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# Dudley provides update on PFAS along Eagle Drive

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — An investigation continues concerning the extent and potential causes of PFAS contamination along Eagle Drive where at least one household is reported to be above allowable PFAS levels according to the Department of Environmental Protection.

In 2020, MassDEP confirmed the presence of PFAS in drinking water in Dudley after testing the town’s capped landfill where solar panels were set to be installed. PFAS is a now-well-known contaminate labeled a “forever chemical” that has caused headaches for water departments, town and state leaders, and the DEP for some time. MassDEP and the town of Dudley have undertaken a process to determine the extent and potential causes of the contamination. This included testing properties on Eagle Drive within 600 feet of the landfill. With 34 properties on that roadway, 31 were tested and well samples from late 2021 and early 2022 showed a single home at 63 Eagle Dr. within the “red,” meaning over the 20-parts-per-trillion limit,

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## OLD HOME WEEK IN DAYS OF OLD

Main Street in Webster is decked out for Old Home Week in this late 19th century scene. Photo courtesy of the Webster and Dudley, Massachusetts Past, Present & Future Facebook page.

# Oxford selectmen order euthanasia of dog in wake of attacks

BY GUS STEEVES  
CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD — When assailants have two legs, they go to court. When they have four, they go to the selectmen.

On Aug. 30, four of them – Stormy, Diesel, Harley and Cash, all variants of bulldogs – faced charges related to three incidents of allegedly attacking people in their Walnut Street neighborhood. The first occurred on April 30, when they ran into the yard of Mario Cabrera and Jennifer Carr while the

two were working outside with their infant son in a stroller. The second came July 19, when Allison Martin came to buy a bike off their owners, Dean and Katie Benway, and was attacked upon entry. The big one came Aug 1, when Amanda Hanson and two children came to visit the Benways and were attacked in the driveway and street.

In the latter case, police, witnesses and Animal Control Officer Kelly Flynn said Hanson received bites to her

abdomen and leg and her daughter was bitten on the buttocks. They were taken to the hospital for treatment, but Hanson declined to participate in the hearing.

Flynn and witnesses said Stormy was the “alpha” dog and the one responsible for the injuries, but Diesel jumped at various people and followed Carr into her home when she was taking Hanson’s daughter to safety. Harley and Cash

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# Board of Health seeking new way to tackle roadside trash

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — With several recent discussions involving initiatives to clean up the town of Dudley, the Board of Health is hoping to get involved and create new ways of keeping trash off town roads.

Over the last year, recommendations to ban both plastic bags and nip bottles have come before town officials and while neither of these requests were fulfilled the Board

of Health is hoping to address increased concerns about roadside trash through a new coalition with local law enforcement.

“The Board of Health will be working with the police department and the town to try to implement ways of perhaps picking up trash, cleaning up the area,” Board of Health chair Jennifer Cournoyer said during a meeting at the end of August. “There is an issue with trash in general and rather than ban any specific item

or anything I think the Board of Health should try to work with the town and police in coming up with creative ways to try to keep the area clean.”

Several ideas were mentioned during the meeting including adding more trash barrels around town. However, it was noted that the biggest issue appears to be people throwing trash out their windows. Cournoyer said there are citizens that take it upon themselves to clean up the streets and

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# State program covering lunches, breakfasts for students

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY/CHARLTON — The Dudley-Charlton Regional School District got some good news concerning school lunch prices in August, although not exactly the good news they were expecting.

In April, it was announced that unless the federal government continuing a trend of making breakfast and lunch free for all students before the end of June, Dudley and Charlton students would face an increase in prices due to pricing guidelines. The program, which was enacted during the pandemic to accommodate families during the difficult time, expired on June 30 and was not continued by lawmakers in the nation’s capital. District Director of Finance and

Budget Richard Mathieu indicated that this would mean a cost of \$1.75 a day for student breakfasts and \$3.30 a day for lunches. However, while the federal government didn’t act, Mathieu said the state did take action.

“The federal government did not continue its program they started during the pandemic. They have allowed for some waivers of some of the preexisting laws, but fortunately for us the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has stepped up and approved a no-cost breakfast and lunch program for all students in Massachusetts schools. It’s welcome news, but it is different than previous years. The bottom line is there won’t be an impact to students that we see, but the reimbursement rates and the financial end of things

are different, so we are asking families to continue to fill out the free and reduced forms,” said Mathieu.

If a family qualifies, filling out the free and reduced meals form not only allows them to benefit from the state’s program, but access other added benefits as well, that Mathieu called their “full benefits.” Mathieu also clarified that while breakfasts and lunches will be free, a la carte and second lunches will not be covered by the state program. Governor Charlie Baker officially signed the free lunch program into law in July guaranteeing it for at least the current school year making Massachusetts the fifth state in the country to cover school meals without the federal government’s assistance.



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## PARKING LOT CRAFT FAIR A SUCCESSFUL VENTURE

Saturday, Aug. 27 was a beautiful day for the Auburn Historical Museum fundraiser. In what hopes to be a yearly event, the first ever “Parking Lot Craft Fair” was held. Vendors from around the area offered a variety of items for the upcoming holiday season. As shown in the picture, the Historical Society Museum offered many items from its store inventory of Cats Meows town buildings. (These items are available at the museum gift shop throughout the year.) Plans are being made to hold the “Parking Lot Craft Fair” at the same time next year, the last Saturday in August.



# Vendors and crafters sought for successful nursing students' fundraiser

CHARLTON — The season of crafts and vendor shows is upon us. For Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy this year marks the first organized SkillsUSA Fundraiser.

The special event is a fundraiser for the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy SkillsUSA Team. The nursing students are seeking donations all in the name of competing for SkillsUSA all the way to Nationals.

According to Heidi Bedard, LPN, sub-secretary who is helping organize the fair, “if you are a knitter, a potter, a baker, a jeweler, a bedazzler, a candlestick maker, be it through food and bake sales, raffles, and drawings, join us on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022.”

The expectation is for all to work diligently to raise as much money as possible to support nursing student SkillsUSA champions. The nursing students will use the money raised for state and national competition if the five categories namely Medical Math, Medical Terminology, Health Knowledge Bowl, First Aid/CPR, and Practical Nursing.

The Craft Fair is slated for Saturday, Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical

High School gymnasium. Attendees will have ample time to peruse through booths, and tables, and make selections of their favorite items. While the special event does not take place for a couple of months, Bedard revealed that the nursing students are looking for vendors to make the event an enormous success. Crafters, vendors, and artisans can set up in a 5-foot table space to sell their wares.

“The table and two chairs will be provided,” explained Bedard. “We are asking that vendors register by Oct. 14.”

Each space may be rented for \$60 and doubled up for \$100. Payment may be made in many ways to Bay Path, cash, check, or money order. Those wishing to use electronic payment may do so through <https://unipay-gold.unibank.com/customerinfo.aspx>. For more information contact Heidi Bedard, LPN 508-248-5971, ext. 1674 or via email [HBedard@baypath.net](mailto:HBedard@baypath.net).

“All money raised will go towards the nursing students’ SkillsUSA competition,” Bedard reminded. “So, if you’re a crafter or vendor, and an alumnus, join us for a day of fun and fundraising!”



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# “Opening the doors to opportunity”

LITERACY VOLUNTEERS HONORS OUTSTANDING TUTOR AND STUDENT

BY GUS STEEVES  
CORRESPONDENT

SOUTHBRIDGE — As anyone who has visited another country knows, it can be challenging to get things done if you don't know the language. For short vacations, that's one thing. But for many in our community, it's a long-term issue.

Some of them end up taking low-paid jobs despite having been educated professionals in their former homelands. Others weren't even truly literate there.

Both groups turn to Literacy Volunteers of South Central Massachusetts for help with learning English. Last week, the non-profit agency honored this year's outstanding student Angela Gonzalez and tutor Connie Montross in a gathering at the Ruth Wells Art Center.

According to Executive Director Emily Farrell, both categories saw “lots of nominations” of past and present people, so she narrowed it to just this past year. Among them, Gonzalez stood out for her dedication.

“She was going to four English classes a week” and was the only student who “always showed up,” even when classes were on Zoom, Farrell said.

She's actually been a student for four years, previously taught high school in Puerto Rico, applied to be a Spanish and Math teacher here, and is working to transfer her teaching credentials here.

“I've heard wonderful things from



Gus Steeves

Angela Gonzalez (left) and Emily Farrell

her tutor” about how Gonzalez helps other students, she added.

Gonzalez herself declined to speak at the event, and departed before I could get a chance to talk to her afterward.

Sturbridge resident Montross, on the other hand, said she has “a great deal of respect for people who overcome so many challenges” to come to the US. She's retired from 40 years of teaching at several area colleges, including Clark and Holy Cross.

Since becoming a tutor, Farrell noted, Montross shined as “one of the best kind of teachers because you're a life-long learner,” who routinely says yes to offers of continuing education “that are best for her students.” As an example, Farrell said Montross started with Literacy Volunteers as an English as a Second Language teacher, but when she



Connie Montross (left) talks to LouAnn Corkum, with Helen Thompson in the background.

realized her student didn't have basic literacy in his first language, she dove into training to address that, too.

To Montross, the most interesting experience in tutoring has been helping students prepare for citizenship, for which they have to take an oral exam in English and submit a “really detailed application. Both of those pieces are really a lot for people to do.”

“They've done the hard work, and it's a privilege to help people advance their goals,” Montross said, noting she attended a citizenship ceremony at Old Sturbridge Village and found it “very moving.”

Webster's Helen Thompson is hoping to have that kind of experience. She finished tutor training in May, but has not yet been assigned a student. Like

Montross, she has an education background – years ago, she taught basic literacy with Outward Bound, before shifting into public health work and years as an acupuncturist.

“As a teacher, I was driving most of what the students needed to learn,” Thompson recalled. “But working with adults, I can tap more into their interests.”

Charlton's Rich Prager agreed. He's had about 10 students with Literacy Volunteers over the last few years (two now), but also taught languages in Hartford for several years before that. One of his current students is a lawyer from Brazil who spent time here working as a house cleaner before changing to an office job, but is aiming to get into a US law school.

“I'm amazed because she's so motivated,” he said. “That's what I like about this organization. People don't come if they're not motivated.... To me, this is opening the doors to opportunity.”

