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Aucoin bids farewell in final School Committee meeting

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — While a lot can change in three decades, for the past 36 years, there has been at least one constant for the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District. Pauline Aucoin has served twelve terms on the district's School Committee, making her

one of the most tenured public officials to come out of the town of Dudley. However, Aucoin decided that her current term would be her last and bid farewell to the district as a committee member during the committee's May 24 meeting.

Saying Aucoin is a staple of the district is an understatement. First elected in the 1980s,

Aucoin has seen many changes in the district including new schools, countless graduating classes, numerous superintendents and principals, and watched the district endure the struggles of a worldwide pandemic all the while serving as chair of the committee for many of those years working alongside numerous members of

the school committee who leaned on her leadership and experience.

School Committee Chief Cathleen Carmignani called Aucoin an inspiration, commenting on her years of leadership in the district.

"We talk a lot about public service and a calling and to have worked in your regular job as an

educator and then leave your job and do this for our children, it's amazing," Carmignani told Aucoin.

Jamie Terry, who also ended her own tenure on the committee this year, also commented on Aucoin's leadership.

"I wanted to say thank you for the mentorship that you provided me as a new member coming on

and spending five years sitting at the table next to you. I feel like your guidance, your direction, and your experience really helped to make it an easier transition. We faced very difficult times through COVID together and I appreciate that we were sitting next to each other," said Terry.

Other members of the
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Chickens, water top Oxford selectmen's agenda

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD — The June 6 selectmen's meeting went to the birds.

As their main public hearing, selectmen approved the permit for Steven and Marcella Zografos of Joe Jenny Road seeking to have chickens, after Animal Inspector Kelly Flynn positively summarized her recent inspection of their property. She noted the coop and fencing was of "sufficient size," the birds were in "excellent health," and their proposed food, waste and other conditions

were good.

To neighbor Anne Englehart, though, that wasn't enough. She raised concern about chicken waste going downhill into Robinson Pond and the idea they'd attract predators, and asked if the permit would enable them to sell eggs. She specifically noted having seen coyotes.

In response, Marcella Zografos noted the pond is "very, very far into [the woods]" from their parcel, while the waste will be confined to one area that's "not near any water whatsoever." She

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Norman Hall and Auburn's Sea Scouts

AUBURN — One would like to think that if Norman Hall were able to, he would have been part of the Auburn Sea Scout program. The Sea Scouts were started in England around 1910, and spread to the United States. In 1911, Arthur Carey of Waltham began using a schooner called the Pioneer to give a Sea Scouting experience to local boys. By 1918, there were eight Sea Scout ships (troops) in the United States with two in Springfield, the Farragut, and the Barry. In 1925, the Sea Scout membership was more than 1,000, with 85 ships.

Unfortunately, Norman died in 1942 after the ship he was on, the USS Truxtun, ran aground in Placentia Bay, Newfoundland in a storm. Auburn was not awarded a charter until 1944. A sea scout explorer group was connected to the naval ship, so the Auburn group's charter was for Sea Scout Ship Truxtun. The charter was presented in September of 1944 by Commodore Guy F. Wood at Town Hall. The skipper in charge was Daniel Horgan, assisted by Mate Frederick Langley. Each ship had a

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DUDLEY WOMEN'S CLUB GRATEFUL FOR COMMUNITY'S SUPPORT

On May 18, DWC members gathered at Nichols College Daniels Auditorium to celebrate the close of their 15th successful club year! Their dedication and efforts show with the impressive combined total of \$27,267 donated to local charities and causes this club year. That total is from a combined monetary and giving projects, which are goods and services, that has benefited many local charities such as Boys and Girls Club of Webster/Dudley, You, Inc. Pajama Bag, Wellstorm, Inc, Bridge Fridge, and many more! DWC hosts an annual Pocket Book Bingo event, Funny for Funds comedy night and is currently "Blooming" many local homes and businesses. There are currently 60 members that meet once a month. Thank you to everyone who supports us all year long. We couldn't do what we do without your support, especially our club members and special committees.



Pre-K, Kindergarten students receive diplomas at St. Joseph School

WEBSTER — On Tuesday, June 6, St. Joseph School Pre-K four-year-old students and their families gathered in the Richard A. Nowak Gymnasium to celebrate their accomplishment and receive their diplomas. The ceremony began with a procession followed by the "Pledge of Allegiance." The morning's program also included the songs "ABC You Later," "The Lord's Prayer," "If I Were a Butterfly," "The Hail Mary," "Tooty Ta," and "Thank you." Then, the extremely excited students received their diplomas

from St. Joseph School Headmaster Rev. Grzegorz Chodkowski and then settled into the audience with their parents to review an incredible slide show highlighting events and their achievements throughout the 2022-2023 school year.

Twenty students advanced to Kindergarten: Hannah Benes, Alara Boyko, Zeldia Boyko, Amelia Chojnacki, Maya Denert, Riley Durr; Ivan Garcia, Timmy Gibbons, Ryder Johnson, Jasiu Khozami, Jacob Kolesnik, Matylida Lewandowski, Danyka

Mason, Kennedy Nowicki, Rayna Parslow, Samantha Riley, Nina Rudnicki, Theodore Smith, Lucca Spero, and Charlotte Wasgatt. St. Joseph School Pre-K students are instructed by Ms. Robyn Dodge and Mrs. Emily Cyganiewicz.

On Wednesday, June 7, St. Joseph School Kindergarten students and their families also gathered in the Richard A. Nowak Gymnasium for their graduation ceremony. The Kindergarten students pro-

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Naturalist presents "Birding 101"

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

REGION — Some days, you would barely know there are birds in our woods by walking through them. On others, they're very vocal, but still stay hidden. Only occasionally do you see them if you give them the time to accept your presence.

Some time ago, naturalist Michele Grzenda shared her years of experience identifying birds by appearance and song with the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions, describing it as "a lifelong passion of mine."

"You can bird through the seasons,"



Gus Steeves

An owl takes a break in the tree outside our window late last winter.

she said. "... In spring and summer, you could hear 20 species at the same time," while winter is quieter and "can be a great time to start your birding repertoire. ... Like any new hobby, you have to practice to get good at it."

Grzenda doesn't expect people to do it the way she did. For survey project after college, she had to learn 180 birds by song, and still remembers many of them. But she notes doing that "can be a little frustrating at first until you get them under your belt. ... It does feel a little like someone's operating on your brain" while learning them.

Instead, the internet offers several good websites with recorded birdcalls, videos and various other information about thousands of species, some of them relevant to our region. She specifically suggested Cornell's "All About Birds" site, a site on Minnesota bird-songs (most species are also here), the "Birding by Ear" CD, and two bird apps by the Audubon Society (for sight ID and to record songs) and Merlin (for song ID).

She also recommended a few bird books, especially those using clear color photos, and most have sketches pointing out identifying features. But she warned, "Ornithologists love to change the names of birds, so beware of that depending on the age of your bird book."

"We all have to take a moment to

remember we are visiting Nature" and should have minimal impact, Grzenda said. "...If you just sit somewhere for 10 minutes, a lot of birds will come to you. But if I'm walking through the woods. I might hear nothing."

Identifying them by song takes some experience. Some are well known, like the hooting of owls or the cawing of crows and ravens. But Grzenda summarized a few calls by their mnemonics. Cardinals make "liquid whistles." Barred owls sound like "Who cooks for you?" The chickadee has two: "Spring's here" and "chick-a-dee-dee." The eastern towhee sounds like "drink your tea."

"Birds, like most of our wildlife and plant species, are in trouble," she noted. A study from September 2019 found a roughly 30 percent decline in wild bird populations nationwide. Another from last year found "two trends, one hopeful and one dire," she added. The good one saw investment in wetland protection helps increase bird species there, but "birds in the US are declining overall in other habitats."

Often, people can help reduce the losses in several fairly simple ways. About a billion birds die from glass collisions, which can be cut at home by putting stickers or tempura paint patterns on large windows. Other forms of aid include turning lights off from dusk to dawn, eliminating rodenticides and other poisons, not letting cats outdoors and leashing dogs on trails, and replacing lawns and pavement with native plants (which offer birds food and shelter).

"A manicured lawn might look nice, but messy is best for Nature," Grzenda said. "... The most important thing we can do right now is protect land so birds can have a place to live."

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Dudley Middle School congratulates its Students of the Month for May. 5th Grade - Ivanka Twumasi-Ankrah, Mia Piotti, Karolina Janusz, & Aiden Sulsona; 6th Grade - Emma Hopper, Ella Vallee, Maya Wierzchowiec, & Colin Starczewski; 7th Grade - Muriel Amponsah, Colson Caron, & Ariana Jurski; 8th Grade - Dylan MacCormak, Jaelyn Mason, & Olivia Jankowski.

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Amesbury pitches and hits its way past Bay Path

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – Pitching, hitting, and playing solid defense is not an iron-clad recipe for success on a baseball diamond but it can take you a long way.

Amesbury High School had plenty of all three in its 10-3 round of 32 victory over Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School, in the Massachusetts Division 4 Tournament, played on Wednesday, June 7.

The pitching came in the form of Luke Arsenault, who tossed a 98-pitch, complete-game, three-hitter, allowing three runs (all earned) while striking out seven, hitting two batters, and walking one.

“He threw the ball well,” Bay Path coach Mark Sansoucy said when asked about Arsenault. “He kept us off balance.”

The hitting was supplied by a 10-hit attack that featured Trevor Kimball and Will Arsenault. Kimball went 3-for-4, including a triple and a home run, and drove in five runs. Will Arsenault was 2-for-3 with a pair of doubles and three RBI.

“They hit the ball and we didn’t,” Sansoucy said.

The error-free defense was a team effort, led

by Amesbury center-fielder Drew Scialdone, who made an athletic diving catch on a fly ball off the bat of Bay Path’s Zack Fritze. If Scialdone doesn’t glove the ball Fritze would have gotten extra bases on the play.

With the win the 12-10 Red Hawks, the No. 13 seed in the 40-team tournament, advanced to the round of 16, where it was defeated by Abington, the No. 12 seed, 3-2, Sunday, June 11, at Thomas Graham Field in Abington. Fourth-seeded Bay Path dropped to 19-4 with the loss.

The Minutemen closed out their season Monday, June 12, defeating visiting Shawsheen Tech, 5-3, in the championship game of the Large Schools Division of the Massachusetts Vocational Tournament.

Amesbury took a 3-0 lead over Bay Path in the top of the third inning, all three runs coming after the first two batters of the inning grounded out to third base.

Josh Roberts got the two-out rally going with a triple to left field. After a walk to Scialdone, which moved Roberts to second, Will Arsenault, the Red Hawks’ next batter, put his team ahead, 2-0, with a long double to center field which scored both teammates. Kimball

then followed with a single to left-center field, which scored Will Arsenault.

