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“The question is how we will renovate Bartlett”

BUILDING PROJECT GOING TO VOTERS
A SECOND TIME

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER — After the Bartlett renovation project was shot down at both the ballot and Town Meeting, the selectmen accepted the school district’s urging to send it back to both for another chance last week.

The board voted unanimously to set a new one-item ballot vote for June 21, and the new Town Meeting for June 28, hoping to squeeze it in under the Mass School Building Authority’s June 30 deadline. The warrant will be open for other items, including citizen petitions, until May 27.

During the recent Annual Town Meeting, it received a 62 percent majority, but as a debt exclusion under state law needed 66 percent to pass.

At the town election, it failed outright by almost 80 votes.

“It’s not a question of whether or not Bartlett High School needs to be renovated,” School Committee Chair Kelly Seddiki said. “The question really at hand is how we will renovate Bartlett High School.”

Specifically, she was referring to the alternative proposals that have been floating around for several months as part of the MSBA process. The one the town and state prefer, total renovation costing about \$101 million with about \$52 million paid by MSBA, is what’s being sent back to the voters.

But the district was also tasked with investigating an option that would only meet code requirements.

That project does not get MSBA money at all, and was estimated at \$66 million without interest – if done all at once.

That caveat is important, according to architect Kent Kovacs. Since it’s unclear how much leeway the town has in its Proposition 2 ½ cap, he said the workload would probably have to be broken into multiple projects over the course of about 15 years. The first immediate phase would replace the HVAC system, but that cost alone is high enough to trigger a legal requirement to meet state fire and federal ADA codes, since Bartlett lacks sprinklers and related safety features. A second project would address the “thermal envelope” – doors, roof, windows,

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DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

On Thursday, May 12, the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 53 representing seven towns in Southern Worcester County covering the veterans of the towns of Webster, Oxford, Dudley, Charlton, Southbridge, Auburn, and Douglas, held their installation of Officers for the Fiscal Year 2023. Left to right, sitting: Luis DeJesus, Treasurer; Shannon Daggett, Adjutant; Al Pizzetti, Jr. Vice Commander; Stephen Rogerson, Sr. Vice Commander and Veterans Services Officer. Left to right, standing: Randolph Snow, Chaplain; Jim Brinker, Past DAV Chapter Commander; Missing from the Photo is Robert Mailloux, Chapter Commander-Elect John Wojcik, Past District DAV Commander, presided over the installation of officers.

Paul Joseph Bids farewell to Dudley Select Board

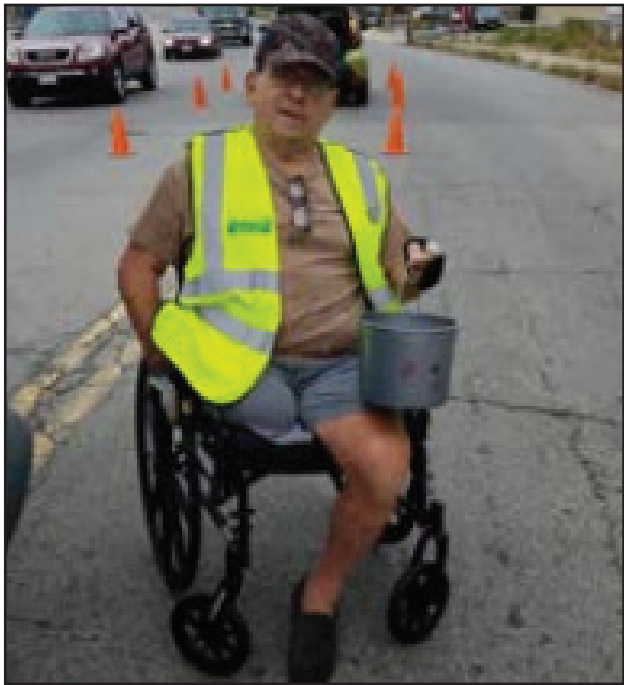
BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — With the upcoming town election in Dudley comes the end

of an era as longtime public servant Paul Joseph prepares to end his tenure on the Board of Selectmen.

Joseph has a staple of the board for nearly two decades, usually serving as a questioning voice that would dig deeper into the smaller details of issues that came before the town’s highest board. Through that time, he has become a mentor to not only the entire current sitting Board of Selectmen and Town Manager Jonathan Ruda, a former Dudley selectman himself, but also those that have since retired from public service. With his final meeting set for early June, Joseph gave an impromptu farewell during a

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CHRISTINA BAKER KLINE VISITS GLADYS E. KELLY LIBRARY

The Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library, with support from the Janet Malser Humanities Trust and the Webster Cultural Council, sponsored an evening with New York Times bestselling author, Christina Baker Kline. Pictured with Kline are members of the One Book One Community planning committee: Diane Mandile, Rena Klebart, author Kline, Cindy Nagle and library director Sondra Murphy. Missing from the photo Martina Koziak.

Three newcomers elected to Oxford Select Board

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD — For the coming year, the Board of Selectmen will be mostly a neophyte group as voters chose Tim Moriarty, Amy Frick and Robert King to lead them. That makes long-time member Dennis Lamarche the only one with more than a few months there, although Norman Leblanc had many years on the Planning Board previously.

Of them, Moriarty was top votegetter, besting Helen Chatel for a one-year term 451-346. Frick and King collected 439 and 421 votes respectively in the three-year race for two seats, ousting incum-

bent Michael Daniels-Demers, who received 403.

Despite that, Frick said she agreed with Daniels-Demers’ key goal of updating board policies and hopes to finish that project. She has been on the Finance Committee for the last few months.

“I believe he was doing a great job getting through those and I don’t want that task to be dropped,” she said by email.

King partly agreed, saying his first priority will be to work on “rules of procedure for meetings,” including implementing Town Meeting’s approval of citizen comment time. Regarding the latter, he

noted, “We just need to do it and stop manufacturing obstacles to it.”

All three thanked those who voted and/or aided their campaigns.

“I especially want to thank those that came out and voted who had never voted before and the kids who chose me as their first vote ever,” Frick said. “The turnout was low which I believe is an indication that over 90 percent of registered voters are content with how the town is handling issues.”

That was a reference to the fact only 826 total ballots were cast (8 percent). The selectmen’s contests

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Webster reopens Bigelow well

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER — Just in time for summer, the state is allowing Webster to open its Bigelow well.

Many residents recently received what Selectboard Chair Randy Becker called “code red non-emergency notices” that the town’s major well at Memorial Beach was being taken offline due to mechanical trouble with the pump.

Town Administrator Rick Lafond said there were “no safety, no quality issues,” with that well’s water. The notices weren’t Webster’s idea, and he said he didn’t think them necessary, but a “bureaucratic decision at the state level.”

Coincidentally, Bigelow’s ongoing testing for PFAS levels show its

contamination has come down (at least when blended with other water), and Webster can use it again. That well was shut down last summer when PFAS levels rose above the state’s safety limit of 20 parts per trillion. Webster has to keep testing monthly, and Selectman Earl Gabor, who also chairs the Water-Sewer Commission, said those results take six weeks to process.

Gabor said the town is planning a public hearing on updating proposals for treating the water to address the problem long term and provide “tighter figures” for cost. That’s slated for Aug 10, with various state officials, the town’s consultant Tighe & Bond, and others.

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At present, Webster is looking at three ideas ranging in cost from \$19-39 million. They are to blend water directly at Bigelow, to do so at the Memorial Beach site (which has six wells, the town’s main water source), and to pipe water from Bigelow to the beach to mix them. Tighe & Bond is now doing a cost study of them, and will have to test whichever one comes out on top to determine it actually does what they intend.

Gabor noted the most expensive option, the third, is a “nice to have,” but the others should work. Right now, water is being treated for iron and manganese, and there is enough space to add PFAS treatment at the beach site if necessary.

“There’s a lot of communities facing this very issue,” Selectboard Chair

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Food Truck Festival set for June 25

WEBSTER — The 2022 Webster PACC Food Truck Festival will take place Saturday, June 25, from noon-5 p.m. at The Polish American Citizens Club, 37 Harris St., Webster.

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Dudley prepares for Second Annual Bike Rodeo



BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – The Town of Dudley’s second Annual Bike Rodeo is quickly approaching, with a new location and a much larger concept than the 2021 event. Previously held at the town hall, the Bike Rodeo

moved to Nichols College on June 11 with the same goal of providing access to bike safety tips and exercises for riders of all ages. The event is coordinated by the Dudley Board of Health in partnership with the Dudley Police Department. Board of Health Chair Jennifer Cournoyer provided an update on the event during the Board’s May 17 meeting.

“Things are coming along quite nicely. We did speak with Sgt. (Dean) Poplawski, touching base with him. He did look at the locations. There was the concern of where the parking would be and the rodeo itself will be on the opposite side of the street. We concluded that we would have two adults with orange vests standing at the edge of each parking lot and no one is allowed to cross until they would escort back and forth. He was perfectly fine with that,” Cournoyer said.

She joked that the husbands of Board of Health members had been recruited to serve as traffic personnel during the event, but more volunteers are needed to make the Bike Rodeo a success.

“We are looking for volunteers that day,” said Cournoyer. “We needed 22, and we have 10 already – The more volunteers we have the better it will be.”

Children who participate in the Bike Rodeo will be fitted for bike helmets by the Boston Children’s Hospital and will be educated on safe bike maintenance and operation, hand signals, and be challenged to complete courses to test their reactions and maneuverability. The children will then receive licenses and certificates acknowledging their completion of the courses. The event is also expanding beyond bike safety in 2022 with plans to incorporate safe practices for sun exposure and swimming as well as tick awareness to fully prepare kids for the summer ahead.

The 2022 Bike Rodeo will be held at the Healy Road parking lots at Nichols College on June 11 from 1 until 3 p.m., with no rain date announced at this time. Those interested in volunteering can contact the Board of Health office at 508-949-8000 or by emailing building1@dudleyma.gov. Dudley prepares for Second Annual Bike Rodeo

Local students graduate from Assumption University

WORCESTER — Nearly 400 graduates received a bachelor’s degree during Assumption University’s 105th Commencement exercises on Sunday, May 8, at the DCU Center in downtown Worcester. Larry Lucchino, Boston Red Sox Hall of Famer and chairman and principal owner of the Worcester Red Sox, delivered the commencement address, thanking the University for its partnership with the Worcester Red Sox and imparting upon the Class of 2022 advice gleaned over five decades in baseball and in law. Local students include:

Jared Berg of Dudley
Christopher Rogan of North Oxford
Disha Thakkar of Webster

“I am well aware that my presence here is a reflection of the close bond that has been quickly established between the Woo Sox and Assumption,” Lucchino said. “We share a commitment to serve this community and its people. We share a new ballpark where Assumption’s name is featured prominently. In fact, [Assumption’s] vision, your loyalty, and your early commitment helped pave the way for that ballpark and its extraordinary reception.”

Lucchino imparted that since his college graduation 55 years ago, he’s “learned a few things about what to do in life, and what not to do.” He admitted that as a baseball executive, he doesn’t have all the answers, but hoped his personal top ten list of life lessons amassed from over “four unexpected decades as a baseball executive, and several decades of errors, missteps, and regrets,” might help someone along the way. The lessons included having fun; being bold; smiling; being strong enough to say, “I don’t know”; remembering that life is too hard to be lived alone; working at friendship; seeking balance; remembering Jackie Robinson and the “catalytic effect one person can have on a community, on a nation, on a compelling cause, or on a nagging injustice”; embracing and celebrating “the pluralism and diversity that are the essence of American life”; and being a positive force in one’s community.

“Life is not about warming yourself by the fire, it’s about building the fire,” said Lucchino, a three-time cancer survivor who has invested himself in cancer research and care. “The match that lights that fire is generosity. To consider yourself and to be considered capable is good. To consider yourself and be considered loving is even better. But best of all is to know yourself as generous. Generosity is its own reward. There is a Chinese proverb that applies and roughly it says if you want happiness for an hour, take a nap. If you want happiness for a lifetime, help your brothers and sisters in the community.”

In his last commencement address, President Emeritus Francesco C. Cesareo, Ph.D., who retired on June 30, congratulated the graduates for earning their degrees “in the midst of extraordinary circumstances.” He added that the pandemic provided them with “an education beyond what you could have learned in your coursework,” because the framework of the Catholic liberal education allowed students to use the pandemic as a learning experience.

“You learned that you have the ability to overcome adversity, to navigate the unexpected and to look for the positive in the midst of challenges,” he said. “You have shown yourself to be resilient despite the obstacles. You have learned the value of sacrificing one’s wants for the benefit of others, striving always for the common good. While you may not immediately perceive it, your characters are stronger, and you have become a better person because of what you have learned through the pandemic.”

In his valedictorian speech, Leominster native Nicholas Macchione ‘22 compared an Assumption education to a Swiss army knife. “If you only could have one tool to serve you for the rest of your life, wouldn’t you want it to be applicable to whatever you might encounter? The same sentiment rings true in education,” he shared. “An Assumption liberal arts education is similarly suited to a wide variety of careers and vocations.”

Macchione encouraged his classmates that “in the world of specialization that requires elaborate job titles, obtuse degrees, and the labeling of so-called experts, let us take time to unfold our Swiss army knives, recall the things that have brought us to where we are today, and trust that they will continue to take us wherever we need to go.”

During the ceremony, honorary degrees were presented to Lucchino; Francesca “Paqui” Kelly, co-founder and board president of the Kelly Cares Foundation; and Wendy M. Wright, Ph.D., professor emerita of theology at Creighton University. The Board of Trustees also bestowed honorary degrees upon President Emeritus Cesareo and his wife, Filomena Cesareo, Esq., J.D., for their 15 years of service to Assumption.