Mary O'CoinsaidLiteracy Volunteers' work represents “a perfect marriage of a member agency and United Way,” of which she's Executive Director. United Way's “three pillars” are health, education and financial literacy, and she praised the tutors for “raising people up ... because nobody succeeds in life if they're given everything.”

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## Cornerstone Bank pledges \$20,000 to Quinsigamond Community College Foundation

WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank has pledged \$20,000 to the Quinsigamond Community College (QCC) Foundation Inc. to continue and enhance its higher education offerings to Southbridge and surrounding communities. Cornerstone will donate \$5,000 per year for four years, beginning in 2022.

“Since opening its Southbridge location in 2010, Quinsigamond has been the only brick-and-mortar higher education option in that town,” said Cornerstone Bank CEO Todd Tallman. “A significant poverty rate in Southbridge and limited mass transit services present significant barriers to residents seeking higher education. We are proud to help support the foundation's efforts to ensure accessible and affordable educational opportunities to this community.”

QCC is a public higher education institution in Central Massachusetts providing post-secondary education and training to almost 8,000 students per year at its Worcester and Southbridge locations, regional satellites, and online. QCC students represent the communities they live and work in from first-generation, low-income college students, and racial and ethnic minorities, to full-time workers, non-native English speakers, parents, adult learners and traditional age college students.

“Our Southbridge location provides convenient and affordable college coursework to about 300 students each year and is expanding to include transitional early college course-

work at no cost to students in partnership with Southbridge Public Schools,” said Linda Maykel,president of the QCC Foundation. “Cornerstone's generosity will support our college programming and early college initiatives for local high school students, strengthening and increasing retention and completion in general education, certificate, and degree-specific courses.”

QCC Southbridge provides general education courses and some lab courses towards an associate degree or certificate and/or transfer to a bachelor's degree at a state college or university. In addition, QCC Southbridge offers pre-college programming for high school students in-person and remotely. Day, evening, and weekend classes have been available since September 2020 from the college's location at Southbridge High School, giving students access to add non-credit workforce development coursework. Student support services are also provided, including advising, tutoring, accessibility, and career placement services.

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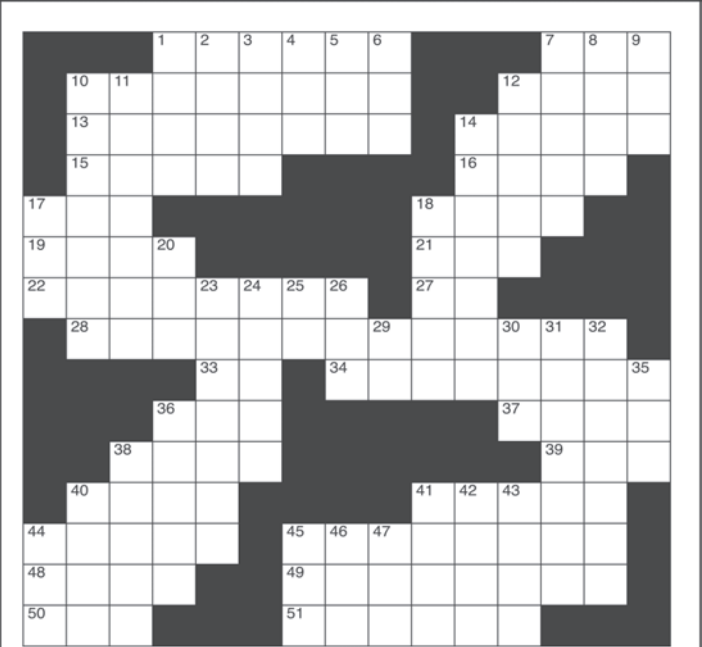


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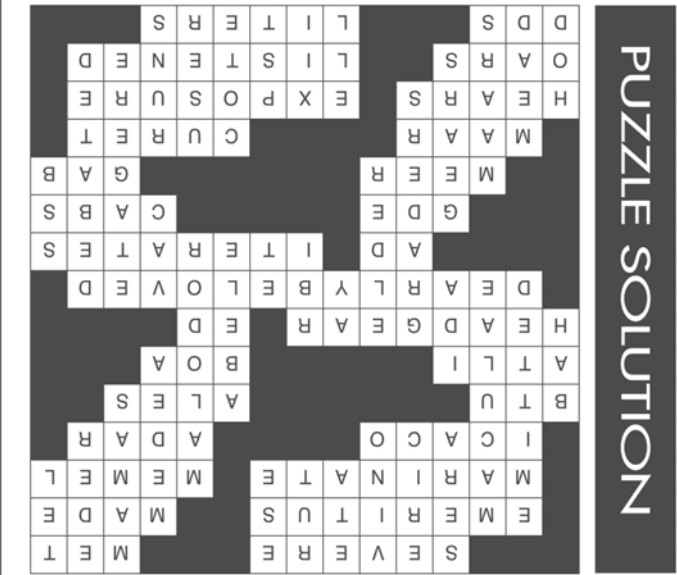
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The Bomba Beauty Salon at the Webster Senior Center is closed on Mondays. Open Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays 10:00 am – 3:00 pm BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Walk-ins Are Welcome on Wednesdays 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Please call (508) 341-8724 to schedule your appointment!

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Celebrate September birthdays with us on Wednesday, Sept. 14th. Cake served at 12:00 pm. Why not sign up for lunch before the cake? We will be serving baked potato with chili, cheese, sour cream & broccoli, and chocolate mousse at 11:30 am for only \$3.00. Please call the senior center at (508) 949-3845 to sign up.  
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- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Grievous
  - 7. Queens ballplayer
  - 10. Honorable title
  - 12. Created
  - 13. Grillmasters do it
  - 14. Wartime German cargo ship
  - 15. Cocoplum
  - 16. Hebrew calendar month
  - 17. British thermal unit
  - 18. Brews
  - 19. One of Thor’s names
  - 21. Decorative scarf
  - 22. Clothes
  - 27. - \_\_: denotes past
  - 28. A way to address a lover
  - 33. Commercial
  - 34. Utters repeatedly
  - 36. Google certification (abbr.)
  - 37. Taxis
  - 38. Belgian village in Antwerp
  - 39. Talk excessively
  - 40. Broad volcanic crater
  - 41. Surgical instrument
  - 44. Listens to
  - 45. Revelation of a fact
  - 48. Paddles
  - 49. Heard
  - 50. Tooth caregiver
  - 51. Metric capacity units

- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Protein-rich liquids
  - 2. Musician Clapton
  - 3. Wine
  - 4. When you hope to arrive
  - 5. Something one can get stuck in
  - 6. Midway between east and southeast
  - 7. Mothers
  - 8. German river
  - 9. Israeli city \_\_ Aviv
  - 10. Discharged
  - 11. Areas near the retina
  - 12. Greek mythological sorceress
  - 14. Very unpleasant smell
  - 17. “ \_\_ Humbug!”
  - 18. White poplar
  - 20. Journalist Tarbell
  - 23. Teachers
  - 24. One older than you
  - 25. Long Russian river
  - 26. Run batted in
  - 29. Beloved Hollywood alien
  - 30. Holiday (informal)
  - 31. Furniture with open shelves
  - 32. Argued
  - 35. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
  - 36. Cars have them
  - 38. Volcanic craters
  - 40. Made of fermented honey and water
  - 41. Shelter for mammals or birds
  - 42. One who utilizes
  - 43. Moves swiftly on foot
  - 44. Builder’s trough
  - 45. Architectural wing
  - 46. 12
  - 47. Pacific Standard Time



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SAVE THE DATE! FREE line dancing class will be offered by our exercise instructor Forty Arroyo on Friday, September 30th from 1:00 – 2:30 pm.  
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Trip 1: The British Invasion Years, a 60’s Musical Revolution with hits from both sides of the Atlantic on Wednesday, Oct. 26th at the Danversport Yacht Club, Danvers, MA. Trip price of \$99.00 includes transportation, luncheon, and meal tax & gratuity and show ticket.  
Trip 2: The Beat Goes On Cher Tribute Show, Thursday, Nov. 17th at the Danversport Yacht Club, Danvers MA. Trip price of \$99.00 includes transportation, luncheon, meal tax & gratuity and show ticket. Our trips are quickly selling out so don’t wait to reserve your seat! Trip prices do not include bus driver gratuity. Please call the Senior Center at (508) 949-3845 for more information.

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\$550,000, 12 Curtis St, Rogan, Richard J, and Rogan, Laura L, to Proia, Arthur.  
\$540,000, 32 Rydberg Ter, Duda, Stanislaw, and Duda, Barbara, to Lavelle, Thomas J.  
\$515,000, 32 Thayer Ave, Butz, Steven J, and Butz, Milagros L, to Aldarawchew, Mohamad, and Thomas, Aleksa.  
\$352,000, 3001 Forest Park Dr #3001, Burke, John, to Pierce, David B, and Pierce, Debra E.  
\$162,500, 75 Central St, Robichaud Eileen B Est, and Cedrone, Doreen A, to Robichaud Jr, Joseph R, and Robichaud, Pamela J.

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\$435,000, 69 New Boston Rd, Jacklin, Philip S, and Crombie-Jacklin, Allyson, to Williams, Kayla J.

