment, unlike other products. Take newspaper and lay it in sheets over your garden beds. For best results, cover with a thick layer of compost, well mixed with cottonseed or blood-meal. This combination will break down perfectly over the winter.

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Wondering how to store all those onions and other garden root vegetables through the winter? If you don't have a root cellar, pack styrofoam

packing peanuts into a wooden crate. As long as the vegetables are kept cool and dry, this method will do the trick.

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Want a reason other than fresh produce to dig in the dirt this season? You got it! Studies revealed women fifty and older who gardened at least once a week had higher bone density than those who jogged, walked, swam or did aerobics.

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Before you don your outdoor apron, keep in mind these BBQ tricks of the trade! Try putting lemon peels in your grill next time you are grilling some chicken. It adds a super smell and a flavor essence to poultry. And when using a dry rub, always allow the meat to cook for approximately half of the total time before applying any bastion sauce.

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Going green doesn't have to cramp your style! Simply shutting off the water while you brush your teeth saves up to 1,800 gallons of water



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per person per year. And switching to cold water for two laundry loads a week can save up to 500 pounds of CO2 per year! Not to mention the money you save by conserving!

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If this weekend finds you "gone fishin", try this tip! When throwing into the wind, drop your rod tip to the water right after making the cast. You'll get more distance and will also get the slack out of your line in case you get bit just when the bait hits the surface. If you leave the rod held high, the wind will make an arc out of your line and you'd lose control of the bait.

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Want an excuse to say "pass the pasta" more often? Nutritional sci-

entists have proved certain foods are fixes for less than perfect moods. Studies show pasta, which is rich in complex carbohydrates can help relieve anxiety and help fight depression.

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If tending to your outdoor garden has taken a toll on your trusty old house plants, help is on the way! Just stir together one package of granular dry yeast and one quart of warm water. Mix it well and water plants with the elixir monthly to perk up your plants!

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Looking to sharpen your memory? Did you know positive thinkers have heightened memory? A positive attitude's been shown to stimulate the brain, so avoid negative people and situations. And talk less and listen more to boost your memory.

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If you're harvesting herbs from the garden this season, take note of these quick and easy tips! When chopping fresh herbs such as basil and

tarragon, sprinkle the leaves with a few drops of olive oil. This effectively slows the darkening of the chopped leaves.

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Here's an easy foolproof way to store fresh basil, cilantro, parsley, tarragon, and other delicate herbs that preserves their fresh from the garden taste! Stand herbs in a tall glass or mason jar. Fill halfway with water and add a pinch of sugar. Then place a plastic bag loosely over the top of it all and place in the refrigerator. Now your herbs will keep their fresh taste for a week!

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It's flea market season, and here's a dealer tip to renew old wooden picture frames without refinishing. Just brush with a mixture of one cup olive oil and a half cup lemon juice. For best results, apply with a paint brush to get into crevices. Let dry, buff and polish if needed.

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Win Dinner for Two 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 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!

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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 publications? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint!, c/o Stonebridge Press, P.O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550. Or e-mail kdr@ao.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

Sampling samplers



I often find samplers in old New England estates that we handle. You might better know them as needlepoints and, according to the Milwaukee Public Museum, they were typically made to develop "young girl's stitchery skills for both practical and ornamental purposes."

Samplers have a lengthy history. The collections at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London include samplers from Egyptian burial vaults dating back to the 14th or 15th century. The first book of sampler patterns dates to 1520s Germany. Samplers were also used as reference works in Tudor England. John Palsgrave's 1530 Anglo-French

dictionary described them as an "exampler for a woman to work by."

The Smithsonian website reports that the first American example "was made by Loara Standish of the Plymouth Colony about 1645." They note that samplers with letters and numbers were created by young women to develop the skills needed to run the family household. Academies and schools arose in the late 1700s and early 1800s where young women learned to create "decorative motifs such as verses, flowers, houses, religious, pastoral, and/or mourning scenes."

Antique samplers typically feature the letter "I" instead of "J" and the letter "V" instead of "U" because "I" and "J" weren't part of the Latin alphabet. "S" was also often replaced with the printers' "S" which looks more like an "F."

While some embroiders still make samplers today, antique samplers are highly sought after by collectors.



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Recent auction results for 10 samplers showed prices ranging from \$75 for a simple one from 1825 to \$2,200 for an impressive 1837 sampler. The 1837 piece was crafted by a nine-year-old girl from Onondaga County, New York. The letters were block script and cursive and it also depicted a house and trees along with a memorial to her father. Rare, highly detailed pieces can bring substantial prices.

Betsy Wardwell's 1797 sampler featured the words "May spotles innocence [sic] & truth my every action guide and guard my unexperienced youth from arrogance & pride" written in needlepoint. She also created a house, birds on trees and two courting couples with a border of flowers and birds. Wardwell was a student at the Mary Balch School in Providence, Rhode Island. Samplers by students of the Mary Balch School are prized by collectors for their complex composition and intricate stitching. Wardwell's 1797 piece sold for \$329,600 in 2007.

The Huffington Post reported that a New Jersey schoolgirl's sampler broke an auction record in 2012. The sampler displayed an intricate needlepoint home with trees along with a front yard with different bird species, a cow, and person on horseback. The top of the piece was arched with ornate scrollwork and the girl's name who made it, Mart Antrim, as well the date, 1807. The highest bidder sewed it up for \$1,070,500.

Our major online auction this fall will include a collection of samplers. Our sixth session of model trains, die-cast cars, models and other toys from a West Boylston estate will end on July 13th. We will be running an estate sale in Walpole, Mass. on July 16. I'll be appraising items at the Leicester Senior Center on November 5th and we are planning other events for the fall. Please visit our website <https://centralmassauctions.com> for links to upcoming events.

Contact us at: Wayne Tuiskula Auctioneer/Appraiser Central Mass Auctions for Antique, Collectibles Auctions and Appraisal Services www.centralmassauctions.com (508-612-6111) info@centralmassauctions.com

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portion of suffering for now, so we must learn to see God's will in the midst of it and learn to make the most of it!" By the end of his 25 years in prison, Fr. Arseny could honestly admit that he was grateful for the camp experience, because he understood it as his path of salvation, his spiritual self-emptying through which he grew closer to Christ!

