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## Marsi steps down as Dudley selectmen



Courtesy

After 12 years as a Dudley Selectman, John Marsi celebrated his final meeting on June 3 as he prepares to seek reelection to represent the 6th Worcester District. Marsi was awarded a rare Public Service Citation from the town.

BY JASON BLEAU  
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DUDLEY — After 12 years, John Marsi is leaving behind the Dudley Board of Selectmen as he pursues reelection to represent the 6th Worcester District in Boston later this year. Marsi was elected to represent the 6th Worcester District earlier this year after Peter Durant was promoted to the State Senate.

Marsi's official final meeting as selectman was June 3 where he gave a tearful farewell promising to continue to serve Dudley, but in a new capacity on a bigger stage.

"Between the 12 years, my time on the FAA, helping out with Cub Scouts and baseball, I've given well over a quarter of my life to Dudley, and I don't regret one minute of it.

I'm glad I got involved all those years ago, thought I had something to offer, and it brought me here. I like to think I got a calling to use what skills we had to bring them to the table and do what I wanted which was to lead Dudley to a better place than I found it in this role," said Marsi. "Thank you to the residents who placed your trust in me all these years. It's a weight that I carried proudly. It's part of who I am. I don't take that very lightly at all."

Marsi was promoted to chair for his final meeting which closed with each member of the current Board of Selectmen complimenting him on his approach to local politics and his positive relationship with townsfolk and his fellow town officials. Selectman Kerry Cyganiewicz said one of Marsi's best attributes is

his ability to see things from different perspectives and always choose positivity over negativity.

"John has this thing he does called assume positive intent. He always looks on the bright side, the positive side. Whenever we would think, or I would think something is negative he'd assume positive intent. I've taken that not just here but in my professional and personal life as well," said Cyganiewicz. "Everyone is comfortable speaking with (John). Whether your Republican way to the right or Democrat way to the left or people in the middle they all reach out to John because John listens. John is able

to change his mind. If you can convince him that there's a better way, he'll listen to you, and I think that's a trait to be admired."

Jason Johnson and Mark Landry, the newest members of the Board, both complimented Marsi for being a true professional and a mentor.

"Your professionalism and your ability to work with anyone and everyone is the right way for government to work. I appreciate your friendship and leadership over the years," said Johnson.

Landry added, "You helped bring me into this process. You helped me along. You've always

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## Oxford High School celebrates senior achievements at annual Awards Night

OXFORD — Oxford High School held its highly anticipated Senior Class Awards Night on June 4, a memorable evening dedicated to honoring the outstanding achievements of its senior students. The event took place in the school's auditorium, bringing together students, parents, faculty, and community members to celebrate the accomplishments of the graduating class of 2024.

Principal Czernicki opened the ceremony with a heartfelt welcome address, emphasizing the significance of the evening.

"It is incredible to see how much Oxford's community gives back to our students," Czernicki remarked. "The Class of 2024 has been at the helm of helping to create a supportive and positive culture for all of us here at OHS."

The awards presented during the night highlighted a variety of achievements across academic, athletic, and extracurricular domains. Key highlights of the evening included:

### Scholarship Awards

Jennifer Marie Lehner Endowed Scholarship, presented by Mr. Joseph Lehner to:

- Spencer Byrnes

Rodger D. Bacon, Jr. Memorial Scholarship, presented by Ms. Cathy Looney to:

- Kylee Karnes

Susan S. Kirk Future Teacher Scholarship, presented by Mr. John Kirk to:

- Nicholas Jablonski

Elsie Moscoffian Memorial Art Scholarship presented by The Rheault Family to:

- Alexa Sherwin

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## Author Geraldine Brooks visits Gladys E. Kelly Library



WEBSTER — On June 6, the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library hosted Pulitzer Prize-winning author Geraldine Brooks for a moderated talk about her newest novel, *Horse*. The event's registration had filled within only three days of opening, causing Library and Event Staff to pivot in order to accommodate the large crowd.

Instead of being held in the Library's Community Room, the event was moved to the Library's lobby, which ended up being a fantastic location. Under the modern circular lights hanging from the high ceilings, 114 people listened to Brooks recount fascinating stories from her life. Eleven people decided to watch a livestream of the event on the big screen in the Community Room, for a total of 125 in-house attendees. Attendees came from all over, including as far as New Jersey! Online, thanks to the Library's new streaming hardware, a total of 134 people watched the event from the comfort of their own homes.

The event was moderated by Webster Selectwoman Elaine Davies. Davies put in countless hours of preparation for this event, having read most of Brooks' novels and watched several interviews online. Her preparation paid off: the questions she prepared took viewers through the author's writing process, her research techniques, and also into conversations about race and character development. The audience was equally captivated by Brooks' tales from her days as a war correspondent.

Thanks goes out to Booklover's Gourmet for selling novels for the author to sign, and Mark Mandeville of Blackstone Valley Music for setting up a top-notch sound system for the event. This event was funded by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the Webster Cultural Council, the Janet Malsler Humanities Trust, and the Mandile Foundation.

## St. Joseph School sends off Class of 2024



Courtesy

On Saturday, June 8, the St. Joseph School Class of 2024 held their graduation ceremony following a special 1 p.m. Mass in St. Joseph Basilica.

WEBSTER — On Saturday, June 8, the St. Joseph School Class of 2024 held their graduation ceremony following a special 1 p.m. Mass in St. Joseph Basilica. Seventeen eighth grade students were recognized by their Home Room Teacher, Mary Ann Weaver. Each 8th Grade student received a St. Joseph School Graduation Certificate as well as recognition for their academic excellence and participation in clubs and organizations.

Alan Kulpa: End of Year Honor Roll - Honors; Mya Medina: End of Year Honor Roll - Honors, Choir, Yearbook Club; Jack Keller: End of Year Honor Roll - High Honors; Claire Calnan: End of Year Honor Roll - High Honors, Drama Club, Yearbook Club; Emily Macko: End of Year Honor Roll - High Honors, Children of Mary, Choir, Drama Club, Yearbook Club, LEGO Robotics; Ryan Gruposso: End of Year Honor Roll - Honors, Student Council Grade 8 Representative; Molly Hachigian: End of Year Honor Roll - High Honors, Student Council President, Drama Club, AAA Safety Patrol; Max Podgorny: End of Year Honor Roll - High Honors, Altar Server; Alvin Montreuil: End of Year Honor Roll - Honors; Rienielys

Garcia: End of Year Honor Roll - Credit, Children of Mary, Choir, Drama Club, Yearbook Club; Gabriel Gallant: End of Year Honor Roll - Honors; Ella Parslow: End of Year Honor Roll - High Honors, Children of Mary, Choir, Drama Club, Yearbook Club; Violet Johnson: End of Year Honor Roll - Honors, Children of Mary, Choir, Yearbook Club; Laura Ibrahim: End of Year Honor Roll - High Honors, Student Council Vice President, Choir, Drama Club, Yearbook Club; Nevaeh Bourgeois: End of Year Honor Roll - Honors, Choir, Drama Club, Yearbook Club; Tristan Pico: Altar Server; Katelyn Baillargeon: End of Year Honor Roll - Honors

In addition, Headmaster, Rev. Grzegorz Chodkowski and Principal, Beth Boudreau distributed medals to the top two students who achieved academic excellence in the individual subjects. The student with the highest grade-point average received a gold medal on a red ribbon inscribed with the words, "Outstanding Academic Achievement" and their name. The student with the second highest grade point average received a silver medal on a white ribbon inscribed with the words, "Recognition for

Academic Achievement" and their name. English/Language Arts: Gold - Molly Hachigian, Silver - Laura Ibrahim; Literature: Gold - Claire Calnan, Silver - Molly Hachigian; Science: Gold - Emily Macko, Silver - Nevaeh Bourgeois; Mathematics: Gold - Molly Hachigian, Silver - Jack Keller; Social Studies: Gold - Jack Keller, Silver - Molly Hachigian; Religion: Gold - Laura Ibrahim, Silver - Molly Hachigian; Spanish: Gold - Laura Ibrahim, Silver - Molly Hachigian. The student with the highest overall grade-point average received a medal with the words inscribed "First Overall Academic Achievement" and his/her name on it. Molly Hachigian was the recipient of this medal.

Finally, Headmaster, Rev. Grzegorz Chodkowski and Principal, Beth Boudreau distributed the following awards: Bishop Daniel P. Reilly Book Award - presented to the student who best exemplifies the bishop's motto, "In Kindness and in Truth" and who demonstrates qualities of duty, honor, sacrifice, and accomplishment within the school community.

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# Local officials team up with DEA for new drug awareness campaign

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

REGION — Several area officials recently teamed up with the DEA in a unique new drug awareness campaign.



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The New England Field Division of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) partnered with local law enforcement agencies and college e-sports teams to host the debut One Pill Can Kill Game Over Tournament.

Event organizers are using the increasingly popular e-sports platform to help educate young people about the dangers of fentanyl.

“We were excited to partner with the DEA New England Division and the Worcester County Sheriff’s Office for the One Pill Can Kill Game Over Tournament at All Systems Go MA,” read a statement released by the Worcester County District Attorney’s Office.

