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Masons hold Ladies' Appreciation Night

BY BRO. JIMMY FALZONE
QUINEBAUG MASONIC LODGE

SOUTHBRIDGE — Saturday, May 11 was an exciting evening for the Ladies of the Quinebaug Masonic Lodge. It was Ladies Appreciation Night for our greatest supporters. The Quinebaug members' wives, daughters, and girlfriends were treated like queens, royalty.

This is an opportunity by the men of the lodge to show how grateful and thankful they all are to have a wonderful, beautiful support team of this magnitude. All the women were handed a beautiful rose. A special toast was made to the women for all they have done and continue to do to support the men and the Lodge. They were treated to a catered delicious meal. The women were very happy to be pampered and appreciated at this very successful event. Some of the ladies were even asking what's the plan for next year. If you would like more information about Freemasonry, go to www.massfreemasonary.org and find a lodge nearest you.

St. Joseph's Parish Indoor/Outdoor Yard Sale

Date: Saturday, May 25th
Time: 8am - 3pm
Location: 28 Mt. Pleasant St., North Brookfield

Featured items include - Household, furniture, small furnishings, decorative items, and attic treasures

Proceeds to benefit St. Joseph's Church

Janet Malser Humanities Trust announces 2024 grant recipients

REGION — The Janet Malser Humanities Trust is pleased to announce the 2024 grant award recipients below.

Trustees make awards annually to verified tax-exempt organizations meeting the charitable purposes of the Trust. The causes for which funding is considered include: "The restoration and preservation of historic sites; the furtherance of art and music in the schools, both public and private; public concerts with an emphasis on classical music; the improvement and growth of public libraries; the support of church work aiding the indigent, homeless, aging citizens and needy children; beautification through planting and the preservation of park areas and cemeteries; the improvement of service and equipment at the Hubbard Regional Hospital [now UMASS Memorial], and the environmental protection of Webster Lake."

For more information, visit janetmalsertrust.org.

15th Mass Volunteer Infantry, Mount Zion Cemetery Court, Webster
All Saints Academy , Webster
Bartlett High School ART Department, Webster
Black Tavern Historical Society, Dudley
Dudley-Charlton Regional School District
Dudley Conservation Land Trust, Inc.
Dudley Grange #163
First Congregational Church, Dudley
Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library, Webster
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Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Oxford
Our Bright Future Inc. at St. Joseph School, Webster
Oxford Firefighters Association (Huguenot Steamer No.1)
Oxford Free Public Library
Oxford Middle School
Oxford Public Schools
Park Avenue Parent Teacher Organization, Webster
Saint Joseph School, Webster
Saint Vincent de Paul Ministry, Oxford
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Shawn
Age 15
Registration # 8309

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Shawn is an engaging young man that is able to hold solid conversations with both peers and adults. He is athletic and loves football, soccer, basketball, and lacrosse. Shawn has been able to go on special outings with his peers, including an annual camping trip. He attends the Boys and Girls Club after school, which he enjoys and he likes to read and play Switch. Shawn has also recently become very interested in music; he likes rapping and making beats.

https://adopt.mareinc.org/waiting-child-profiles#gallery/child/8309

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

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

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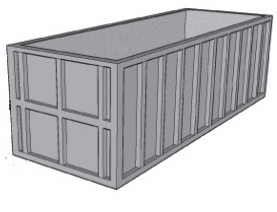

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Saint Joseph School HSA announces spelling bee winners

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Saint Joseph School Home and School Association Chairperson, Mrs. Pamela Parslow, presents certificates to the winners of the 2024 Spelling Bee. Pictured (L to R) are Mrs. Pamela Parslow, seventh-grade student Oluwatobiloba (Tobi) Akindele, seventh-grade student Jada Jackson, and 8th-Grade student Ryan Grupposo.

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On May 8, Saint Joseph School seventh and eighth grade students gathered for the competition. After several rounds, the winning word was forsythia, a genus of deciduous flowering shrubs belonging to the olive family. Like the forsythia, which is hardy and can thrive under many conditions, seventh-grade student Oluwatobiloba (Tobi) Akindele thrived during the competition and was pronounced the winner. Seventh grade student Jada Jackson finished in second place, while 8th Grade student Ryan Grupposo finished in third. The spelling bee judges included H.S.A. president Pamela Parslow and parent Jon Belanger. Pamela Parslow presented gift certificates to the winners. Congratulations to all, and a heartfelt thank you to the Saint Joseph School Home and School Association for their invaluable role in running the Annual Spelling Bee and their tireless support.

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Kelsey Bates of Oxford
Ravi Huynh of Webster
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Dennis James Stelmach of Dudley
Liam Budic of Dudley
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$750,000, 3 Jerome Ave, Twohawks LLC, to A3b Properties LLC.

$425,000, 92 Boyce St, Miranda, Felix A, to Macdonald, Alexandra, and Ruzzoli, Matthew.

DUDLEY

$135,000, 4 Sophies Way, Sawmill Road LLC, to Lepage, William, and Lepage, Nancy.

OXFORD

$1,000,000, 35-41 Watch St, V& j LLC, to Lga Properties LLC.

$330,000, 78 Dudley Rd, Berkshire Prop Buyers LLC, to Pettiglio, Karrie, and Pettiglio, Ryan J.

$100,000, 26 Thayer Pond Dr #1, Pimental Sr, Kenneth J, and Pimental, Donna, to Pimental, Katelyn.

$45,000, 8 Sandpiper Ln, Kaligian, Penny K, and George, Christopher R, to Barry, Thomas A, and Barry, Patricia R.

WEBSTER

$535,000, 7 Nelson St, Fadavi, Lee-Marie, and Fadavi, Abbas, to Zani, William, and Zani, Kiara A.

$435,000, 6 Kelly Erin Ln, Schulze, Stephen J, and Schulze, Donna L, to Umana, Alexis, and Umana, Jonathan D.

$389,000, 6 Sears Ave, V A & Va L Lempicki Irt, and Lempicki, Victor G, to Marsh, Corey.

$100,000, Pearl St, Webster Ventures LLC, to Rousseau Properties LLC.

$90,000, 37 Lakeside Ave, Daignault, Dakota, to Daignault, Tracey.

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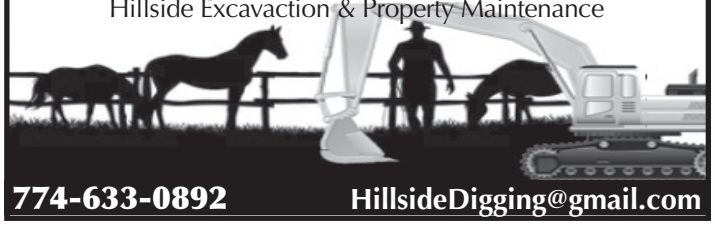

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The Town of Dudley seeks to fill two (2) Truck Driver/Laborer positions for the Highway Department. Under the general direction of the Highway Superintendent, he/she is responsible for operating equipment in connection with construction, maintenance and repair of streets and related facilities. Perform general maintenance and repair work on equipment for snow removal, cleaning and patching, installing drainage system and other related work.

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Knowledge of basic safety standards, practices and procedures,
Ability to understand and carry out oral and written instructions.
Ability to work with other town employees and the public.
Ability to work independently; prioritize tasks and meet deadlines.
Coordination, alertness, physical strength, and stamina
Ability to withstand exposure to adverse weather conditions.
To be considered please submit resume to
Michelle Jervis, Asst. Town Administrator/HR Director,
townadmin2@dudleyma.gov or call 508-949-8001.
A full job description can be found on www.dudleyma.gov under Employment Opportunities.
Salary Range: $23.09 – 25.08
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Summer Reading 2024 is here!!

READ, RENEW, REPEAT
Registration begins Thursday, June 13
& runs through August 11!
Summer Reading Kickoff Ice Cream Social with
Ice Cream Pharm!!
Thursday, June 13, 1:00

Gentle Yoga
Mondays in June
10:00-11:00 in the Fels Community Room
Join Jia Borgia, certified yoga instructor, for traditional "on the mat" yoga class with 15 minute relaxation at the end. Bring your own mat. Wear layers, do not eat heavily 1.5-2 hours before class.

Movies At The Pearle!!
Tuesdays in June at 1:00
June 4: Anyone But You
June 11: Mean Girls
June 18: Wonka
June 25: Night Swim

Mahjong at the Pearle
Wednesday, June 5, 12 & 26
10:00-12:30 Fels Community Room
Mahjong made its way over to the U.S. from China in the early 1920s. It was marketed as an ancient Chinese game, but it was actually created in the nineteenth century. The game consists of players competing to form distinct sets or pairs of tiles, similar to gin rummy.
Everyone welcome, registration not required.

Yoga
Thursday, June 6
6:00-7:00 in the Fels Community Room
Join Jia Borgia, certified yoga instructor, for traditional "on the mat" yoga class
with 15 minute relaxation at the end. Bring your own mat. Wear layers, do not eat heavily 1.5-2 hours before class.

Once Upon A Crime Book Club- While Idaho Slept
By: J. Reuben Appelman
Friday, June 7
11:00-12:00
Adult Reading Area
Do you have a passion for true crime and examining the details of each case? This book club is for you!
The "Once Upon A Crime Book Club" meets the first Friday of every month in the adult reading area. All books will be pre-ordered and available for pick up at the circulation desk.

Herbal Infused Oils & Salves
Monday, June 10
6:00-7:30
Fels Community Room
Learn to create a healing balm that has endless possibilities for the skin and body.
Practice the process of infusing an oil and turning it into a topical salve using calendula, comfrey, and other beneficial herbs.
Presented by Christine Leo, M. Ed.
Certified Traditional Herbalist and Dudley resident.
This program is sponsored by the Dudley Agricultural Commission & the Town of Dudley.
Registration required

Crafternoons with Lena
Paper Roll Bird
Tuesday, June 11
2:00-3:00
Fels Community Room
Spend the afternoon with our experienced and enthusiastic instructor, Lena. You'll leave with a one-of-a-kind creation to enjoy!
Registration is required.

Resume Review with Nichols College Career Center Director Liz Horgan
Tuesday, June 11
11:00-1:00 Adult Reading Area
help updating your resume?
A Nichols College Career Center representative will work with you individually to strengthen your resume.
Please bring an up-to-date resume draft along with a job description of interest.
This service is free and open to all.
Registration is required.

Crawford Library Book Group
Monday, June 24
6:00-7:30
Book: My Life
By: Golda Meir
Author: Books are available at the circulation desk for checkout
one month prior to discussion. No registration required.
*Meeting fourth Monday of each month.

Introduction to Birds & Birdwatching
Thursday, June 27
6:30-7:30
Fels Community Room
Find out what makes birds unique within the animal kingdom, where and how to locate birds in different settings, and basic bird biology and behavior.
This presentation is facilitated by Mass Audubon and funded by the Hugh W. & Harriet K. Crawford Endowment Fund for the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library.
No registration required.

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

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

Knit & Crochet Group
Thursday 5:30-7:30 and Friday 10:00-12:00
All stitchers are welcome for this informal group

Friends of the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library
Big Y Community Bag Program!
The Big Y Store Leadership Team has selected
Friends of the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library as June 2024 Community Bag Program Nonprofit Partner.
This means the Friends will receive a $1 donation for every $2.50 reusable Community Bag sold during June 2024 at: Big Y, 505 East Main Street, Southbridge MA

Youth Programs:

Hatch the Chicken Tuesday, June 4: All Day
Children's Room
Hatching eggs will be set up in the children's room for families to come in and watch as we incubate chicken eggs and watch them eventually hatch!
Guest Reader Story Time
Monday, June 3
6:00
Join our guest reader for a fun story along with activities.
We are excited to welcome our guest readers!

Toddler Storytime - Ages Tuesday, June 4 & 11
10:30-11:00
Storytime Room
Join us for a story and activity. For ages 0-3.
PreK Storytime
Wednesday, June 5 & 12
10:30-11:15
Storytime Room
Join us for a story and activity. For ages 3-5.