Fr Arseny also learned through various experiences that all people have goodness deep within themselves. He understood that the call for every Christian was to find the good in others, no matter how little existed, and then to fan that spark of goodness and faith until it grew into a burning fire.

The life and witness of Fr. Arseny, a modern-day saint who lived in a hell unimaginable to most of us, testifies to the treasure of "seeking first the kingdom of God." We may suffer and face daunting challenges throughout the mystery of life but if we have hearts and eyes open to God we can still experience His presence and the power of faith, the force of divine love, and the joy of God's Kingdom like never before!

Fr. Arseny sought after the Kingdom of God and then brought the Kingdom of God to the world around him. The divine love he possessed acted as a light that gave people hope even when they faced the darkest hell of suffering, evil and death!

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KNIT & CROCHET GROUP
Thursday 5:30PM – 7:30PM and Friday 10:00AM-12:00PM
All stitchers are welcome for this informal group

LUNCH & STORYTIME – BEGINNING JUNE 22ND
Wednesdays @ Noon
Bring your lunch and join Miss Lida for storytime and songs, plus a different take-home craft each week.

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

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

CRAFT BOOTCAMP: LEARN TO CROCHET
Monday, June 27 5:00PM-6:00PM
Learn the basic crochet stitches that you can use for many projects. Yarn and crochet hooks provided. For ages 10+ - teens and adults welcome too!

Space is limited – registration is required.

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

MAKE A SOLAR OVEN
Tuesday, June 28 1:00PM-2:00PM

Learn to make a solar oven from a pizza box, and take home all the ingredients to test it out by making your own s’mores.

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

CAMP BALLOON MAGIC
Wednesday, June 29 2:00PM-2:45PM
Camp Balloon Magic is an interactive performance that features a vari-

ety of challenges for the “campers” in attendance. Big Balloon Sports, Animal Identification, Magic 101, and of course the giant 6-foot balloon!

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

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PEARLE JAM: TIM VAN EGMOND
Thursday, June 30 6:00PM-7:45PM
The annual Pearle Jam concert series kicks off with folksinger and storyteller Tim Van Egmond.

Free; open to all ages. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

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ART EXHIBIT: ANNE TISDELL
July 1-July 29

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

CRACK OPEN A GEODE
Friday, July 1 multiple sessions
Learn about Geodes and then crack open your own! There is always a possibility for cool crystals inside!
Registration Required! Ages 5+
All children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
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BALLOON TWISTING WORKSHOP
Tuesday, July 5 1:00PM-2:00PM
Learn how to make your own Balloon Animals in this fun Workshop with Ed the Wizard!
Registration Required! Ages 7+
Children may need adult help.
All children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
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MESSY ART
Thursday, July 7 10:30AM-11:30AM
Create your very own messy masterpiece using a variety of supplies and fun techniques. For ages 2-6.

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

STEM CHALLENGE
Friday, July 8 1:00PM-2:00PM

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Adult Programming

SEED LIBRARY – Spring/Summer 2022

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

FRIENDS FEATURED AUTHOR BOOK SALE – Ongoing
Grab a mystery for the summer! Buy 1 Get 1 Free! Featured authors include Susan Conant, Patricia Cornwell, Jeffrey Deaver, and more!

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP – July 18th at 6:30PM
The Gladys E. Kelly Public Library Adult Book Discussion Group will be meeting in person this month! The group meets at 6:30 pm and the meeting will take place in the Library’s Community Room. New members are

always welcome! Next month’s book discussion will be on Monday, July 18th. The group will be discussing The Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead. Stop by the library, or reach out by phone to 508-949-3880, or by email to ehale@cwmars.org for inquiries.

TAI CHI WITH SIFU – Fridays
between July 1st and August 26th 9:00-10:00AM
Friday mornings through July and August the Gladys E Kelly Public Library will be having a free Tai Chi class! Join Sifu Gary from the Kung Fu and Tai Chi Academy of New England for an hour of focused movement each week to hone your body, mind, and spirit for the day ahead. Classes will be held on the lawn, weather permitting, and students should wear comfortable clothing for movement and sneakers or walking shoes. Students should also bring water or another non-carbonated beverage. No registration required! Sponsored by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

YOGA WITH JULIE – Moving to
Tuesdays at 6:30PM during the summer, Starting July 5th!
Join Julie at the Gladys E. Kelly Library for a vinyasa yoga class for all levels. In Sanskrit, Vinyasa yoga translates to the “uniting of movement with breath”. A typical class involves a centering of the mind with the breath, aromatherapy, movement of the body to release energetic blockages and, finally, a rest and relaxation. Classes are free. Sponsored by the Friends of the Gladys

You are challenged to build a tent-like structure with toothpicks and marshmallows! Ages 3+
All children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
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CRAFT BOOTCAMP: LEARN TO CROSS STITCH
Monday, July 11 5:00PM-6:00PM
Learn to Cross Stitch! You will learn the stitches that you can use for many other projects. We will supply a simple pattern to follow.

This is for 10+. Teens and adults are welcome too!

Registration is required! All children must be accompanied by an adult.

SCOTT JAMESON MAGIC SHOW
Monday, July 11 6:00PM-7:00PM
See the show audiences are calling “Superb!”, “A blast!”, and “Heartwarming fun for the whole family.” Join magician and juggler Scott Jameson for an extraordinary performance that will have you laughing out loud and perched on the very edge of your seat. Um-brellas will be plucked from thin air, a drawing will come to life, basketballs will be spun and juggled, and a member of the audience will unlock telekinetic abilities. For more information visit Scott’s website at www.scottjameson.com. Don’t miss it!

All children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
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HENNA ART FOR ALL AGES
Wednesday, July 13 11:00AM-Noon
Come get a henna tattoo. Registration required – all ages are welcome!

Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library

LEARN TO PLAY THE UKULELE
Thursday, July 14 1:00PM-2:00PM
Want to try an instrument that is fun and easy to play? Join Julie Stepanek as she shows the fundamentals of ukulele playing. You’ll learn how to tune, strum and read chords. After a short lesson, you’ll be able to play songs. No experience necessary. Bring your

own ukulele or borrow one of hers.
Registration Required.
All children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
Sponsored by the Dudley Cultural Council
PEARLE JAM: SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY – SONGS OF THE 1940S
Thursday, July 14 6:00PM-7:30PM
The annual Pearle Jam concert series continues with Doug Schmolze, who will take us on a “sentimental journey” through songs by Duke Ellington, Rogers & Hammerstein, Glenn Miller, Hoagy Carmichael, and more.