Each week, 22 New England teenagers between the ages of 14-18 die from drug poisoning or overdose events, according to a recent study conducted by the New England Journal of Medicine.

At the One Pill Can Kill Game Over Tournament held on June 6, participating college teams included Worcester Polytechnic Institute, the University of

Massachusetts-Amherst, Boston University, Emerson College, Post University, the University of New Hampshire, and the University of Southern Maine.

“With an overwhelming 97 percent of Americans between the ages of 12 and 17 engaged in video gaming, the DEA is looking to reach young people where they often spend time—in the virtual world,” read a statement released by the DEA.

The One Pill



Courtesy

Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis attends a recent awareness program.

Can Kill Game Over Tournament was hosted by Clark University.

“The One Pill Can Kill campaign aims to educate young people about the dangers of the current drug supply, with laced street drugs and counterfeit pills,” read the statement released by the DA’s Office.

Fentanyl, a synthetic opioid, is involved in the majority of drug poisonings and overdose deaths across the country.

“Fentanyl is 50 times more potent than heroin, and just two milligrams—the amount that can fit on the tip of a pencil—can be deadly,” the DEA statement read. “Often, people buy what they think is a legitimate prescription pill like Percocet or Xanax on social media, but it turns out they’ve unknowingly purchased a fentanyl pill.”

In 2023, the DEA seized approximately 15.7 million potentially lethal doses of fentanyl in New England alone.

For local officials and DEA leaders alike, it’s exciting to launch a new strategy for reaching teenage audiences.

“I am thrilled we are able to team up with these amazing e-sports teams to host this One Pill Can Kill Game Over Tournament in New England and increase awareness about the dangers of fentanyl,” said DEA Associate Administrator Jon DeLena.

The DEA thanks All Systems Go, The Rendon Group, participating colleges, and the e-sports community for their support of the tournament.

“We look forward to continued collaboration with the DEA and the Worcester County Sheriff’s Office to attack this crisis. Thank you to everyone that joined in support of these efforts,” read the statement issued by the DA’s Office.

Looking ahead, local officials are eager to continue working with community partners to combat the crisis.

“We are blessed to have the DEA actively working in our area and calling attention to the One Pill Can Kill campaign to educate all ages on the dangers of counterfeit pills,” read a statement released by the Worcester County Sheriff’s Office.

## Pearle L. Crawford Library introduces “Memory Kits”

DUDLEY — The Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library introduces “Memory Kits.”

For people with Alzheimer’s disease and their families, a remembered moment from the past is a gift, and staff at the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library has created 12 memory kits to evoke those moments.

June is Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month. The memory loss and confusion associated with dementia and Alzheimer’s progresses over time but photographs, music, and memorabilia from the past can trigger memories and provide a bridge for caregivers and loved ones to communicate and connect.

This is the goal of Memory Kits and Dudley’s library staff with their access to historical knowledge, memorabilia and media from the past are uniquely positioned to create them.

Library Director Nicole Messier said a memory kit is a bag that contains objects and activities related to a specific location, period of time, or theme. Activities such as cooking, traveling the world, dancing and music, or outdoor recreation are found in the kits. Each contains different puzzles, activities, books and items that enkindle a feeling of an era.

The Pearle’s 12 new kits are available for a two-week check out. The themes presently offered are



cats, dogs, oceans, trees, world travel, senior game night, fishing, golf, homemaker, WWII, birds and butterflies, and U.S. history.

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## Local businesses thanked for supporting Veterans Council Home renovations



Courtesy

Local business leaders celebrate a recent project supporting veterans.

REGION — The Webster/Dudley Veterans Council thanks Mapfre Insurance, Cournoyer Hardwood Flooring, and The Home Depot for their commitment to helping local veterans.

The local business leaders recently renovated the Veterans Service Office at the Veterans Council Home in Webster.

Furniture for the project was supplied by Mapfre Insurance.

Flooring, paint, and supplies were provided by The Home Depot, and installation of the flooring was handled by Cournoyer Hardwood Flooring, of Dudley.

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# Masonic lodges band together to raise three new members

**BRO. JIMMY FALZONE**  
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WEBSTER — On Saturday, June 8, brethren family and friends gathered at the Webster Masonic Lodge in Webster to witness and congratulate three young men who were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. They are Brother Jason Macgillivray of the Quinebuag Masonic Lodge, Southbridge, Brother Joshua Jzerski of the Webster Masonic Lodge and Brother Tyler Adolfo of the Webster Masonic Lodge. These men, along with other men, have followed this path and joined this great fraternity because of “Who We Are.” We’re



Courtesy

From left to right our newest members in white aprons are Brother Jason Macgillivray of the Quinebuag Masonic Lodge, Southbridge Brother Will Proper, Brother Johnathan Neitz, Brother Paul Davidson, newest members with white aprons Brother Joshua Jzerski of Webster Masonic Lodge and Brother Tyler Adolfo of Webster Masonic Lodge.

men, each trying to be the best version of ourselves. We find it's easier to do that when we're with other men who share the same values. We're there for our brothers no matter what life may bring, and our brothers are there for us. We help others, not just because it's the right thing to do, but also because it helps us grow. We value honor and integrity. We believe there's always more to learn. As Freemasons we thrive to make good men even better.

What we do know is that Freemasonry in our community has continued to grow and make good men even better. This is because we value our old traditions, and we think this is what attracts this younger generation of men. These men want to see and learn how it used to be and what it is like to value honor and integrity. If you would like more information about Freemasonry and to find a lodge nearest you, visit our Web site at [www.massfreemasonry.org](http://www.massfreemasonry.org)

## Bay Path student nurses use art therapy



Courtesy

Princess Agyeman of Webster and Adonis DeKing of Milford. Far left: Evelyn Kiplang of Worcester.

CHARLTON — Burnout is rampant among healthcare workers, nurses are no exception. Evidence-based research states that arts can help.

Some 37 years ago, Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Director Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN was working as an entry level nurse at a rehabilitation unit at the Philippine General Hospital, Manila, Philippines. Bolandrina saw first-hand what art and music therapy can do to patients as young as twelve and adult patients.

“I was part of a healthcare team treating victims of violent crimes with gunshot wounds and stab wounds,”

Bolandrina said. “It is sad and even though as nurses we’re taught to deal with tragedy and grief, we’re also taught never to depersonalize it.”

Nurses need an outlet to express their feelings. In a 2009 study, researchers found PTSD numbers for critical care nurses to be comparable to those of war veterans who have come back from Iraq and Afghanistan. Bolandrina believes that the arts are a wonderful way for nurses to process stress and trauma they feel and see daily. She always encouraged her student nurses to do self-checks and participate in outside interests even with the rigors of nursing school. On her tenth year at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, 2024 is the banner year to fully immerse her practical nursing students.

The arts, visual arts she thought, could offer a way. For Nurses’ week celebration, the shift has come about from commercialism of material trinkets and giveaways to the creative process of visual arts. Because stress and burnout among healthcare workers has become a public health crisis.

“We need to raise awareness for burnout syndrome before our student nurses even join the workforce as Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs),” shared Bolandrina. “Plus, emerging research show that engaging in the arts allow healthcare professionals become more empathetic clinicians, process what they see and feel, heal from or cope with trauma.”

The visual arts can put difficult-to-process experiences into words, and so came Adonis DeKing of Milford. He is an artist based in Massachusetts who specializes in oil paint. His formal career as an artist began in Savannah, Ga., with oil paintings of nature land-

scapes and animals. His work gained notability and a large amount of his originals sold, he moved to Boston to further develop his career. His work has been shown in numerous businesses and galleries across the United States such as his nature collection at the Churchwood Gallery (North Attleboro, July 2023). A new series of paintings will be shown at the Booklovers Gourmet Gallery (Webster, MA) in September 2024. As an artist, DeKing lives a minimalistic lifestyle, choosing to give away most of his original paintings after they have been completed. He only owns one set of paintbrushes and believes in simplicity and living a fulfilling life. He now adds teaching the practical nursing cohort of 2024 to his professional teaching experience which includes instructions at the Churchwood Gallery. More of his work can be viewed at [www.adonisdeking.com](http://www.adonisdeking.com)

Positive feedback from the student nurses who participated included words of gratitude and hope. “Thank you for coordinating this lovely event,” wrote Princess Agyeman of Webster. “I hope this becomes a tradition for later years, as it was very relaxing and fun!”

## Gladys E. Kelly Library to hold book sale

WEBSTER — Are you ready for summer? Don't forget sunscreen, beach towels and of course a good summer read! The Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Book Sale will be held Thursday, June 20 from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m.; Friday, June 21 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Saturday, June 22, 9 a.m. until noon.

You will find a wonderful selection of adult and children's books, paperbacks \$.50, hard copy \$1.00, coffee table books \$3.

Also for sale: games, jigsaw puzzles, books on tape, CDs and DVDs.

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**Gentle Yoga**  
Mondays in June 10:00-11:00 in the Fels Community Room  
Join Jia Borgia, certified yoga instructor, for traditional "on the mat" yoga class with 15 minute relaxation at the end. Bring your own mat. Wear layers, do not eat heavily 1.5-2 hours before class.