Bay Path cut its deficit to 3-1 in the bottom half of the third, scoring without the benefit of a hit. The first Minutemen batter, Dale Nussey was hit by a pitch. Jacob Reed, the next batter, moved Nussey to second with a sacrifice bunt. Jon Nussey was up next and, like his brother before him; he was hit by a pitch. Both Nusseys moved up a base during the next at-bat, which ended in Joe Fritze being walked. Dale Nussey scored Bay Path’s first run of the game when he came home on a sacrifice fly by Zach Fritze.

Amesbury got the run back in the top of the fourth, again scoring after two were out. Joe Celia reached base on an error and then scored to make it 4-1 when Aiden Fortier’s single into the outfield skipped past two Minutemen.

“A strong point all season for us is that we don’t make a lot of errors, but today we seemed to make a few mistakes in the field with two outs. It kept their innings going and hurt us,” Sansoucy said. “I don’t think it was nerves or jitters. I think Amesbury played well. They were the better team.”

Bay Path scored twice in the bottom of the fourth to cut the

Red Hawks’ lead to 4-3.

Matt Rousakos led off the frame with a bouncing single up the middle. Dylan McDonald followed with a fielder’s choice to second base, Rousakos being forced out on the play. McDonald then scored from first, shaving the Minutemen deficit to 4-2, when Kaiden Brochu tripled down the left-field foul line. Brochu scored to cut the Bay Path lead to 4-3 when Dale Nussey grounded to third for the second out of the inning.

Amesbury pushed its lead to 7-3 in the top of the fifth. Key hits in the inning for the Red Hawks were provided by Will Arsenault (double) and Kimball (triple), and Tyler Bartniski added a sacrifice fly. Amesbury closed out the scoring in the top of the sixth inning, compliments of Kimball, who launched a three run homer to the deepest part of centerfield.

Sansoucy said he was a little surprised his team wasn’t able to make one of its patented comebacks.

“We’ve been tough all year. Even when we’ve been down in games this year, I didn’t get nervous because we always seemed to come back late in games,” Sansoucy said. “Today we didn’t have it. We ran into a good pitcher.”

Auburn High Class of '73 hosting 50th reunion

AUBURN—The largest class to graduate Auburn High School is celebrating their 50th graduation anniversary with a Class Reunion on Saturday, Sept. 9 at the Auburn Elks, 754 Southbridge St. The event starts with cocktails from 4 to 6 p.m. in the upstairs hall, and features a buffet dinner to follow.

The cost is \$30 per person. Confidential scholarship funds are available. Please make your requests and RSVP by Aug. 28.

For reservations, please contact Eileen (Pickett) Alexandrov via Email: Aroraspeaks@

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Open Garden hours Monday- Friday from 9:00 AM- 10:00 AM
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Adult Programming
YOGA WITH JULIE - Saturday June 24th at 9:30 AM
Join Julie at the Gladys E. Kelly Library for a vinyasa yoga class for all levels. In Sanskrit, Vinyasa yoga translates to the "uniting of movement with breath". A typical class involves centering the mind with the breath, aromatherapy, movement of the

body to release energetic blockages, and, finally, rest and relaxation. Classes are free. Funded by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

A D U L T BOARDGAME NIGHT - Tuesday June 20th July 10th - 6:00 PM
Come in and play games with other board game enthusiasts. Learn a new one, or play one you know and help others learn!

COOKBOOK CLUB - Tuesday June 27th at 6:00 PM
This is the last cookbook club until the fall. No assigned cookbook this time. Bring your favorite dish and if it has a cookbook that goes along with it bring that with you. We will discuss why its our favorite dish to make!

JOHNNY CASH - SONGS & STORIES WITH MATT YORK - Thursday July 18th at 6:00 PM

Longtime New England musician/author Matt York will perform the songs of Johnny Cash and tell stories about Cash's career spanning from the 1950's to his passing in 2003. He'll discuss Cash's emergence as a groundbreaking artist in the 1950's, his marriage to June Carter and many of his other career highlights. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Webster Local Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency

Children's and Adult Programming
MAKER MONDAYS - Mondays from 3:30-4:30 PM

Feeling artistic? We will have a variety of craft materials available to put your creativity to the test! Every month we will rotate our craft material, stop in to see what we're making this month!

MINI STEM-CHALLENGE - Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30 PM

Join us every Tuesday for a self-guided STEM-based building challenge, appropriate for all ages. Younger kids should bring a parent. Instruction sheets will be provided. Contact Andrew at 508-949-3880, or atai@cwmar.org for more details.

MOM'S DROP-IN GROUP - Tuesday Mornings 10 AM

Moms and caregivers, bring your children, ages 0-5, to our drop-in open playtime. In this community-building event, we set out toys for your children to play with as you get to see and know other parents from the area who have children of similar ages. Stop in any time between 10 am and 12 pm and stay as long or as little as you like.

BABY MASSAGE CLASSES - Thursday afternoons in June at 1:30 PM

Baby Massage can help with gas, constipation, bonding, soothing, and sleep.

Sheryl will model the strokes on a doll as the parents practice the techniques on their babies.

SENSORY BIN EXPLORATION - Wednesday mornings in June at 10 AM

Children and their caretakers are welcome to come explore their sense of touch as they play in different sensory-stimulating materials like rice, orbes, Epsom salt, and more.

ANIMAL ADVENTURES - SUMMER READING KICKOFF - Monday June 26th at 10:00 AM

Join us for this exciting outdoor event marking the kickoff of summer reading! There will be animals of all shapes and sizes. Funded by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

ONE UP GAMES: OPEN GAME PLAY WITH VR - SUMMER READING KICKOFF - Monday June 26th at 3:00 PM

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MR. VINNY THE BUBBLE GUY - Thursday June 29th at 10:00 AM

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ESCAPE ROOM - ESCAPE FROM THE ROGUE PLANET - Thursday June 29th at 4:30 PM

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ED THE WIZARD - BALLOON TWISTING WORKSHOP - Monday July 10th at 10:00 AM

Ed the Wizard will teach children ages 7 and up to twist their own Dogs, Bunnies, and Cats! Limited to 30 participants. This program is funded by the Webster Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

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Upcoming events at the Oxford Free Public Library
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Flying High Dogs - Tuesday, June 21 at 1 p.m. on the Library Front Lawn. All age welcome!

For the Love of Art: a Community Art Show - Deadline for submissions is June 23.

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Art in the Yard Opening - Saturday, July 22...more info to come!

Bartlett High Class of 1960 to hold reunion

WEBSTER - Bartlett High School Class of 1960 is holding our 63rd Reunion at Point Breeze on June 23 from 1 to 4 pm. Now is the time to renew old friendships, and visit with former classmates.

If you have not received any information about our Reunion, please contact Mike Plante at 508-439-1234 or Shirley Minarik at 508-943-0308.




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Like the Webster Senior Center Facebook page to view our photographs, news and announcements. Please stop by to pick up our monthly newsletter for a complete list of activities, upcoming events and our monthly lunch menu. You do not have to be a resident of Webster to participate in our activities and programs. ALL Seniors are welcome!

Tri-Valley Lunches are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 11:30 am. Please call (508) 949-3845 at least 48-hours in advance to reserve or cancel your meal. A \$3.00 donation is appreciated. All meals include milk, bread and fruit or dessert. This week's menu: Tuesday 6/20 Beef Stew, rice, peas & carrots. Wednesday 6/21 Baked potatoes, w/chili & cheese, sour cream, broccoli. Thursday 6/22 Salmon w/ Primavera Sauce, lemon seasoned potatoes, green beans. Friday 6/23 Buttermilk chicken, au gratin potatoes, spinach.

The Webster Senior Center will be closed Monday, June 19th in observance of Juneteenth.

New Covid-19 Treatment Hotline: Have you tested positive for Covid-19? Telehealth is a quick and free way to see if you're eligible for Covid-19 treatment. Just call 1-833-273-6330. Clinicians are available every day from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm EST.

A SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone) counselor is available at the Senior Center to assist you. Please call (508) 949-3845 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Life Care of Auburn will conduct free blood pressure screenings on the 2nd Thursday of every month from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm.

The Friends of the Webster

Senior Center will be hosting a Celebrate Father's Day Pizza Party on Monday, June 26th from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. Sing along with live music! Please sign up by June 23rd at the Senior Center front desk.

Senior Crafters Wanted! The Friends of the Webster Senior Center are holding a Craft Fair on Monday, October 16th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Table space is only \$10.00! Applications to be a vendor are available at the Webster Senior Center. No payment for table space will be accepted until your application is approved. Space is limited to 22 crafters. Tables limited to first 17 approved crafters.

REC Farmer's Market returns every Thursday starting Thursday, June 15th from 1:00 – 2:30 pm on the Town Hall front lawn.

Join us for a movie matinee on Thursday, June 22nd at 1:00 pm. We will be showing "A Man Called Otto". Refreshments will be served. Please sign up in advance at the Senior Center front desk.

DID YOU KNOW??? The Webster Senior Center has a table shuffleboard with pucks available to play. If you know how to play and how to score, come check it out!!!

Mondays and Wednesdays: Exercise Classes with Forty Arroyo – Chair Dancing – the perfect workout for any fitness ability! 9:30-10:30 am. Cost: \$3.00 per class.

Progressive Line Dancing with Forty Arroyo on Fridays, 1:00 – 2:30 pm. Cost: \$3.00 per class. (Please note: there will not be a line dance class on Friday, June 16th).

Mondays: Knitting/Crochet Social 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Bingo: Every Tuesday, starts promptly at 1:00 pm. Please plan to arrive by 12:30 pm to allow time to buy your bingo sheets. Bingo sheets are not sold after 12:45 pm. Why not sign up for lunch, come early and spend the day!

Do you like to play cribbage? Our weekly cribbage group now meets every Thursday at 1:00 pm – feel free to join us!

Calling card players or interested persons to the Webster Senior Center – come join us for 6-card or 13-card pitch! Six card pitch meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm. Thirteen-card pitch meets on Thursdays at 1:00 pm.

Mahjongg group meets every Friday at 1:00 pm – beginners welcome!

Trip 1: The McCartney Years, Live in Concert at the Danversport Yacht Club in Danvers, MA on Thursday, Sept. 21st. Trip price of \$119.00 includes transportation, luncheon, meal tax, meal gratuity, and show ticket. Trip 2: Splish Splash, the Music of Bobby Darin at Lake Pearl in Wrentham, MA on Wednesday, October 18th. Trip Price of \$109.00 includes transportation, luncheon, meal tax, meal gratuity, & show ticket. Our trips sell out quickly so don't wait to reserve your seat! Trip prices do not include bus driver gratuity. Please call the Senior Center at (508) 949-3845 for more information.

