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Dudley landfill solar farm nearing completion

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — It's been some time since officials provided a substantial update regarding the installation of solar panels on Dudley's capped landfill. More than halfway through 2024, Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda revealed that progress is being made to finally begin generating electricity at the site and bring revenue to the town.

In 2018, Dudley signed a deal with Ameresco, Inc. of Framingham, a renewable energy company with a history of successful projects similar to the capped landfill initiative. The solar farm would add value to the otherwise unused property on Indian Road with the potential to produce as much as $3.2 million in town revenue at the time of the contract signing. The lease agreement from 2018 was for 20 years with plans to install a privately owned 2.2-megawatt solar farm. The permitting process saw MassDEP request testing of the landfill property resulting in PFAS being detected at nearby properties which has spawned a response plan still in effect to this day.

After over six years Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda told selectmen on Aug. 6 that much of the site preparation has been completed including fencing, tree cutting, electrical poles and equipment pad installation, and more. Now it's just a matter of time before the panels are finally operational.

"Now that we're at the point of having completed the installation of the electrical poles and placing equipment on those poles, it would appear that we can see the finish line for the solar project on the capped landfill which should be hopefully this calendar year and give us the opportunity to start generating some revenue off that site to help pay for the compliance and regulatory costs that were caused by that site. At least we're getting to the point of seeing the finish line," said Ruda.

Unfortunately, Ruda could not speak in absolutes as there are still a lot of moving parts to the project as things begin to take shape. He is hoping that money could be available by the end of the calendar year. Dudley has already used funds procured through the site development fees towards some regulatory compliance costs since the deal was signed. Before the end of the meeting a citizen requested an update concerning Dudley's PFAS issues, including the landfill. Selectmen said they would add a PFAS update to their Aug. 19 agenda.

Noted artist's portrait of Samuel Slater's grandchildren returns to Webster



WEBSTER — A portrait attributed to noted American painter Joseph Goodhue Chandler, of three grandchildren of Samuel Slater, the father of the American Industrial Revolution, is coming home to Webster. This significant work of Americana folk art is a gift to the Samuel Slater Experience, a popular addition to the cultural scene in Central Massachusetts since its opening in 2022. It will be unveiled at a private ceremony with Slater's descendants at the museum on Aug. 24, and at a public event Aug. 26 at 11 a.m. with family in attendance.

The circa 1833 oil on canvas painting, is of three of the children of George Bassett Slater and Lydia Robinson Slater: Samuel E. Slater, Elizabeth Hamilton Slater, and George Arkwright Slater (1829-1841). It was in a Slater home in Webster until the property was sold in 1977. It was exhibited at The Holyoke Museum in Massachusetts in 1980 and has been in private collections since that time.

After many years of trying to locate the painting, Sarah "Sally" Hewitt McInnis (Slater's great-great-great-great granddaughter) found it earlier this year in the possession of a Pennsylvania art dealer. Sally, along with fellow descendants of William Strutt Slater from the families of Georgia Slater Bartlett and Katharine Slater Brown, purchased the painting with the purpose of donating the work to the Samuel Slater Experience where it will be on permanent display.

"I had been hoping to find this painting and bring it home," said McInnis. "My relatives and I are thrilled that it will hang in this extraordinary museum, to be viewed by guests now and in future generations. It is a wonderful example of this style of portraiture, called American folk art, which was popular in the 1800's, and helps to tell the story of Samuel Slater and the founding of Webster."

Described as "Disney-like," the Samuel Slater Experience, employs

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Thibaudeau retires as Dudley Town Accountant



Courtesy

The Board of Selectmen recognized Town Accountant Deborah Thibaudeau on Aug. 6, a day before her official retirement after 21 years with the town.

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — The Town of Dudley has bid farewell to its longtime Town Accountant Deborah Thibaudeau who retired after 21 years of service to her town.

Thibaudeau was honored by the Board of Selectmen on Aug. 6, a day before her official last day with Dudley. Selectmen acknowledged that Thibaudeau may not be a household name, but her work ethic and commitment to the Dudley community have been a true asset during her two-plus decades of service. Selectman Mark Landry was the first to compliment her as a role model for everyone in the town hall.

"She's always customer service oriented. She's a great teacher explaining how things work, why, and following up. We've spent many times going over the system and the numbers and she's always patient with me even though she's trying to do at least ten different things at the same time, and she did it and she had to," said Landry.

Selectman Kerry Cyganiewicz noted the fact that many don't know Thibaudeau by name actually shows how good she was at her job.

"I think the best compliment I can give you is we didn't talk about you much. When we needed something, it was there. I asked you for something over the past year and I was amazed how quickly I got it, and I thank you for that. You did a wonderful job. Enjoy your retirement," said Cyganiewicz.

The rest of the board provided more compliments to Thibaudeau thanking her for keeping everything balanced and for her patience dealing with unexpected issues on a daily and weekly basis. Thibaudeau was also recognized with a special citation from the town as well as citations from the Massachusetts Senate and House of Representatives presented by Senator Ryan Fattman's office and State Rep. John Marsi, respectively. Marsi, a former Dudley Selectman who served many years during Thibaudeau's tenure, spoke from experience when acknowledging her accomplishments.

"I had a front row seat to watch your greatness over the last, at least 15 years. It's hard when you see a lot of experience walking out the door but it's better knowing that you're going to be enjoying yourself in retirement. You will be missed by the town, that I can assure you," said Marsi.

In her farewell address Thibaudeau said she hopes she did the town proud and believes Dudley has a good successor ready to take over.

"I hope I was a good worker, and I really tried to be. I really appreciate all of it. I just want to say that the new person (Sarah Mongeau) is going to do a great job, so you don't really have to worry. She's catching on, she's really smart, so I think you're in good hands," Thibaudeau said.

In June, the town announced Sarah Mongeau as their new accountant bringing with her experience as a Certified Public Accountant, a Certified Government Financial Manager and a Certified Fraud Examiner and 20 years of experience working for the state as well as more than a decade working in private and public accounting.

Oxford selectmen OK marijuana delivery, body cameras

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD — Years ago, nobody could have ever imagined the top agenda items for the last Oxford Select Board meeting – marijuana distribution and police issues. But that's what they got Aug. 6.

The former came in the form of approval of a host community agreement for Finest Trees, which aims to become a pot delivery firm based in the former bank building at the corner of Routes 20 and 56.

Town Manager Jen Callahan said the firm came before the board in January 2023 seeking permits for a pot micro-manufacturing business with delivery, but has since opted just to do the latter. One of the delays has been deciding which version of the agreement to use – the town's or a model recently floated by the state's Cannabis Control Commission.

They opted for the state's version after town attorneys determined its language will protect the town's rights to collect impact fees later, and she expects to see "some evolution" over time, she said. At the moment, the CCC is severely restricting them to impacts towns can directly document, and prohibiting towns from requiring donations to local nonprofits, as many towns have done.

The board supported the agreement unanimously, with Chair Mark Lee saying, "I'd like to see that building get back online."

Regaridng police issues, the big one came as a $61,800 grant for new body cameras, which Chief Mike Daniels said was "not a goal I expected to reach this quickly." Callahan noted it required negotiating with the police union and creating new policies.

Daniels said the body cams will enable the department to improve "auditing of our officers out on the street" and correct problems in procedures they see. It'll also allow officers to "be equipped with a piece of equipment to tell the other side of the story," and to identify where officers are by GPS when not near their cruisers, he said.

He said he's now researching four vendors for video storage, which is "the costly part of it." Once they're in place, the department plans to remove the cameras now in the cruisers.

"I think our police officers are doing the right thing" and hope to document that, he added.

Daniels also discussed the then-still-incomplete traf-

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Courtesy

Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Director Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN and Assistant Director for Veterans Affairs Aileen O'Rourke, MA during a break at the conference.

Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Director attends Certifying Official Conference

DANVERS — The 2024 Veterans Certifying Official Conference (NCDs) was held at the North Shore Community College, 1 Ferncroft Rd., Danvers. In attendance was Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Director and Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy School Certifying Official Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN of Dudley, formerly of Douglas.

The 2024 Certifying Official Conference for NCD (Non-College Degree) Institution was facilitated by Aileen O'Rourke, MA, Assistant Director for Veterans Affairs. School Certifying Officials (SCOs) and school administrators assist students using their VA benefits to pursue education and training programs. The SCO training provided information on the GI Bill, related legislation, and processes. The SCO Conference is dedicated to delivering expertise, insights, and continuing education for Sch ool Certifying Officials (SCOs). From a mandate that was effective Aug. 1, 2018, the SCO training was defined. Beginning Aug. 1, 2019, VA determined that all new SCOs, will be required to complete the Department of Veterans Affairs School Certifying Official Training. This training requirement will ensure that all new SCOs are properly trained, resulting in a positive outcome for beneficiaries.

Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy and Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School (Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational School District) received program approval submitted by the Massachusetts State Approving Agency (SAA) and has been accepted by the Department of Veterans Affairs. The VA Form 22-1998, WEAMS (Web Enabled Approval Management System) Report contained the approval information for Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy and Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School (Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational School District). According to correspondence sent to Bay Path, anytime Bay Path's information is updated in the VA's Web Enabled Approval Management System, the VA will send Bay Path an updated VAF 22-1998, WEAMS report. Verified correct information for programs listed on the report matched the approved programs by the State Approving Agency as listed in the Bay Path catalog are Practical Nursing and Metal Fabrication. The approval status for Practical nursing has been in place since 2015 while the approval status for Metal Fabrication is new for the 2023 academic year.

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Country Bank appoints Edward Noonan II Vice-Chair of Board of Directors

REGION — Country Bank's Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Edward (Ted) Noonan as Vice-Chair of its Board of Directors. At its June meeting, the Board recognized Noonan's extensive experience and leadership qualities, which will significantly contribute to the bank's continued success.

Noonan, elected to the Board in 2018, is the President of Noonan Energy, a 135-year-old prominent energy company based in Springfield. With his proven track record, Noonan has demonstrated his ability to navigate complex challenges and drive growth. His appointment as Vice-Chair reflects the bank's commitment to fostering strong leadership and strategic decision-making.

In addition to his role as Vice-Chair, Noonan also serves on the Board of Investment, where he brings his expertise in financial management and investment strategies. Furthermore, he holds the Chair of the Board Risk Committee, highlighting his dedication to ensuring the bank's stability and security. He also serves on the following Boards: YMCA of Greater Springfield, Massachusetts Energy Marketers Association, National Energy and Fuels Institute, and National Oil Heat Research Alliance.