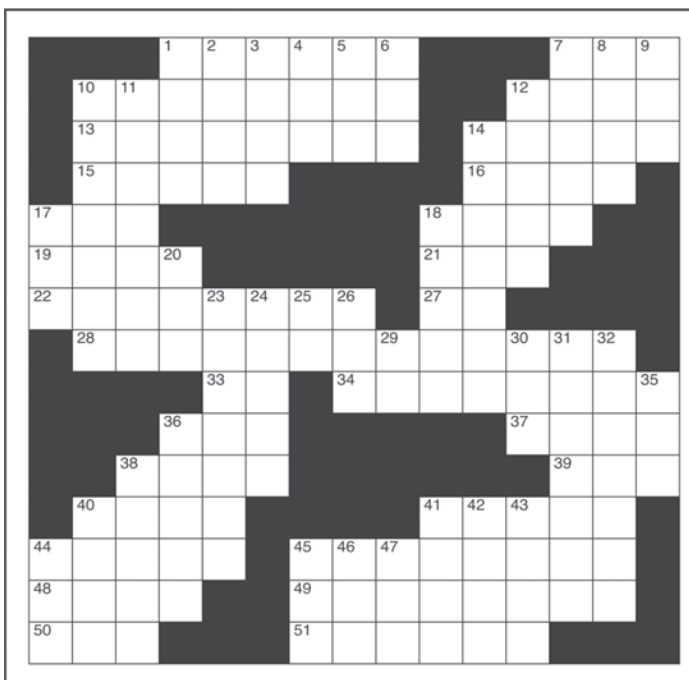
Young Scientist STEM Program
Tuesday, June 4
11:15 -12:00 Storytime Room
Children, ages 3-6, will learn STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) concepts through hands-on activities, story time, challenges, and simple experiments in this weekly STEM series facilitated by STEM Beginnings. Parents/Caregivers are encouraged to help their child and join in the fun during each class! Siblings are welcome and must be supervised.
Registration required.
YMCA Family & Community Partnership is funded by the Massachusetts Coordinated Family & Community Engagement (CFCE) Grant and awarded to the YMCA of Central Massachusetts by the Department of Early Education and Care.

Dungeons & Dragons Game
Thursdays, 6:00-7:30
Are you looking to play a game that contains action, adventure, and drama?
Come play the world's number one role playing game.
This program geared towards kids that are looking to learn more about playing and some short adventures!

Chillin' at the Library with Miss Courtney
Thursday, June 20 & Thursday June 27
6:00-6:45
Children's Room
Courtney will introduce something a little different every week including journaling - blackout poetry - doodling - diary - and even haikus.
This weekly program is all about fun and surprising "writing" focused creative expression for kids 8+.
Registration is required.

Poop Museum
Saturday, June 22
10:00-11:00
Fels Community Room
The Poop Museum is a children's program all about the serious science of poop and pooping, delivered with the silliness that you might imagine accompanying a program about poop for kids. It is the perfect combination of fun, and fabulous, fascinating facts, so that kids (and parents) never forget what they learned.
Aimed at the 5-10 age group, the program engages kids as young as 3 and as old as 12. Parents love it too!
Registration is required.

Take a Tromp Through the Swamp! Concert with Tom Sieling
Thursday, June 27
1:00-2:00
Fels Community Room
"Take a Tromp Through the Swamp!", Tom's 2024 Summer Reading program, is designed around the "Read, Renew, Repeat" theme. Tom's programs also include lots of encouragement about reading, library usage, and the kids making music a big part of their lives if that sounds good to them.
No registration required.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Lunatic
7. Doctor of Education
10. Able to make amends
12. Tight-knit group
13. Gland
14. Intestinal pouches
15. Fungal spores
16. Erstwhile
17. Engine additive
18. Nasal mucus
19. Fit a horse with footwear
21. Consumed
22. Settle
27. Larry and Curly's pal
28. Basketball's GOAT
33. Exclamation of surprise
34. Made tight
36. Before
37. Actor Nicolas
38. Not hot
39. Talk
40. Pledge
41. Abandon a mission
44. Trims by cutting
45. Aspects of one's character
48. Boxing GOAT's former surname
49. Holy places
50. Body art (slang)
51. Attributes

CLUES DOWN

1. How one feels
2. American Nat'l Standards Institute
3. Information
4. Licensed for Wall Street
5. Keyboard key
6. Born of
7. Choose to represent
8. Small European freshwater fish
9. Everyone has their own
10. Line from the center of a polygon
11. Lebanese city
12. Type of watercraft
14. A way to twist
17. Soviet Socialist Republic
18. Greek island
20. Medical practitioner
23. __ DeGaulle, French President
24. Partner to "oohed"
25. Atomic #52
26. Santa's helper
29. Rapper __ Rule
30. Month
31. Word formed by rearranging letters
32. Nullifies
35. Young woman ready to enter society
36. Unemployment
38. Weight unit
40. Formal party
41. Computer language
42. Residue formula in math
43. Duty or responsibility
44. Part of (abbr.)
45. Time zone
46. Body part
47. Nucleic acid

PUZZLE SOLUTION

Webster Police Log

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of May 12-18.

Linda T. Senior, age 47, of Worcester was arrested on May 12 for Disorderly Conduct and Disturbing the Peace.

Robert James Shedden, age 55, of Webster was arrested on May 13 for Failure to Register as a Sex Offender and in connection with a warrant.

Sebastien Jean-Jac Obas, Jr., age 19, of Whitinsville was arrested on May 14 for Conspiracy and multiple counts of Assault with a Dangerous Weapon. A 21-year-old male from Putnam, Conn. whose identity has been withheld from publication was arrested during the same incident for Conspiracy, Assault on a Family or Household Member, and multiple counts of Assault with a Dangerous Weapon.

Bruce William Salamone, age 68, of Webster was arrested on May 15 in connection with multiple warrants.

A 23-year-old male from Webster was issued a summons in lieu of arrest on May 16 for Violation of an Abuse Prevention Order.

A 23-year-old female from Webster whose identity has been withheld from publication was arrested on May 16 for Assault & Battery on a person over the age of 60 and/or Disabled and Assault & Battery.

Carissa Leilani Brodeur, age 34, of Eastford, Conn. was arrested on May 17 for Larceny in an amount over $1,200.

Adam Hazzard, age 57, of Southbridge was arrested on May 17 in connection with a warrant of apprehension.

Diane Saliba, age 66, of Webster was arrested on May 18 in connection with a warrant.

Ryan Nicholas Livernois, age 38, of Webster was arrested on May 18 in connection with a warrant.

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Want to receive updates about our upcoming events? Sign up for email alerts by visiting our website or contacting our Program Coordinator Randa Cox at rcox@cwmars.org.

No Spice club this month, but check out our Geraldine Brooks display in the lobby!

FRIENDS ANNUAL BOOKSALE IS COMING! The dates are as followed:
THURSDAY June 20th from 9:00am until 8:00pm
FRIDAY June 21st from 9:00am until 5:00pm
SATURDAY June 22nd 9:00am until 11:00pm

Adult Programming
YOGA – Saturday May 25th at 9:30 AM
Join Julie or Lauren at the Gladys E. Kelly Library for a vinyasa yoga class for all levels. In Sanskrit, Vinyasa yoga translates to the "uniting of movement with breath". A typical class involves centering the mind with the breath, aromatherapy, movement of the body to release energetic blockages, and, finally, rest and relaxation. Classes are free. Funded by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP— May 20th at 6:30 PM
This month's book discussion will be in the Library's Community Room. The Group will be discussing Their favorite books from childhood and adulthood. Stop by the library, or reach out by phone at 508-949-3880, or by email to rcox@cwmars.org for inquiries.

ADULT BOARDGAME NIGHT--- (No May Meeting) June 24th at 6:00 PM
Come in and play games with other board game enthusiasts. Learn a new one, or play one you know and help others learn!

COOKBOOK CLUB—June 11th at 6:00 PM
Every month there will be a new cookbook and you will choose a delicious recipe to make! You can choose anything out of the cookbook to bring and share. Whether you like to cook or bake there will always be something for you! We will eat and discuss our favorite and our least favorite things of the cooking adventure. You can pick up your copy from behind the circulation desk.

FRIENDS CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS: Crocodile River---- June 13th at 6:30 PM
African rhythms, history, and culture merge into an evening of movement, cultural exploration, and joy. Internationally recognized, the group consists of members from Mali, Senegal, Burkina Faso, Guinea, and the US. Crocodile River Music's mission is to connect audiences with African artists and cultures through performance and education. They are a diverse group of people committed to presenting African art, music, and culture to audiences of all ages, backgrounds, and capabilities.

Children's and Young Adult Programming

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

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

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

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

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

STORYTIME--- May 28th at 10:00 AM
Mornings will be filled with fun stories, songs, and activities perfect for ages 2-5. Siblings are welcome to join.

STUFFED ANIMAL STORYTIME ---- June 5th at 10:00 AM
Join Library Director Sondra Murphy for stories, songs, and fun with our plush pals! This story time is geared toward ages birth to 3, but siblings are welcome.

MUSIC TOGETHER---- Saturdays May 25th at 11:00 AM
Fun, fabulous, uplifting, magical early childhood music class! For ages 0 to 6 and their families. Funded by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

SENSORY BIN EXPLORATION----June 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th at 10:00 AM
Join us for open sensory bin exploration. Bins will be filled up with sand, rice, dirt, dry pasta, and more! This program is geared towards ages 2 to 5, but siblings are welcome.

WEBSTER SENIOR CENTER

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Email: SeniorCenter@Webster-MA.gov
Like the Webster Senior Center Facebook page to view our photographs, news and announcements. Please stop by to pick up our monthly newsletter for a complete list of activities, upcoming events and our monthly lunch menu. You may also join our email list to view our newsletter online. You do not have to be a resident of Webster to participate in our activities and programs. ALL Seniors are welcome!
Webster Senior Center will be closed on Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day.
Tri-Valley Lunches are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 11:30 am. Please call (508) 949-3845 at least 48-hours in advance to reserve or cancel your meal. A $3.00 donation is appreciated. All meals include milk, bread and fruit or dessert. This week's menu: Tuesday, 5/28 Roast pork with gravy, cranberry stuffing, roman blend vegetables. Wednesday, 5/29 Turkey with supreme sauce, Yukon gold potatoes, roasted California vegetables. Thursday, 5/30 Beef with onions & peppers, red bliss potatoes, honey glazed carrots. Friday, 5/31 Chicken cranberry salad, pasta salad, three bean salad.
Need Transportation? Contact SCM Elderbus at 1-800-321-0243 at least 2 business days in advance to schedule transportation. Elderbus is available Mondays – Fridays 8:30 am to 3:00 pm.
A SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone) Counselor is available at the Webster Senior Center. Please call (508) 949-3845 to schedule an appointment.
Come on down to the Bomba Beauty Salon at the Webster Senior Center! Call 508-341-8724 for an appointment. Bomba Beauty Salon is open for walk in appointments on Wednesdays from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays by appointment only from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Call (508) 341-8724 to schedule an appointment.
The REC Farmer's Market is on pause for the month of May and will return in June.
Mondays and Wednesdays: Exercise Classes with Forty Arroyo – Chair Dancing – the perfect workout for any fitness ability! Cost: $3.00 per class.
Mondays: Knitting/Crochet Social 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Bingo: Every Tuesday, starts promptly at 1:00 pm. Please plan to arrive by 12:30 pm to allow time to buy your bingo sheets. Bingo sheets are not sold after 12:45 pm.
Do you like to play cribbage? Our weekly cribbage group meets every Thursday at 1:00 pm – feel free to join us!
Calling card players or interested persons to the Webster Senior Center – come join us for 6-card or 13-card pitch! Six card pitch meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm. Thirteen-card pitch meets on Thursdays at 1:00 pm.
Mahjongg group meets every Friday at 1:00 pm – beginners welcome!
Webster Senior Center Trips! Trip 1: Jimmy Buffett Tribute & Maine Lobster Bake at Foster's on Monday, July 15th. Cost: $137.00 per person includes show ticket, transportation, luncheon, meal taxes & gratuity. Trip price does not include bus driver gratuity. Trip 2: Happy 2 Gather, 60's Flashback Show at Lake Pearl, Wrentham MA on Wednesday, September 18th. Cost: $131.00 per person includes show ticket, transportation, luncheon, meal taxes & gratuity. Trip price does not include bus driver gratuity. For more information call (508) 949-3845.
The Worcester County Sheriff's Office House Numbering Program will create a custom wooden sign with your house number free of charge. One sign per senior household. Please contact the Webster Senior Center if you are interested in having a house number sign made for you. (508) 949-3845.
Senior SAFE is a program that supports fire and life safety education for seniors. The Webster Fire Dept. will do a home visit to ensure that you have the correct smoke and CO2 alarms and that they are working properly, at no cost to you! All you have to do is give them a call at (508) 949-3875

Webster Five, Community Legal Aid partner for expanded access to justice

AUBURN — Webster Five recently marked a significant milestone by enrolling as a Massachusetts IOLTA (Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts) Leadership Institution with the support of local nonprofit Community Legal Aid.
The mission of the MA IOLTA Committee is to increase access to justice for all residents of the Commonwealth by funding organizations that provide civil legal services to low- and moderate-income residents. One such organization is Community Legal Aid (CLA), a nonprofit that offers free legal services to elderly and low-income residents in Central and Western Massachusetts.
When searching for a new banking provider, Community Legal Aid was determined to choose a financial institution that understood and supported their cause. Webster Five's decision to enroll in the MA IOLTA Leadership Program highlights the bank's proactive approach to supporting their customers and initiatives that benefit the community.
Leadership Institutions agree to pay the higher of 75 percent of the Federal Funds Target Rate, or 1 percent net interest, on all IOLTA Funds and are recognized by the IOLTA Committee as going above and beyond to support expanded access to justice.
"By choosing to partner with Webster Five, our team is not only securing essential banking services but also aligning with an institution that shares our values and commitment to the community," said Jonathan Mannina, Executive Director, Community Legal Aid. "With the support of Leadership Institutions like Webster Five, we can continue ensuring that everyone has access to the legal services they need, regardless of financial hardships."
"The partnership between Webster Five and Community Legal Aid goes beyond the typical banking relationship," said Don Doyle, President/CEO, Webster Five. "We're honored to support Community Legal Aid's mission of accessible legal services as a MA IOLTA Leadership Institution and its main banking provider."
Webster Five has previously supported Community Legal Aid with grant funding through the Webster Five Foundation. Most recently, the Foundation awarded $9,000 to support CLA's Language Access Project, which provides necessary and free legal services to low-income and elderly residents who primarily speak a language other than English.