Free; open to all ages. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Sponsored by the Hugh W and Harriet K Crawford Endowment.

DROP IN SLIME MAKING
Friday, July 15 10:30AM-12:30PM
Drop in and make your own slime to take home, with fun add-ins to choose from.

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

TOM SIELING
Friday, July 15 3:00PM-4:00PM
Tom has delighted tens of thousands in over thirty years of performing - 57 programs in 10 states during the summer of 2019 (pre-Covid!). Every show is a top ten lineup of the most fun, most participatory kids’ songs out there - many are even a bit athletic (they only sit for two)! He accompanies himself on guitar, banjo, and harmonica, and adds a drum machine to keep things upbeat and easy to move to. In keeping with the “Read off the Beaten Path” Summer Reading theme, the most cool, interesting nature facts and pictures he can dig up are included, along with lots of encouragement of lifelong participation in hiking, camping, music, reading, and library usage. If you’d like to see a sampler video, just Google “Tom Sieling Sampler” and click on the first link that comes up. Everyone is invited - come on out for a free, fun time!
All children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
Sponsored by the Hugh W and Harriet K Crawford Endowment!

canvases and paint a master piece! These paint by number canvases will make painting easy and fun!

MUSIC TOGETHER – Wednesdays
in July, starting July 6th 2 sessions, first from 9:30-10AM, second from 10:30-11AM
Fun, fabulous, uplifting, magical early childhood music class! Sponsored by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

MESSY SUMMER DAYS – Thursdays
until August 18th, starting July 7th from 3:30-4:30PM
Enjoy creating messy art and playing in bins of different messy materials with us outside on the common! Every Thursday in July and August!

WIGGLES AND GIGGLES – Thursdays
from July 7th through the 21st 10-11AM
Come sing, dance, and make music with Lainey Hanlon! Geared for children ages 2-5 and their caregivers, but all ages welcome! Stop by the Children’s Room, contact our Children’s Librarian, Andrew at atai@cwmars.org, or call the library at 508-949-3880 to register!

PRINCESS PARTY – July 8th 10:30-12PM
Decorate your own crown and join Our Disney princesses as they read and sing. Dress up is encouraged!

TEEN POTTERY: REGISTRATION REQUIRED – July 8th 2:30-3:30PM
Join us with welcoming Pop Up Art School in! They will be bringing the clay for you to build an amazing clay lantern decorated with fun flowers and whimsical animals! Registration required, please call the library at 508-949-3880, or email Randa at rcox@cwmars.org to register!

FLYING HIGH DOGS – July 11th 10AM
Watch these amazing canines fly through the air doing frisbee tricks in an interactive show!

TEEN ESCAPE ROOM – July 11th 4:30PM
Have you ever wanted to escape from thieving pirates? Well now you can! Come and join us for our Escape Room: The Pirates Code!

TEEN BOARD GAME 101 – July 12th 4:30PM
Wanna expand your boardgame knowledge? Come in and pick a new game and be taught how to play by Randa our teen intern!

TEEN PUZZLE NIGHT – July 18th 4:30PM
Free night to drop in and relax while doing a puzzle!

Worcester County teen philanthropy program announces grants

WORCESTER — Youth for Community Improvement (YCI), a philanthropic committee of high school students across Worcester County, and a program of GWCF is proud to announce the recipients of its 2022 grant cycle.

The YCI committee identified four areas of interest: mental health support for young people, basic community needs, career and education pathways and opportunities for high school students, and community building.

Sixteen students from eleven local high schools made up this year’s YCI cohort. Over the course of the spring semester, these young people learned about philanthropy, local community needs, and how to work together to effect change. They then put out a request for proposals, and had the opportunity to award \$25,000 in grant dollars.

“The organizations that were selected by the committee are working to create the change that young people want to see in our community,” said Isabella Corazzini, GWCF Program Associate. “Through this program, we are empowering youth to become leaders, and helping nonprofits that impact those same people.”

Entering its 23rd year, YCI has engaged over 200 teens from diverse ethnic and economic backgrounds since 1999, and awarded more than \$300,000 to 75 nonprofit organizations in Worcester County.

Nonprofits receiving funds this year are:
African Community Education Program - Gage Street Neighborhood CleanupandCommunityBuilding-\$3,000
Holy TrinityNursingandRehabilitation - Pathways for CNAs Project - \$4,000
Iridium Tutoring Ltd. - Free

Tutoring and Homework Help - \$1,000
Milford Youth Center - Life Skills Workshops - \$2,000
Push Worcester - Skate Camp - \$1,500
Que Pasa Worcester - Community Cleanup Program - \$1,500
Regional Environmental Council - YouthGROW Program - \$1,000
Rise Above Foundation - Youth Activity Requests - \$4,000
Southeast Asian Coalition of Central Massachusetts - Girls Effect and Mental Wellness - \$4,000
United Way of Central Massachusetts - WooServes Summer Youth Service Institute - \$1,000
Worcester Youth Center - Civic Engagement - \$1,000
Youth Opportunities Office of the City of Worcester - City Manager’s Youth Council - \$1,000

For more information about YCI and future opportunities, contact Isabella Corazzini, at icorazzini@greater-worcester.org or 508-755-0980.

OBITUARIES

Roland Francis Spear, 70



OXFORD – Roland Francis Spear, 70, of Main Street, died Friday, June 17, 2022, in his home after a short battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Sue E. (Graves) Spear of Oxford; three children, Kenneth Spear of Worcester, Melissa Evans and her husband Jay of North Oxford, and Kelly Moynagh of Worcester; his mother, Daphne Spear of Worcester; three granddaughters, Amber St. Marie of Putnam, CT, and

Kayla and McKenna Evans of North Oxford; three sisters, Teresa Fulton of Florida, Jean Spear of Milford, and Penny Litchfield of Milford; a brother, Dana Spear of North Carolina; two aunts, several nieces and nephews; and a close family friend, Becky Hart of Worcester. He was predeceased by his brother Paul Spear. He was born in Randolph, VT, son of the late Francis Spear, and was raised in the Hadwen Park section of Worcester. He graduated from South High School in Worcester in 1970 and attended Worcester Junior College. He served in the U.S. Air Force for 9 years.