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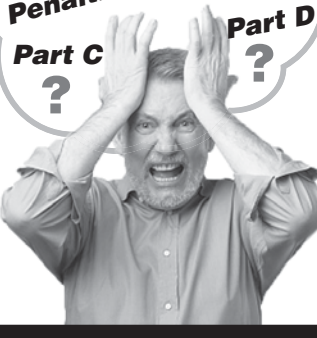
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FRIENDS’ FEATURED AUTHOR BOOK SALE – Ongoing
Welcome spring! Friends’ featured author book sale this month will feature: David Baldacci, Mary Higgins Clark, and Stuart Woods. Buy one get one free!

YOGA WITH JULIE – Saturdays 10AM-11:15AM
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SEEING HISTORY: MONET’S GARDENS AT GIVERNY – June 23rd at 6:00PM
This beautiful and informative presentation will bring you into the world of Claude Monet’s gardens at Giverny. The place that inspired so many of his masterpieces, from the water lilies to his Japanese bridge, will come alive in this vibrant and fun evening. No registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP – June 27th at 6:00PM
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, June 27th. The group will be discussing The Wife Upstairs by Rachel Hawkins. Stop by the library, or reach out by phone to 508-949-3880, or by email to ehale@cwmar.org for inquiries.

Children’s and Young Adult Programming

MAKER MONDAYS – Mondays from 3:30-4:30PM

Feeling artistic? We will have a variety of craft materials available to put your creativity to the test! Every month we

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WIGGLES AND GIGGLES – Every Friday from May 6th to June 3rd at 9:30AM
Children ages 2-5 will sing, move, play musical instruments, learn rhythm and listen to stories in this weekly music and movement series with Ms. Laine. Registration is required, follow the link on our website calendar. Sponsored by the YMCA Family & Community Partnership (YFCP), a Massachusetts Coordinated Family & Community Engagement (CFCE) grant funded by the Department of Early Education & Care and awarded to the YMCA of Central Massachusetts.

JUNGLE JIM – June 4th 1:00-2:00PM
Join Jungle Jim on a comical reading adventure in his “Imagine Your Story” Balloon Magic Show. Sponsored by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

SENSORY BIN STORYTIME – Wednesdays in June 10:00-11:00AM
Join us for stories and play time in a new sensory bin each week.

LASER TAG TEEN KICK OFF – June 23rd 6:00PM
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Victoria Mann participates in Lasell University’s annual RUNWAY show

NEWTON — Victoria Mann, a Lasell University student from Webster, was part of the University’s School of Fashion annual RUNWAY production, held from May 6-7. Mann presented original design work at the Friday undergraduate showcase. RUNWAY 2022: Reimagined featured 70 student designers and 150 behind-the-scenes personnel. This marked the first year since 2019 that RUNWAY was held fully in-person, though the show was also made available virtually through a livestream. “Putting on four shows in two nights (live and virtual) was no small feat,” said senior co-director Madison Cormier. “It was important for us to run a show that aligned with the fashion industry while still allowing room for our team’s creativity. As a director, I wanted to make sure that the fashion designers were showcased in the best way possible.” On May 6, undergraduate student designers showcased their work in ten distinct categories: sweater knits, swimwear, athleisure, menswear, lifestyle separates, evening wear, tailoring, cocktail, special occasion, and non-textile. The following evening featured Lasell’s senior fashion design and production majors, who each presented a full clothing line that was conceptualized and developed over the course of the year. RUNWAY is held annually and showcases the work of Lasell University students studying fashion fashion design and production, fashion merchandising and management, and fashion media and marketing; as well as students from a variety of majors at the University who provide business, production, marketing, and modeling support. Students design and produce a two-night event, transforming the University’s athletic center into a fashion runway and hosting over 1,200 guests for evenings full of innovative fashion design. For more information contact: Samantha Mocle, assistant director of communications at smocle@lasell.edu or at 617-243-2386.

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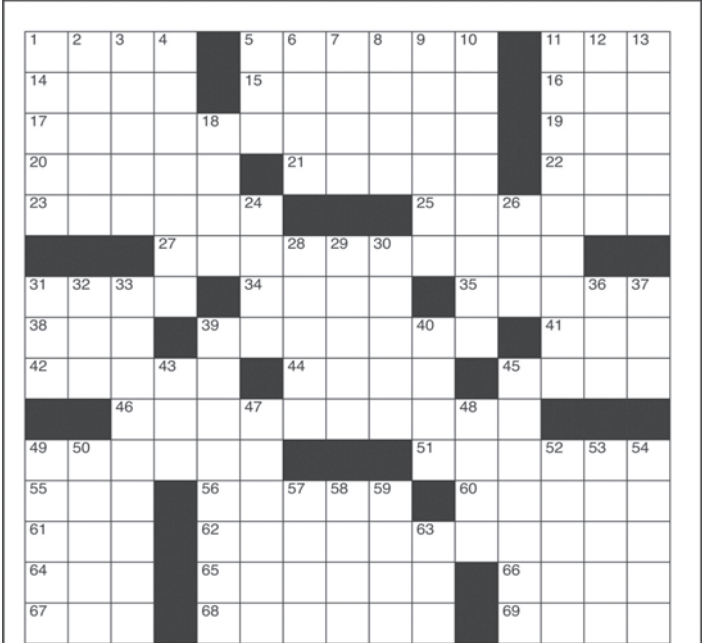
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16. Wrath
17. Social occasion
19. Mechanical belt
20. __ de la __
21. Commands
22. Body part
23. Caught sight of
25. Funeral car
27. Skin infection
31. Sometimes they “burn”
34. Russian river
35. Famed soap opera character Kane
38. Pie __ mode
39. Endangered
41. Socially inept person
42. Romanian river
44. Swerve
45. Monetary unit of Samoa
46. A type of approach to please
49. Form of Hebrew name for God
51. “Carry On My Wayward Son” rockers
55. A team’s best pitcher
56. A woody climbing plant
60. Long, edible marine fish
61. Human rights group in Africa (abbr.)
62. Data
64. Corporate bigwig
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66. Relating to the ear
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68. You need it to eat
69. Political extremists

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13. Makes tractors
18. Adult beverage
24. Force unit
26. Swiss river
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29. Woody climbing plants
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Addams Family takes the stage at St. Joseph School

WEBSTER — The Daniel and Catherine Ivascyn Performing Arts Center came to life with song, cheers, and laughter when the St. Joseph School Drama Club presented their rendition of “The Addams Family Young@Part.” The production celebrates the wackiness of the Addams Family as Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family whom her parents have never met. She confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother. Now, Gomez Addams must do something he’s never done before – keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia.

The St. Joseph School rendition was directed and choreographed by Fifth Grade Teacher, Kelly Bailey and made possible through the generosity of the Janet Malser Humanities Trust. The cast, which was made up of fifth through eighth grade students, performed favorite songs such as “When You’re an Addams,” “One Normal Night,” and “Full Disclosure.” The cast included Gianna DiCola-



The cast of St. Joseph School’s recent production of “The Addams Family Young@Part.”®

Keddy as Gomez Addams, Aleksandra Kurowski as Morticia Addams, Maeve Sullivan as Wednesday Addams, Adam Wozniak as Fester, Vanessa Zeglen as Pugsley Addams, Jacob Parafinowicz as Lucas Beineke, Hannah Watson as Mel Beineke, Alexandra Parafinowicz as Alice Beineke, Rosemary Basha as Grandma, Steve Mathu as Lurch, and Leah Boudreau, Gabriela Pianka, Molly Hachigian, Emily Macko, Laura Ibrahim, Ella Parslow, Alissa Perron, Tobi Akindede, Ayla Reed, Faith Muga, Jada Jackson, Liana Worth, and Sophia Berthiaume as the Ancestors.

Ms. Bailey was assisted by Music Director, Andrew Pariseau, Assistant Director, Miss Sara Gruposso, as well as Joey Boudreau, Sound and Light Manager, and Brendon Bailey, Projection Manager. The performances were very impressive and brought the crowd to its feet – more than once! Congratulations! To learn more about St. Joseph School and their Performing Arts Program, please visit www.sjs-webster.com or call 508-943-0378 to schedule a tour.

First Student app to allow parents to track buses

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY/CHARLTON – Parents in the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District will soon be able to keep track of the district’s morning bus routes through a new app experience provided by bus company First Student.

District Director of Finance and Operations Richard Mathieu provided a brief update to the Dudley-Charlton Regional School Committee on May 11 where he said the long-planned launch of the app for Dudley and Charlton parents has finally been green lit and will allow parents to track when buses on nearing their location.

“First Student has made its Parent App available to customers at no cost. This is something that the district had looked into a few years ago. I’m pleased that they’re now offering this as part of their overall package especially in light of the past year with many disruptions and many changes,” Mathieu said. “This is a welcome tool to the district, and we hope that we can ensure better communication directly with parents from the depot as it regards to changes to routes.”

The app will provide a wide array of options to make planning out the morning more convenient for parents. It will not only allow them to track buses, but also inform them of delays or changes in real time.

“Besides showing parents bus locations on the map, the app does allow for alerts to be sent when buses are near so you can draw a radius and say that ‘when it’s within three miles of my house please send an alert or send me a text.’ I think this is a very positive move forward,” added Mathieu.

The app will be initiated on only two routes to start, one in Charlton and one in Dudley, in the final weeks of the current school year. The plan is for the app to be launched for all parents to access before school starts up again in September. Details on how parents will be able to access the app are forthcoming.

DUDLEY POLICE LOG

DUDLEY – The Dudley Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of May 13-20.

Pria E. Nesta, age 28, of Webster was arrested on May 14 in connection with an out of agency warrant.

Leonard A. Balcunas, age 61, of Putnam, Conn. was arrested on May 15 for Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle, and Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol (second offense).

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Dudley-Charlton Education Foundation awards \$34,000 in grants

DUDLEY — On May 12, the Dudley-Charlton Education Foundation (DCEF) Inc. awarded more than \$34,000 in grants to the Dudley-Charlton School District.

“We are grateful for all of the community support in raising this money to support our school system,” says Sabrina Webb, president of the DCEF. “These new and innovative projects will be game-changers in our schools. After the past two years, it was so nice to be back in the schools and to support these grants that will give our students the experiences they may have missed along with the resources they now need.”

More than 10 projects were funded. A sensory immersion room will be created at the Heritage School, and two state-of-the-art weather stations will be installed at the elementary and middle school levels. Also, at both middle schools, grants will fund the very successful ukulele program and upgrades to the robotic program. Also, former NBA player and motivational speaker,

Chris Herren, will speak to seventh and eighth-grade students with a focus on substance use prevention. At the high school level, another grant will also provide a speaker series and workshops for the Shepherd Hill athletics teams. Shepherd Hill will also receive patient simulators for their BIOMED Pathway program and help with their biomedical sciences expansion. The funds will also support the arts, specifically bringing actors from the award-winning play “Hamilton” to host a master class for students.

“On behalf of the Dudley-Charlton

Regional School District, we are elated to support the generous donations of the DCEF to further the work of our outstanding educational professionals. Having a true partnership with the DCEF benefits all of us - students, teachers, administrators, parents, and community members. We are thankful for the support and are excited to see the future possibilities that await,” says Brian Ackerman, assistant superintendent.

Grants will be carried out in the 2022-23 school year.

Friends of Gladys E. Kelly Public Library to host book sale

WEBSTER – Summer is in the air, you can almost taste it. What goes with summer vacation besides rest, and relaxation? Reading, of course!

Come join us for the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Book Sale, Thursday, June 16 through and including Saturday, June 18. The sale will include a wide range of books: fiction and nonfiction; hardcover and paperbacks; adult and children’s books. The sale will also include CDs and DVDs and an assortment of puzzles.

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Sacred Heart to present exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles of the World

WEBSTER — Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 18 East Main St., will present free to the public, a Vatican-approved International Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles of the World on Sunday, June 26. A short presentation about Eucharistic Miracles will take place at 2 p.m. in the church, followed by the exhibit in the parish hall located at 11 Day St.

Eucharistic Miracles of the World is a photographic display featuring more than 150 panels depicting Eucharistic Miracles recognized by the Catholic Church. Each panel vividly details a miracle involving the Holy Eucharist, which Catholics believe is the consecrated body and blood of Jesus Christ. Dating back to the 8th century, witnesses have recounted these miracles that include hosts bleeding, surviving fire unscathed, and levitating, among other events.

“This extraordinary display is further affirmation of the incredible reality the Catholic Church has trumpeted for over 2,000 years, namely Jesus Christ’s real presence in the Holy Eucharist,” said Reverend Adam Reid, Pastor of Sacred Heart. “We can see and better understand how Jesus, the true miracle worker, has revealed himself to His people in awe-inspiring ways.”

The exhibit, which has been shown at more than 3,000 parishes in Italy, the United States, Canada, and many other countries, was created and designed by Carlo Acutis, a 15-year-old from Milan who died of leukemia in 2006. In his devotion to God, he researched the miracle events, even taking pilgrimages with his parents to many of the locations where they occurred. Acutis was desirous of inspiring people to return to the church and the sacraments. He was beatified in 2020 and is seemingly on the road to being official recognized as a saint by the Catholic Church. A first-class relic of this young man will be present for veneration at the exposition.

The exhibit coincides with three other significant and intimately related events for the Catholic Church. The Feast of Corpus Christi, or Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, will occur the week prior on June 19th. On that day the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops will also launch a three-year Eucharistic Revival, culminating in 2024 with the first such event here in almost 50 years. Moreover, at Sacred Heart Parish the day the exhibit is scheduled will mark the 26th anniversary of the opening of the Emmaus Center Chapel of Perpetual Adoration, a multi-parish ministry hosted by Sacred Heart that offers 24 hours a day of Eucharistic Adoration.