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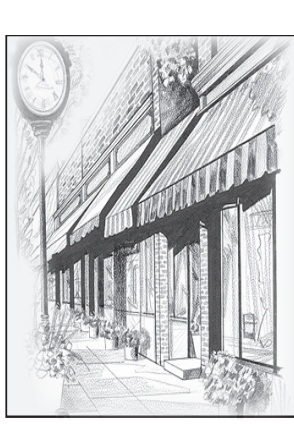

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Editorial

All paths are worth exploring

For too long, society has placed undue emphasis on traditional educational accomplishments, equating success with college degrees and academic accolades. While these achievements are commendable, it's time we broaden our understanding of what it means to succeed and celebrate the different paths young people choose after high school. This includes trade schools, the military, joining the workforce, or simply pursuing what brings them joy and fulfillment.

Trade schools offer rigorous and specialized training in essential fields such as plumbing, electrical work, carpentry, and healthcare. These professions are vital to our daily lives, yet they are often undervalued compared to careers requiring a college degree. By celebrating those who choose vocational training, we acknowledge the importance of skilled tradespeople who keep our world running smoothly. These careers offer stability, satisfaction, and often, financial rewards that rival or surpass those of traditional college graduates.

The decision to join the military is a profound commitment to serving one's country. It requires discipline, and a strong sense of duty. Unfortunately, this path is sometimes overlooked in discussions about post-high school achievements. Recognizing and honoring military service as a commendable and honorable choice is crucial. These individuals make sacrifices to protect our freedoms and contribute to national security, and their dedication deserves our utmost respect and admiration.

Entering the workforce immediately after high school is another valid and valuable choice. Many young people begin their careers early, gaining practical experience and financial independence. These individuals often become the backbone of various industries, contributing to the economy and their communities in significant ways. It's time we celebrate those who find their niche in the workforce, recognizing that success doesn't always require a four-year degree.

Ultimately, success should be measured by happiness and personal fulfillment. We must encourage young people to pursue what they love, whether that means following a traditional educational path, learning a trade, serving in the military, or entering the workforce. Mental health and well-being should be prioritized over societal expectations and pressures. When individuals are happy and fulfilled, they are more likely to contribute positively to society, regardless of their chosen path.

To change this narrative, society as a whole must shift their focus. We should celebrate all forms of post-high school achievements at graduation ceremonies and in community recognition events. Media and public discourse should highlight success stories from diverse paths, showcasing the myriad ways people find fulfillment and contribute to society.

By emphasizing happiness and personal fulfillment over societal expectations, we can create a more inclusive and supportive environment for future generations. It's time to redefine what it means to succeed in life.

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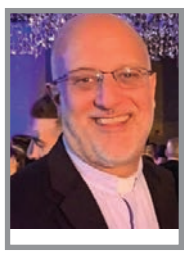
What legacy will we leave behind?



Beyond the Pews

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

How do you want to be remembered? Think about that? When you die, what do you want people to say about you in your eulogy? What will they say was most important to you? About you? Will your legacy be something about your family? Your professional work? Your hobbies? Your friendships? Your generosity?

Will you be known for your self-centeredness? Or some mistake or scandal in your lives? Or will you be remembered for the good you did for others, and how you changed the world around us for the better? Will your legacy be about how you touched the lives of people, or how you lived a comfortable life focused on yourself and your own people? What is it that we want others to remember about us when we are gone?

I'm thinking about what legacy we will leave behind this Memorial Day Weekend. On the last Monday of May every year, our country turns its attention to those who have died, veterans, loved ones, and others. During this weekend I will spend hours at the cemetery offering memorial prayers while people stand before the tombstones of their beloved, praying for their souls and also reflecting upon the legacy their loved ones left behind. What was their legacy, and what will ours be?

Think about it! One day on a future Memorial Day, as well as in the Church on a future Saturday of the Souls and the many other days we have in our church calendar on which we remember our departed loved ones, one day after we pass on from this life, people will turn their attention to us and reflect on our life – and what will they remember? What is the legacy that we leaving behind?

At the cemetery, I see some tombstones with golf clubs, with tennis rackets, with New England Patriots emblems and with other hobbies or passions that dominated the lives of people. Think about that, though. Do we really want to be remembered in eternity for some hobby that occupied so much of our lives, or for the sports team we rooted for, or for some other temporal pursuit?!?

If we are concerned about what legacy we will leave behind, to be honest with ourselves, we should reflect on what we are passionate about here and now in our lives? Is our life all about making money and living a comfortable, self-centered life? Is our life focused too much on some politician or political party that dominates all our time? Is the legacy we are creating based on hatred or prejudice or fear towards certain people? What consumes our lives here and now, because whatever we are passionate about now will be what forms the legacy we leave behind after we are gone.

Jesus Christ clearly warned all of us, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also… Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness." How many of us can honestly say that the greatest passion and pursuit of our lives is seeking first God's heavenly kingdom? Seeking first an intimate, loving relationship with our Creator? Honestly, isn't this the most beautiful legacy to strive for and cultivate each day?

Saint Paul has always been one of my favorite saints, so much so that we named our first child after him. I love him for his life story and conversion, for the writings he left to instruct and inspire future generations of Christians, and for his passion and love for Jesus Christ. Do you know what Saint Paul's final words were, written to his disciple Timothy shortly before he was martyred? Well, he wrote, "The time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day." (2 Tim 4:7-8)

Paul was proud to highlight that the legacy he thought he was leaving behind was a life of faith. He stayed faithful in the long and arduous race of faith. He faced many extreme challenges. He struggled with temptations. He didn't live an easy or comfortable life. He could have complained about much that he endured. Yet, he completed the race of life faithfully until the end!

He did not focus on all the churches that he started; on the theological works he wrote; on his earthly "accomplishments." He was happy to note that he had stayed faithful in following God and serving Him until the end of his life!

That's probably the greatest legacy to leave behind. So, what is the legacy that each of us hope to leave behind?

During this season of the year in the Orthodox Church, we remember and honor a special woman in the Bible - the Samaritan woman, who later became known as Saint Fotini. She offers us a great example of how one can be remembered. If anyone would look at her life up to the point which she met Jesus, they would have remembered her simply as a broken, sinful woman. A scandalous woman who was married five times. A woman who lived and would have died an insignificant life. Yet, after she met the Savior of the world, and accepted the salvation Christ offered her, she found healing and a new way of life. She was broken but Christ offered her healing. Her life was empty and thirsty, and Jesus offered her living water. She was a scandalous woman married five times, but our Lord saw her inner beauty, and called forth her beauty to blossom for the rest of her life.

Instead of being a forgotten woman of history, she became known as St. Fotini, the Enlightened One who dedicated her life to following Jesus Christ and proclaiming His good news. She even stayed faithful to her path even to the point of martyrdom. Thus, instead of some forgotten, insignificant legacy, she left behind the legacy of a transformed, transfigured person, a new creation in Jesus Christ. And to this day, she is remembered throughout the world two times in the church calendar. In fact, one of the most beautiful churches I visited in the Holy Land was in Nablus, Samaria in the West Bank, a Church dedicated to Saint Fotini!

A legacy that is forgotten or a legacy that inspires others for generations to come! Think about that. And let us think about the legacy we are creating. How will we be remembered? What are we doing now to create a meaningful legacy that will endure throughout history and into eternity?

Ultimately, there is only one legacy that will last into eternity and that is a legacy based on love, divine love – love for God and love for our neighbor; love for one another and love even for our enemies and especially for those in need all around us. A legacy of love is never inward turned and egocentric, a love only for those who love us, for our family and friends. Instead, a legacy of love that lasts is a love for God which touches and reaches out to every person we encounter.

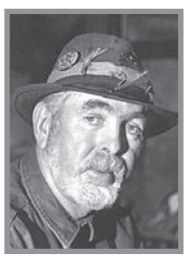
On this Memorial Day weekend, let's take a moment to soberly and seriously reflect on our legacy, the legacy that we are creating now and which we will leave behind when others remember us long after our death.

Turkey hunters harvest some impressive birds

Courtesy

This week's photo shows Matt Fontaine with a really impressive brown trout caught last week at Peters Pond on the Cape.

Jeff Peck and his brother each harvested their tom turkeys in Vermont this spring. Nice birds!



The Great Outdoors

Ralph True

Despite the rain last week, numerous anglers and turkey hunters managed to have a great week hunting & fishing! This week's picture of Matt Fontaine and his big brown trout he caught at Peters Pond on the Cape was indeed a nice fish. A couple other local anglers also fished Peters Pond and had a great time trout fishing.

Wild turkey hunters are also harvesting some nice birds not only in Mass., but hunting the birds out of state is also producing some large birds sporting long beards. Jeff Peck and his brother each harvested a nice bird in Vermont recently.

Striper fishing is also heating up, with some large fish being caught all along the coast of Mass. and Rhode Island. The Providence River still has been producing some nice stripers along with stripers being caught in the Westport River. The Canal is also producing some nice fish.

Trap shooting at the Whitinsville Fish & Game Club is now in its summer hours. The new hours are Friday evenings starting at 6 p.m.! Non-members are invited to participate. The club will also have the graduation of 16 young fishermen this Saturday, who participated in the first annual fishing class. More next week.

The loss this past week of a good friend and sportsman, Carl Albin of Uxbridge, was sad news for all that knew him. Carl loved deer hunting and fishing local bodies of water for trout. He will be sadly missed!

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club is planning their annual clambake again this year. The date is June 15. Get your tickets early as they will sell out fast!

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Letters to the Editor

Please consider me for Board of Health

To the Editor:

My name is Monica Kaufman, and I am running for the open Board of Health (BOH) seat in Dudley's annual municipal election to be held on Monday, June 10. I'm running because I care very deeply about our town and believe I'm the most qualified candidate for the position.

First, let me introduce myself. I have been a resident of Dudley since 1990, leaving for higher education, and job opportunities, but always returning home. I am a licensed and registered pharmacist with a strong background in public health. I received my Doctor of Pharmacy degree from MCPHS University Worcester, a Master of Arts in Teaching degree and a Bachelor degree in Biological Sciences both from Smith College. Prior to becoming a pharmacist, I was a high school biology teacher.

The top reason for announcing my candidacy for the BOH was in response to the front-page Telegram & Gazette article on April 5 regarding the hiring of our Health Agent.

Having strong health inspections are surely paramount for residents' safety, but the parallel aim in the BOH mission statement is education. It's imperative that everyone understands why safety protocols are in place. We need to work with our small business owners to ensure that they are in compliance, but also able to run their businesses.

Matters before the BOH, from septic permits, well permits, inspections, and scheduling should be handled quickly, accurately and in an organized fashion. I will work with current members to make Dudley's BOH a role model in the region.

I'm a public servant to my core, and when I see a problem, I do my absolute best to solve it. I research everything and come prepared to any meeting I am a part of. I know that good leaders listen to their constituents and make them a part of the solution.

