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Communities mourn passing of AJ Congdon

BY JASON BLEAU
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REGION — Local communities are mourning the loss of eight-year-old AJ Congdon, a young man whose brave battle with cancer captured the hearts of countless supporters over the last year.

Congdon was a student at Dudley Elementary School and a member of the Dudley-Charlton Rams football team who many considered a ray of sunshine in their lives. Congdon was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor in September and a campaign was started by supporters to help fund his participation in a clinical trial to alleviate his condition. An obituary confirmed Congdon passed away on June 9 at Boston Children's Hospital. Dudley-Charlton Regional School District Superintendent Steven Lamarche also confirmed Congdon's passing in a letter sent to parents and shared by recipients on social media.

"Is it with a heavy heart that we share that we learned of the passing of Dudley Elementary School student Anthony



Courtesy

Local student and athlete AJ Congdon passed away from his battle with cancer.

'AJ' Congdon. AJ was a bright and beloved student and a friend to so many. Our thoughts and deepest sympathies are with the Congdon family during this difficult time," Lamarche wrote.

The district made counselors and additional support resources available for those affected by the loss. The Dudley-Charlton Regional School Committee acknowl-

edged Congdon's passing during their June 12 meeting with a moment of silence.

Congdon's passing spawned an array of tributes online honoring his memory and the impact he left on the many lives he touched. Numerous sports teams, some who he played against and others that he or a family member played for, paid tribute to the young

man in posts recognizing his bravery and, in some cases, featuring videos of his accomplishments on the field. However, some of the most emotional tributes came from local police departments who had been a large part of many events and missions to assist AJ in enjoying life and raising money for his treatment. The Oxford Police Department welcomed

AJ as an honorary officer in his final months and posted a farewell statement and pictures of AJ on Facebook.

"The members of the Oxford Police Department were humbled that AJ and his family came into our family in blue and made AJ part of it. Chief (Michael) Daniels was honored to make AJ an honorary police officer, and AJ

will stand in our ranks for eternity," the Oxford Police Department wrong. "The strength and courage that AJ showed all of us, is something we can all look up to and strive for. Oxford sticks together during good times and bad. We remain strong and stick together. We will stand strong for AJs family and that is what this community is all about."

The Webster Police Department also posted a tribute calling AJ a "warrior" in his fight against cancer.

"AJ and his family are very close to the Webster Police Department and it was truly our honor to be able to be there with him during some pretty special events. We were thrilled that he was able to join the ranks of the Oxford Police Department Massachusetts as an honorary Police Officer," they department said.

The Dudley Police Department also acknowledged the loss, sharing pictures posted by Oxford in honor of AJ.

"We extend our deepest condolences to the Congdon Family, friends

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Marijuana, history top selectmen's agenda

BY GUS STEEVES
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WEBSTER — The key issues of the June 10 selectmen's meeting were marijuana and a new historic preservation plan.

The former came by way of an update from Gary Baldyga on his project to start a "strictly retail" company called Webster Cannabis, which is going before the Planning Board in July. He obtained the license some time ago from a previous company and noted he has no interest in cultivation because of the "ongoing issues we've seen in town" with that.

Town Administrator Rick Lafond said the selectmen still need to approve a host community agreement, which could be a renewal of the previous firm's agreement if Baldyga is willing to abide by it. But he noted towns have far less leeway with them than they used to. The state changed the rules to prohibit donations to community groups previously allowed as "community impact fees," but still allows towns to collect the 3 percent excise tax.

"There's effectively no negotiating anymore," he said.

He noted that change has cost Webster about \$350,000 a year in income, which the town was planning to use "to build our fire department."

Regarding history, Historical Commission Chair Ted Avlas said his board is now bringing the Historic Preservation Plan update to the public for input, after having collected background information over the last few months. He said it has three goals: recognizing the role historic buildings and resources play in town, identifying how Webster's historic character can be strengthened, and documenting how history contributes to Webster's vitality.

Selectmen Chair Earl Gabor noted this effort's link to the master plan, which he said Webster needs to review and update, too. He said the town has accomplished several parts of that plan.

Avlas specifically cited the Riverfront walkway, which he'd like to extend from Dudley to North Village, suggesting Webster could use the Community Preservation Act for funding.

He also noted the board had rejected earlier in the meeting a Commissioner's reappointment on grounds of non-residency and urged them to reconsider that because the town eliminated official residency requirements for some boards. Several people are vested in town through their businesses, but don't live here, he noted.

The board also discussed setting some short-term goals for Lafond, with Gabor asking his colleagues to "think of one to three items" from which they'd pick at the next meeting. But some of them said they felt having a special meeting dedicated to goals in general would be helpful.

Elaine Davies said she'd like to see the board create "an umbrella thing that sets the stage for a long-term" goal list. While she agreed with short-term goals, she said they also "need to do a more comprehensive strategic planning type of process."

When someone suggested having a "retreat" somewhere in town to do that, Lafond said he's seen such events work "if the board is operating in good faith." But they still have to be properly posted as open meetings.

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Deschenes, Sullivan elected to Board of Selectmen

BY JASON BLEAU
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DUDLEY — Dudley's annual town election saw a mix of new and old names voted into town boards and commissions with major vacancies filled on both the Board of Selectmen and Board of Health.

The Selectmen race promised at least one new addition to the board with John Marsi choosing not to seek reelection and instead put his focus on a reelection bid for Worcester District 6 State Representative. However, his longtime running mate Steven Sullivan did choose to seek a new term on the board and

was accompanied by newcomer Jana Lynn Deschenes and perpetual challenger David Durgin on the ballot. Deschenes would earn the most votes throughout the day with 933, well outpacing both of her fellow contenders and becoming the only woman on the board. Sullivan maintained his seat in a relatively close race earning 713 votes to Durgin's 647. Sullivan now enters his fifth three-year term as selectman.

The other major contests of the day were for the Board of Health and the Planning Board. With the departure of long-time incumbent Jennifer Cournoyer, four candidates ran for the one

available Board of Health seat with Minica Freund Kaufman earning the most votes with 486. Anna Chojnacki-Durgin came in second with 349 votes and not far behind with 312 votes was J. Theodore Zajkowski. Carmela Manzano came in fourth with 121 votes. The Planning Board race was a three-way battle for two available seats all decided within a one hundred vote margin. Incumbent Guy Horne, Jr. won a seat with 779 votes while Steve Watroba defeated incumbent Thomas Chojnacki for the second seat with 725 votes to Chojnacki's 689.

The rest of the elected seats were unchallenged

with Scott Zajkowski and Sean Bowes elected to the Water & Sewer Commission, Joyce Nierodzinski and Patricia Korch elected to the Library Trustees, Cathleen Carmignani maintaining her seat on the Dudley-Charlton Regional School Committee, and Joann Szymczak and Richard Carmignani, Jr. returning as Assessor and Treasurer/Collector respectively.

The ballot also featured a single question asking voters whether to exclude \$3 million worth of enhancements to local schools from the

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Broadcasting live...from a convenience store?

WEBSTER — In modern media, it's not uncommon to see your favorite shows and venues to have corporate sponsorships. Red Sox fans enjoy analysis from the Wasabi Technology studios, Worcester's arena and convention complex will continue to be called the DCU Center for years to come, and local hits radio listeners now hear afternoon programming from the DocStop Studios. The one difference is that when 99.3 WQVR's afternoon host mentions his broadcast from the DocStop Studios, it's not a studio sponsorship - he's literally hosting from a studio in the back room of DocStop, Webster's newest convenience store.

After more than a year of planning and construction, Doc Siddall opened his new shop at 195 Thompson Rd., Webster. DocStop features hundreds of cold drink options, hot coffee, groceries, snacks, cigarettes and tobacco, non-alcoholic beer, live bait, Massachusetts Lottery and many of the same items you would

expect to find in a typical variety store.

Now, why would a drive-time host on a growing radio station open a full service brick-and-mortar business when he's already employed and responsible for hours of daily programming?

"Having both of these projects going at the same time wasn't the plan. I don't think I could have ended up here on purpose if I tried," says Siddall. "I actually have more experience as a store operator than I do on the air. I had twenty-two years just at Honey Farms, most of that time as a manager."

Siddall's tenure as a retailer came to a close in 2020 when his store was sold.

"There was lockdown down-time, so I was able to embrace The Lake," he says, referring to his position at WGFP radio. "We set up the equipment to be able to host from home, so I kept myself busy with a daily show. When the world opened back up, my Dad and I started scout-

ing locations and putting together a business plan for a store."

Despite being passionate about radio work, and feeling particularly lucky to be able to work in his

hometown, Siddall didn't count on The Lake 940 to be his future.

"They give radio personalities the advice

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Local graduates awarded 2024 CMS Chamber scholarships



Shepherd Hill graduates Kaelyn Donovan and Sofia McCarty are the recipients of the Chamber's 2024 Scholarships. Congratulations and good luck to the Class of 2024!

STURBRIDGE — The Chamber of Central Mass. South is very pleased to announce the winners of the Chamber Scholarships for 2024. This year, scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 have been awarded to two outstanding local students. The students will receive these monetary awards upon successful completion of their first semester of college with a 3.0 GPA or higher.

“Our scholarships are available to any student going to school or living in our twelve town catchment,” said Chamber Executive Director Alexandra McNitt. “Every year we get remarkable students submitting applications. It is both amazing and heartening to see how involved these young people are in the community. It is a privilege to be able to support them in this way.”

This year's \$1,000 scholarship recipients are Kaelyn Donovan and Sofia McCarty, students of the Class of 2024 at Shepherd Hill Regional

High School.

Known for her kindness, compassion and positive attitude, Kaelyn Donovan of Charlton distinguished herself academically by maintaining an impressive 4.0 GPA at Shepherd Hill. While challenging herself with a rigorous course load, including Advanced Placement courses, she also demonstrated exemplary leadership skills and a commitment to community service. Described as ambitious, reliable and hardworking, she ranked 35th in a very competitive class of 190, and also excelled at activities outside the classroom. Donovan participated in the National Honor Society, Student Council, National Art Honor Society, indoor and outdoor track, and she served as manager of the girls' varsity soccer team. The recipient of numerous awards for dance and track and field, she also earned her high school's coveted Academic Excellence Award for Marketing. She has taught Vacation Bible School for children

at her church, served as a coach for youths at the Summer Sports Camp at Shepherd Hill for the past two summers and will volunteer at Camp Sunshine in Casco, Maine this summer. In the fall, she will attend Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., where she will pursue a degree in accounting.

A stellar academic performer who is respected and admired by her peers, Sofia McCarty of Dudley has shown excellence both in and out the classroom during her high school years. Keenly interested in both math and science, she has consistently held a spot near the top of her class while enrolled in the most advanced courses since her freshman year. McCarty's leadership skills and desire to affect change contributed to her being elected Treasurer of Student Council, Treasurer of her class and she was one of two Dudley-Charlton Leadership Council student representatives. Sofia's commitment to her community is evidenced by her volunteer work at the Pearl L. Crawford Library in Dudley, Webster Food Share, and St. Louis Church of Webster to name a few of many. Inspired by her summer camp experiences which introduced her and other young women to engineering and STEM, Sofia established the Girls Who Code Club at Shepherd Hill to teach others programming and coding skills in an inclusive and supportive environment. In the fall, Sofia will be attending a four-year college and pursuing a degree in computer science.

as they embark on their journeys into higher education.

The Chamber of Central Mass South typically offers \$1000 scholarships to local students each year. Monies are allocated from the Chamber's Charities and Scholarship Fund

which is supported by the annual 'Your Chance to Be a Millionaire' lottery scratch tickets raffle, July's Drivin' it Ho(l)me for Health and Education Car Show held in partnership with the Harrington Hospital Auxiliary, the Chamber's Annual Golf Classic, as well as individual contributions

from Chamber Members. Scholarship applications can be obtained at local high school guidance offices or by request from the Chamber office. The annual deadline to apply is April 1. Learn more about the Chamber of Central Mass South at www.cmschamber.org.

Local 4 Life features summer science workshops



DUDLEY — Local 4 Life, a Dudley-based non-profit organization, is pleased to announce that registrations are now open for their Third Annual “Grow Your Mind” Summer Science Workshops for children. These workshops are for children ages four and up and will take place on two local farms. The workshops are sponsored, in part, by D. Mason Paving. All workshops include a farm tour, interactive science lessons by certified teachers, and newly developed project-based activities.

Please note that this is not a drop off event and all children must be accompanied by an adult. Online registration is required. Go to www.local4life.org to register and for more information or email local4lifema@gmail.com for a registration form. Cost is \$12 per child per workshop.

Local 4 Life has created three workshops from which to choose. On July

25 from 9-10:30 a.m., children will learn about the life cycles, growth, and distinct traits of flowers with Farmer Lanette of Armstrong Acres Farm in the “Purpose of Pollinators Workshop.” Lessons will include the importance of pollinators and children will participate in a pollinator design challenge. They will also develop a take home project. This workshop takes place at Armstrong Acres Farm, 14 Durfee Rd., Dudley.

On July 18 from 9 to 10:30 a.m., Farmer Krisanne of Walnut Lane Farm will conduct a farm tour during the “Adaptable Animals Workshop.” Children will learn about the unique traits and needs of farm animals, especially during the New England seasons. They will participate in a design challenge to help farm animals and make a craft to take home. This workshop takes place at Walnut Lane Farm, 39 Koebke Rd., Dudley.

Farmer Krisanne of Walnut Lane Farm will also lead the “Digging Deeper into Compost Workshop” on July 22 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. During a farm tour, she will discuss the importance of soil and how the farm produces compost. There will be opportunities for hands-on activities with soil and compost critters and children will design a mini composter to take home. This workshop takes place at Walnut Lane Farm, 39 Koebke Rd., Dudley.