For more information, call the parish office at 508-943-3140 or explore the parish Web site; sacredheartwebster.org.

Memorial Day at Webster Court of Honor

SNHU announces Winter 2022 Dean’s List

SNHU announces Winter 2022 President’s List

WEBSTER — On May 30, this significant day, the unavailing of a Bronze monument will take place. This monument was in the making in Minnesota and shows a famous Army Dog who served three times in Afghanistan. This specific dog with one leg shot off became famous and just passed away a few years ago. To honor him he had a full military funeral and was laid to rest.

To make Memorial Day even more precious, one of our renowned people (Mrs. Marilyn T. Fels) here in Webster who has devoted much of her time and gave a significant financial gift helped to make this dedication possible. This special person will be present to place a USA ribbon on the monument.

We hope to see you all there.

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire — It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Winter 2022 Dean’s List.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 are named to the Dean’s List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits; undergraduate day students must earn 12 credits in the fall or spring semester, and online students must earn 12 credits over two consecutive terms (EW1 & EW2, EW3 & EW4, or EW5 & EW6).

Donovan Biron of Webster
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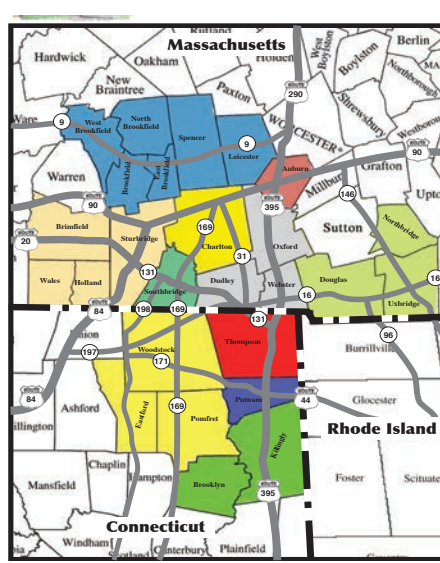
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EDITORIAL

Honoring the fallen

When Memorial Day was first celebrated, it was known as Decoration Day following the Civil War. Youngsters would place flowers in cemeteries while they sang songs and honored those lost due to war. The Civil War that ended in 1865 took the lives of more people than any other war in the history of the United States, the estimate is roughly 620,000. The Union losing 365,000 and the Confederacy 260,000. History says that more than half of these losses came as the result of disease. As a result, the first national cemeteries were created.

In 1868, General John A. Logan, the leader of an organization for Northern Civil War veterans, called for a nationwide day to honor fallen soldiers. General James Garfield gave a speech at Arlington National Cemetery on the first Decoration Day and the over 5,000 people in attendance decorated over 2,000 graves, both Union and Confederate.

The holiday as we all know is celebrated on the last Monday in May and became an official holiday in the year 1971. Parades across the country take place, and people visit cemeteries where family members who have served in the military have been laid to rest.

At 3 p.m. every year, a moment of silence takes place across the country. In December of 2008, President Bill Clinton signed the “National Moment of Remembrance Act” which designated the time be at 3:00 p.m. In 1966, the government marked Waterloo, New York as the official birthplace of Memorial Day. In Waterloo, every business in town would shut their doors and owners would venture out to decorate graves with flags as well as flowers.

Originally, Decoration Day was intended to honor those lost in just the Civil War. After WWI America felt the need, and rightfully so, to honor all those lost serving their country. In WWI 116,516 Americans died at war and 405,399 were lost during WWII. The Korean War took 36,574 lives and the Vietnam War cost 58,220 lives. 4,411 were lost in Operation Iraqi Freedom, 73 in Operation New Dawn, 2,346 as the result of Operation Enduring Freedom, 48 in Operation Freedom’s Sentinel and 61 in Operation Inherent Resolve.

An estimated 38 million people in America will travel over the holiday weekend, and 2.5 million travelers will board flights. Memorial Day is the fourth busiest travel day of the year.

In New York, Washington, D.C and Chicago you can find the largest parades in the country.

Because of the three day weekend, many Americans will throw parties and barbecues or head out of town for a mini getaway.

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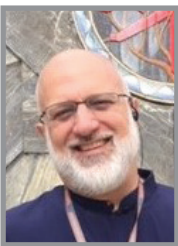
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VIEWPOINT

A 100-year celebration

By Fr. Luke A. Veronis
Saints Constantine & Helen
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BEYOND THE PEWS

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BY FR. LUKE A. VERONIS
SAINTS
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What a special celebration our Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church had this past weekend! After postponing our 100th Anniversary Celebration twice because of COVID, we finally concluded our centennial celebration when 190 of our church family gathering for a Gala celebration at the Mansion of Bald Hill in Woodstock. It was a quite an evening for our loving community!

We honored the forebearers of our Church with a beautiful 27-minute video remembering all that our past generations did to create this community and pass on the torch of faith to the younger generations. The first Greeks and Albanians came to Webster in the early 1900s and established their church in 1919. These original Southern European immigrants were treated poorly and often despised by American society, and yet they assimilated into the American life while preserving their heritage and faith. We expressed deep gratitude for them and their legacy!

We celebrated who we are today - a diverse family made up of fourth and fifth generation children from the original founders of the church as well the numerous new people and families who have joined our community – faithful from a variety of ethnic Orthodox backgrounds (Greeks, Albanians, Romanians, Russians, Lebanese, Syrians, Egyptians, Ethiopians) who found a home with us as well as the numerous converts who were either baptized or chrismated and have become Orthodox Christians. The diversity of our Church family reflects the special flavor of who we are.

During our celebration, we didn’t want to simply remember the past or lift up the present. We also turned our eyes to the future. The blessed yet serious responsibility of carrying the torch of faith and passing it on to a new generation is now ours. We have this special privilege to discover and live out the treasure of our Orthodox Christian faith while we also proclaim it to the world around us.

We surely live in challenging times when much of our society is forgetting

and turning away from God. Many people are distracted by the alluring pleasures and superficial pursuits of the day. Our secular society compartmentalizes faith and marginalizes the influence of communities of faith more and more.

We all have friends who have little authentic, life-changing experience of faith and no contact with any community of faith. Too many of our young adults, teens and children literally know nothing about faith and have little to no experience of the beauty of a sincere faith community. Our society seems quite confused and lost in many ways. This is where vibrant, healthy Churches and communities of faith come in! We can offer an experience of love and acceptance, of light and joy, of meaning and purpose. Communities of faith have always played a central role in the history of our country and throughout all cultures of the world, and they can continue to play this essential function.

We may lament the challenging reality we face in society today, or we can look at it as a wonderful opportunity for us to shine the light of Christ in a darkened and chaotic world. I challenged our Church Family to truly act as light-bearers who bring the Good News of hope and joy which our Risen Lord Jesus Christ has ushered into the world.

As we see a decline in religious commitment throughout society, may we never forget that God is ultimately in control. He is the “One who is, who was, and who is to come, the Lord Almighty.” Christ is the light of the world, the bread of life, the living water that quenches our thirsty souls. We never need to get discouraged. We simply must strive to stay faithful to our Lord and act as His ambassadors in this world. We are called to rejoice each day with gratitude and thanksgiving, to see the beauty of life all around us, to bring the joy of the Lord to all people, and to continue acting as light bearers in the world!

May God grant to all of us and to our blessed Saints Constantine and Helen Church family that has been in Webster for 100 years, many more years where we can act as a lighthouse, a spiritual hospital, a sacred oasis, and an ark of salvation to Webster, Central Massachusetts, Northeast Connecticut and to all the world!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Serving Oxford is the best thing I’ve ever done

To the Editor:

I write this letter to the residents of Oxford on my last day on the Board of Selectmen.

I have served six years on Oxford BOS, plus a multitude of other volunteer positions over a 15 year period, including FINCOM, Personnel Committee Member, Deputy Moderator, FINCOM Liaison to Schools, Community Reader, School Volunteer. Someone once told me I was the first woman to serve on FINCOM and be the first deputy moderator. I’ve never researched that but if that’s the case, then I’m grateful for the people who helped me be there.

But the best thing I’ve ever done in Oxford is to serve its residents. One thousand percent. Representing you, your interests, your voices, your concerns, your future. That was my job and that’s what I strived to do.

I did not run again as I do need a breather: enjoy some major events with my family and decide what my next steps are.

The concern I have for any government: be it local, regional, statewide, national or global is involvement. It is imperative, even at the local level, to be involved as much as possible and understand what is going on in your government. The money spent to run any government is contributed by you. It’s your taxes. You elect public officials to determine where those tax dollars

are spent. You have every right to ask questions, write letters, send emails, speak at meetings, talk to the people you elect both in person and in a group.

And if you don’t receive transparent or straightforward answers, then note that and remember that for upcoming elections. Don’t vote by popularity, vote by who you can trust and who allows themselves to be held accountable to you. Someone once told me that to tell what a person stands for, is to watch their actions and not their words. Follow that when in doubt. There are always some things that cannot be discussed, i.e. lawsuits or personnel matters, but we are all reasonable enough to understand this. The freedom to ask questions was fought for by our forefathers. Do not hesitate to use this freedom. Do not hesitate to take advantage of it. Government will not get better or more transparent unless you demand that it be better.

Those are the words that have led me during my time in public office. My friends, I hope that this free’s you to ask what you want and get the answers you deserve.

My deepest gratitude from myself and my family for allowing me the time to serve.

Sincerely,

CHERYLL A. LEBLANC
OXFORD

One community

To the Editor:

On Thursday, May 19, our community came together, not only to listen to an outstanding presentation, but to celebrate being together in person to share a common experience. After two years of isolation, we missed being together. We missed being a community. But Thursday evening’s event at the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library with author Christina Baker Kline proved what we could do when we work together for a common purpose.

A small but mighty group of volunteers (thank you Cindy Nagle, Martina Koziak and Diane Mandile) worked with our community leaders to bring to our town a world renowned best-selling author. But it wasn’t just the volunteers that made the difference, it was the

support of the Janet Malser Humanities Trust, the Webster Cultural Council and the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library and their financial contributions that made the event a reality.

Our library director, Sondra Murphy, said it best “I was very proud to be a part of this Library community last night...great job!”

We look forward to continuing the author series next year and greatly appreciate the support of our entire community. As we all know, books bring out the best in all of us!

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The REAL ID deadline is approaching fast



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The “REAL ID” driver’s license program is now within one year of full implementation in Massachusetts. This is a federal security program created in 2005 due to the September 2001 terrorist attacks. The goal is to have standardized and secure identifications issued throughout the country. This enables people to use their license as an official identification for domestic air travel or to enter federal facilities. Under this program, Massachusetts ID’s will meet similar standards as other states. This was supposed to be in effect as of October 2020, however; due to the COVID-19 emergency, several dates have been moved. Since we continue to receive questions on this, I was asked to provide some updates on this program.

People who have valid licenses have a choice of obtaining a standard driver’s license or a REAL ID. Both are available for issue by the Massachusetts Registry. In Massachusetts, the deadline to obtain a REAL ID was extended until May 3, 2023. This means after that date, only a REAL ID or a valid passport would be an acceptable form of identification to fly domestically or enter federal buildings. These pandemic related moves have allowed everyone more time to obtain these ID’s. If you wish to obtain a standard license you can follow the same renewal plan as before. This may be done online or in person at a Mass DOT Registry point. Should you wish to obtain the REAL ID, it must be done in person, at a Registry or a AAA office if you are a member. You will be required to provide proof of citizenship or lawful presence, your Massachusetts residency information, and social security number. A passport or an original birth certificate (with raised seal) are a valid proof of citizenship. In addition, for the REAL ID, you will need some documentation that will display your full 9-digit Social Security Number. These can include a pay stub, W2 form, 1099 form, a tax return, and any other official document that has the full number. Should you be required to prove residency, you can use any number of documents that display a residential (Not PO Box) address. For married individuals, who have changed their name, an original marriage certificate is generally required. A piece of first-class mail issued within 60 days, a tax or utility bill, or other official correspondence proves your residence status. More information can be found at <https://www.mass.gov/guides/massachusetts-identification-id-requirements>.

The form of license you wish to have is your choice. If you have no intention of flying or using this to enter federal buildings, the standard license is fine. If you wish to use a REAL ID, you will need to have it in place by May 2023. According to Mass DOT, approximately 41 percent of drivers have obtained these REAL IDs so far. They advise everyone seeking these documents to make an appointment soon. The appointments will fill up closer to the date and may not be available. Please review the proper documentation to bring with you to obtain the REAL ID to avoid multiple trips to the Registry and the frustration that accompanies it.

For those still seeking vaccination or COVID related information, it can be found at www.dudleyma.gov or by calling 508-949-8036. During these challenging times, we, at the Dudley Police Department, greatly appreciate the support we receive from our community.

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. 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.

Bullied while fishing

As we approach Memorial Day weekend, we are remembering the veterans and those that went before us. Appreciating the country we live in, even though some hard times are ahead, we still can live free to worship, and enjoy our family and friends daily.

We can also enjoy the great outdoors, fishing, hunting, attend cookouts, etc. because of the sacrifices that were made by our veterans. This weekend many families will head out to do some fishing at local ponds or at the ocean where it can become quite hectic at some of the boat ramps in previous years. Before launching your boat, you need to remember to have it ready before pulling onto the ramp. Removing all hold down straps and placing all coolers and fishing gear, and life preserves into the boat, prior to pulling onto the ramp, needs to be done. It should take less than five minutes to launch your boat, and make way for the next person waiting in line. If you have a problem launching your boat, ask someone for help.