"We are thrilled to have Ted as our new Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors," said James Phaneuf, Chairman of the Board. His extensive knowledge in serving on the Board and his strong leadership skills will be invaluable as we continue to navigate the ever-changing landscape of the banking industry."

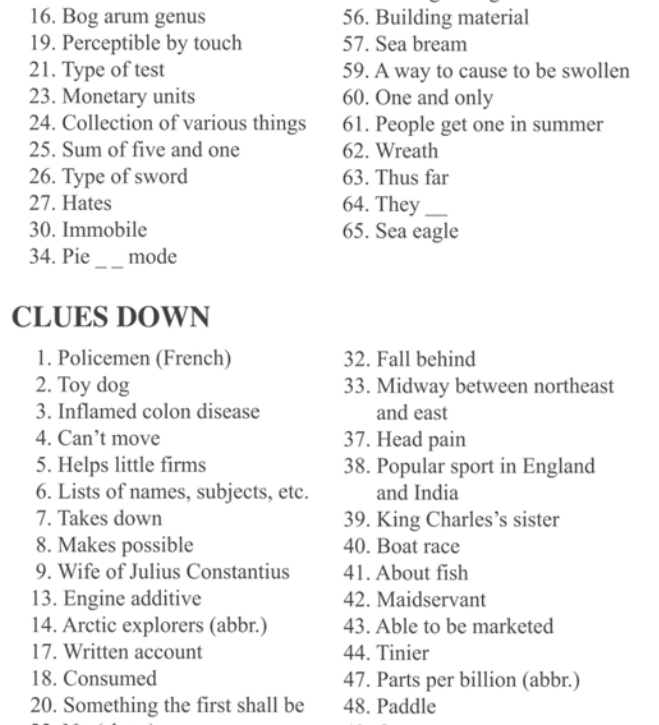
Noonan's appointment further supports Country Bank, which seeks to expand its market area and services throughout the region. With his deep understanding of the local community and his commitment to excellence, Noonan is well-positioned to contribute to the bank's strategic initiatives.

"I am honored to accept the role of Vice Chair of the Board of Directors at Country Bank," said Ted Noonan. I look forward to working closely with Jim and the rest of the Board to contribute to the bank's continued growth and success in all the markets we serve."

Country Bank is confident that Noonan's appointment will strengthen its position as a leading financial institution in the region. With his wealth of experience and dedication to the bank's mission, Noonan is poised to made a difference for the bank, its team members and its customers.

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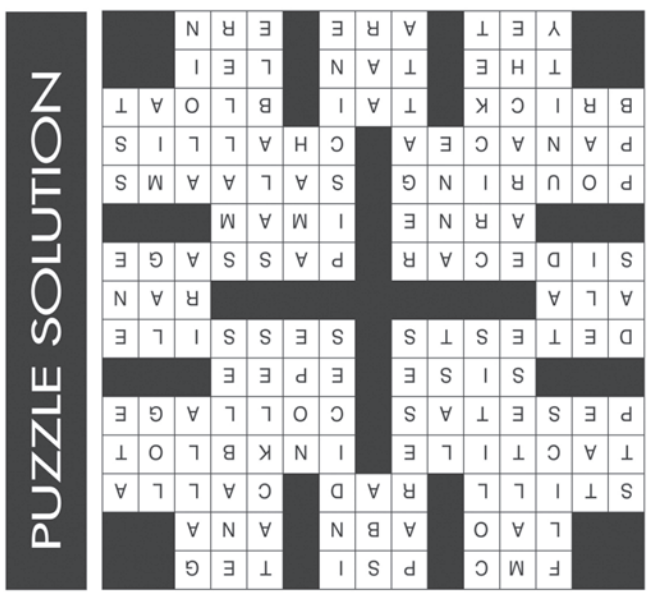


CLUES ACROSS

1. Major American automaker (abbr.)
4. Pressure measurement
7. Two-year-old sheep
10. Indigenous person from Laos or Thailand
11. Up in the air (abbr.)
12. Actress de Armas
13. Not moving
15. Cool!
16. Bog arum genus
19. Perceptible by touch
21. Type of test
23. Monetary units
24. Collection of various things
25. Sum of five and one
26. Type of sword
27. Hates
30. Immobile
34. Pie _ _ mode
35. Moved quickly
36. Passenger's place on a motorbike
41. A way through
45. Former US Secretary of Education Duncan
46. Leader
47. Flowing
50. Greetings
54. Remedy
55. Soft lightweight fabric
56. Building material
57. Sea bream
59. A way to cause to be swollen
60. One and only
61. People get one in summer
62. Wreath
63. Thus far
64. They __
65. Sea eagle

CLUES DOWN

1. Policemen (French)
2. Toy dog
3. Inflamed colon disease
4. Can't move
5. Helps little firms
6. Lists of names, subjects, etc.
7. Takes down
8. Makes possible
9. Wife of Julius Constantius
13. Engine additive
14. Arctic explorers (abbr.)
17. Written account
18. Consumed
20. Something the first shall be
22. No (slang)
27. Gov't lawyers
28. Peyton's little brother
29. Small amount
31. Investment vehicle
32. Fall behind
33. Midway between northeast and east
37. Head pain
38. Popular sport in England and India
39. King Charles's sister
40. Boat race
41. About fish
42. Maidservant
43. Able to be marketed
44. Tinier
47. Parts per billion (abbr.)
48. Paddle
49. Oneness
51. Bitter chemical
52. Not around
53. Very fast airplane
58. Swiss river



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Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy graduates celebrate 10-year reunion



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Pictured, from left: Gretheline Bolandrina, Leanne Reardon, Marina Daniels, Heidi Underwood and Jenna Gale.

CHARLTON — In 2014, then full-time faculty Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN of Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy graduated her first practical nursing class. Ten years later, she is still in contact with many of the graduates and a select few returned to Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy to reminisce about their collective leap of faith.

Beginning in August 2013, they entrusted their nursing education to Bolandrina, who was then a novice nurse educator, and luckily, to Professor Virginia Dockstader, BSN, RN who is an expert in nursing education. The gamble paid off. Today, the Practical Nursing Class of 2014 are successful nurses in Massachusetts and around the nation, some have progressed to obtain their associate degrees and bachelor's degrees in nursing and are gainfully employed as Registered Nurses (RNs).

Marina Daniels, BSN, RN, a home care nurse and one of the 2014 graduates, said part of what attracted her to Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy was the rigorous program and the school's community engagement mission.

"As an alumna, I participated in simulation lab, and many volunteer activities," she says.

She was a past recipient of the Academy's Community Service Award.

Thursday's reunion started at the cafeteria with individual charcuterie snacks, a painting night, and a quick glimpse of the campus, which has changed since the days when they attended Bay Path dreaming of becoming nurses.

When the class of 2014 was in session, the school was undergoing a huge renovation and construction. Eventually, the practical nursing office was moved to the other side of the main building and other facilities were added, including a simulation room. For didactic, the classrooms were upgraded. The current classes use the large auditorium-style lecture hall with modern active-learning equipment. There is a small but bright and sunny PN lounge right outside the PN Office.

"Everything is nice," stated Bolandrina.

"It is amazing how the class of 2014 endured the construction noises when classes were in session. Things changed and how much the program has grown," added Bolandrina.

For the alumni returning to campus brought back the memories — the anxiety of test days, the long, painful nights of studying, and the short, 20-minutes dinner break.

For some members of the Class of 2014 graduates, it is not the first time back on campus. Several of them, like Daniels, have maintained a close relationship with the academy. Heidi Underwood, BSHS, AACJ, LPN, is a staff member. She is the Academy's Financial Aid Administrator. Dr. Bolandrina is in awe of the alumni spirit of giving.

"Alumni are not shy in showing their sense of gratitude for the school and the community," she said. "Truly, the nursing and caring is not limited to the bedside."

At the painting night in the cafeteria, some of the academy's new faculty members got to mingle with the 2014 graduates, now colleagues.

It was a proud, full-circle moment for Bolandrina, who remarked, "I have always been confident that the class of 2014 would be successful, making Bay Path proud. These graduates' accomplishments and talents are certainly a blessing fueled with hard work, grit, and determination."

At the get together the alumni celebrated the milestone by painting and trading stories about work and families and how time flies. The reunion is a remarkable celebration of enduring friendships, time-honored traditions, and the power of the nursing profession in the world. Members of the class of 2014 reconnected with classmates they have not seen in years fostering a sense of belonging, looked back on memories, and simply had fun! They made new connections and left with an expanded circle and a richer connection to the Bay Path Community!

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DPU delays approval of Dudley's Municipal Energy Aggregation Plan

DUDLEY — The state Department of Public Utilities (DPU) has delayed approval for Dudley to enact its Municipal Energy Aggregation Plan that would allow residents to buy energy at a discounted rate.

"This delay on top of delays represents more than two years of jumping through state hoops for approval of this important benefit to our residents," Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda said.

Dudley officials announced in September 2023 the preliminary work for a Community Choice Power Supply Aggregation Plan was complete and the Town was seeking state approval.

The plan, designed to reduce energy costs for Dudley residents, was developed in compliance with state law regarding public aggregation of electricity consumers. It was developed with the Town's municipal aggregation consultant, Colonial Power Group, Inc., and the state Department of Energy Resources.

The purpose of the plan is to represent Dudley residents' interests in competitive markets to negotiate rates for electricity. In doing so, it brings together the buying power of more than 11,900 consumers. It further enables the Town to take greater control of its energy options, which includes the ability to pursue price stability, savings opportunities and the amount of renewable energy procured.

Once enacted, participation would be voluntary in that residents could opt out or back into the plan at any time.

Colonial Power Group informed the Town on August 7 that the state DPU is now asking Dudley and the other 30 or so municipalities with pending aggregation plans to refile their applications using new guidelines the state adopted a few weeks ago. Yet, the state template for the refiling is still in draft form.

"It's increasingly frustrating when more and more a local decision is made, and the state sees it as an opportunity to hold that local decision hostage. If it's not an unfunded mandate, it's the subversion of a local initiative," Ruda said.

Colonial Power, on the town's behalf, plans to refile the aggregation plan to the state DPU for review and consideration.

Ruda shared this frustrating setback with the offices of state Sen. Ryan Fattman and

State Rep. John Marsi. Both have agreed to contact the DPU on Dudley's behalf to expedite approval.

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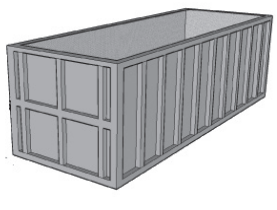
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First Accepted Students Night held at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy

CHARLTON — Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy hosted an Accepted Student's Night that welcomed the incoming practical nursing students and their families. The event provided a unique opportunity for practical nursing students to interact with each other, faculty, staff, and alumni.

Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN, welcomed the attendees, saying "We were so excited to have our first ever accepted students' night! We are grateful for everyone carving out previous time to be on campus and helping us prepare our students for the rigorous ten months ahead. Our students leave the Academy with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to succeed in their nursing journey."

The event is an important opportunity for accepted students and their families to learn more about Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, the Bay Path community, and its values. The evening allowed them to connect with fellow students, the faculty, staff, and alumni, to ask questions, and gain a better understanding of what the Academy has to offer. The event also helped to build excitement and anticipation for the upcoming academic year.



Courtesy

Members of the PN Class of 2025 with their artwork, and artist Adonis DeKing (center, partially hidden).

Bolandrina extended her sincerest thanks to all who attended the Accepted Student's Night, and especially to Adonis DeKing of Milford. He is an artist based in Massachusetts who specializes in oil paint. His formal career as an artist began in Savannah, Ga., with oil paintings of nature landscapes and animals. His work gained notability, and a large amount of his originals sold, he moved to Boston to further develop his career. His work has been shown in numerous businesses and galleries across the United States such as his nature collection at the Churchwood Gallery (North Attleboro, July 2023). A new series of paintings will be shown at the Booklovers Gourmet Gallery (Webster) in September 2024. As an artist, DeKing lives a minimalistic lifestyle, choosing to give away most of his original paintings after they have been completed. He only owns one set of paintbrushes and believes in simplicity and living a fulfilling life. More of his work can be viewed at www.adonis-deking.com.

DeKing instructed painting with acrylic on canvas for attendees of Accepted Students Night. Art therapy for care givers is in alignment with the Academy's commitment to service learning.

"We actively engage with projects and work that emphasizes giving back to the community," said Bolandrina. "What better way to introduce the concept of self-care than art therapy!"

Evidence-based research states that arts can help. Nurses need an outlet to express their feelings. In a 2009 study, researchers found PTSD numbers for critical care nurses to be comparable to those of war veterans who have come back from Iraq and Afghanistan. Bolandrina believes that the arts are a wonderful way for nurses to process stress and trauma they feel and see daily. She always encouraged her student nurses to do self-checks and participate in outside interests even with the rigors of nursing school. The arts, visual arts she thought, could offer a way. The visual arts can put difficult-to-process experiences into words. Members of the incoming PN Class of 2025 proudly show their work with art instructor DeKing. Members of the faculty, alumni, and other attendees expressed positive feedback and gratitude for being part of the event.

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$700,000, 1 Montclair Dr, Wentworth, Jason, and Wentworth, Krista, to Choudhry, Muhammad.

$695,000, 12 Bridle Path, George, Roshan, and Mathew, Brighty, to Fairbanks Jr, Kenneth R, and Fairbanks, Dominique M.

$665,000, 7 Elizabeth Dr, Paa Special Needs & Medic, and Bagdis, Katherine A, to Eisnor, Justin D, and Eisnor, Tracy A.

$612,000, 8 Overhill Dr, Stake Ronald Howard Est, and Kaliszewski, Donna L, to Norwood, David G, and Norwood, Kristin.

$605,000, 150 Burnett St, Smith, Beth E, to Arnold, Mark, and Arnold, Rebekah.

$485,000, 60 Hill St, Norwood, David G, to Daly, Luke, and Lima, Madison.

$450,000, 9 Westwood Dr, Ninteau, Tammy, to Rozowsky, Jared.

$380,000, 201 Forest Park Dr #201, Marcaccio, Paul, and Marcaccio, Dawn, to Allada, Srinivas R, and Allada, Sarada.

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$375,000, 10 Elizabeth St, Phillips, Sandra A, to Williams, Elira, and Mitrushi, Aleksander.

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$360,000, 8-12 Comins Rd, P& b LLC, to Ramirez, Tomas E.

$270,000, 11 Thayer Pond Dr #9, Ward, Mark P, and Ward, Mary T, to Filadelfo, Mariana.

$225,000, 1 Thayer Pond Dr #4, Carlson, Craig R, to Nunez, Alexander D.

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$502,500, 6 Dominique Dr, Sawilla, Norbert L, and Sawilla, Anne L, to Shultz, Nathan, and Cooney, Felicia M.

$484,900, 118 Thompson Rd #B, Fritz, Raymond L, and Fritz, Caroline L, to Martins, Ruth.

$440,000, 125 Gore Rd, Alsalihi, Noor N, and Alrubaye, Omar A, to Waterman, John C, and Marra, Ashley N.

$400,000, 36 Harris St, 36 Harris Street Rt, and Neiduski Family Re LLC Tr, to Knutelski, Mariusz, and Knutelski, Elzbieta J.

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Cornerstone Bank named one of most charitable companies in Massachusetts by Boston Business Journal

WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with locations throughout Central Massachusetts, is a proud recipient of a 2024 Corporate Citizenship Award from the Boston Business Journal (BBJ). The awards are published annually to draw attention to organizations dedicated to supporting their communities through donations of time, money and service.

Cornerstone Bank's contributions to regional charities totaled over $506,000 in 2023—well above the minimum $100,000 required to qualify for the list. It joins a diverse list of honorees this year, representing industries ranging from retail and professional sports to financial services, health care and technology. The businesses will be honored at the BBJ's 18th Annual Corporate Citizenship Awards event taking place Thursday, September 5, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Seaport Hotel in Boston.

"We are proud to be recognized by the Boston Business Journal as one of the top contributors to regional charities," said Cornerstone Bank CEO Todd Tallman. "At Cornerstone Bank, we pride ourselves on helping to improve the quality of life for our neighbors, customers and communities through charitable donations, scholarship programs and service."

The evening will be a celebration of community, recognizing all the charitable contributors, the Alan B. Lewis | Alnoba CEO Social Leadership Award recipients and the 2024 Corporate Citizenship Community Collaboration Awardees, along with plentiful opportunities for connecting and networking.

"It is with honor that we present our list of the Top Charitable Contributors in Massachusetts," said Boston Business Journal Market President and Publisher Carolyn Jones. "Collectively, they gave more than $423 million in cash contributions—a true example of the business community coming together to help those in need. We are proud to celebrate these organizations who give both money and time to make Boston a stronger and better place for all.

About Cornerstone Bank

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

Gladys E. Kelly Library sees dramatic leap in activity in 2024

WEBSTER — The Gladys E. Kelly Public Library crunched the numbers for FY2024, and was surprised to find that, across the board, statistics have taken a dramatic leap in the past year! Annual visits to the Library have risen by 20 percent, bringing 56,553 people into the building. Patrons have borrowed 12 percent more physical materials from the Library, as well as 31% more electronic materials. Study Rooms and Conference Rooms have seen a dramatic increase in usage as well, with a 58 percent increase in bookings.

Most impressively, attendance at Library programs and events has skyrocketed from 6,144 attendees in FY2023 (already a 43 percent increase from the previous year) to 10,995 attendees in FY2024 — a 78 percent increase! The Library attributes this increase to expanded program offerings, keeping programs consistent and dependable, and word of mouth bringing new visitors to our building. Events with the highest attendance this year were Summer Eats (a partnership with the Webster Public Schools and Project Bread), a visit with Pulitzer prize-winning author Geraldine Brooks, and Saturday yoga classes. Seventy percent of overall program attendees are children under 18.

What will the next year bring? As the Library calculates the statistics from July 2025, the numbers show that total program attendees for the month were 2,643. In comparison, total program attendees for July 2023 were 1,067! If this year continues in the same vein, the Library will be looking at another big increase in numbers.

The Library would like to thank the community, as well as their supporting organizations for helping this year reach incredible heights. Thanks to: the Friends of the Glady E. Kelly Public Library, CW/MARS, and the Town of Webster. For a calendar of upcoming events, visit the Library›s Web site: www.gladyskellylibrary.org.

Fairfield University congratulates 2024 degree recipients

FAIRFIELD, Conn. — Riley Nicholson of Auburn and Olivia Mason of Webster graduated from Fairfield University, May 2024.

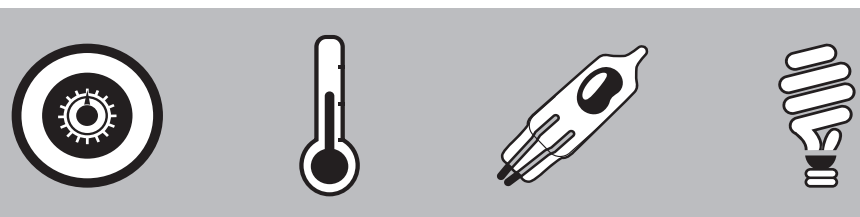
At the time of graduation, a student must have earned a minimum of 120 credits and completed at least 38 three- or four-credit courses, depending on the course of study, and have an overall grade point average of 2.0 or better at the conclusion of the senior year.

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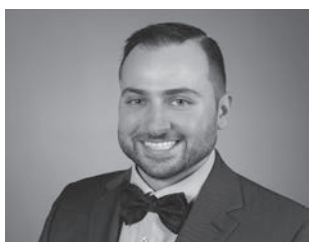
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Editorial

Stop jumping to conclusions

The importance of using reliable news sources

With just a few clicks, we can find news on any topic under the sun. But with this abundance of information comes a serious challenge: how do we separate reliable facts from misleading or false information? Unfortunately, many people skip this crucial step and jump to conclusions based on headlines or social media posts alone. This tendency to believe and share information without verification is one of the most troubling issues in society today, leading to a cycle of misinformation and confusion.

We've all been there—scrolling through social media, spotting a headline that catches our eye, and feeling the urge to share it instantly. But before hitting that share button, it's essential to pause and think critically. Is this information accurate? Is the source trustworthy? All too often, people fall into the trap of believing what they see online without doing their due diligence. This behavior is dangerous because it perpetuates false narratives and contributes to a culture where the blind lead the blind.

When we jump to conclusions without proper research, we risk spreading misinformation, which can have real-world consequences. False news can incite panic, damage reputations, and even influence important decisions. The recent surge in misinformation highlights the importance of being careful about what we read, believe, and share.

Reliable news sources are critical in maintaining an informed and rational society. These sources adhere to journalistic standards, verify facts, and present balanced perspectives. However, in a landscape where anyone can publish anything online, it's easy for less credible information to spread like wildfire.