To learn more about the non-profit organization and to register, visit the Web site at www.local4life.org or call (508) 341-5347.

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

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

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Congratulations to Bartlett Track and Field's Paul Lango, who competed in the Massachusetts Senior Games. Coach Lango placed first in the hammer throw and 50 meters, and second in the discus and shot put.

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Megas promoted to Sergeant at Dudley PD

BY JASON BLEAU
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DUDLEY — The Dudley Board of Selectmen approved the appointment of Patrolman Phil Megas to Police Sergeant on June 3, continuing to hire from within as they fill out their lineup following several retirements and promotions.

Megas succeeds Sgt. Paul Ceppetelli, who retired in April after 26 years in the force. Selectmen also took a moment to congratulate Ceppetelli on his many years of service during the meeting. Megas's appointment was a popular one, so deserved in fact that Chief Marek Karłowicz told selectmen the other candidates for the job all stepped aside to allow him a promotion long overdue.

"There were four qualified officers. I approached all four of them and three of them stated that Officer Megas deserves the position and at that point they would not be putting their names in the hat. That alone right there speaks volumes," said the chief.



Dudley's newest Police Sergeant, Phil Megas, is pinned and sworn in.

Megas joined the force as a reserve officer in 2006 and six years later was promoted to full time. He attended the Redding Police Academy after which he worked second and third shift eventually becoming a field training officer, sexual assault investigator, and TASER instructor among other duties. He is currently working on his

certification for accident reconstruction. He has also been an active grant writer for the department securing over \$200,000 to pay for traffic enforcement, equipment and laptop replacements for the cruisers. His IT experience has also been valuable to the department assisting with enhancement in cyber security. However, one



Courtesy

Phil Megas poses with his family after his long-awaited promotion to Police Sergeant.

of his most significant roles has been as School Resource Officer for the last eight years where he has been in direct contact with local children and families as one of the major public faces of the department. He is so beloved in the district that students and staff held a farewell parade for him in the weeks following his promotion.

Megas was joined by his family for the announcement of his promotion, thanking the many people that have played a role in his career and helped him accomplish a dream.

"I'd like to thank the Chief, Lt. (Jim) Annese, my wife and kids who have

stood by me to realize not just the dream of becoming a police officer but having the opportunity to become a Sergeant. Thanks Sgt. Poplawski and Sergeant Ceppetelli whose shoes I will try my best to fill, Sgt. Remillard and Sgt. Boyd, Officers Ferrera, Daniels, Glowacki, and Officer Smith and all the officers that weren't able to come in tonight. I'd like to thank the town of Dudley, the Selectmen whose kids I have worked with the last eight years at the high school, and most importantly the community I will be serving. Lastly,

I'd like to also thank the Dudley-Charlton School District...and the parents and the kids who I've worked with and have actually taught me to be a better father, parent, and police officer," said Megas.

Both selectmen and members of the public spoke highly of Megas, many acknowledging the work he has done with their children and calling him a "class act." Selectmen approved his promotion unanimously after which he was immediately sworn in and pinned as Dudley's newest Police Sergeant.

Webster schools honor adult students

BY GUS STEEVES
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WEBSTER — The School Committee is usually all about kids, but the latest meeting's focus was mostly on adult students and teachers.

Specifically, Adult Ed Director Ava Landry presented this year's accomplishments of her older students, some of whom have their own kids in the system too. Webster's Adult Ed class graduated seven people June 6, and has recently created two new programs – a "self-paced GED" and a summer conversation/ GED bootcamp.

Landry said her department has seen a jump in state funding, in part because it's "been overenrolled for the entire year." Last year, it received \$378,000; this year, more than \$435,000.

She cited a couple of students, although not by name. She said one man entered the program in September, got his GED in November and was enrolled in Quinsigamond Community College by January. Another woman came in speaking four

languages – Haitian Creole, French, Spanish and Portuguese – but no English; within a couple months, she was able to take a certified nurse assistant class in English and pass it.

Chair Kelly Seddiki said she feels the committee and district need to put more emphasis on family literacy and "how to impact it across the community." Landry agreed, noting many of her students are parents who want to be able to read to their kids in English.

"It's certainly on our radar screen to pair up with the town and the library to do that," observed Superintendent Monique Pierangeli.

She praised Landry for being willing to try new things for her students, saying, "It's that creativity that supports the families."

Before that, Pierangeli honored four new retirees. Anne Jacquart has been a speech therapy assistant for 29 years; Sean Harrington, a longterm substitute and art teacher since 1992; Laurie Marazzo has been

district secretary 13 years; and Annie Thompson was assistant Park Ave principal since 2021.

Lisa Kontoes updated where the Bartlett renovation project stands, plus other district maintenance issues. She noted it has three grant-funded project (besides Bartlett) happening – two at te middle school, one at Park Ave. The middle school needs HVAC controller upgrades that will enable remote setting and maintenance (now done only by climbing to the roof) plus replace controllers in the boiler room and individual classrooms, as well as replacing about 200 windows because the old glass has lost its insulating argon gas. At Park Ave, they're adding 60 interactive smartboards; the middle school already has them and Bartlett will get them with the renovation.

The committee also accepted a \$15,000 Malsar grant for the art department.

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St. Roch Festival set for June 22

OXFORD — The Annual St. Roch Festival will take place Saturday, June 22 at 336 Main St., Oxford.

The fun begins under the Big Tent at 10:30 a.m. Raffles, fried dough, strawberry shortcake, desserts, music, adult games: Bocci, Cornhole plus more! Burgers, dogs, Sausage & Peppers, Pulled Pork will be served 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Dunk Tank! Practice your aim now; Fr. Jim will take your best shots! A bouncy house, face painting and organized children's games will be held on the church lot on the corners of Main & Water Streets from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Water balloon toss, three-legged races, obstacle course, potato sack races and more! All children's activities are free including cold drinks and prizes!

An ice cream truck will be on the premises for purchases.=

Free admission for Webster residents at Samuel Slater Experience June 29 and 30

WEBSTER — Come explore the beginnings of the American Industrial Revolution and the founding of Webster during free admission days for Webster residents on Saturday, June 29, and Sunday, June 30, at the Samuel Slater Experience.

The free admission days are funded by a grant provided by the Janet Malsar Humanities Trust.

Preregistration is required and admission times will be staggered during the two days. Go to <https://samuel Slater Experience.org> to register. You will be asked for a name and credit card, but you will not be charged. Entry times are every half hour for up to 10 people.

For more information or questions, email admin@samuel Slater Experience.org or call 508-461-2955.

Free admission days for residents of Dudley and Oxford, as well as a second Webster weekend, will be scheduled during the next several months.

The Samuel Slater Experience is located at 31 Ray St.

About Samuel Slater Experience

The Samuel Slater Experience museum, which opened in March 2022, uses immersive digital technology and interactive exhibits to tell the story of Samuel Slater, the early American Industrial Revolution, and the creation of economically thriving mill towns like Webster, Massachusetts.

It is located in the former National Guard Armory at 31 Ray St., Webster; and open to the public year-round. Daily schedule: Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday noon to 4 p.m. Last admission is at 3 p.m.

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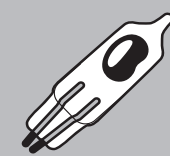
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FRIENDS ANNUAL BOOKSALE IS COMING! The dates are as followed:
THURSDAY June 20th from 9:00AM until 8:00PM
FRIDAY June 21st from 9:00AM until 5:00PM
SATURDAY June 22nd 9:00AM until 11:00AM

Adult Programming
YOGA – Saturday June 29th at 9:30 AM

Join Julie or Lauren at the Gladys E. Kelly Library for a vinyasa yoga class for all levels. In Sanskrit, Vinyasa yoga translates to the “uniting of movement with breath”. A typical class involves centering the mind with the breath, aromatherapy, movement of the body to release energetic blockages, and, finally, rest and relaxation. Classes are free. Funded by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP— July 15th at 6:30 PM
This month’s book discussion will be in the Library’s Community Room. The Group will be discussing *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig. Stop by the library, or reach out by phone at 508-949-3880, or by email to rcox@cwmar.org for inquiries.

ADULT BOARDGAME NIGHT— (No Meeting in July) August 12th at 6:00 PM
Come in and play games with other board game enthusiasts. Learn a new one, or play one you know and help others learn!

BEEKEEPING 101— July 8th at 6:00 PM
Hedly Honey will be in to talk about how to start a beehive, the bee colony, collecting honey, the importance of bees in pollination and more.

COMPUTER BASICS CLASS— July 18th at 3:30-4:30 PM
Come learn some computer basics with Assistant Director Evan Hale. Registration is required for this event. You can do that by visiting our website or calling the library.

MOTOWN HITS AND HISTORY— July 22nd at 6:30
In this one-hour concert, Melodious Zach will perform Motown favorites, and entertain you with Motown trivia. Featuring songs from artists such as: Smokey Robinson, Stevie Wonder, Jackson 5, Four Tops, and many more. Zach will also discuss the cultural significance of Motown and how it changed over the years, he will also touch on Motown’s relaunch in 2011.

MATT YORK PRESENTS: WILLIE NELSON July 29th at 6:30 PM
Longtime New England singer/songwriter Matt York will perform songs and tell stories about the great Willie Nelson. York will focus on Willie’s long and illustrious music career that has spanned over seven decades. In both 2022 and 2023, York was nominated for the Boston Music Award for Best Country Artist and last year, his album, *Gently*

Used, was named one of the top albums by Worcester Magazine. 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.
Children’s and Young Adult Programming

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

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

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

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

BUILD TUESDAYS - from 3:30-4:30 PM
Join us for the last two Tuesday for a self-guided STEM-based building challenge, appropriate for all ages. Younger kids should bring a parent.

Instruction sheets will be provided. Contact Andrew at 508-949-3880, or atai@cwmar.org for more details.

OPEN PLAY TIME ADVENTURE— JUNE 28TH AT 10:00 AM
Kids 0 to 6 are invited to get their wiggles out with weekly obstacle course and fun.

SPECIALSTORYTIME: FLOWERPOT PAINTING June 25th at 10:00 AM
Please join us for stories and fun as we paint flower pots to bring home. This program is perfect of ages 2-5, but siblings are welcome.

STORYTIME— July 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th at 10:00 AM
Mornings will be filled with fun stories, songs, and activities perfect for ages 2-5. Siblings are welcome to join.

MUSIC TOGETHER— Saturdays 29th at 11:00 AM
Fun, fabulous, uplifting, magical early childhood music class! For ages 0 to 6 and their families. Funded by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

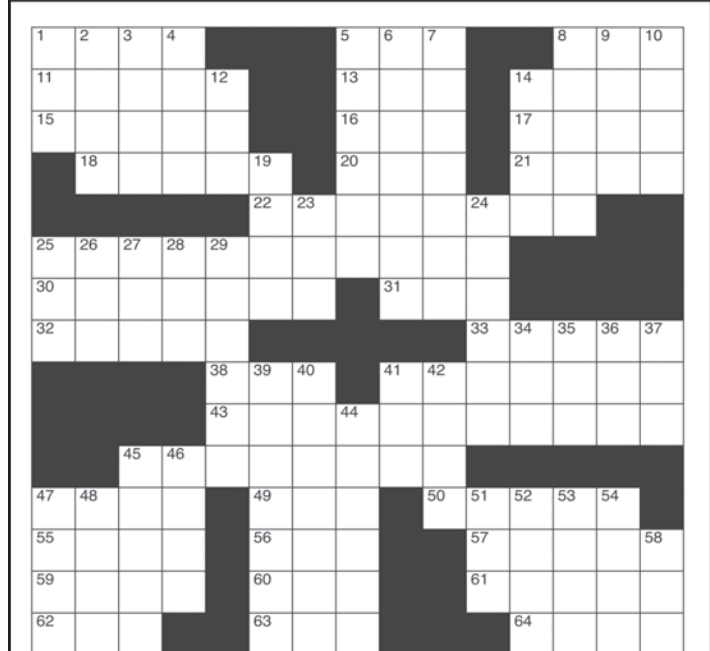
SENSORY BIN EXPLORATION— July 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd at 10:00 AM
Join us for open sensory bin exploration. Bins will be filled up with sand, rice, dirt, dry pasta, and more! This program is geared towards ages 2 to 5, but siblings are welcome.

ANIMAL ADVENTURES— June 24th 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.

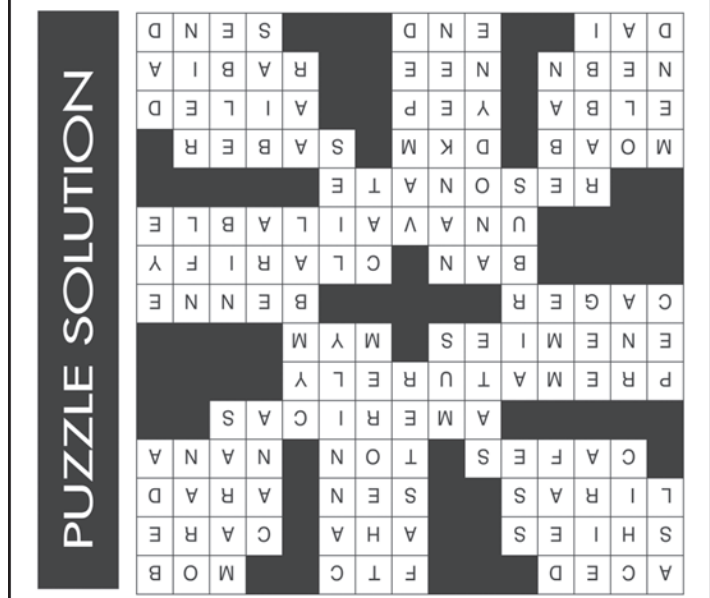
SUMMER EATS KICKOFF PARTY— June 25th at 12:00 PM
Join us to kick off our annual summer eats program! Free pizza, games, music, and fun! Rain date Monday July 1st. Part of Project Bread, the Massachusetts’ Department of Education, and local school and community meal providers.