Please visit my campaign Facebook page for more information at Monica Kaufman for Dudley Board of Health.

I humbly and respectfully ask for Dudley residents' vote on June 10. Thank you for your consideration.

Monica Kaufman
Dudley

Tips to Fix Up Flea Market Finds

TAKE THE HINT

KAREN TRAINOR

Following the highly successful first Brimfield Flea Market of the season, a longtime reader of this column asked about a past page that addressed fixing up not-so-perfect flea market finds. Throughout the years, this column has featured several columns on fixing up vintage wares - hope this is the one!:

It's flea market time, and that means crowds of eager shoppers prepped to snap up a bargain at the famous Brimfield shows as well as at area yard sales. While good deals on vintage wares are still plentiful, chances are many old items will need a little TLC before being put into active duty.

To usher in a new season of flea markets, tag sales and estate auctions, this week's column will review a roundup some of my favorite tricks to transform your (not so perfect) bargains into fantastic finds!

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Marble repairs can break the budget, but this do-it-yourself tip does the trick for a lot less! Small cracks in marble can be hidden with a mixture of wax and chalk dust. Melt a candle the color of the marble, blend in chalk dust to give it body and apply to the crack carefully with a paintbrush.

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Aged linens are lovely, but are often found with stains. Take a tip from housewives of the past to keep vintage textiles terrific: To remove rust stains from old linens the chemical free way, simply rub lemon juice and salt directly on the stain and hang in the sun to dry. For stubborn stains on sturdy linens, boil them in a pot of hot water to which a little eco friendly powdered laundry detergent has been added. Let cook for about twenty minutes. Hang out in the sun to dry. If the stain is not gone, try leaving linens out for subsequent sunny days until stain has faded.

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If your less than perfect porcelain or glass piece needs repair, the following chemical free glue often yields great results: You'll need: two packets (½ ounce) unflavored gelatin; two tablespoons cold water; three tablespoons skim milk. To do: In a small bowl, sprinkle gelatin over cold water. Set aside to gel. Heat milk to boiling point and mix into softened gelatin. Stir until gelatin is dissolved. Apply a thin layer of warm glue to edges of glass, being sure to align break. Press firmly and apply masking tape over fix. Then prop the piece in a box filled with sand for support until completely dry, or tape and clamp the item to ensure a tight adhesion.

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Old wicker is gorgeous, but it isn't always without its splits and breaks. Here is the easiest way to repair old wicker: For breaks that require the two pieces to be fused: Coat each half of the break with Elmer's glue, applying glue to area around break points. . Cover wicker on both sides with wax paper and clamp the broken piece between boards overnight. If the break requires further strength, it can be further reinforced by weaving wire through the surrounding wicker to secure. Wicker splits can be repaired in the same manner.

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Was that antique mirror a deal because of its peeling silver? Before you dish out big bucks to resilver the glass, try "foiling" the eye by taping pieces of aluminum foil to the backs of the offending spots. Or, if you can't live with a tinfoil patch, completely remove silver from the back of the old mirror with a razor blade. Have a new mirror cut to fit the size of your frame and attach it to the frame behind the old glass. Voila! You have the look of the old glass with a nice clear view!

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Retro liquor decanters are fabulous finds, but the alcohol they once held will often leave dark stains. What do to? Treat it with an organic acid such as citric acid, white vinegar or a mixture of one tablespoon of salt to a quarter of a pint of vinegar. Leave in the glass or decanter for 24 hours, shaking occasionally, then rinse and dry thoroughly. If stains are still there, repeat the process although tough stains may never completely be removed.

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To save serious cash on commercial wax wood restorers, check your shoe shine kit. Lackluster wood finishes on mahogany or cherry furniture or frames can be instantly renewed with a coat of cordovan color wax shoe polish.

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Black and brown sponge on type shoe polish are also great touch up tools for old wrought iron pieces.

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Swinging sixties plastic furniture and accessories are hot collectibles. But many of the vintage pieces on the market are well used - and scratched up! The good news is, you can sometimes hide surface scratches on plastic simply by applying a good coat of car wax.

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Want to spruce up silverplate cutlery without hash chemicals? Try the old fashioned tin foil technique to remove silver. It's quick and easy, especially if you have several pieces to clean. Fold a thick piece of tin foil and place it in the kitchen sink to cover the entire bottom. Add the tarnished silverware and fill sink with boiling or very hot tap water to fully cover the pieces. For each quart of water add one teaspoon each of salt and baking soda. Soak the silver for several minutes until the tarnish is gone. Remove silver, rinse and buff dry with a soft cloth. Note: Homemade methods may leave a dull white luster on pieces or damage them. Don't polish valuable or enameled silver this way and always test a few pieces first.

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If the veneer is bubbled up, place a piece of stiff cardboard on the wood and press with an iron set at medium heat. Press until you the heat softens the glue and you can feel the wood give a bit. Then press down and weight the area until the glue has redried.

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Vintage trunks are affordable finds, but they often come with a musty odor from basement storage. Here's a quick fix: Simply sprinkle some powdered cat litter box deodorizer generously in the trunk. Close it up and let it sit for a week. Better yet, after you've mowed the lawn, toss some grass clippings inside and close the lid. Stir the grass each day for a week. The chlorophyll from the grass will absorb the smell!

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Old games and boxes sometimes still wear their original price tags written in permanent marker. Try wetting a Mr. Clean Eraser and carefully rubbing away the ink. This works well on glossy finishes. Be careful, if you start wearing away the paper, stop. Or try removing marker on washable surfaces with hair spray. Spray on and immediately wipe off. Repeat as necessary.

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Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

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

Dismantling the barriers of self-sabotage

POSITIVELY SPEAKING

TOBY MOORE

Have you ever felt like you're your own worst enemy, standing in the way of your success?

What does it mean to self-sabotage? At its core, self-sabotage involves behaviors or thought patterns that hold you back from achieving your goals and living your best life. These actions are almost always subconscious and manifest in numerous ways, creating barriers to personal growth and fulfillment.

Have you ever found yourself holding onto painful memories? Letting go feels impossible. Maybe it was a parent, a sibling, a relative, or a friend, and what they did to you was traumatizing, and now, years later, you realize your behaviors are keeping you from what you want.

Perhaps you've avoided new relationships because you're scared of getting hurt again.

Maybe the trauma has made you overly self-conscious. You might stay quiet in social situations, fearing judgment or rejection. This persistent self-doubt prevents you from engaging fully with others and sharing your ideas.

It creates a loop of negative self-talk, paralyzing you with hyper-awareness of perceived flaws and inhibiting you from taking risks or trying new things.

Sometimes, it manifests as a victim mentality. "Why me?" you ask. "What did I ever do to deserve this?" The woe-is-me mindset breeds bitterness and frustration, leading to unfair judgment and criticism of others, to their face or behind their back and creating a temporary sense of superiority but ultimately isolating you, making you colder and more disconnected.

Or maybe the trauma has led you into a doom loop of excuse-making to soothe your anxiety about not pursuing your goals? Excuse-making stems from a subconscious fear of failure or rejection, protecting you from the potential pain of trying and not succeeding. However, these excuses only reinforce the belief that you're powerless and incapable, creating a self-fulfilling prophecy.

Indeed, the trauma has caused loneliness at times, feeling like nobody understands you. Continually focusing on the idea that no one is there to support you can exacerbate the sense of isolation, making it even harder to take steps forward. This mindset prevents you from seeing the resources and opportunities available to you. These types of cognitive distortions often make individuals overlook help that's right in front of them.

Sometimes, trauma causes us to take comfort in our perceived powerlessness, thinking, "It's okay. I'd never be able to achieve this anyway; I have no help; I don't have the right connections." Never understanding, we've become trapped.

Or maybe the trauma has caused you to lie to yourself, telling yourself you're finally going to go for it, but over time, you start to see that you're constantly procrastinating.

These delay tactics will only cause you to miss opportunities and fall further behind on your goals—building layer after layer of self-sabotage.

All of the above only amplifies feeling overwhelmed and even more powerless, creating a downward spiral in which each missed chance confirms your worst fears and deepens your sense of failure and stagnation.

So, what is one to do? How can the cycle be broken?

To break the cycle of self-sabotage, self-awareness is crucial.

Start today by acknowledging at least one self-sabotaging behavior and commit to changing it.

Acknowledge the behaviors and thoughts that are holding you back. Reflect on past traumas and their impact on your current life, and try to stop letting them define your future.

Confront feelings of self-consciousness by challenging negative self-talk and gradually exposing yourself to social situations. Seek out the help of a friend or a professional who can help you reframe negative thoughts and build more constructive thought patterns.

Practice empathy and build meaningful connections instead of criticizing others to feel superior. Actively seek to understand and empathize with others to reduce the tendency to criticize and build more supportive relationships.

Transform excuse-making into proactive problem-solving by identifying small, actionable steps toward your goals. Setting small, achievable goals and celebrating progress can help build momentum and confidence.

Trying to develop a growth mindset, where failure is seen as an opportunity to learn and grow, can reduce the fear of failure and encourage taking risks. By taking these beginning steps, you can start dismantling the barriers of self-sabotage and move towards a fulfilling life.

Ornamental and edible gardens and containers

GARDEN MOMENTS

MELINDA MYERS

Boost the flavor and beauty of your landscape by adding a few ornamental edible plants to your garden beds and containers. Look for opportunities to substitute ornamental vegetables, fruit, herbs, and edible flowers for ornamental but nonedible plants.

A hanging basket of semi-determinate tomatoes like Lizzano and Torenzo or Pot-a-Peno peppers can dress up a deck or porch and keep the harvest within reach. Peppers like Quickfire and Cayenetta hot peppers, and sweet ones like Pretty N Sweet along with Patio Choice yellow cherry tomato are suitable for containers and small gardens.

Use asparagus as a backdrop in gardens. Look for disease-resistant cultivars like the recently introduced Millennium that is long-lived, cold-hardy, high-yielding, and adaptable to a variety of soils. After the harvest, the ferny greens create a nice backdrop and add a welcome texture to any flower garden.

Rhubarb makes a nice temporary shrub in sunny locations. The large leaves add bold texture and the colorful stems of Crimson Red and Canada Red varieties provide a bit of color to the garden bed. Just cut back the plants at the end of the season and watch for their return in spring.

Use strawberries as a groundcover. The white flowers, tasty red fruit, and fall color brighten the ground level of any full-to-part sun location in your landscape. Choose day-neutral or everbearing varieties to enjoy several harvests throughout the summer.

Include colorful tomato and pepper varieties in mixed borders and flower beds. Use decorative obelisks and supports when needed for added beauty in the garden.

Provide seasonal screening or add vertical interest to gardens by training the vining types of squash, melons, and cucumbers up supports. Growing vertically increases airflow and light penetration which helps reduce the risk of disease and increases productivity. Just sling heavy fruit to the support to prevent it from damaging the vines.

Purple, wax, and other colorful pole beans are another seasonal option that provides vertical interest in a garden bed or screens a bad view. You'll find it easier to harvest and enjoy an extra picking with pole beans. Add colorful flowers and boost the hummingbird appeal by growing scarlet runner beans.

Or try Mascotte bush beans in containers. Grow this plant in a pretty container and, if needed, elevate it on a support for easy picking. You'll enjoy a plentiful harvest of crisp slender beans held above the foliage for easy picking.

Dress up meals with edible flowers like nasturtiums, daylilies, and calendula. Just be sure they have not been treated with pesticides and remove the reproductive parts that can add bitterness to your meals.

Maximize the productivity of vegetable plants with proper care and regular harvesting, picking vegetables at their peak.

For more tips on growing ornamental fruits and vegetables watch my webinar and download the handout.

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A vertical garden filled with purple pansies, chives, and a variety of lettuce plants.

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Oxford Middle School announces its April students of the month. These students have been nominated and selected by staff as exemplifying the characteristics of Be the Three--Respectful, Responsible, and Safe– exemplifying leadership and citizenship at OMS, and/or making great strides in their efforts, academics, and/or attendance. We are proud to celebrate our April students of the month!

Oxford Public Schools is making music

OXFORD — Oxford Public Schools is thrilled to announce a new and exciting music program that will be offered to students from Kindergarten up through fifth grade starting next school year. The plan is simple - get musical instruments into the hands of every child!

At Chaffee Elementary School, the Kindergarteners will be learning rhythm sticks, while the first graders will learn to play the chime bars. In grade two, students will be introduced to the world of percussion, as they discover the tubanos. These new opportunities will support the growth and development of students as they learn to keep time, rhythm, and beat patterns.