To combat this, we must become more discerning consumers of information. When you come across something interesting online, take a moment to check the source. Is it from a reputable news organization? Does the article cite verifiable facts or expert opinions? If the answer is no, it's worth reconsidering the credibility of the information before accepting it as truth.

Research is the cornerstone of informed decision-making. If you encounter a piece of information that sparks your interest, don't jump on the bandwagon right away. Instead, take the time to look into the topic further. Consult multiple sources, particularly those known for their reliability and accuracy. Cross-check facts and see if other reputable outlets are reporting the same story.

In an era where sensationalism often takes precedence over facts, it's more important than ever to approach news with a critical eye. Don't let the convenience of quick, easy-to-digest information cloud your judgment. Be cautious, be skeptical, and always prioritize accuracy over immediacy.

The habit of jumping to conclusions is a significant problem in society today, leading to a collective loss of trust in information. If we want to rebuild that trust, it starts with each of us making a commitment to verify before we share, to question before we believe, and to research before we reach conclusions.

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Inspiration from the Olympics



Beyond the Pews

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

"I credit all I do to God," stated Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone, after breaking her own world record with a new record in the 400 meter hurdles. "He's given me a gift and a drive… I have a platform and I want to use whatever I have to glorify Him… Whenever I step on the track, I pray "Let me be a vessel of God." Whatever the result is, how I conduct myself, how I carry myself, not just how I perform, I have freedom in knowing that regardless of what happens He will get the praise… Records come and go. The glory of God is eternal."

What a beautiful and powerful statement from an Olympian champion and gold medalist and what a beautiful witness of faith she offers to her Lord. She realizes she has been given special gifts from God. She knows that she has maximized those gifts throughout her life and training. And she understands that she has been given an incredible platform in the Olympics to witness her faith in Jesus Christ.

Did any of you see what Novak Djokavic did after he won the gold medal? Here is the GOAT of tennis – the greatest of all time having won more grand slams than any other person in the history of tennis – yet winning his first Olympic gold medal. After he won, he fell on his knees with his face on the ground, lifted up his head and made a very visible sign of the cross. Whenever he wins he points up to the sky thanking God. And back in 2011 after he received the order of St. Sava from the hands of Patriarch Irenaeus, the highest distinction in the Serbian Orthodox Church, Djokavic declared, "This is the most important title of my life, because before being an athlete, I am an Orthodox Christian." Known as a philanthropist, he said he will donate all his Olympic prize money to humanitarian causes.

Extreme talent. Unbelievable sacrifice and effort. A platform on which others see you. And then offering a witness of faith for the glory of God!

Olympic athletes have been given incredible natural gifts from God. Those who make the Olympics have sacrificed and worked unbelievably hard to develop their natural gifts. These athletes have a team of family and coaches supporting and surrounding them, making it possible for them to fulfill their God-given potential and to become Olympians. Of course, there may be other athletes with just as much athletic natural talent, and some with even more, yet they don't all make the Olympics.

Such natural talent, extreme effort and unbelievable hard work obviously make these greatest of athletes very proud. They are Olympians, the most amazing athletes in the world, on the biggest stage of the world, and their achievements can understandably puff up one's ego, making them proud and full of themselves. We see some Olympians bragging about how great they are, staring down their opponents in the midst of their competition to shame them and then allowing their ego to display their arrogance and pride.

The contrast is quite stark – praising oneself or praising the One who gives us our gifts; lifting up ourselves or honoring the One who gives us our health, our opportunities, our support, our fellowship, and our life itself

Saint John of Kronstadt, the wonderworking Russian saint who during his lifetime celebrated daily liturgy to thousands of people, and has such a cult following that some misguided faithful tried to even turn him into a god. Yet, Saint John always downplayed his fame and popularity, clearly stated, "I myself am nothing. All that is good in me is accomplished by the grace of God."

Humility is one of the greatest virtues, without which we cannot journey in our relationship with God and without which we can ever hope to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. Yet, it is a missing virtue in much of our society.

We take such pride in our achievements, whether in the Olympics or in whatever sphere of life we may achieve success. Our ego then blinds us to who we truly are, and we turn our achievements into self-made accomplishments instead of understanding that all we have is God's gift to us. When we develop such God-given gifts to flourish and bloom, we need to remember to give all praise to Him. He is the Source and Giver of all blessings.

For few, their platform may be the Olympics; for us, our platform may have a much smaller sphere of influence. Yet, God will judge each according to what He has given us. And in whatever size our platform may be, the question is whether we acknowledge that all we have is a gift from God, and honor Him with whatever we do with the gifts He gives us.

This is the root of true humility. Understanding who God is and who we are. Whatever worldly greatness we may achieve, we need to understand who is at the root of this greatness, and how any platform of greatness we may stand is a platform to honor and glorify the Lord Almighty.

Remember our Lord's words, "To whom much is given, much is required."

If we accomplish anything, all glory and honor go to God.

In our Holy Tradition, all self-assertion and self-praise is considered a rebellion against God. The Lord Almighty sees and knows all. When we accomplish or achieve anything great, He sees. And He knows also how we respond to our actions. Self-praise is a sin against God. Self-assertion among others is the consequence of pride.

There is a beautiful story in the life of St. Anthony the Great, who shared a vision he beheld seeing all the deceptive snares of the evil one spread out over the whole earth. When he looked upon them, he asked the Lord, "Who is able to pass safely through such a perilous world as this?" Then he heard a voice from High answering him, "The humble person alone can pass safely through these trials, O Anthony. In no way can the proud do so."

"I credit all I do to God," stated Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone." I have a platform and I want to use whatever I have to glorify Him. Records come and go. The glory of God is eternal."

ASK THE ASSESSOR

BY LISA L. BERG, MAA
PRINCIPAL ASSESSOR
TOWN OF DUDLEY

Q: I am a military veteran. Is there any tax relief on my real estate tax bills?

A: The Town of Dudley, as well as other towns, offers a variety of Veteran Exemptions. The Town of Dudley offers Clause 22, 22E & 22F. Some towns may offer these and additional clauses. Clause 22 is a $400 exemption. Clause 22E is a $1,000 exemption. Clause 22F is a 100% exemption.

All criteria must be met by July 1, 2024 to qualify for fiscal year 2025. Applications are due by April 1, 2025.

All clauses require the veteran has a service-connected disability of 10 percent or greater or has been awarded a Purple Heart.

You must be honorably discharged. (a DD-214 will be required the first year of applying)

The veteran must have been domiciled in MA for at least 6 consecutive months before entering the military service or have lived in MA for at least five consecutive years before the tax year begins.

The veteran must occupy the property as his/her domicile. If you are the spouse of a veteran, you and the veteran must occupy the property as your domicile.

If you hold a life estate in the domicile, you are the owner.

If your domicile is held in a trust, you are the owner if you are a trustee or co-trustee of the trust and you have a sufficient beneficial interest in the domicile.

Clause 22 - The veteran must have a service-connected disability of at least 10% or have been awarded the Purple Heart.

Gold Star Parents & surviving spouses are eligible for this clause as well.

A current letter from the VA must be included with the application indicating percentage of disability for the first year only unless the percentage reaches 100 percent.

Clause 22E - The Veteran must have a service-connected disability of 100 percent.

Surviving spouses are entitled to the veteran's exemption.

A current letter from the VA must be included with the application each year, indicating percentage of disability.

Clause 22F - The veteran must be a paraplegic or have a 100 percent disability for service-connected blindness.

Surviving spouses are entitled to the veteran's exemption.

A current letter from the VA must be included with the application indicating percentage of disability.

If qualified, half of the exemption will be applied to the third quarterly tax bill due February 1, 2025 and half will be applied to the fourth quarterly tax bill due May 1, 2025

If you feel you meet the above requirements, please call or visit the Assessor's Office for an application.

(Do you have a question for the Assessor? Please send questions to Assess1@dudleyma.gov or call us at 508-949-8006.)

Plant, grow, and harvest radishes this fall



Melinda Myers

Some radish varieties are ready to harvest in 25 days.

Prepare some space in the garden or a container for a fall harvest of radishes. They'll grow and taste best when harvested during cooler weather and some are ready to harvest in just 25 days.

There are a variety of radishes suited to everyone's taste. Most of us have tried the peppery flavored, round, and red ones but you'll find mild to pungent flavored radishes in various colors and shapes.



Garden Moments

Melinda Myers

If you or your family don't like the pungent flavor, you can help tame the intensity with proper selection, care, and preparation.

The pungent flavor in radishes is due to isothiocyanates. The more of these healthful sulfur-containing compounds in a radish, the hotter the flavor.

Some varieties, like French breakfast and white icicle, have a milder flavor while the black radish is almost as pungent as horseradish. They typically have black skin with a white center.

Radishes grown in cooler temperatures with consistently moist soil tend to be less pungent. Provide sufficient water throughout the growing season and harvest when mature. Radishes left in the garden for a few extra weeks develop more isothiocyanates, making them more pungent.

Salad radishes are quick maturing and easy to grow. Slice into the slightly sweet watermelon radish to find the unique color that inspired its name. French breakfast radish is red, elongated, and ready to harvest in 25 to 30 days. Or change things up with Helios, a small, plump, yellow radish with a sweet flavor.

Plant Asian radishes midsummer into early fall. These typically have a long white cylindrical root and are an important ingredient in Asian cuisine. Their long roots and adaptability to a wide range of soil make them a useful winter-killed cover crop. The large taproots break through the top eight or more inches of soil, die in winter, and quickly decompose in spring to improve the soil.

Increase success with proper soil preparation. Improve heavy clay soils by working several inches of organic matter into the top 8 to 12 inches of soil. Then create a slightly raised planting bed with the existing soil and plant. Or plant in a container filled with a quality well-drained potting mix. Creating a proper soil foundation will increase the plant's ability to develop full-sized roots.

Thin out young plantings leaving enough room between the remaining plants for the roots to grow to full size. Use the seedlings removed to spice up salads and soups or top a sandwich.

Cooking and roasting can also help tame the pungent flavor of radishes. And try peeling spicy varieties before serving them fresh for a less intense flavor.

With so many options, you will be looking for more ways to grow and use a variety of radishes.

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

Readers Share Helpful Hacks



Take the Hint

Karen Trainor

Summer is winding down and thanks to readers who took time out from their busy summer activities to share tips and tricks they've discovered to make life a little easier. From fixing a laundry catastrophe, to cooking a chicken in record time, the following ideas, shared from readers, are sure to be helpful!

And remember readers, send in your favorite, hints for a chance to win a three course dinner for two at the Publick House in Sturbridge!