Mr. Spear worked at Digital Equipment Corporation for many years. He enjoyed fishing, camping, and puttering around the house and yard. He loved his cats, listening to all kinds of music at home and at concerts, and traveling back to his home state of Vermont. Most important in his life was his family. The family would like to thank Care Central VNA Hospice of Webster and Laura’s Angels, for their exceptional care during his illness. His personality attracted people to him. He was fun-loving, easy-going, and will be sadly missed by all who

knew him. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 9, 2022, at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. Burial will be private at North Cemetery. Calling hours are Saturday from 9:30-11 a.m. at the funeral home prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Community Cat Connection, 289 Thompson Rd., Webster, MA 01570.



LEGALS

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS Trial Court of Massachusetts Worcester County Juvenile Court Department 279 West Main Street Dudley, MA 01571 Docket No.21CP0125DU CARE AND PROTECTION, TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION, TO: Steven Chernisky and/or father of Emil G. Chernisky: A petition has been presented to this court by DCF (Whitinsville), seeking, as to the following child, **Emil G. Chernisky**, that said child be found in need of care and protection and committed to the Department of Children and Families. The court may dispense the rights of the person(s) named herein to receive notice of or to consent to any legal proceeding affecting the adoption, custody, or guardianship or any other disposition of the child named herein, if it finds that the child is in need of care and protection and that the best interests of the child would be served by said disposition. You are hereby ORDERED to appear in this court, at the court address set forth above, on the following date and time: **: 08/15/2022 at 09:30 AM Pre Trial conference (CR/CV)** You may bring an attorney with you. If you have a right to an attorney and if the court determines that you are indigent, the court will appoint an attorney to represent you. **If you fail to appear, the court may proceed on that date and any date thereafter with a trial on the merits of the petition and an adjudication of this matter.** For further information call the Office of the Clerk-Magistrate at 508-949-3070. WITNESS: Hon. Carol A. Erskine, FIRST JUSTICE, Brendan J. Moran, Acting Clerk-Magistrate, DATE ISSUED: 02/28/2022 June 17, 2022 June 24, 2022 July 1, 2022

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To Matthew Bent of Fort Meyers Beach in the State of Florida and to all persons interested. A petition has been presented to said Court by Margaret A. Bent of Mashpee in the County of Barnstable representing that she hold as tenant in common undivided part or share of certain land lying in Northbridge in said County Worcester and briefly described as follows: EXHIBIT “A” 59-61 Upton Street, Northbridge, MA A certain parcel of land, together with the buildings thereon, and all of the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, situated in the Rockdale section of said Northbridge on the northerly side of Upton Street, being shown as Lot #24 on “Plan of Subdivision of a portion of the Dwellings & Land of the Paul Whitin Manufacturing Co. at Rockdale in Northbridge, MA” dated November 30, 1935, made by William I. Thompson, C.E., recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 89, Plan 2, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the most southerly corner of the premises in the center line of Upton Street at Lot #22 as shown on said plan; THENCE North 34° 32’ West 100 feet by land now or formerly of the Paul Whitin Manufacturing Company to a corner; THENCE North 55° 28’ East 85 feet by land now or formerly of said Paul Whitin Manufacturing Company to Lot #25 as shown on said plan; THENCE South 34° 32’ East 100 feet by said lot #25 to the center line of said Upton Street; THENCE South 55° 28’ West 85 feet by said center line of Upton Street to the point of beginning. Containing 8,500 square feet of land according to said plan.

Subject to and with the benefit of any and all existing rights, reservations, restrictions, easements and encumbrances still in force and effect. Setting forth that her desires that – all – the aforementioned described part – of said land may be sold in private sale for not less than \$310,000.00 dollars, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which th Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof. If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Worcester before ten o’clock in the forenoon on the twelfth day of July 2022 the return date of this citation. Witness, LEILAH A. KEAMY, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this first day of June 2022. Stephanie K. Fattman Register of Probate June 17, 2022 June 24, 2022 July 1, 2022

TOWN OF DUDLEY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS 71 WEST MAIN STREET DUDLEY MA 01571 Please take notice that: Shawn and Tanya Semo Have applied to the Zoning Board of Appeals to vary the terms pf the Zoning By-Law · section: 2.04.02 Location: 44 Noble Street Dudley, Ma 01571 In the following respect: To allow the petitioner a 2 feet 1 inch Variance:< >..., the installation of an in-ground pool. The Public Hearing will be held on July 7, 2022@ 7:00pm at the Town Hall room 321A, at which time you may be hard relative to this Public Hearing. Please contact Amanda Jacobson at 508-949-8012 or building@dudleyma.gov to attend the meeting. George Slingo, Chairman Zoning Board of Appeals June 24, 2022 July 1, 2022

DUDLEY PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING LEGAL NOTICE In accordance with the provisions of Section 5.04, Site Plan Review, of the Dudley Zoning Bylaw, the Dudley Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at 7:15 pm in the Dudley Municipal Complex, Room 321-A (DMC, Veterans Memorial Hall), 71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA 01571, on the application of Nichols College, 121 Center Road, Dudley, MA 01571 for Major Site Plan Review. The application involves construction of two new townhome buildings containing a total of 52 beds and a parking lot containing 15 spaces, 4 of which are barrier free. The site plan was prepared by Clough Harbour Associates, LLP, 101 East River Drive, 1st Floor, East Hartford, CT, dated May 25, 2022. Architectural plans were prepared by Juster Pope Frazier, LLC 82 North Street, Northampton, MA 06108, dated May 25, 2022. The property is in RES 15 and RES 87 zoning districts. Copies of the plan and application are on file in the Planning Board Office and the Town Clerk’s Office, both of which are located in the Dudley Municipal Complex, 71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA 01571, and may be inspected during regular working hours. The Planning Board will receive public input at the public hearing. Any person interested or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated. If you wish to comment but are unable to attend, please submit written comments to the Planning Board Office before 4:30 p.m. on July 13, 2022. **Guy Horne, Chairman Dudley Planning Board** June 24, 2022 July 1, 2022