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

Senior SAFE is a program that supports fire and life safety education for seniors. The Webster Fire Dept. will do a home visit to ensure that you have the correct smoke and CO2 alarms and that they are working properly, at no cost to you! All you have to do is give them a call at (508) 949-3875.

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.

P.E.O. STAR Scholarship awarded

CHARLTON — The prestigious P.E.O. STAR Scholarship was presented to Poorvi Mohanakrishnan, of Marlborough, a graduate of Mass Academy of Math and Science. The scholarship was presented at the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy by Pam Thomas-Nielsen and Gretheline Bolandrina, P.E.O. Chapter R, Worcester.



Poorvi is a devoted and resourceful community service organizer with strong leadership, public speaking, and mentoring skills. She is an avid swimmer, life-guard, and Special Olympics assistant swim coach. Poorvi has been accepted and will attend Northeastern University in Boston where she has plans to study Health Sciences beginning this fall.

According to Thomas-Nielsen, "Poorvi" is situationally aware, curious yet respectful, listens and puts others first, speaks her mind peacefully. Most of all, she is gracious and grateful, politely saying thank you at all the appropriate times. Because the activities she chooses to participate in all revolve around serving others, she needs to be able to inspire and recruit likeminded people to her causes."

Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN, Academy Director for Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy assisted Thomas-Nielsen in awarding Poorvi's STAR Scholarship.

Bolandrina stated, "Poorvi's success in pulling off various service activities with help from classmates and being elected to leadership roles within her school is testimony to her ability to inspire others which can only be earned through respect." In addition, "Poorvi credits her successes to her close-knit supportive family, traditional values, and her work ethic."

From the P.E.O. Web site, "The STAR Scholarship is a \$2,500 scholarship based on excellence in leadership, extracurricular activities, community service, academics and potential for future success. The program is open to young women who are citizens or legal permanent residents of the United States or Canada and who are graduating high school seniors at the time of application. A student must be recommended by a P.E.O. chapter."

About P.E.O. The P.E.O. Sisterhood, founded Jan. 21, 1869, at Iowa Wesleyan College, Mount Pleasant, Iowa, is an international philanthropic and educational organization which promotes increased educational opportunities for women through scholarships, grants, awards, and loans. There are nearly 5,800 local chapters in the United States and Canada with almost 250,000 initiated members. The P.E.O. Sisterhood has provided over \$398 million in financial assistance to more than 119,000 recipients. The P.E.O. Sisterhood also owns Cottley College, a fully accredited, private liberal arts and sciences college for women, with two-year and selected four-year programs located in Nevada, Missouri. Photo shows Poorvi with Pam Thomas-Nielsen.

Edward Jones hosting estate plan seminar

AUBURN — Dennis Antonopoulos, Financial Advisor for Edward Jones and a local estate-planning attorney, will host a seminar on "Creating Your Estate Plan" Thursday, June 22 from 6-7 p.m. at Brookdale Eddy Pond West, 669 Washington St., Auburn.

It's a topic people tend to put off or ignore, but one of the

most important things you can do is to develop a sound estate plan. Doing so lets you take a giant step toward a more secure future for yourself and generations to come.

Attend our "Creating Your Estate Plan" presentation and you'll learn more about:

What to consider when creating your will

The benefits of trusts in estate planning

How to help reduce taxes on your estate

How insurance can help protect your family

To register, please call Karen Rieser at (508) 832-5385 or e-mail Karen.rieser@edwardjones.com by June 21.

Local student graduates from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

TROY, N.Y. — On May 20, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) awarded a total of 1,988 degrees - 152 doctoral degrees, 390 Master's degrees, and 1,446 Bachelor's degrees - to 1,957 students, some of whom earned multiple degrees.

The following local student earned degrees:

Uyen Dao, of Auburn, graduated with a BS in Biological Neuroscience.

Of the undergraduate students receiving bachelor's degrees, 18 earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average. Among them was Jacob Gardiner Harris, who received the J. Erik Jonsson Prize, which was established by J. Erik Jonsson '22 to honor the senior who has achieved the highest academic record in the class.

Many graduates will continue their studies after graduation at RPI and universities such as Columbia University, Stanford University, and Cornell University. Others will begin professional positions with companies such as Dow Jones, Rockstar Games, NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pfizer, Volvo Group, Boston Children's Hospital, Edwards Lifesciences, Mastercard, Consigli, and WL Gore.


Rensselaer graduates continue to enjoy overall higher starting salaries compared to national averages. Last year, the average starting salary for all reported undergraduate bachelor's degree candidates from the Class of 2022 was \$78,600.

Founded in 1824, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute is America's first technological research university. Rensselaer encompasses five schools, over 30 research centers, more than 140 academic programs including 25 new programs, and a dynamic community made up of over 6,800 students and 110,000 living alumni. Rensselaer faculty and alumni include upwards of 155 National Academy members, six members of the National Inventors Hall of Fame, six National Medal of Technology winners, five National Medal of Science winners, and a Nobel Prize winner in Physics. With nearly 200 years of experience advancing scientific and technological knowledge, Rensselaer remains focused on addressing global challenges with a spirit of ingenuity and collaboration. To learn more, please visit www.rpi.edu.

Max Martinez Fuentes of Santa Tecla recognized on Georgia Southern University Dean's List

STATESBORO, Ga. — Georgia Southern University recently recognized approximately 3,110 students on the Spring 2023 Dean's List. Max Martinez Fuentes of Santa Tecla has been named to the list for excellence in academics. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must have at least a 3.5 grade point average and carry a minimum of 12 hours for the semester.

Georgia Southern University, a public Carnegie Doctoral/R2 institution founded in 1906, offers approximately 140 different degree programs serving more than 25,500 students through 10 colleges on three campuses in Statesboro, Savannah, Hinesville and online instruction. A leader in higher education in southeast Georgia with expert faculty, the University is focused on public impact research and engaging learning opportunities through knowledge and know-how that prepare our students to take ownership of their lives, careers and communities. Visit GeorgiaSouthern.edu.



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PUBLIC NOTICE
Mandatory Drought Restrictions
June 05, 2023

Effective June 12th the Webster Water Department will institute a mandatory water conservation restriction in order to keep up with daily water system demand while our largest water source (Bigelow) remains offline in emergency standby mode. We appreciate your support and patience while we plan and implement major infrastructure improvements to the system.

These mandatory water restrictions are for daily "non-essential" water use from public water sources and shall be in effect through September 30, 2023.

Non-essential outdoor water uses that are subject to mandatory restrictions include:

- irrigation of lawns via sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems;
- filling swimming pools;
- washing of vehicles, except in a commercial car wash or as necessary for operator safety; and
- washing exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways or sidewalks, except as necessary to apply surface treatments such as paint, preservatives, stucco, pavement or cement

When you CAN use water outdoors:

The following "essential uses" as defined by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) may be allowed, before 9:00am and after 5:00pm, when mandatory restrictions are in place:

- a. for health or safety reasons
- b. irrigation of public parks and recreation fields by means of automatic sprinklers;
- c. by regulation;
- d. for the production of food and fiber
- e. irrigation of gardens, flowers and ornamental plants by means of a hand-held hose or drip irrigation system; and irrigation of lawns by means of a hand-held hose;
- f. for the maintenance of livestock; or
- g. to meet the core functions of a business.

Nonessential uses are those other than essential uses.

Enforcement will include:

- Written warning of first offense;
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EDITORIAL

Celebrating Juneteenth: A reflection on freedom and equality

As June 19 approaches, we are reminded of the significance of Juneteenth, a day that represents freedom and liberation. Juneteenth commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans and serves as a powerful reminder of the triumphs and challenges faced by a nation striving for justice and unity.

Juneteenth, also known as Emancipation Day or Freedom Day, marks the day when news of the Emancipation Proclamation reached enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas, on June 19, 1865, two and a half years after the proclamation was signed. This delay in delivering the message symbolizes the systemic injustice endured by African Americans.

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

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

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

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

Juneteenth holds immense significance as a day of celebration and reflection. It represents the resilience and perseverance of African Americans in the face of unimaginable hardships. It is an occasion to honor the bravery of those who fought for freedom. This growing recognition is an important step towards acknowledging the profound impact of slavery on American history.

Beyond celebrations, Juneteenth serves as an opportunity for education and reflection. It is crucial to promote awareness and understanding of the historical significance of this day among people of all backgrounds. By acknowledging the painful realities of the past, we can better comprehend the challenges that lie ahead.

Letter submission policy

Letters to the Editor must include the author's name, address, and a daytime phone number for purposes of verification in order to be considered for publication. Only the author's name and the town in which they reside will be published. Letters submitted without all of the required information will not be accepted.

It is the sole prerogative of the Editor to determine whether a submission satisfies our requirements and decency standards, and any submission may be rejected at any time for any reason he or she might deem appropriate.

VIEWPOINT

THE DEADLINE to submit letters to the editor and commentaries for next week's newspaper is Friday at noon. SEND ALL ITEMS to Editor
Brendan Berube at THE WEBSTER TIMES — news@stonebridgepress.news

A restful summer



BEYOND THE PEWS

By FR. LUKE
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or 'obligation,' we may rightly need a break.

Yet if we understand each Sunday as an opportunity to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven and participate in the eternal and mys-

tical feast of our Lord Jesus Christ, then we realize that neither summer nor any other season of the year is a time to stay away from the Church.

We don't take a rest from Church because it is precisely in worship at Church where our souls find rest! We receive our spiritual nourishment to face each new week by coming to Church and receiving the most precious and life-giving Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We receive our moral guidance and inspiration to help us navigate around the landmines of contemporary relativism when we hear the Good News of our Risen Lord Jesus proclaimed and explained every Sunday.

And of course,

we fill ourselves with hope and joy that begins now and takes us into eternity when we listen to and offer the divine prayers of our Sacred Tradition, and then gather in Christian fellowship to stand before Almighty God in love and humility every "Day of the Lord."

Summer is not a time to rest from the Church and from our spiritual struggle. In fact, the exact opposite should occur.

Since our busy schedules slow down during summer, this is the ideal time to read a spiritually edifying and inspiring book, to discipline yourself more in your prayer life and communicating with God!

Why don't we use the restful time of our vacation to reflect upon

what makes life meaningful and gives it purpose, and then take an honest accounting of ourselves and think about what direction we are presently taking?

Life is so short and too many people allow life to pass by, simply focusing on the urgent and immediate needs, instead of focusing on what is essential and eternal.