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If your flower pots dry out quickly in the hot, summer sun, try this potted plant pointer to use for late season flowers or next season:

Line your coco liner planters with a layer of plastic wrap, trash bag etc. To help maintain moisture in hot months.

KJE
Webster
**

If you've ever forgotten a tissue in a pocket when you do laundry, you'll appreciate this tip to wash away the dreaded shreds!:

A mom shared with me that while her daughter was learning to do laundry, a whole load of tops came out of the washer coated in Kleenex lint! Luckily the daughter found this tip to clean the mess off:

To one gallon of warm to hot water, she dissolved, four crushed aspirin tablets, then soaked one top at a time for about two minutes and pulled out, all the lint fell off! You might have to change the water if a big batch.

PS: Mom found the culprit, a 12 pack of toilet paper from a shelf over the washer had fallen in!

Viola Bramel
Northbridge, MA
**

A Charlton reader shared this medley of helpful hints:

· How to get great roast chicken in under an hour:

Use a skillet instead of a roasting pan. This allows juices to pool deeper in the pans smaller surface area, so less liquid evaporates and more is left over for a pan sauce. Turn off the heat midway. Roast chicken at 450° until breast registers 120° and thighs register 135°, 25 to 30 minutes. Turn oven off and leave chicken in oven until breast registers 160° and thighs register at 175°, 25 to 35 minutes. Turning off the oven when the meat is midway down allows the chicken to finish cooking very gently - it will rise 40° and not dry out.

· Rub walnuts on damaged wood furniture to cover up the dings. Natural oils in the walnut helps to heal dings.

· To remove stubborn barcodes off a glass, use a vinegar soaked cloth, and rub the barcode.

· If your tomato sauce is a little too acid I usually add a little bit of baking soda to the sauce.

Donna Lewandowski
Charlton, MA
**

Here's a common sense no-cost tip that is quick, easy, and can potentially save $$$!

Last year we came back from a two week vacation and realized we had lost power while we were gone. I had no way of knowing if it was out for a few minutes, a few hours or a few days so I had to ask, to be sure my frozen items were still okay. Then a friend told me that you freeze a Solo cup filled with water & then place a quarter on top of it. When you return if the quarter is still on top, you didn't lose power. If it's in the middle or at the bottom, you've lost power. Depending on the quarter's location would tell you how long the power was out.

Here's another tip: I buy the cheap shower / bath poufs at the dollar store & se them to scrub my dishes. Much cheaper than expensive scrub brushes or sponges.

Lisa Auger
Douglas MA
**

Prize Winner

Congratulations to Lisa Auger of Douglas, MA, whose name was drawn for Dinner for Two at the Publick House. She shared the tips above.

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The closer

Positively Speaking

Toby Moore

When I was young, I spent a lot of time at my dad's office. He started as a door-to-door vacuum cleaner salesman. Nowadays, if you want a state-of-the-art vacuum cleaner, you'll buy it online, but back then, more than likely, you bought one from a door-to-door vacuum cleaner salesman.

Picture this: a determined salesperson at your doorstep, promising a quick ten-minute demonstration. You'd let him in while swearing that you wouldn't buy a thing. Fast forward four hours, and somehow, you're inviting him to stay for dinner, all while signing a check for a $1,200 vacuum cleaner, utterly convinced it would transform your life.

Those were the days. My dad made it so big that he became a regional distributor, overseeing over 30 offices and hundreds of salespeople.

Imagine an army of high-pressure salespeople who once earned minimum wage but now make $1,000 in weekly commissions. And this was in the 1970s and 1980s—when such earnings were nothing short of a windfall.

My dad would rent out entire hotels for grand conventions. Hundreds of salespeople would flood these venues, turning them into scenes from a movie. They were living large, having made small fortunes selling vacuum cleaners.

It was an incredible sight. As my father's firstborn son, I had a unique vantage point. I was always around the best salespeople in the industry.

When I turned 18, I followed in my grandfather's and father's footsteps—driving all over the countryside, knocking on doors, and giving demonstrations.

At first, I was timid, but it wasn't long before I gained confidence and started trying new closing techniques. I got kicked out of more than a few houses and felt my life was in danger when I pointed out how much dirt was coming out of the carpet, offending the wife and sending the husband into a rage.

After just a few months on the job, the organization held a competition to see who could sell the most vacuums. I was young but had an advantage. I'd been surrounded by closers my whole life. I won the competition selling nine vacuums in one week—a challenging task, even for the best.

Eventually, I moved on to different endeavors, but the lessons I learned during that time have stuck with me ever since and are valuable in every field and profession.

Let me take you into the mind of a closer.

A closer doesn't sell anything they wouldn't buy themselves. There may be exceptions, like real estate, where a closer might not buy a particular property personally but still believes in its inherent value.

A good closer never pre-qualifies. It's easy to assume some people wouldn't buy your product. However, a true closer never does this. They believe the prospect needs their product, regardless of the situation.

A closer can read the prospect and know how to tailor their approach, addressing their unique needs and concerns to build trust and rapport quickly.

A good closer is often a loner, steering clear of small talk at the office, which can lead to negativity—a poison for the closer. They avoid distractions, focusing solely on good, solid, positive thoughts.

Confidence and comfort are critical traits of a good closer. They make others feel comfortable, fit in like a chameleon, can relate, and are always respectful.

They leave a remarkable impression, always building up the customers and making them feel valued. They are organized, never procrastinate, and always remember that their customer is a human being with unique needs and concerns.

A good closer never lets a missed sale get them down. They might feel the sting of a lost opportunity, but instead of beating themselves up, they use it as a learning experience.

Closers don't complain. They understand that complaining can lead to self-doubt and quickly lead them to seek a different line of work, so they avoid it at all costs.

The best closers understand that customers aren't just buying a product but investing in the person selling it. My father's success with vacuum sales wasn't just about the machines he sold; it was about the genuine relationships he built with each customer, a timeless and invaluable lesson. In the end, it's these connections that turn a simple transaction into a lasting legacy.

Country Bank announces promotions

REGION — Country Bank's President and CEO, Mary McGovern, is delighted to announce the promotion of five talented individuals within the organization. Each of these individuals, Dale Mazanec, Jason Mourao, Tori Graffam, Crystal Mansfield, and Ashlynn Fratoni, brings unique skills and experiences to the table, reflecting their dedication and significant contributions to our team. Their journeys are a testament to our organization's potential for growth and success.

Previously serving as Vice President, Dale Mazanec has been promoted to First Vice President, Asset Mitigation. With a decade of service at Country Bank and 35 in the financial services industry, Mazanec has established himself as a pillar of commitment and expertise. His thoughtful approach and positive attitude make him a true leader within the Bank, significantly improving our asset mitigation strategies and operations.

Jason Mourao has been appointed Assistant Vice President of Retail Lending Operations. Since joining Country Bank in 2019, he has excelled in bringing a fresh perspective to the loan operations team. With ten years of banking experience as an Originator, Jason's insights have been invaluable in his management role. Mourao continues to enhance his skills while pursuing further education at the New England School for Financial Studies through The Massachusetts Bankers Association.

Tori Graffam has been promoted to Assistant Vice President, BSA/Fraud. Joining Country Bank in 2020, Tori has demonstrated exceptional vigilance in safeguarding the Bank and its customers. With over 35 years in banking, she is highly respected for her deep knowledge and expertise in BSA/AML/OFAC regulations. She is a liaison, ensuring adherence to evolving regulatory requirements to protect the Bank and its stakeholders.

Crystal Mansfield assumes the role of Customer Experience Officer. With an impressive 23-year career at Country Bank, she has excelled across various roles, including sales, customer service, retail management, marketing, and data analytics. Known for her commitment to excellence and customer-centric approach, Mansfield leads by example, ensuring that customer voices are heard and valued throughout the Bank. Her dedication was recognized with the prestigious 2023 Presidents Platinum Award.

Ashlynn Fratoni has been promoted to Lead Audit Officer. In her three and a half years as Senior Auditor, Ashlynn has consistently leveraged her extensive audit experience to drive process improvements and efficiency gains across the organization, Ashlynn's leadership in audit operations reinforces Country Bank's commitment to operational excellence and regulatory compliance.

"Congratulations to Dale, Jason, Tori, Crystal, and Ashlynn. We are excited to announce their promotions, not just in recognition of their contributions to the Bank's success but also because each individual's history with the Bank demonstrates the various career paths available in community banking. We are committed to helping each of them and every team member identify their career goals and work with them to reach those objectives because we know that they make a difference to the Bank's overall success. We're pleased to be able to promote Dale, Jason, Tori, Crystal, and Ashlynn for their strong performance, hard work, and dedication to the Bank," said Miriam Siegel, First Senior Vice President, Chief Culture and Development Officer of Country Bank.

Local health officials warn of increased EEE risk due to recent rainfall

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION — Local communities have seen no shortage of rain this summer, which will likely lead to increased mosquito activity, experts warn.

Health officials in area towns are urging residents to take added precautions while outdoors in August and September. Protective measures will help reduce the chances of contracting West Nile virus (WNV) and eastern equine encephalitis (EEE).

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) typically sees a rise in cases of both viruses during the late summer and early fall months. Rainy conditions this summer will lead to increased mosquito breeding and populations, officials warn.

EEE is a rare but serious illness spread by the bite of an infected mosquito. While the virus can infect people of all ages, individuals under 15 years of age or over 50 are at greatest risk for serious illness.

WNV, also commonly spread through mosquitoes, can cause fever, headaches, and rashes. The illness can sometimes be serious or fatal.

Tips for protecting your family against mosquitoes include avoiding outdoor activities during peak mosquito hours from dusk to dawn. If you must be outside during these hours, be sure to apply insect repellent and maximize clothing coverage of exposed skin.

Experts also recommend using a repellent with DEET, picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus (please follow all product instructions carefully, as application requirements vary for each product).

DEET products should not be used on infants under two months of age and should be used in concentrations of 30 percent or less on older children.

Moreover, oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under three years of age. Permethrin products are intended for use on items such as clothing, shoes, bed nets, and camping gear, and should not be applied to the skin.

Residents can also reduce the number of mosquitoes around their homes by draining sources of standing water. Mosquitoes often lay their eggs in small pools, wheelbarrows, rain gutters, and drains. Residents are advised to frequently empty flowerpots and wading pools, in addition to changing the water in birdbaths daily.

It is also important to make sure that window and door screens fit tightly and do not have holes or openings, officials said.

Symptoms of EEE include high fever, muscle pain, headaches, and seizures. Symptoms can occur up to two weeks after a person is bitten by an infected mosquito.