**Movies At The Pearle!**  
Tuesdays in June at 1:00 in the Fels Community Room  
June 18: Wonka  
June 25: Night Swim

**Learn to Play Mahjong**  
Wednesday, June 12 & 26 10:00-12:30 Fels Community Room  
Christine Haller is back

with more lessons.  
**Learn the basics of Mahjong.** These classes will focus on learning the tiles, understanding the card, making hands, and learning the American rules, strategies, and sequence of play. Attend one class or as many as you would like! Registration requested.  
Funded by the Hugh W. & Harriet K. Crawford Endowment Fund for the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library

**Opening Night Reception for Local Artist Anne Tisdell**  
The Joy of Water Art Exhibit  
Monday, June 17 5:00-6:30pm Fels Community Room  
Local artist, Anne Tisdell will be sharing her art collection, Joy of Water, for the month of June.

Please join us in welcoming her Monday June 17th. This event is open to all. Light refreshment will be served and are provided by the Friends of the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library.

**Crawford Library Book Group**  
Monday, June 24 6:00-7:30  
Book: My Life

By: Golda Meir  
Books are available at the circulation desk for checkout  
one month prior to discussion. No registration required.  
\*Meeting fourth Monday of each month.

**Introduction to Birds & Birdwatching**  
Thursday, June 27 6:30-7:30  
Fels Community Room  
Find out what makes birds unique within the animal kingdom, where and how to locate birds in different settings, and basic bird biology and behavior.

This presentation is facilitated by Mass Audubon and funded by the Hugh W. & Harriet K. Crawford Endowment Fund for the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library.  
No registration required.

**Community Art Project with Lisa Kretchman**  
Friday, June 28 12:30-2:30

We need your help to create a summer art mural for the library, designed by local artist Lisa Kretchman.  
How does it work? Lisa will design all the pieces and you select the one you like best. Next, fill in the design with your favorite art medium (pencils, paint, charcoal, crayons, etc.). When it is

finished, we will add it to the other pieces and presto—we have extraordinary artwork to admire for the remainder of the summer! An unveiling of the finished community art mural will be celebrated at the end of summer reading. We hope to have artists of all levels, beginners, advanced and the non-artists too! It's all about COMMUNITY.

Lisa will be here to help execute the designs on June 28th and/or July 1, or you can work on your piece at home and return it to the Library when it's finished.  
**Quilting Group**  
Wednesdays @ 1:30  
All quilters and would-be quilters are invited to join our new group. Bring your projects!

**Knit & Crochet Group**  
Thursday 5:30-7:30 and Friday 10:00-12:00  
All stitchers are welcome for this informal group

**Youth Programs:**  
Hatch the Chicken Children's Room  
Hatching eggs will be set up in the children's room for families to come in and watch as we incubate chicken eggs and watch them eventually hatch!

**Guest Reader Story Time** every Monday at 6pm

Join our guest reader for a fun story along with activities.

We are excited to welcome our guest readers!

**Toddler Storytime** - every Tuesday 10:30-11:00  
**Storytime Room**

Join us for a story and activity. For ages 0-3.

**PreK Storytime** every Wednesday 10:30-11:15

**Storytime Room**  
Join us for a story and activity. For ages 3-5.

**Dungeons & Dragons Game** every Thursday, 6:00-7:30

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Ages 12-19 please.  
Chillin' at the Library with Miss Courtney  
Thursday, June 20 & Thursday June 27 6:00-6:45  
Children's Room

Courtney will introduce something a little different every week including journaling - blackout poetry - doodling - diary - and even haikus.

This weekly program is all about fun and surprising "writing" focused creative expression for kids 8+.

Registration is required.

**Poop Museum**  
Saturday, June 22 10:00-11:00

Fels Community Room  
The Poop Museum is a children's program all about the serious science of poop and pooping, delivered with the silliness that you might imagine accompanying a program about poop for kids. It is the perfect combination of fun, fabulous, fascinating facts, which kids (and parents) will never forget.

Aimed at the 5-10 age group, the program engages kids as young as 3 and as old as 12. Parents love it too!

Registration is required.

**Take a Tromp Through the Swamp!** Concert with Tom Sieling

Thursday, June 27 1:00-2:00

Fels Community Room  
"Take a Tromp Through the Swamp!", Tom's 2024 Summer Reading program, is designed around the "Read, Renew, Repeat" theme. Tom's programs also include lots of encouragement about reading, library usage, and the kids making music a big part of their lives if that sounds good to them.

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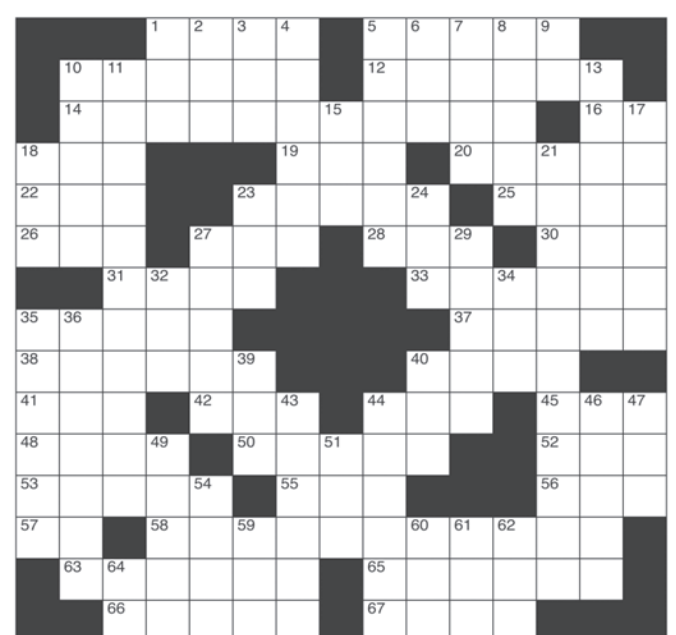
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  - Chatter incessantly
  - King Cole, musician
  - Plates on a turtle's shell
  - University of Utah athlete
  - The world of the dead
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  - Former Yankee great
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  - Unhappy
  - Anger
  - Dark brown or black
  - Restaurants have a lot of them
  - Made a mistake
  - Damp
  - Type of gasoline
  - Actor LeBlanc
  - Perform in a play
  - One's mother
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  - Swiss river
  - Part of a banana
  - Indian hand clash cymbals
  - Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
  - Agave
  - Noted journalist Tarbell
  - Computer firm
  - Type of record
  - Bacterium that can cause infection
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  - A narrow opening (as in a rock wall)
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  - Very eager to see something

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  - Subsides
  - Consume
  - Athleisure clothing brand
  - California town
  - Atomic #50
  - The Muse of lyric and love poetry
  - Creates anew
  - Humorous commentaries
  - Cool!
  - Most ignoble
  - Soggy dirt
  - Designed to be useful
  - Hebrew unit of liquid capacity
  - High schoolers' test
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  - City in India
  - Furniture
  - You have likely chatted with one
  - Pass or go by
  - Proof of purchase
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  - Disfigured
  - White (Spanish)
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  - Georgia rock band
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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 15th, and 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— June 20th at 6:30 PM

This month’s book discussion will be in the Library’s Community Room. The Group will be discussing Their favorite books from childhood and adulthood. Stop by the library, or reach out by phone at 508-949-3880, or by email to [rcox@cwmmars.org](mailto:rcox@cwmmars.org) for inquiries.

### ADULT BOARDGAME NIGHT— June 24th 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!

### FRIENDS CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS: Crocodile River— June 13th at 6:30 PM

African rhythms, history, and culture merge into an evening of movement, cultural exploration, and joy. Internationally recognized, the group consists of members from Mali, Senegal, Burkina Faso, Guinea, and the US. Crocodile River Music’s mission is to connect audiences with African artists and cultures through performance

and education. They are a diverse group of people committed to presenting African art, music, and culture to audiences of all ages, backgrounds, and capabilities.

### 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@cwmmars.org](mailto:atai@cwmmars.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— June 18th 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 15th, and 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—June 17th, and 24th 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.

#### A N I M A L 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.

#### F R I E N D S H I P 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.

## WEBSTER SENIOR CENTER

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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, 6/18 Chicken Cacciatore, Gemelli Pasta, Roasted Broccoli. Wednesday, 6/19 Senior Center is closed. Thursday, 6/20 Beef Stew, Steamed White Rice, Peas & Carrots. Friday, 6/21 Macaroni and Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes, Green Beans.

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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.

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.

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EDITORIAL

# Fathers come in many forms

Father's Day is more than just a date on the calendar; it's a heartfelt recognition of the men who have shaped our lives in ways both profound and subtle. This special day, celebrated on the third Sunday of June in many countries, offers a chance to express our gratitude for the fathers, grandfathers, and father figures who have provided us with guidance, support, and love.

Fathers come in many forms. Some are biological, others are adoptive, and still others step into the role without any formal recognition, providing the same support and love. It is in the patience shown during countless homework sessions, the strength provided during difficult times, and the joy shared in moments of triumph.

Fathers are nurturers, educators, and partners. A good father is involved in every aspect of their children's lives, from changing diapers to attending school plays, from coaching little league teams to helping with science projects.