ONE UP GAMES VR PARTY FOR TEENS — June 25th at 2:00 PM
One Up Games brings a variety of next-gen consoles and gaming monitors to the library, along with popular games, classic games and retro games. Up to 30 teens can play what they wish, with the freedom to move to any system and play any game.

FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS— June 26th at 11:00 AM
Grab your bestie and come make beaded bracelets in the children’s program room. This is a self-guided program; all materials are provided. Ages 8 and up.
HENNA AT THE LIBRARY— June 27th at 10:00 AM
ICNHA Certified and Insured Henna Artist Mandy Roberge will offer henna to kids, teens, and tweens.



- CLUES ACROSS**
- Breezed through
 - Supervises interstate commerce
 - Unruly group
 - Backs away from
 - Expression of understanding
 - Have concern for
 - Monetary units
 - Congressman (abbr.)
 - Iranian city
 - Eating houses
 - 2,000 lbs.
 - Grandmother
 - They include North, South and Central
 - In an early way
 - Foes
 - Shattered British entertainment magazine
 - One who unloads cages
 - Another term for sesame
 - Formally forbid
 - Make clear
 - Inaccessible
 - Get through
 - Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
 - Decameter
 - Type of sword
 - Actor Idris
 - Affirmative (slang)
 - Afflicted
 - One point north of northeast
 - Born of
 - Arabic name
 - Traditional Hong Kong street food: ___ pai dong
 - Termination point
 - Email function
 - Woman (French)
 - Aircraft designed to carry lots of passengers
 - Baseball stat
 - Pointed end of a pen
 - Popular sports league
 - Body part
 - Unlikely to provoke dissent
 - Yellowish cotton cloth
 - Domesticated house pet
 - Untruths
 - Set out to attract
 - Spiritual leader
 - Abba ___, Israeli politician
 - Repair
 - Genus of flowering plants
 - Swiss river
 - Prejudice
 - River in central Europe
 - Harness
 - Father
- CLUES DOWN**
- Sign language
 - In style
 - Helsinki neighborhood
 - Unable to hear
 - More rapid
 - An idea accepted as a demonstrable truth
 - In a cagey way
 - Kate and Rooney are two
 - Algerian port
 - Community in Ladakh
 - Midway between south and southeast
 - Town in Galilee
 - Satisfy
 - Italian impressionist painter
 - Brass instrument
 - Chest muscle (slang)
 - Transmits genetic information from DNA to the cytoplasm
 - Records electric currents generated by the brain



WEBSTER POLICE LOG

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests from May 26 to June 10.

Ethan Scott Poissant, age 33, of Webster was arrested on May 26 in connection with multiple warrants.

Tashir M. Reed, age 27, of Woonsocket, R.I. was arrested on May 27 in connection with a warrant.

A 29-year-old female from Webster was issued a summons in lieu of arrest on May 28 for a Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID, operating an Unregistered Motor Vehicle, and operating a motor vehicle with No Inspection Sticker. Miguel Alejandro Sosa, age 22, of Webster was arrested during the same incident for Assault & Battery on a Police Officer and Disorderly Conduct.

A 47-year-old male whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on May 29 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

Miguel Angelo Ponte, age 30, of Webster was arrested on May 30 for Assault & Battery, Violation of a Harassment Prevention Order, and Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon-To Wit, Door.

A 44-year-old female from Norwich, Conn. was issued a summons in lieu of arrest on May 31 for multiple counts of Assault with a Dangerous Weapon. A 59-year-old male from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested during the same incident on multiple counts of Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

Pedro H. Depaula Goncalves, age 27, of Worcester was arrested on June 2 for Possession of a Class A Drug with Intent to Distribute, Interfering with a Police Officer, and in connection with multiple warrants.

Luis Doel Fernandez, age 40, of Webster was arrested on June 2 in connection with a warrant.

A 52-year-old male from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on June 3 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

Albert Rivera, age 41, of Sturbridge was arrested on June 4 in connection with a warrant.

A 61-year-old male from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on June 4 for Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon and Assault & Battery on a person Over the Age of 60 and/or Disabled.

Emanuel Junior Cortes, age 33, of Worcester was arrested on June 6 for Refusal by the Operator of a Motor Vehicle to Identify Themselves.

Matthew V. Dougherty, age 35, of Webster was arrested on June 8 for Assault with a Dangerous Weapon and multiple counts of Assault & Battery.

A 33-year-old female from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on June 10 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

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Change your luck

"Ah! It's just my luck!" yelled Bob, slamming the phone in frustration. In the high-stakes sales world, every call and meeting counts, and Bob had one of those months when nothing seemed to go right.

His colleagues were closing deals left and right while Bob sat at his desk, staring at another lost opportunity. It seemed that every deal slipped right through his fingers!

Determined to change his luck, Bob approached Lisa, the top performer in their sales team. He asked, "How are you always so lucky? You're making sales every day!"

"It's not luck, Bob," she laughed. "Luck has very little to do with it. Let me show you a few things that might change your perspective." Lisa then shared her secrets for creating her own luck

in sales.

"First off, physical fitness is important," Lisa began. When you care for your body, you have mental clarity and won't get stressed easily. A healthy body supports a sharp mind, essential in sales."

Bob nodded, making mental notes. "I've been meaning to hit the gym," he admitted.

"Next, courage is key. You must be willing to take risks, make that cold call, or approach a potential client. Fear of rejection is deadly in sales."

"I do get nervous," Bob said. "I guess that's something I need to work on."

"Imagination is another important factor," Lisa said. "You need to think creatively about how to meet your client's needs and solve their problems."

Bob nodded. "I've always admired how you come up with unique

solutions."

"Your speech is also vital. How you communicate can make or break a deal. Clear, confident, and persuasive speech helps build trust and rapport."

"That's something I struggle with," Bob admitted. "I sometimes stumble over my words."

"Practice makes perfect," Lisa encouraged. "A pleasing personality is another must-have. People want to do business with someone they like and trust. Be friendly, approachable, and genuinely interested."

"I can do that," Bob said. "I enjoy talking to people!"

"Self-confidence is a big one. If you don't believe in yourself and the product you're selling, neither will your clients. Confidence helps reassure clients that they're making the right

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in closer. "Here's a secret. Everything works a little in sales, and nothing works a lot. While all these factors are important, neither one of them alone would get you the sale, but combined, they increase your chances of success."

Bob was starting to see the picture. "So, it's about balance and putting it all together?"

"Exactly," Lisa said. "But there's one factor that works more than all the others, and if you do it, it will change your luck."

Lisa smiled at Bob. "Hard work is one thing you have absolute control

over. And if you think about it, all the other points I mentioned boil down to hard work, too. Hard work is the most reliable way to improve your 'luck' and achieve success."

With Lisa's advice fresh in his mind, Bob decided to make some changes.

He set his alarm an hour earlier for a morning workout, boosting his energy and mood. He took risks, reaching out to clients he had felt too intimidated to approach or thought would say no. His imagination flourished as he brainstormed creative solutions for the client's needs, and he practiced his speech in front of the mirror to improve his communication skills.

Bob also focused on developing a pleasing personality. He tried to be friendlier and more approachable, always

showing genuine interest in clients. His self-confidence grew with each small victory, fueling his determination.

Eventually, he started closing deals, winning over clients with his dedication and newfound skills. Once a place of frustration, his desk now buzzed with activity and success.

One day, as Bob celebrated closing a major deal, he caught Lisa's eye across the office. She smiled and gave him a thumbs-up, knowing that Bob had finally understood the relationship between work and luck.

Bob learned that it was never about chance—it was about putting in the hard work and dedication needed to achieve his desired success.

What can golf teach us about investing?

BY CHRISTOPHER MALLON
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If you're a golf fan and have ever watched a professional tournament, you've likely marveled at the physical talents on display (320-plus-yard drives, pin-point accuracy, incredible putting, etc.). But often overlooked is the mental for-

titude these players have. Imagine the nerves it takes to sink a winning putt on the 18th green at Augusta, in front of thousands of anxious fans. To be successful in that moment, it requires tremendous preparation, emotional control, and decision making.

Many of the same characteristics which lead to

success at competitive golf can also help investors pursue their financial goals. Below are a few parallels for your consideration.

Guidance: Even the world's best golfers hire swing coaches and trainers for guidance. They actively seek out advice to improve their chances of winning. And in high-pressure situations (often with millions of dollars on the line), players consult with their caddie to check yardages, club selection, alignment, and make good decisions. Similarly, investors can benefit by hiring a financial planner to help pursue their financial goals, monitor progress, and suggest adjustments when needed.

Patience: Both golf and investing demand patience. Trying to rush through a golf shot (or an entire round of golf) typically doesn't lead to a great score.

Professional golfers take their time to mentally "reset" before each swing. Savvy Investors also understand it takes time and patience for investments to grow over time.

Discipline: Great golfers practice regularly and follow a consistent routine to improve their game. They understand some days will be easier than others, but they stick to their process and grind it out. Successful investors also need discipline to stick to their financial plans and resist impulsive decisions.

Risk management: Experienced golfers assess the risk and reward associated with each shot. If they find themselves in a hazard or with a difficult lie, they will "take their medicine" to minimize the damage and get their ball back in play. And when they see opportunities to get aggressive and make

a birdie, they'll go for it. Savvy investors also understand how to evaluate the risk and reward associated with each investment decision.

Intention: Great golfers visualize each shot before making a swing. They can see the desired shot shape, trajectory, and landing spot for their ball. Doing so allows them to swing with confidence and intention. When it comes to investing, it's equally important to know what is trying to be achieved. Understanding the intent for each account is a critical aspect of financial planning.

Tracking progress: Today's golfers have access to incredible amounts of data (think Trackman) to analyze factors such as swing speed, launch angle, carry, etc. They use this data to refine their skills and seek improvement. Similarly, investors

should monitor how their portfolios are performing versus the appropriate benchmark.

As Freddy "Boom-Boom" Couples once said, "When you're prepared, you're more confident. And when you have a strategy, you're more comfortable". When it comes to pursuing your financial goals, how prepared (and confident) are you? At the very least, hopefully you've hired a great "caddie".

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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, 6/25, Spaghetti and Meatballs, Marinara Sauce, Green Beans. Wednesday, 6/26, Chicken Pot Pie, Mashed Potatoes, Country Blend Vegetables. Thursday, 6/27, Potato Crunch Fish, Sour Cream Chive Mashed Potatoes, Peas and Onions, Tartar Sauce. Friday, 6/28, Garlic Herbed Chicken, Bread Stuffing, Brussels Sprouts.

Need Transportation? Contact SCM Elderbus at 1-800-321-0243 at least 2 business days in advance to schedule transportation. Elderbus is available Mondays - Fridays 8:30 am to 3:00 pm.

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

Come on down to the Bomba Beauty Salon at the Webster Senior Center! Call 508-341-8724 for an appointment. Bomba Beauty Salon is open for walk in appointments on Wednesdays from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays by appointment only from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Call (508) 341-8724 to schedule an appointment.

The REC Farmer's Market will return Wednesday, June 26, 3:30-4:30 Webster Town Hall Front Lawn.

A Blue Cross/Blue Shield Representative will

be here on Wednesday, June 26, 10:00 - 11:30 to answer your questions and make it easier to find the right Medicare plan for you.

Mondays only, Wednesdays have been cancelled until further notice. Exercise Classes with Forty Arroyo - Chair Dancing - the perfect workout for any fitness ability! Cost: \$3.00 per class.

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

Bingo: Every Tuesday, starts promptly at 1:00 pm. Please plan to arrive by 12:30 pm to allow time to buy your bingo sheets. Bingo sheets are not sold after 12:45 pm.

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

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

Webster Senior Center Trips! Happy 2 Gather, 60's Flashback Show at Lake Pearl, Wrentham MA on Wednesday, September 18th. Cost: \$131.00 per person includes show ticket, transportation, luncheon, meal taxes & gratuity. Trip price does not include bus driver gratuity. For more information call (508) 949-3845.

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

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Weekly Activities:
Mondays and Fridays @ 10:00 am - Cribbage

Tuesdays @ 9:15am - Strength & Balance w/ Donna Freeland - Cost \$3.00 per class

Wednesdays @ 9:15am - Chair Yoga w/ Heidi Gambaccini - Cost \$3.00 per class

Tuesdays and Wednesdays @ 10:00am - Needleworkers (Knitting, Crocheting, Needlepoint)

Bring your favorite project and

come join the group for conversation and laughs.

Wednesdays @ 1:00 pm - Chair Volleyball - Lots of laughs and only two rules (1) stay seated (2) have fun!

Thursdays @ 10:00 am - Dominoes

Thursdays @ 12:30 pm - Quilting Class

Fridays @ 9:00 am - Walking Club (weather permitting)

Monthly Activities:

Let's Talk Oxford History - 2nd Tuesday of each month @ 1pm - Sponsored by the Oxford Historical Commission

Blood Pressure Clinic - 2nd Tuesday of each month @ 11:00am

Senior Safety Education - 3rd Friday of each month @ 12:30 - Sponsored by Oxford Fire & EMS - June 24th "Trip Hazards"

Men's Coffee Group - 2nd Wednesday of each month @ 10:30am - coffee and pastry are served.

Tri-Valley Inc. Options Counseling - 3rd Tuesday of each month from 12:30pm - 2:30pm. By appointment.

SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone) - 3rd Wednesday of each month. By

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appointment.