First time boat owners often have a hard time backing onto a boat ramp, and most boat owners will gladly help out, which will keep the line moving and everyone will get onto the water to fish and enjoy the day, with family and friends. There are also a couple of impatient anglers that are waiting to launch their boats every year, and become agi-



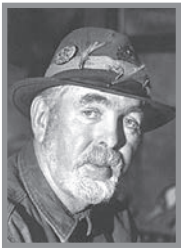
Matt Fontaine with an impressive seabass taken aboard his fishing boat last year.

tated when they are required to wait very long to get onto the water. Do not let them ruin your day! In the past, fights have broken out, and innocent

boat owners & family end up having their day ruined. Do not let this happen to you!

On the brighter side, I can remember fishing with my late brother Mel when we were around eight or nine years old at the Meadow pond in Whitinsville. We were brought up fishing on the Meadow pond and Arcade Pond, and basically, the two ponds were our playground. Our parents were not overly concerned about our safety, as the world then was a lot safer than today. Anyway, we were fishing with our cheap steel rods that came in a long aluminum tube with a cheap reel that had no drag on them, and we used our thumb to slow the line when a fish was hooked.

It was not long before a bully decided he was going to push my brother Mel out of his spot. He was a bit older by couple of years, but my brother held his ground. Suddenly, the bully decided to make a cast with his somewhat high-priced fishing gear and hooked my brother in the side of the head. We both quickly jumped on our bikes and headed for home, after breaking the line from the pole. I managed to get home first to tell my mother that Mel had a hook in the side of his head. As Mel pulled into the back yard of our



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house on Main Street, you could hear him crying rather loudly. Mel was taken to the ER. and had the hook removed, no worse for the incident. The next day, the bully had the nerve to ask for his fishing lure back that

I have till this day, minus the hook on one side. Just another day growing up in Whitinsville in the Fortys.

A report from Captain Mel True of “Fish Net Charters” stated that Buzzards Bay was slow fishing for seabass this past weekend, although he managed to get his clients their limit of four fish each. Then they went & fished for Tautog, and limited out with the three fish limit. Reports of stripers being caught in the bay, and in the Providence River last week was good news. The bottom line is that the cost to go fishing for a few fish these days is hurting the small charter boats this year, & with the severe restrictions on species of fish and price of gas, even the private boat owner is complaining about the cost to do a little fishing.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Readers Share Tips and Tricks

As the days get longer and life becomes busier, finding ways to make life a little easier is especially appreciated! From packing and cleaning hints to repurposing tips, the following submissions from readers are sure to save you time and money this season!

And remember readers, send in your favorite helpful hint and you could win Dinner for Two at the Publick House in Sturbridge.

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Organizational packing is literally “in the bag,” with this reader’s tip:



TAKE THE HINT
KAREN TRAINOR

Check up on others. When I’m feeling stressed, I try to redirect that energy into something good by sending a quick text to someone I don’t speak to very often. Not only is it doing something kind, which is scientifically proven to make you feel better, but it often helps give you some perspective.

Audrey Crozier
Spencer, MA

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A clever couple offered tips for corraling clutter, unconventional cleaning, and an unexpected repurposing tip:

When you’re packing to go on a trip and you have a 14” x 8” or larger luggage bag, put a lightweight plastic dollar store square container or longer (with cover on or off) inside the bag. This way you can store all your supplies and you can see everything you need for easy access, shampoos, cosmetics, etc.

Jo Ann Wypyck
Gilbertville, MA

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Help yourself by helping others is this reader’s antidote to high anxiety:

I’d like to submit a tip about handling stress:

I have to give credit to my significant other for two of these tips:

If you have a small bathroom like we do, try putting up a few sturdy wicker baskets on the wall for storage of personal care items, etc. It really helps to keep clutter away.

My second tip is also from him. He sprayed WD40 (I don’t know why) into the toilet bowl. It cleaned it better than any other cleaner we’ve tried.

My last tip is actually mine: I think someone who tends to drop things a lot like myself, would find a back scratcher that extends quite handy. I use mine so often to retrieve things I drop on the

floor.

Karleen Cournoyer
Whitinsville, MA

Yes, we have some bananas – ripe ones at that, thanks to this reader’s tip!:

The best tip I’ve used recently is ripening bananas in the oven. I acquired a few large bunches of bananas and needed to ripen them quickly to make several banana breads/cupcakes. I put them in a 350 degree oven for 20 minutes, and Voila! Ripened bananas perfect for baking!

Pam Murray
Oxford, MA

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This reader’s old farmers’ trick boosts a plant’s nutrition without spending a penny:

My hint saves money on plant food. When rinsing out empty milk containers do not pour that water down the drain, instead pour it into your plants. You can use on indoor or outdoor plants. My plants thrive on it. This tip was shared with me by a farmer years ago; farmers would rinse their milk cans and pour the milky water into their gardens.

Judith Lewinski
Webster, MA

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Prize Winner

Congratulations to Karleen Cournoyer from Whitinsville, MA, who offered the trio of tips above. Her name was drawn for a three course dinner for two at Publick House in Sturbridge.

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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.

Give optimism a chance

I’ve heard it said that pessimism is destructive, and optimism is boundless. What is the best way? I guess it all depends on what you want from life.

You can find plenty of people throughout time who promoted pessimism. George Bernard Shaw said, “The optimist invents the airplane, the pessimist the parachute.”

There have been plenty who have promoted optimism. Winston Churchill said, “The pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity, the optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.”

Whatever you choose, realize that they are not just philosophies; they are also strategies for dealing with the issues of life.

What is Pessimism?

POSITIVELY SPEAKING
TOBY MOORE

One of the definitions of pessimism in the dictionary reads: “a tendency to see the worst aspect of things or believe that the worst will happen; a lack of hope or confidence in the future.”

Coming from a background in acting, I’ve been around many dreamers. I’ve been around many people who have had big goals and ambitions and saw themselves as larger than life.

Some of these people succeed as optimists but then become jaded pessimists. Interestingly, those I have known who went from optimism to pessimism succeeded while they were optimists and failed when they were pessimists.

I was friends with a very optimistic actor. We met every evening and

rehearsed our auditions together. He went on to star in a successful television series. We lost touch, but I saw him at an audition years later, and he was different. I asked him how he was doing, and he only had negative things to say. He was sour and bitter. Something changed. Coincidentally, he wasn’t working anymore.

An article in Psychology Today suggests that most people don’t start as pessimists; instead, they become pessimists because of trauma they’ve experienced in their life. Pessimism is often a strategy to prepare for the worst. It’s a way for someone to set low expectations for their performance to protect against disappointment.

Pessimism takes a toll on one’s mental and physical health. Pessimism is

associated with anxiety, depression, sleep disorders, hostility, high blood pressure, and heart disease.

Some will say that realism is the middle ground between pessimism and optimism. A realist might tell you that they are rational and only perceive things as they are, without any interpretation. Is that possible? Can you see life outside of the filter of your experience and beliefs? I tend to think that a realist usually falls into two categories, a pessimistic realist or an optimistic realist.

Walt Disney said, “I like to look at the optimistic side of life, but I am realistic enough to know that life is a complex matter.”

A lot of people tend to confuse optimism and idealism. They are not the same. One definition

of idealism reads,” the practice of forming or pursuing ideals, especially unrealistically.”

I suppose I’ve been guilty of being an idealist in my younger years. I genuinely believed that I had a chance to be an Olympic swimmer. Even though I was very far from competing on that level, I thought I could do it if I believed and worked hard enough. In the end, I never came close. I learned that taking an honest assessment of one’s strengths and weaknesses is very important.

A successful optimist is realistic in their approach and hopeful and confident about the future. Often their optimism comes from their faith. Many studies have shown that being optimistic about the future predicts success. Those

who are optimistic are overwhelmingly successful compared to those who are pessimistic.

A recent scientific study revealed that optimists live 11-15 percent longer than pessimists and are associated with better overall health.

My father, who started this column, was an optimist. I think about his life often and am amazed at his accomplishments. There is no way he could have done the things he did if he had a negative mindset. He remains an inspiration and a guiding light in my life.

Were you once optimistic, but became pessimistic? Have you always been a pessimist but are unhappy and want more from life? Change your thinking, have some faith, and give optimism a chance.

Use rain barrels to capture rainwater

Put rainwater to use in your landscape with the help of rain barrels. This centuries old technique allows you to capture



GARDEN MOMENTS
MELINDA MYERS

rainfall to use for watering ornamental gardens and containers.

Always start with a call to your local municipality. Some have restrictions on water harvesting, but most encourage this practice, and some even offer rebates or rain barrels at a discounted rate.

Purchase a rain barrel or make your own from a large, recycled food grade container. In either case, there are some features to consider when purchasing, creating, and adding a rain barrel to your landscape.

Make sure the top is covered to keep out bugs and debris. Some come equipped with a solid lid with an opening just big enough to accommodate the

downspout. Others use a screen to keep out debris, while letting in the rain.

Don’t worry about mosquitoes breeding inside your rain barrel. Just use an organic mosquito control like Mosquito Dunks and Mosquito Bits (SummitResponsibleSolutions.com) in rain barrels and other water features. Mosquito Bits quickly knock down the mosquito larval population, while Mosquito Dunks provide 30 days of control. They are both safe for people, pets, fish, wildlife and beneficial insects.

Look for one with the spigot near the base of the barrel so water does not stagnate in the bottom. Use the spigot to fill watering cans or attach a hose for watering.

Include an overflow outlet near the top of the barrel to direct excess water away from the house or for connecting adjacent barrels. A downspout diverter is another way to manage rain barrel overflows. When the rain barrels are full, this device diverts the water back to the downspout where it is carried away

from your home’s foundation.

Elevate your rain barrel on cement blocks, decorative stands, or similar supports. This provides easier access to the spigot for filling containers and speeds water flow with the help of gravity. A water pump will boost water pressure for a nice steady flow of water.

Dress up your container with a bit of paint suited for outdoor use on plastic surfaces. And don’t worry if you are not an artist, you can hide your rain barrels with some decorative screens or plantings or upright shrubs, perennials or ornamental grasses. Just make sure you have easy access to the spout for retrieving water.

Start your conversion to rain barrels one downspout at a time. You can capture as much as 623 gallons of water from 1,000 square feet of roof in a one-inch rainfall. This can be a lot to manage when first adjusting to this change of habit. Disconnecting one downspout at a time allows you to successfully match the use of rain barrels and other rain harvesting techniques to your gardening style and schedule.

The choices are many, making it easy



Melinda Myers

Elevate your rain barrel for easier access to the spigot for filling containers and to speed water flow with the help of gravity.

for you to conserve water and grow a beautiful landscape.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *The Midwest Gardener’s Handbook, 2nd Edition* and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses “How to Grow Anything” DVD series* and the nationally-syndicated *Melinda’s Garden Moment TV & radio program*. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by Summit for her expertise to write this article. Her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

OBITUARIES

William J. “Bill” Shugrue, 78

OXFORD – William J. “Bill” Shugrue, 78, passed away peacefully on May 16, 2022, at UMass Memorial Medical Center – Memorial Campus in Worcester, surrounded by his loving family.

He leaves his son, Jon P. Shugrue and his partner Kerri Stone and his children Nikita and Alexander J. Shugrue of Oxford; his daughter, Elizabeth M. “Buffy” Provo, her husband Jason and their children Maxwell J. and Lilly E. of Rochdale; his older brother, Paul C. Shugrue of Worcester and his children, God Child Cheryl A. Dionne, Michael S. Shugrue, Lisa Rosum and Lynn A. Shugrue; his younger sister Bonnie H. Lemoine of Auburn, and her children, Christopher B., Jennifer Briggs A., and Jeremy R. Lemoine; his youngest sister, Nancy M. Lavoie of Sutton and her husband Marcel, and their children Joseph M. Lavoie and Jill M. McGinnis; and he also leaves his partner, Kathy DeAlmeida and their dog, Toots.

Billy was born in Worcester on October 17, 1943. He grew up on Lakeside Avenue and later on Beaver Street in Worcester. He attended the former Commerce High School where he was an outstanding athlete. Bill was a State Champion in track, winning the 40-yard dash in record time and he was also an “All City” fullback, breaking multiple city scoring records on the Commerce High Football Team.

Bill was extremely proud of his Irish heritage. He was a member of the Greendale Royaliers Drum and Bugle Corp. He was later the Drum Major for the Auburn Notables Drum and Bugle Corp. He served in the U.S. Army Reserves from 1969 – 1971. Billy was a truck driver for the former Anchor Motor Freight for 35 years, retiring in 1999 after logging thousands of miles throughout the Northeast and mid-At-

lantic regions.

Bill loved reading and preferred non-fiction; anything about cars - buying selling delivering and driving - yard sales and visiting friends and family; he loved all animals, especially horses, elephants and dogs. He loved to tell jokes and looked for humor every day. He was most happy, and his favorite past-time was playing the steel guitar. He was a self-taught musician who spent countless hours practicing. Music was a constant source of joy and comfort to him his entire life. It brought him peace.

He was predeceased by his grandparents, Michael and Elizabeth (Coyle) Mullins; and Patrick and Nellie (Foley) Shugrue; his beloved parents, retired Worcester Police Officer Francis P. Shugrue and Frances J. (Mullins) Shugrue; and his brother-in-law, Ronald B. Lemoine who was also his close friend; and his dogs, Tommy and Margaret.

The family would like to extend special gratitude to Bill’s partner Kathy for her loyal companionship and love during the last 12 years; and the physicians and nurses at UMass Memorial 5 South, who took such good care of Bill and also offered compassionate care to the family.

A funeral Mass was held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at St. Peter’s Church, 929 Main St., Worcester. Those attending are respectfully requested to meet directly at the church. Burial followed at St. John’s Cemetery in Worcester. Calling hours were Monday, May 23, 2022, from 4-7 p.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford.