Father's Day is an opportunity to acknowledge those who may not have a traditional father figure but have found guidance and support from other sources—single mothers, uncles, mentors, and family friends. It's a day to celebrate the concept of fatherhood in its broadest sense, recognizing all those who have stepped into the role and made a positive impact.

A simple phone call, a heartfelt card, or a shared meal can mean the world. It is these moments of connection that truly honor the spirit of fatherhood.

In a world that is often hurried and disconnected, Father's Day serves as a poignant reminder to slow down and cherish the relationships that form the foundation of our lives. It is a day to honor the men who have helped us become who we are, to thank them for their sacrifices, and to celebrate the unique bond that we share.

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# VIEWPOINT

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

## 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 but 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."

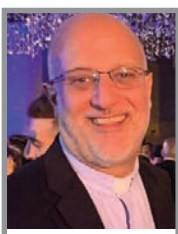
Of course, for many in our Saints Constantine and Helen Church Family in Webster, this generous action of Hale should remind us of when our Church did something similar. In 2019, we kicked off our Church's 100th Year Anniversary on Stewardship Sunday with the "Good and Faithful Steward Challenge" by 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 website – 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



### BEYOND THE PEWS

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

our Lord Jesus Christ by saying, "For you know the grace of our Lord 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 helped 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, think about this. Think about how blessed you are. Think about what a special blessing it is to be a part of this Church Family and to know the Orthodox Christian faith. Think about your relationship with our Risen Lord Jesus Christ. Think about the joy of Pascha and what His victory over death means to you.

Here in Webster we 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!

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By the time you reach retirement age, you may have accumulated a 401(k), IRA and other investment accounts, along with insurance policies and physical properties. You'll use some of these assets to support your retirement, but the rest may end up in your estate — which is why an estate plan is so important.

So, to leave a legacy for your family and those philanthropic groups you support, you need a comprehensive estate plan — and you need to avoid making mistakes. Here are some of the most common ones:

**Procrastinating – Estate planning, and its implications about our mortality, may not be a pleasant topic to think about. Yet, putting off your estate plans can be risky. If you were to pass away or become incapacitated without doing any estate planning, the results could be costly for your loved ones. One possible consequence: If you haven't at least created a basic, simple will, the courts could decide how to divide and distribute your assets, and they may do so in a way you wouldn't want.**

**Not updating wills and other documents – Drafting a will and other legal documents, such as a living trust, is an important step in your estate planning. But you shouldn't just create these arrangements and forget about them. Changes in your life and among your loved ones — deaths, divorce, remarriage, new children and more — may result in the need for you to update your estate plans, so it's a good idea to review them periodically.**

**Not updating beneficiaries – Similar to updating your will to reflect changes in your life and family situation, you may also need to update the beneficiaries listed on your financial accounts and insurance policies. These designations carry a lot of weight and can even supersede instructions in your will, so you'll need to make sure they are current and accurate.**

**Not properly titling assets in a trust – Depending on your situation, you may benefit from establishing a living trust, which may allow your estate to avoid the time-consuming and expensive process of probate. A living trust also helps give you control over how, and when, you want your assets distributed. However, you need to retitle your assets in the name of the trust for the trust to be effective.**

**Not choosing the right executor – An executor carries out your wishes based on the instructions you've given in your will or trust documents. But fulfilling an executor's duties is not as simple as, say, following a recipe for a basic meal. Consequently, while you might just want to pick a close family member as executor, you need to be sure this person is competent, good with details and won't be overwhelmed by the financial and legal issues involved in settling an estate. If your initial choice doesn't have these skills, you may need to find a responsible person outside the family.**

**Finally, here's one more mistake: going it alone. Estate planning is not a do-it-yourself activity. To help ensure your estate plan addresses all the issues involved, you'll need to work with a legal advisor, and possibly your tax and financial professionals, too.**

Devoting the necessary time and effort can help you avoid many of the mistakes that threaten the effectiveness of estate plans — and the fewer mistakes you make, the better off your beneficiaries can be.

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## Latest antiques and collectibles auction news



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The infamous "door" from "Titanic."

Today's column will feature some recent auction results, beginning with the collection of a Rock and Roll legend.

Over 900 items from Elton John's collection were sold earlier this year. ArtNews reports that "a pair of silver leather platform boots adorned on either side with John's initials in a vivacious red" sold for \$94,500. The sale also featured other pieces that the musician had worn, but many of the items were art, photographs, and jewelry that John had collected over time. There were 350 photographs including a nude of Nastassja Kinski with a snake coiled around her that sold for \$201,600. An untitled 1982 painting by pop artist Keith Haring

went for \$756,000. Banksy's "Thrower Triptych" from 2017 brought nearly \$2 million dollars. The auction reached \$20.5 million in total.

In more auction news, a pop culture collectible toy set an auction record this month. In 1979, Kenner Toys produced a hand-painted Boba Fett Star Wars 3.75-inch action figure with a rocket launcher. The toy was supposed to be a giveaway for people who had purchased at least four other action figures, according to the Smithsonian Magazine. The missile launching system was deemed to be a choking hazard and the Boba Fett figure never went into production. Some Kenner employees saved the prototypes, but only two of the figures are known to exist. The Boba Fett figure brought \$525,000. The previous toy auction record was for a one-of-a-kind Barbie designed by Stefano Canturi. The doll had a diamond necklace and sold for \$236,000.

In my last column, I dis-



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restaurants. The floating door that Rose (Kate Winslet) clung to at the end of the movie has received much Internet scrutiny. People claim that the piece would be big enough for Rose and Jack (Leonardo DiCaprio) to fit on, according to the Robb Report. Others noted that the "door" they were on isn't really a door and instead part of the door frame above the ship's first-class lounge entrance. The design for the prop is believed to be based on one of

the largest pieces of debris from the ship. The film creators didn't come up with the name the "door scene" so that helps quell some of the criticism about it being a door frame and not a door. The controversy didn't seem to hurt the bidding, though. When the "door" closed at auction it slammed shut at \$718,750.

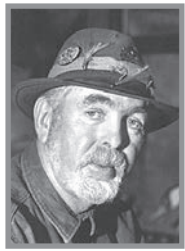
Central Mass Auctions has some auction news to report as well. Our sports memorabilia, sports cards, and comic books online auction is underway and will end on June 26th. We are currently accepting consignments of coins, art, gold jewelry, sterling silver, historical items, advertising signs, and other antiques for our summer online auction. Please visit our Web site https://centralmassauctions.com for links to upcoming events.

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# The fishing report

Summertime is here, but many of the things we like to do or eat are dangerous to our health. Pollution in our local freshwater ponds and lakes continues to get worse every year. Runoff of fertilizers from lawns, waterfowl feces & other pollution are posing a real threat to our everyday lives. Numerous spills from some of our sewage treatment plants seem to occur more often. It all eventually ends up in our bay. The ocean does not need any more pollution, but that too is closing numerous beaches to swimming, and other saltwater sports.

Eating freshwater fish is also on the list of unhealthy things to eat, along with other species of saltwater fish. Becoming a vegan is a choice many residents are considering, but even that food supply has many unhealthy



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issues. Pollution is a huge problem here and around the world, and little is being done to change it!

Mass. Fish & Wildlife has pretty much stocked their spring trout allotment, although some limited trout stocking could be done. There were some tiger trout stocked in local waters this year which should create some interest among anglers.

The tiger trout is a sterile intergeneric hybrid brown trout & the brook trout which has the trout easy to identify because of the stripes on the body of the fish. They sure are interesting and fun to catch. With very few broodstock fish available to stock to date this year, the tiger trout kind of creates more

interest in the fishing public, hoping to catch one of these fish.

On the saltwater scene, anglers are still catching limits of seabass on the Cape and this writer's brother Ken managed to catch a legal striper last week on the canal. Many anglers are catching some impressive stripers, but most need to be released. Charter boat captains are noticing a drop in their charter boat reservations this year. Could it be because of the ridiculous fish limits? Anglers paying \$200 or more each on six pack boats, are reluctant to pay that for two seabass in Rhode Island and four fish in Mass.!

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Ken True with his legal size striper caught while fishing at the canal! I cannot tell you exactly where he was fishing because it is kind of a secret spot!



## Celebrate Local Produce Offerings

The pleasures of a New England garden are the rewards of enduring the long, hard winter. Red, ripe tomatoes heavy on the vine; green bean tendrils spiraling skyward, and corn stalks waving in the wind, hold the promise of a healthy summer harvest. But it's not necessary to grow your own fruits or vegetables to reap the many benefits of home grown goodness. Freshly picked produce is as close as area farm stands and farmer's markets. The Stonebridge Press environs boast numerous open air markets that feature a variety of healthy and affordable garden offerings. Area farmers market events are a favored destination for weekend shoppers, and many families make the trip to the open air markets a seasonal ritual. With fresh food, friendly chat, the piece of mind of buying locally sourced food and the satisfaction of knowing your purchase is supporting small farms, it's a win-win situation for both buyers and growers.