OXFORD

\$400,000, 156 Dudley Rd, Aquadro, Michelle, to Peters Sr, Joseph.  
\$335,000, 41 Forest St, Wade, Heather, and Wade, Larry, to Sherman, Julia, and Atwood, Brittany C.  
\$309,900, 14 Park St, Holdcraft, John D, to Maltarolo, Givaldo.  
\$240,000, 22 Plantation Rd #22, Drohan IRT, and Aho, Audrey D, to Wright, Linda J.  
\$175,000, 36 Quobaug Ave, Oxford Town Of, to 36 Quobaug Avenue RT, and Romelus, John.  
\$162,000, 9 Thayer Pond Dr #6, Anderson Berg RE LLC, to Marino, Arianna, and Graham, Jaheem.  
\$125,000, 8 Cathys Way, 112 Old Webster NT, and Conner Land T LLC Tr, to Umana, Alexis M, and Umana, Jonathan D.  
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\$320,000, 22 Crosby St, Rataj, Christopher, and Rataj, Thuong T, to Howard, Garmai R.  
\$310,000, 25 Eddy St, Brousseau, Rhonda, to Guaman, Maria V.  
\$301,000, 19 Mount Pleasant St, Scudder Bay Capital LLC, to Youssef, Samia.  
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**BAD MOVIE OF THE MONTH: PLAN 9 FROM OUTER SPACE**  
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**FERNCROFT OPOSSUM RESCUE**  
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**FAMILY GAME NIGHT**  
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A variety of games will be available for family play, with a selection that will change each month. Many of the games are

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**MUSIC & MOVEMENT**  
Thursday, September 15 10:30AM-11:15AM  
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**KIDS MOVIE: “The Bad Guys”**  
Friday, September 23 2:00PM-4:00PM  
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**THE MAGIC AND MYSTERY OF CROP CIRCLES**  
Thursday, September 29 6:00PM-7:45PM  
Naturalist John Root will lead a program on crop circles, designs that have been appearing with increasing sophistication during the past three decades in farmers' fields and other locations all over the world. Layered weaving of plants in the fields as well as anatomical changes observed in these plants are presented as evidence of powerful and mysterious energies at work, and the effects on soil, animals, and human visitors will be described, along with interpretations of these intricate and exquisite formations, many of which occur near sacred sites and refer to mystical traditions.  
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shoes. Students should also bring water or another non-carbonated beverage. No registration required! Sponsored by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

**CASTLE NITOR: FINGER LOOP BRAIDS –** September 8th 6:00PM  
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**YOGA WITH JULIE –** Saturdays at 10:30AM September 10th and 24th  
Join Julie at the Gladys E. Kelly Library for a vinyasa yoga class for all levels. In Sanskrit, Vinyasa yoga translates to the “uniting of movement with breath”. A typical class involves a centering of the mind with the breath, aromatherapy, movement of the body to release energetic blockages and, finally, a rest and relaxation. Classes

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**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP –** September 19th at 6:30PM  
The Gladys E. Kelly Public Library Adult Book Discussion Group will be meeting in person this month! The group meets at 6:30 pm and the meeting will take place in the Library's Community Room. New members are always welcome! Next month's book discussion will be on Monday, September 19th. The group will be discussing First Women by Kate Andersen Brower. Stop by the library, or reach out by phone to

508-949-3880, or by email to [ehale@cwmmars.org](mailto:ehale@cwmmars.org) for inquiries.

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**BUILD NIGHT –** Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30PM  
Put your creative caps on and come build with LEGOs, magnetiles, or other neat building materials! Materials will change monthly, so don't miss it! For children of all ages and their caregivers.

**UKULELE PRE-K SING ALONG –** September 7th 10:00 AM

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**ENCANTO SING ALONG –** September 9th 3:30-5:30PM  
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**YOGA PJ STORYTIME –** Saturdays in September starting September 10th 9:30-10:30AM  
We will read some stories, move our bodies, stretch, breath and reset. You will need a mat, towel or blanket. Stuffed animals and comfy clothes welcome.

**ANIME NIGHT –** September 13th 6:00PM  
Come in and join us for another anime night, popcorn and all! This event is for ages 10-17!

**PLAY AND LEARN PRE-K (REGISTRATION REQUIRED) –** Wednesdays in September starting on the 14th at 10AM

Bring your not-yet school age children for some interactive and educational play time! Contact Andrew at [atai@cwmmars.org](mailto:atai@cwmmars.org), or visit our website for the registration link!

**TWEEN AND TEEN TIE DYE (REGISTRATION REQUIRED) –** September 22nd 5:00-6:00PM  
We are bringing back the tie-dye event!!! Come dye a shirt or bring your own!! For ages 10-17 this event will require registration. Email Randa at [rcox@cwmmars.org](mailto:rcox@cwmmars.org) to register!

**ORIGAMI WITH MOTOKO –** September 30th 3:30-4:30PM  
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EDITORIAL

Fall is upon us

The first day of fall is upon us. Sept. 23 will mark the first day that it is deemed socially acceptable to drink pumpkin and apple flavored coffee, doughnuts, bread and burn fall scented candles. Coffee shops and bakeries are already ‘busting’ out the fall flavors.

Pumpkin enthusiasts beware, however; on the flip side, there are several people who think it is too soon. A survey that posed the question, ‘When is it ok to start drinking and eating pumpkin?’ produced the following responses- ‘Right now!’ ‘First day of fall,’ ‘I always strive for after Labor Day but often start on July 12,’ ‘I’m waiting until Sept. 1,’ and ‘After zucchini season.’

It is true, there are more people in New England who are holding onto every last bit of summer than those looking forward to fall. To those people, we get it. Some people refuse to swap their flip flops for boots until the first snow fall. The end of the summer season really isn’t so bad. With fall comes, hearty crock pot recipes, crisp evenings, sweaters, boots, and Halloween. The closer to Halloween we get, the closer to snow, which means the ski resorts will soon be open for businesses. What could be better?

Perhaps the best part about fall is foliage. The leaves are already changing and soon New England will be swarming with tourists, cameras in tow. Peak foliage will hit during the last week of September through the first week of October.

Within the next four weeks temperatures will drop drastically, with some hot days still sprinkled in for balance. The good news is, there is still plenty of time to sneak in a few more summer hikes, a kayak on the lake, a few more barbecues or a day reading out on the hammock.

The Old Farmer’s Almanac said of winter 2023, “Got flannel? Hot chocolate? Snowshoes? It’s time to stock up! According to our extended forecasts, this winter season will have plenty of snow, rain, and mush—as well as some record-breaking cold temperatures! We are warning readers to get ready to “Shake, shiver, and shovell!” The first bite of winter should come earlier than last year’s. December 2022 looks stormy and cold nationwide with an active storm pattern developing and hanging around for most of the season over the eastern half of the country. (Maybe there will be a white Christmas in some areas?)”

So, whether you’re still sipping pina coladas or drinking a pumpkin spiced latte while dreaming of Jack O’Lanterns and the smell of wood stoves, this is the perfect time of year for you.

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VIEWPOINT

One is free when one forgives

The year was 1949. Greece had been devastated by the German occupation during WWII followed by the horrors of a cruel civil war between the Greek communist and anti-communists. The village priest, Papa Stavros had two eldest sons who took part in the Resistance during the German occupation. Some villagers, however, betrayed them during the war and the Germans took them away, never to be seen again. Papa Stavros’ wife died from starvation during the conflict. Then during the Civil War, Papa Stavros lived with one of his married daughters and her baby son. She was expecting her second child in a few weeks when the Communist set their house on fire, pulling the pregnant daughter out of the house only to kill her, shooting her numerous times in the stomach, and then shooting her little boy right in front of the priest. What made it even more unbearable was that these communists weren’t strangers from a foreign land but local villagers who Papa Stavro knew.

What would have made many people go insane didn’t make this priest go mad. Despite all the tragedies and unimaginable horror he witnessed, he continually preached to his fellow villagers about the need for forgiveness. “There exists no other way than to forgive,” he would tell them. Most of the villagers laughed scornfully and with anger because of their bitterness and desire for revenge against their enemies, yet he remained adamant. “One is free only when one forgives.”

“There exists no other way than to forgive. One is free only when one forgives.”

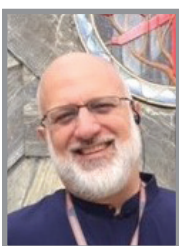
Sometimes we may wonder why we should forgive others who have deeply hurt us? Why does forgiveness play such a central part of our Orthodox Christian faith? Precisely because only in forgiveness will we discover freedom!

First, our freedom begins with the scandalous forgiveness and mercy that God offers us. We catch a glimpse of this outrageous grace in the Gospel story of the Forgiving King and Unforgiving Servant. A lowly servant owes an insurmountable, unimaginable debt to a king, an amount he could never possibly repay. Yet when the servant begs for mercy, instead of being sent to prison for what he deserves, the King unabashedly shows extreme mercy and forgives the entire debt. The servant doesn’t deserve such mercy, yet the King offers forgiveness because this is the nature of divine love. This is who the King is. And the servant is free.

Yet, this same servant goes away and encounters a fellow servant who owes a meager, payable debt. When his fellow servant begs for similar mercy, the first servant remains arrogant and unforgiving. He doesn’t show mercy and as a result ends up a slave, imprisoned by his own unwillingness to forgive.

We forgive because this is our nature as “a new creation” in Jesus Christ. The Spirit of God is one of extreme mercy and grace. When we cultivate a living and vibrant relationship with God, we develop a spirit of divine mercy within ourselves. We learn to love as Jesus loves; to forgive as Jesus forgives; to show mercy and grace as Christ did. We become more and more like Jesus. This is our nature as “a new creation” in Christ.

Our ability to forgive and show mercy most clearly reveal how much we have truly adopted the “mind of Christ.” When we struggle to forgive other, this struggle reflects how we haven’t allowed God’s Spirit to dwell richly in us. We continue to remain enslaved



BEYOND THE PEWS

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in our fallen nature.

Fr. Vasilios Thermos explains that “there are four common reasons why we choose to forgive others. First, there is the Conventional forgiveness, which is pragmatic. We don’t want to turn life into a jungle of hatred. Second, we forgive out of empathetic mutuality: we remember our own sins and forgive others because we also want to be forgiven. Third, we forgive because we desire inner peace; we have to forgive as a way to find relief and serenity in our own lives. Fourth, we forgive because God orders us to forgive. We submit to the Lord’s commandment.

All four of these reasons can be steps in the right direction, yet each of these are motivated in some way by personal profit. We forgive because we benefit. Is there another way of looking at the essence of forgiveness not simply as a means for personal benefit, but as a part of our essence, our true identity?

The Church always sees the very essence of our existence as communion with the other. We are created in the image of the Triune God, who is a communion of three persons. Love for the other reflects our true essence. Hatred, indifference, or absence of forgiveness means a denial of our true self! When we don’t forgive another, we cut communion with the other! Absence of communion means death!”

St John of the Ladder bluntly states, “True forgiveness will come not when you pray for the one who offended you, not when you give him presents, not when you invite him to share a meal with you, but only when, on hearing of some tragedy that has afflicted him in body or soul, you suffer and you lament for him as if for yourself”. True forgiveness comes when we feel the other as a part of ourself.”