LEGAL NOTICE Notice is hereby given by Bonnette’s Automotive, Inc., 456 Main St., Oxford, MA 01540 pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.255, Section 39A, that on 7/15/2022 @ 5:00PM at: Bonnette’s Automotive, Inc 456 Main Street Oxford, MA 01540 The following motor vehicles will be sold at a private sale to satisfy the Garage Keeper’s Lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicles. Description of vehicles: Vehicle: VIN# 4T1BG22K4XU426481, 1999 Toyota Camry, MA Reg: 1ZTS39 Owner: Jessica Naziozeno Dos Anjos, 82 Edmands Rd, Apt 2, Framingham,- MA 01701 Vehicle: VIN# JYAVM01E8YA021846, 2000 Yamaha VStar M/C, CT Reg: 00-DZLN Owner: Omar Tannuri Maluf, 1535 Route 171, Woodstock Valley, CT 06282 Vehicle: VIN# 2G1WB58N281322228, 2008 Chev Impala, MA Reg: None Owner: Dennis Harris, 153 Marcy St Apt.1L, Southbridge, MA 01550 Vehicle: VIN# 1G2AS18H097164677, 2009 Pontiac G5, CT Reg: AS 46264 Owner: Keith W. Gomes, 748 Pendleton Hill Rd, N. Stonington, CT 06359 This notice has been given under the provisions of G.L. c255, Section 39A June 24, 2022 July 1, 2022 July 8, 2022

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Division Docket No. WO22P1519EA Estate of: Mary Markham Date Of Death: December 24, 2021 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner **Valerie Schulz of Brighton MI** a Will has been admitted to informal probate. **Valerie Schulz of Brighton MI** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. July 1, 2022

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Division Docket No. WO22P1923EA Estate of: Joyce Sledzik Date Of Death: April 07, 2022 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner **Kim M. Cantara of Dudley MA** **Kim M. Cantara of Dudley MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without

supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. July 1, 2022

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. WO22P2176EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Theresa L Wagner Date of Death: 05/09/2022

To all interested persons: A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Scott L Wagner of Worcester MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Scott L Wagner of Worcester 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 07/26/2022**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.






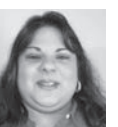
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court. Date: June 23, 2022 Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate July 1, 2022



NOTICE OF SALE Pursuant to Mass General Laws Chapter 1 OSA, the contents of the following spaces: D11 (Brittany a Maine) to satisfy the owners lien of Storage Plus. Sale date is Wednesday, July 13, 2022 @3:30 PM. Inspection between 3:00PM and 3:30PM on July 13, 2022. Sealed bids must be hand delivered by 3:30PM on July 13, 2022. All goods must be purchased by cash as is, including a \$50.00 refundable cash deposit, and must be removed within 48 hours of sale. Owner has the right to bid to protect his lien and to withdraw any unit upon settlement by the obligated party up for sale. For further information call (508)949-8818. July 1, 2022 July 8, 2022



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**ON DEPOSIT**

WEBSTER – 127 Douglas Road! 8 Room Split! 3 Bdrms! 2 Baths! Set on 1.31 Acres! 2 Car Garage Under plus 2 Car Detached Garage w/Lot! Perfect for the Hobbyist or Car Collector! This Home Features Open Concept Living! Frplcd Living Room w/ Cathedral Ceiling & Recent Skylights! Remodeled Eat-in Kitchen w/Granite Counters, Breakfast Bar & Slider to the Deck! Oversized Full Bath w/Jacuzzi & Large Walk-in Shower! Hrdwd Flrs throughout the Kit, Liv Rm & Hallway! 3 Bdrms w/Wall to Wall! Finished Lower Level w/Tiled Mudroom! New Luxury Vinyl Flooring throughout Lower Level Fam Rm, Exercise Rm & Bath! Above-ground Pool! Custom Fire Pit! Perfect for Entertaining! Recent Well Pump! 2013 Electrical Service! 2011 Septic! The Updates are Done! Great Commuting Location! Only Minutes to 395 or 146! **\$434,900.00**

**NEW LISTING**

WEBSTER – Lower Gore Road ! Build Your Dream Home! 2.3 & 5 Acre Approved Buildable Lots! Large Parcels are getting harder to come by! New England Field Stone Walls and beautiful tiger lily wildflowers can be found! Great Commuting Location, Easy Highway Access! Nearby State Boat Ramp for Easy Lake Access! Water & Sewer in the Street! **Each @ \$99,900.00**

**ON DEPOSIT**

DUDLEY – 67 Southbridge Road! 6 Rm Ranch Set on 16,875' Lot! Applianced Eat-in Kitchen! Dining Area and Fireplace Living Room w/ Hardwood Floors! 3 Bedrooms w/ Hardwood Floors and ample Closet Space! Spacious 11X14.5 Master! Full Tile Bath! Oil Heat! Garage! **\$279,900.00**

**SOLD**

WEBSTER – 6 Slater Street! Professionals Take Notice! Ideal Office Setup! 1st Floor w/Waiting Rm, Reception Area, 4 Offices w/Sinks, 3 Alcove/Prep Areas, Handicap Accessible 1/2 Bath, and Hrdwd Flrs! 2nd Floor Currently w/Employee Breakroom w/ Full Kitchen, Cabinets & Closet Storage, 3/4 Bath and additional office bedroom! C/ Airt CVAc! Security System! **\$349,900.00**

**SOLD**

DUDLEY – 50 Brandon Rd! 3 Family! 5/4 Rm! 2 1/2! Bdrms! 2 1/2! Bathrms! Investors take Notice! Fully Rented! Solid Rental History, Long Term Tenants! Conveniently Located! Washer & Dryer Hookups in the Basement for Each Unit! Efficient Natural Gas Heating! Two Driveways provide Off Street Parking for up to 5 Vehicles! Dudley's Low Taxes & Desirable School System! **\$336,900.00**

**SOLD**

DUDLEY HAYDEN POND WATERFRONT – 48 Hayden Pond Rd! Recently Renovated, beautifully appointed, 5 Rm Waterfront Ranch! Enjoy sunsets, fishing & all water sports! Vinyl Composite decking & vinyl railings! Open floor plan! Cathedral ceilings w/ skylights! Din Rm w/slider to covered deck! Kit w/quartz counters & SS appliances! Liv Rm w/stunning views of the Pond! Comfortable Master w/generous closet & half bath! 2nd bedroom or office! Full bath w/washer/dryer hook ups! Full basement for storage or additional living space! Floating Dock! Shed! **\$525,000.00**