Try to make this summer a memorable one in a spiritual sense. Make it memorable, not for the vacation labor and are that you take, but for the decisions

of life that you make. Sit with your spouse and talk about your future. Go out with your children and discuss truly eternal dreams.

Most importantly, check in with your Creator and ask Him what He desires from you. Then make a commitment to accept His invitation and enter onto the path that leads to the most joyous and abundant life!

If we do this, then we will discover what our Lord meant when He said, "Come to me all you who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you

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Antiques, auctions, and collectibles news



BY WAYNE TUISKULA

Thanks to the invaluable support from the Janet Masler Humanities Trust, the Friends can now further enhance and expand these remarkable concerts, ensuring that they remain accessible to the entire community. People of all ages, from the young to the elderly, will continue to revel in the joyous experience of live music without any financial barriers. We are profoundly grateful for this opportunity and the trust's unwavering commitment to enriching our community's cultural landscape.

Patricia Nectow
Treasurer

Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly
Library, Inc.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Library thank Janet Masler Trust

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Friends and Patrons of the Gladys E. Kelly Library, Inc., we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the Janet Masler Humanities Trust for graciously awarding our organization a Music Grant.

This generous grant will be instrumental in covering musician fees for the captivating concerts held at our library, which are open to the public free of charge. The spring and fall concert series have gained immense popularity, with some performances attracting such a large audience that standing room becomes the only option. These concerts feature a diverse range of music genres, spanning from traditional African Sunta to soulful Jazz.

The true cost of PFAS in our water

To the Editor:

At the Dudley Town Meeting, we had to appropriate nearly \$300,000 for filtration systems for a small number of private residents' wells. This was to protect the residents from the threat of cancer due to PFAS, or forever chemicals, that have leached out of our capped landfill. Good chance that this has, or soon will, spread to a larger area and even to our municipal town wells.

Also last week, when I saw in the paper that the town of Webster, at their town meeting, appropriated \$33 million for a filtration system, I could not help but wonder if this kind of expenditure is not something that is just around the corner in Dudley as well

(already, our water department has already spent \$11 million on this).

We need to take our heads out of the sand when it comes to our blatant disregard for the environment. Eventually it comes back to bite us. Already these former chemicals are everywhere, but now that we know the impact they are having, we need to take action. Let's let our representatives know that they should support H.22197/S1356, an act to protect Massachusetts public health from PFAS, by phasing out this cancer causing chemical that eventually discharge into our ground and surface water.

Gerry Frank
Dudley

Thank you for helping us honor fallen servicemen

To the Editor:

The Webster-Dudley Veterans Council would like to thank all those that helped plan and participate in this year's Memorial Day functions. It is most fitting to honor those servicemen and women that lost their lives defending our country, and also those that have since passed that did their

duty when their country needed them the most.

We veterans are pleased to see the strong community backing in this patriotic endeavor, and we all greatly appreciate all those that made this an important community event.

James P. Brinker
Dudley

Aucoin will be missed

To the Editor:

I would like to take a moment to acknowledge Pauline Aucoin and her decision not to seek reelection to DCRSD School Committee.

For over three decades, Pauline served the people of Dudley in a demanding and often thankless position. Pauline used her four decades plus as an educator to enhance the student experience and to put the best people in charge of our school

system. To say literally thousands of students and countless families benefited from her experience, knowledge and integrity.

Although I write this letter, I know I speak for the many who have benefited from her time and her service. Pauline will be sorely missed but can know she did an exemplary job.

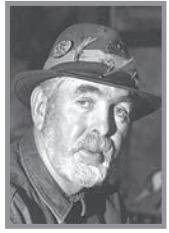
Sincerely and grateful,
Steven Sullivan
Dudley

Today's roundup of the latest antiques, auctions, and collectibles news begins here in New England, where a rare envelope sent via Pony Express will be hitting the auction block later this month. The letter was postmarked Oct. 5, 1861, and sent to John H. Lyons in Colchester, Vermont, according to CNN. The letter is no longer with the envelope and there is no return address, so the sender remains unknown. The Colchester Historical Society said Lyons "served in the 13th Vermont Regiment, Company D during the Civil War, incorporated a local butter and cheese factory, and later became postmaster." The Pony Express operated across the United States from April 1860 to October 1861. At the time, horse and rider relay teams were considered the most efficient way to communicate cross country. The letter cost \$1 to send, which would be equivalent to \$35 today. It's believed that only 250 letters were delivered by Pony Express and most were delivered to metropolitan areas, so the Northern Vermont address is rare. Bidding will begin at \$2,500 and I'll report on what the letter brings in a future column.

Across the pond, a doll that was destined for the dumpster ended up bringing a tidy sum for an English family. The "Kammer & Reinhardt Walter 102" bisque doll was produced in Germany around 1910. It is one of a few examples known to exist after the dolls became less popular following World War I, according to "Business Insider." The British family was clearing items out their mother's home. The doll had originally belonged to the grandmother of the woman handling the sale. She said she remembered the doll always being in the living room growing up. A "naughty puppy" at one point chewed off the doll's foot. She and her husband were sorting items to keep and those to be discarded. She placed the doll in the trash pile, but her husband moved it aside to keep it. The doll had very lifelike features and was described doll as creepy and spooky looking. Despite its looks and the dog damage, a British auction house sold it for £52,675 (approximately \$66,000 USD).

We are offering a large doll collection in our Chicopee estate sale, as well as other antiques, collectibles, and thousands of other items. The sale will take place on June 23 through June 25. Our online auction of antique and vintage toys, baseball cards, sports memorabilia, guitars, and pop culture collectibles is running now through June 21. We will have another online auction later this month starting with gold and costume jewelry, sterling silver, nautical paintings and memorabilia, other art, pocket watches, stoneware, duck decoys, antique firearms, and a wide variety of other items. It will end in July. Please visit our Web site, <https://centralmassauctions.com>, for links to upcoming events.

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Fishing on the saltwater exploded with action on all fronts. This writer and my brother Ken were invited to go fishing on my nephew's boat (fishnet charters) this past Friday, and we enjoyed some great fishing. Catching striped bass was a lot of fun using surface poppers while fishing around Martha's Vineyard. There were no big stripers around — at least, we did not catch any — but we did manage to retain a couple of slot size fish. We landed plenty of bluefish and a few big scaups! Seabass were spotty, but we did manage to catch a few 18 inch fish. Capt. Mel navigated his boat over 50 miles trying to locate more seabass, but it was slow. I spoke with Capt. Mel the next day to get some more information, and I was not surprised to hear him tell me about lock and load action out of Westport. There was a lot of bait in the area, and fish were breaking everywhere. Big stripers, small stripers and everything in between. He also located a lot of big seabass, and the boat limited out on stripers and seabass in a couple of hours.

Mark Pettit of Firehouse Charters out of Plymouth called to let us know that big stripers were inside the bay and were breaking everywhere. After finding a school of mackerel, he went back to the bay and

In search of seabass



Courtesy

This week's picture shows Andrea Henchey and her daughter Eva with a large seabass caught on FishNet Charters.

had a great time live lining the mackerel.

Seabass and some fluke were also hitting at Block Island, which is a good sign that the fluke action should pick up by the time you read this column. There are a lot of bait fish everywhere, which should keep the fishing hot for a while!

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club will hold their annual clambake this Saturday. There could be a few tickets left, if you call today. Bake master Richard Baker does a great job cooking the tasty clams, using seaweed for the bake. It sure makes a big difference in the final outcome of the clams. Since the pandemic, the field days that were held at many clubs have not totally returned, but hopefully, they

will slowly come back!

A couple of local fishermen were fishing for trout a couple of weeks ago, and managed to catch a couple of nice rainbow trout. They placed them on a fish stringer and set them back in the water to keep them fresh! Not noticing the fish were gone until they were ready to leave, they were very surprised to see them gone. Suddenly, a large snapping turtle was spotted dining on the trout a few yards away. They managed to retrieve the trout and the turtle, but there were only pieces of the fish left. They also caught the turtle and relocated him. They should have kept their prize, and made turtle soup out of him! This is the time of year that the turtles are laying their eggs, which is often done in some sandy soil, not far from the pond. It is wise to keep your distance from them, and children should also be warned of the dangers, before one of them loses a finger.

Local anglers are catching some impressive smallmouth bass in local ponds, with Webster Lake providing some impressive smallies. Back in my young-

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er days, I often caught smallmouth bass at Meadow Pond using crawfish I caught along the rocky shores. Carefully picking up rocks on the shoreline, it was not hard to catch a few. It is still a great bait to use if you have the patience to catch a few. With the price of live bait at local bait shops, it would be a great way to save money. The price of

A READER EXCHANGE OF HELPFUL HINTS AND HANDY TIPS

Lavender Tips and Tricks

Lush lavender has found a home in many New England gardens, and with good reason. The fragrant flowers are not only a favorite to display, but the popular herb also boasts many medicinal and practical uses. Since the time of the ancient Greeks, lavender has been hailed as remedy for everything from insomnia to moth invasions.

Celebrating the virtues of herbs, this week's column will review how lovely lavender can be utilized in an array of duties all around the house.

Did you know lavender blossoms and leaves can be used instead of rosemary in many recipes? Try it to add a dash of color as well as flavor to your next gourmet dish.

Lavender lemonade is a summertime favorite. Here's a classic recipe using fresh lavender from the garden:

Victorian Lavender Lemonade

Ingredients: five cups water; one and one half cups sugar; 12 stems fresh lavender; two and one quarter cups lemon juice

Directions: Boil two and one half cups of water with the sugar. Add the lavender stems and remove from heat. Place on the lid and let cool. When cool, add two and one half cups water and the lemon juice. Strain out the lavender. Serve the lavender lemonade with crushed ice and garnish with lavender blossoms and lemon wedges. Serves eight tall glasses over ice.

Drying tip: Dry lavender by harvesting it on a dry day and tying into bundles. Hang the bundle bouquets out of direct and allow to completely dry.

Essence of Lavender: Lavender essential oil is a concentrated form of lavender that lends itself to many convenient uses. It takes about 175 pounds of fresh lavender flowers to produce a single pound of lavender oil! A little goes a long way, as one drop of lavender essential oil can be equal to one ounce of the fresh plant. Here are some ways the versatile oil is beneficial:

Did you know pure essential oil of lavender is proven more antiseptic than many commercial chemical disinfectants? Make up your own spray by adding 20 drops of pure essential oil of lavender to one cup of water. Pour into a spritz bottle and use around the house to kill

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germs on surfaces.

Lavender oil also comes in handy when you vacuum. Just place a few drops on the vac bag before vacuuming to cut down on dust microbes that trigger allergies.