When students move into Barton School for grades three through five, they will continue to grow their love of music and playing instruments. In grade three, students will play the recorder, grade four will introduce all kids to the ukulele, and grade five will allow students to explore a wide range of instruments, including saxophones, clarinets, trumpets, flutes, and trombones.

Additionally, fourth and fifth graders will also have the opportunity to join a free after school club for more learn-to-play lessons and opportunities to play instruments, as the high school and middle school band teachers will be offering these lessons. This after school program was piloted this spring with 27 students learning a new instrument. A huge thank you to Matt Kim and Chris Rubenacker who work with the newly formed Barton Band.

This music exploratory program relies heavily on getting instruments into the hands of our students. OXPS is beyond appreciative as the Janet Malser Humanities Trust has graciously funded the purchase of these much needed instruments. Their generous support allows all Oxford students to have access to making amazing music.

Victoria Paine

Dudley's Victoria Paine shares Female Athlete of the Year honors at Westfield State

WESTFIELD — Senior women's soccer lacrosse standout Victoria Paine (Dudley/Shepherd Hill) was recently named as one of Westfield State University's Senior Female Athletes of the Year, at the athletic department's annual award ceremony.

Paine earned all-conference honors for a fourth straight season, and was named the MASCAC's women's lacrosse defensive player of the year for the 2024 season. She totaled 44 ground balls and 21 caused turnovers, and served as a key cog in the Owls clearing attempts. She graduates third all-time at Westfield in career caused turnovers (60) and ninth in ground balls (120). Her team posted a 12-8 overall record this season, and won the MASCAC tournament championship, and earned the league's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

The Owls' senior male and female athletes of the year are presented to the student-athletes judged to have had the best athletic performances in their senior-year season.

Delaney Kudron of Oxford honored at History Eastern Department honor society ceremony

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. — Eastern Connecticut State University's Department of History recognized 13 students at its annual Phi Alpha Theta honor society ceremony on April 12. Phi Alpha Theta is an American honor society for undergraduate and graduate students and professors of history. The ceremony inducted 12 students and distributed an award for academic excellence.

Among those honored was junior Delaney Kudron of Oxford, who majors in History and Social Science. Kudron was inducted into Phi Alpha Theta.

Phi Alpha Theta has more than 350,000 members, with about 9,500 new members joining each year through 860 local chapters. Phi Alpha Theta was established in 1921 at the University of Arkansas. The Eastern Connecticut State University chapter was chartered in 2005. Each spring semester qualified students are invited to join.

LEGALS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
DUDLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Pursuant to MGL Ch 131 Section 40, as amended, and the Town of Dudley Wetland Protection By- Law, there will be a public meeting on a Request for a Determination of Applicability for 17 Fairview Avenue filed by Joseph Nierodzinski.
The meeting will take place at Dudley Town Hall 71 West Main Street 3rd Floor Conference room at 6:00 PM, Wednesday, May 29, 2024. The public is invited to attend.
Richard Androlewicz, Chairman
May 24, 2024

NOTICE OF SALE
OF MOTOR VEHICLE
UNDER G.L.C. 255, SECTION 39A

Notice is hereby given by: A and D All Automotive Repair And Sales Inc Phone : 508-461-7733 pursuant to the provisions of G.L.C. c. 255, Section 39A, that on: 7 June 2024 at 9:00am at 5 West Main Street, Dudley, MA by private sale the following Motor Vehicle will be sold to satisfy the garagekeeper's lien theron for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicle.
Vehicle description:
Year 2004
Make: 2018 Nissan Altima silver
Registation#/State: Un Reg.
VIN: 1N4AL3AP0EN235734
Name and address of vehicle owner Mellissa Carter Melissa Carter
58 Brandon Road
Dudley, MA 01571
By Dany Habib
24 May 2024
This notice has been given under the provisions of G.L.c. 255, Section 39A.
May 24, 2024
May 31, 2024
June 7, 2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate
and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO24P1642EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Estate of: Victoria D. Frazer
Date of Death: 10/09/2023

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by
Glenn Frazer of Ocala FA
requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that:
Glenn Frazer of Ocala FA
be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in **unsupervised administration .**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before:
10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/11/2024.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30} days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS
UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 14, 2024
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
May 24, 2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO20P0088EA
Estate of:
Joseph Robert Kunkel, Jr.
Also known as:
Joseph R. Kunkel
Date of Death: **11/28/2019**
CITATION ON PETITION
FOR ORDER OF
COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by
Christine Sampson of **Lake Worth FL**
requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a first and final account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before: **10:00 a.m**. on the return day of **06/11/2024**.
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Witness, Hon. Leilah A Keamy,
First Justice of this Court
May 13, 2024
Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate
May 24, 2024

(SEAL)
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
24 SM 001904
ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:
Karen Karp a/k/a Karen Boyea-Karp, Personal Representative of the Estate of Minnie Elizabeth Huard a/k/a M. Elizabeth Huard a/k/a Minnie E. Huard; Dianne Wylie
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 *(et seq)*:
Freedom Mortgage Corporation
claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Webster, numbered 557 School Street, given by Minnie E. Huard to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Prime Mortgage Financial Inc., dated January 18, 2006, and recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 38255, Page 349, and now held by the plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemembers status.
If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the abovementioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before July 1, 2024 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the grounds of noncompliance with the Act.
Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on May 15, 2024.
Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
May 24, 2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Docket No. WO24P1441EA
Estate of:
Noella G Faraday
Date Of Death:
March 14, 2024
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner
Ansel D Akeley of Dudley MA
a Will has been admitted to informal probate.
Ansel D Akeley 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.
May 24, 2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO23P0037EA
Estate of:
John B. Strzelewicz
Date of Death: **08/15/2022**
CITATION ON PETITION
FOR ORDER OF
COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by
Cheryl A. Strzelewicz of **Oxford MA**
Requesting that the court enter a formal decree of complete settlement including the allowance of a final account , and first account and other such relief as may be requested in the petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before: **10:00 a.m**. on the return day of **06/11/2024**.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
Witness, Hon. Leilah A Keamy,
First Justice of this Court
May 13, 2024
Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate
May 24, 2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate
and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO24P1470EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
John Joseph Adams, Sr.
Date of Death: 01/25/2022

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** been filed by
Shannon L. Adams of Webster MA
requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that:
Shannon L. Adams of Webster MA
be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration .**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before:
10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/04/2024.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30} days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS
UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to theestate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 02, 2024
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
May 24, 2024

NOTICE OF SALE
OF MOTOR VEHICLE
UNDER G.L.C. 255, SECTION 39A

Notice is hereby given by: School Street Towing 17-31 School Street, Webster MA 01570 pursuant to the provisions of G.L.C. c. 255, Section 39A, that on: 25 May 2024 at 9:00 AM at 17-31 School Street, Webster MA by private sale the following Motor Vehicle will be sold to satisfy the garagekeeper's lien theron for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicle.
Vehicle description: Year 2001
Make: Porsche Model: Boxster
Registartion#/State: Un Reg.
VIN: WPOCA29871U620465
Name and address of vehicle owner Solano Hugo
587 Lincoln St Apt2
Marlborough, MA 01752
By Frank A Czechowski
29 April 2024
This notice has been given under the provisions of G.L.c. 255, Section 39A.
May 10, 2024
May 17, 2024
May 24, 2024

NOTICE OF SALE
OF MOTOR VEHICLE
UNDER G.L.C. 255, SECTION 39A

Notice is hereby given by: School Street Towing 17-31 School Street, Webster MA 01570 pursuant to the provisions of G.L.C. c. 255, Section 39A, that on: 25 May 2024 at 9:00 AM at 17-31 School Street, Webster MA by private sale the following Motor Vehicle will be sold to satisfy the garagekeeper's lien theron for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicle.
Vehicle description: Year 2004
Make: BMW Model: 745
Registartion#/State: Un Reg.
VIN: WBAGN63514DS54192
Name and address of vehicle owner Rolon Noberto
45 N Main St Apt2
Webster, MA 01570
By Frank A Czechowski
29 April 2024
This notice has been given under the provisions of G.L.c. 255, Section 39A.
May 10, 2024
May 17, 2024
May 24, 2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Docket No. WO24P1393EA
Estate of:
Alan D Tarkiainen
Date Of Death:
NOVEMBER 20, 2023
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner
Kathleen W Tarkiainen of North Oxford MA
a Will has been admitted to informal probate.
Kathleen W Tarkiainen of North Oxford 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.
May 24, 2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO23P0911EA
Estate of:
Edward J. Levasseur
Date of Death: **12/22/2022**
CITATION ON PETITION
FOR ORDER OF
COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by
Linda L. Levasseur of **Dudley MA**
equesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including a determination of testacy and heirs at law, the allowance of a final account , and first account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before: **10:00 a.m**. on the return day of **06/04/2024**.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
Witness, Hon. Leilah A Keamy,
First Justice of this Court
May 08, 2024
Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate
May 24, 2024

OBITUARIES

Beverly Edna Butkiewicz, 77

Beverly Edna Butkiewicz, 77, formerly of Dudley, passed away unexpectedly on May 7th after a short illness. She grew up in Webster and Dudley and was the Daughter of Margaret Turpack and Raymond Carpenter, and later her Step Father Walter Turpack. She was predeceased by her husband Kenneth Butkiewicz in November of 2019. She leaves behind her son Steven, daughter Nicole Cimochowski, her sister Susan Marrier, her Brother Kenneth Carpenter and Ralph Carpenter. Her Sister Carol Palmer Predeceased her. She leaves behind 3 grandchildren Victoria, Ryan, and Andrew along with a great granddaughter Amara.

Beverly graduated from Bartlett High School, and she worked as a secretary for many years. Beverly will be remembered as an animal lover. She enjoyed crafts and lunch dates with close friends.

Beverly will be Greatly missed by all her family and friends. There are no services planned, according to her wishes

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

A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may offer condolences, share fond memories, or light a candle in remembrance of Beverly.

Marcella Groth, 86

DUDLEY - Marcella Groth, age 86, died Monday, May 13, 2024 at Notre Dame Long Term Care of Worcester, MA. after illness with her family at her side. Marcy was born November 5, 1937 in Webster, MA. She is the daughter of the late Joseph and the late Josephine (Kiwak) Skrzypczak.

She was predeceased by her husband, John Groth in 1998 . Marcy was a resident of Sturbridge the last 20 years and a native of Dudley for over 40 years. She is survived by one son: Michael Paschopoulos and his companion Carlene Higgins of Webster, MA and;one daughter: Paula Paschopoulos and her companion Vinny Polletta of Dudley, MA and a dear Cousin, Adam Skrzypczak of Webster, MA. A loving grandmother to her grandchildren , Matthew Paschopoulos , Mikayla Paschopoulos and Ryan Shea . She had 6 great grandchildren that she cherished, along with 2 nephews and a niece. She enjoyed being with family and friends and the ocean and Sunshine. She was a respected employee at the Southbridge Savings Bank for many years and had worked at the A.O. in Southbridge in her early years . For many years of her life she was a well known bartender at the former Webster Lodge of Elks lodge 1466 on School St and later at the Cudworth Rd. lodge.

A graveside service will be held on Friday, May 24 at 11 AM in St. Joseph Garden Of Peace Cemetery, Worcester Rd., Webster, MA . Memorial calling hours will be Thursday, May 23 from 6 to 8 PM at Bartel Funeral Home, 33 Schofield Avenue, Dudley, MA.

A celebration of life at the TSKK Club on Harris St. in Webster will be held after the service on Friday. All are welcome to attend the celebration. Marcy always enjoyed a party. Marcy's guest book and tribute at www.bartelfuneralhome.com

Send all obituary notices to Stonebridge Press, PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550, or by e-mail to obits@stonebridgepress.news

Dorothy J. Wawrzyniak, 100

DUDLEY – Dorothy J. "Dot" Wawrzyniak, 100, died Tuesday, May 14, 2024 in UMass Harrington Southbridge after a short illness.

She leaves a son, Paul Bardwell and his wife Yolanta of Las Cruces, NM; and her cousins and caregivers, Donald and Jeannette Kasierski; and many friends.

She was born on June 28, 1923 in Webster, the daughter of Lawrence S. and Julia R. (Kasierski) Wawrzyniak and lived there most of her life before moving to Dudley in 2018.

Miss Wawrzyniak was a folder at the former Bates Shoe Company for many years before retiring.

Dot was a lifelong member of Saint Joseph Basilica in Webster. In the last 5 years she attended Saint Anthony of Padua Church.