**NEW PRICE**

DUDLEY - HAYDEN POND WATERFRONT – 42 Hayden Pond Rd! Down the Long Drive to Your Private 6 Rm Waterfront Home! 1 Plus Acre w/187' of Sandy Shoreline! Spacious Fireplace Living Rm Opening to Sunroom w/Vaulted Ceiling! Efficient Oak Kitchen w/Pantry! Plenty of Storage! Dining Rm w/Water Views! Spacious 1st Floor Master w/Master Bath! Laundry/Mudroom leads to 2 Car Garage! Oak Stairway to 2 Second Floor Bdrms w/Walk in Closets! Full Bath w/Skylight! Full Basement Awaiting Your Finishing Touches! 2 Level Deck Overlooking Pond! Owners building Home, Delayed Occupancy, Worth the Wait! **\$649,000.00**

**SOLD**

WEBSTER LAKE – 65 Bates Point Rd – Eastern Exposure – Beautiful Sunrises! Year Round – Principle Residence – Second Home – Remodel – Tear it Down and Start Anew! The Choice is Yours! Set on a 12,449' Lot, 50X249', 50.7' Waterfront! Plenty of Area for Expansion! Surrounded by Million Dollar Homes the Pallet is Yours to Create! 5+ Room Ranch with Full Walk-out Expandable Lower Level! Open Floor Plan! Applianced Kitchen, Dining Area and Living Room with Panoramic Water Views! 3 Bedrooms! Full Tile Bath! Oil Heat! Screened Porch! Detached Garage! Dock! Quick Closing! Summer is Just Around the Corner – Don't Delay! **\$710,950.00**

**SOLD**

DUDLEY – 16 Joseph St! Spacious UPDATED 8 Rm Center Hall Garrison Colonial! Nicely Landscaped 25,561' Lot Set on a Cul-De-Sac "Dead End"! Ideal Residential Neighborhood! Dble Glass Door Tiled Center Hall Entry Foyer w/Guest Closet! SS Applianced Cherry Cabinet Kit w/Breakfast Bar, Corian Counters, Tile Flrs! Din Rm w/Hrdwds, Crown Moldings & Bay Window! Tripled Liv Rm w/Pellet Stove, Custom Shelving, Hrdwds & Bay Window! Fam Rm w/Hrdwds, Custom Cabinetry, Ceiling Fan, French Doors & Slider to Deck Overlooking Private Backyard! 1/2 Bath w/Laundry Closet! Hall w/Dble Closet to the 2 Car Garage! 2nd Flr w/4 Spacious Bdrms w/Hrdwd & Vinyl Plank Flooring! MASTER w/2 Walk-in Closets, Ceiling Fan & Custom Tile MASTER BATH! Hall Bath w/Custom Tile Tub/Shower Surround w/Linen Closet! Don't Delay! **\$449,900.00**



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**WEBSTER - 6 GREYSTONE**

New Listing: Complete Remodeling taking place. Beautiful Ranch! A Must See! 5 rooms, 2+ bedrooms, 1-1/2 Baths, Garage, Level Lot. **\$329,900.**

**WEBSTER LAKE - 27 SOUTH POINT ROAD**

NEW PRICE!

OOH! WHAT A VIEW!!! Middle & South Ponds! Unique opportunity to Own Water-front Property with an 80' +/- ft sandy beach! Fireworks from the comfort of your deck or lawn! 22 Acre & 100' rd frontage - allows for expansion possibilities! 2 Bdrms, 2 1/2 Bath, Garage, open floor plan. 3 Season Porch for added enjoyment! Walk-out L/Level is heated with Full Bath! **\$999,900.**

**WEBSTER - 7 BRODEUR AVENUE**

RARE FIND ~ TO BE BUILT - SPRAWLING 2,200 SQFT+ RANCH HOME! GARAGE Level 1/2 Acre Lot! FOUNDATION IS IN. Private back-yard. GREAT LAYOUT! SOLID HARDWOOD FLOORS THROUGHOUT!

Seller will sell land, with improvements, Foundation w/Water & Sewer connections in. **\$150,000.**

**WEBSTER - 6 SLATER STREET**

SORRY, SOLD!

Well cared for 1800's vintage building. Was updated at one time to a Dentist Office space. Interesting property in an excellent location & proximity to East Main St. handicap accessibility. Needs a little work to convert to residential. Central air! assisted sale **\$349,900.**

**LEICESTER - 5 KEEFE COURT**

ON DEPOSIT

CHERRY VALLEY of Leicester. Manageable 2 Bedroom Ranch! One Level Living! Large Dining Room for Entertaining! Detached Garage and Loft Area! 25 of an Acre! Flat side yard. Large Dog Kennel & Shed with Power! Mass Save Improvements. Central Air! **\$275,000**

LAND: WEBSTER/OXFORD/PUTNAM

OXFORD - NEW LISTING! LAND - General Business Zoned! Marijuana OVERLAY DISTRICT! LAND with 4,095 SF Metal Building! 124 SOUTHBRIDGE RD (RTE 20). Town Sewer Project Plans are Approved. 22,884 sq. ft. Level Lot. 140 ft of road front-age. **EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES! \$795,000.**

OXFORD - LAND - RTE 20 General Business Zoned! Marijuana OVERLAY DISTRICT! Vacant LAND, Level & cleared. 39,549 SF ON DEPOSIT \$419,000.


Putnam - LAND Zoned General Business .29 acre 103' frontage. Water, Sewer, & city gas available. 2 street entrances. **\$125,000**

Oxford - 2 Meriam Rd 80+/- Wooded Acres in Oxford & Chatham. ON DEPOSIT \$329,000.

Webster - Cooper Rd - 3 BUILDABLE LOTS! Water & Sewer Access! **SORRY, SOLD! \$79,900.**


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WEBSTER LAKE - TREASURE ISLAND #503

**NEW PRICE!**


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WEBSTER LAKE LOT- 22 SOUTH POINT RD



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WEBSTER LAKE - 13 LOVELAND ROAD



Eastern Exposure & Amazing Sunrises! Beautiful shoreline, on highly sought after South Pond. 3 bedroom Cape features eat in kitchen w/island, fireplace living & dining room. 2nd floor, 2 bedrooms with 1/2 bath! Lower Level walkout, fireplace Family Room!! Half bath. A home for all seasons. New Shore Master Docks & Ramp. **\$850,000**

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ROADWORK

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Additionally, he noted National Grid will be entering its seventh year of work to replace old steel gas lines with plastic. The company’s goal has been to replace at least 80 percent of those lines within 10 years, and they do some work in winter, when weather allows.