The family requests donations in Bill’s memory be made to the Worcester Chamber Music Society, 9 Irving Street, Worcester, MA 01609.

Dudley works toward becoming “Dementia Friendly”



DUDLEY — The Town of Dudley is currently working towards becoming a “Dementia Friendly Dudley” Massachusetts Community. We’re encouraging the public to becoming Dementia Friends to better understand those in the community who are affected by/with Dementia.

This is an initiative by the State of Massachusetts and the Massachusetts Councils on Aging, MCOA to educate our community members about what dementia is, ways to communicate with someone who has dementia, taking time and patience in understanding a person who may be affected, encouraging their voice in the community, acceptance of dementia, de-stigmatization of dementia, inclusion of persons with dementia helping them to remain visible and valuable, cherished members of the community.

Monetary donations are greatly appreciated and can be made directly to the Dudley COA Dementia program. Donations will be used to help spread Dementia awareness and education, as well as for creating vital local Dementia assistance info. helpful/ useful informational packets for any families, caregivers, individuals, who requests one, or several for the business/ commerce community, faith groups, organizations etc.

The Dudley Senior Center also offers a Free Memory Cafe’ monthly on the third Thursdays of the month. Live music,

a light meal and pleasant socialization with nonjudgmental friends. This is a come as you are, be who you are, at this moment in time positive venue. This Program is especially meant for Friends affected by/with Dementia, mild cognitive impairment, Alzheimer’s, Lewy Body Dementia, Stroke, Vascular Dementia, Parkinson’s etc. together with their families, friends, care/ partners to enjoy a fun positive program of inclusion and acceptance. We are Dementia Friends!

Please call Margaret at. 508-949-8015 if you would like to schedule a group Dementia Friends presentation, or please email for more information at coadirector@dudley-ma.gov.

WEBSTER SENIOR CENTER

5 Church St.
(508) 949-3845
Open Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Email: SeniorCenter@Webster-MA.gov

Like the Webster Senior Center Facebook page to view our photo’s, news and announcements. Please stop by to pick up our monthly newsletter for a complete list of activities and upcoming events.

The Webster Senior Center will be closed on Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.

Tri-Valley Lunches are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 11:30 a.m. Please call (508) 949-3845 at least 48-hours in advance to reserve or cancel your meal.

The Bomba Beauty Salon at the Webster Senior Center is open Mondays - Fridays 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Walk-ins Are Welcome! Please call (508) 341-8724 for more information.

Mondays and Wednesdays: Exercise Classes with Forty Arroyo – Chair Dancing – the perfect workout for any fitness ability! 9:30-10:30 a.m. Cost: \$3 per class

Mondays: Knitting/Crochet Social 10 a.m. – noon

Bingo: Every Tuesday, starts promptly at 1:00 pm. Please plan to arrive by 12:30 pm to allow time to buy your bingo sheets.

Do you like to play cribbage? We have a weekly cribbage group that meets every Tuesday at 1:00 pm – feel free to join us!

Progressive Pitch 1:00 pm Mondays and Wednesdays, and 13-card Pitch on Thursdays.

Mahjongg group meets every Friday at 1:00 pm

A SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone) counselor is available at the Senior Center by appointment only. Please call (508) 949-3845 to schedule an appointment.

Summit Healthcare will be offering a health care presentation on Wednesday, June 1st at 10:30 am. and will be checking blood pressures on Wednesday, July 6th at 10:30 am.

CRAFTERS WANTED! The Friends of the Webster Senior Center are sponsoring a Craft Fair on Monday, October 17, 2022. We are looking for applicants that are senior residents of Webster or a member of the Webster Senior Center. Come join us for the craft fair and rent a table for only \$10.00! Applications available at the Senior Center. Space is limited so be sure to fill out an application early.

Trip 1: Webster Senior Center and Best of Times are offering a trip to the Danversport Yacht Club for a Patsy Cline Tribute Show on Wednesday, June 22nd. Trip price of \$99.00 per person includes show ticket, transportation, luncheon, meal tax & gratuity.

Trip 2: Lake Winnepesaukee Cruise & Castle in the Clouds on Tuesday, August 16th. Trip price of \$149.00 transportation, 2-hour Lake Cruise, visit to Castle in the Clouds, luncheon, meal taxes and gratuities. Our trips are quickly selling out so don’t wait to reserve your seat! Please call the Senior Center at (508) 949-3845 for more information.

Summer Porch Pot Workshop with Bemis Nursery will be held on Monday, June 13th at 10:00 am. Cost of \$25.00 includes all supplies. Sign up at Senior Center front desk, payment due at time of sign up.

The Worcester County Sheriff’s Office House Numbering Program will create a custom wooden sign with your house number free of charge. One sign per senior household. Please contact the Webster Senior Center if you are interested in having a house number sign made for you. (508) 949-3845

Please call the Senior Center at (508) 949-3845 or stop in to pick up our monthly newsletter for a complete list of additional activities and upcoming events.

WEBSTER POLICE LOG

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of May 15-21.

Robert E. Lussier, age 59, of Webster was arrested on May 15 for Assault & Battery and in connection with a warrant.

Julio Brache, age 42, of Webster was arrested on May 15 for Assault & Battery.

A 36-year-old female from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on May 16 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

Victor R. Rosado-Vazquez, age 38, of Worcester was arrested on May 16 for Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License (subsequent offense), a Number Plate Violation, and Failure to Stop for Police.

Grace Jeannette Trotta, age 21, of Webster was arrested on May 17 in connection with a warrant.

Robert Michael Doyle, age 37, of Moosup, Conn. was arrested on May 17 in connection with an out of agency warrant. A 34-year-old female from Willimantic, Conn. was issued a summons in lieu of arrest during the same incident for Speeding at a Rate of Speed Exceeding the Posted Limit and Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle.

A 23-year-old male from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on May 18 for Assault on a Family or Household Member and Disorderly Conduct.

Jose L. Reyes, age 28, of Worcester

was arrested on May 19 in connection with a warrant. A 20-year-old female from Worcester was issued a summons in lieu of arrest during the same incident for Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended Registration.

Shaun P. Murphy, age 26, of Webster was arrested on May 21 for Disturbing the Peace, Resisting Arrest, Assault & Battery on a Police Officer, Disorderly Conduct (subsequent offense), Possession of a Class B Drug, and Assault with a Dangerous Weapon. Joseph T. Murphy, age 26, of Worcester was arrested during the same incident for Disorderly Conduct and Disturbing the Peace.

Steven A. Amons, age 70, of Webster was arrested on May 21 for Assault with a Dangerous weapon against a person over the age of 60.

An 18-year-old female from Worcester whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on May 21 for Disorderly Conduct, Disturbing the Peace, Conspiracy to Violate Drug Law, Intimidation of a Witness, Juror, Police Officer, or Court Official, and Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member. An 18-year-old male, also from Worcester, was arrested during the same incident for Disorderly Conduct, Resisting Arrest, Assault & Battery on a Police Officer, Possession of Class A Drug with Intent to Distribute, Possession of a Class E Drug, Conspiracy to Violate Drug Law, Disturbing the Peace, Assault, Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon, and Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

Shepherd Hill auditorium in need of new sound system

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — Shepherd Hill Regional High School needs a new sound sys-

tem for the Connie Vanco Galli Auditorium. Several Dudley Charlton Regional School District officials confirmed the news during a May 11

School Committee meeting where the first major donation towards the cause was also revealed. Superintendent Steven Lamarche said the rough-

ly \$37,000 project comes as equipment has gone out of date and started to fail to the point where replacement of parts would be complicated. The system has become a mix of different pieces over the years and a full replacement is finally warranted.

“Unfortunately, the auditorium sound system has failed. We are working on replacement and appreciate the contributions, but we also appreciate the contribution from the Music Booster organization,” Lamarche said before later confirming the price tag. “What’s happened is the sound system has had pieces added to it over the years so it’s at the point now where you’d have to shop on eBay to replace some

of the parts. You have to look at the entire system.”

District Director of Finance and Operations Richard Mathieu confirmed the first major donation towards the project later in the meeting. The Fels Foundation has earmarked \$10,000 covering more than a quarter of the expected price tag. Superintendent Lamarche called the donation “very important” and confirmed that they do not plan to turn to the taxpayers to pay for the upgrades at this time.

The district has applied for several grants and groups like the Music Boosters have begun fundraising efforts to cover the remaining cost. The new sound system is expected to be installed

before the next school year if funding resources pan out. The Connie Vanco Galli Auditorium has become a significant asset for the Dudley community over the years serving as both a place for school performances while also being the primary meeting location for larger town meeting functions including annual and special town meetings.

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Local 4 Life to host event in Dudley

DUDLEY — Local 4 Life invites the general public to “Flicks at the Farm,” an educational, family-oriented evening taking place at Walnut Lane Farm at 33 Koebke Rd., Dudley. The event takes place on Saturday, June 11 at 7 p.m. Rain date is June 12.

The event features an outdoor screening of Sacred Cow, an independent film about regenerative farming; live music by the local band The Grey Whisker Pickers; and several children’s activities. Food and drink will be available for purchase.

Admission to the event is \$10 per family. Be sure to bring your own chairs or blankets.

“Flicks at the Farm” is generously sponsored by Country Bank.

Visit the Web site at www.local4life.org to purchase tickets and to learn more about the non-profit organization.

Proceeds support Local for Life’s mission - to cultivate local connections through agriculture and business partnerships that provide educational outreach that promotes conservation and fosters community.



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LEGALS

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The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. W022P1680EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Kevin S Hill
Date of Death: 04/10/2022

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Douglas W Hill of Brewster MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Douglas W Hill of Brewster MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/14/2022**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 13, 2022
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
May 27, 2022

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
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225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. W022P0138EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Alicia M Nottage
Date of Death: 12/14/2021

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

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(SEAL)
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
Docket Number: 22 SM 001344
ORDER OF NOTICE

To:
Carl W. Phillips
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (*et seq*)
Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust I
claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Dudley, numbered 27 George Street (formerly 2 George Street), given by Carl W. Phillips and the late Karen K. Phillips to Fleet Mortgage Corp., A South Carolina Corporation, dated October 30, 1998, and recorded in Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Book 20601, Page 144, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, has filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant’s Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before 6/27/2022, 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 May 16, 2022.
Attest: Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
2017070228
May 27, 2022

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Docket No. W022P1665EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Yvonne M Mathurin
Also Known As:
Yvonne Mathurin
Date of Death: 10/19/2021

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A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Paul L Mathurin of Oxford MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Paul L Mathurin of Oxford MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
Premises: 15 Tanner Road, Webster, MA 01570
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Gregory L. Campanella, Lawrence Cucchi and Lauri L. Campanella to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Security Atlantic Mortgage Co. Inc., and now held by **Bank of America, N.A.**, said mortgage dated August 29, 2007 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of

Deeds in Book 41771, Page 115, as affected by a Default Judgment Order dated November 12, 2020 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 63887, Page 20; said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP FKA Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP by assignment dated November 29, 2011 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 48218, Page 218; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction** on June 24, 2022 at 04:00 PM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: *The land in the Town of Webster, Worcester County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, being bounded and described as follows: Beginning at an iron pipe at the southwest corner of the tract herein described, and the northwest corner of land, now or formerly of Martin, on the easterly side of the Massachusetts State Highway layout of Route 12, Worcester Road; Thence North 3° 2’ 34” West along the easterly side of Worcester Road, a distance of 134.83 feet to a Massachusetts Highway bound; Thence running northerly along the easterly side of Worcester Road, on a curve to the right, having a radius of 4,000.0 feet and a length of 74.20 feet to an iron pipe; Thence North 87° 11’ 42” East along land of Richard Pizzetti, a distance of 100.00 feet to an iron pipe; Thence South 4° 07’ 38” East along land of grantor, Joseph Pizzetti, a distance of 220.58 feet to an iron pipe; Thence North 86° 29’ 04” West along land of Martin, a distance of 104.40 feet to the iron pipe at the point of beginning. Together with a right of way described in Book 7235, Page 125. Being Parcel A on Plan Book 486, Plan 86. For title reference see deed recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 34459, Page 82. ALSO the land situated on Tanner Road, Webster, Worcester County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING - at an iron pipe at the southeast corner of tract herein described on the westerly side of Tanner Road at the northeast corner of land of Martin, now or formerly; THENCE - N 86° 29’ 04” W along said Martin land, a distance of seventy-five and no hundreths (75.00) feet to an iron pipe; THENCE - N 4° 07’ 38” W along other land of Dean and Susan Mason a distance of two hundred ten and forty-five hundreths (210.45) feet; THENCE - N 85° 53’ 40” E along land of Richard and Theresa Pizzetti, now or formerly, a distance of six and no hundreths (6.00) feet; THENCE - S 4° 07’ 38” E along Parcel C-1, Ann B. Pizzetti, a distance of one hundred seventy and sixty-eight hundreths (170.68) feet; THENCE - S 86° 29’ 04” E along said Pizzetti land, Parcel C-1 a distance of seventy-nine and ninety hundreths (79.90) feet to a point on the westerly side of Tanner Road; THENCE - S 11° 28’ 24” W along the westerly side of Tanner Road a distance of forty and thirty-nine hundreths (40.39) feet to the point of beginning. The above described tract contains an area of 4,242 square feet. BEING Parcel C-2 on Plan entitled “Revised Plan of Land in Webster, Mass. surveyed for Dean and Susan Mason dated May 15, 1985, Robert F. Para, R.L.S., Stonebridge, Mass., and recorded in Plan Book 536, Plan 41.*
The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.
For Mortgagor’s Title see deed dated August 29, 2007 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41771, Page 113.
TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.
FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer’s or cashier’s check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer’s or cashier’s check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale.
Other terms to be announced at the sale.
Brock & Scott, PLLC
1080 Main Street, Suite 200
Pawtucket, RI 02860
Attorney for Bank of America, N.A.
Present Holder of the Mortgage
401-217-8701