The very essence of who we are is bound in our communion of love with the other and this implies our readiness to forgive. Forgiveness reflects a central aspect of our identity as children of God and followers of Jesus Christ. Yet, if we still have difficulty forgiving others, listen to Kallistos Ware’s words of counsel:

Do not delay: the time for forgiveness is always now. The devil tells us it’s ‘Too late’ or ‘Too soon’. But, where the devil says ‘Yesterday’ or ‘Tomorrow’, the Holy Spirit says ‘Today’. Be like the loving father in the story of the Prodigal Son. Take the initiative and run out to meet the other. Forgiveness comes first; it is the cause of the change in ourselves and in others, not the effect. Forgive the other but also be willing to accept the forgiveness that the other offers. It is hard to forgive; but sometimes it is even harder to acknowledge that we ourselves need to be forgiven. Let us be humble enough to accept the gift of another’s pardon. Forgive others but also forgive yourself. How often have we said, ‘I will never forgive myself for that?’ Yet how can we accept forgiveness from others, if we will not forgive ourselves? Pray. If we cannot yet find within our heart the possibility of forgiving the other, then let us at least pray for them. And if, as we pray, we cannot yet bring ourselves to the point of actually forgiving, then let us ask God at least for the desire and longing to forgive.

Remember the words of Papa Stavro, “There exists no other way. One is free only when one forgives.” It is with the freedom that comes with forgiveness that we discover our true nature, our divine identity as children and heirs of God.

Proper use of turn signals



CHIEF’S CORNER  
STEVE WOJNAR

Rules of the road are always popular questions for me. One consistent topic is the proper use of turn signals. Many express frustrations at driver’s who fail to use these when necessary. I was asked if I could provide some information for readers on this subject.

The use of turn signals is contained in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 90 Section 14B. It states in part, “Every person operating a motor vehicle, before stopping said vehicle or making any turning movement which would affect the operation of any other vehicle, shall give a plainly visible signal by activating the brake lights or directional lights or signal as provided on said vehicle...” A violation of this law carries a \$25 civil fine. The key phrase in this part of the law is “affect the operation of another vehicle.” This would imply a signal would be unnecessary if other vehicles are not on the road. As an example, if you are driving home at 4 am and there are no other vehicles on the road, it would not be necessary to activate your turn signal prior to entering your driveway. Although this can occur, it is a good practice to use signals whenever you are turning, regardless of the conditions. Whenever other vehicles that may be affected by your turn are present, the rule of signaling applies.

If signals or brake lights are not functioning or if they are not present on a vehicle for some reason, the operator is to use hand signals. These are described in the following way: “An intention to turn to the left shall be indicated by hand and arm extended horizontally, an intention to turn to the right shall be indicated by hand and arm extended upward, and an intention to stop or decrease speed shall be indicated by hand and arm extended downward.” Since most of us only used these during our initial driver training, they are often ignored or forgotten. These are still legal, useful, and important.

The decision to use turn signals really should not be based on whether there are other travelers on the road. People should train themselves to use them whenever they are making a turn or changing lanes. It is always better to exercise caution. Without your immediate knowledge, a vehicle could be exiting a parking lot or driveway. They may see you before you notice them. You have a greater chance of avoiding a collision when turn signals are used. There is no harm in using them. The important thing to remember is fewer accidents and injuries can occur if signals are used at the appropriate times.

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Thanks again for your questions and comments. Please send them to me at the Dudley Police Department, 71 West Main St., Dudley, MA 01571 or email at [swojnar@dudleypolice.com](mailto:swojnar@dudleypolice.com). Opinions expressed in this weekly column are those of Chief Wojnar only and unless clearly noted, do not reflect the ideas or opinions of any other organization or citizen.

Workplace harmony can increase your chances of success

We live in challenging times, and while that is true, the United States has seen more demanding times in its history. It isn’t the worst of times, but I agree that it might not be the easiest of times.

With inflation on the rise, people seem more concerned about staying ahead of the curve and ensuring they and their families are financially secure.

What can we do to stay ahead? What must we do to ensure we have a promising career and can provide for our loved ones?

There are many different ways to improve your situation, but if you want to make sure you’re doing well at your job and considered for the next promotion, creating harmony at the workplace may be one thing of which to be

conscious.

I’m not trying to say that promoting harmony in the workplace will replace getting results. Someone who gets results will always get promoted; that goes without saying.

Most of us don’t work alone and need to interact with other employees and customers. In this environment, you’ll need some agreeable and conscientious qualities; creating strife is the last thing you want to do.

When some people think of an agreeable person, they think of a doormat who doesn’t have opinions and is highly manipulatable. Some believe that being agreeable won’t get you what you want and that agreeable people are those who won’t say what is on their

minds. Is that true?

A research group examined the results of millions of people who participated in thousands of different studies. The research suggested that agreeable people are happier, promote positive relationships with others, encourage cooperation, are motivated and effective, are mindful of the community’s needs, and are highly productive. Learning to be agreeable can help you be successful!

Sometimes the trait of being agreeable can be confused with conscientiousness. There is a difference; conscientious people can have amiable characteristics but tend to judge someone based on their accomplishments. In contrast, an agreeable person may tend



# When should you adjust your investment mix?

There are no shortcuts to investment success — you need to establish a long-term strategy and stick with it. This means you'll want to create an investment mix based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon — and then regularly review it to ensure it's still meeting your needs.


In fact, investing for the long term doesn't necessarily mean you should lock your investments in forever. Throughout your life, you'll likely need to make some changes.

Of course, everyone's situation is different and there's no prescribed formula of when and how you should adjust your investments. But some possibilities may be worth considering.

For example, a few years before you retire, you may want to reevaluate your risk exposure and consider moving part of your portfolio into a more conservative position. When you were decades away from retiring, you may have felt more comfortable with a more aggressive positioning because you had time

to bounce back from any market downturns. But as you near retirement, it may make sense to lower your risk level. And as part of a move toward a more conservative approach, you also may want to evaluate the cash positions in your portfolio. When the market has gone through a decline, as has been the case in 2022, you may not want to tap into your portfolio to meet short-term and emergency needs, so having sufficient cash on hand is important. Keep in mind, though, that having too much cash on the sidelines may affect your ability to reach your long-term goals.

Even if you decide to adopt a more conservative investment position before you retire, though, you may still benefit from some growth-oriented investments in your portfolio to help you keep ahead of — or at least keep pace with — inflation. As you know, inflation has surged in 2022, but even



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when it's relatively mild, it can still significantly erode your purchasing power over time.

Changes in your own goals or circumstances may also lead you to modify your investment mix.

You might decide to retire earlier or later than you originally planned. You might even change your plans for the type of retirement you want, choosing to work part time for a few years. Your family situation may change — perhaps you have another child for whom you'd like to save and invest for college. Any of these events could lead you to review your portfolio to find new opportunities or to adjust your risk level — or both.

You might wonder if you should also consider changing your investment mix in response to external forces, such as higher interest rates or a rise in inflation, as we've seen this year. It's certainly true that these types of events

can affect parts of your portfolio, but it may not be advisable to react by shuffling your investment mix. After all, nobody can really predict how long these forces will keep their momentum — it's quite possible, for instance, that inflation will have subsided noticeably within a year. But more important, you should make investment moves based on the factors we've already discussed: your goals, risk tolerance, time horizon and individual circumstances.

By reviewing your portfolio regularly, possibly with the assistance of a financial professional, you can help ensure your investment mix will always be appropriate for your needs and goals.

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## Changing of the seasons

BY RALPH W. TRUE, SR.

The nice cool mornings of last weekend sure made most people happy that the last of the hot, humid weather is mostly behind us. My dogs have become a lot more energetic, and the Lab is chasing balls and retrieving them. She can sense that fall is almost here, and that means hunting birds is also. One local hunter that is training his dog during the early morning hours had his dog pointing a couple of woodcock, which is nice to hear. Native woodcock populations have dramatically dropped over the years, and their species are in big trouble in the valley.

Grouse are in the same trouble, and local sportsmen have asked the state numerous times to close the season in zones 8 & 9, to give the species a chance to get their populations up. Most bird hunters that I have spoken with state that if they do encounter a grouse in the field during hunting season, they would not harvest the bird. When upland bird hunting opens on Oct. 15, it will only consist of pheasant that are stocked

in open covers by the state and clubs that are raising pheasant under the pheasant program, put forward by the state of Massachusetts. Encountering a grouse or woodcock during the upland bird season is mighty slim. Destruction of prime habitat by construction, is mostly to blame for the sharp decline in wildlife species.

Bear season is now open in Massachusetts, and runs from Sept. 6-Sept. 24. There are three seasons to hunt black bear in Mass., with the second starting on Nov. 7 and the third on Nov. 28. A special bear hunting permit is required. Be sure to check your Fish & wildlife abstracts regarding all regulations and permits.

The early goose hunting season for Canada geese opened this past Friday Sept. 2, and will run to Sept. 24. Fifteen birds can be harvested daily. The special goose season is geared to eliminate as many nuisance geese in the area as possible. They are responsible for fowling local beaches, water supplies, golf courses, etc.! Even with this action,

their populations will continue to rise as they congregate in fields that do not allow hunting. In a few weeks, flight birds will be arriving on their journey South, as they do every year. These migrating bird populations are down over the years, and stricter regulations are in place to help restore their populations. Because of the geese that no longer migrate South because of the changing climate, goose problems will continue to be a problem to the sportsmen's delight!

Saltwater fishing in both Mass. & Rhode Island is good now, but will continue to improve in the coming days and weeks, as the waters cool and a number of species start feeding vigorously, to sustain their annual journey to their winter feeding grounds. Stripers, Tautog, & seabass should provide a bonanza, as the different species of fish go on a feeding frenzy! Do not get too excited about filling the freezer with fish, as the limits on most species have been cut every year. Limits are more liberal if you are on a charter boat, but



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if you fish on a private boat or from shore, for some unknown reason, you cannot retain the same limits.

Take a Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

## Quick Fixes for Flea Market Finds

It's Brimfield Antique Show week, and many of us find the thrice yearly event too tempting to resist. Taking home a well-loved vintage find is a lure of the market, but once home, the reality of sprucing up a less than perfect antique or collectible can be daunting. Read on, for some creative and clever ways to make the repair and care of your acquisitions less of a chore, which translates into more time to enjoy your fabulous finds!