Pizzetti said the full list of this year’s projects should be on the website, but I couldn’t find it Sunday afternoon.

In other business, the board gave provisional approval (pending more information and some signatures) of a liquor license transfer sparked by the merger of Price Chopper and Tops Markets. The two firms recently became New England Grocery Inc, adding about 300 “individuals or entities” to its official list of stockholders. The firm’s attorney noted more than 260 of them possess less than 1 percent shares.

The board found two one-day liquor licenses much simpler, approving them for a Killdeer Island 100th birthday party and the Sts Constantine & Helen fundraiser, both last weekend. Lastly, it announced a need for more citizen participation on several boards as follows: one voting seat open on Finance Committee, Water-Sewer Commission and Personnel boards; two voting seats open on Economic Development Commission, Historical Commission, Bylaw Review Committee, ADA Committee; two alternates open on Zoning Board of Appeals; all seats open on the Recreation Committee.

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considerations include changing the date and month or even the day of the week, possibly exploring a mid-week event to avoid being forgotten during busy spring or summer family weekends. The Board hopes to have a final date decided in July and begin the process of promoting it immediately.



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OXFORD

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Town Manager Jen Callahan said the policy originated in 1974, but needed changes to account for state law changes and the fact the town has seen growing legal bills recently. KP Law largely drafted its changes to “help them be able to navigate situations” more easily, she added.

Leblanc said a key part of long-standing practice is for the board is to decide what to ask the attorney collectively, and members must abide by the advice they receive. He noted people often ask the same question in different ways and get different responses otherwise.

The proposal didn’t sit well with new member Tim Moriarty, who argued individual members should be able to reject it. He sought to rescind the policy on the grounds that it’s “contradictory,” in that it says both that individual members can’t seek opinions without the board designating them to do so and cites state law that states they can seek opinions “on their own account.”

Create long lasting beauty and pollinator appeal in your landscape with the help of perennials. With a little bit of planning, you can have flowers, foliage and seed heads that add interest to your garden year-round.

Select perennials including native plants that thrive in the sunlight, soil, and moisture conditions in your garden. Incorporate several inches of compost or other organic matter into the top eight to 12 inches of soil to improve the soil so your perennials will be healthy, showy, and long-lived plants.

As you select your plants, consider seasonal foliage and flower color as well as texture. Warm colors like red, orange, and yellow make large areas appear smaller, energize the space, and make it feel warmer. Cool colors of blue, green, and violet make small areas feel larger, hot areas seem cooler, and create a sense of tranquility.

Large leaves and flowers are bold and create a focal point while small flowers and narrow leaves create a sense of depth when used in the back of the garden and they make a nice backdrop for bold textured plants.

Maximize beauty in every square inch and extend your budget with plants that provide multiple seasons of interest.

Look for opportunities to include spring flowering bulbs like daffodils, tulips, hyacinths, and grape hyacinths into the landscape. Although their blooms are relatively short lived, these spring beauties are sure to brighten the garden and help chase away the win-

ter blues. Add these to your fall planting list.

Include some spring, summer, and fall blooming perennials with season long foliage, fall color or winter interest. You will find many great options at your local garden center. Plants like Siberian Iris (Iris sibirica), hardy in zones 3 to 9, tolerates full sun to part shade, has beautiful flowers in spring, nice foliage, fall color, and persistent seeds capsules for winter interest. Nonaggressive catmint (Nepeta) varieties flower all summer long with minimal maintenance. End the season with showy goldenrod (Solidago speciosa). Its bright yellow flowers add a burst of color to the fall garden and provide food for pollinators migrating through or overwintering in your garden. The dried flowers add interest to the winter garden.

Include some ornamental grasses. Their fine foliage is a great addition to the garden and most come into their full glory in fall. Leave them stand for winter and enjoy the motion and texture they provide.

Don’t let gardening in the shade stop you from creating season long beauty. Consider shade lovers that add multiple seasons of beauty to those shady spots in the landscape like barrenwort (Epimedium), variegated Solomon’s seal, and coral bells.

Let your healthy perennials stand in the garden all winter long. Their dried leaves, stems and seed heads provide winter interest and help attract birds to the garden. They also provide winter homes for many beneficial

said is at the 75 percent design stage and the town is working on property takings. The dam sits on land in tax title and has “long been abandoned by an LLC which had dissolved,” she said. Oxford is doing the work under a \$3.7 million grant to replace the dam and convert the parcel into a small park with a walkway.

She also announced receipt of a \$10,000 grant for the community center, and the fact she expects the first settlement payment in the nationwide opioid lawsuit to arrive in July. She said she plans to call together representatives of various departments to decide how to use that money, which Oxford should be receiving “over a 15 to 16 year period.”

Callahan also noted the state has declared a drought due to the dearth of snow last winter. Even though we’ve seen some rain lately, “a lot of the aquifers in the area may not be recharging the way we thought,” she said.

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sibirica), hardy in zones 3 to 9, tolerates full sun to part shade, has beautiful flowers in spring, nice foliage, fall color, and persistent seeds capsules for winter interest. Nonaggressive catmint (Nepeta) varieties flower all summer long with minimal maintenance. End the season with showy goldenrod (Solidago speciosa). Its bright yellow flowers add a burst of color to the fall garden and provide food for pollinators migrating through or overwintering in your garden. The dried flowers add interest to the winter garden.

Include some ornamental grasses. Their fine foliage is a great addition to the garden and most come into their full glory in fall. Leave them stand for winter and enjoy the motion and texture they provide.

Don’t let gardening in the shade stop you from creating season long beauty. Consider shade lovers that add multiple seasons of beauty to those shady spots in the landscape like barrenwort (Epimedium), variegated Solomon’s seal, and coral bells.

insects. You’ll enjoy the motion and color the birds and standing perennials add to drab winter days.

Start taking pictures of your landscape throughout the year. Then look for opportunities to add year-round perennial beauty to your gardens and landscapes.