**Benefits of Buying Local:** While enjoying fresh fruit and produce may be what draws people to a farmers market, the benefits of buying directly from local growers go far beyond taste. From reducing food contamination risks and environmental waste to boosting the local economy and social interaction, neighborhood food markets play an important role in community health, wealth and happiness.

**Peak of Nutrition:** Growers typically sell their produce within a day of harvesting, with many offerings picked



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the morning of the market. Not only does the food taste better when it's fresh, its nutrients are at peak levels. Fruits and vegetables purchased at grocery stores may have been shipped from distant states and other countries. Studies show such produce travel an average of 1,300 miles, delaying their arrival at the store for up to two weeks!

**Save Money:** Fruits and vegetables purchased as they're picked is a pleasure that typically saves the consumer money. Because the grower is selling directly to the consumer, there are no middleman costs, and savings can be passed on to the shopper. In addition, farmers market host sites usually charge just a nominal fee for the farmer to set up, resulting in lower purchase prices.

**Earth Friendly:** Shopping for locally grown foods is an earth friendly choice that doesn't sacrifice quality. Industrial farming is a major source of water pollution due to contamination from chemical fertilizers, pesticides and animal waste. In addition, goods sold in the same community as they are grown drastically reduces fuel transportation energy and costs. Buying locally from growers who use sustainable practices is a responsible choice you can feel good about.

**Variety:** Offerings from local farmers not only afford the consumer a wide variety of produce, but it also allows for the purchase of lesser known, tastier varieties that might not meet commercial requirements. Since grocery stores typically sell produce grown to endure long transport trips and maintain expanded shelf life, the old fashioned strains and heirloom varieties of fruits and vegetable are often absent from the supermarket shelves. Plus, buying locally offers piece of mind if shoppers are concerned about genetically modified foods.

**Less Waste:** Buying at a farmers market can radically reduce waste in more ways than one. Purchasing freshly picked produce from the grower eliminates the need for protective waxes, identifying labels, or fancy packaging. Bringing a sturdy cloth bag to tote produce and recycled cardboard cartons for eggs further reduces waste. Food waste is also lessened because freshly harvested goods arrive at the table with a longer window of freshness.

**Local Economy:** The dollars you spend at a local farmers market are more apt to remain in the area, giving a boost to the local economy. In addition, studies show visitors to farmers market sites typically patronize other businesses in the area. In fact, one study estimates every dollar spent on local foods results in up to one dollar more in local economic activity.

Try these recipes that spotlight fresh, local produce:

### Creative Recipes Spotlight Fresh Foods

**Zucchini Dip**  
Zucchini and chives are two plentiful offerings at farmers markets. The inexpensive ingredients mixed with cream cheese, make an impressive dip. To increase the impression factor, serve in a crusty boule bowl.

**Ingredients:** 1 (8 ounce) brick of cream cheese, softened; three tablespoons milk; one cup shredded zucchini; 1/4 cup fresh chives, chopped; salt to taste.

**Directions:** Blend cream cheese and milk together in a bowl. Mix in the zucchini, chives and salt to taste. Chill before serving.

**Garden Salsa**  
Freshly picked corn, tomatoes, peppers and onions form the basis of this sensational salsa!

**Ingredients:** 4 medium ears of fresh corn, husked; 2 cups grape or cherry tomatoes, quartered, 3 medium tomatoes, peeled and coarsely chopped; 1/2 cup chopped green red sweet pepper; 1/2 cup finely chopped celery; 1/4 cup snipped fresh cilantro; 1 to 2 tsp. chopped canned chipotle chile peppers in adobo sauce; 2 cloves garlic, minced; 2 tsp. olive oil; 1/4 cup lime juice; one tsp. salt

**Directions:** Cut kernels off corn cob to make two cups (include juices); Saute corn and garlic in olive oil until lightly browned. Allow to slight

ly cool, then stir in tomatoes, sweet pepper, celery, cilantro, lime juice, chipotle chile peppers and salt. Cover and refrigerate at least two hours. Note: Use kitchen gloves when chopping chile peppers.

**Potato, Pepper, and Onion Casserole**  
Here's a budget friendly side dish that spotlights garden peppers. Use a combo of red and green peppers for additional eye appeal.

**Ingredients:** four medium potatoes; four medium peppers; one large sweet onion, two tablespoons olive oil; salt and pepper to taste.

**Directions:** Peel and cut potatoes into one inch pieces. Cut peppers into two inch chunks. Peel onion and cut coarsely. Place potatoes, peppers, and onions into a casserole dish. Pour olive oil over vegetables and mix slightly. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Top with grated cheese if desired. Bake for at 425 for a half hour or until vegetables are tender.

**Cucumber Soup**  
This cucumber soup has a bright, garden taste. It is a delicious and creative way to use up an overabundance of garden cukes.

**Ingredients:** 3 cups of cucumbers, peeled, seeded and sliced; 1 onion, sliced, four tablespoons fresh parsley, chopped; 1/4 tsp. Salt; 1/2 tsp dill; 2 tablespoons oil; two tablespoons cornstarch; 2 cups of water; 2 cups milk; 1/4 tsp pepper.

**Directions:** Pour oil into a large pan and sauté

cucumbers, onion, and parsley. Add salt and dill and cook until vegetables are translucent. Meanwhile mix water and cornstarch in a bowl. Pour into pan and stir on medium heat until thickened. Slowly add milk and continue to stir until soup is creamy. Allow to simmer for a few minutes. Add freshly ground pepper and garnish each bowl with fresh dill before serving. Makes four hearty servings.

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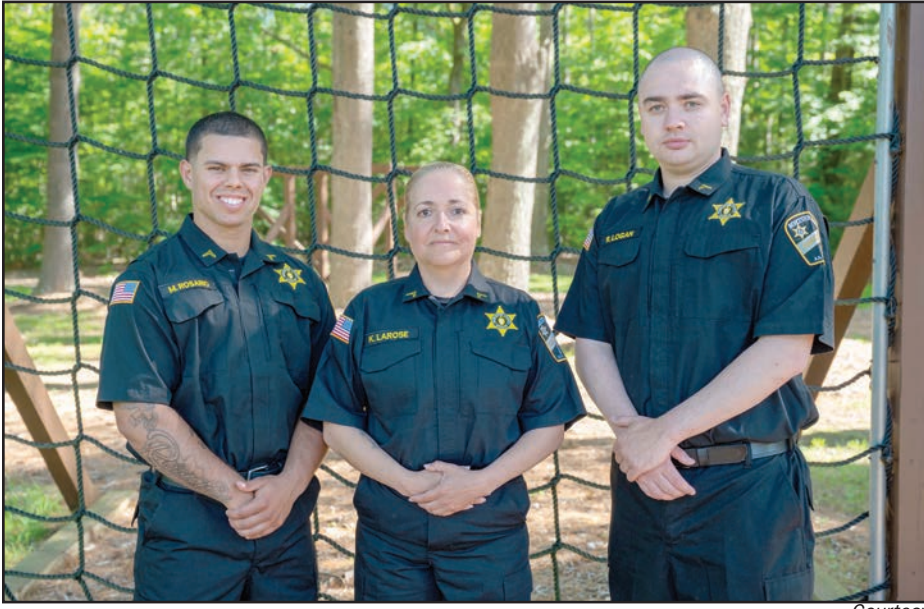
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# Evangelidis swears in Academy-trained correctional officers



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WCOS Officers Katherine LaRose of Oxford, Ryan Logan of Millbury, and Manuel Rosario of Auburn.

WEST BOYLSTON — On Friday, May 31, Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis proudly administered the Correctional Officers Oath to the 24 graduating recruits of the Sheriff's Office's 61st Basic Recruit Training Academy (B.R.T.A.) at the department's Training and Command Center in West Boylston. Officers Katherine LaRose of Oxford, Ryan Logan of Millbury, and Manuel Rosario of Auburn were among the twenty-four graduates.

The Worcester County Sheriff's Office is dedicated to ensuring the public safety of the cities and towns in Worcester County. The department acknowledges the significance of assembling a team that mirrors the community it serves. The graduates of B.R.T.A. #61 constitute a highly qualified and diverse cohort of recruits, each contributing unique skills and experiences to their new roles as correctional officers. These officers originate from eleven different

towns across Massachusetts.

The Worcester County Sheriff's Office Academy is a paid full-time 13-week program that teaches recruits how to handle and maintain the care, custody, and control of inmates at the Worcester County Jail & House of Correction. The academy incorporates both classroom time and hands-on instruction.

Throughout the academy, recruits are exposed to all areas of corrections, including de-escalation, duty to intervene, fire safety, defensive tactics, first responder training, suicide prevention, mental health, and substance abuse. The academy also includes daily physical fitness training, weekly exams on classroom content, and frequent guest lectures/demonstrations from many partners in public safety.

"After 13 rigorous weeks of training, I'm thrilled to present the best and brightest in corrections today," commented Evangelidis. "The Worcester

County Sheriff's Office Training Department is one of the best in the state. I can confidently say that these men and women are ready to join the ranks as full-time corrections officers and contribute to successfully executing our mission. Congratulations to these graduates as they begin their new careers."