Note: Only use these methods with a "nothing to lose" attitude, as there is no guarantee the fix will work!

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Vinyl records are making a comeback, but there is something special about the real deals. There are a few theories on how to best repair a warped vinyl record album, but this method is by far the quickest. (This should only be used as a last result as it could further damage the item.)

Place the album between two sheets of glass and cook it on a baking sheet in a warm oven (160-175 degrees) for 6-10 minutes. Allow to cool and check the warp. If it needs more pressing, repeat procedure with the oven a few degrees higher until the heat is effective.

For shallow warps, place the album between two pieces of glass in bright sunlight. Be sure to clean both the record and the glass before warming it up via either method.

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Antique pewter can be successfully cleaned without the use of harsh (and expensive) chemicals. Try this "green" method to safely spruce up pewter: Dissolve one teaspoon salt in one cup white vinegar. Add enough flour to make a paste. Apply paste to pewter piece and allow to sit for up to an hour. Rinse with clean warm water, and polish dry.



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Parchment lampshades are fabulous flea market treasures. However, cleaning the aged paper can be a challenge. To dust, take a new foam paintbrush slightly dampened and work your way around

the shade both inside and out. For cleaning, experts advise wiping the shades carefully with a cloth soaked in milk. Wipe it dry with a clean cloth.

Note: Be sure to test these methods in an inconspicuous area and allow to dry before treating the entire shade.

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Old wicker baskets can be fragile. To safely clean them without cost (and effort) simply bring them into the bathroom with you the next time you take a shower. The hot, moist steam hydrates the baskets and prevents them from splitting. Just wipe them clean.

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While some scratches and dings add to the charm of a vintage furniture piece, wood surfaces with deep gouges call for repair. Such defects are easily and inexpensively fixed with a wax stick or crayon in a color close to the wood (and a little elbow grease). Heat up the wax or crayon with a hair dryer and when pliable force it into the crack. For larger gouges melt the candle and carefully pour to fill the cavity. Allow to set, then wrap a lint free rag around a sanding block and rub the repair to make it even with the wood.

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If you display small vintage collectibles on a shelf and find them difficult to dust, try this renovator's tip to prevent damaging the vintage valuables: Apply a dab of dental wax on the bottom of each object to stick them to the surface. This way, you can easily dust the area with a feather duster without

the risk of knocking over the items.

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To remove the musty smell from an old trunk or dresser drawer, try this old-fashioned method: Fill the item with fresh grass clippings and close tightly. Stir the grass each day for a week. The chlorophyll from the grass absorbs the smell. Or, fill the drawer with an open can of used coffee grounds for several days.

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Rust spots are a common stain on vintage linens. To remove the spots, mix up a past of salt and white vinegar and apply to the stain with a toothbrush until spot is gone. Rinse thoroughly. To whiten aged doilies soak them in a solution of three parts water and one part white vinegar.

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Old aprons and pre "permanent press" items often require proper starching. Here's an old fashioned mixture for spray starch that grandma made for pennies, and it just as useful today: In a large spray bottle, mix together one heaping tablespoon corn starch and two cups cold water. Shake until thoroughly blended. If you want to add a touch of freshness to your starch, add a couple drops of non-staining lavender oil. Shake before each use, and spray items before ironing.

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Aged, delicate chains can easily become knotted, especially in a jewelry box. To untangle a knotted necklace chain, place a few drops of cooking oil on a piece of waxed paper. Lay the knot in the oil and use two common pins to work it loose.

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An ounce of prevention...

\*Don't display your vintage dishes on plate hangers unless the clips are covered to prevent scratches on china and porcelain plates.

\*Prevent marble damage by keeping marble tables and sculptures away from fireplaces or heaters. The marble can discolor from smoke and could

even crack if located too close to a heat source.

\*Have an old barometer? Mercury will expand or contract according to temperature. To retain the accuracy of mercury barometers, they should not be positioned too close to central heating radiators.

\*Never store antique glass ornaments in a damp basement or attic. Mildew can form and damage the glass.

\*Prevent fading of vintage tin signs by avoiding the ultraviolet rays of the sun and fluorescent lights, both of which will fade tin pieces.

\*Toys with batteries should only be stored with batteries removed. Be sure to check for corroded cells in old toys that have been in storage.

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Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

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

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not to be as judgemental.

Being judgmental won't get you anywhere, whether you're agreeable, conscientious, or a mix of both. Unless you're a manager or a boss, it's not your place to judge others; working with other employees and helping customers in the spirit of cooperation is always better.

Are there downsides to being agreeable? There is! There was a famous

study called, The Milgram Experiment. The experiment revealed that agreeable people were more willing to press a button and electrically shock someone hooked up to electrodes in another room when an authority figure told them to do so. While being agreeable and conscientious in the workplace is good, although tempting, if you find yourself in a situation where your boss wants to hook other employees up to electrodes so you can shock them, say no! It's not very nice.

Is it possible to be a disagreeable person and successful? Yes, most definitely. A highly competent disagreeable

person can be valuable if their negativity is limited, and they get results. If you're an unfriendly person who doesn't have the knowledge, skills, or desire to get results, you probably won't be employed for long.

It's not that surprising when you think about it. Someone disagreeable and incompetent creates more problems than solutions, stifles production, and promotes negativity. For obvious reasons, managers typically don't want to work with these personalities.

If you're starting a new career and are just learning how things are done,

being conscientious and agreeable is the best way to be. Most likely, your employers didn't hire you, so you can tell them how to do things better, especially when you've only been there for a short time. Hold your tongue, and be someone with whom people like to interact.

Promoting harmony and cooperation is an effective way to get things done! Become a person who gets along and works well with people. Don't be judgmental, and keeps your negativity out of the workplace. It will help with job security and significantly boost your chances of success!



# OBITUARIES

## Raymond J. Casey, almost 91



OXFORD – Raymond J. Casey, almost 91, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, August 30, 2022, after a long illness. His eldest daughter and son-in-law, Suzanne (Casey) and Frank Cole, and goddaughter Linda (Casey) Primel, were by his side. He was born on September 24, 1931, in Bennington, VT. He is the son of the late Edmund and Ida (Gallant) Casey, who immigrated from New Brunswick, Canada. He was proud of his French Canadian heritage.

His family moved to Oxford when he was a year old, and he remained a resident of Oxford throughout his life. Ray graduated from Oxford High School in 1950 where he was active in sports. He received a scholarship for baseball to Northeastern University in Boston, but when Uncle Sam called, he joined the Navy. He proudly served aboard the U.S.S. Salem and was honorably discharged in 1955.

While in the Navy, Ray developed an interest in electronics. He subsequently attended Worcester Junior College. He worked for Raytheon in Waltham for five years and then Heald Machine in Worcester for 35 years prior to his retirement. He was an electrical foreman.

Ray married the love of his life, Joyce (Hamilton) Casey on May 5, 1962. They raised their three children together in Oxford. Joyce passed away on November 10, 2005. He was also predeceased by his brother, Laurence Casey and his wife Theresa of Oxford; his twin brother Richard Casey of Shrewsbury, and his sister-in-law, Lois Dion of Douglas. Ray leaves behind his daughters,

Suzanne Cole and her husband Frank of Leicester; Colleen Casey of Oxford, and Deana Casey of Dudley. In addition, he leaves his sisters- and brothers-in-law, Theresa Casey of Shrewsbury, Myrtle and Roger Bacon of Oxford, Judy and Leo LaBonte of Oxford, Jack and Maryann Hamilton of Oxford, Norma and Arnie Parker of Webster, and Jane and Neil Faucher of Sebastian, FL, and John Menard of Douglas. In addition, he leaves many dear nieces and nephews.

Ray was a member of St. Roch's Church, the American Legion Post 58, and the V.F.W. Post 5663, all in Oxford. He was a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus Council 4241 in Oxford, where he was a third-degree knight. He enjoyed gardening, caring for his yard, fixing things around the house, and playing cards. He supported the local sports teams, especially the Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots.

The family would like to thank Jewish Home Health Care in Worcester, CareOne in Millbury, and Oxford Fire/EMS, for the compassionate care Ray received during his illness.

A funeral Mass was held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 3, 2022, at St. Roch's Church, 332 Main St., Oxford. Burial with military honors will follow at North Cemetery in Oxford. Calling hours were Saturday, September 3, 2022, from 9:30-10:30 a.m., at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford, prior to the Mass. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Life-Skills Inc., 44 Morris St., Webster, MA 01570.



## Lorraine A Ducharme, 84



Lorraine A (Gaboury) Ducharme, 84, of Golden Heights II, Webster, died at Webster Manor on Sat July 30. She was surrounded by her family who she fiercely loved. She was preceded by her father Hector Gaboury, mother Martha (Papierski), brother Bernard, and sister Sylvia. She leaves her children, Kathleen Banks, Lorri Ducharme and her spouse Jon, and Lance Ducharme and his spouse Krystal. Seven grandchildren; Caleigh, Keith, Hannah, Shane, Paige, Seth, and Audrey. Three great grands; Milani, Layla, and Leland and three grands by marriage; Kevin, Travis and Cheyann, as well as several nephews and nieces. She also leaves her longtime friend and companion, Elizabeth Donovan. Lorraine attended St Joseph School and Bartlett HS in Webster where she grew up. As an adult, she attended St Andrew Bobola Church in Dudley where she was the president of the Rosary Sodality and manager of the bingo for many years. Over the years Lorraine held many positions but her true passion was cooking. After attend-

ing classes at a local culinary school she obtained a position as a private chef for the priests at Assumption College. It was a labor of love and she spent 22 years preparing many delicious meals for her 'guys'. Her interests were many. Bowling, playing cards, bingo, polka dancing, gardening, and of course, her love of the slots! She was an avid Red Sox fan and rarely missed watching a game. Being in Florida was another love and she realized her dream of becoming a 'snow bird' in 2000 after a successful battle with breast cancer. Over the years she would be successful at battling many health issues. So much so she became known as the lady with nine lives. Fiercely stubborn, and very outspoken. Traits she was well known and loved for. Her greatest joy was being an active 'gram' with her grands, having them for sleepovers, movies, shows, apple picking, Disney World and best of all, swimming with the dolphins. She will be greatly missed. There will be a Funeral Mass on Sat, Sept 17th at 11AM at St Anthony of Padua Church in Dudley. A celebration of life will follow immediately in the church hall. Burial will be private. Donations can be made to her favorite charity, St Jude's Childrens Hospital [www.bartelfuneralhome.com](http://www.bartelfuneralhome.com)

## Margaret Bourne Pedersen, 91



CHARLTON – Margaret Bourne Pedersen, 91, merly of Dudley, died Monday, August 29, 2022 at Overlook M a s o n i c H e a l t h c a r e with family at her side. She was the daughter of the late Margaret (Watson) Bourne and Edward Walter Bourne of New York City and North Cornwall, CT and was a direct descendant of Richard Bourne of Sandwich, MA and of Roger Williams of Providence, RI.