For generations, minor burns have reportedly been soothed by applying lavender oil immediately after the injury occurs. If done in time, the lavender can prevent a blister from forming and ease the hurt with its pain killing properties.

Lavender's role in inducing calm is legendary. Here are two remedies to try: Mix a little lavender essential oil with a carrier oil and massage on the bottom of the feet to soothe away stress. Or place a drop or two of the oil on a cotton ball and tuck it inside a pillowcase to lull you off to sleep.

NOTE: Use herbs and essential oils at your own risk and only under proper direction. Consult an herb guide for direction on usage.

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Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

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 E-mail KDRR@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

Positively speaking!

Toby Moore

Plug into your power

Let's dive into one of life's big questions: How can we make our dreams come true? You might have heard about people who seem to pull off miracles, accomplishing feats that seemed impossible. Is there a hidden trick? A magic formula?

The human body is buzzing with chemicals known as peptides. They help us to think, move, and feel. We also have electricity coursing through our bodies. A resting adult produces an output of around 100 watts. We are chemical, electric beings.

Think of your cellphone; it has an invisible electric bubble around it. The science whizzes call this 'radiation.'

Our bodies are no different. We emit what's called thermal radiation. Most of our thermal radiation is in the infrared region.

There are theories and much research in Quantum Physics suggesting that our human electricity amplifies when we fill ourselves with love, joy, belief, and passion.

The idea is that when you believe, your energy field connects to a thing some Quantum Physicists have called The Quantum Field, a realm where anything and everything is possible. It's like plugging into a cosmic energy grid.

When you are feeling sad, depressed, angry, and resentful, you're disconnecting from the field, and you cannot move effectively toward your dreams and desires.

The brilliant actor, Anthony Hopkins, said, "Whatever you want to do, believe it, believe it, believe it, even if you don't believe it...That is sheer power! And it will happen; It's worked in my life, and it will work in yours, so never give up!"

He is saying that belief is the key that turns on your potential. Think about this: before anything incredible happens, someone must believe it's possible first, or they won't even try.

Belief is the fuel in your car — without it, you aren't going anywhere. The beautiful thing is when you believe something can happen, you get this incredible rush of energy. Your batteries charge up. You'll jump out of bed, ready to take on the world.

Once you take action and get moving, good things start to happen. When you see even tiny bits of success, your belief grows, and so does your passion. It's like a snowball rolling down a hill, picking up speed and getting bigger.

The great salesman, Tom Hopkins, put it perfectly: "You got to believe in what you do... You need to find something

you love; in fact, it needs to go beyond a love. You have to have a passion for what you do...people will say yes to your conviction more than they will to your technical skills."

When I started my company, all I had was a spark: a hope and a dream. People told me it was too big, too crazy, and that the industry giants would squash me like a bug. But I believed in my dream, and once I had a firm belief, there was nothing anyone could say to stop me.

When a shady developer stole our initial investment of \$50,000, I was distraught yet undeterred.

Something unbelievable happened three days later. Someone far more qualified and talented decided to join our team to help us! Were my belief, passion, and confidence a factor in his decision? I'd say so.

If you love it, you'll believe in

it. If you believe in it, you'll start to take action. When you take action, you'll see results; once you have results, you'll become convinced that you're on the right path. And with confidence comes the ability to bounce back when things don't go your way.

Even when you have belief, passion, and confidence, there will be times you fall flat on your face, and when you do, you'll get right back up and keep moving because you're on a mission.

Do you believe in what you're doing? Do you believe in your dreams? Without passion and belief, life is flat — no fizz, no pop.

What's that one thing that makes you jump out of bed in the morning? Grab that passion and let it guide you to greatness!

Plug into your power. Believe in yourself. Set your passion on fire. And who knows? You might just surprise yourself.

Managing insects and diseases in the garden



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A bit of prevention goes a long way in minimizing insect and disease problems in the garden. Enlist a holistic approach known as Plant Health Care to manage your ornamental and edible gardens. It starts with proper plant selection and care and ends with using the most eco-friendly controls when problems do occur.

Start by selecting plants suited to the growing conditions. Match your plants to the light, soil, and other growing conditions in your yard. You'll have healthier plants that require less ongoing care and are less prone to pests, helping to increase your gardening success.

Look for and purchase the most pest-resistant plants available. Garden phlox and bee balm are frequently attacked by powdery mildew. Purchase mildew-resistant varieties like Backlight with white flowers, Glamour Girl with hot coral pink blossoms, and the Ka-Pow series that comes in a variety of colors. Look for mildew-resistant bee balm varieties like the Sugar Buzz series in shades of lavender, pink and red, and the compact Balmy series to reduce the risk of this disease.

Provide proper care throughout the growing season. Water thoroughly and only as needed to encourage a deep robust root system better able to absorb needed nutrients and water. Apply water directly to the soil and early in the morning to reduce the risk of disease and water loss to evaporation. Mulch the soil surface with shredded leaves and evergreen needles to conserve moisture, suppress weeds, and improve the soil. This one task provides many benefits to you and your plants.

Avoid over-fertilization. Excess nitrogen promotes lush succulent growth that is more susceptible to insects and disease and may interfere with flowering and fruiting.

Check plants regularly and throughout the season for any signs of insects and disease. Look on the upper and lower surface of the leaves and along the stems. It is much easier to treat a small population of insects or pluck off a few diseased leaves than trying to control large pest populations.

Properly identify the pest. Most insects, over 97 percent, are good guys that pollinate our plants, eat insect pests, and help compost plant waste. Knowing the good from the bad and the harmful from those that are just annoying can save you time, money, and frustration. Consult your University Extension's website, local botanic gardens, and other horticulture professionals for help with diagnosing and treating problems.



Melinda Myers

Powdery mildew disease on phlox.

and follow label directions for the best and safest results.

Enlisting a holistic approach allows you to work with nature to grow a beautiful and productive garden.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released *Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition*, and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything"* instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program*. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

And if control is needed, look for eco-friendly options. A thorough cleanup is often enough to reduce insect and disease problems to a tolerable level. Spraying plants with a strong blast of water to dislodge aphids and mites, knocking problem insects into a can of soapy water, or removing spotted leaves may be all that's needed.

Use barriers like floating row covers to prevent damage from cabbage worms and bean beetles. University research has found that with proper timing these products can also help reduce the risk of squash vine borer, squash bugs, and cucumber bacterial wilt.

If you opt for chemical control, look for an organic or the most eco-friendly product labeled for managing disease or insect pests. As always, read



Local students named to Dean's list at Fitchburg State

FITCHBURG — Fitchburg State University President Richard S. Lapidus has announced the students who qualified for inclusion on the Dean's List for the Spring 2023 semester.

A student is placed on the Dean's List for the semester if an average grade of 3.20 or better is attained, and the student is attending the university full time.

Fitchburg State University enrolls day and evening students in more than 50 programs of undergraduate and graduate study. The university was established in 1894. Learn more at fitchburgstate.edu.

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Shaina M. Gallati
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Elliot A. Zopatti



Stacie T. Sujdak, 101

WEBSTER — Stacie T. (Stapor) Sujdak, 101, died Wednesday, June 7, 2023 surrounded by her loving family, and the caring staff at the Oakdale Skilled Nursing Center in West Boylston. Her dear husband of 42 years, William F. Sujdak, died in March 1997.

She leaves two sons, William T. Sujdak of Sturbridge, and John A. Sujdak and his wife Jacqueline of West Dudley; a daughter, Jane Lucia Molina and her husband Andres Jaime Molina of Boylston; three grandchildren, Andre Molina, Jared and Alexandria Sujdak; 2 sisters-in-law, Nancy Stapor of Hernando, MS and Marge Stapor of Winter Haven, FL; many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by three brothers Frank, Bernard and Walter Stapor and by two sisters, Mary Szczepanski and Ann Francis.

She was born on January 24, 1922 in Webster, a daughter of William and Rose (Rzeszutko) Stapor. She was a graduate of Saint Joseph Parochial School, and Bartlett High School class of 1939. She earned her Associates Degree from Becker Junior College in 1941.

During her working career, Mrs. Sujdak was a Civil Service employee of the War Department at Fort Devens, MA, from 1941 to 1945, the Veterans Administration in Miami FL from 1946 to 1949, the Sheldon Press in Webster from 1949 to 1952, and from 1952 to 1955 she was a member of the Consulate staff of the American Embassy in numerous posts including Berlin, Germany, Montevideo,

Uruguay, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Lima, Peru and Colon, Panama.

Among her religious and philanthropic pursuits, she was a communicant and lector at Saint Andrew Bobola Church in Dudley, as well as a member and past-president of their Holy Rosary Sodality. She was president and treasurer of the Webster Woman's Club, a member of the South Central District of the General Federation of Women's Clubs Past Presidents Club, the Friends of the Chester C. Corbin Library and Hubbard Hospital Guild. In addition to these pursuits, she and her late husband William were charter members of the Pope John Paul II Foundation of New England, as well as members of the American Institute of Polish Culture, Inc., of Miami, FL.

During their membership years, they travelled extensively and frequently with all of their philanthropic organizations, especially to Rome and Poland, attending the convocations and assemblies of these organizations. In her leisure time, she enjoyed the gardens and woodland of her homes in West Dudley and Sturbridge.

Her funeral was held Wednesday, June 14, 2023 from the Sitkowski, Malboeuf and Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster with a Mass at 11:00 AM in Saint Joseph Basilica, 53 Whitcomb Street, Webster. Burial was in Saint Joseph Garden of Peace. Visitation was held from 9:00 to 10:15 Wednesday morning, prior to the Mass. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to either Saint Joseph Basilica, 53 Whitcomb Street, Webster, MA 01570 or to the John Paul II Foundation of New England, 24 French Drive, Boylston, MA 01505.

www.websterfunerals.com

Rachel Gervais named to University of Mississippi Dean's Honor Roll

UNIVERSITY, Miss. — Rachel Gervais, of Auburn, was named to the University of Mississippi's Spring 2023 Honor Roll lists.

Gervais, majoring in Exercise Science, was named to the Dean's Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.50-3.74.

In order to be eligible for honor roll designation, a student must have completed at least 12 graded hours for the semester and may not be on academic probation during the semester.

The University of Mississippi, affectionately known as Ole Miss, is the state's flagship university. Included in the elite group of R1: Doctoral Universities - Highest Research Activity by the Carnegie Classification, it has a long history of producing leaders in public service, academics and business. Its 16 academic divisions include a major medical school, nationally recognized schools of accountancy, law and pharmacy, and an Honors College acclaimed for a blend of academic rigor, experiential learning and opportunities for community action. Recognized among the nation's most beautiful, Ole Miss' main campus is in Oxford, which is routinely acknowledged as one of the country's best college towns.