Since taking office, Evangelidis has implemented several changes to enhance the professionalism and integrity of the department hiring process. The new standards for correctional officer applications include a minimum of an associate degree, two years of military service, or two years of relevant work experience.

Before the start of the academy, applicants must pass a written exam, physical fitness test, background check, and psychological screening test. To ensure fairness and impartiality, Evangelidis has also implemented a policy that prohibits the submission of letters of recommendation from politicians and gives preference to hiring those who have served our country.

The Worcester County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for its 62nd Basic Recruit Training Academy, which will begin in September 2024. To learn more about what it takes to be a correctional officer, please visit [www.WorcesterCountySheriff.com/Careers/Correctional-Officer-Academy/](http://www.WorcesterCountySheriff.com/Careers/Correctional-Officer-Academy/).

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# Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy holds annual culture presentation



CHARLTON — Nursing students at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy collaborated on culture presentations for the PNP 121 Care of the Family/Leadership course.

Dr. Ana Olivar of Rutland, course facilitator for the Maternity component of PNP 121, said the students' costumes during the presentation was a remarkable sight.

"The nursing students put a lot of effort into the culture presentation," said Dr. Olivar.

Cultural traditions may be shared through art, music, storytelling, songs, dance, and food! And that is exactly what the PN Class of 2024 presented. They helped bridge the gap by sharing aspects of their social influences. Nearly concluding their 10-month practical education at Bay

Path, with the new people they met ten months ago they have formed friendships and connections. The PN Class of 2024 with Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy faculty and staff have taken part in their significant life events and their celebrations.

Tracy Nakayagaba of Charlton stated, "We chose to wear this outfits because we were representing Uganda for our culture project, these outfits are called kitenge comfortable for pregnant women or women who are breast-feeding because they are easy for

breast-feeding and normally there is a zip or the side for that."

The nursing students' responses were positive towards the culture presentations.

Photo shows from left Evelyn Kiplangat of Worcester, Tracy Nakayagaba of Charlton, Regina Njuguna of Worcester, and Jeniffer Kilonzo of Shrewsbury.

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## Jean Ann Sergel April 10, 1961 - June 4, 2024

Putnam - Jean (Dalrymple) Sergel, 63, of Church Street, Putnam, passed away on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, in the comfort of her home. She was the loving wife of the late Wayne Sergel. Born in Webster, MA., she was the daughter of the late Colin and Nancy (Meagher) Dalrymple.

Jean worked as a graphic artist for various newspapers in the area including Stonebridge press and Webster Times. In her spare time Jean loved to go camping, browsing yard sales, taking trips to the casino, trying new restaurants and new foods, and trips to Charlestown beach.

Jean is survived by her daughter Amanda Casey and her husband Paul of Woodstock Valley, CT; son Brian Sergel of Putnam, CT; brother Glenn Dalrymple and his wife Lisa of Millbury, MA; sister Carol Kosth of Charleton, MA; grandchildren Kolbie Iacuele and Kaydence Casey; and her nieces and nephews Matthew Dalrymple, Zachary Dalrymple, and Colin Kosth.

Funeral arrangements for Jean have been entrusted to Gilman & Valade Funeral Homes and Crematory. For memorial guestbook visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

## Carolyn Velier Earp June 18, 1938 - June 2, 2024



Carolyn Velier Earp, 85, recently of Allen, Texas passed away peacefully June 2, 2024.

For a complete obituary and to leave condolences for the family, please visit [www.affoplano.com](http://www.affoplano.com)

A memorial service to celebrate Carolyn's life will be held at 11:00 a.m.(Central Time), Friday June 14, 2024,

at Allen Family Funeral Options, Plano, Texas. If you wish to join the service via webcast, please visit: <https://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/101552> Remembrances in lieu of flowers can be made to: Black Tavern Historical Society; please send checks to The Black Tavern Historical Society, P.O. Box 143 Dudley, MA 01571 Tiffany Glass Windows Restoration First Congregational Church Dudley: visit [Tiffany300.org](http://Tiffany300.org)

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## Nicola "Nick" Trifone, 82



Dudley - Nicola J. "Nick" Trifone, 82, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family after an illness, on Saturday, June 1st, in the UMass Memorial Medical Center, University Campus, Worcester.



He was born in Southbridge the eldest child of the late Eustachio "Tiny" and Rita (Mancuso) Trifone. He leaves his longtime companion and love of his life of 40 years,

Sylvia A. Gamache of Dudley; his siblings, Anthony M. Trifone and his wife Barbara of Dudley, Rita R. Sporbert of North Adams, Leonard A. Trifone of Southbridge, Victoria G. Richards and her husband Paul of Southbridge and Joseph Trifone and his wife Janice of Dayville, CT; Sylvia's children, Kenneth G. Gamache and his wife Carol of Mystic, CT, Kim Gamache of Southbridge, Kathleen Gamache of Auburn and Kevin Gamache and his wife Melissa of Northfield; many nieces and nephews; and his daughter Concetta M. Trifone.

Nick graduated from the former Mary E. Wells in Southbridge. After high school, he enlisted in the US Air Force and served four years stationed in Greenland during the Vietnam War era. He went on to graduate from North Adams State College. Nick

worked for the U.S. Postal Service in Shrewsbury as a plant steward for many years, retiring many years ago. He was active Fourth Degree Member of DeTriana Council 199 of the Knights of Columbus in Southbridge. He was also active with the CMAL-APWU and the Southbridge Historical Society.



Nick was knowledgeable on many subjects and liked to talk a lot about finances, religion, history, government, politics and sports, especially his favorite team the NY Yankees. He was proud to have met President Kennedy when Kennedy was a US Senator for Massachusetts. He later worked on some local campaigns. Nick was a devout Catholic a parishioner of St. Mary's Parish in Southbridge and later St. Louis Parish in Webster. Nick was also a devoted attendee at the Blessed Sacrament Adoration Chapel in Webster.

His funeral was held on Friday, June 7th, from the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, with a Mass at 11:00am in St. Mary's Church of the St. John Paul III Parish, 247 Hamilton St., Southbridge. Burial was in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Southbridge. Calling hours in the funeral home will be held on Thursday, June 6th, from 5:00 to 7:00pm.

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# LEGALS

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main St, Worcester Ma 01608 (508) 831-2200

Docket # W024P1868EA Citation on Petition for Informal Adjudication

Estate of Beverly Marley Date of Death: 04/30/2024

To all interested persons, a petition of Informal Probate of will with appointment of personal representative has been filed by Michelle Lockwood of Rochdale 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 Michelle M Lockwood of Rochdale MA be appointed as personal representative 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 10:00am on the return day of 07/14/2024. 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 in a timely manner, within 30 days of the return date, 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 account 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 the administration.

Witness, Hon, Eden Prendergast 1st Justice of the Court  
Date May 31, 2024  
Stephanie K Fattman  
Register of Probate  
June 14, 2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Docket No. #W024P1772EA  
Worcester Probate and Family Court  
225 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608  
(508) 831-2200  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR

### FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of:

Beverly E. Butkiewicz

Date of Death: 05/07/2024

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by: **Kristina R. Vickstrom, Esq. of Worcester, 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: **Kristina R. Vickstrom, Esq. of Worcester, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative 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 07/02/2024**. 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.

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

**WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.**

Date: May 29, 2024  
/s/ Stephanie K. Fattman  
Stephanie Fattman,  
Register of Probate  
Kristina R. Vickstrom, Esq.  
Vickstrom Law, P.C.  
255 Park Avenue, Suite 507  
Worcester, MA 01609  
June 14, 2024

### Request for quote 2024 Ford F350 4x4

Please be advised this letter represents a request for quote. The Town of Webster Sewer Department is currently requesting a quote to purchase one new in stock 2024 Ford F350 4x4 with the following options and equipment:  
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Price must include destination/delivery and the trade in for (1) used 2012 Ford F-250 4x4 with 75,262 miles. The trade can be viewed Monday thru Friday by appointment at 38 Hill Street. Please submit all written quotes/bids to Kristin Doyle, Administrative Assistant at Webster Sewer Department located at 38 Hill Street. Deadline for response is 6/20/24 at 2pm. Quotes may also be delivered by fax to: 508-949-3868 Questions please call 508-949-3865. June 14, 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  
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# Oxford Community Center offers free summer entertainment

OXFORD — Looking for free entertainment? The Oxford Community Center will once again present free community events this summer on the Oxford Town Common – 352 Main St., Oxford.

The Summer Bandstand Concert Series begins Sunday, June 30. Concerts will be held each Sunday, weather permitting, from 4-6 p.m. through Aug. 25. This summer's concert series is sponsored by the Oxford Cultural Council and Mass Cultural Council.

Movies on Main will also return this summer! Family friendly films will be shown each Wednesday evening from July 10 through Aug. 21, weather permitting. The rain date will be Sunday. There will often be entertainment prior to the show, and movie-themed crafts will be available for children to create beginning at 6:30 p.m., with the movies starting at dusk. Popcorn, drinks and candy will be available for purchase. Bring bug spray, a lawn chair, and a smile! This year's movies are sponsored by BDJ Entertainment, Peckham Industries, and Janet Malser Humanities Trust.