Mrs. Pedersen was born on March 8, 1931 in New York City and graduated from the Brearley school there and then from Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, MA. Following graduation, she lived in W. Hartford and then Farmington, working in the Group Insurance Department of what was the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company. In 1972, she began working in various capacities at the former Paul Revere Life Insurance Company in Worcester, retiring in 1993 as a consultant in the human resources department. She lived in Dudley for many years before moving to Overlook in 2009. She also summered and then visited the family home in North Cornwall, CT for over 50 years.

In Connecticut Mrs. Pedersen belonged to the League of Women Voters in Farmington and Avon, the Hartford Mount Holyoke Alumnae

Club, and the Memorial Methodist Church in Unionville. On moving to Massachusetts, she belonged to the American Association of University Women, the Black Tavern Historical Society of Dudley, the Nichols College Women's Club, L'Apres-Midi Club and the First Congregational Church, Conant Memorial, of Dudley.

She is survived by 2 sons, Andrew Russell Pedersen and his wife Isabel of Rancho Cucamonga, CA and Gregory A. Pedersen and his wife Janine of Mount Airy, MD; 3 granddaughters and 4 grandsons; her twin sister, Susan Bourne Brinkama of Laverne, CA; a brother, James Bourne and his wife Gale of Aptos, CA; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a sister Jane Thomson Bourne in 1989 and by a brother Edward Gaylord Bourne in 2013.

A service will be held at 10:00 AM on Thursday, September 8, in the First Congregational Church of Dudley Conant Memorial, 135 Center Road, Dudley with Pastor John R. White officiating. Private burial will be in the family plot in North Cornwall Cemetery, N. Cornwall, CT. There are no calling hours. The family requests that flowers be omitted and instead donations be made to either the Black Tavern Historical Society of Dudley, PO Box 143, or to the Dudley Conservation Land Trust, PO Box 14, both in Dudley, MA 01571. Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster. [www.websterfunerals.com](http://www.websterfunerals.com)

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## Friday's Child



Marissa D'Agostino  
Age 14

Hi! My name is Marissa  
and I am a talented singer!

Marissa is a bright and inquisitive girl of Caucasian descent. Those who know Marissa say she is vivacious and has a good sense of humor. Marissa has a talented singing voice which she enjoys using when making up her own songs. Marissa likes to entertain others and be the center of attention. She also enjoys dancing, gymnastics and playing sports. Marissa has excellent verbal skills and is able to carry on an engaging conversation.

Marissa's social worker is seeking a local family with a mom and dad, two

moms or a single mother. Marissa will do equally well as an only-child or with older or younger siblings, preferably sisters. Marissa is legally free for adoption and will need to maintain four visits per year with her birth parents.

<https://www.mareinc.org/waiting-child-profiles#gallery/child/5242>

### Can I Adopt?

If you're at least 18 years old, have a stable source of income, and room in your heart, you may be a perfect match to adopt a waiting child. Adoptive parents can be single, married, or partnered; experienced or not; renters or homeowners; LGBTQ+ singles and couples. As an adoptive parent, you won't have to pay any fees, adoption from foster care is completely free in Massachusetts.

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

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at (617) 964-6273 or visit [www.mareinc.org](http://www.mareinc.org). Start the process today and give a waiting child a permanent place to call home.

## College of the Holy Cross welcomes Class of 2026

WORCESTER — The College of the Holy Cross congratulates the 904 new Crusaders who are starting at the College in Fall 2022. The following local students will be part of the Class of 2026:

Samual Lavallee of Oxford  
Cameron Nolan of Oxford

Representing the largest class in Holy Cross' 179-year history, the Class of 2026 hails from 575 high schools, 14 countries and four continents. Twenty-five percent of the class are students of color and international students; 24 languages are spoken; and 50 members hold dual citizenship. Nine students live within 1 mile of campus, which is about the same number as those who live more than 5,000 miles from The Hill.

These newly minted Crusaders have dis-

tinguished themselves through community service, leadership roles, and diverse participation in areas like the arts, music and athletics.

"Holy Cross is built for broad, deep and meaningful education and that says something very important about the kind of student who matriculates here. Our classes are small and there is nowhere to hide - in the best possible sense," President Vincent D. Rougeau said. "Our students have to be ready for spirited engagement. They will have their certainties challenged and perspectives broadened as they prepare for a world that needs their leadership, wisdom, empathy and generosity. And we are confident that they will thrive here."

The new Crusaders arrived on campus and moved into the resi-

dence halls on Saturday, August 27th, where they were welcomed to Mount St. James by an enthusiastic purple crew of current students, staff, faculty and alumni. Fall classes began on Tuesday, August 30th.

About Holy Cross

The College of the Holy Cross, in Worcester, Mass., is among the nation's leading liberal arts institutions. A highly selective, four-year, exclusively undergraduate college of 3,100 students, Holy Cross is renowned for offering a rigorous, personalized education in the Jesuit, Catholic tradition. Since its founding in 1843, Holy Cross has made a positive impact in society by graduating students who distinguish themselves as thoughtful leaders in business, professional and civic life.

## St. Andrew Bobola announces final drive thru dinner

DUDLEY — St. Andrew Bobola Parish, 54 West Main St., Dudley, will be holding its final

2022 Drive Thru Polish Dinner Sale on Saturday Sept. 24 from 11 a.m. -1 p.m. and 4:30-6:30 p.m. Dinners are \$18, include one cheese and one cabbage pierogi, a golabek, kielbasa and kapusta. Take out only. Additional frozen Polish food can also be purchased! So come get your dinners, enjoy a great meal and help support our small church!





# Sports cards still winning at auction



A Mickey Mantle card that was discovered in a Quincy, Mass. attic in the 1980s recently set a record for sports cards and sports memorabilia at auction. Major League Baseball detailed the card's journey before reaching the auction block. Ted Lodge is the one who found the card in the Quincy attic. Ted's father was a delivery driver for Topps Trading Cards and had apparently forgotten about a set of cards he stashed away. Ted contacted a dealer who found "Christy Mathewson cards, Bill Dickey cards and nearly 40 Mantle '52s." The dealer sold the nearly perfect 1952 Mickey Mantle card for \$6,000 but bought it back for \$40,000 almost immediately thinking it could be worth more. Ralph Giordano was just a boy when he went to a card show with his father Anthony. Ralph spotted the Mantle card marked for \$57,500 on a dealer's table and told his father. Anthony sent his



son back to the dealer and asked Ralph to offer \$50,000. Anthony, Ralph, and the dealer agreed to \$50,000. When his purchase made the news, some people thought it was ridiculous to pay \$50,000 for a baseball card. Giordano told MLB "I think it may have been Howard Stern," Giordano remembered. "He called me a moron." As it turns out,

Giordano made a great investment. The card sold for \$12.6 million at auction last month. The price surpassed the record set earlier this month when a Honus Wagner card sold for \$7.25 million. The Mantle card also set a record for sports memorabilia, topping the \$9.3 million paid in May for a jersey Maradona wore when he scored his "Hand of God" goal.

Central Mass Auctions made national news when Sports Collectors Digest reported on our upcoming November sports card and memorabilia auction. Local sports card dealer Jeff Weisenberg was interviewed about a collection of baseball tobacco cards he purchased and also shared details about our upcoming auction. T206 tobacco cards were produced between 1909 and 1911. The aforementioned Honus Wagner card is one of the rarest. Sweet Caporal and Piedmont were two of the largest manufacturers. We will be offering several T206 Carolina Brights cards, made by Wells Whitehead Tobacco Company. Carolina Brights cards are considered very rare and can be worth over ten times the amount of a card made by a more common manufacturer. A Ty Cobb card that we sold for \$3,250 in one of our auctions could bring \$25,000 to \$50,000 with the Carolina Brights back.



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N172 Old Judge tobacco cards were produced in the 1880s and 1890s. Players are pictured in uniform, in suits and in "action shots." In the action shots, a ball would be hung down to make it look like a player was hitting or catching it. The cameras from that era couldn't capture pictures of the ball actually being caught or hit in real time. We will also be offering a group of these Old Judge cards. Even with the damage, some Hall of Famers could bring four figure sums. For over two years now, baseball cards have been a home run with collectors.

We are still accepting cards and other consignments for our November multi-estates auction. I'll be teaching My "Evaluating your Antiques" class at Bay Path High School on Sept. 13. I'll be at appraisal events at the Townsend Historical Society on Oct. 15, the Worcester Senior Center from on Oct. 18, and the Leicester Senior Center on Nov. 5. Please visit our website <https://centralmassauctions.com> for links to upcoming events.

Contact us at [www.centralmassauctions.com](http://www.centralmassauctions.com) (508-612-6111) [info@central-massauctions.com](mailto:info@central-massauctions.com) for antiques and collectibles auction services.

# Preserve your garden produce for delicious winter meals

All your hard work is paying off with a bountiful harvest. Fresh produce is filling your garden, countertops, and refrigerator while the garden keeps producing more. Preserve some of your harvest to enjoy throughout the winter with some tried-and-true or updated variation of food preservation techniques.



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squash when three to six inches in diameter. Store these in a plastic bag inside the vegetable crisper drawer in your refrigerator for several days.