The funeral was held Wednesday, May 22, from the Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster, with a Mass at 11:00 AM in Saint Anthony of Padua Church, 24 Dudley Hill Road, Burial was in Saint Joseph Garden of Peace, Webster. Visitation was held from 9:00 to 10:30 AM in the funeral home on Wednesday, prior to the Mass. Donations in her name may be made either to St. Joseph School Fund, 47 Whitcomb Street, Webster, MA 01570 or to a charity of the donor's choice.

www.websterfunerals.com

Mary E. Jenkins, 72

Mary E. (Healey) Jenkins, 72, of Dudley, an exceptional educator and cherished community member died Thursday, May 16th in Harrington Hospital following a brief battle with cancer. She leaves her husband of 42 years, Earle M. "Skip" Jenkins, Jr.; a son, Michael E. Jenkins of Dudley; a sister, Deborah Hazzard and her husband, Roger of Auburn; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a sister, Ann E. Miller.

She was born in Worcester, the daughter of the late James R. and Ann E. (Black) Healey. Mary was a proud graduate of Marian High School and went on to earn a master's degree from Worcester State College, reflecting on her commitment to lifelong learning. She was a beloved member of Dudley Elementary School, where she devoted 42 years of her life to teaching. Mary was affectionately known as the "Math Wizard" leaving behind a legacy of dedication and passion for education. Her favorite subject to teach was math. After her retirement, she continued to serve the community as a substitute teacher, bringing her love for teaching and her infectious enthusiasm back into the classroom.

Mary was an active member of St. Louis Church, Webster where she also taught CCD. Her faith and dedication to her community were evident. She found joy in simple pleasures, such as attending auto racing events with her family, visiting casinos, and indulging in her passion for scratch tickets. In her younger years, Mary was an avid tennis player, a testament to her vibrant spirit and love for activity.

Mary's life was a testament to the power of education, faith, and community. She leaves behind a family, friends, and countless students whose lives she touched with her wisdom and kindness.

Her funeral is Wednesday, May 29th with a service at 10:00 a.m. in O'CONNOR BROTHERS FUNERAL HOME, 592 Park Avenue, Worcester. Burial will follow in Worcester County Memorial Park, 217 Richards Avenue, Paxton. Calling hours are Tuesday, May 28th from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. To share a memory or leave a message of condolence please visit www.oconnorbrothers.com

WARRANT

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new kids. Today, Webster transports 45 special ed kids, some within town, some to out of district placements, and is "seeing a lot of social-emotional health [issues], a lot of medically-fragile children at this time," she said.

Those votes were far from the evening's largest vote disparity; that came from the 204-10 approval of $20,000 to fund Webster Lake maintenance. That item was primarily promoted by Webster Lake Association director Kevin Paicos, who said it was an outgrowth of a year-long conversation between the association, town and state over the fact the association needed help to keep up with weed control and other issues. He said weed control costs about $120,000 a year by itself, but the WLA only raises about $70,000. WLA intends to keep doing that annually, but this vote is the town's first addition of funds to the program and another man noted State Rep Joe McKenna has found another $25,000, with potential for other grants.

As often seen at town meetings, there was more discussion of that $20,000 item than the $59.6 million dollar budget, the $3 million extra needed for the PFAS plants, or the $1.8 million in various capital projects. All of those passed by large margins with no discussion at all.

In fact, the only Annual Town Meeting item prompting concerns from town meeting floor was the last one, over officially making May Street Park a park and applying for PARC grants to renovate it. Harrison Albani said he was speaking for several neighbors when saying "you have no idea what these people go through with that park." He noted it's supposed to be open 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., but they often hear "boomboxes at midnight" and told the town if it wants to fix "that May Street hole, pick up the needles first." He urged renovation include lights with timers to go off at 9 p.m.

Town Administrator Rick Lafond said the proejct "will take a good look at that." This was actually approved last year, but the state wanted Webster to vote on a "technical correction" to the item's language correcting which section of law they were acting under, he said.

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

DUDLEY

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While the election certainly takes center stage, the ballot will also ask voters to address a single question involving the cost of upgrades at the Dudley Middle School. The question will ask voters whether to exempt from Proposition 2 ½ the town's share of the cost to replace or upgrade the Dudley Middle School roof, upgrade fire alarm panels throughout Dudley Schools, replace and install cameras, video infrastructure and radio communications at the schools, and conduct and architectural review of the school buildings. Voters had previously approved the investment during the primary elections in 2022. The exclusion question on the June ballot is meant to determine how the town will cover the cost.

Dudley's annual town election will be held on June 10, 2024. Voting locations and instructions as well as a sample ballot are available on the Town Clerk page of the Town of Dudley Web site.

WEBSTER ELECTION RESULTS

Selectman – 3 years
Scott Dziedzic – 1056

Selectmen – 1 year
Elaine Davies – 732
Kaitlin Morin – 464

School Committtee – 3 years (2 seats)
Nick Adamopoulos – 1053
Miranda Sgarigla – 4 (by write-in)

Finance Committee – 3 years
Kaitlin Morin – 4 (by write-in)

Bay Path School Committee – 3 years
Robert Tremblay Sr – 905

Board of Health – 3 years
Brett Bergeron – 1008

Board of Health – 1 year
Oktawia Gielarowiec – 951

Redevelopment Authority – 5 years
Don Bourque -- 15 (by write-in)

Housing Authority – 5 years
Kathryn Ward – 1006

Town Clerk – 3 years
Linda Krupsky – 1076

Library Trustees – 3 years (2 seats)
Jeanne Mikels – 1020
Susan Veshi – 59 (by write-in)

LEGALS

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO23P0911EA
Estate of:
Edward J. Levasseur
Date of Death: **12/22/2022**
CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by
Linda L. Levasseur of **Dudley MA**
equesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including a determination of testacy and heirs at law, the allowance of a final account , and first account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Witness, Hon. Leilah A Keamy,
First Justice of this Court
May 08, 2024
Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate
May 24, 2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Docket No. WO24P1577EA
Estate of:
Ann Blocker
Date Of Death:
December 2, 2023
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner
Truman S. Chojnowski of Studio City CA
Will has been admitted to informal probate.
Truman S. Chojnowski of Studio City CA
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.
May 24, 2024

Legal Notice

Notice Is hereby given by Lincoln Auto and Truck LLC 590 LIncoln St Worcester Ma. 01605 Pursuant to the:Provlstons Of General Law C255 Section 39a, that on 06/03/2024@ 9:00 am at; Lincoln Auto and Truck LLC 590 LIncoln St Worcester Ma 01605 the following motor vehicle will be sold at a prlvate/public sale to satisfy the garage keepers lien there on for storage towing, charges, care and expenses of notices and of said vehicle description of vehicle VIN # 1gtp6de10g1380550-2016 gmc canyon p/u owner Jeffery G. Blais 39 Wallace Ave. Auburn Ma. 01501 and or any lien holders this notice has been given under the provisions of general law 39a
May 24, 2024
May 31, 2024
June 7, 2024

Dudley Middle School students launch DMA Anita ocean stewardship program

DUDLEY — Twenty-six sixth and seventh grade DMS students embarked on a seafaring journey with faculty members Claudette Eagleton, Dena Kobel and Stacy Lynch. The project was funded by a MIT Sea Grant through their STREAM Grant program, which supports coastal education and community science.

The DMS launch was inspired by the Thompson Middle School miniboat project, the TMS Sea Challenger. DMS students met with the TMS miniboat crew and University of Rhode Island Graduate School of Oceanography staff at the 2023 Ocean Race Stopover in Newport.

This project, led by DMS science teacher Stacy Lynch, was accomplished during an after-school program utilizing the Educational Passages Miniboat Program, which creates inclusive learning experiences for the DMS community. Through building, deploying, and tracking a miniboat at sea, students connected with their local environment and community, as well as with communities around the world.

Organized into teams – launch, cargo, deck, hull & keel, sail, media & tech – fifth and sixth grade students helped build, manage tasks, and track progress, while the seventh and eighth grade students equipped the boat with satellite transmitters and sensors for data collection. The project aimed to foster ocean literacy and engagement, and promote understanding of ocean currents, climate change impacts, and global cultural connections.

The DMS crew built and delivered DMS Anita to the URI School of Oceanography Research to be boarded upon its vessel the RV Endeavor. They have graciously agreed to deploy Anita during their next research trip, which sailed on May 17. The Endeavor will be conducting research just past the continental shelf and will deploy Anita toward the end of their trip. Once set adrift, Anita will begin sending back to the students GPS positioning, air temperature and surface water temperature data.

Where Anita will find land, nobody knows. But once she does set ashore, finders will discover a time capsule of sorts in her cargo hold containing donated items that were selected by the students to represent the Dudley community. They include a Mason Road School winter hat; lanyards from Dudley's four public schools, a Town of Dudley coffee mug and notecard; a Boston Red Sox t-shirt; Dippin' Donuts business card, and a DMS shirt.

Follow Anita's progress during its 13-week voyage at https://educationalpassages.org/boats/dmsanita/

Molly Starczewski of Dudley inducted into Geography Honor Society

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — Molly Starczewski of Dudley was among 12 Hofstra University students inducted into the Mu Kappa Chapter of Gamma Theta Upsilon (GTU), the international geographic honor society.

Starczewski, a member of Hofstra's Class of 2026, is majoring in Dance.

Dr. Veronica Lippencott, adjunct associate professor of global studies and geography, director of Africana studies, and associate director of the Center for "Race," Culture and Social Justice, delivered the ceremony's keynote address. Dr. Grant Saff, department chair and professor, and Mu Kappa President Julian Rocha '24 welcomed the new members.

Dr. Kari Jensen, who founded the Hofstra chapter in 2012 and has served on the board of Mu Kappa ever since, said it was a "delight" to conduct the induction ceremony with Julian Rocha and fellow officer Natalie Correa '24. "They are both graduating with geography degrees this semester and have landed graduate scholarships at UC Berkeley and University of Wisconsin, Madison, respectively. My colleague, Dr. Lippencott, gave an excellent keynote speech about her personal journey into the academic discipline of geography and what it has meant in her life," she said.

The first chapter of GTU was founded in 1928 at Illinois State Normal University. It became a national organization in 1931 and an international geographic honor society in 1949.

Since its establishment at Hofstra, Mu Kappa has been awarded the prestigious Gamma Theta Upsilon Honors Chapter Award six times. The award recognizes the scholarship of Hofstra's geography students, as well as activities that celebrate and bring awareness of geography to the University's campus and community. Membership in Mu Kappa now stands at 211.

Hofstra University's primary mission is to provide a quality education to its students in an environment that encourages, nurtures, and supports learning. At Hofstra, new ideas take shape through collaboration, engagement, and interaction. Hofstra students create their success with small classes and dedicated faculty, alongside a beautiful campus, plus all the opportunities of New York City within easy reach.

For more information, contact Marketing and Communications at 516-463-6818.

Local students named to UConn Dean's List

STORRS, Conn. — The University of Connecticut congratulates the following students on being named to the Dean's List for the spring semester of 2024.

Auburn
Lily Derenas

Blackstone
Aaron Bolduc

Brookfield
Macy Cunningham

Charlton
Olivia Cranney, Adeline Smith

Charlton City
Abigail Boria

Dudley
Abigail Lepper

Groton
Charlotte Digiovanni, Madelyn Kelly

Leicester
Sarah Brouillard, Abigail Leahy

Milford
Jack LeBlanc

Millbury
Francesca Beyer, Matthew Kelly, Samantha Kelly.

Milton
Norah Finch, Giselle Neville

Northbridge
Sara Bedigian, Keira Touhey

North Grafton
Shravya Anisetti, Sunjeevni Patel, Athena Paul, Raheel Sarwar

Oxford
Benjamin Duval

South Grafton
Geeta Puli

Upton
Marina Brockett-Delgado, Emily Pollen, Jonathan Romine, Macey Spangenberg, Tessa Stewart

Uxbridge
Kieler Langemo

Whitinsville
Melanie Bisbee, Noah Malkasian

UMF celebrates Class of 2024 with festive commencement ceremony

FARMINGTON, Maine — Last week, the University of Maine at Farmington celebrated the success and accomplishments of the members of the Class of 2024 with a gala commencement ceremony in Farmington.

More than 300 of the 280 Bachelor's and 46 Master's graduates excitedly marched today—in UMF's 160th year of preparing individuals for professional careers and further study. UMF President Joseph McDonnell, dedicated faculty and staff, administrators, dignitaries, and loving families and friends all joined in honoring today's graduates.