Book Club - 1st Friday of each month @ 12:45pm - reserve your book from the Oxford Public Library

Movie Matinee - 2nd Friday of each month @ 12:45

BEANO - 4th Friday of each month @ 12:45pm - arrive by 12:30pm to purchase your BEANO sheets.

BUS TRIPS:

Boston Duck Tour- July 11th, lunch @ Maggiano's \$169pp

Mobsters & Lobsters Trolley Tour - September 26th, lunch @ The Venezia \$169pp

The Reagle Music Theatre presents "Christmas Time"-December 1st \$135 pp

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Why vinyl is making a comeback

In an era where digital streaming services dominate the music industry, it's fascinating to observe the resurgence of vinyl records. What is it about these relics of the past that continues to captivate new generations and rekindle nostalgia in older ones?

Vinyl records, once thought to be obsolete with the advent of CDs and digital downloads, have experienced a renaissance over the past decade. Sales have soared, with records outselling CDs for the first time in decades.

One of the key reasons behind this comeback is the tangible and tactile experience that vinyl offers. In a world where music is often reduced to intangible files on a smartphone, vinyl records provide a physical connection to the music. The process of selecting a record, carefully placing it on the turntable, and gently lowering the needle creates a ritualistic experience that digital formats simply cannot replicate.

The sound quality of vinyl is another compelling factor. Audiophiles argue that vinyl records offer a warmer, richer sound compared to the compressed audio files of digital music. The analog nature of vinyl captures the nuances and imperfections of the original recording, providing a listening experience that many find more authentic and immersive.

Moreover, the artwork and packaging of vinyl records add an aesthetic value that digital formats lack. Album covers on vinyl are often considered works of art in themselves, with their larger size allowing for more detailed and impactful designs. The liner notes, lyric sheets, and additional artwork included in vinyl releases offer a deeper insight into the artist's vision and creativity, making the listening experience more comprehensive.

The resurgence of vinyl is also driven by a growing desire for a more intentional and mindful approach to music consumption. In an age of instant gratification and endless streaming options, vinyl encourages listeners to slow down and savor the music. It demands attention and engagement, as flipping the record and changing sides becomes a part of the listening journey. This intentionality is a refreshing change from the passive and often distracted way we consume music today.

Record stores, once thought to be dying out, are thriving again, becoming hubs for music enthusiasts to gather, discover, and discuss music. Record Store Day, an annual event celebrating independent record stores, has grown in popularity, drawing crowds of eager fans looking for exclusive releases and rare finds.

Vinyl records, with their crackles and pops, their weight and presence, are more than just a medium for music—they are timeless.

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The joy of giving

The Boston billionaire philanthropist Robert Hale Jr was the commencement speaker at UMass Dartmouth a couple weeks ago and at the end of the graduation ceremony he gave every graduate a gift, an envelope with \$1,000. Yet, he asked all the graduates to do something special with the gift. They could keep \$500 for themselves, but then he asked them to give the other \$500 away to someone in need or to one of their favorite charities. This isn't the first time that Hale did this. He had done it in previous years at Roxbury Community College and at UMASS Boston. He specially wanted to help students who come from underprivileged circumstances. Forty percent of the graduates at UMASS Dartmouth are first-generation college students and 31% are people of color.

Hale, the co-founder and president of Massachusetts-based Granite Telecommunications, and his wife noted, "Some of the most joyous times in our lives have been when we've had the chance to share. And we thought, if there's a way that we could create that seed within another generation where they would get to experience the joy of giving, then maybe that becomes something that they would strive to do and be accustomed to doing and make us all a little better along the way."

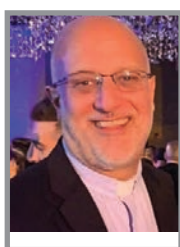
Of course, for many in our Saints Constantine and Helen Church Family in Webster, this generous action of Hale reminded us of when our Church did something similar. In 2019, we kicked off our Church's 100th Year Anniversary on Stewardship Sunday with the "Good and Faithful Steward Challenge" by giving our parishioners \$30,000! Yes, remember when we gave every steward of our church a gift of \$300 for families, \$200 for couples, or \$100 for single stewards. The only catch was that we asked everyone to take this blessing and share it with someone in need. Our parishioners could have kept it for themselves if they were going through a tough time and needed this gift. Yet, for those who could, we asked them to share the blessing with others more in need and discover one of the greatest joys of life — the joy of giving!

One of the most important lessons of our faith is to remember how we are blessed by God so that we can share our blessings with others. Jesus put it this way, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." And so many of our church family members came back and told us beautiful stories of what they did with the money and how they blessed others.

Some of our church members took the money and then added their own money to share with others. Others took the money and did a fundraising activity to increase the amount — one family took their \$300 and did a bake sale and made \$1000, and then shared the \$1,000 with others in need. For some, they said it was the first time that they had done something like this and they found such joy in giving! You can read these stories on our church Web site — www.schwebster.org.

The joy of giving! That is one of the secrets of a Christ-centered life. Jesus Christ lived His life for the salvation of the world — serving others, sacrificing for others, giving to others, not thinking of Himself but putting others first. We have a God who is a God of Giving, and who teaches us and expects us to imitate Him in joyfully giving to others! This is what makes life so beautiful!

Saint Paul describes the generosity of our Lord Jesus Christ by saying, "For you know the grace of our Lord



BEYOND THE PEWS

BY FR. LUKE A. VERONIS
SAINTS CONSTANTINE AND HELEN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, WEBSTER

Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor; that through His poverty you might become rich." We are to imitate this self-sacrificial giving.

Another memorable event in our Church Family was the way we ended our 100th Year Anniversary (which was delayed by two years because of Covid) in May 2021. Our Church paid off \$3.5 million of medical debt for 2,200 families in New England. We didn't even know the families which we helped. We actually had no connection with these families and we didn't expect anything in return. We simply worked with the non-profit RIP Medical Debt, who helps families in distress, and we shared our blessings with the larger New England community. That is the spirit of

giving that Jesus Christ wants us, as individuals, and us as His Church, to do.

These actions were not gimmicks, as one person said to me. They were important teaching moments for our community. We are blessed so that we will bless others. We have been so richly blessed by all that God has given and continues to give us, individually and as a community. In a world and society that seems so confused and lost to the ultimate meaning and purpose of life, we have been blessed to know the richness and mercy of a life-giving faith in Jesus Christ, our God who is Risen from the dead! There can be no greater blessing in life that to know Him and to have a living relationship with our Risen Lord Jesus. If we choose to live in Him, He gives us the deepest meaning, purpose and joy of life. What greater blessing than to know that we are His beloved children and we are saved by His divine grace!

So, today think about this. Think about how blessed you are. Think about what a special blessing it is to be a part of a community of faith and to have a relationship with our Risen Lord Jesus Christ. Think about the joy of His Resurrection and what His victory over death means to you.

Here in Webster, the faithful in our community are all blessed to be a part of a loving, dynamic Christ-centered Family of Faith. We have one another. We journey through life together. We support one another through our struggles and challenges, as well as celebrate with one another through our joys and happinesses. We are there for one another to encourage, support, correct, and push each other to greater heights. In a time when so many people feel alone and isolated, how blessed we are to be a part of such a loving family of faith!

During a time when many churches and communities of faith are struggling and diminishing in number, our church is full with wonderful people. In fact, we have more people coming on a typical Sunday than at any other time in the past 20 years that we have been serving this Church. I thank God we have faithful people of all ages — families with young children, teens, young adults, together with life-long members of the oldest generation. Glory to God for our community of faith!

Reflect on all the blessings you have. Then, go out and share those blessings with others. Discover the joy of giving! The joy of being generous and extravagant in your giving! And do all for the glory of God!

Don't let investments take a vacation



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Summertime is almost here — and for many people, that means it's time to hit the road. But even if you decide to take a vacation, you'll want other areas of your life to keep working — especially your investments.

So, how can you prevent your investments, and your overall financial strategy, from going on "vacation?" Here are a few suggestions:

Check your progress. You want your investments to be working hard for you, so you'll need to check on their performance periodically — but be careful about how you evaluate results. Don't compare your portfolio's results against those of a market index, such as the S&P 500, which tracks the stock performance of 500 large U.S. companies listed on American stock exchanges. This comparison may not be particularly valid because your own portfolio ideally should include a range of investments, including U.S. and foreign stocks, corporate and government bonds, certificates of deposit (CDs) and other securities. So, instead of checking your progress against a market index, use benchmarks meaningful to your individual situation, such as whether your portfolio is showing enough growth potential based on a compounding rate of return to keep you moving toward a comfortable retirement and other long-term goals.

Invest with a purpose. When you work intensely at something, it's usually because you have a definite result in mind. And this sense of purpose applies to investing, too. If you buy a stock here, and another one there, based on "hot" tips you might have seen on television or the internet, you may end up with a jumbled sort of portfolio that doesn't really reflect your needs. Instead, try to follow a long-term investment strategy based on your financial goals, risk tolerance, asset accumulation needs, liquidity and time horizon, always with an eye toward where you want to go in life — how long you plan to work, what sort of retirement lifestyle you envision, and so on.

Be strategic with your investments. Over the years, you will likely have a variety of competing financial goals — and you'll want your investment portfolio working to help achieve all of them. That means, though, that you'll likely need to match certain investments with specific goals. For example, when you contribute to an IRA and a 401(k) or similar plan, you're putting away money for retirement. But if you want to help your children go to college or receive some other type of post-secondary education or training, you might want to save in a 529 education savings plan, which allows tax-free withdrawals for qualified education expenses. Or, if you want to save for a short-term goal, such as a wedding or a long vacation, you might choose an investment that offers significant protection of principal, so the money will be available when you need it. Ultimately, this type of goals-based investing can help ensure your portfolio is always working on your behalf, in the way you intended.

When you take a vacation, you will hopefully be more relaxed and refreshed. But if you let your investments stop working as hard as they should, the results could be stressful. So, be diligent about your investment strategy, monitor it regularly and make those moves appropriate for your situation. By doing so, you can't necessarily guarantee a long day at the beach, but you'll have a good chance of enjoying a sunny outlook.

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Celebrate Pollinator Month by inviting a variety of pollinators to your garden



Melinda Myers

A monarch caterpillar on an Asclepias tuberosa plant.

more that we rely on. When you think of pollinators, bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds are likely the first that come to mind. But moths, wasps, beetles, flies, bats, and some other birds also help pollinate our gardens. More than 80 percent of all flowering plant species, including 180,000 different species and more than 1,200 crops, rely on them for pollination.

Like honeybees and monarch butterflies, many of these pollinators are struggling and their populations are dwindling due to pesticides and loss of habitat. Gardeners can make a difference by creating pollinator gardens filled with their favorite plants.

When designing a garden select plants with different shapes, colors, and bloom times.



GARDEN MOMENTS
MELINDA MYERS

attract the bees. Add some tubular flowers with a spur or landing pad for the butterflies. They are especially fond of purple and red blossoms.

Don't be in a hurry to squash those beetles you find meandering over your plants. Many do not harm the plant but rather move pollen as they travel throughout your garden. These generalists visit a variety of plants, but most often can be found pollinating large strongly scented flowers like Canadian ginger, magnolia, paw paws, and yellow pond lilies. They can be annoying, but

Summer Lawn and Garden Chore Roundup

Summer is officially here, and garden chores are in full swing. It's payoff time in the garden and all the preparation and efforts of past months will now (literally) bear fruit. While enthusiasm is at an all time high for gardeners this time of year, maintaining momentum in the garden is essential for a successful harvest. Read on, for a summary of garden tasks to check off your chore list for June (in case you need to catch up) and July.



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July Stats: Monthly Averages: Average temperature (Worcester, MA): High: 79 degrees; Low: 62 degrees; Precipitation: 4.23"

July is the month to: Fertilize, water, and weed vegetable plants.

Stake or cage tomatoes. Start seeds for some fall and winter crops, and also for fall-blooming chrysanthemums.

Replant peas and lettuce for late summer harvest.

Check moisture levels in the garden. Use a rain gauge to ensure proper irrigation

Perform weed control tasks now to prevent problems later

Fertilize landscape plants in mid July.

Renovate strawberry beds and prune back raspberries after fruiting.

Lift and separate tulips, daffodils and crocuses. Allow them to dry out before replanting in the fall.

Prune shrub roses after blooming.

Read on for a medley of summer garden tips:

The next time you're boiling up eggs, toss the cooking water in the garden to give plants a nutrient boost.

Are bugs bugging your precious plants? A surefire way to kill bugs without dangerous chemicals is to dilute one quarter cup of

Murphy's oil soap to a gallon of water. It's a great all purpose insecticide for both garden and potted plants.

This tip was sent in several years ago from a reader from Southbridge, MA, who wrote:

Here's a way to plant tomatoes that works great. Instead of using metal tomato cages that actually burn and ruin the plant leaves that touch them in the summer heat and also tip over when the plants get huge by the end of summer; try this: Use three poles (you can cut small trees and remove side branches), place the three poles like a teepee about 2 1/2 feet apart at the bottom and tie together with twine at the top. Set poles in a few inches of dirt so they are sturdy. Near each pole, plant your favorite tomato plants. As the plants grow, tie onto the poles using old cloth rags, that won't harm the stems. This works very well, is economical if you cut your own poles and is also attractive in the garden.

To make your lackluster indoor plants glow this season, try feeding them a tablespoon of castor oil, followed by water. If you're repotting with clay pots either indoors or outside, be sure to soak them in water for a few minutes before using, so they won't absorb moisture from the potting soil.