Wait to harvest winter squash when the fruit is full-sized, and the rinds are firm and glossy. The portion touching the ground turns from cream to orange when the fruit is ripe. Use a pruner to harvest the fruit, leaving a one-inch stem on each fruit. Cure all winter squash, except for acorn, in a warm, humid location. Then move to a cool, dry, well-ventilated area to store for several months. In the past, gardeners stored these, potatoes, onions, and fruit in wooden racks that maximized storage space and allowed air to reach each layer of produce. An updated version, Gardener's Supply Orchard Rack, adds convenient drawers to this traditional storage system.

Boost your cabbage harvest with this trick. Remove firm full-sized heads but leave the lower ring of leaves and roots intact. The plant will form several smaller heads.

Harvest cucumbers based on how you plan to use them. Pick the fruit when it is 1 ½ to 2 ½ inches long if you plan on making sweet pickles. Allow the cucumbers to grow a bit bigger, three to four inches, if dill pickles are on the menu. Harvest those for slicing when the skin is firm, bright green and the fruit is six to nine inches long.

Turn a portion of your harvest into something delicious. Fermentation is a relatively easy preservation technique used for thousands of years. Preserve some of your cucumbers as pickles, cabbage as sauerkraut, and berries as preserves with fermentation. Store fermented fruits and vegetables in a cool, dark place or extend their shelf life by canning the finished product. For most projects, you just need the fruit or vegetables, water, salt, and spices. The desired ingredients are placed in a covered vessel, like Gardener's Supply three-gallon Fermentation Crock. Weights are used to keep the fruit and vegetables submerged in water throughout the fermentation process.

If your garden is still producing when frost is in the forecast, extend the harvest season. Cold frames and cloches are tried-and-true techniques used for extending the growing season. A modern method employs floating row covers. These spun fabrics allow air, light, and water through while protecting plants from frosty conditions. Cover the plantings and anchor the fabric in place. Lift to harvest and enjoy several more weeks and even months of garden-fresh produce.

Select the storage and preservation methods that work best for your garden produce, growing location, and lifestyle. Once you enjoy home-grown produce in winter meals, you will start growing more produce to eat fresh, share and preserve.

Melinda Myers is the author of numer-



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Wooden orchard racks maximize storage space, while allowing air to reach each layer of produce.

ous gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio segments. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Gardener's Supply for her expertise to write this article. Her Web site is [www.MelindaMyers.com](http://www.MelindaMyers.com).

# LEGALS

(SEAL)  
**THE COMMONWEALTH  
OF MASSACHUSETTS  
LAND COURT  
DEPARTMENT OF  
THE TRIAL COURT  
Docket: 22 SM 002464  
ORDER OF NOTICE**

To:  
**Doreen Arrell**  
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq):  
**Specialized Loan Servicing LLC**  
claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Oxford, numbered 9 Patton Street, given by Doreen Arrell, Thomas A. Arrell to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for LoanDepot.com, LLC, dated October 4, 2014, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 52926, Page 118 and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.  
If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the 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 October 17, 2022, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.  
Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on August 31, 2022.  
Attest:  
Deborah J. Patterson  
Recorder  
21686  
September 9, 2022

**LEGAL NOTICE OF  
SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLE  
under G.L.c 255, Section 39A**  
Notice is hereby given by School St. Towing, 17-31 School St., Webster MA 01570, pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that on: September 10, 2022 at 9AM at 17-31 School St., Webster MA 01570 by Private Sale the following Motor Vehicle will be sold to satisfy the garagekeeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicle.  
Vehicle description:  
Year: 2009  
Make: Honda  
Model: Civic  
Registration#/State: Un-Reg  
VIN: 2HGFA16579H526152  
Name and address of vehicle owner: Dezman J Gonzaliz 20 Elm St., Webster, MA 01510  
Signed, Frank A Czechowski 8/18/22  
This notice has been given under the

provisions of G.L.c. 255, Section 39A  
August 26, 2022  
September 2, 2022  
September 9, 2022

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Worcester Probate and Family  
Court  
225 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608  
Docket No. WO21P3829GD  
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF  
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF  
GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED  
PERSON PURSUANT TO  
G.L. c. 190B, §5-304  
In the matter of:  
**Karen Johnson  
Of: Dudley, MA  
RESPONDENT****

Alleged Incapacitated Person  
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Fairlawn Rehabilitation Hospital of Worcester MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Karen Johnson** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other 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 **09/27/2022**. 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: August 25, 2022  
Stephanie K. Fattman  
Register of Probate  
September 9, 2022



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# SPORTS

## Charlton’s Smith-White to honor late father at Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk

Charlton resident Cara Smith-White registered for the Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk, presented by Hyundai, in honor of her father, who was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkins Mantel Cell Lymphoma back in 2007. After rounds of chemo and two stem cell transplants — one was with the help of an experimental drug to increase the number of cells needed to make the transplant a success, and then another was given by an anonymous donor match from Australia when his cancer came back — Smith-White’s father was in remission, along with many good years of living a relatively healthy life and being able to travel, golf and spend time with those he loved. Unfortunately, he passed away in 2012.

“He had an amazing group of doctors and nurses that took care of him while he was treated at Dana-Farber,” Cara wrote. “Living one hour west of Boston, my mom didn’t want to leave his side, none of us did, and Dana-Farber helped to set her up with hotel stay at a fraction of the cost of what one would normally pay, so we could be there with him as he was hospitalized.”

Cara and her Dad, along with their family and friends, came up with the team name Papa’s Posse back when they walked a local 5-mile charity walk in Worcester.

“My dad was known as Papa, to his 11 grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter,” Cara wrote. “I chose posse because it sounded good with Papa, and we had a decent sized group of both family and friends that joined us in the walk. He did amazing. We got him to walk 5 miles while he was being treated early on in his diagnosis.”

This year will be Cara’s third year walking 26 miles in the Boston



Cara Smith-White of Charlton, left, and her sister Deanne Smith of West Boylston will be participating in the Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk in honor of their father, who passed away from Non-Hodgkins Mantel Cell Lymphoma in 2012.

Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk along with her sister, each time by her side.

“I had wanted to walk again and when I saw that the date of the walk fell the day after his 10 year anniversary to his passing, I thought it was a good way to honor my dad,” said Cara.

To Cara, “defy cancer” symbolizes a battle word.

his cancer diagnosis. I walk to show my appreciation to the medical professionals who cared for my dad while he was sick, they truly were amazing. I walk for those that are battling the disease today. I walk because I hope that one day there is no more cancer, life without cancer.”

The 2022 Jimmy Fund Walk will take place on Sunday, Oct. 2, and raises funds to support all forms of adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at the nation’s premier cancer center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Whether participating for themselves, loved ones, neighbors, or co-workers, each walker shares a common purpose: to defy cancer and support breakthroughs that will benefit cancer patients around the world.

This year, participants will return to the Boston Marathon course after two years of walking virtually. Participants choose from four distance options: 5K Walk (3.1 miles from Dana-Farber Cancer Institute), 10K Walk (6.2 miles from Newton), Half Marathon Walk (13.1 miles from Wellesley), or Marathon Walk (26.2 miles from Hopkinton). All routes finish at the Copley Square Finish Line. Walkers can also participate virtually by “walking their way” from wherever they are most comfortable — whether that be in their neighborhood, on a favorite hiking trail, or on a treadmill at home.

The Jimmy Fund Walk has raised more than \$155 million for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in its 33-year history. To register for the Walk (#JimmyFundWalk) or to support a walker, visit [www.JimmyFundWalk.org](http://www.JimmyFundWalk.org) or call (866) 531-9255. Registrants can enter the promo code NEWS for \$5 off the registration fee.



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PFAS

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while several homes were in the “orange” or “yellow” meaning the met the standards set by MassDEP.

This data was presented by MassDEP officials and representatives of Weston & Sampson during a meeting of the Board of Selectmen on July 25. According to meeting minutes from that day Central Regional Director for MassDEP Mary Jude Pigsley stated that Dudley was “fortunate enough” to start the process of addressing PFAS prior to the inevitable demand for testing and parts for around 34 states currently in non-compliance across the country. Dudley received a \$6.5 million loan in 2021 for treating PFAS in the public water supply which includes replacing pipes, blending water,

and other processes to meet acceptable standards.

During the July 25 meeting it was also confirmed that the lone “red” home on Eagle Drive borders the property of Gentex Optics. Documents and emails between Gentex and MassDEP were made available online confirming the past and present use of PFAS in Gentex’s operations and the requirement of a Substantial Release Migration Assessment test which will help determine if Gentex is a possible source of the contamination at the Eagle Drive home. Weston & Sampson have been hired to perform that assessment which is expected to conclude by a November deadline. Meanwhile, 63 Eagle Dr. has been receiving water from the town for the time being.

Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda con-

firmed in an interview that MassDEP, the Town of Dudley, and Gentex are working closely to determine any potential contamination source. He said the town is not acting in an enforcement role, but they do have a “very strong and compelling interest” regarding the findings as it relates to Gentex. Ruda said the town is taking the situation seriously and working closely with MassDEP to perform tests when necessary.

“Rather than predicting or guessing whether a property is at risk, the Town is testing private wells in strict compliance with, and oversight from the DEP. Testing extends 500 feet out from a water supply that doesn’t meet the standard. When that next set of test results is received, if there is an exceedance, the test bubble extends another 500 feet. There is no need to guess at the risk when

actual testing is being performed. The Town isn’t leaving anything to chance when it comes to public health. Guessing or implying or inferring scares people. The Town deals in facts,” said Ruda. “The Town has a vested interest in determining the source of the contamination and to work toward correcting the issue. It may be that part of the solution could be the installation of a municipal water line in the Eagle Drive neighborhood. It is, however, a private road and the level of cooperation that we get from all the different stakeholders, if a municipal water line is, in fact, part of a well-thought-out solution is yet to be determined.”

Ruda added there were “no surprises” from the reports presented on July 25 stating that MassDEP is the regulating and enforcement authority working with Gentex and

helping guide the town in its response to contamination concerns. He confirmed that the town has not had discussions with Gentex about possible response plans as the results of their tests have yet to be presented and that the private wells on Eagle Drive are being tested at the town’s expense until any possible definitive source of the contamination is determined.

“The Town understands that people are concerned,” said Ruda. “On a personal level, I don’t live anywhere near Eagle Drive, but I do have a private well and it recently tested high for arsenic. I paid for that test, and I am paying for the water cooler to provide my family with safe drinking water, and I will be paying for the entire cost of installing a \$10,000 water treatment and radon system in my basement. So, I complete-

ly get why people are concerned and I share the sense of urgency.”