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Perennial plants like Siberian Iris (Iris sibirica) tolerates full sun to part shade and provides year-round interest.



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SPORTS

Remington, Delvalle combine on Cherry Valley no-hitter to get past Sturbridge



Cherry Valley's Andrew Cloutier swings away at the incoming pitch.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

LEICESTER — Evan Remington and Jake Delvalle combined on a no-hitter to lead Cherry Valley Post 443 past Sturbridge Post 109, 4-1, in an American Legion baseball game played Wednesday, June 22, at Rochdale Park. Remington started on the hill and went six innings, striking out six, walking six and throwing a wild pitch. With Remington at his allowable pitch count, Delvalle moved from short to the bump for the seventh inning and had a 1-2-3 inning, striking out two. “I felt pretty good, but I walked more guys than I wanted to; I didn’t like that,” said Remington, who was unaware he had not allowed a hit until he moved from the pitcher’s mound to shortstop in the seventh inning. “I had no idea.” Cherry Valley manager Jim Stephens, whose team improved to 3-3 with the win — its second in a row after starting the season 1-3 — was pleased with the performance of his 6-foot-4, 175-pound right-handed hurler. “Evan battled tonight; he had one tough inning. He’s real good; when



Sturbridge's Tim Paine puts all of his power behind a fastball.



Jake Delvalle of Cherry Valley fires over to first base to force out a Sturbridge base runner.

he’s on, he’s lights out. As good as he Stephens said. “He’s a bulldog. He loves to pitch, he loves to throw strikes, and he loves to compete.” Remington opened the game by issuing two straight walks, but thanks to his own head’s up play and his defense, he managed to face just three batters in the top of the first. After walking Sturbridge’s Dan Bourget, Remington caught him leaning toward second and threw over to his first baseman, Dave Acevedo, who threw to Delvalle, who was covering second, who applied the tag on Bourget. Remington then walked Keenan Wetherbee, but Sturbridge’s next batter, Brandon Phillips, hit the ball back to Remington who started a 1-6-3 double play. Cherry Valley took a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning. Collin Moody (two hits, three runs scored) got things started with a ringing single to left-center field. Moody then stole second and advanced to third on a wild pitch. Moody put Cherry Valley ahead, 1-0, scoring on a one-out RBI single off the bat of Matt Kustigian. Kustigian then stole second and scored Cherry Valley’s second run on a two-out RBI single to center field by Anthony Marsi. Cherry Valley pushed its lead to 3-0 in the bottom of the third inning. Moody led off the frame with an infield single, advanced to second on a Sturbridge error and scored on a booming double to the fence in left field by Chris Kustigian. Sturbridge (0-9) scored its run in the top of the fourth inning, cutting its deficit to 3-1 when Wetherbee led off with a walk, went to second on a wild pitch, scrambled to third on a passed ball and scored on an RBI groundout to short by David Seaver. Remington labored in the fourth, throwing 34 pitches. With runners on second and third, with two outs and a run in, he ended the Sturbridge rally

by striking out Colby Scanlon who got caught looking at strike three. “I was missing my spots and I walked too many guys,” Remington said of the two free passes he issued in the fourth. “When you walk guys they score runs and that’s not good.” Sturbridge manager Jim Rosseel saw the fourth inning as a lost opportunity to get back in the game. “We needed that timely hit, which we didn’t get,” Rosseel said. Cherry Valley pushed its lead to 4-1 in the top of the fifth inning. Moody reached on a two-base error by Sturbridge right fielder Ryan Kelly, who overran Moody’s hard hit line drive. Remington then plated Moody with the game’s final run when he singled sharply to left field. “This was a good win for us; we needed it,” said Cherry Valley third baseman Chris Kustigian, who, now in his fourth year with the club, has emerged as a team leader. “We got some key hits, we had some timely hitting and we were able to score a couple of runs early, which was huge.” Chris Kustigian praised Remington’s pitching performance. “Evan threw a great game. He made the best of it through a few walks, but he threw strikes and he threw the ball by them a lot,” Chris Kustigian continued. “We got great pitching from both Evan and Jake, we played good defense and we were able to come up with some timely hitting.” Sturbridge left-hander Tim Paine pitched well in defeat, allowing seven hits, walking one and striking out five. “The first inning has been killing us all year, but Tim settled down and he pitched all right after that,” Rosseel said about Cherry Valley jumping out to a two-run lead. “We’re young. A lot of these kids, probably half the team, are playing out of their element, and a lot of them are playing out of position, too. If I can keep them together, we’ll be good down the road because for young kids, they can play.”

Auburn Recreation and Culture Summer Basketball League Results

Once again Auburn High is playing host to the Auburn Recreation and Culture Boys' and Girls' Summer Basketball Leagues. The boys, with 16 high schools participating, are scheduled to play on Mondays and Wednesdays, with the girls and their 14-team league, to compete on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The girls began the summer action on Tuesday, June 21, and the results are as follows:

Girls' Summer League
Tuesday, June 21
Blackstone Valley Tech 28, Auburn 18
Grafton 30, David Prouty 15
Northbridge 45, Leicester 23
Notre Dame Academy 30, Quabbin 24
Quaboag 29, Sutton 24
Uxbridge 32, Tantasqua 28
Worcester South 62, Worcester Tech 15
Thursday, June 23
Tantasqua 36, Quabbin 25
Worcester South 43, Sutton 15
Uxbridge 40, Auburn 9
Worcester Tech 59, David Prouty 13
Leicester 35, Blackstone Valley Tech 32 (OT)
Notre Dame Academy 26, Grafton 14
Northbridge 18, Quaboag 17

Standings
Uxbridge (2-0)
Worcester South (2-0)
Northbridge (2-0)
Notre Dame Academy (2-0)
Blackstone Valley Tech (1-1)
Grafton (1-1)
Leicester (1-1)
Sutton (1-1)
Worcester Tech (1-1)
Tantasqua (1-1)
David Prouty (0-2)
Auburn (0-2)
Quabbin (0-2)
Quaboag (0-2)
Boys' Summer League
Wednesday, June 22
Auburn 53, Grafton 51
Bartlett 57, Leicester 35
Bay Path 55, Millbury 33
David Prouty 64, Oxford 38
Quabbin 50, Sutton 39
Quaboag 43, Tahanto 31
Shepherd Hill 55, Tantasqua 33
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