Before you pay big bucks for Miracle tonics, try this homemade version to miraculously rejuvenate your plants this growing season: Fill a five gallon bucket with water; and as you're filling, toss in three pkgs. unflavored gelatin such as Knox, and two cups epsom salts, stirring to dissolve well. Add one teaspoon

Borax (available in the laundry aisle of the grocery store) and stir again. Then pour in a quarter cup of dishwashing liquid. (The dish soap must be added in last to keep suds down.) Mix it all up well. Use about two cups of formula per plant or group of plants. The tonic maybe poured directly over foliage and allowed to soak in ground. In two to three days, plants and foliage should perk up nicely. Remember to always test homemade tonics on a few small plants first!

Win Dinner for Two

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 renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press publications? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint!, c/o Stonebridge Press, P.O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550. Or e-mail kdr@ aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for a three course dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn!

Bobcat sightings on the rise



Courtesy

Mass. wild turkey season is over but not before sportsmen harvested some real impressive birds. This week's picture shows a spring gobbler that was harvested by a local turkey hunter this year.

Bobcats are increasing every year in the valley area, and their presence is being spotted almost on a daily basis by local residents. Bobcats can kill small animals, and can also kill a small deer as was noted by a local resident who caught it on his cell phone camera.

A female deer was watching over her newly born fawn when a bobcat charged at her new fawn, scooping up the young deer in seconds and carrying it away. Small dogs and cats are extremely vulnerable to these killers, and are not afraid to act at any time of the day. Residents walking small dogs on a leash can be swept away by these fast acting predators. Full grown bobcats do not have any real predators



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Bobcat, coyote, fox and weasel can be trapped by sportsmen in Mass. Nov. 1- 30. With trapping in Mass. under strict regulations, and very few trappers from years ago, it is likely their populations will continue to increase.

Freshwater bass fishing is heating up for local anglers, and the hot weather that is forecast for this week is sure to have the bass feeding in early morning and evening hours. Frog imitations are extremely well made and are wireless allowing the angler to fish the frog over lily pads and heavy weed growth. The new braid lines can cut through the heavy growth and are extremely strong. Forty-pound-plus braids have a small diameter making them ideal for this type of fishing.

Fly fishing for Bluegills and Crappie with small poppers can also provide the angler with some great fishing this time of year. Give it a try!

Fluke fishing is improving every day in both Mass. & Rhode Island. You may need to catch a lot of undersized fish before catching a few keepers. Fluke are a great eating fish and when their fillets are pan fried the same day the flavor is fantastic. Unfortunately local fish markets rarely have fluke for sale, but a visit to your fish market in Rhode Island often has fluke for sale.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

GARDENING

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flies are also busy pollinating your flowers. They are generalists, like beetles, and tend to pollinate small flowers with shallow, funnel-like, or complex trap-like flowers. You're likely to see them on annuals, bulbs, goldenrod, skunk cabbage, paw paws, and members of the carrot family.

It may be difficult to welcome the often dreaded and feared wasps and hornets to your garden. However, most are solitary, not all sting and some are predators or parasitoids that help manage garden pests.

Besides helping with mosquito control, bats pollinate over 500 species of night-blooming flowers around the world. They prefer those with a musty or rotten odor of mostly tropical and some varieties of desert plants.

Most of us enjoy watching hummingbirds visit our gardens and feeders.

Hummingbirds are the primary bird pollinators in North America, carrying pollen on their beaks and feathers. They prefer brightly colored scarlet, orange, red, and white tubular flowers. Baltimore orioles are accidental pollinators spreading pollen as they feed on flower nectar while white-winged doves pollinate and spread saguaro cactus seeds.

Be sure to include milkweed, herbs, trees, shrubs, and grasses with foliage that caterpillars and others feed upon. Use native plants including trees, shrubs, flowers, and grasses whenever possible. These plants have evolved with pollinators and provide the greatest benefit. Make sure the native plants you select are suited to the growing conditions and available space.

Don't overlook cultivated plants that also attract and support pollinators. Many have flowers or foliage that benefit a variety of pollinators. Watch for bees visiting thyme, borage, and calaminth flowers; hummingbirds sipping on salvia, cuphea, and verbena

blossoms; and swallowtail caterpillars munching on dill, fennel, and parsley leaves.

Once you create a pollinator-friendly environment, give them time to discover your pollinator paradise. It may take time but once the word gets out you will be enjoying lots of pollinators and the many benefits they provide.

For more information watch Melinda Myers' Underappreciated Pollinators webinar recording and download the handout (MelindaMyers.com).

Melinda Myers has written over 20 gardening books, including 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 radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Myers' Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

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Fort Hays State University announces spring 2024 graduates

HAYS, Kan. — Fort Hays State University recognized approximately 1,666 graduates during its spring commencement ceremonies on Friday and Saturday May 10 & 11, including Desmond Cheetham of Webster, pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Music.

Rachel Lubin named to Dean's List at Plymouth State University

PLYMOUTH, New Hampshire — Rachel Lubin of Auburn has been named to the Plymouth State University Dean's List for the Spring 2024 semester. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must achieve a grade point average between 3.50 and 3.69 during the Spring 2024 semester and must have completed at least 12 credit hours during the semester, at least nine of which must confer grade points, at the time the lists are finalized. Lubin is a Criminal Justice major at Plymouth State.

About Plymouth State University
Established in 1871, Plymouth State University serves the state of New Hampshire and the world beyond by transforming our students through advanced practices where engaged learning produces well-educated undergraduates, and by providing graduate education that deepens and advances knowledge and enhances professional development. The Plymouth State Cluster Learning Model emphasizes open, integrative, and project-based experiences. With distinction, we connect with community and business partners for economic development, technological advances, healthier living, and cultural enrichment with a special commitment of service to the North Country and Lakes Region of New Hampshire. To learn more about Plymouth State University, visit www.plymouth.edu.

Local students named to President's List at Plymouth State University

PLYMOUTH, New Hampshire — A total of 812 students have been named to the Plymouth State University President's List for the Spring 2024 semester. To be named to the President's List, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.70 or better for the Spring 2024 semester and must have completed at least 12 credit hours during the semester, at least nine of which must confer grade points, at the time the lists are finalized.

Emma Chabot of Dudley is a Business Administration major at Plymouth State.

Raegan Peck of Dudley is a Allied Health Sciences major at Plymouth State.

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Amanda Healey named to University at Buffalo dean's list

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Amanda Healey of Auburn has been named to the University at Buffalo's spring 2024 dean's list.

UB is New York State's flagship and the largest and most comprehensive institution in the State University of New York system.

Healey was among 4,000 students named to UB's spring 2024 dean's list.

"Our undergraduate dean's list students have dedicated themselves to exemplary work in and out of the classroom," Ann Bisantz, dean of undergraduate education, says. "It's an honor to acknowledge these students and celebrate their accomplishments with the entire university community."

To qualify for the dean's list, full-time undergraduate students must demonstrate academic excellence by earning a grade point average of at least 3.60 while completing a minimum of 15 or more UB credit hours, of which 12 are graded (A-F) credits. Students are named to the dean's list at the end of the fall and spring semesters.

About the University at Buffalo
The University at Buffalo is a premier, research-intensive public university, and is New York's flagship. UB's more than 30,000 students pursue their academic interests through more than 500 undergraduate, graduate and professional degree programs. Founded in 1846, the University at Buffalo is a member of the Association of American Universities, which is composed of America's leading research universities. AAU's 71 research universities transform lives through education, research and innovation.

Area residents named to dean's list at Quinnipiac University

HAMDEN, Conn. — Morganne Lucier of Auburn, Owyn Law of Dudley, Katelyn Marshall and Nicole Moore of Oxford, and Jasmine Creighton of Webster were named to the dean's list for the Spring 2024 semester at Quinnipiac University.

To qualify for the dean's list, students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 with no grade lower than C. Full-time students must complete at least 14 credits in a semester, with at least 12 credits that have been graded on a letter grade basis to be eligible. Part-time students must complete at least six credits during a semester. Names followed by an asterisk denotes with honors.

About Quinnipiac University
Quinnipiac is a private, coeducational, institution located 90 minutes north of New York City and two hours from Boston. The university enrolls 9,000 students in 110 degree programs through its Schools of Business, Communications, Education, Computing and Engineering, Health Sciences, Law, Medicine, Nursing and the College of Arts and Sciences. Quinnipiac is recognized by U.S. News & World Report and Princeton Review's "The Best 388 Colleges." The university is in the midst of program expansion and renewal for both traditional and adult learners, attraction of diverse communities, development of innovative corporate partnerships and construction of an ambitious set of capital projects. For more information, please visit qu.edu. Connect with Quinnipiac on Facebook and follow Quinnipiac on Twitter @QuinnipiacU.

Zoe Picard named to Wofford College's Dean's List

SPARTANBURG, S.C. — Zoe Picard of Auburn has been named to Wofford College's spring 2024 Dean's List.

Wofford College, established in 1854, is a four-year, residential liberal arts college located in Spartanburg, South Carolina. It offers 27 major fields of study to a student body of 1,800 undergraduates. Nationally known for the strength of its academic program, outstanding faculty, experiential learning opportunities and successful graduates, Wofford is recognized consistently as a "best value" and for its commitment to student success and accessibility for low- and middle-income students. The college community has 12 sororities and fraternities as well as 20 NCAA Division I athletics teams.

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Local students named to Marquette University Dean's List

MILWAUKEE, Wisc. — Abby Kaye of Auburn has been named to the Dean's List for the spring 2024 semester at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisc.

To make the Dean's List, students must have earned at least 12 credits for the spring 2024 semester and have no disqualifying grades. The GPA threshold varies by college - for the College of Education and the Klingler College of Arts and Sciences, undergraduate students must have at least a 3.7 to be named to the Dean's List.

The undergraduate GPA requirement is 3.5 for the following colleges: the Diederich College of Communication, the College of Business Administration, the College of Health Sciences, the Opus College of Engineering and the College of Nursing. All other programs have a 3.75 GPA minimum.

Marquette University is a Catholic, Jesuit university that draws over 7,600 undergraduate and 3,700 graduate and professional students from nearly all states and more than 60 countries. In addition to its nationally recognized academic programs, Marquette is known for its service learning programs and internships as students are challenged to use what they learn to make a difference in the world. Find out more about Marquette at marquette.edu.

Salve Regina University announces Dean's List

NEWPORT, R.I. — The following students were named to the Dean's List during the spring 2024 academic semester at Salve Regina University. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.6 for full-time students completing at least 12 graded credits, or a semester grade point average of 3.8 for part-time students completing at least six credits.

Cadence Stawiecki of Webster
Panayiota Veronis of Dudley
Emma McGrillen of Auburn

Salve Regina University is a Catholic, coeducational institution of higher education founded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1947. For more than 75 years, Salve has offered rigorous, innovative academic programming in the liberal arts tradition that prepares students to be global citizens and lifelong learners. More than 2,700 undergraduate and graduate students from around the world are enrolled at Salve in 48 undergraduate majors, 13 master's degree programs, combined bachelor's/master's programs, and doctoral programs.

Every undergraduate student engages in Salve Compass, a four-year transformational framework through which they develop the experience, skills, and wisdom required for a fulfilling career and to make a positive difference in the world. The University is also home to the Pell Center for International Relations and Public Policy, a multi-disciplinary research center focused on the intersection of politics, policy, and ideas. For more information visit salve.edu.

Nicolas Spanos of Auburn awarded degree from UA

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Nicolas Spanos of Auburn has received the following degree(s) from The University of Alabama: Bachelor of Science in Commerce & Business Administration. UA awarded more than 6,000 degrees during its spring commencement ceremonies.

A recent economic analysis found that a degree from The University of Alabama has proven to provide an abundant return on investment for graduates, setting the stage for legendary careers while also creating priceless experiences and memories.

The University provides numerous opportunities for service and growth to help prepare future generations through its educational, cultural and social experiences. UA is not only home to competitive academic programs, expert faculty and a beautiful campus, but it is also the place Where Legends Are Made.

The University of Alabama, part of The University of Alabama System, is the state's flagship university. UA shapes a better world through its teaching, research and service. With a global reputation for excellence, UA provides an inclusive, forward-thinking environment and nearly 200 degree programs on a beautiful, student-centered campus. A leader in cutting-edge research, UA advances discovery, creative inquiry and knowledge through more than 30 research centers. As the state's largest higher education institution, UA drives economic growth in Alabama and beyond.

Local students named to Dean's List at Stonehill College

EASTON — Samantha Katz, a member of the Class of 2025 from Dudley, and Briana Reidy, a member of the Class of 2026 from Auburn, have been named to the Spring 2024 Dean's List at Stonehill College. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must have a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher and must have successfully completed all courses for which they were registered.

About Stonehill College
Stonehill College, a Catholic institution of higher learning, was founded by the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1948. Located on the beautiful 387-acre campus and former estate of Frederick Lothrop Ames in North Easton, Massachusetts, it is a community of scholarship and faith, anchored by a belief in the inherent dignity of each person.

Through more than 100 academic programs in the liberal arts, sciences, business and pre-professional field, Stonehill College provides an education of the highest caliber that fosters critical thinking, free inquiry and the interchange of ideas for over 2,500 students.

Stonehill College educates the whole person so that each Stonehill graduate thinks, acts and leads with courage toward the creation of a more just and compassionate world.



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COME CELEBRATE AT THE AUBURN HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The Auburn Historical Museum mascot, Henry Auburnite, will be celebrating his birthday on Tuesday, June 25. Henry is all decked out ready for the 4th of July and wants to invite the community to have a mini cupcake and a free tour of the Auburn Historical Museum with him. There are many exhibits that highlight Auburn and what makes it a grand place to live. The museum is open Tuesday and Saturday 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.