Emily Wambach inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa National Honor Society

SPRINGFIELD — Emily Wambach, of Auburn, was welcomed into Omicron Delta Kappa National Honor Society on May 4th at the Western New England University chapter's annual induction ceremony.

Omicron Delta Kappa is a national leadership honor society that recognizes and encourages achievement in scholarship, athletics, campus or community service, social and religious activities, as well as campus government, journalism, speech and the mass media, and creative and performing arts.

Western New England University (WNE) is a private, nationally ranked, comprehensive institution with a focus on preparing work-ready and world-ready graduates. Founded in 1919 in Springfield, Massachusetts as a division of Northeastern College, WNE's 215-acre suburban campus

serves more than 3,700 students, including over 2,500 full-time undergraduates. More than 47,000 alumni have earned degrees through its 90+ undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs at Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, and Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and School of Law. Students come from 39 U.S. states and territories and 23 countries. Of 45,104 living alumni, 30% remain within the region, residing in the four Western Massachusetts counties and northern Connecticut.

WNE is classified among nationally ranked universities in US News and World Report, and among the Top 100 Undergraduate Engineering programs, and in the Doctoral/Professional Universities category in the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education.

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Poets at Large event to feature local Beat poets

WEBSTER — Beat poets Paul "Word" Richmond, Deborah Tosun Kilday and Michael L. Kilday will be featured at the next Poets at Large event on Sunday, June 25. This is part of a series of spoken word/poetry readings that have been held at The Rose Room Café, 4 East Main St., Webster. This event is free to the public (ages 14 and up) and will be held from 2-4 p.m. There will be an intermission and an open mic after the featured poets. Anyone wishing to participate in the open mic should email karen.warinsky@gmail.com. Open mic readers will get 5 minutes each as time allows.

Richmond was named Beat Poet Laureate for Life in 2022 by the National Beat Poetry Foundation and he previously served as National Beat Poet Laureate (2019-2020), and as Beat Poet Laureate for Massachusetts (2017-19). Richmond is internationally known and hosts monthly readings and organizes yearly Word Festivals in Holyoke and Greenfield, and he has a stage at the Garlic & Arts Festival each fall. He is the owner of Human Error Publishing and has overseen the publications of 55 poets and authors. His own works include Living in the Breakdown Lane, You Might Need a Bigger Hammer, Quadrillions Down the Pentagon Drain, and Swimming on the Titanic. He is also a member of the Funkadelic band "Do It Now."

Deborah Tosun Kilday is a new generation beat poet and owner/CEO of the National Beat Poetry Foundation, Inc., founded in 2015 and registered in 2016, and she became a publisher in 2022 with her own imprint, "New Generation Beat Publications." In 2022, New Generation Beat Publications published four books: "Tarrare & Other

Poems" by Carlo Parcelli; "Int'l Beat Poetry Foundation Goddess Anthology 2022: Poets Celebrating Women"; "Remembering Jack Kerouac on His 100th Birthday 3-12-2022," National Beat Poetry Foundation & Friends; "New Generation Beats: National Beat Poetry Foundation, Inc. 2022 Anthology." Published so far in 2023: "Earth: Dig It: New Generation Beat Poets Laureate, an Anthology," among several others. She is sometimes called the "Guardian of the Beats." Besides her involvement in beat poetry, Tosun Kilday is a published author, writer, nature photographer, illustrator, artist, and expert high-roller slot player. Her book "No Limits; How I Beat the Slots" details her five-years as a high-roller slot player at casinos in Connecticut and Las Vegas, where she won 3.4 million dollars while playing slot machines.

Michael L. Kilday, award winning writer, author, and poet, is a retired Aetna Senior Software Engineer of 35 years, a former newspaper reporter for the Bristol Press, and former high school English educator in Boston, MA. Michael is the author of the "Truth Never Changes" book trilogy, "A Yippee's Lament," a CT Press Club 1st prize award winner, and also the author of the poetry collection, No One Came Home from Woodstock. He is currently working on a historical novel tracing the origins of Christianity. He is the husband of Deborah Tosun Kilday. The couple live in Connecticut.

This year's series at The Rose Room is sponsored in part by bankHometown, the Putnam Area Foundation, and Global Partners (Ashford Xtra Mart and Webster Honey Farms). Find the Poets at Large 2023 schedule on Facebook.

Sophia Mazzone consults for PUMA as part of Lasell University Connected Learning project

NEWTON — Sophia Mazzone, a recent graduate of Lasell University from Auburn, spent the spring semester consulting for PUMA, the Boston-based international footwear and apparel giant. In May, they presented their findings and business recommendations at company headquarters to PUMA staff. Mazzone was a member of the project's branding team.

PUMA Women's Hoops (PWH) challenged the Lasell cohort to research an enhanced brand ethos, ask tough questions about women and female athletes, create brand assets and expand awareness through narratives and promotions, develop a line of 15+ pieces to show how fashion connects the women's basketball consumer, make the branded store experience more exciting, and create content for social media that allows consumers to "play" with the brand. PUMA Women's Hoops Senior Product Line Manager Katie Stopera '17, a Lasell alum and assistant women's basketball coach, acted as liaison between the students and brand throughout the consulting project.

"The viewpoints from Lasell students were invaluable to our business," says Stopera. "Their in-depth research and critical thinking tackled a very complicated business. From their expertise, we've gained a new outlook on women's basketball, which includes new product suggestions, marketing slogans, and even more relatable branding."

Lasell student suggestions have already been incorporated into planning for PUMA Hoops' Spring/Summer 2025 range, says Stopera. She and her team walked away from the final presentation "feeling inspired on the future of women's basketball and its limitless potential."

The students utilized skills gained over their four years studying fashion media and merchandising, including project management, creative and strategic planning, survey and data analysis, social media and ecommerce development, virtual and visual merchandising, graphic design, product development, and brand management.

For more information contact: Samantha Mocle, assistant director of communications, at (617) 243-2386, or smocle@lasell.edu

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Kalie Hernandez

CHARLTON — Nurse, mother, community service award recipient, and alumna Kalie Hernandez, LPN will be the principal speaker at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy's Graduation and Pinning Ceremony on June 30.

"A prudent nurse, Kalie has given back to the Bay Path nursing community," said Academy Director Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN. "Since her graduation in 2017, she has helped, enlightened, and befriended us. She has shown tremendous growth as a nurse, as an adult. In addition to

her brilliance, Kalie has demonstrated an innate empathy and a deep understanding of the human condition, and the healthcare situation. I very much look forward to her address in June."

Hernandez, LPN of Southbridge was recently named Case Management LPN with Venture Community Services in Sturbridge. She plays a key role in MAPS audits around the state of Massachusetts, administrative/case management, and day habilitation.

Hernandez is an alumna of Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, PN Class of 2017. In 2021, she received the Community Service Award at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy. The award was granted in recognition of Hernandez's volunteer work creating critical partnerships between the Academy, the Bay Path community and the Worcester County. The Community Service Award was developed to honor a person who is making significant contributions to the Bay Path Practical Nursing community through their time, actions, talents

and dedication through any volunteer work done. Hernandez serves as a role model for compassion, service, giving back, and striving to make the world a better place. Hernandez's passion is in helping others. She has made important contributions to the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy. She remains connected with Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy serving as an active member of the Advisory Committee, volunteering as a mentor, speaking at information sessions & workshops, and participating in the Mock Code Team preparation day.

While a student at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Hernandez was voted as a student representative.

She was inducted into the National Technical Honor Society and was a member of the UNICEF Club. Hernandez participated in the admissions panel interviews and competed in SkillsUSA earning a Silver Medal in both District and State level for the Practical Nursing category.

About Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy

Bay Path Practical Nursing is a 40-week, (10-month), full-time, Monday through Friday, evening program. The program begins mid-August and is completed in late June. Graduates receive a Practical Nursing Certificate and are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN licensure exam.

Bay Path LPN named Class of 2023 Commencement speaker

Cloutier announces retirement from Bay Path

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — For more than 50 years, Clifford Cloutier has been a staple of Bay Path Regional Vocational High School in Charlton. As a graduate of Bay Path, Cloutier worked his way through the ranks, spending more than 40 years with the school as a professional, serving the last 17 years as principal. Now, after more than five decades as part of the Bay Path community as a student, educator, and administrator, Cloutier will enter retirement this month.

Cloutier attended Bay Path as a member of the first four-year graduating class in the 1970s. After attending college, he returned to Bay Path seeking jobs in either education or technology and would end up serving in both capacities during his time at the school. As a student he helped coordinate the PA system for his own graduation ceremony and helped create a new system for the school when he joined the staff in the 1980s. He started his Bay Path career as the Audio-Visual Media Technician and eventually took on responsibilities as a math teacher. He was later named Director of Technology, his first foray into administration, and over time added to his responsibilities eventually being named principal. He has spent most of his professional career giving back to the school community that made him who he is today and during those years he has seen Bay Path evolve into one of the premier choice schools in not only the district, but the entire region.

"Over the years, we've seen a lot of changes, a lot of things for the better," Cloutier said of his time at Bay Path. "When I became principal, we didn't have a wait list here back then. We probably had somewhere around 900 students, fluctuating every year. Working with the towns all the years prior before I took over, there were some complaints that once the kids come here and they're not doing well they'd have to go to summer school in their own towns so one of the first things we did when I became principal was we started our own summer school program at Bay Path — Within a year after I became principal our numbers started growing and now we have a huge waiting list. The kids at their schools strive to come here now. I know a lot of the area schools will reference us by telling students if they're not doing well in class, they need to get their grades up if they want a chance of going to Bay Path."

In less than two decades, Bay Path has become one of the most prominent options for students in Auburn, Charlton, Dudley, North Brookfield, Oxford, Paxton, Rutland, Spencer, Southbridge, and Webster, so much so that Cloutier has seen comments about their acceptance rates and believes the state needs to invest more in providing different options for vocational technical schools. Cloutier has seen first-hand the reputation of trade schools increase during the last 50 years, and he feels proud that Bay Path has become a standard for why these kinds of schools are so important.

"When I first started, when it came to vocational schools, a lot of our area towns had no idea what to expect," said Cloutier. "There used to be a school in Southbridge called Cole Trade, and back then, if you're looking at the old trade schools, it was all the trouble-



Jason Bleau

Clifford Cloutier, who has been a staple of Bay Path Regional Vocational High School for more than 50 years, including 17 as principal, will retire at the conclusion of the current school year.

makers. It was rough and tough and if people knew you were in a vocational school, they assumed you were that kind of person. When Bay Path came in place, we opened with somewhere in the high seven hundred students and back then it was a tough school. Over time, things changed. The kids were taking claim of the school realizing this was ours and we wanted to build up respect. The faculty were really strong with the kids and keeping them on track and the kids really started taking ownership. It has made this school a proud place to be."