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**MARSI**

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been there. You've been good, given me direction, leading me where to go, showing me where the pitfalls are. You've always had great advice – I appreciate every time we've gotten together, we've had a good time."

Steven Sullivan, who Marsi referred to as his "running mate" as both joined the Board of Selectmen at the same time and had run together in every subsequent election, said Dudley has been lucky to benefit from Marsi's leadership and he is confident that his friend will continue to serve the town well in his new role.

"It's been an honor and a pleasure serving with you. I wish you continued success. I know the 6th Worcester District is in good hands and I look forward to holding your signs and casting my vote again for you in November," said Sullivan.

Marsi was presented with a special Public Service Citation, a rare honor representing the gratitude of the people of Dudley for his many years of service to the town. In his final statements as selectmen, Marsi thanked all the department leaders he's worked with over the years, his family, and his fellow selectmen both past and present. He provided one final note to those who will lead the town into the future, asking them to respect the great responsibility thrust upon them.

"If you're doing it for the right reasons and if you keep doing it for the right reasons people will support you. Those are the people I'll continue to support in this position. I'm not going away. I get to support Dudley in a much bigger scenario. Other towns are getting to know me and that has been a fantastic learning experience," said Marsi. "It has been an honor of a lifetime to serve you in this role."

**AWARDS**

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Dr. Walter R. Schur Community Service Award presented by Mr. Timothy Schur to:

- Hannah Harris

Lawrence R. Putnam Scholarship presented by Ms. Deborah Cummings to:

- Jake Dwinell

Richard "Vinnie" Vincent Scholarships presented by The American Legion Post 58 to:

- Angelica Kopec
- Theresa Friend

American Legion, Post 58 Scholarships presented by Mr. Tom Siplas & Mr. Mark Beaulieu to:

- Andrew Demicco
- Nicholas Jablonski
- Alexa Sherwin

Alphonso Esposito, Jr. Scholarship presented by Ms. Kirsten Esposito and Ms. Karen Esposito to:

- Angelica Kopec

Oxford High Booster Club Scholarships presented by Ms. Krista Lewis to:

- Reese Reynolds
- Nick Jablonski
- Kaila Donahue
- Jewelisa Richardson

Booster Club Service Award, \$250 presented by Ms. Randi Gassett to:

- Kaila Donahue
- Jewelisa Richardson

Gahagan Family Memorial Scholarship presented by School Superintendent Mike Lucas to:

- Kaila Donahue

Irwin D. and Lillian E. Pottle Scholarships presented by School Superintendent Mike Lucas to:

- Angelica Kopec
- Jewelisa Richardson

Pottle Family Memorial Scholarship presented by School Superintendent Mike Lucas to:

- Jessica Parent

Dr. Daniel Ivascyn Scholarship presented by School Superintendent Mike Lucas to:

- Kaila Donahue

Veronica M. Hamel Community Service Award presented by School Committee Chairman, Mr. Corey Burke to:

- Hannah Harris

George A. & Paul P. Pytko Memorial Scholarship presented by School Committee Chairman, Mr. Corey Burke to:

- Daniel Kudron

OHS Family Memorial Scholarship presented by School Committee Chairman, Mr. Corey Burke to:

- Matthew Beals

Mary Olive Wood Scholarship presented by School Committee Chairman, Mr. Corey Burke to:

- Daniel Kudron

William Taft Trust Fund Scholarships presented by School Committee member, Mrs. Leah Filipkowski to:

- Andrew Demicco
- Kaila Donahue
- Abby Lewis
- Jessica Parent

Oxford District Nursing Association Scholarship presented by School Committee member, Mrs. Leah Filipkowski to:

- Allison Carney

Mexicali Donation Scholarship presented by School Committee member, Mrs. Leah Filipkowski to:

- Alexandra Dwinell

Oxford Educators Memorial Scholarship presented by assistant principal, Mr. Robert Truax to:

- Alexandra Dwinell

IPG Photonics Corporation Scholarships presented by assistant principal, Mr. Robert Truax to:

- Andrew Demicco
- Daniel Kudron

Jeffrey V. Fallavollitta Memorial Scholarship presented by assistant principal, Mr. Robert Truax to:

- Alexa Sherwin

Marion Lazaro Scholarship presented by assistant principal, Mr. Robert Truax to:

- Skyla Vincent

Amy Beth LaFleche Memorial Athletic Scholarship presented by athletic director, Mr. Kevin May to:

- Reese Reynolds

Rhonda Doney Memorial Scholarships presented by athletic director, Mr. Kevin May to:

- Jewelisa Richardson
- Kaila Donahue

SWCL Principal's Scholarship presented by Principal, Rebecca Czernicki to:

- Lillian Cybula

Oxford High School Principal's Scholarship presented by Principal, Rebecca Czernicki to:

- Spencer Byrnes

Oxford High School Scholarship presented by Principal, Rebecca Czernicki to:

- Genesis Rivera

Department Awards

Health Award

- Gavin Nawrocki

Physical Education Award

- Kylee Karnes

Musical Award

- Spencer Byrnes

Studio Arts Award

- Kaycie Rodgers

Science Award

- Reese Reynolds

History Award

- Andrew Demicco

Chorus Award

- Trever Millette

Band Award

- Alexandra Dwinell

English Award

- Madeleine Jean

Spanish Award

- Angel Maldonado

Mathematics Award

- Abby Lewis

Student Council Award

- Jake Dwinell

Yearbook Award

- Kaila Donahue & Jessica Parent

National Honor Society Award

- Hannah Harris

Community Service Award

- Kaila Donahue

CNA Presentation of Chords to

- Skyla Angell
- Myah Guivas
- Hannah Harris
- Allison Carney
- Caely Bishop
- Elizabeth Davis
- Emma Rice
- Genesis Rivera

Recognition of Graduates Enlisting in the Military and Presentation of Chords

- Mia Penney, Army National Guard

The Senior Class Awards Night was a resounding success, leaving attendees with a sense of pride and accomplishment. It served as a reminder of the extraordinary talent and potential within the Oxford High School community.

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To learn more about adoption from foster care visit [www.mareinc.org](http://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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The criteria for selection include displaying kindness and truth in everyday life, an enthusiasm for learning, and active involvement in service to the school, community, and church: Max Podgorny; Josephine P. Nalewajk Christian Witness Award – a distinguished award presented to the student who exemplifies outstanding

Christian qualities as well as notable service to the St. Joseph Community. The student's name is also engraved on a plaque displayed in the school: Emily Macko; Sister Mary Valenta Akalski Scholarship Award - given to students who will be continuing their education at a Catholic High School: KateLyn Baillargeon; Gabriel Gallant, Molly Hachigian, Mya Medina, Alvin Montreuil, Ella Parslow, and Max

Podgorny – Marianapolis Preparatory School, and Reniels Garcia and Violet Johnson – St. Paul Diocesan Junior/Senior High School. Mr. Ronald Ducharme, Grand Knight, St. Joseph Basilica Council 12980 presented a \$500 scholarship to Ella Parslow for continuing her Catholic education.

Congratulations and Best Wishes, St. Joseph School Class of 2024!

**URI students named to Dean's List**

KINGSTON, R.I. — The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce the Spring 2024 Dean's List. Students named to the Dean's List represent nearly all of Rhode Island's cities and towns, all six New England states, New York and New Jersey, and many other states and countries. They include:

- Alexandria O'Brien of Dudley
- Aaron Iwanski of Dudley
- Keirsten Doud of Dudley
- Austin Giarnese of Dudley
- Danielle Frasco of Oxford
- Tori Masiello of Oxford
- Alexander Jankowski of Webster
- Mikayla Landers of Webster
- Mike Toner of Webster
- Nathan Blythe of Webster
- Justin Skaparas of Auburn
- Ryan Murphy of Auburn
- Brendan Anish of Auburn
- Jacques Durocher of Auburn
- Ali McKiernan of Auburn
- Jasmyn Gates of Auburn
- Patricia Howk of Auburn
- Nathalie Synal of Auburn
- Lisette Perez of Santa Tecla

To be included on the Dean's List, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable earning at least a 3.30 quality point average.

About the University of Rhode Island  
The University of Rhode Island is a diverse and dynamic community whose

members are connected by a common quest for knowledge. As a global education leader and the state of Rhode Island's flagship public research institution, URI offers distinctive opportunities designed to meet the global challenges of today's world and the rapidly evolving needs of tomorrow. Founded in 1892, URI now enrolls more than 18,000 students and offers more than 200 degree programs across nine schools and colleges. As a land- and sea-grant institution, URI is a key driver of economic development in Rhode Island and contributes significantly to the health and vitality of the state, the New England region, and the nation. To learn more, visit: [uri.edu](http://uri.edu).

*Veterans Council presents Military Honors*

REGION — The Webster/Dudley Veterans Council announces Military Honors provided during the month of May: Brian Williams, U.S. Army; Ronald Gadoury, USAF; Normand Desrosiers, USN; Robert Lilla, USAF; Robert Wilby, USMC; and Leonard Wasielewski, USAF.