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

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AUBURN — Auburn's Scout Troop 101 celebrates its 100-year centennial this year. What's even more unusual is that the troop has been under the roof of only one charter organization, First Congregational Church of Auburn, the entire time. The troop, now part of the renamed organization "Scouting America," has a solid group of leaders who are interested in improving their skills and enjoy being together. Last Tuesday, seven leaders met up at Lemansky Park and participated in Knotsure University, learning to tie their knots and lashings so that they can better help teach the Scouts. The leaders included-



ed Scoutmaster Andy Roy, Chairperson Faith Rodriguez, Tito Alvarado, Erik Keller, Chris Sylvester, Nate Auger, and Laurence Reich, instructor. Troop 101 is beginning its second century, and begins a new program in September. We welcome boys who have completed fifth grade. Watch for news of our September Open House and Centennial celebration.

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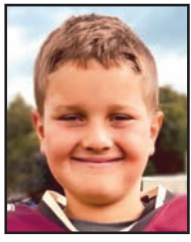
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OBITUARIES

Anthony James "AJ" Congdon, 8



OXFORD — Anthony James "AJ" Congdon, 8, of Old Webster Road, passed away Sunday, June 9, 2024, at Boston Children's Hospital after a courageous battle with cancer. He is survived by his parents, James "JJ" and Jamie (Gwosch) Congdon of Oxford; his sister, Isabella Congdon of Oxford; his maternal grandparents, Tony and Donna Gwosch of Southampton; his paternal grandfather, Paul Congdon and his wife Paula of Webster; his paternal grandmother, Kathy Hanson and her husband Rick of Florida; two aunts, Shannon (Gwosch) Demers and her husband Christopher of Granby, and Angela Congdon and her partner Joel of Sutton; and several cousins.

AJ came into the world fast and fearless on September 24, 2015. He could light up any room with his bright smile, infectious laugh, and unmatched energy. AJ loved to live life to the extreme, always pushing the limits. He would leave everyone breathless as he raced his ATV or biked around the yard and sailed down snowy ski mountains. Filled with curiosity and an adventurous spirit, AJ was always ready to discover new hiking trails, challenging ski mountains, and local swimming spots.

He was a vibrant, second-grade student at Dudley Elementary School in Dudley. AJ played football for the Charlton-Dudley Youth Football Program and baseball for the Dudley Little League with fierce enthusiasm and excitement for competition. A game day or a weekday practice, AJ always enjoyed spending time with his teammates and coaches. His summers were filled with beach vacations from Cape Cod to the Outer Banks of North Carolina. When he wasn't swimming in the water, you could catch him casting a line out on Webster Lake, Lake George, or any of the local streams throughout Massachusetts. AJ's free spirit made him the life of the party

wherever he went. He enjoyed making his family and friends laugh with his crazy dance moves, hilarious jokes, and goofy expressions. Despite his wild exterior, AJ had a kind and gentle soul. Whether it was yard work at home, cleaning up in the classroom, or stacking wood for family friends, AJ loved to help anyone in need.

While his diagnosis limited his physical ability, his energy, strength, and passion for life remained unmatched. Throughout his treatment, AJ continued to attend school, thriving on the support, encouragement, and kind words from his classmates and teachers. AJ continued to attend his football games, scoring a touchdown with the help of his coaches and teammates. He visited the 104th Fighter Wing at Barnes Air National Guard base in Westfield and became a Fighter Pilot for the day. AJ cheered on Boston College at the Fenway Bowl in Boston, he traveled with his family to the Great Smoky Mountains of Tennessee, and was granted a trip to Florida through Make-A-Wish Foundation to ride all of the roller coasters at Disney World. Wherever he went, AJ showed the world what it meant to be "AJ Strong". His courage and perseverance became the standard which all strived to achieve. The love he gave was more than reciprocated by our local communities. Their generous and profound support, through a difficult journey, is another example of how AJ's dynamic personality touched so many.

A funeral Mass was held on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 10 a.m. at St. Louis Church, 15 Lake Street, Webster. Burial followed at North Cemetery in Oxford. Calling hours are Monday, June 17, 2024, from 4 p.m.-7 p.m. at St. Louis Church in Webster.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the AJ Congdon Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o bank-Hometown, 31 Sutton Ave., Oxford, MA 01540.

Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements.

Mae L. Ireland, 59



OXFORD — Mae L. (Rogers) Ireland, 59, of West Street, died Friday, May 31, 2024, at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester. She is survived by her husband of 31 years, Richard A. Ireland of Oxford;

two daughters, Mandy L. (Sims) Fenner of Missouri, and Kai-Lani Sims of Worcester; her siblings, Rae Blair and her husband Paul, Fred Rogers and his wife Robin, and April White and her husband Robert; her aunts and uncles, Frances Robinson, Rocky Rogers, Marty Rogers, and Fred Goding; seven grandchildren, including Savannah L. Lomba and Daniel T. Lomba, whom she helped raise; and countless cousins, nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, and a large extended family on the Lavelle side. She was predeceased by her former husband, Timothy Sims.

She was born in Worcester, daughter of the late Frederick R. Rogers and Bertha I. (Goding) Lavelle, and lived in Worcester and Charlton before moving

to Oxford in 1978. She was chosen as a member of the Junior National Honor Society prior to moving to Oxford, and graduated from Oxford High School in 1982. She received the Student Council Award from the high school at graduation.

Mrs. Ireland worked at Interstate Specialty Products in Sutton for over 20 years. Previously, she worked at Millbrook Distributors and American Optical. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in North Oxford, and was the supervisor and a teacher for the church's Sunday School for many years. She enjoyed road trips, angels, sitting by the fire, eating fried dough, and visits with family and friends. She will be remembered as someone who loved to help others.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 22, 2024, at the First Baptist Church, 693 Main Street, North Oxford. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 577, 693 Main Street, North Oxford, MA 01537.

Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements.

Jeanne R. Brusco, 87



Dudley - Jeanne R. (Martineau) Brusco, 87, of Orange City, FL, and formerly of Dudley, MA, died peacefully on Saturday, June 8, 2024, under the loving care of her daughter Deanna and the com-

passionate staff of Brilliance Assisted Living and VITAS of Edgewater Florida, following a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease. She was predeceased by her husband, Russell G. Brusco, in December of 2018. She leaves her son, James Durkee and his wife Teri, of Dudley; her daughter, Deanna Durkee and her partner Kevin Morris, of New Smyrna Beach, FL; her daughter, Rae Lynn Glispin and her husband Arthur, of Oxford; her step-son Russell Brusco Jr., of Dudley; her step-daughter, Cheryl Lalone and her husband Brian, of Spencer; six grandchildren, Michael Durkee and his wife Danielle, Laura (Durkee) Terrusa and her husband Garrison, Sean Konieczny, Kristie (Konieczny) Dix and her husband Craig, Parker and Noah Glispin; five great-grandchildren, Miles and Jonah Durkee, Leoluca and Julien Terrusa, and Collins Dix; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her siblings, Marguerite Hrysenko, Geraldine Cutler, Yvonne Beaupre, Theresa Landry, Gerard Martineau, and Arthur Martineau.

Jeanne was born in Putnam, CT, the daughter of the late Wilfred and Antoinette (Baril) Martineau. She graduated from Putnam Catholic Academy and later attended business school. She worked at Bates Shoe, Rossignol Ski Company, and American Optical before spending many years

working in various roles in banking, eventually retiring as Vice President of Lending Operations at Bank of New England in Worcester, MA, in 1991. She and Russ began wintering in Orange Tree Village, Orange City, FL, eventually moving permanently around 2005. Jeanne was an avid golfer and belonged to the ladies league at Glen Abbey in DeBary, FL. She was a member of the American Legion in Oxford, MA, the Elks in Putnam, CT, and the Moose in DeBary, FL. She was also a member of Saint Anthony's of Padua Church in Dudley, and later Saint Ann's in DeBary, FL.

Jeanne made the absolute best of her retirement with Russ traveling to various islands, going on cruises, and joining every activity at the OTV clubhouse, where she was treasurer. If she wasn't playing cards, she was at ladies lunch, crushing the pool table, playing dozens of cards at bingo, or swimming. After a long battle with Alzheimer's, the strongest woman we know is no longer suffering. She lived a vibrant life filled with an abundance of love and laughter. She was an exceptional wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, mentor, golfer, pool player, bowler, and so much more. Her family will remember her contagious laugh, her happy demeanor, and all that she brought to the world. Jeanne just loved to have fun. May her inexhaustible energy live on, and may she rest in peace.

A graveside gathering will be held on Saturday, July 13, at 11:00 a.m. at the St. Anthony's Cemetery, 57 Worcester Rd., Webster, MA. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Jeanne to the Alzheimer's Association at http://act.alz.org/goto/Jeanne_Brusco.

Maria Econome



Maria Econome of Dudley, MA, passed away peacefully Sunday June 9, 2024, in the loving care of her daughter Lynn of Framingham, MA, where she resided the last years of her life. She is predeceased by her beloved husband Louis, parents Stergios and Panagiota Tsigaridas, brother Aristotle Tsigaridas (wife Helen), sister Elaine Patrinos (husband Chris), and Brother

in-law George Econome. In addition to her daughter, she leaves her cherished Godchildren Geroge Patrinos (wife Wendy, deceased) and Penny Frangos (husband Chris), sister-in-law Beatrice Econome along with nieces, nephews and grandnieces and grandnephews.

Maria Econome was born at home in Dudley MA the 2nd child of three on May 8, 1924. Her parents came to America from northern Greece in the early 1900s. Family, religion and heritage were important to them so her father along with other men from the town collected money in a cigar box to build a Greek Church that was established on High Street in Webster, MA. This Church was later rebuilt on Lake Parkway after a fire and became her beloved St. Constantine & Helen Church.

She was an excellent student, artist and basketball player in high school. She was awarded the Becker Scholarship award, an amazing feat for a woman in those days but as World War II broke out, rather than attend college, she chose to stay home and help her family with a job in an office at Waterhouse (which later became a part of Ethan Allen Furniture). Never one to want to be the center of attention, though she was offered the job of office manager, she declined and was happy just being a contributor to the team as a purchasing and inventory

control manager. Her negotiation skills and joy of purchasing transcended into her personal life as those who knew her through the years knew the passion of shopping was one of her greatest hobbies.

At a GOYA dance in 1952 she met her beloved husband Louis. Family and Church were always the center of their lives and they were blessed with a daughter after 10+ years of marriage. The Church her parents helped to establish in the year Maria was born continued to be the center of her world. Through the years since childhood to her now 100th year, she had been an active member. Her smile, sincere interest in others and generous nature along with her contributions as choir member, Sunday School teacher, Philoptochos officer and member are some of the reasons she was honored by the Bishop several years ago. She always helped others; whether it was driving some of the elderly weekly to do their grocery shopping, writing letters to relatives in Greece or just taking time to listen and make people feel special. Her spirit and grace will always be cherished and a gift from God. May her memory be eternal and we all try to emulate the love she brought to the world.

Calling Hours will be held on Saturday June 15, 2024 from 10:00 - 11:00 am, followed by the Funeral Service at 11:00 am in Maria's beloved Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 37 Lake Parkway Webster, MA; Committal Services will follow at Mount Zion Cemetery in Webster.

In lieu of flowers, please send a memorial contribution to Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, P.O. Box 713 Webster, MA 01570

The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home is honored to have been entrusted with Maria's funeral arrangements.

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WEBSTER — JSC Management Group will celebrate the grand re-opening of its Burger King® restaurant located at 128 East Main St. in Webster.

JSC Management Group representatives will join local community leaders June 22 in a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 11:30 a.m. to commemorate the grand re-opening. At the time of the ceremony, a \$1,000 donation will be presented to Bartlett High School. The local community is invited to a grand re-opening

celebration with special activities and giveaways. Starting at noon, the first 100 guests who spend \$25 or more will receive free Burger King for a year!

Giveaway available for dine-in or take-out orders only. Full-price menu items only. Eligible individuals will be awarded 52 Burger King meals, equivalent to one meal per week. A Burger King meal includes a sandwich of your choice, a small order of Classic Fries and a small drink. The cards are valid for approximately 12 months from

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Special education records slated for destruction

WEBSTER — In compliance with Massachusetts Student Records Regulation, the Webster Public School District will destroy the Special Education records of any Webster student who transferred, graduated, withdrew or terminated from Special Education programs or services prior to June 30, 2016. This is in accordance with the requirement to destroy such records after a period of seven years.

Any parent/guardian or student, ages 14 years or older, can obtain their original record within two weeks of this notice. They may do so by contacting the Student Services Office, Special Education Department at 508-943-3646 no later than by Monday, July 15.

All unclaimed student records meeting the above criteria will be destroyed after the July 15 deadline.

Nikolas Coraccio to take part in Envision's Junior National Young Leaders Conference

NORTH OXFORD — This summer, Nikolas (Niko) Coraccio from North Oxford will join outstanding students from across the nation to take part in a unique academic and career-oriented development experience - The Junior National Young Leaders Conference, at American University in Washington, D.C.

Young Leaders Conference is one of the Envision by WorldStrides family of programs (www.envisionexperience.com) that enable students to explore their interests and experience learning beyond the classroom.

Niko was very excited to be nominated. He feels this will be a great step in his future development and looks forward

to the exciting challenges this program has to offer. Niko was just sworn into the National Junior Honor Society and is going to be President of the Student Council next year. He also takes part in various clubs and activities including cross country, video club and history club.