In just the 17 years since Cloutier became principal, Bay Path has added numerous sports, including titles in 2008 and 2011, as well as successful AP programs and college credit courses. He said the school has given students "something to belong to, that they can call their own" and that combining that with a strong discipline the school has become a desired location for hundreds of students every year. With all of that in mind, it's no wonder that Cloutier is emotional to be leaving the school behind, but he knows it is time. He admits that he misses the interactions he had with the kids as an educator versus as an administrator and found himself emotional recalling his interactions with students during his final prom as principal on June 9 where students wanted pictures with their longtime leader before his final days in the office. Cloutier has faith he is leaving Bay Path in good hands and while it's not goodbye, it's still hard to walk away from an institution that has been a prominent part of his life for over five decades.

"I don't know what you say to the kids. They're coming up to me and saying they're going to miss me, and that they appreciate me. I try to greet them every day, all the ones that come in the front door anyways. I think my teachers will also be a hard group to leave. Over the years it was nice running the school in the background before I became principal. Even after I took the position, if I needed something done, I had no problems with people volunteering and helping and it will be really tough to say goodbye to them. I have to wish them well," said Cloutier. "What's important to me is what happens with the kids. As a school department we're supposed to be focused on those kids, and to do that we also have to be focused on our staff because they are the main contact with the students. They are who the students look to for guidance, and without having them do what they have done for these past years the school would not be as strong as it has become."

While the 2023 graduation is the last Cloutier will oversee as principal, it won't be the last he will attend. Cloutier has promised to return for the 2024 graduation as his daughter will serve as the class advisor for next year's graduating seniors, adding one more personal touch to Cloutier's long, storied history as a staple of the Bay Path community.

Masons celebrate a milestone

BY BRO. JIMMY FALZONE
QUINEBUAG MASONIC LODGE

SOUTHBRIDGE — On Monday, June 5, Quinebaug Masonic Lodge in Southbridge's parking lot was packed with vehicles from throughout the state and most of all the community to celebrate the milestone 1,500th meeting. There were dignitaries that came to celebrate with the Master Masons. State Representative Peter Durant from the 6th Worcester District came to congratulate the lodge members along with local town representative Mark Carron. Family members and members of the community also participated in this celebration. There was a catered dinner prior to the meeting for all those that attended.

The Lodge meeting room was packed with Master Masons and four District Deputy Grand Master's from throughout the state to celebrate this Milestone event. Quinebaug Masonic Lodge was chartered on Dec. 7, 1859. The only time Quinebaug Lodge members did not meet in person was during Covid-19 when large gatherings were not permitted but we had Zoom meetings on the computer instead for those members that have the technology.

Also this evening, the



Courtesy

Left to right: State Rep. Peter Durant of the 6th Worcester District, Worshipful Bill Bellanger Master of Quinebaug Lodge and Mark Carron a representative from the town of Southbridge attending this Milestone meeting and congratulated the lodge members for the work we do for the community.

24th District Deputy Grand Master brother Jonathan Neitz, presented 2 service awards. The first award was the Master Mason Rookie Award which went to Bro. Terrance Mount of Connecticut who has demonstrated his commitment and dedication to the craft by successfully meeting all the requirements of this award and becoming an engaged and valued member of his Lodge. The second award was the Grand Lady's Service

Award which went to Ms. Laurie Jure of Dudley. Her dedication to the programs and members of the Quinebaug Masonic Lodge has been an integral part of its warm, friendly, and fraternal environment. Laurie is a great credit to the Quinebaug Masonic Lodge and is truly deserving of this recognition and our love. If you would like more information about Freemasonry, go to www.massfreemasonry.org to find a lodge nearest you.

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LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Keith M. Paquette, Viki S. Paquette to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Freedom Mortgage Corporation, dated May 4, 2016 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 55380, Page 239, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Freedom Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns to Freedom Mortgage Corporation, recorded on April 20, 2022, in Book No. 67461, at Page 365

for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 PM on July 14, 2023, on the mortgaged premises located at 8 Hillside Street, Auburn, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,
TO WIT:

Real property in the City of AUBURN, County of WORCESTER, State of Massachusetts, described as follows: THE LAND IN AUBURN MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AS THE LAND WITH THE BUILDINGS NOW THEREON ON THE NORTHWESTERLY SIDE OF HILL STREET, ALSO KNOWN AS HILLSIDE STREET, SITUATED IN AUBURN, IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER AND COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, BEING LOTS NUMBERED 45, 46 AND 47 AS SHOWN ON A PLAN OF LOTS AT PAKACHOAG HEIGHTS, DATED MAY 1904, DRAWN BY W.I. THOMPSON, CIVIL ENGINEER, RECORDED IN THE WORCESTER DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS, PLAN BOOK 9, PLAN 6 AND FURTHER BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE NORTHWESTERLY SIDE OF HILL STREET, SAID PINT BEING THE SOUTHEASTERLY CORNER OF THE LAND HEREIN CONVEYED AND THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF LOT NO. 48 ON SAID PLAN; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY BY SAID LOT NO. 48, ONE HUNDRED (100) FEET TO A POINT AT THE SOUTHEASTERLY CORNER OF LOT NO. 56 ON SAID PLAN;

THENCE NORTHWESTERLY BY LOTS NUMBERED 56, 57 AND 16, SEVENTY-FIVE (75) FEET TO A POINT AT THE SOUTHWESTERLY CORNER OF LOT NO. 17 ON SAID PLAN;

THENCE NORTHEASTERLY BY LOTS NUMBERED 17, 18, 19 AND 20, ONE HUNDRED (100) FEET TO HILL STREET; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY BY SAID HILL STREET, SEVENTY-FIVE (75) FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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APN #: 6/17

For mortgagor's(s) title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 51806, Page 298.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Of-

fices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.
FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION

Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.

150 California St.
Newton, MA 02458

(617)558-0500
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June 2, 2023
June 9, 2023

June 16, 2023

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Christopher D. Brusa and Tracy L. Brusa to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, dated March 18, 2004 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 33149, Page 127, subsequently assigned to LaSalle Bank National Association, as trustee for Securitized Asset Investment Loan Trust Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2004-7 by Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 43055, Page 198, subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Structured Asset Investment Loan Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-7 by LaSalle Bank National Association, as trustee for Securitized Asset Investment Loan Trust Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2004-7 by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 50466, Page 343 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 PM on July 7, 2023 at 256 Millbury Street, Auburn, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:
Property Address: 256 Millbury Street, Auburn, MA

Certain parcel of Land being shown as Lot 18, containing 41,117 square feet and being shown on Plan Book 693, Plan 7.

Said premises are conveyed

1. Subject to and with the benefit of all easements and restrictions of record;
2. Subject to rights and easements granted to New England Telephone and Telegraph Company and Massachusetts Electric Company by instrument dated July 21, 1995 and recorded in Book 17214, Page 361;
3. Subject to the Order of Conditions issued by the Auburn Conservation Commission dated

October 7, 1998 and recorded in Book 20551, Page 59.

Grantor for herself, and such of her successors and assigns as Grantor shall expressly designate by written instrument recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, reserves as appurtenant to Lots 1,2 and 3 shown on plan recorded in Plan Book 686, Plan 20; Lots 9,10,11,13,14 and 15 as shown on a plan recorded in Plan Book 686, Plan 21; and Lots 16, 17A and 18 shown on a plan recorded in Plan Book 693, Plan 7 (the "Lots"), for so long as Grantor or her designee shall own any of the Lots, the restrictions that:

1. The Lot conveyed shall not be further subdivided
2. Said Lot shall be used for no purpose other than the construction, maintenance and the use of one single family dwelling, together with customary accessory buildings and structures thereon
3. No building, fence, wall or other structure shall be commenced, erected or maintained on said Lot, nor shall any addition to or change or alteration thereto be made, until plans and specifications showing the nature, kind, shape, height, materials, floor plans, color scheme and locations of such structures, and the grading plan of the lot to be built upon, shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Grantor or her designee, as the case may be, and that such building, fence, wall or other structure shall be constructed and altered only in accordance with such approved plans and specifications
4. No house with less than 1,800 square feet of interior heated living space shall be constructed on such lot.

The Grantor, or her designee, as the case may be, without limitation shall have the right to refuse to approve any

such plans of specifications or grading plans if the location, design and color thereof

1. Is not compatible with the designs proposed or approved by Grantor for the other Lots, and
with the design of the houses already constructed on the other Lots

2. Is not substantially the same as designs proposed for or constructed on the other Lots

3. Adversely affects the value of other Lots

4. Contains less than 1,800 square feet of interior heated living space.

For title see Book 24185, Page 280.

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney's fees and costs.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Structured Asset Investment Loan Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-7
Present Holder of said Mortgage,

By Its Attorneys,
ORLANS PC

PO Box 540540
Waltham, MA 02454

Phone: (781) 790-7800
13-016422

June 16, 2023
June 23, 2023

June 30, 2023

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 1 Malden Street, Oxford, MA 01540

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Kimberly S. Derby to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Radius Financial Group Inc., and now held by **Citizens Bank, N.A.**, said mortgage dated February 11, 2020 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 61903, Page 256, said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as Mortgagee, as nominee for Radius Financial Group, Inc. to Citizens Bank, N.A. by assignment dated October 4, 2022 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 68319, Page 11; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction** on July 20, 2023 at 11:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land together with the buildings and other improvements thereon in the town of Oxford, being Lot #10 as shown on a Plan of Lots owned by A. Esposito, drawn by Vincent F. Kubic, Surveyor, dated February 26, 1954, and recorded with the Worcester County Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 215, Plan 77, more specifically described as follows: BEGINNING at the southeasterly corner of the premises herein conveyed at a point on the southwesterly line of a proposed street, now known as Hubbard Street, which point is One Hundred Ten (110) feet northwesterly of the intersection of the Old Worcester Road; THENCE S. 40 degrees 10' W. One Hundred Forty and 9/10 (140.9) feet, partly by Lot #1 and #2 to a point at Lot #9; THENCE N. 50 degrees 02' W. Ninety-Five (95) feet by Lot #9 to a point on the southeasterly line of a proposed street, now known as Malden Lane; THENCE N. 40 degrees 10' E. by the southeasterly line of said street a distance of One Hundred Two (102) feet to a point; THENCE by a curve to the right whose radius is Twenty (20) feet connecting the southeasterly line of said Malden Lane with the southwester-

ly line of Hubbard Street to a point; THENCE S. 63 degrees 47' E. along the southwesterly line of said Hubbard Street to a distance of Eighty-two and 24/100 (89.24) feet to the point of beginning. Said premises are further shown as Lot 10 on plan approved by the Planning Board and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 229, Page 39. Subject to building restrictions contained in a deed dated July 22, 1958 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 3957, Page 266. Being the same premises described in a deed from Kimberly Gasser and Daniel Gasser to Kimberly S. Derby dated February 10, 2020 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 61903 Page 252

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 February 10, 2020 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 61903, Page 252.