Local officials continue to add resources to help residents prepare their properties and access the latest updates.

"I have placed very helpful information from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health on our website, www.spencerma.gov, for all residents," said Spencer Health Agent Lisa Daoust. "I also send out Reverse 911 calls, texts, and emails to residents with helpful information about EEE and prevention from it."

Additional information about EEE and WNV, as well as reports of current and historical virus activity in Massachusetts, can be found on the state's Web site: www.mass.gov.

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Bolandrina family volunteers for 12th year at PMC



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From left: Max, Gretheline, Joseph, and Lilly Bolandrina.

PROVINCETOWN — On Aug. 3 & 4, the Pan Mass Challenge (PMC) community came together from all corners of the world with one mission: raise funds for cancer research and treatment at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Together volunteers and riders came closer by the mile to a world without cancer. The PMC relies on the work of volunteers to pull off a successful event.

The PMC is the largest single athletic charity event in the US, bringing together thousands of impassioned cyclists and committed volunteers, along with generous donors and dedicated corporate sponsors. Founded in 1980, the PMC is an annual bike-a-thon that raises more money for charity than any other single event in the country. One hundred percent of every rider-raised dollar goes to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

"We are grateful for the opportunities to give back for such a great cause," stated Gretheline Bolandrina of Dudley, formerly of Douglas. "My family and I volunteer for PMC in honor of loved ones."

Besides PMC, other non-profit organizations that the Bolandrina Family volunteer at include Bagong Kulturang

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Local communities celebrate National Night Out



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Local first responders, public safety officials, and residents attended National Night Out programs across central Massachusetts.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION — Communities throughout the region celebrated the National Night Out program with a range of activities and events last week.

In North Brookfield, the third annual National Night Out (NNO) celebration was held on Aug. 3 at the school campus. Hosted by the Coalition for a Healthy North Brookfield, the program allowed local families to meet their first responders and community leaders.

"National Night Out enhances the relationships between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community," read a statement released by the NNO's national leadership team.

The North Brookfield NNO program also included music, kids' activities, community resources, and appearances from local organizations.

"National Night Out is a great opportunity for people to interact with first responders and connect with organizations providing resources," said North Brookfield Police Chief Mark Smith. "We always enjoy attending community programs and connecting with residents."

Several other NNO programs were scheduled across central Massachusetts, including festivities in Sturbridge, Barre, Worcester, Auburn, Warren, and Leominster.

Even though Mother Nature didn't cooperate with Sturbridge NNO planners, leading to the postponement of the Aug. 6 event, officials are looking forward to future programs.

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OBITUARIES

Harry Jordanoglou 1931-2024



Webster – Harry Jordanoglou, age 92, beloved husband of Catherine Jordanoglou, died Wednesday, August 7 at Saint Vincent Hospital.

Harry was born in Fotolivos, Greece, son of the late Anestis and Maria (Tziziroglou) Jordanoglou and lived in the Dudley/Webster area for the past 67 years. A restaurateur, he owned and operated Harry's Pizzeria and Sandy's Restaurant in Webster. He was also a devoted life-long member of the Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church.

At the age of 25, sponsored by his uncle Cosmas Hadjoglou, Harry came to America. He met and married his wife Catherine the following year.

Harry believed that anyone, with effort and self-sacrifice could set out to do and achieve anything and believed that with God's help and grace, they would.

Harry is survived by his wife, Catherine, his son, Anestis, his daughter Sandy, their spouses and children, and many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by three brothers, Nicholas, Jordan and John Jordanoglou.

The Jordanoglou family thanks the wonderful staff of Summit Eldercare in Webster, especially Mary Burke for the exceptional care he received there. They also thank the aids who cheerfully assisted him with all his daily care, especially Pam and Aimee.

Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street, Webster has been entrusted with arrangements. A memorial guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com.

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

Raymon L. Woodcock Jr., 96



Webster – Raymon L. Woodcock Jr. age 96, beloved husband of the late Anna P. (Andri) Woodcock, died Friday, August 9, 2024, at Webster Manor.

Raymon was born in Leicester, MA, son of the late Raymon Sr. and Leda C. (Robinson) Woodcock. He lived in Leicester before moving to Webster. He was a retired tool and die maker, having worked many years at Burma Tool & Die in Tool in Southbridge.

Raymon was a United States Navy Veteran, having served in World War II, and was a United States Army Veteran, serving in the Korean War.

Raymon enjoyed playing cribbage and watching sports on TV. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting and fishing. Raymon loved spending time with his family.

Raymon is survived by his son, Raymond J. Woodcock and his wife Denise of Grafton; his daughters, Paula Macek and her husband Jack of Webster, Dorothea "Loxie" Johnson and her husband Bob of Auburn, Helen "Ellen" Nowicki and her husband Tom of Madison Heights, VA, Mary Lopes and her husband Louie of Webster; a daughter-in-law, Jane Woodcock of Webster; a sister, Dorothy Jezierski of Saratoga Springs, NY; eleven grandchildren. Rachel, Laura, Brian, David, Mark, Jeff, Jennifer, Katie, Nicole, Michael and Matthew, and ten great-grandchildren, Carys, Olivia, Leah, Xavier, Xander, Brett, Julia, Myles, Lawrence and Bea; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a son, George Woodcock of Webster, a brother, John Woodcock of Worcester, a sister, Arlene Haskins of Anguilla, and by his granddaughter, Jennifer Johnson



A private graveside service, with military honors will be held in Mount Zion Cemetery. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, donations in Raymon's memory can be made to the Webster-Dudley Veterans Counsel, 4 Veterans Way, Webster, MA 01570 or the charity of the donors choice. Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street, Webster, has been entrusted with Raymon's arrangements. A memorial guestbook is available at www.shaw-majercik.com, where you may post a message of condolence, share a memory and/or light a candle in his memory.

NIGHT OUT

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"National Night Out is more than just an event—it's a celebration of the strong bond between the Sturbridge Police Department and our community," said Sturbridge Police Chief Earl Dessert. "This night is about fostering trust, building relationships, and creating a sense of unity. It gives us the opportunity to engage with our residents in a positive and meaningful way, showcasing the partnership that is vital to maintaining a safe and supportive environment for everyone. We're excited to come together, have fun, and continue strengthening the ties that make our community special."

No date has been announced for the rescheduled NNO program in Sturbridge. Please check the SPD's social media pages for updates.

Each year, local and state officials, agencies, and organizations look forward to taking part in NNO celebrations throughout the area. The event is one of many outreach programs on the schedule of Worcester County District Attorney Joseph Early's Office.

"These events are a great opportunity to connect with public safety officials and enjoy some entertainment," read a statement released by the District Attorney's Office.

Members of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office also regularly attend NNO programs in multiple towns each year. They appreciate the opportunity to meet residents and community leaders.

"The Worcester County Sheriff's Office was honored to be a part of many celebrations, and we're looking forward to participating in more over the next few weeks. Thank you to the host communities and to the residents for coming out and connecting with local law enforcement agencies," read a statement released by the Sheriff's Office.

Annually, millions of people across the country take part in National Night Out programming. Thousands of communities from all 50 states are represented, and the program has even expanded to U.S. territories and military bases worldwide.

"Neighborhoods host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts, and various other community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, and much more," read the statement released by the program's national leadership team.

To learn more about how the NNO program is building relationships between community members and police departments across the country, visit www.natw.org.

PORTRAIT

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state-of-the-art-4D digital technology to vividly tell the story of Samuel Slater, the industrialist credited with creating the American factory system, and powering the extraordinary growth of the textile industry as it took root in the United States.

Samuel Slater traveled from England to America 1789 with Britain's textile industry secrets in his head. He successfully created the country's first cotton spinning jenny and established the American factory system and became known as the "Father of the American Industrial Revolution." The museum covers two time periods: from the post-Revolutionary era into the early 1800s, and the first decades of the 20th Century.

By the early 1900s, rural New England was dotted with thriving mill towns. One of these was Webster, where Slater owned and operated six cotton and woolen mills. Webster became a vacation destination for tourists from as far away as New York City. The Samuel Slater Experience recreates downtown Webster as it was in the early 1900s.

Samuel Slater Experience is located in the former National Guard Webster Armory at 31 Ray St., Webster, and open to the public year-round Fridays & Saturdays: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday noon to 4 p.m. Last admission is at 3 p.m. Admission is $16 for adults; $10 for seniors (over 60) and $7 for students (five to 17). Ticket purchases for school trips, private events, and groups can be arranged directly with staff. Call 508-461-2955 or email admin@samuelslaterexperience.org Children four and under are admitted free. For more information and tickets, visit samuelslaterexperience.org.

OXFORD

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fic detour plans for the Aug. 18 Sutton Ave. closure to replace railroad tracks. He noted the state and nearby towns were cooperating and much of the work had been planned for months.

Originally, the railroad wanted to close it all weekend, but agreed to do the work on just one day to reduce impact on drivers. Daniels said the state did traffic counts on several alternative routes and is posting signs warning drivers to avoid that I-395 exit that day.

"It's not going to go off without a hitch, … but I think this is the least amount of impact with the plan we have," he noted, pointing out that "people are going to have to traverse roads they've never navigated."

More details will be on the town website when complete.

In other business, the board talked for some time about conflicting scheduling of the Joslin Park bandstand. Specifically, they noted the need to reschedule Movies on Main nights due to rain, with one such event conflicting with a church's request to use the space. They noted town events take priority and gave the church an afternoon billing before the movie that same night.

Callahan said the Land Court gave Oxford formal ownership of the Lowes Pond Dam and nearby land, enabling them to start the repair project this fall. There will be a community forum on it Sept. 19 at 6 p.m. at the library. After the work's done, the dam will be added to the town's ongoing maintenance list.

She also noted the town hired P3 Inc. as project manager for its school repairs, had to temporarily close Carbuncle Pond for a cyanobacteria bloom, and will see the closing of St Anne's Parish on Main Street on Sept. 1. That church will merge with St Roch's due to declining attendance, handicapped access and other issues, and the diocese will sell the property, she said.

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Pinoy (www.bkpinc.org), Harvard Square Philippine American Alliance (www.hspaa.org), Iskwelahang Pilipino (www.ipbahay.org), the Lowell Folk Festival (www.lowellfolkfestival.org), and Bikes for the World (www.bikesfortheworld.org).

The Bolandrina Family volunteer roles have changed throughout the years at the Monument Finish in Provincetown. For PMC 2024, Joseph and son Max were with bike parking, daughter Lilly was with food (grilling), while Gretheline remained with signs and supplies as a crew leader. Everyone believes that "together we work to find a cancer cure." Credit goes to Jo Grant (of Westminster, MA) who "invited and encouraged us to volunteer with PMC," stated Joseph.