"I am excited for Niko to meet, work, and collaborate with fellow high-

aspiring students from other cities and schools," said Dr. Jan Sikorsky, Vice President, Education for Envision. "The Junior National Young Leaders Conference is a wonderful opportunity for ambitious young students to explore their interests outside the classroom and discover how to innovate and think creatively through hands-on immersive learning. Our students are challenged

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Estate of:
Rose Berube
Also known as:
Rose V. Berube
Date of Death: 12/31/2022
CITATION ON PETITION
FOR ORDER OF
COMPLETE SETTLEMENT**

A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by **Thomas Berube of Putnam CT** and **Maryann Johansen of Dudley MA** requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a first and final account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before: **10:00 a.m.** on the return day of **07/16/2024**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

Witness, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court
June 13, 2024
Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate
June 21, 2024

**Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Docket No. #WO24P1840EA
Worcester Probate and
Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
CITATION ON PETITION
FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Deborah K. Ledoux
Date of Death: 10/28/2023**

To all interested persons: A Petition for **SA - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by: **Keith E. Chipman of Leicester, MA**, requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: **Keith E. Chipman of Leicester, MA**, be appointed as Personal Representative of said estate to serve on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/16/2024**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 11, 2024
/s/ Stephanie K. Fattman
Stephanie Fattman,
Register of Probate
June 21, 2024

**TOWN OF DUDLEY
PUBLIC HEARING**

The Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, July 8, 2024 at 6:35pm** at the Dudley Municipal Complex, 71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA 01571 in the Veteran's Memorial Hall, Room 321A. The Purpose of this Hearing: To Act on a Transfer of an Off Premise All Alcohol Package Store License from Nieski, Inc d/b/a Marty's of Dudley to 119 Marty's Liquors, Inc. d/b/a Marty's of Dudley located at

119 West Main Street, Dudley, MA – Manager Vikash Patel.
Anyone wishing to be heard on this matter should appear at the date and time specified or submit their concerns in writing.
Kerry Cyganiewicz
Chairman, Board of Selectmen
June 21, 2024

**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 Sandra M. Radcliffe to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., dated September 15, 2005 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 37342, Page 331, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., its successors and assigns to The Bank of New York Mellon as Trustee for CWABS, Inc. Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-17, recorded on December 18, 2023, in Book No. 70009, at Page 167

for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 PM on July 9, 2024, on the mortgaged premises located at 27 Highcrest Park, Unit No. 3, The Highcrest Condominium, Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,
TO WIT:

The unit No. 3 located in the Condominium known as The Highcrest Condominium, said Unit conveyed is laid out as shown on a plan filed, which plan is a copy of a portion of the plans filed with said Master Deed 7/25/1986 and recorded with the Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Book 9638, Page 387 and to which is affixed a verified statement in the form provided in M.G.L. Ch. 183A, Sec. 9. It is subject to and with the benefit of the obligations, restrictions, rights and liabilities contained in General Laws Chapter 183A, the Master Deed and the By-Laws filed therewith.

The Condominium and each of the units is intended for residential purposes and other uses permitted by the applicable Zoning Ordinances and as set forth in the Master Deed.

For mortgagor's(s)' title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 10948, Page 201.

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 Offices, 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.

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON AS TRUSTEE FOR CWABS, INC. ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-17
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California St.
Newton, MA 02458
(617)558-0500
24683
June 14, 2024
June 21 2024
June 28, 2024

(SEAL) THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket Number: 24 SM 002235 ORDER OF NOTICE To: Danielle C. Malone and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq); U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as trustee of Citigroup Mortgage

Loan Trust 2020-RP2 claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Webster, numbered 23 Mechanic Street, given by Danielle C. Malone to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for MortgageIT, Inc., dated June 27, 2007, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41406, Page 347, as modified by a certain modification agreement dated June 6, 2013, and recorded with said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 52471, Page 136, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before July 29, 2024, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on June 14, 2024. Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder 25768 June 21, 2024

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Docket No. WO92P2638EP1
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF
SUCCESSOR PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE
Estate of:
Clifford E Merriam
Date of Death: 03/14/1990**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for has been filed by **Jeffrey H. Merriam of Uxbridge MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order that:

Jeffrey H. Merriam of Uxbridge MA be appointed as Successor Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/02/2024**.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 29, 2024
Stephanie Fattman,
Register of Probate
June 21, 2024

**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 Frances M. Brunelle to Household Finance Corporation II, dated May 30, 2001 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 24153, Page 260, subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF8 Master Participation Trust by Household Finance Corporation II by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 60072, Page 340, subsequently assigned to NYMT Loan Financing Trust by DLJ Mortgage Capital, Inc. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 60072, Page 344, subsequently assigned to Wilmington Savings Fund Society dba Christiana Trust, not individually, but solely as Trustee for NYMT

Loan Trust I by NYMT Loan Financing Trust by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 61643, Page 26, subsequently assigned to FV-I, Inc. in Trust for Morgan Stanley Mortgage Capital Holdings LLC by Wilmington Savings Fund Society dba Christiana Trust, not individually, but solely as Trustee for NYMT Loan Trust I by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 67874, Page 232, subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust by FV-I, Inc. in Trust for Morgan Stanley Mortgage Capital Holdings LLC by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 68067, Page 76 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 AM on July 12, 2024 at 6 Holly Street aka 6 Holy Street, Oxford, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit

THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS THEREON LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF OXFORD, WORCESTER COUNTY, STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS; BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS REFERENCED BELOW.

BEING SHOWN AS LOT 36 ON A PLAN OF LAND IN OXFORD, OWNED BY FAIRLAWN REALTY COMPANY, LESLIE J. CHAFFEE, SURVEYOR, DATED APRIL 28, 1958, RECORDED WITH THE WORCESTER REGISTRY OF DEEDS, IN PLAN BOOK 233 PLAN 3, TO WHICH REFERENCE MAY BE MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION.

FOR TITLE SEE DEED DATED 9-25-98 FROM FRANCES M. BRUNELLE, TO FRANCES M. BRUNELLE AND ALBERT LEPAGE, RECORDED IN THE WORCESTER COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS BOOK 20490, PAGE 250.

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 Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust
Present Holder of said Mortgage,
By Its Attorneys,
ORLANDS PC
PO Box 540540
Waltham, MA 02454
Phone: (781) 790-7800
21-001822
June 21, 2024
June 28, 2024
July 5, 2024

Notice of Meeting

This notice to be filed in duplicate with the Town Clerk at least 48 hours prior to Meeting as require by Chapter 303 of the Act Of 1975

The Z.B.A. will hold a Public Hearing for:
Gerald & Michelle Popp regarding 7 Filo Road
on **Thursday, July 11, 2024 at 7:00 PM** in room 321A to hear the applicant's request for
A 3ft variance for the side setback on proposed addition
Amanda Lacaesow
ZBA Clerk
Filed in the Office of the Town Clerk
June 21, 2024
June 28, 2024

CONGDON

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and the community, during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you," the department wrote.

Congdon was most recently the subject of a special fundraiser event in April and a GoFundMe in his name had raised over \$81,000 at the time of his passing. In the months following his diagnosis, AJ was honored as a Fighter Pilot for a day by the 104th Fighter Wing at Barnes Air National Guard base in Westfield, welcomed by Boston College at the Fenway Bowl, visited the Great Smoky Mountains of Tennessee with family, and was granted a trip to Florida through the Make-A-Wish Foundation to ride all the roller coasters at Disney World. His battle gave rise to the chant "AJ Strong" representing his resolve and courage in the face of such a sudden battle with cancer. His jersey number, 73, has been featured in numerous tributes.

Memorial contributions in AJ's name may be made to the AJ Congdon Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o bankHometown, 31 Sutton Ave. in Oxford.

WEBSTER

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The board also mentioned Lafond's evaluation, but only in passing. Davies volunteered to work on revising it for next year, noting she'd read those from several other towns and saw some that "did a better job of evaluating how goals are met."

Highway Superintendent Kenny Pizzetti summarized this year's roadwork plan, and briefly described the three main methods they use. He said Webster's Pavement Condition

Index "crept up again," and is now "fair" overall, in part because it's the second year with an extra \$450,000-\$480,000 in the budget for paving on top of the state's Chapter 90 money.

The board also honored retiring Senior Center Director Jean Travis, who is being replaced by Carole Marchand. Marchand is retaining her recreation director role as well, but a new person took over her cable director role.

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

DOCSTOP

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to never buy a house because there's a good chance you'll be laid off. Things are volatile out there, plus the smart money was that 940 would be sold," he explained.

WGFP sure was sold to Kurt Jackson of Quinebaug Valley Broadcasting in late 2022, but instead of the drastic format change and layoffs that sometimes follow a sale, Jackson enjoyed what he heard from the team and kept Siddall in his afternoon slot, adding new shows, the WQVR call letters, and the 99.3 FM signal.

In the meantime, DocStop plans were underway. Contracts were signed and construction had started. It was too late to turn back, but he endeavored to find a way to continue hosting.

"I started a makeshift studio in the back office instead of working from home, and I'm still hosting from there now that we're open for business," Siddall said.

With management approval, Siddall mentions the store on the air.

"It's been great to meet some listeners who have stopped by to say hello. I'm used to the days of people calling

on the phone with song requests, but I've been getting some in person!" he said.

WQVR fans might catch Doc introducing a song through a window above the novelty ice cream, and every customer who has shopped at DocStop so far has gotten service on top of a piece of local radio history – the checkout counter is the repurposed DJ booth from the former WGFP and WXXW studio on Route 16 in Webster.

The building DocStop shares with the Water Lily women's boutique, boasts a mural of Webster Lake, a public art project by local painter Dave Laabs. Prior to the mural, Doc briefly hung a WQVR banner.

"I guess I accidentally confused some listeners," says Siddall.

"People come in and see the store and ask 'What happened to the radio station that was supposed to go in here?' or ask where Ray (Mills) or Steve (Lavoie) are," he added, referring to hosts of other time slots that broadcast from different remote studios.

As far as products, DocStop is proud to offer over two hundred varieties of cold drinks, aisles of snacks and candy, grocery items, and the inventory has been steadily growing. Unlike some

chain stores, Siddall points out, DocStop can carry local, or hard-to-find items.

"We don't have to follow a plan-o-gram that some marketing exec in another city dreamed up based on math data. I can listen to customer requests or take a chance on small or emerging brands," he said. "There are some flavors of soda and chips that customers get excited about because no one else in town carries them. I've had chats about bringing in a hot sauce with local ties, and don't be surprised if we see pickles on the shelf soon from that TJ guy right across the border in Pomfret. We've even sold a stack of local CDs from The George Cross Project. I hope the locals keep 'em coming!"

Besides the radio theme and embracing the local community, DocStop's mission is to provide value and customer service to Webster.

"The early feedback is that people enjoy the shopping experience, finding us friendly and the building to be comfortable. There's not a lot we can do about the price of eggs and milk, and legally we can't go lower on cigarettes, but I'll stand behind that the prices of just about everything else are reasonable," Siddall said.

Siddall expressed his

thanks to old friends that have looked him up and new friends that have discovered the spot and have already become regular customers, and is particularly grateful for fellow small business owners who have visited with support and advice.

"We started out with great deal from The Stewarts (landlords) and they were helpful in many ways, and we have some excellent vendor partners, but now it's about the customers," he said. "I hope every last person who has come in knows that I value the chance to serve them."

What does Doc Siddall think about this non-traditional spot to broadcast from?

"It's an amazing opportunity, and a lot of fun, but it's not as rock 'n roll as I hoped my career would go," he replied. "I grew up listening to traffic reports from the top of the Pru, and heard my mentor Liz Wilde broadcast from backstage with Ozzy. Here I am doing a show from the back of where I sell potato chips."

DocStop is open 6 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday Through Friday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturdays and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sundays.

Doc Siddall can be heard weekdays noon to 6 p.m. on 99.3 WQVR.

DUDLEY

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limits of Proposition 2 ½. The projects, which included roof work, fire alarm upgrades, camera and video replacements, radio communication enhancements, and an architectural review of Dudley's school buildings, had already been

approved by a town meeting in 2022, however the town needed to confirm a funding mechanism in 2024. The debt exclusion was a success earning 683 "yes" votes and 635 "no" votes. The exclusion will see the debt paid off in increments over the next 15 years at which time the bill will fall off the town's tax levy.

Hofstra University congratulates Dean's List students

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — Hofstra University congratulates the students named to the spring 2024 Dean's List for their outstanding academic achievement. Students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 during the semester to make the Dean's List.

The following students were recognized on the list: Cooper Cooke of Dudley is studying Computer Science.

Trinity Semo of Dudley is studying Dance. Molly Starczewski of Dudley is studying Dance. Matthew Card of Auburn is studying Video/Television and Film.

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

McCoy's Action Karate takes first place at Whistlekick Alliance Online Challenge

AUBURN — After an exciting and collaborative event, McCoy's Action Karate, a martial arts school based in Auburn, MA, announces the successful completion of the Whistlekick Alliance Online Challenge. The event concluded on May 21st, 2024, uniting several martial arts schools across the United States in a showcase of skill, creativity, and camaraderie.

A testament to team spirit and martial arts excellence

This Whistlekick Alliance Online Challenge featured the Overly Complicated Drill Challenge. Participants, including McCoy's Action Karate, were tasked with creating a 2-minute video featuring an overly complex martial arts drill incorporating secret elements revealed only on the start day. The challenge tested each school's skills, creativity, and teamwork.

"McCoy's Action Karate has always emphasized the quality of

both instruction and community spirit," said Barbara McCoy, Owner of McCoy's Action Karate. "This event was a remarkable opportunity for our students to connect with peers nationwide and demonstrate the high standards we cultivate at our school."

Celebrating collective achievement

The challenge concluded with public voting, showcasing the remarkable talents and unwavering commitment of the martial arts community. "McCoy's Action Karate's participation showcases our commitment to excellence and the unifying power of martial arts, reflecting the incredible impact of each athlete on our community," added Jamison Luke, lead instructor of the F.I.S.T (Future Instructor Student Teaching) Team. "I couldn't be prouder of my teaching team for their dedication and hard work."