UMF 2024 graduates from Massachusetts
Auburn: Rebecca McPherson, B.S., Special Education;
Sturbridge: Dex LaFrance, B.F.A., Creative Writing, Summa Cum Laude;

Worcester State salutes local graduates

WORCESTER — Worcester State University congratulates the following students who earned degrees in August and December of 2023 and May of 2024.

Bachelor of Arts

Auburn: Maxwell B. Engel, Christopher A. Rumbaugh, Jaelynn P. Smith, Hai H. Tran

Blackstone: Joshua T. Mirra (M), Jackson D. Palazini

Douglas: Joshua P. Gopin

Dudley: Riley P. Biron (C), Drew W. Malboeuf, Rachel R. Sullivan (C)

East Brookfield: Emma J. Bain (C), Aidan L. Joyce (M)

Grafton: Marc J. Salvatelli, Margaret T. Sheehan (S)

Leicester: Kayley L. Laflamme (C), Emily R. Pappas, McKenzie Saunders (C)

Milford: Libia A. Goncalves, Carlie J. Gonzalez, Gabriella C. Gonzalez, Ryan Newfell (S), Robert J. Sheedy

Millbury: Matthew V. Genzale, Jason W. Nadeau, Loan K. Tran

Millville: Megan L. Dakai (C)

North Grafton: Spencer M. Bellarosa (S)

North Oxford: Thomas C. Delaporta

Oxford: Samantha L. Carey, Paul J. Davey (M), Kathryn R. Kraszeski (M), Amber M. Melanson (M)

South Grafton: Timothy Brackett, Kevin R. Lemoine

Southbridge: Ceasar A. Alvarado, Aaron J. Zabka

Spencer: Cameron T. Anderson (C), Michael D. Perro, Samantha R. Sousa (S)

Upton: Hayden J. Ramsey

Uxbridge: Ryan P. Needham

Webster: Alexis I. Aslanian, Daniella M. Damasio, Ryan P. Hanney, Taylor J. Walker

Whitinsville: Michael V. DePolo, Rachel L. Fremeau

Bachelor of Science

Auburn: Hazim M. Al Nassar, Julia B. Benvenuti, Leo J. Boisvert, Ashley M. Fazio (S), Colin P. Fitzgerald, Abigail M. Frost (S), Sarah A. Garabedian (C), Dawson E. Gemme, Elizabeth R. Lauzonis (M), Tyler J. Lavallee, Vina P. Le (C), Madison R. Marois (S), Emma L. Martin, Samuel M. Njuguna (M), Andrew J. Noonan, Cameron M. Prosser

Blackstone: Dylan J. Brown, Kayla M. Isaac, James P. Stanley

Brimfield: Ashleigh F. Settle

Brookfield: Sairsha N. Kurilova (S), Cayleigh L. Peterson (C)

Charlton: Elaine Bond, Gabriella M. Dillenback, Marci R. Giorgio (C), George S. Kaperonis, Caroline F. Lawson, Isabelle M. Leahy, Andrew S. Marini, Eliana H. Singer (S), Amanda L. Smith, Elizabeth R. Stone (S), Lyba Tariq (M), Sarah R. Wisniewski

Cherry Valley: Kailey M. Adeyinka

Douglas: Sara A. Finnegan (C), Sydney E. Rodriguez, Arouny N. Souphida (M), Jordan A. Staples (S), Harley L. Westgate (S)

Dudley: Aneta Czyz, Alexis N. Doko, Arton Krasniqi, Alyssa M. Lundstrom, Emily M. Lunn, Craigan A. Nawrocki, Amanda L. Peduzzi, Marrissa Scopa (C), Andrew P. Stefanik

East Brookfield: Brooke E. Shea

Fiskdale: Jennalee Potmesil

Grafton: Lauren E. Ashworth, Christina M. Burri (C), Kylie A. Cahill, Cara N. Gilgun (M), Matthew F. Lukasevicz (C)

Holland: Kailey L. McCleary (C)

Leicester: Spencer P. Annis, Nicholas A. Beando, Brendan R. Derosier, Haylee D. DiLiddo (C), Meaghan J. Dupuis (C), Austin M. Le, Ally E. O'Neill (C), Matthew S. Splaine, Emily F. Virzi (C), Riley J. Whalen

Milford: Renan D. Assuncao, Akila S. Ferreira, Ashley C. Goncalves (C), Paul A. Martino, Jayke C. Mendez, Brianna M. Revellese, Emily R. Rocheleau, Kathryn A. Watson (M)

Millbury: Casie J. Ayotte (M), Christie L. Barber, Scout R. Beaudoin (S), Maxwell Bravo, Payton A. Collins, Morgan C. Cronan, James W. Crossman (M), Anna C. Gaimari (C), Tyler O. MacKoul (M), Danielle M. Marden (C), Cara C. Prunier (S), Zoey L. Richmond (M), Sydney Westerlind (C)

North Brookfield: Ryan M. Restuccia

North Grafton: Jessica R. Bancewicz (S), Maximillian J. Cleveland (M), Eileen M. Long

North Oxford: Abigail R. Calcano, Sarah K. Cohen, Sydnie Morgan

Northbridge: Grace O. Demers, Joshua A. Fung-A-Fat (S), Olivia A. Glorioso

Oxford: Susan E. Baraklilis (C), Molly A. Cook, Kimberlly J. Correia, Kayla N. Davis, Stephanie S. Dutting, Kori A. Dziedzinski, Nicole A. Feige, Katelyn M. Gillespie, Calib P. Goyette, Sarah R. Perreault (M), Alexander J. Robidoux, April L. Salter, Donel Tamokwe, Elijah S. Williams

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Southbridge: Lannaya D. Brandt, Norma A. Cignarella, Caiden S. Ellis (M), Tanner J. Renaud, Daishaniese L. Rivera, Kayralis Rubero

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Sturbridge: John Bouhanna (C), Micaela J. Christenson

Sutton: Danielle M. Cofsky (C), Katie Cofsky (M), Evan T. Culross (C), Rachel L. Gopfert, Andre S. Gouvea, Sydney M. Pawlak (M), Anthony A. Pecci, Joseph R. Peduzzi (C), Ku Reh, Kevin M. Russo (M), Mackenzie E. Vollmer

Upton: Jack A. Charron

Uxbridge: Grant A. Brown, Jeremy T. Bullock, Matthew D. Colella, Olivia G. Powell (M)

Wales: Zummalina Y. Bangs

Webster: Nicholas E. Abruzzise, Riane E. Anderson (S), Wilson E. Aybar, Gabriella L. Caron, Ahnnesa A. Delille (C), Tane B. Dorcil, Emily M. Downer, Caitlin D. Frabotta (M), Abigail T. Holden (S), Klarissa L. Johnson (M), Mason K. Lavache, Edna N. Mbugua, Angela Nigro, Hannah L. Picchioni (S), Abbigail J. Poplawski (C), Emily A. Salonich (C), Breanna E. Ward (M), Brittany C. Ward (M)

West Brookfield: Matthew L. Kopacko, Jillian M. Routhier (M)

Whitinsville: Cassidy E. Gies, Emily D. Heldenbergh, Olesya J. Kyrychok (M), Phillip B. Maher, Jennifer J. McLaughlin (C), Jessica L. Medina, Melody G. Powers, Samira R. Raad, Michael A. Santurri (C), Ryan E. Trenholm

Master of Arts

Auburn: Karen P. Higgins

East Brookfield: Jessica A. Bisbee

Master of Education

Auburn: Johanna M. Annunziata, Mystique D. Hall, Kristi L. Kelly

Brimfield: Lauren R. Trombly

Charlton: Gabriela R. Carofaniello, Lance R. Morin

Cherry Valley: Samantha J. Sealey

Douglas: Michelle R. Fisher, Kortnee R. Levesque

Dudley: Sabrina E. Prince, Monika M. Sudyka

East Brookfield: Matthew M. Meyerdierks

Fiskdale: Paul W. Frykberg

Leicester: Holly L. Fevens

Milford: Demetra A. Edwards, Jacquelyn E. Tetreault

Millbury: Danielle S. Miles, Mackenzie L. Woll

North Oxford: Shannon M. Laro

Northbridge: Victoria S. Sutphen

Oxford: Jillian N. Fiore

South Grafton: Padmaja Bandaru, Daniel Cushing

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Sturbridge: Cayce R. Pappas, Kathleen M. Thurber

Upton: Aimee Maglione

Uxbridge: Annamarie N. March

Whitinsville: Evropi Chatzi, Rebecca A. Pasceri, Stephanie E. Ripley

Master of Occupational Therapy

Sutton: Kerry K. McGrath

Master of Public Administration & Policy

West Brookfield: Sean E. Jackson

Master of Science

Auburn: Melinda A. Engel

Charlton: Justina R. Devries, Casey E. Mullaly, Rianna C. Romano, Kaitlin E. Sparks

Cherry Valley: Tabitha J. Tirado

Douglas: Christina M. Bailey

Dudley: Monique I. Pierangeli

East Brookfield: Hannah E. Tziachris

Millbury: Edward J. Daher

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South Grafton: Shaughnessy H. Docekal

West Brookfield: Megan V. Pereira

Whitinsville: Adam J. Briand

Sheriff's Office looks forward to return of Senior Picnic

SHREWSBURY — Sheriff Lew Evangelidis and the Worcester County Sheriff's Office look forward to the return of the annual Sheriff's Senior Picnic.

This year's event will take place on Saturday, June 8, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at SAC Park in Shrewsbury.

"Due to the success of previous years, the picnic will once again be held as a drive-thru and feature a BBQ boxed lunch, goodie bags, music, giveaways, raffle prizes, and more," read a statement released by the Sheriff's Office.

The event is free and open to all residents in Worcester County over the age of 60. Space is limited and an RSVP is required to attend.

Please visit the following site to RSVP: ReserveDeputySheriff.com/2024-senior-picnic.

You may also reserve your spot at the event by calling 508-796-2638, or through email at nydia@worcestercountysheriff.org.

Please leave a message with your name, address, and phone number.

Those wishing to attend the event must register by May 20.

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Local seniors enjoy a recent picnic hosted by the Worcester County Sheriff's Office.

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Quinsigamond Community College releases list of graduates

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College has released its 2024 list of graduates. Today, graduates will participate in the 59th commencement ceremony at the DCU Center at 1:00 p.m. To view the ceremony, visit www.QCC.edu/commencement. The ceremony will also be shown on public access station WCCA-TV 194.

Associate in Applied Science
Auburn: Cameron Szalay

Associate in Arts
Auburn: Joseph Barrows, Jacqueline Cetrone
Brimfield: Haileigh Chase
Brookfield: Alaina Chiminiello, Emily Pope, Emma Puishys
Charlton: Loriauna Graika, Olivia Howard, Chase McKenney, Jordyn Poirier, Michael Reardon, Hannah Sharma, Cady Stevens
Dudley: Daniel Kelley, Nicholas Ruo, Clarice Smith, Demyana Tekla
East Brookfield: Quinn Trumbull-Olsen
East Douglas: Caroline Beaird, Abigail Bonneau, Patricia Cole, Ashlinn Collins, Aidan Lynch, Lydia Paulhus-St. Laurent, Hannah Rosenkrantz, Ashley Schofield, Kylie Sullivan
Fiskdale: Elaina Cardenas, Carina Holt, Meaghan Stearns
Grafton: Farida Abdellateef, Audrey Ziegler
Holland: Timothy Hagen
Leicester: Cameron O'Neill, Cassidy Saksa
Milford: Joslin Pinto
Millbury: Brandon Charbonneau, Christian Donaldson, Kaylee Lauzon, Madison LeClaire, Jala Tadros
Millville: Mia Belanger
North Grafton: Amanda Johnson
North Oxford: Jeremy Vargas
Northbridge: Vivian Adams, Andrea Place, Jonathan Toloczko
Oxford: Wilfrid Fotso Tasse, William Harvey, Darrel Ramos
Southbridge: Deyalanis Carrero Soto, Sherline Clemente Irizarry, Sol Cruz, Kiara Diaz, Ogochukwu Nwasolu, Caleb Powell, Caroline Rosario, Mackenzie Worthington
Spencer: Marissa Beaudin, Kayla McQueston, Rachel Perry
Sturbridge: Patrick Lyons, Jeannette Ortiz De Ramos
Sutton: Taylor Marsh, Kyle Mendoza, Ethan Morway
Upton: Alexander Guertin
Uxbridge: Angela Dupuis, Solomon LeFrancois, Jeremy Lutton, Justin Meola
Webster: Tanairi Caraballo, Joshua Dornelas, Hlaing Htoo, Elena Ralph, Solangel Ramos
West Brookfield: Emmy Foty, Jacob Gorham
West Upton: Timothy Fobes, Olyvia Kane