More about PMC: "The PMC is a two-day cycling event that raises funds for cancer research and treatment at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Learn how to register, fundraise, volunteer, or donate for the PMC, visit www.pmc.org.

Practical nursing students at QCC achieve 95 percent pass rate for licensure

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College's Practical Nursing program recently received word that graduates of the 2023 program achieved a 95% pass rate on the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX), a nationally recognized exam required to become a licensed practical nurse (LPN).

Dean of the School of Healthcare Pat Schmohl attributes the students' success to multiple factors, one of which is QCC's faculty and curriculum.

"Our dedicated group of faculty members continuously strive to enhance student success by carefully selecting and integrating various educational materials. Great care was taken to align our course learning outcomes with the resources we provided, ensuring students benefit from all available supports," said Schmohl.

Of the 62 students who graduated from QCC's Practical Nursing program in 2023, 61 took the NCLEX and of those students, 58 passed on their first attempt. Data is not yet available for the Practical Nursing graduates from 2024.

Practical Nursing Program Coordinator Margaret Yoder also highlighted the importance of the Practical Nursing professors at QCC.

"I cannot speak highly enough to the fact that our faculty are really invested. Also, they are very diverse which reflects our student population. We have students from different countries and cultures and various socio-economic statuses, as well as single parents and speakers of other languages," said Yoder.

Another contributing factor to the high pass rate is QCC's adaptability in meeting students' needs. According to Yoder, several years ago QCC analyzed student feedback and adjusted its scheduling and learning modalities to increase accessibility for students. Course times were altered and more curriculum became available online. Students were also given access to an exam preparation platform, ATI, which utilizes virtual coaches who reinforce material taught in the classroom.

"Students have the advantage of accessing materials online at any time, which facilitates learning when they are most ready and receptive. This flexibility, combined with the comprehensive nature of the resources, has significantly contributed to our high pass rates," commented Schmohl.

Yoder also commented that faculty and staff take a holistic approach to student care, noting "We spend time with students when they are struggling. We refer them to other supports at QCC such as counseling, parenting student services and the food pantry. It's really a whole team effort."

Yoder noted that there is still a shortage of nurses in Massachusetts, so it is critical to support these students who are vital to the state's healthcare system. QCC's Practical Nursing students graduate with a certificate and upon passing the NCLEX can work in various healthcare settings. QCC also offers pathways to build on the Practical Nursing certificate and become a registered nurse (RN).

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Upcoming events at Old Sturbridge Village

STURBRIDGE — Old Sturbridge Village is ready to celebrate Textiles & Trades Weekend, Muster Day, and coming up in early September supporting the Commemoration of Lafayette's Farewell Tour on the Sturbridge Town Common.

Textiles & Trades Weekend occurring on Saturday, Aug. 17 and Sunday, Aug. 18 invites visitors to celebrate craftsmanship and all things handmade. The Village's craftspeople will showcase their skills by crafting more complicated or unique items not usually displayed in the Village. Saturday demonstrations include a barrel firing demonstration at the Cooper Shop and seeing a pottery demonstration of pit firing. In addition guests can take a tour of the Herb Garden, learn about lace from the New England Lace Makers group, and view artifacts related to historical clothing and trades from the OSV Museum Collection.

On Saturday, Aug. 31, cheer on your favorite militia company during Muster Day. Old Sturbridge Village will have musket and cannon firing demonstrations, early 19th-century martial music, and a "Sham Fight" as rival militia companies square off against each other in the field. Visitors will also be able to talk to members of two uniformed volunteer militia companies, learn why many New Englanders were pushing for reforms to the militia system and the role that intemperance played in those reforms, and hear the Singing School practice for a concert to welcome Lafayette. For the younger visitors they will get the chance to learn early 19th-century drills and marches with the militia officer's instruction and a toy musket.

On the Sturbridge Town Common the Commemoration of Lafayette's Farewell Tour will be hosted by The American Friends of Lafayette on Tuesday, Sept. 3 at 6 p.m. This year marks the bicentennial celebration of the Marquis de Lafayette's Farewell Tour of the United States. Lafayette's final stop in Massachusetts was the Town of Sturbridge, where he was greeted by a martial band, the Town's artillery company, and thousands of civilians. Come celebrate with an actor portraying Lafayette, members of the Sturbridge Artillery, costumed interpreters from Old Sturbridge Village, fife and drum music, and an opportunity for the public to make their own commemorative Lafayette ribbon. This ceremony is free and open to the public. This commemorative event takes place on the Sturbridge Common on Main Street in Sturbridge and not at Old Sturbridge Village.

For additional details about these events, visit https://www.osv.org/.



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Local police team up for successful PMC ride

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION — Several local police departments and public safety agencies are thanked for joining forces to ensure another successful Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC).

Held each year on the first weekend of August, the PMC bike-a-thon begins in Sturbridge before taking thousands of riders to destinations in the eastern part of the state. Proceeds from the event benefit the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, a national leader in adult and pediatric cancer treatment and research.

And none of it would be possible without the coordination of local officials and first responders. With coverage on the ground, in the air, and at every stage along the course, police departments work closely to secure all facets of the program.

"The Sturbridge Police Department is proud to announce another successful year providing safety and security for the Pan-Mass Challenge. As the largest event we plan for, our preparation and planning begin several months in advance to ensure the safety of all riders, volunteers, and guests in attendance," read a statement released by Sturbridge Police Chief Earl Dessert.



Courtesy

Teamwork from several local police departments allowed for another successful PMC ride.

The following departments, agencies, and mutual aid partners are thanked for being part of this year's PMC security team: Massachusetts State Police; East Brookfield Police; CEMLEC Motor Unit; CEMLEC Drone Unit; CEMLEC SWAT Unit; Worcester County Sheriff's Office; Quincy Police and EOD Canine Units; the Sturbridge Police and Fire Departments; and the Sturbridge Community Emergency Response Team.

Additionally, responders from the following communities also provided support for the event: Charlton, Dudley, Auburn, Southbridge, Warren, West Brookfield, Holden, and Worcester.

"This was truly a collaborative effort, and I want to extend my deepest thanks to all our partners for helping make this event safe and successful," Dessert added. "I also want to congratulate all of the riders on completing this amazing ride that raises funds for cancer research and treatment at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute."

This year, riders and volunteers from 43 states and 12 countries participated in the PMC. Police were assisted by hundreds of volunteers who provided support to riders in each town along the route.

Currently, the PMC raises more money than any other athletic fundraising event in the country. It also generates more than 60 percent of the Jimmy Fund's annual revenue.

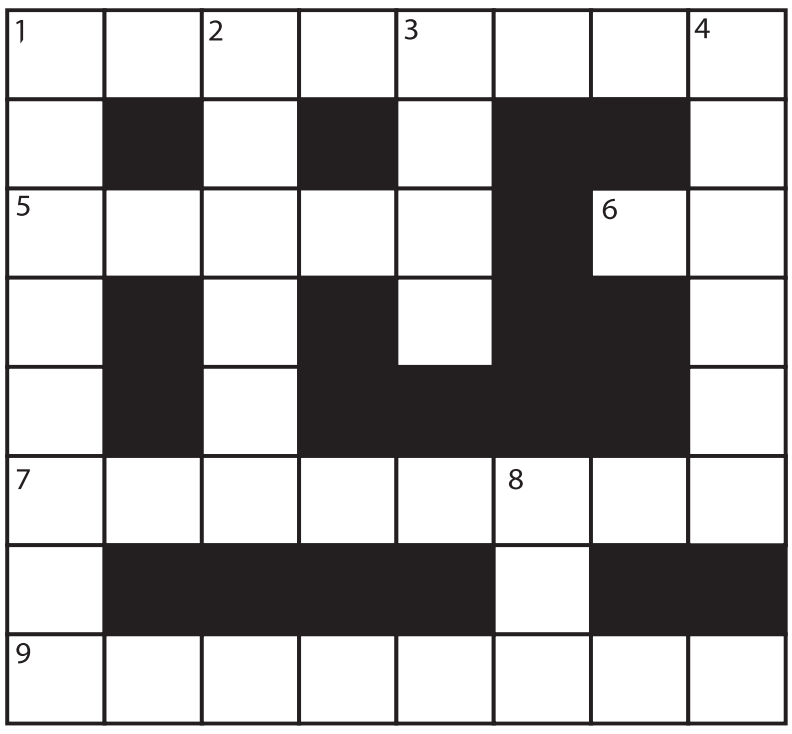
Since 1980, the PMC has raised $972 million for Dana-Farber. The event has come a long way since its inaugural ride that featured only 36 participants and 10 volunteers, generating $10,200.

"The Pan-Mass Challenge has successfully melded support from committed riders, volunteers, corporate sponsors, and individual contributors," read a statement released by the PMC leadership team.

For more information about next year's PMC and how you can get involved, visit www.pmc.org.



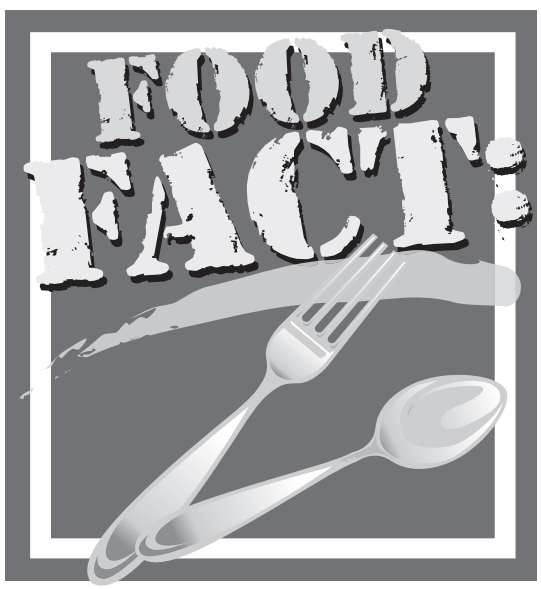
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ACROSS
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5. Measured worth
6. Southeastern state (abbr.)
7. Little samples
9. Fixed

DOWN
1. A person who creates a product or idea
2. Enables
3. Concept or vision
4. Figures out the answer
8. Neither _____

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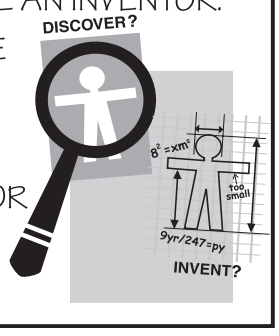
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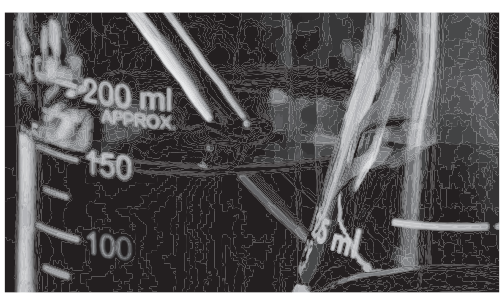
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Docket No. WO24P1005EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Alan Gene Broden
Also Known As:
Alan Borden, Alan G Broden
Date of Death: 02/10/2024

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by
Francis Broden 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:
Francis Broden 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 09/10/2024.**
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.