May 27, 2022
June 3, 2022
June 10, 2022

A.C. 92A
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
22E0027PP
Worcester, ss.
Probate Court
To Marlana E. Dembniak of Webster in the County of Worcester and to all persons interested.
A petition has been presented to said Court by Stanislaw Piowarczyk of Dudley in the County of Worcester representing that she hold as tenant in common undivided part or share of certain land lying in Dudley in said County Worcester and briefly described as follows:
A certain tract of land situated on the southerly side of Linwood Street Extension in the Town of Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:
Beginning at an iron pipe in the southerly line of said Linwood Street Extension at land of August Pepka, said pipe being 124.5 feet easterly of the easterly line of Harris Street, measuring along the southerly line of said Linwood Street Extension;
Thence easterly 106.5 feet by the southerly line of said Linwood Street Extension to a stake at land of Julianna Radzik, now or formerly;
Thence southerly with an interior angle of 78° 16’, a distance of 116.9 feet by land of Julianna Radzik, now or formerly, to an iron pipe;
Thence westerly 75 feet to a stake at land of said Pepka;
Thence northerly 109.0 feet by land of said Pepka to the point of beginning. Also a certain tract of land in said Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts, being a portion of the property conveyed to William and Mary Pepka by Madiej Kozub, by deed dated October 26, 1940, and recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 2796, Page 547, bounded and described as follows:
Beginning at the junction of a wall at the northeasterly corner of the original lot; Thence N. 84 1/4° E. 75.0 to an iron pipe;
Thence S. 15 1/4° E. 81.0 feet to a point; Thence S. 84 1/4° W. 75.0 feet to a point at other land of Mary Pepka;
Thence N. 15 1/4° W. by other land of Mary Pepka 81.0 feet to the point of the beginning.
ALSO the land with any buildings thereon in the Town of Webster, County of Worcester, Commonwealth of Massachusetts off the westerly side of Poland Street and shown as Parcel B on a plan by Albert L. Fitzback, P.L.S., entitled “Subdivision of Land Owned by Rita Johnson” dated May 10, 1988, and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, in Plan Book 599, Plan 66, bounded and described as follows:
Beginning at a point at the southeasterly corner of the Parcel to be described; said point being S. 89° 41’ 20” W. and 150 feet from an iron pipe on the westerly side of Poland Street;
Thence S. 89° 41’ 20” W. along land or formerly of Stefan Homme et ux for a distance of 140.64 feet to a point;
Thence N. 09° 42’ 11” W. along land now or formerly of John J. Pepka et ux for distance of 46.03 feet to a point;
Thence N. 88° 09’ 05” E. along land now or formerly of John J. Pepka et ux for a distance of 75.54 feet to a point;
Thence N. 09° 42’ 11” W. along land now or formerly of John J. Pepka for a distance of 81.00 feet to an iron pipe;
Thence N. 88° 09’ 05” E. along the northerly face of a stonewall and land now or formerly of Peter Radzik and Stasia Radzik for a distance of 98.77 feet to a point;
Thence S. 05° 20’ 48” W. along the westerly side of Parcel A for a distance of 130.64 feet to the point of beginning. The above described parcel contains 14,048 square feet.
Setting forth that her desires that – all – the aforementioned described part – of said land may be sold in private sale for not less than \$400,000.00 dollars, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which th Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof.
If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Worcester before ten o’clock in the forenoon on the fourteenth day of June 2022 the return date of this citation.
Witness, LEILAH A. KEAMY, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twelfth day of May 2022.
Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
May 27, 2022
June 3, 2022
June 10, 2022

Local residents receive degrees at Worcester Polytechnic Institute's 153rd Commencement

WORCESTER — WPI awarded nearly 1,200 Bachelor's degrees at the undergraduate Commencement ceremony on May 14.

In her final commencement exercises before stepping down to become the Director of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, President Laurie Leshin presided over both celebrations, along with Board of Trustees Chairman William Fitzgerald '83. In her remarks, President Leshin celebrated the Class of 2022 and all they have accomplished during their time at WPI, including how they weathered the challenges of the pandemic. "While it would be unfair to describe the second half of your time at WPI as anything short of extraordinarily challenging, as always, I am so heartened by how this community came together to meet every moment," she said.

The keynote address was given by Rochelle Walensky, MD, MPH, Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and Administrator of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, who was awarded an honorary degree. She praised the members of the Class of 2022 for navigating the uncertainties of the pandemic and implored them to continue embracing the many shades of gray they first encountered due to COVID-19, and are likely to continue to face in their professional lives.

Honorary degrees were also bestowed upon State Senator Harriette Chandler, the first woman from Worcester to serve in the Massachusetts State Senate, a position she has held since 2001. Lesley Small Zorabedian '72 was honored with a Presidential Medal for her trailblazing efforts to help shape the university. She was one of the first women to be enrolled at WPI as an undergraduate in 1968 and in 1972, she became the first woman to receive an undergraduate degree from WPI.

The undergraduate class speaker, Nicole Conill, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science, with a focus on cyber security. Conill

is pursuing a master's in Computer Science at WPI. Her speech was titled "Reflect on the Past. Celebrate the Present. Focus on the Future." She concluded by telling her classmates to "follow your heart to wherever, whomever, or whatever it is that calls you. Use what you've learned from WPI, whether it's academic or personal, to guide you on that journey."

The following students were awarded bachelor's degrees at WPI's Commencement Ceremony:

Hannah Belan of Dudley majored in Interactive Media and Game Development

Leila Card of Dudley majored in Aerospace Engineering

Thomas Dziechciarz of Webster majored in Chemical Engineering

About Worcester Polytechnic Institute

WPI, a global leader in project-based learning, is a distinctive, top-tier technological university founded in 1865 on the principle that students learn most effectively by applying the theory learned in the classroom to the practice of solving real-world problems. Recognized by the National Academy of Engineering with the 2016 Bernard M. Gordon Prize for Innovation in Engineering and Technology Education, WPI's pioneering project-based curriculum engages undergraduates in solving important scientific, technological, and societal problems throughout their education and at more than 50 project centers around the world. WPI offers more than 70 bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs across 17 academic departments in science, engineering, technology, business, the social sciences, and the humanities and arts. Its faculty and students pursue groundbreaking research to meet ongoing challenges in health and biotechnology; robotics and the internet of things; advanced materials and manufacturing; cyber, data, and security systems; learning science; and more. www.wpi.edu



Courtesy

OXFORD LIONS AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS

The Oxford Lions Club awarded three \$500 scholarships to the following recipients: Recipient of the scholarship in memory of Lion Al DuBois, Abigail McDaniel a 2022 Oxford High graduate attending the University of New Haven in the fall, majoring in Forensic Science, Recipient of a Lions Club scholarship, Samuel Zostant a 2022 Oxford High graduate attending Worcester State University in the fall, majoring in nursing, and Recipient of a Lions Club scholarship, Megan Raymond a 2022 Oxford High School graduate attending Franklin Pierce College in the fall, majoring in Sports and Recreation Management. The Oxford Lions Club Scholarship Committee consists of Lion Dr. Antoinette Parvis, Chair, Lion Elaine Goulas, Lion Diane Racicot, and Cheryl DuBois. On behalf of the Oxford Lions Club, we wish them years of further success and happiness.

BIGELOW

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Randy Becker said. "... With the state and all of its abundance of money at this point, they should start dedicating some funds [to this]."

Last November, the board held a public hearing on this issue featuring a presentation from Mass Department of Environmental Protection's Mary Jude Pigsley and Mark Smith.

Pigsley said the state uses such a strict standard (as opposed to the federal EPA 70 parts per trillion guidance) to take into account "rapidly developing scientific information" and growing "understanding of toxic effects," particularly on the most susceptible parts of the population, including children and pregnant/nursing women.

Currently, the state regulates six of the thousands of PFAS chemicals in drinking water, and Smith said it's likely the state will gradually reduce the acceptable limits and add chemicals to that list. That's likely to create "analytical issues" due to the present limit

of testing capability, as well as spur development of technology to destroy PFAS and get them out of production.

At present, the only thing that will destroy PFAS are the "super-high temperatures" of certain incinerators (none in Massachusetts today), Pigsley said. They do not biodegrade, can accumulate in the bodies of living beings causing some cancer risks and immune/endocrine disruption, and "toxicity occurs at low exposure levels." They're particularly dangerous when people drink or cook with water contaminated by them, but are less risky for bathing, rinsing vegetables and some other acts, Pigsley explained.

"Everybody in the entire world, almost, has been exposed to PFAS in some way," she said. She noted DEP wants to work with affected towns to solve the problem, including by buying back toxic firefighting foam and other things. The agency also provides free private well testing in about 60 towns.

Webster started testing its water last spring, with Bigelow Well showing lev-

els above 10 ppt, the DEP's standard for monthly sampling. That has not been an issue with the six Municipal Beach wells, in part because the standard allows sources to be blended and tested at the point they actually enter the water supply system, according to Water/Sewer Superintendent Tom Cutler in November.

He said Municipal Beach wells, with a combined flow of 2,600 gallons per minute and a PFAS average of just 5.8 ppt, can handle the town's needs now, but expects a problem when summer's increased demand comes. Bigelow's 1500 gal/minute (PFAS average 22 ppt) can be reactivated "in an emergency situation," and he noted summer demand is "something I lose sleep over."

If the town finds it needs to use Bigelow, it must have plan to provide other water to the various at-risk groups, Pigsley said. That can include bottled water or rebating their purchase of such water, among other things.

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

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

WEBSTER — The following students have been named to the honor roll at St. Joseph School for the third term of the 2021-2022 academic year.

Grade 4

High Honors: Tosin Akindele, Alexis Archambault, Avery Archambault, Lukas Barbosa, Hayley Benes, Natalee Genduso, Neli Kuznecki, Jacob Lopez, Maria Mankarios, Jacob Marcuccio, Brooklyn McCarthy, Olivia Rozanski-Rose, Benjamin Thomas, Ivonka Warnajtys

Grade 5

High Honors: Tobi Akindele, Rosemary Basha, Jada Jackson, Simon Kowalczyk, Kyle Muchiru, Faith Muga, Jacob Parafinowicz, Ayla Reed, Alan Rubin, Jacob Singer

Honors: Ryan Amaral, Lisa Kippax, Jake Martin, Gianna Pigeon, Gabriel Rudnicki, Luke Surowaniec, Liana Worth, Adam Wozniak

Grade 6

High Honors: Claire Calnana, Colton Haase, Molly Hachigian, Laura Ibrahim, Jack Keller, Emily Macko, Alissa Perron

Honors: Gabriel Gallant, Ryan Grupposo, Alvin Montreuil, E Ila Parslow

Credit: Violet Johnson, Alan Kulpa, John O'Melia, Max Podgorny

Grade 7

High Honors: Emerson Bernard, Leah Boudreau, Bella Calnan, Haleigh Creighton, Aiden Muchiru, Marcus Muchiru, Gabriela Pianka, Gianna Rosario, Shayley Szela, Vanessa Zeglen

Honors: Bobbi Enman, Alex Kowalski, Brett McCarthy, Jacob Perry, Ike Rudnicki

Grade 8

High Honors: Philo Basha, Andrew Bergeron, Treyton Dery, Giann DiCola-Keddy, Aleksandra Kurowski, Paul Mankarios, Rocco Rudnicki, Maeve Sullivan, Hannah Watson, Matthew Zdrok

Honors: Connor Czechowski, Steve Mathu, Bradley McCarthy, Matthew Obrycki, Alexandra Parafinowicz, Adam Podgorny, Juliana Rudnicki

LEGALS

Public Notice

Sale of Motor Vehicle under G.L. c. 255, Section 39A Notice is hereby given by: Arnie's 24HR Towing, Inc. 74 Southbridge Rd North Oxford, MA 01537 pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that on June 13, 2022 at: 74 Southbridge Rd, North Oxford, MA 01537 by means of private sale the following Motor Vehicle will be sold to satisfy the garage keeper's liens thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicle.

Description of vehicle:
2014 GMC Savana Cutaway
VIN# 1GD374CG7E1907267
Owned by: Brian Devries
6 Hibbard Rd
East Woodstock, CT 06281
May 27, 2022
June 3, 2022
June 10, 2022

LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Cynthia Johnson and David C. Johnson to Mortgage

Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for GMAC Mortgage Corporation, dated April 28, 2006 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 38857, Page 172 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage PHH Mortgage Corporation is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for GMAC Mortgage its successors and assigns to PHH Mortgage Corporation dated January 23, 2020 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 61869, Page 22, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 39 Brodeur Avenue, Webster, MA 01570 will be sold at a Public Auction at 12:00 PM on June 28, 2022, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land in said Webster, situated on the westerly side of Brodeur Avenue, so-called, in said Webster and being Lots Nos. 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29 as shown on Plan B of Upland Terrace in said Webster,

Mass., drawn by Henry A. Racicot, C.E., dated August 18, 1939 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 110, Plan 10. Exceptions, restrictions and conditions as stated in Deed from Anna Rulli to Maryann Zagami recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds at Book 18449, Page 33. Excepting out portions of the premises recorded in Book 3640, Page 166 in Book 3683, Page 206. For title see deed recorded in Book 35674, Page 341. For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 38857, Page 170. The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as

a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. Other terms to be announced at the sale.