Ruda also urged residents to call MassDEP directly at 508-792-7650 with any questions regarding testing or concerns about information provided by the town. In his words, “If someone calls into question the information that has been provided to you by the Town, call the DEP. Check up on us and then when you’ve heard the correct information, help us spread the positive news that we are all working toward the same goal.”

For now, testing will continue in accordance with a strict protocol while MassDEP and the town await the results of the Substantial Release Migration Assessment from Gentex.

ATTACKS

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did not actually attack, but were reported as “milling around excitedly” during the attacks.

After nearly four hours of testimony and deliberation, the selectmen voted to declare Harley and Cash nuisance dogs with various restrictions, Diesel a dangerous dog with even more stringent restrictions, and Stormy dangerous and subject to euthanasia.

The deciding factor was testimony of Melissa Houston, owner of the New England School for Dogs, which specializes in aggressive dogs. Reviewing videos of the Aug 1 incident and the bite information, Houston said Stormy’s behavior represented “level 5” aggressiveness in the Dunbar Bite Scale (where level 6 is death of the victim). That level, she said, occurs when an unprovoked dog bites, releases, redirects, and bites again, when the dog bites the abdomen or neck, and leaves deep puncture wounds. Under such circumstances, she said, the dog has “clear intent to do a lot of harm,” with abdominal attacks showing intent to “eviscerate” the victim.

She recommended

euthanasia, saying such behavior “is going to get worse” because the dog has already gotten used to attacking and has “no bite inhibition.” A key factor, she said, is that “not one of those dogs had any control.”

“Maybe one of the dogs had the serious intent, but what happens is there’s a pack mentality and all of the dogs get swept into the excitement,” Houston said. Later, she added that Stormy “acted like a predator and these people were prey .... The dog is not safe around the public.”

Lt. William Marcelonis, who lives nearby, said “all I hear about are these dogs ... over and over again. ... Are we going to wait until a child is taken by the neck?” He noted there have been no further complaints since Stormy was removed. (On Aug 30, she was still being held at the town kennel pending the hearing, despite the fact the 10-day quarantine had expired. The other dogs had gone home.)

He agreed with Houston’s view, saying the underlying issue is lack of human leadership there.

“Look at their demeanor,” he said of the Benways. “They are not alphas. ... Their dogs run the household.”

Dean Benway said, “I

feel bad about the whole thing. ... It should never have happened.” A little later, he added, it’s “completely my fault. I should’ve had locks on my gates prior to anything happening.”

He provided documents identifying the dogs as “emotional support animals,” saying they have “always been together,” with Diesel the eldest at 4.5 years old. The Benways said they haven’t seen aggression within their household, but Katie Benway described Stormy as “a little hyper.” She attributed that to the dog being unsprayed and “coming into heat,” and said she’s been trying to schedule spaying.

Katie Benway said the dogs respond to both of them, and she sometimes uses “a shock device.” The videos also showed one of their children being involved in trying to corral dogs after incidents. Both noted they’re working to install various kinds of control devices on their property, including fencing, signs, a fenced outdoor run, and automatically-closing latches. The selectmen ordered those and other requirements be completed within 30 days.

Gus Steeves can be reached at [gus.steeves2@gmail.com](mailto:gus.steeves2@gmail.com).

TRASH

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there are annual clean up efforts to help keep the roads trash-free, but she feels the town as whole needs to do more.

“It does fall to us. We do have Earth Day and maybe we’ll try to implement something else,” she said.

Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda recommended that the Board of Health

get in touch with the highway department about having work release community service individuals from the Worcester County Sheriff’s department help clean up the streets. This service was utilized in 2021, but Dudley has yet to receive and offer for the service this year. The Board of Health felt this was a good place to start.

DUDLEY POLICE LOG

DUDLEY — The Dudley Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of Aug. 26 to Sept. 2.

Jamie Rodriguez, age 41, of Brooklyn, N.Y. was arrested on Aug. 27 for Larceny in an amount more than \$1,200, Attempted Larceny, Attempt to Commit a Crime, and Conspiracy. Patrick F. Feliz, age 51, also of Brooklyn, N.Y. was arrested during the same incident for Larceny in an amount more than \$1,200, Attempted Larceny, Attempt to Commit a Crime, Conspiracy, and multiple counts of Improper Use of a Credit Card. A third individual, Marlon Malik Doyle, age 27, of Queens, N.Y., was also arrested during this incident for Larceny in an amount more than \$1,200, Attempted Larceny, Receiving a Stolen Credit Card, Possession of Four or More Falsely Embossed Credit Cards, Disorderly Conduct, Disturbing the Peace, Assault & Battery on a Police Officer, Resisting Arrest, Conspiracy, Attempting to Commit a Crime, and multiple counts of Credit Card Fraud. Two further individuals whose names have been withheld from publication were issued summonses in lieu of arrest.

A 29-year-old male whose identity has been withheld from publication was arrested on Aug. 31 for Assault on a Family or Household Member and in connection with an out of agency warrant.

Vendor applications available for Sacred Heart fair

WEBSTER — Vendors are wanted to for a Vendor & Craft Fair to be held at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 11 Day St., Webster, on Saturday, Nov. 14 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., sponsored by the Parish Music Ministry.

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The Council on Aging Department is seeking an Activities Assistant to help with bringing new innovative programs and organizing activities for our active senior community. Some administrative work will be required.

Please see job description for complete list of qualifications and responsibilities. Hourly rate: \$16.06 – \$17.72 dependent on experience and education.

Please apply online at <https://www.townofcharlton.net/158/Human-Resources> no later than September 10, 2022. Position will remain open until filled.

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## Dudley Grange cooking up Apple Festival 2022

DUDLEY – As the apples ripen, it's time to celebrate again!

On Saturday, Oct. 1, Dudley Hill will once again ring out with music, laughter and conversation as people from around the region get together for the annual Dudley Grange Apple Festival.

We'll see live music from the Grey Whisker Pickers and Old Time Fiddlers, artisans displaying their creative talents, animals, antiques, games, social services, candidates, plants, vegetables, vendors of various types and, of course, food. The event's signature apple crisp will vanish by the tray-full, with or without whipped cream, alongside burgers, hotdogs, ice cream and the usual festival fare. First come, first served as

long as it lasts, with doors open from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

At the same time, the Black Tavern across the street is holding its annual juried craft fair in its historic building and barn, on the porch, the Tavern grounds and the Dudley Town Common.

Between now and then, the Grange is seeking volunteers to help run things and vendors to participate, and is always looking for new members who want to help revitalize the sense of community in our area. If interested, contact Karen at 508-341-6289.

The bands are sponsored by the Massachusetts and Dudley Cultural Councils.

## Learn health care strategies for your retirement

WEBSTER — With Medicare Open Enrollment set to begin Oct. 15, your local Edward Jones branch office in Auburn is hosting a seminar on "Health Care and Your Retirement" Monday, Sept. 26 at 6 p.m. at the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library, 2 Lake St., Webster.

The increasing cost of health care is a growing concern for current and future retirees. In fact, 30 years ago, retirees spent almost twice as much on food as on health care. Today, the two are nearly equal. Join presenters Dennis Antonopoulos (Financial Advisor for Edward Jones) and Lynne Mussulli, Medicare specialist, for a discussion of Medicare coverage and traditional medical expenses, long-term medical care expenses, and strategies for addressing uncovered expenses.

To register, please call Karen Rieser at (508) 832-5385 or e-mail [Karen.reiser@edwardjones.com](mailto:Karen.reiser@edwardjones.com) by Sept. 23.

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**Live Music Noon-4**

**Saturday: The Brumble Tones**  
**Sunday: Wheelsmith**



**EB 100th 1920-2020**

**PARADE AND FAMILY FUN DAY**

**Sept 17th**

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**RAIN DATE SEPTEMBER 18TH**

Parade starts at 9:30 at Bay Path Estates on North Brookfield Road, continues on Route 9, and ends at East Brookfield Elementary School.

**ROUTE 9 WILL BE CLOSED FROM 9:00-12:00 BETWEEN ROUTE 49 AND THE CLAM BOX. Please plan accordingly.**

Free parking and shuttles at Lamoureux Ford, Howe Lumber.

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**MARCHING BANDS** including: Auburn HS, David Prouty HS, Hot Tamales Brass Band, Holyoke Caledonian Pipeband, Marquis of Granby Fife and Drum Band, New Liberty Dixie Jazz Band, Shepherd Hill HS, Worcester Fire Brigade Pipes and Drums, AND MORE!

**MARCHERS** including the East Brookfield Fire Association, Melha Shriners, Mummers, Scouting and Sporting Groups, Spencer Exchange Club, AND MORE!

**FLOATS** from over 30 area businesses and community organizations!

**VINTAGE VEHICLES** including cars, fire trucks, tractors and military vehicles!

**Family Fun Day on Connie Mack Field 12:00 to 3:30**

**Pie Eating Contest – Tug O'War**  
**Three-Legged Races – Potato Sack Races**  
Get a team and sign up near the Connie Mack Shack between 11:30 and 12:30 OR sign up early at <https://tinyurl.com/EB100thFunDay>  
• Adult and youth competitions for each contest!  
**Mobile Escape Room** from "Escape the Pike"  
**12:00-2:00** Life Flight and State Police demonstrations  
**3:00-6:00** Tethered Hot Air Balloon Rides

**Food Trucks – serving all day, including breakfast**  
Timberyard Brewery • Hardwick Winery • Suzy Q Ice Cream  
Grandpa's Kettle Corn • Coffee Cabin • Connie Mack Snacks  
Snack Food Vending • Holyoke Hummus Co • Roadside Delights  
All Purpose Bakery AND MORE!

**Old Time Baseball Game - Connie Mack Field 4:00-6:00**  
East Brookfield vs. North Brookfield  
Watch baseball as it was played in the early days of the sport!

The celebration will continue through the end of 2022 with these events:

**October 29:** Town and Cemetery Historical Tour with Harvest Dinner at Podunk Chapel  
**November 5:** Central Mass during the Revolution (9:30 Town Hall)  
**December 10:** Trolley Talk (9:30 Town Hall)  
**December:** Light the Town Holiday Decorating Contest!

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