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: August 06 2024
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
August 16, 2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
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Docket No. W024C0392CA
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
In the matter of:
Gabriel Michael Turcotte
A **Petition to Change Name of Minor** has been filed by
Gabriel Michael Turcotte of **Webster MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:
Annette Louise Turcotte

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 09/03/24. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: August 06, 2024
Stephanie Fattman,
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Docket No. W024C0372CA
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
In the matter of:
Mikaela Rose Mitchell
A **Petition to Change Name of Adult** has been filed by
Mikaela Rose Mitchell of **North Oxford MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:
Mick Truett Mitchell

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 08/27/24. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 30, 2024
Stephanie Fattman,
Register of Probate
August 16, 2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
Docket No. WO14P1780GD
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR EXPAND THE POWERS OF A GUARDIAN
In the interests of:
Frank Martin of Dudley, MA
RESPONDENT
Incapacitated Person/Protected Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Mary F Martin of Dudley, MA** in the above captioned matter requestig that the court:
Expand the powers of a Guardian
The petition asks the court to make a determination that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court.
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **09/03/2024.**
This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 31, 2024
Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
August 16, 2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
Docket No. WO24P2143GD
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
In the matter of:
Godfred Ameyaw
Of: Webster, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Janet Raynold of Webster, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Godfred Ameyaw** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Janet Raynold of Webster, MA** (or some suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.
The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **08/27/2024.** This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: August 05, 2024
Stephanie K. Fattman
August 16, 2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
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Docket No. WO24P2613EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Frank Sciannameo
Also Known As:
Francesco Sciannameo
Date of Death: 08/11/2020

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **Barbara J. Sciannameo** of **Oxford 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:
Barbara J. Sciannameo of **Oxford 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 09/03/2024.**
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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: August 02, 2024
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
August 16, 2024

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The Trial Court
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Docket No. WO24P0995EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Jean G Willey
Date of Death: 07/25/2023

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by
Brenda J Hansen of **Oxford 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:
Brenda J Hansen of **Oxford MA**
be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: August 01, 2024
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
August 16, 2024

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 24 SM 002742 ORDER OF NOTICE TO: The Heirs, Devisees and Legal Representatives of the Estate of James Smith, Valorie S. Bailey, James D. Smith, Jr., June D. Forand, Allen E. Smith aka Alan E. Smith, Marion I. Rood aka Penny Rood, Maureen E. Forand, Individually and as Executrix, Doreen M. DeWitte, James P. Smith and Tina M. Rood and Gordon Rolfe and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq) Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of CSMC 2022-JR1 Trust claiming to have an interest in a mortgage covering real property in Oxford (North), numbered 581 Main Street, given by James Smith to Fleet National Bank, dated November 4, 2002, and recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 28623, Page 183, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, has filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant`s Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before September 16, 2024 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.
Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on August 1, 2024 Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder
August 16, 2024

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Adult Programming
YOGA – Tuesday August 20th and 27th at 6:00 PM
Join Julie or Lauren at the Gladys E. Kelly Library for a vinyasa yoga class for all levels. In Sanskrit, Vinyasa yoga translates to the "uniting of movement with breath". A typical class involves centering the mind with the breath, aromatherapy, movement of the body to release energetic blockages, and, finally, rest and relaxation. Classes are free. Funded by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

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

ADULT BOARDGAME NIGHT--- September 30th at 6:00 PM
Come in and play games with other board game enthusiasts. Learn a new one, or play one you know and help others learn!

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

MUSIC OF THE BEATLES---- August 22nd at 6:30 PM
"In this one-hour concert, Melodious Zach will perform Beatles songs written jointly by John Lennon and Paul McCartney, and entertain you with Beatles trivia

Children's and Young Adult Programming

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

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

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

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

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

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

STORYTIME--- August 20th, and 27th at 10:00 AM
Mornings will be filled with fun stories, songs, and activities perfect for ages 2-5. Siblings are welcome to join.

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

WEDNESDAY STUFFED ANIMAL STORYTIME ---- September 4th and 18th at 10:00 AM
Join Sondra the Library Director for a few of his favorite stories, felt story fun, and some free play. For ages 0-3

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

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

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

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

Webster Senior Center

5 Church St.
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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!
Tri-Valley Lunches are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 11:30 am. Please call (508) 949-3845 at least forty-eight hours in advance to reserve or cancel your meal. A $3.00 donation is appreciated. All meals include milk, bread, and fruit or dessert. This week's menu: Tuesday, 8/20, Meatloaf with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots with baked apples. Wednesday, 8/21, Roast turkey with gravy, mashed sweet potatoes, brussels sprouts and cinnamon pears. Thursday, 8/22, Roast pork with gravy, mashed sweet potatoes, green beans and cake. Friday, 8/23, Soup du jour, roast beef with mayo, with bean salad and yogurt.
Need Transportation? Contact SCM Elderbus at 1-800-321-0243 at least two business days in advance to schedule transportation. Elderbus is available Mondays- Fridays 8:30 am- 3:00 pm.
A SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone) counselor is available at the Webster Senior Center. Please call (508) 949-3845 to schedule an appointment.
Come on down to the Bomba Beauty Salon at the Webster Senior Center! Call 508-341-8724 for an appointment. Bomba Beauty Salon is open for walk in appointments on Wednesdays from 10:00 am- 1:00 pm, and Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays by appointment only from 10:00 am- 3:00 pm. Please call (508) 341-8724 to schedule an appointment.
The REC Farmers Market is on Webster Town Hall front lawn every Wednesday 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm.
Chair Dancing Exercise classes with Forty Arroyo are the perfect workout for any fitness ability! The cost is $3.00 per class. Classes are on Mondays and Wednesdays at 9:30 am.
Mondays: Knitting/Crochet Social 10:00 am- 12:00 pm.
Bingo is every Tuesday and starts promptly at 1:00 pm. Please plan to arrive by 12:30 pm to allow time to buy your bingo sheets. Bingo sheets are not sold after 12:45 pm.
Do you like to play Cribbage? Our weekly Cribbage group meets every Thursday at 1:00 pm. Feel free to join us!
Calling card players or interested persons to the Webster Senior Center! Come join us for six-card or thirteen-card pitch! Six-card pitch meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm. Thirteen-card pitch meets on Thursdays at 1:00 pm.
Mahjongg group meets every Friday at 1:00 pm. Beginners welcome!
Starting Wednesday, August 7th, 2024 there will be a walking group on Wednesdays and Fridays. You will meet at the Memorial beach walking trail at 9:00am. No registration required, but a sign-up sheet is available at the Senior Center front desk.
Join Elaine Davies on Friday, August 23rd at 1:30 pm at the Senior Center where she will talk about floral arrangements for Bites, Books, and Blooms. Learn how to make flower arrangements to correspond with a favorite book. No registration required for this talk.
Webster Senior Center Trips; Happy 2 Gather is a 60's Flashback Show at Lake Pearl in Wrentham MA on Wednesday, September 18th. Cost is $131.00 per person, and includes show ticket, transportation, luncheon, meal taxes, and gratuity. The Covered Bridge Tour and Octoberfest is a fall excursion on Monday, September 23rd. The first stop is Red Apple Farm in Phillipston, MA where everyone gets a bag of apples to take home, followed by the Inn at East Hill Farm in Troy, NH where you will enjoy a family style lunch which will be accompanied by Al Brogdon's Oompah band. After lunch you will set out on a narrated tour of some of New Hampshire's covered bridges. Price is $125.00 per person with a $25 deposit at sign-up, and the final payment is due August 23rd. Trip price does not include bus driver gratuity. For more information call (508) 949-3845.
The Worcester County Sheriff's Office House Numbering Program will create a custom wooden sign with your house number free of charge. One sign per senior household. Please contact the Webster Senior Center at (508) 949-3845. if you are interested in having a house number sign made for you.
Senior SAFE is a program that supports fire and life safety education for seniors. The Webster Fire Dept. will do a home visit to ensure that you have the correct smoke and CO2 alarms, and that they are working properly. This is at no cost to you! All you have to do is give them a call at (508) 949-3875.

Webster Police Log

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of Aug. 4-10.
A 26-year-old male from Rutland whose identity has been withheld from publication was arrested on Aug. 4 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member, Disorderly Conduct, Disturbing the Peace, and Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon.
A 32-year-old female from Webster whose identity has been withheld from publication was arrested on Aug. 4 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.
Shaun L. Salmon, age 45, of Southbridge was arrested on Aug. 4 in connection with multiple warrants.
A 37-year-old male from Webster whose identity has been withheld from publication was arrested on Aug. 4 for Assault & Battery.
Derek C. Soderstrom, Jr., age 25, of Webster was arrested on Aug. 7 in connection with a warrant.
Elizabeth Ann Petrone, age 62, of Webster was arrested on Aug. 8 in connection with multiple warrants.
A 23-year-old female from Webster whose identity has been withheld from publication was arrested on Aug. 8 for Assault & Battery.
Jeremy Scott Adams, age 47, of Webster was arrested on Aug. 9 for Possession of a Class A Drug with Intent to Distribute, Conspiracy to Violate Drug Law, and Trafficking in More than 18 but Less Than 36 Grams of Cocaine. Cameron C. Andrews, age 30, also of Webster, was arrested during the same incident for Trafficking in More than 18 But Less Than 36 Grams of Cocaine, Possession of a Class A Drug with Intent to Distribute (subsequent offense), and Conspiracy to Violate Drug Law. Also arrested during this incident was Nicole L. Packard, age 33, of Webster, who was charged with Trafficking in more than 18 but less than 36 Grams of Cocaine, Possession of a Class A Drug with Intent to Distribute, and Conspiracy to Violate Drug Law.
Christopher John Worthington, age 37, of Webster was arrested on Aug. 10 on probable cause from another agency.

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