PHH Mortgage Corporation
Korde & Associates, P.C.
900 Chelmsford Street
Suite 3102
Lowell, MA 01851
(978) 256-1500
Johnson, Estate of Cynthia, 19-036569
May 27, 2022
June 3, 2022
June 10, 2022

SPORTS

Auburn at the top of SWCL boys’ track and field team championship

LEICESTER’S MILLER
A TRIPLE WINNER IN
400 METERS,
110-METER HURDLES,
LONG JUMP

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

OXFORD — The 12 member schools of the Southern Worcester County League took to Oxford High for the annual boys’ track and field championship meet, which took place on Tuesday, May 17.

Under mild but at times breezy conditions, Auburn High won the team title, accumulating 103 points. The Rockets bested second place Oxford by 24 points.

Individually, Leicester High’s Teddy Miller was a triple winner, taking firsts in the 400-meter dash, 110-meter hurdles and long jump events. Uxbridge High’s Lincoln Schiller (one-mile run, 800-meter run) and Oxford’s Darius Richardson (100-meter dash, 200-meter dash) each were double winners.

Each event handed out 31 possible points, with first place taking 10 points, second earning 8, third grabbing 6, fourth getting 4, fifth taking 2 and sixth receiving 1.

The results are as follows:

- Team Standings
1. Auburn, 103 points
 2. Oxford, 79
 3. Grafton, 67.5
 4. Uxbridge, 58
 5. Millbury, 55
 6. Tantasqua, 53
 7. Leicester, 50
 8. David Prouty 12
 9. Quaboag, 10
 10. Northbridge, 7
 11. Southbridge, 1.5

Individual Results

- 100-Meter Dash
1. Darius Richardson, Oxford, 11.44
 2. Aditya Kaki, Grafton, 11.58
 3. Myles Craft, Oxford, 11.64
 4. Zack Oliveira, Uxbridge, 11.69
 5. Julian Kondratowicz, David Prouty, 11.72
 6. Tyler Schold, Millbury, 11.79

- 200-Meter Dash
1. Darius Richardson, Oxford, 23.46
 2. Aditya Kaki, Grafton, 23.613
 3. Tyler Schold, Millbury, 23.618
 4. Cameron Caso, Uxbridge, 23.93
 5. Julian Kondratowicz, David Prouty, 24.08
 6. Myles Craft, Oxford, 24.14

- 400-Meter Dash
1. Teddy Miller, Leicester, 51.68
 2. Ryan Gleason, Millbury, 54.09
 3. Dominic Murphy, Tantasqua, 54.54
 4. Tyler Kwamo, Auburn, 56.35
 5. Makarious Mansour, Uxbridge, 56.63
 6. Avery Mitchem, Tantasqua, 57.43

- 800-Meter Run
1. Lincoln Schiller, Uxbridge, 2:09.30
 2. Vincent Miles, Auburn, 2:09.95
 3. Dylan Delage, Leicester, 2:16.46
 4. Jason Fournier, Leicester, 2:18.05
 5. Abhinav Sood, Grafton, 2:20.00
 6. Mike Burns, Millbury, 2:20.62

- One-Mile Run
1. Lincoln Schiller, Uxbridge, 4:55.74
 2. Nevan Kelley, Grafton, 4:58.77
 3. Luke Herren, Grafton, 5:03.44
 4. Camden Foley, Tantasqua, 5:07.17
 5. Vincent Miles, Auburn, 5:18.55
 6. Camden Stone, Oxford, 5:22.70



Nick Ethier photos

Area schools competed in the Southern Worcester County League boys’ track and field championship meet at Oxford High on Tuesday, May 17.

- Two-Mile Run

 1. Aidan Ross, Uxbridge, 10:57.65
 2. Nevan Kelley, Grafton, 11:21.92
 3. Luke Herren, Grafton, 11:22.26
 4. Jason Fournier, Leicester, 11:27.87
 5. Mike Burns, Millbury, 11:30.68
 6. Jamie Hozier, Millbury, 11:33.45
- 110-Meter Hurdles

 1. Teddy Miller, Leicester, 15.75
 2. Cameron McNally, Auburn, 16.82
 3. Avant Fitzpatrick, Tantasqua, 17.22
 4. Hayden Plumb, Auburn, 17.49
 5. William Owusu, Oxford, 19.36
 6. Nolan Charbonneau, Millbury, 19.38
- 400-Meter Hurdles

 1. Cameron McNally, Auburn, 1:01.87
 2. Bryce Tessier, Tantasqua, 1:02.48
 3. William Owusu, Oxford, 1:02.73
 4. Nolan Charbonneau, Millbury, 1:03.38
 5. Anthony Phillip, Millbury, 1:04.13
 6. Cooper White, Leicester, 1:05.31
- 4x100-Meter Relay

 1. Uxbridge (Cameron Caso, Zack Oliveira, Thatcher Sweeney, Camden Lachapelle), 47.08
 2. Oxford (Brett Morgan, Sam Zostant, Kalimbiro Bujlriri, Robert Fisher), 48.00
 3. Tantasqua (Cameron Murphy, Avant Fitzpatrick, Nathan Winco, Brad Ellithorpe), 48.37
 4. Millbury (Sergio Hernandez, Mario Vincequere, Jemil Jalloh, Tyler Vacarro), 48.62
- 4x400-Meter Relay

 1. Auburn (Jackson Bolduc, Gavin Groh, Nathan Leboeuf, Tyler Kwamo), 3:55.82
 2. Tantasqua (Joshua Baldracchi, Dylan Thompson, Camden Foley, James Segatore), 3:57.04
 3. Grafton (Nicholas St. George, Cooper Berube, Andrew Samaha, Logan Mayo), 4:05.29
 4. Millbury (Ryan Gleason, Sergio Hernandez, Jemil Jalloh, Nolan Clark), 4:05.92
 5. Uxbridge (Matt Healey, Tyler Bergman, Makarious Mansour, Tyler Erickson), 4:07.48
 6. Leicester (Dylan Delage, Giovanni Aguiar Ortiz, Xavier Morales, Tyler Herron), 4:10.70
- High Jump

 1. Owen Stevens, Quaboag, 6-00
 2. Tyler Kwamo, Auburn, 5-10
 3. Caden Ashmore, Grafton, 5-10
 4. Anthony Phillip, Millbury, 5-06
 5. Jackson Shea, Grafton, 5-04
 5. Michael Cook-Ramos, Southbridge, 5-04
- Long Jump

 1. Teddy Miller, Leicester, 20-09.00
 2. Brett Morgan, Oxford, 18-11.25
5. Auburn (James Almeida, Owen Fitzgerald, Kweku Akese, Blake O’Brien), 49.40

6. Grafton (Alex Inciong, Nicholas St. George, Daniel Lettery, Alonzo Carpenter-Hill), 49.42
3. Tyler Schold, Millbury, 17-11.50

4. Nathan Winco, Tantasqua, 17-11.25

5. George Adrianoplous, Millbury, 17-10.75

6. Glen Kelley, Grafton, 17-10.00
- Triple Jump

 1. Tyler Kwamo, Auburn, 42-02.50
 2. Kweku Akese, Auburn, 41-08.00
 3. William Owusu, Oxford, 40-03.00
 4. Myles Craft, Oxford, 38-03.50
 5. Adam Hillerstrom, Grafton, 37-02.50
 6. Tyler Schold, Millbury, 36-05.50
- Shot Put

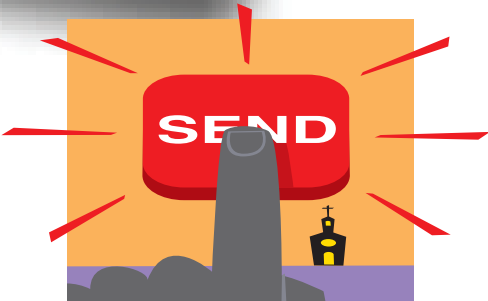
 1. Anthony Lataille, Tantasqua, 43-09.00
 2. Owen Fitzgerald, Auburn, 41-00.00
 3. Ian Gahan, Northbridge, 38-06.00
 4. Sam Zostant, Oxford, 37-00.00
 5. Garrett Papierski, Auburn, 36-10.00
 6. Keating Oliver, Auburn, 35-10.00
- Discus Throw

 1. Owen Fitzgerald, Auburn, 115-06
 2. Gathan Chaput, David Prouty, 110-07
 3. Garrett Papierski, Auburn, 104-05
 4. Ryan Schiappa, Grafton, 102-05
 5. Sam Zostant, Oxford, 99-00
 6. Ian Gahan, Northbridge, 94-09
- Javelin Throw

 1. Aidan VanArsdelan, Oxford, 125-00
 2. Jason Bein, Millbury, 114-11
 3. Tyler Erickson, Uxbridge, 114-09
 4. Teddy Miller, Leicester, 113-01
 5. Gavin Groh, Auburn, 110-07
 6. Robert Fisher, Oxford, 109-00

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SPORTS

SWCL girls' track and field team championship goes to Uxbridge

DAVID PROUTY'S BARNETT, AUBURN'S DEFOSSE, MILLBURY'S NIKIFOROW ALL DOUBLE WINNERS



Nick Ethier photos

On Wednesday, May 18, Oxford High hosted the 12 Southern Worcester County League schools for the annual girls' track and field championship.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

OXFORD — One day after the boys' meet, the girls' track and field teams had their turn at the annual Southern Worcester County League championships on Wednesday, May 18.

Uxbridge High won the team championship with 120 points under pristine temperatures and a sunny sky. The Spartans defeated second place Tantasqua Regional, who scored 84 points.

On the individual side, there were three double winners. David Prouty Regional's Eliana Barnett (100-meter dash, 200-meter dash), Auburn High's Katherine DeFosse (100-meter hurdles, long jump) and Millbury High's Mila Nikiforow (one-mile run, 800-meter run) all won two events.

There were 31 points available in each event, points being awarded in a 10-8-6-4-2-1 scale for finishing in first through sixth place.

The results are as follows:

Team Standings

1. Uxbridge, 120 points
2. Tantasqua, 84
3. Grafton, 78
4. Auburn, 58
5. Leicester, 52
6. Oxford, 38
7. Millbury, 32
8. David Prouty, 31
9. Quaboag, 3

Individual Results

100-Meter Dash

1. Eliana Barnett, David Prouty, 13.25
2. Breanna Escobar, Leicester, 13.66
3. Ellie Makowiecki, Oxford, 13.72
4. Jacquelyn Gilbert, Millbury, 13.76
5. Lili Shiers, Tantasqua, 13.78
6. Tess Chevalier, Tantasqua, 13.80

200-Meter Dash

1. Eliana Barnett, David Prouty, 27.95
2. Ava Chevalier, Tantasqua, 28.36
3. Shaless Reddick, Auburn, 28.69
4. Haley McCormack, Tantasqua, 28.701
5. Sydney Mercadante, Auburn, 28.705
6. Morgan Kates, David Prouty, 28.82

400-Meter Dash

1. Allie Shrayer, Grafton, 1:04.53
2. Kendall Gilmore, Uxbridge, 1:06.02
3. Nicole Dupuis, Grafton, 1:07.67
4. Kaylee Tavares, Uxbridge, 1:08.43
5. Grace Kates, David Prouty, 1:09.29
6. Rian Fadden, Leicester, 1:09.43

800-Meter Run

1. Mila Nikiforow, Millbury, 2:33.66
2. Molly Hilditch, Auburn, 2:35.38
3. Olivia Magierowski, Tantasqua, 2:39.97
4. Karina Sargent, Auburn, 2:41.41
5. Abigail Deary, Uxbridge, 2:41.82
6. Anabel Melanson, Quaboag, 2:42.97

One-Mile Run

1. Mila Nikiforow, Millbury, 5:39.75
2. Grace Cummings, Grafton, 5:59.86
3. Julia Philbrook, Uxbridge, 6:12.76
4. Elle Bristol, Grafton, 6:14.68
5. Parker Tunley, Quaboag, 6:15.50
6. Abigail Gahagan, Leicester, 6:17.61

Two-Mile Run

1. Abigail Bernabei, Leicester, 13:00.80
2. Alena Duval, Grafton, 13:53.86
3. Haley Courtney, Tantasqua, 13:58.91
4. Jemma DePasquale, Grafton, 14:05.49
5. Sabrina Tibedo, Uxbridge, 14:17.21
6. Ghislaine Brenner, Grafton, 14:31.72

100-Meter Hurdles

1. Katherine DeFosse, Auburn, 15.13
2. Kathryn Cahill, Uxbridge, 15.90
3. Haley McCormack, Tantasqua, 17.96
4. Katie Riley, Tantasqua, 18.123
5. Mariko Partin, Grafton, 18.130

6. Megan Raymond, Oxford, 19.45

400-Meter Hurdles

1. Kathryn Cahill, Uxbridge, 1:08.29
2. Katherine DeFosse, Auburn, 1:08.36
3. Claire Godek, Tantasqua, 1:19.50
4. Niamh McSweeney, Uxbridge, 1:23.55
5. Claire Bertrand, Millbury, 1:25.02
6. Maryah Moldrow, Millbury, 1:26.78

4x100-Meter Relay

1. Tantasqua (Ava Chevalier, Tess Chevalier, Lili Shiers, Katie Riley), 54.67
2. Oxford (Adrianna Roszkowski, Annie Maynard, Ashlyn Hebert, Ellie Makowiecki), 55.65
3. David Prouty (Emilee Larson, Alivia Sauvageau, Grace Kates, Morgan Kates), 56.29
4. Grafton (Emily Moreau, Casey Dunlap, Emma Bittel, Sade Carpenter-Schatzman), 56.34
5. Leicester (Alexa Butler, Jordan Clarke, Taylor Waterman, Abigail Johnson), 56.64
6. Millbury (Jacquelyn Gilbert, Jenna Boria, Hannah Irish, Isabella Raymond), 57.34