About McCoy's Action Karate
McCoy's Action Karate has been a cornerstone of the Auburn, MA community, providing top-tier martial arts training for over 30 years. Known for its dedicated instructors and a robust curriculum emphasizing skill and character development, McCoy's Action Karate remains a beacon for those looking to enhance their physical and mental well-being through martial arts.

To learn more
We invite the public and media to learn more about this challenge and the various participating schools. For more information about the event, visit whistlekick.com/pages/online-challenges. To discover more about McCoy's Action Karate and our offerings, don't hesitate to get in touch with Anne or Barbara McCoy at 508-832-4110.

LEGALS

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS (SEAL) LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT DOCKET NUMBER: 20 SM 000856 ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: **David F. DePatie** and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (*et seq*): **Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for GSAA Home Equity Trust 2006-18, Asset-Backed Certificates Series 2006-18** claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in **Dudley, numbered 44 New Boston Road**, given by **David F. DePatie to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for GreenPoint Mortgage Funding, Inc., dated August 9, 2006, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 39569, Page 213**, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **07/29/24** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance

with the Act. Witness, **GORDON H. PIPER** Chief Justice of this Court on 6/12/24 Attest: **Deborah J. Patterson** Recorder June 21, 2024

A.C. 78A Docket Number WO23P4086PM THECOMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS WORCESTER, SS PROBATE COURT

To all persons interested in the estate of Lorna Chaput of Oxford, in said county, a person under conservatorship. A petition has been presented to said Court for authority to sell - private sale -certain real estate of said Lorna Chaput for maintenance.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney shall file a written appearance in said Court at Worcester before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the ninth day of July, 2024 the return date of this citation.

Witness **Leilah A. Keamy, Esquire**, First Judge of said Court, this seventh day of June 2024.

Stephanie K. Fattman Register of Probate June 21, 2024

Webster Sewer Department Equipment Proposal Request
Quantity 1 – 2024 Generac (or equal) Mobile diesel engine-driven generator set MDG150DF4, consisting of the following features and accessories:
Trailer Mounted Unit
150KVA Rating, 60Hz
3-Position Voltage Selector Switch
277/480VAC Three Phase
120/208VAC Three Phase
120/240VAC Single Phase
Prime Duty Rating

CSA
Variable Speed Cooling Fan
Standard Run Single Wall Tank
Tandem Axle
Electric Brakes
3 in. Pintle Ring Adjustable
Trailer Adapter, Flat 4 to Round 7
Spade
Aluminum Storage Box
Rear Stabilizer Jack
Spare Tire
Fire Extinguisher
3-Position Phase Selector Switch
MDG150DF4 or equal
Projected lead time
Full tank of diesel fuel
Delivered to 38 Hill Street, Webster, MA 01570. Off loading and rigging will be included in proposal
Start-up and commissioning along with training for staff will be included
Submit proposals by 2pm, June 27th to: kdoyle@webster-ma.gov or by fax to 508-949-3868.
June 21, 2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. WO24P1994EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of:

William J Gajewski Date of Death: 04/01/2024
To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Thomas Gajewski of Dudley MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such

other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that:

Thomas Gajewski of Dudley MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/16/2024.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 14, 2024
Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate
June 21, 2024



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* June Cazeault * Laurie Sullivan * Matthew Ross * Lori Johnson-Chausse * William Gilmore II * Bryan Pelletier

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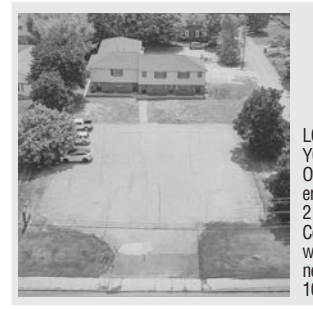
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Worcester Polytechnic Institute announces Dean's List

WORCESTER — A total of 2,226 undergraduate students at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) achieved the criteria required for the university's spring 2024 Dean's List. The criteria for the WPI Dean's List differs from that of most other universities as WPI does not compute a grade point average (GPA). Instead, WPI defines the Dean's List by the amount of work completed at the A level in courses and projects.

"WPI's academic programs are rigorous and require a level of independence beyond what is required in traditional courses. WPI students work on open-ended problems for communities around the world. The problems are important and the impact is real" said Professor Arthur C. Heinricher. "Some of this nation's best and brightest students come to WPI to study engineering and science and business and the humanities. Those named to the Dean's List have excelled in all of their work, and we are exceptionally proud of these outstanding students."

The following students were named to the Dean's List for Spring 2024:

Alysha Creelman, of Auburn, class of 2025, majoring in Computer Science and Data Science

Audrey Johnson, of Auburn, class of 2025, majoring in Mechanical Engineering

Finn O'Donnell, of Auburn, class of 2027, majoring in Electrical and Computer Engineering

Nicholas Palumbo, of Auburn, class of 2026, majoring in Computer Science and Robotics Engineering

Jacob Vosburg, of Auburn, class of 2024, majoring in Biochemistry

Mina Boktor, of Dudley, class of 2027, majoring in Computer Science

Gabriel Colebourn, of Webster, class of 2027, majoring in Chemical Engineering

Christian Consiglio, of Oxford, class of 2025, majoring in Computer Science

Brock Dubey, of Dudley, class of 2024, majoring in Data Science

Abigail Duval, of Oxford, class of 2024, majoring in Aerospace Engineering

Sarah Fenton, of Dudley, class of 2025,

majoring in Chemical Engineering
Talia Gardner, of Webster, class of 2026, majoring in Biology and Biotechnology

Szymon Mamro, of Webster, class of 2026, majoring in Computer Science

Sofia Napierata, of Webster, class of 2026, majoring in Interactive Media and Game Development

Jessica Peets, of Webster, class of 2026, majoring in Mechanical Engineering

John Perveiler, of Oxford, class of 2027, majoring in Computer Science

Rami Rachid, of Dudley, class of 2027, majoring in Biomedical Engineering

James Ralph, of Webster, class of 2024, majoring in International and Global Studies and Mechanical Engineering

Justin Santiago Wonoski, of Dudley, class of 2024, majoring in Computer Science

William Tyrrell, of Dudley, class of 2025, majoring in Electrical and Computer Engineering

About Worcester Polytechnic Institute WPI, a global leader in project-based learning, is a distinctive, top-tier technological university founded in 1865 on the principle that students learn most effectively by applying the theory learned in the classroom to the practice of solving real-world problems. Recognized by the National Academy of Engineering with the 2016 Bernard M. Gordon Prize for Innovation in Engineering and Technology Education, WPI's pioneering project-based curriculum engages undergraduates in solving important scientific, technological, and societal problems throughout their education and at more than 50 project centers around the world. WPI offers more than 70 Bachelor's, Master's, and doctoral degree programs across 18 academic departments in science, engineering, technology, business, the social sciences, and the humanities and arts. Its faculty and students pursue groundbreaking research to meet ongoing challenges in health and biotechnology; robotics and the internet of things; advanced materials and manufacturing; cyber, data, and security systems; learning science; and more. www.wpi.edu

Church refugee project sparks concerns from residents

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER — Last month, the Planning Board started hearings on a project that has become locally controversial.

The proposal aims to build "a new church, rectory and housing" on a vacant parcel known as 0 Rosemont St., off Beacon.

Under the state's so-called Dover Amendment, church-related uses are exempt from zoning, although the town can condition aspects of how the property itself is built. Among the issues already raised are the fact preliminary work has already cleared more than 70 percent of the half-acre parcel in the lake protection district, it'll require more than 40 percent impervious surface, and it doesn't meet parking and various other requirements.

According to the project documents in the board's online file, it's being proposed by an entity called Jesus Center of Good News, led by Rev. Kalimbiro Akeem Bujiriri. Called Project HOPE, it aims to provide "temporary care in [an] accommodation center for a period of 90 days to 180 days" for recently-arrived refugees and immigrants with various services. Those include "transitional foster care," "psycho social support," access to medical care, job training, translation, English teaching and monthly stipends for basic needs. The file and Bujiriri himself said they intend to work with Clark University and other organizations.

He said his church was "not allowed to apply for more than 10 people" at a time under the state program they work with, which calls for a maximum stay of 90 days. He also claimed to be "in partnership with the Department of State" to meet refugees and legal immigrants and bring them here.

The written description and plans include several "community and workshop" spaces, some of which are specifically religious, plus nine units on three floors containing 22 beds and an extra four "short-stay bedrooms" in the basement. In the hearing, Bujiriri said the place will host three to seven-day retreat-like events of fasting and prayer that are "open to everyone who wants to join us," and the site's sanctuary will have a capacity of 112 (although that's not clearly stated in the project description) for Sunday services.

His engineer, Paul Campbell of Chess Engineering, described the property as "a really small and really challenging site due to high groundwater." He noted he'll need to "address the significant comments that came back that are pretty legitimate," especially those regarding landscaping, parking and fire access. The latter, he said, specifically referred to the fire chief's concern that the proposed building leaves almost no space for emergency vehicles to get around it "and might force a change to the building footprint." Campbell admitted the plans are "non-compliant" in various ways, some of which he intends to seek variances for.

Regarding parking, the zoning code requires 42 spaces, but the parcel can only fit 31, Campbell said. Town Planner Ann Morgan noted that doesn't include the offices. Bujiriri said he planned to use the nearby Webster Five lot if he needed extra parking, but the file includes a letter from the bank specifically refusing permission to do that.

Morgan also noted the church has not filed required documents with the Secretary of State's Corporations Database office since 2021. That website shows the church has filed several "change of directors" certificates since 2010 (the last one in 2021), but has never filed the required annual report since being organized in 2009. Bujiriri told the board he didn't have to as a church, but the database includes other churches doing so.

The database also shows Bujiriri has owned a firm called El Shaddai Gold & Diamond Stones LLC since 2015; that entity has usually filed annual reports (most recently for 2023), but not every year. Both are based at the same address, 345 Main St., Oxford, and were previously based in Chelsea.

When time came for citizen comment, most of them raised concerns about the project, largely alleging it doesn't fit in the neighborhood in various ways.

"Pastor Akeem is doing God's work and that's a good thing," said Connie Andre, "... but he has chosen the wrong location and it's not adequate for what he's trying to do."

Specifically, she questioned traffic, parking for church events, and noise; whether the site would be treating people with mental illness and/or substance abuse and/or criminal histories, and have adequate security if it did; and noted "multi-family dwellings are inconsistent with the neighborhood," she said.

Debra and Dennis Jolin largely agreed. They said Bujiriri visited them in March to say he'd bought the land and would be "building a church and a single-family residence" to help "two to three refugee families" for up to three months. But when they saw the plans, they saw a three-story building with 26 beds, offices, a fitness center and more. They said he asked them to split Rosemont Street with him, but neither have rights to that land. Nor does the town.

According to the file, that issue is still in Land Court, with the court recently having ordered Bujiriri to find documents identifying who actually owns the paper street in question. Rosemont Street was created as part of the Lakeside Park subdivision in 1946, when it was intended to run between Beacon and Woodlawn streets, but was never built.

Bujiriri said the plans don't actually include any use of Rosemont Street, although residents noted it'd probably be necessary for access and/or parking.

A resident of nearby Englewood Street alleged the lot clearing there has changed the flow of water such that it "now all runs down into our yards." The Planning Board asked her to provide photos.

By contrast, Rachel King said she supported the project and urged the town to "work with him in any capacity you see fit to make these dreams come true." She noted Webster's immigrant history and said "we should be opening our hearts and minds" to this project, finding it a place in town even if this site isn't good.

The board continued the project's public hearing to Aug. 26 to give Campbell time to address the many engineering and other comments various departments have raised.

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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 2024 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.

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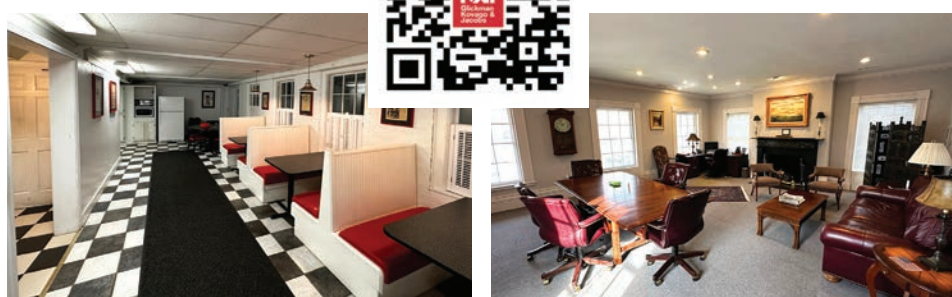
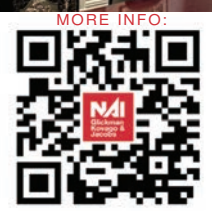
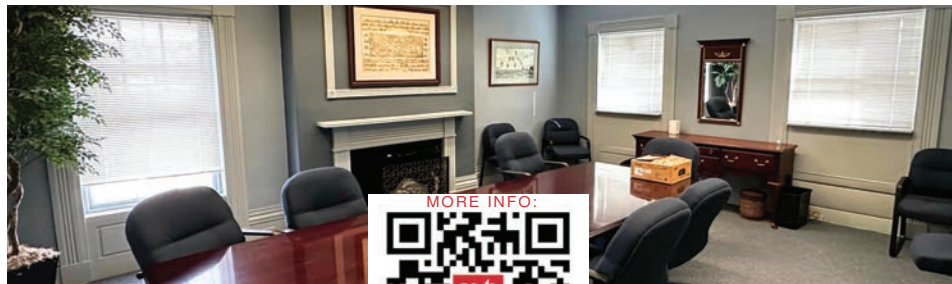
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