Associate in Science
Auburn: Logan Alexander, Haider Alnassar, Dylan Culani, Lyndsey Delorto, Alexis Fairbanks, Tiana Germain, Daquan Gooch, Andy Ho, Krystol Kruckas, Tue Lac, Jordan Lajoie, Thomas McKiernan, Samuel Museme, Chanel Napoli, Tien Luc Nguyen, Ravikumar Patel, Matthew Seaman, David Zona
Blackstone: Maria Attia, Silvia Attia, Valerie Girard, Erin McDonald, Margaret Stansfield
Brookfield: Jared Maldonado
Charlton: Emmanuel Asenso, Billy Cates, Christopher Chute, Molly Cloutier, Camden Haynes, Abigail Joesten, Kellen Kinnes, John Price, Christian Santiago-Martin, Demerice Wolfenden
Danielson, Conn.: Elizabeth Cochrane, Gregory Hook
Dayville, Conn.: Talia Freda
Douglas: James Freeman
Dudley: Nicholas Andreoli, Anthony Awad, Yakeydy Calderon, Xavier Collazo, Scarlet Guzman Gil, Jacqulyn Hayden, Hannah Lombardo, Jared Richard, Mariah Rivera, Brian Torrez, Ashley Westgate
East Brookfield: Colin Beaupre, Thomas Parsons, Byron Tippins
East Douglas: Michael Purvis, Hannah Rosenkrantz
Grafton: Jack Cosseboom, Matthew Lazaro, Kara Pichierri, James Scanlon
Holland: Katharine Patota, Zane Salameh
Leicester: Adam Abusalah, Amy Carr, Nicholas Michaelian, Dagan Mott
Milford: Alex Begay, Nyla Mutegyeki, Shanay Patel, Anthony Rodriguez
Millbury: Zachary Belanger, Tara Cudmore, Lauren De La Cruz, Kimberlee Mack, Madelyn O'Leary, Angela Rossi
Millville: Amelia Tober
North Brookfield: Liam Carlson, Johnna Farley, Deborah Hill, Jacob Lovely
North Grafton: Sarah Bianco, Franklin Burkey, Luis Dejesus, Angelina Katz, Connor Manning, Holly Martin, Rabia Mateen
North Oxford: Shannen Hennessy, Albert Wiafe
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May is for mothers at Dudley Senior Center's Memory Café

DUDLEY — It was all about celebrating moms at the Dudley Senior Center's Memory Café on May 16. Council on Aging members, Senior Center Director Deborah Johnson and volunteers prepared and served brunch to more than 30 guests. A grant from the Dudley Cultural Council livened the event with the folk music and storytelling of Tim Van Egmond.

For more information on the Senior Center activities and the Memory Café, visit https://www.dudleyma.gov/senior-center.

Nichols names Alex Cross Dean of Students

DUDLEY — Nichols College President Bill Pieczynski has announced the appointment of Alex Cross as dean of students, effective July 1. He is coming to Nichols from American International College (AIC) in Springfield, Mass., where he serves as dean of student success and Title IX coordinator.

"Alex has an extensive background in managing a diverse portfolio of student life functions as well as in leading initiatives that drive student success and equity," said Pieczynski. "I look forward to working with him as a member of my cabinet as we continue to shape an exemplary learning and living environment focused on student engagement, retention, wellbeing and success."

Prior to his current role at AIC, where he leads student success and retention initiatives, Cross served as both dean of students and associate dean of students at AIC, where he has worked since 2014. Through these roles, he led the student life team and managed student functions such as residence life, diversity education, student orientation and campus recreation, and he led strategic planning processes and established success metrics, among other projects. Before arriving at AIC, he served at Merrimack College, Eastern Connecticut State University and Fort Lewis College, including in directorial roles in residence life.

"I am excited to join Nichols College as the new dean of students," said Cross. "This opportunity allows me to bring my experience working in student development and my commitment to fostering an inclusive, supportive and engaging campus environment to Nichols. I look forward to working with the dedicated staff and faculty to enhance student life and success, ensuring that every student has the resources and support they need to thrive. Nichols College's dedication to student-centered strategies aligns with my vision for a vibrant, dynamic and supportive student affairs program. I am excited to be a part of this journey and to contribute to the continued success and growth of Nichols College."

A resident of Springfield, Mass., Cross earned a B.A. in history and a second B.A. in political science at Eastern Connecticut State University and an M.Ed. in leadership and organizational development at Merrimack College. He is pursuing an Ed.D. in educational supervision and leadership at AIC.

Cornerstone Bank welcomes Corey Niswender as vice president, digital product manager

Corey Niswender

WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with locations throughout Central Massachusetts,recently welcomed Corey Niswender as its new vice president, digital product manager. In this role, the Boston resident will lead the development and implementation of the bank's digital products and services. This includes overseeing project teams, analyzing market trends, identifying user needs and preferences and collaborating with cross-functional teams to drive product strategy and execution.

"Corey joins us with an impressive level of expertise and insight," said Cornerstone Bank CEO Todd Tallman. "Digital banking is accelerating at a rapid pace, and our goal is to remain at the forefront. Two key areas of focus for us are ensuring we are easy for our customers to work with, and that we are delivering solutions. Our digital products and services are key to our success in these regards."

Offering 24 years of experience in the banking industry, Niswender earned his Bachelor's degree in international business from SUNY Empire State College, a master's certificate in applied business analytics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a master's certificate from the New England School for Financial Studies. He also boasts several project management credentials, including Project Management Professional, Certified Scrum Master, Certified Scrum Product Owner and Lean Six Sigma.

Juniors named to Bay Path honor roll

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

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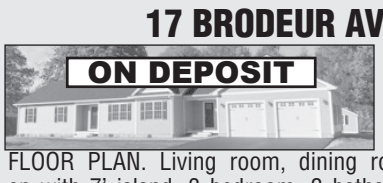

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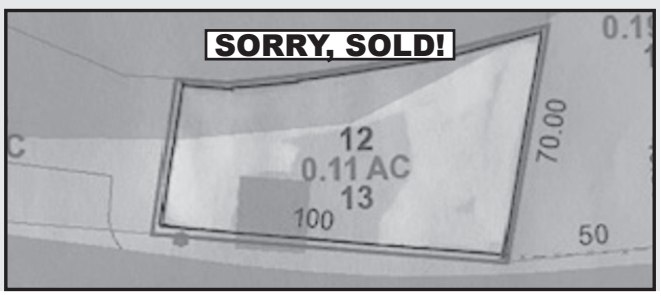

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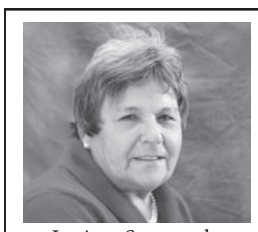

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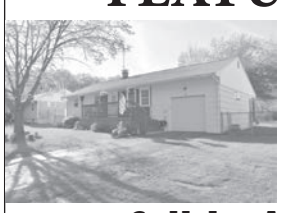

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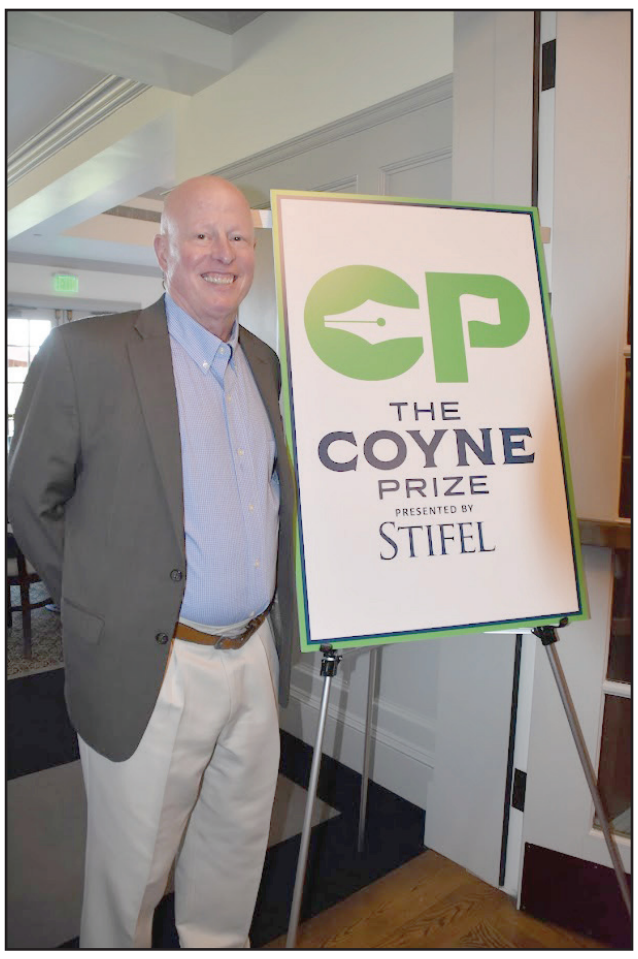
Dudley resident wins Coyne Prize

DUDLEY — Dr. Mark Wagner has been recognized with the Coyne Prize for his work from an upcoming book, "Native Links: The Surprising History of Our First People in Golf."

The Coyne Prize is awarded annually to the most exciting golf writers and creators, as deemed by a panel of golf and creative industry professionals. Mark was awarded Runner Up in this year's prize for his work on Frank Dufina, a Chippewa golf instructor from Mackinaw Island, Michigan.

Native Links has been described as an entertaining and insightful narrative that makes the case that, as with the DNA of the country's history, Indigenous history is a leading strand and that is true for golf as well.



This book gathers gripping stories and long-lasting oral histories about our First People. The story begins with Oscar Smith Bunn, A Shinnecock Montauk Native who played in the 1896 and 1899 U.S. Opens. Through Orville Moody's (Choctaw) triumph in the 69th U.S. Open, to a new generation of players that includes Notah Begay lll and Gabby Lemieux, "Native Links" makes an engaging case that you cannot tell the story of golf in this country without including our First People.

And, while many in the golf industry are in a 'hold' pattern, even after the surge in outdoor activity during covid, according to Golfweek, "there is one group of builders as bullish as ever on course construction: Native Americans." With Fee to Trust programs, in successful advocacy, litigation, and lawsuits, with #Land Back, with the revenues from gaming, many tribes have built museums, archives, government centers and—surprise—golf courses. The result is a new generation who harken back to a long history of players and teachers for whom the ancient stick-and-ball game has been another way of finding home.

Finding the elders or those who knew the elders, and meeting a new generation of Native golfers, the author writes, "I would be smudged, taken for a rat, taught (Arnold Palmer's) perfect grip, and lose matches to Rod Curl and Steve McDonald among others. Still, all I wanted to do was find a home in these shared stories." This history is indispensable for all who want to know the whole story.

Born in Paterson, N.J., Dr. Mark Wagner is the fourth child of eight born to Jack and Pat (Coyle) Wagner. A decorated athlete and educator, Mark has published extensively on golf course architecture and history. In 2021, as he explored the history of Native-owned golf courses, Mark began to realize there were many firsts among our First People in golf, a game he has loved since his childhood outings in the Adirondacks with his family. The result is Native Links, a travelogue and oral history about and by the Indigenous people who have shaped and played the game. He lives with his partner Monica Elefterion on a small farm in Dudley, where they raised their son Myles and fostered Cody and Jared.

Samuel Slater Experience hosting look at Jazz Age fashion

WEBSTER — When we think of 1920's fashion, the first thing that comes to mind is the flapper girl in a sequined short dress covered in fringe, paired with a string of pearls and feathered headband.

But how did the average person dress? Beth Marsh, a student of historical costume design, will talk about clothing as a way to understand people from the past, on Sunday, June 9, at 3 p.m. at the Samuel Slater Experience museum.

Ms. Marsh will describe the clothes worn by a typical college girl, examining a collection of reproduction garments, the history of each piece, how they were made, and what it felt like to wear them.

This free presentation is sponsored by the Webster Cultural Council. Please register online at the museum website https:/samuelslaterexperience.org, email-admin@samuelslaterexperience.org or call 508-461-2955.

Samuel Slater Experience is located at 31 Ray St., Webster.

Ms. Marsh is a recent graduate of Connecticut College, where she majored in Architectural Studies and minored in Historical Costume Design. She is presently working as an architectural designer at a firm in Concord, New Hampshire.