4x400-Meter Relay

1. Grafton (Katie Branda, Elle Bristol, Nicole Dupuis, Allie Shrayer), 4:38.47
2. Auburn (Lilah Delongchamp, Sofia Fortunato, Mya Benoit, Chloe Foster), 4:48.67
3. Tantasqua (Claire Godek, Tessa Kline, Olivia Magierowski, Haley Courtney), 4:50.06
4. Uxbridge (Olivia Holden, Milla Mace, Sabrina Tibedo, Kaylee Tavares), 4:51.44
5. Oxford (Julianna Small, Jewelisa Richardson, Ana Neves, Molly Raymond), 5:16.78
6. Leicester (Abigail Bernabei, Alexis Herbert, Bujak Grace, Rian Fadden), 5:21.75

High Jump

1. Haley McCormack, Tantasqua, 5-02
2. Megan Raymond, Oxford, 4-10
3. Lili Shiers, Tantasqua, 4-06
4. Mariko Partin, Grafton, 4-06
5. Breanna Escobar, Leicester, 4-04
6. Jordan Patterson, Leicester, 4-04

Long Jump

1. Katherine DeFosse, Auburn, 16-11.00
2. Kathryn Cahill, Uxbridge, 15-10.50
3. Tori Paulauskos, Grafton, 15-08.50
4. Kendall Gilmore, Uxbridge, 15-00.00
5. Tess Chevalier, Tantasqua, 14-11.00
6. Annie Maynard, Oxford, 14-08.50

Triple Jump

1. Tori Paulauskos, Grafton, 33-09.00
2. Kathryn Cahill, Uxbridge, 33-07.00
3. Breanna Escobar, Leicester, 33-01.00
4. Ava Chevalier, Tantasqua, 32-05.00
5. Haley McCormack, Tantasqua, 31-11.50
6. Mariko Partin, Grafton, 31-07.50

Shot Put

1. Saige Frazier, Uxbridge, 28-11.00
2. Lily Brayman, Uxbridge, 28-10.00
3. Payton Banfill, Oxford, 28-02.00
4. Jewelisa Richardson, Oxford, 26-08.25
5. Emilee Larson, David Prouty, 25-11.25
6. Rachel Rapose, Tantasqua, 25-08.50

Discus Throw

1. Lily Brayman, Uxbridge, 86-03
2. Gianna Noyes, Uxbridge, 80-01
3. Milla Mace, Uxbridge, 75-02
4. Elizabeth Mitchell, Millbury, 74-04
5. Nina Dykas, Leicester, 74-01
6. Emma Robertson, Oxford, 69-07

Javelin Throw

1. Abigail Johnson, Leicester, 91-07
2. Sarah Brouillard, Leicester, 89-00
3. Gianna Noyes, Uxbridge, 76-06
4. Milla Mace, Uxbridge, 76-03
5. Mya Benoit, Auburn, 75-00
6. Hannah Harris, Oxford, 74-06

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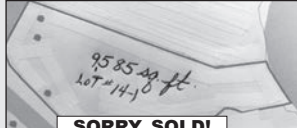
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etc. – in 2027; a third phase handles full plumbing, electrical, technology and communication systems in 2031; and the final part addresses remaining code issues in the interior and stormwater management, but not kitchen and auditorium, in 2035.

That list does not include ongoing maintenance between those bigger projects, and will not include many things seen “in a public high school across the Commonwealth,” Kovacs said. He also noted the town would end up paying for some things for each phase, including hazardous material cleanup, replacing ceiling panels and the like for access, and basic contractor set-up and break-down time, that it only funds once in a total renovation.

Town Building Commissioner Ted

Tetreault agreed with Kovacs’ priorities. He said his recent inspections have made him worry about old equipment “burning out, which causes a safety issue, especially in an unsprinkled building,” because there’s no way to know if or when it might cause a fire.

Tetreault said he’s told the district repeatedly it needs sprinklers, but held off on enforcing them because he knew of the effort to seek MSBA aid. If the renovation project fails again, he said it can’t wait any longer – “It’s not something we want to do. It’s something that has to be done,” he said.

So far, Bartlett has been in limbo eight years, getting only basic maintenance (for which MSBA gave the project the highest points available, Superintendent Ruthann Goguen said). The district started applying to join MSBA’s funding program then, and was accepted to start the formal feasibility

and planning process two years ago.

It would “go back to the end of a very long list” if Webster misses the June 30 deadline, because MSBA isn’t likely to grant an extension, she said.

Goguen pointed to many physical issues with the school, including leaks, poor ventilation, heating problems and bad windows as being “how our students go to school each day at Bartlett.” Some of those images are on the project’s new Facebook page, with various other information: <https://www.facebook.com/Bartlett-High-School-Renovation-Project-Group-116777237698894>

“I’m not just saying this as a scare tactic; that is the state of Bartlett High School,” she added. “... [Various building components] have failed, not because we didn’t take care of them, but simply because they were built in 1979. How many friends do you know who are still driving a 1979 car?”

She talked for a while about how the district would change its messaging to handle the new vote, noting they’d focused on the educational needs last time, not the physical issues.

Selectboard Chair Randy Becker said the actual cost of just meeting code, including inflation and interest, could reach nearly \$250 million.

“I don’t think anyone could have ever believed the \$66 million is really \$129 million [before interest] ... because you can’t do it all at once,” Becker observed. “When you do spread it over time, you double the numbers and more than double the interest.”

Town Administrator Rick Lafond agreed, adding, “Debt service ... would be devastating, not just to our schools but to other departments.”

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Board meeting May 9.

“I want to thank the people of Dudley for voting me for 18 years of service,” Joseph said. “It’s been greatly appreciated. I want to thank this Board of Selectmen and all those that I served with all the way back to Tony DiDonato. It’s been an honor, it’s been a pleasure, and it’s been a great learning experience and I love the people and the town of Dudley.”

The entire Board of Selectmen praised Joseph for his long tenure, some providing simple words of appreciation and others delving more deeply into the impact Joseph has had on their lives and the community at large. Selectman

Steve Sullivan took a moment to praise Joseph as both a mentor and a friend.

“You spoke eloquently, forcefully, and passionately every time you had something to say,” Sullivan said. “Whether we liked your opinion, agreed with it, disagreed with it, you always had an opinion and at the end of the day you did what was right in your opinion for the people of Dudley.”

Selectman Kerry Cyganiewicz was near-speechless saying he can’t imagine a Board of Selectmen without Paul Joseph involved.

“It’s been good to have you on the board. It’s even better to have you as a neighbor. I still can’t wrap my head around that you’re not running again,” Cyganiewicz said.

Selectman Jason Johnson,

whose is running for his second term as selectman in June, complimented Joseph as an excellent teacher that helped him adjust to the world of town politics.

“I appreciate your words of wisdom and nuggets on decorum that I wouldn’t have learned otherwise,” said Johnson.

Board Chair John Marsi had the most to say about Joseph acknowledging him as a man who stood his ground and always prioritized the best interests of Dudley.

“You and I didn’t always see eye to eye at the beginning, but over time I think you and I learned to understand each other and respect each other and then really like each other. I’ve learned a lot from you,” said Marsi. “It won’t be

the same without you. We all carry our own role on how we operate together. Your role was very unique and only you could play it.”

The selectmen weren’t the only ones to pay respect to Joseph as his departure nears. Police Chief Steve Wojnar has worked with Joseph through most of his career in one form or another and said he owes a lot to Joseph for his support and leadership.

“Certainly, I had some challenges early on in my tenure, but I really owe a dept of gratitude to Paul for his support, his fairness, and his diligence with everything,” Wojnar said.

Finally, Water & Sewer Commission Chair Scott Zajkowski added that Joseph has always been willing to ask both the hard and easy ques-

tions with the goal of always keeping the town informed.

“One thing I learned from him over the years is how to ask a question where you already know the answer. He was very good at it, and you knew he knew the answer already, but just for the sole purpose of getting the information out,” Zajkowski said.

While Paul Joseph’s time as selectman may be coming to an end, there’s little doubt he will continue to be a part of the community in his own special way. In concluding his impromptu farewell, Joseph embraced his trademark old-fashioned love for his country and his community, “God bless America, and may God bless the town of Dudley. Thank you.”

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were the only ones on the ballot; all other candidates were unopposed and therefore elected essentially automatically.

Both King and Moriarty expressed concern with the turnout, wondering how Oxford can increase it going forward. King specifically noted doing that is one of his “primary metrics for success” in office, in part because it was lower than the last special election, where he lost to Leblanc.

“I don’t like the idea of candidates fighting over a shrinking pie of voters; I want to make the whole pie larger,” King wrote.

He said he didn’t know how to get involved when he first came to town and others probably are in the same boat.

“The turnout was a bit lower than I thought it would be. Given how residents express their concerns, you would think more people would be getting involved,” Moriarty wrote. “This will also be a priority of mine. Why aren’t people coming to Town Meetings or any other meetings for that matter? We need to find out why in order to address low turnouts, instead of just noting them.”

King said he thought his chances of winning weren’t “very good based on the opposition to my candidacy from some high profile figures,” thus the results surprised him.

“I hope the lesson learned on the other side is that dismissing the opinions of residents and discouraging their participation is not a winning strategy,” he added. “... The idea that people who don’t vote are ‘happy’ is not an assumption I would ever make.” That’s in part because many complain online and elsewhere without voting and have become “totally disengaged from town government,” he wrote.

To Moriarty, this situation is an opportunity for change and more out-

reach.

“With how busy people are trying to earn a living, maintain a household, and fight growing inflation, we can do more to inform them and get their input. I have a couple ideas on how we can get there,” he observed. “I think this is a great opportunity to connect more with people. ... We can learn from each other.”

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

Oxford Woman’s Club celebrates successful year

OXFORD — The Oxford Woman’s Club ended the year with its Annual Banquet at J. Anthony’s in Auburn. We celebrated another successful year of fund raising to provide three \$750 scholarships for qualifying graduating Seniors who reside in Oxford.

We’ve also come together to provide donations to benefit our community, library passes, Clara Barton Diabetic Camp, Veterans, school supplies and the Senior Center, to name a few.

We would welcome you to join our group to help our community. Any questions please contact Paula at (508)987-2804

Outdoor flea market to be held in Oxford

OXFORD — An outdoor flea market will be held on Saturday, June 4 (rain date: June 11) from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the First Congregational Church of Oxford, 355 Main St. (Route 12) in Oxford. Reservations from vendors are now being accepted. Each 10x10 space is \$15 and vendors must bring their own table. For more information or to reserve a spot, contact the church office at 508-987-2211 or at officeadmin@oxfordfirstucc.org or contact Fran at 508-987-8961.



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WEBSTER — Booklovers’ Gourmet will host a talk and book signing event with author Ed Londergan on Saturday, June 11, 1-3 p.m. at 72 East Main St., Webster. His latest historical fiction novel about Bathsheba Spooner is entitled “Unlike Any Other,” the story of an 18th Century woman from a prominent New England family who went from a life of privilege to the gallows. Signed copies will be available for purchase.

Bathsheba Spooner was the daughter of Timothy Ruggles, a general in the French and Indian War, president of the Stamp Act Congress, Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, and a leading loyalist in Massachusetts during the Revolutionary War; the epitome of upper class.

Like her father, Bathsheba was smart, strong-willed, and a staunch British loyalist. Forced to marry a man she did not love, Bathsheba withstood her husband’s abuse for years until a young Continental soldier entered her life. But when this well-heeled mother of three small children discovered she was pregnant with the soldier’s child, her thoughts quickly turned to murder.

Based on a true story, the events that follow Bathsheba’s life, her decisions, and her ultimate demise will show readers that Bathsheba Spooner was, in fact, “Unlike Any Other . . . “

Ed Londergan is the author of the award-winning books ‘The Devils’ Elbow and The Long Journey Home. Having researched American history for many years, he is a frequent speaker with a focus on colonial Massachusetts. A graduate of Holy Cross, he lives in Warren.



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WORCESTER — The Massachusetts and Rhode Island Chapter of the Huntington's Disease Society of America (HDSA) is happy to announce that the chapter will partner with the Worcester Red Sox (Triple-A Affiliate of the Boston Red Sox) for the "Heart of Worcester" program on Friday, June 3rd at 6:45 PM at Polar Park for the game against the Syracuse Mets. A portion of the proceeds supports HDSA's mission to improve the lives of people affected by Huntington's disease (HD) and their families.

"Our club has had the pleasure of working with HDSA's Massachusetts and Rhode Island Chapter for the past several seasons in both Pawtucket and Worcester," said Joe Bradlee, Vice President of Baseball Operations & Community Relations. "We look forward to hosting HDSA and putting the spotlight on all of the impactful work the chapter is doing throughout this region."

The "Hearts of Worcester" program includes a pregame recognition on the field with HDSA logo on the video board, a presence in the first base concourse to interact with fans, and an in-game radio interview with the broadcasters. Tickets also include \$2 of ballpark credit that can be used on concessions or in the main team store on merchandise.

For more information about the event, please contact Abigail Desrosiers (abigaildesrosiers18@gmail.com). Tickets can be found at massri.hdsa.org/woosox.

Huntington's disease (HD) is a fatal genetic disorder that causes the progressive breakdown of nerve cells in the brain. It deteriorates a person's physical and mental abilities during their prime working years and has no cure. Every child of a parent with HD has a 50/50 chance of inheriting the faulty gene. Today, there are approximately 41,000 symptomatic Americans and more than 200,000 at-risk of inheriting the disease. The symptoms of HD are described as having ALS, Parkinson's and Alzheimer's – simultane-



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