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
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Attorney for Citizens Bank, N.A.
Present Holder of the Mortgage

(401) 217-8701
June 9, 2023

June 16, 2023
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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
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Worcester Probate
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225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. W023C0279CA
CITATION ON PETITION TO
CHANGE NAME
In the matter of:**

Timothy A Krouse
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Timothy A Krouse** of **Webster**

requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Timothy A Barrile
IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/27/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, HON. LEILAH A KEAMY, First Justice of this Court.

Date: May 31, 2023

Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate
June 16, 2023

DUDLEY PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING LEGAL NOTICE DEFINITIVE PLAN OFF SAWMILL ROAD

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 41 Sections 81T and 81U, the Dudley Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on a Definitive Subdivision Plan off Sawmill Road entitled "Sophie's Way" at 7:15 pm on Wednesday, June 28, 2023. The meeting will take place in the Dudley Municipal Complex, Room 321-A (DMC, Veterans Memorial Hall), 71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA 01571.

The plan contains four proposed lots and an approximately 300-foot-long road with a cul-de-sac that will serve 5 homes. The property is located in a RES 15 zoning district. The subdivision road is intended to remain a private way in perpetuity.

Copies of the plan and application are on file in the Planning Board Office and the Town Clerk's Office, both of which are located in the Dudley Municipal Complex, 71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA. The Planning Board will receive public input at the hearing. If you wish to comment but are unable to attend, you may submit written comments to the Planning Board Office or via email to planner1@dudleyma.gov before 4:30 p.m. on June 27, 2023.

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June 9, 2023

June 16, 2023

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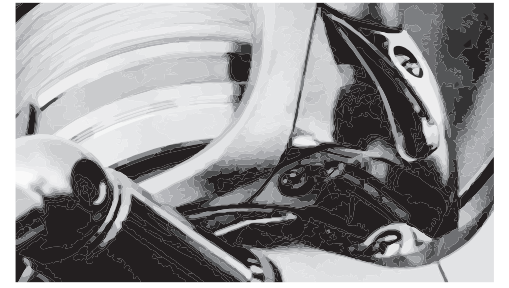
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Age 12

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Zachary is able to build relationships with others, particularly caregivers, and is described as being sensitive and kind to others. Zachary is a sweet, polite young boy. He has a quiet personality, but once he warms up to people around him, he will ask intriguing questions. Academically, Zachary is on target and in elementary school. He is working on social skills at school and has done well in his class. Zachary responds well to words of encouragement and praise. He recently expressed that he would like to be an environmental scientist when he grows up.

Zachary would do well in a family of any constellation, with or without older children in the home. A family for Zachary should be open to helping him maintain a relationship with his younger sister and birth parents. A home that can provide a structured environment, close supervision, and support will allow Zachary to thrive.

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Hofstra University congratulates Spring 2023 Provost's List students

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — Hofstra University is proud to announce the Spring 2023 Provost's List, which recognizes students who earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average. Students from the local area to earn this distinction include:

Trinity Semo, a Dance major from Dudley
Molly Starczewski, a Dance major from Dudley

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DeMatteis School of Engineering and Applied Science, the Frank G. Zarb School of Business, the Lawrence Herbert School of Communication, the Maurice A. Deane School of Law, the Hofstra Northwell School of Nursing and Physician Assistant Studies, and the Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell.



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Webster Five welcomes Cristina Morrissiey as SVP, Retail Branch Network Manager

AUBURN — Webster Five is pleased to announce that Cristina Morrissiey has joined the Bank as SVP Retail Branch Network Manager.

Morrissiey will be responsible for the sales, service, and operational leadership of the Webster Five branch network. She will have management oversight of all aspects of the branch banking experience, including training, employee development, and customer experience.

“The supportive, growth-focused environment at Webster Five caught my attention from the beginning,” Morrissiey said. “I look forward to contributing to the Bank’s culture and objectives in my role on the Retail Leadership team.”

“Cristina’s extensive market experience and leadership expertise will make her a valuable addition to our team.” SVP and Senior Retail Banking Officer Brian McEvoy said.

Prior to Webster Five, Morrissiey held multiple roles over her 14 years at AmeriCU Credit Union and 6 years at UniBank for Savings. She acted as Vice President – Regional Manager for UniBank in her most recent position, providing leadership and retail management to the Hopkinton, Upton & Milford region. She is a graduate of State University of New York Cortland and sits as President on the Board of



Cristina Morrissiey

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Haley Burek honored at College of Arts and Sciences Senior Awards ceremony

SPRINGFIELD — Haley Burek, of Auburn has received the Biology Achievement Award.

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Sophia Mazzone of Auburn receives Lasell University School of Fashion award

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Dudley resident graduates from James Madison University

HARRISONBURG, Va. — Paige Samia of Dudley graduated with a degree in Intelligence Analysis - BS from James Madison University during commencement exercises in May 2023.

Samia was among more than 4,200 students who received undergraduate and graduate degrees.

Congratulations to all graduates and their families!

Aucoin

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committee, some who were students during Aucoin's tenure, also complimented her leadership and her dedication to the district and the students. Superintendent Stephen Lamarche acknowledged Aucoin as a valuable member of the community who served as a guiding light for everyone in the district.

"I really appreciate especially your historical knowledge of the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District, the ins and outs and understanding the politics part of it as well as the people. You have certainly made quite a difference for a lot of people - I know they will be thankful for years to come," Lamarche

Diplomas

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cessed into the gymnasium wearing traditional St. Joseph School red and white caps and gowns. Once on stage, they began their program by reciting "The Our Father" and "Hail Mary," followed by the "Pledge of Allegiance." Then, each student took a turn coming forward to the microphone and telling the audience what they want to be when they grow up. Career choices include being a nurse, teacher, dentist, karate sensei, soldier, police officer, EMT, rockstar, and an employee for the Town of Franklin.

The morning culminated with the students singing and dancing to "God Bless America," "First Grade, First Grade," "When I Look Up," and "Goodbye Song." Diplomas were also distributed to the students by St. Joseph School Headmaster Re. Grzegorz Chodkowski.

Eighteen students advanced to First Grade: Maggie Belanger, Kamila Biela, Kaylee Blain, Konrad Blain, Emmanuela Brunnett, Michaela Chege, Paulina Deptula, Catalina Fernandez, Joseph Jusseaume, Madeline Kamangu, Henryk Kosiorek, Maria Mazzone, Gracelyn McGrail, Grace Muga, Klaudia Obrycki, Pawlina Obrycki, Wrenna Shemansky, and Jace Walker. Mrs. Samantha Cozza and Mrs. Justine Anthony instruct St. Joseph School Kindergarten students. Best wishes, students!

said.

In her farewell address, Aucoin took time to reflect on her own accomplishments, but even more on the overall growth of the district over the last three decades. While she has seen the district endure some difficult years, she expressed confidence that the district

will prevail.

"Even when I factored in the stressful meetings during COVID times, I have thoroughly enjoyed my opportunity to serve my community for these many years," Aucoin said. "I leave with gratitude, and if I might dare to pat myself and my colleagues on the back, a sense

that we accomplished much that is good in our efforts to make our school district one of the best in the Commonwealth. Please pick up the baton and carry on."

Aucoin's seat was to be filled during Dudley's June 12 municipal election. Results for that vote were not available for this story.

Oxford

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noted she composts it for use on her mother's and sister's gardens, and gives some eggs away to friends. They only have five hens, and don't want a rooster.

Regarding predators, she said she visits the chickens every morning and has never seen any. But Flynn noted, "There are predators everywhere ... and there are more than when I was a kid," even downtown. But she added that predators won't stay near chickens if they can't get to them, and she thought the Zografos' arrangements were secure.

Chair Dennis Lamarche agreed, saying, "They're doing the best they can. It'd

be their loss" if something happens. He also noted they will have to comply with waste and other conditions "or lose their permit," which does not allow sales.

The board approved their permit 4-0, with Robert King recusing himself.

They also approved three animal permit renewals and numerous reappointments to various boards before Manager Jen Callahan summarized various things she's working on.

One of the more notable was the fact Oxford is seeking a \$20 million MassWorks grant - \$13 million for road work and \$7 million for water/sewer infrastructure - in connection with the renovation of the Orchard Hill complex. That project aims to renovate the 215 existing

units and potentially build 165 new ones, of which 90 percent would be deemed "affordable" under state law. It's owned by Trinity Financial and is now going through the local and state permitting process, she said.

She also mentioned that Aquarion Water is having a public hearing before the state Department of Public Utilities to seek \$10 million in new debt related to expanding in Ware. Callahan said Oxford's attorneys are involved, and she's tasked them with making sure "under no circumstances would Oxford users wind up ... subsidizing, even long in the future, another community's infrastructure needs, and Oxford's infrastructure and capital needs shouldn't get postponed as a result of

this acquisition." She noted companies sometimes cut back on existing clients after such expansions and "we don't want our excellent customer service record to suffer."

Callahan also announced a few upcoming events: the June 17 Caruncle Beach opening with activities from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; Oxford Day at Polar Park June 22, with ticket sales benefiting the Community Center; and the kickoff of the summer concert series in Joslin Park June 25, with Far from Eden playing from 3-5 p.m.

In other business, the board approved a change of officers for the Days End Tavern liquor license.

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Normand Hall

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committee and the Sea Couth Ship Truxton's committee was comprised of Merrill W. Wright, chairman, William f. Tinsley, Carl Hognlund, Axel Swanstrom, Raymond Hall, rev. Albert F. Green, Clifton D. rose, and Emil Drolet. At the ceremony visiting guests were from the Sea Scout Ships Bancroft, Colburn, Asnebumsket, Thomas, Mr. Vernon, Sea Hawk, John berry, Dudley, Stellamarls, and Kozley of the Worcester Area coun-

cil and the Girl mariners of Worcester.

The difference between Boy Scouts and Sea Scouts is that the Sea Scouting program has more emphasis on water activities and many aspects of naval and nautical traditions, like boating skills and knowledge through instruction and practice in water and boating safety. The training is done with ship outings, long cruises, and a weekend of Coast Guard training at Safety at Sea. The program provides hands on seamanship and leadership training. It is still a program choice for youths today within the Boy Scout organization.

Beyond The Pews

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rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My

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