# Winning perennial plant adds color and fragrance

Add long-lasting beauty and pollinator appeal to your garden with this year's Perennial Plant of the Year, Jeana garden phlox (Phlox paniculata 'Jeana'). Selected for its tall sturdy habit and fragrant dense flower heads it is a welcome addition to perennial, meadow, and pollinator gardens as well as mixed borders.



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1990 and you can find out more about past winners on the Perennial Plant Association website.

Grow this perennial phlox in full sun with a bit of afternoon shade in hotter climates. It is hardy in USDA zones three to eight, growing and flowering best in moist, fertile, and well-drained soil.

The Perennial Plant of the Year (PPOY) is selected by members of the Perennial Plant Association for its suitability to a wide range of climatic conditions, low maintenance, relative pest and disease resistance, availability, and multiple seasons of beauty. This program began in

This cultivar of the North American native Phlox paniculata was discovered growing along the Harpeth River near Nashville, Tenn. It was named for the woman, Jeana Prewitt, who discovered this plant. It was a standout with its mildew-resistant foliage. Jeana is the head gardener at Bedside Manor in Brentwood, Tenn. She took cuttings of the plant and began propagating it. In time, it was declared to be a new cultivar and has been available for several years.

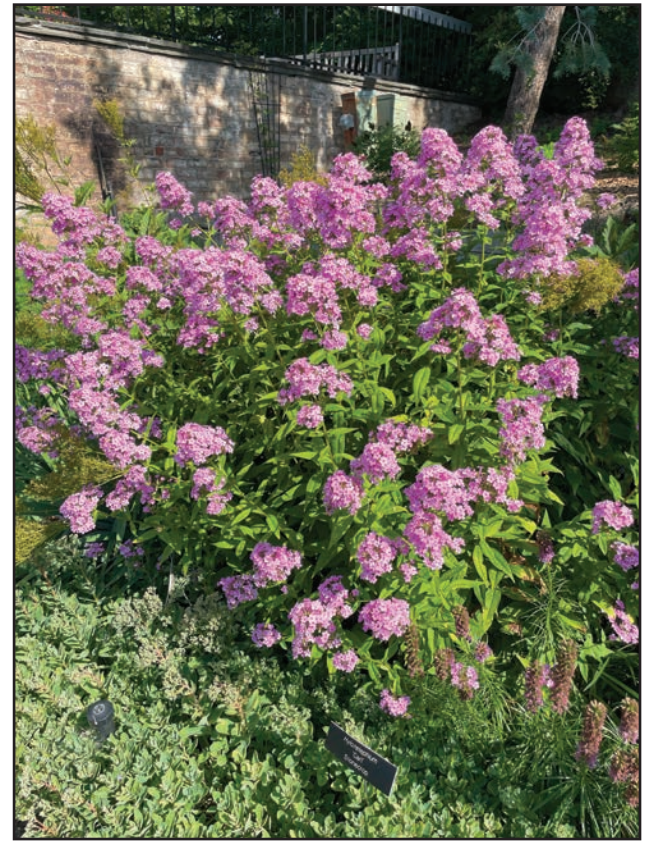
Mt. Cuba Center, a botanical garden in Delaware, found it to be the best-performing phlox in their trials and it attracted more butterflies than the other garden phlox in the two-year study. Fifteen volunteers from the Pollinator Watch Team conducted weekly observations of 94 different phlox over two years. Jeana had 539 butterfly visits – way more than any other phlox in the study – and is especially attractive to eastern tiger swallowtails.

Enjoy the lavender-pink flowers with wine-colored eyes that cover the plant from mid-summer to fall. Although each flower is smaller than other garden phlox, the dense cone-shaped flower head is made up of hundreds of individual petals providing a beautiful show. Removing faded flowers, also known as deadheading, promotes continued bloom and prevents the self-seeding of inferior seedlings.

Combine this three-to-five-inch-tall plant with other perennials like Amsonia, Shasta daisies (Leucanthemum x superbum), Iron Butterfly ironweed (Vernonia lettermanii 'Iron Butterfly'), coneflowers (Echinacea), and switch grass (Panicum virgatum). Or use it as a backdrop for shorter plants like alliums and woodland sage (Salvia nemorosa).

Look for places to add this late-season bloomer to your gardens and landscapes. You'll enjoy the flowers and butterflies that stop by for a visit.

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



Melinda Myers

Jeana garden phlox (Phlox paniculata 'Jeana') is the 2024 Perennial Plant of the Year.

and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Myers' Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

## Make people feel important

Alright, gentlemen, bear with me for a moment—this one starts with a nod to makeup, but I promise there's something here for everyone. Let's talk about Mary Kay Ash, the cosmetics queen herself.

You know Mary Kay, right? I'm sure you've seen those iconic pink Cadillacs cruising through town, driven by an Independent Sales Director who made it big in Mary Kay cosmetics sales.

Mary Kay Ash faced many hardships in her life, from gender discrimination to financial struggles, and through it all, she managed to build an empire worth half a billion at the time of her death in 2001. What was the secret to her success?

I'm sure many factors contributed to her success, and while researching her life story, I dis-

covered something I'd heard before but didn't know was attributed to her—a simple yet profound philosophy that seems to be one of the primary keys to her success.

Mary Kay Ash often spoke about how her mother played a crucial role in shaping her outlook on life. As a young girl, Mary Kay's mother was a constant source of encouragement, often saying, "You can do it, Mary Kay!"

This unwavering support instilled a deep sense of self-worth and confidence that motivated her to pursue her dreams. She discovered that part of achieving success in life was putting people first and instilling in them a sense of encouragement and self-worth. This foundational lesson became a cornerstone of her business philoso-

phy and personal interactions.

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She once said, "Pretend that every single person you meet has a sign around his or her neck that says, 'Make me feel important.' Not only will you succeed in sales, but you will succeed in life."

Let's explore that for a moment. It is generally true that when people feel important, they thrive. They tend to become more motivated, engaged, and willing to contribute positively to their surroundings.

Have you ever had one of those bosses who made you feel bad about yourself? Maybe you deserved it; maybe you did a horrible job and screwed things up. But when you were yelled at, demeaned, and condescended, it made you feel less than important.

Or maybe you've experienced another time when you didn't do as well as you could have, yet your boss took the time to give you another chance, encouraging you and letting you know they believed in you, making you feel and understand like an essential member of the team.

Putting people first and making them feel special isn't about being fake or manipulative; it's about creating environments where everyone can flourish.

Mymomandadalways told me, "Everything in life is sales." I thought about that a lot through the years. Is everything indeed sales?

Well, when you're trying to get that new job or promotion you've been wanting, you're selling yourself and your abilities. If you're trying to

win over a significant other, you're selling them on why you're the one. When convincing your kids to eat their vegetables, you're selling them on the benefits of healthy eating.

When selling a new product or service for your business, creating a bond with your clients and making them feel special can be life-changing.

Mary Kay Ash also said, "When you take the time to make someone feel important, you create a bond that goes beyond just selling a product. You build a relationship based on trust and respect. This is the key to selling makeup and creating lifelong customers."

When selling makeup, you may think it's easier to make someone feel important because you're enhancing their look, empowering them,

and making them feel more beautiful. However, this principle of success applies to all products, services, and organizations.

What are some ways to make people feel important? Active listening, personalized compliments, expressing gratitude, remembering important details, quality time, encouragement, thoughtful gifts, empathy, and understanding, and celebrating achievements, to name a few.

When doing these things, let them come from the heart. Be yourself. When you do this, you'll be on your way to embodying the spirit of Mary Kay's philosophy. You'll succeed in your goals while building lasting relationships that enrich your life and the lives of others.

## Dudley implements bodyworks regulations

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY—The Dudley Board of Health is officially implementing new regulations regarding bodyworks businesses in town after making the issue one of the first it decided to tackle in the new year.

In January, it was revealed that Dudley lacked regulations applicable to businesses that define themselves as "bodyworks" companies which includes the manipulation of the body

tissue usually for therapeutic services but does not include massages which is defined separately in Massachusetts General Law. Many other communities have implemented regulations to ensure proper practices as bodyworks businesses nationwide have been under added scrutiny due to the potentially inappropriate nature of services provided behind closed doors. While the Board of Health had stated they were not aware of any questionable practices in town, they explored a bodyworks policy at the

recommendation of local law enforcement.

"(The Dudley Police) asked for us to review and adopt a regulation to help control the bodyworks practices," said Board of Health member Jennifer Cournoyer. "We did have two in town. I don't know if we have one or none. It is something that they asked us to work on."

The board used Framingham's regulations as a blueprint with Health Inspector Patrick Hannon saying Dudley's policy is essentially the same document. The regulations received the

blessing of several citizens who voiced their concerns about activity at different bodyworks businesses in town. Citizen Monica Kaufman discussed a problematic shop New Sunshine Spa that has since closed but still advertises on their website as if they are open in Dudley. The Board of Health acknowledged that a new tenant has replaced the business, but the town has no authority over the policing of a company's website although they agreed it gives the town "a bad look." Another resident,

Ted Zajkowski, shared another citizen's concern about curtained windows in such establishments.

Following the brief public hearing, the Board of Health approved the regulation as written. As of the Board of Health's May 21 meeting this gave any existing bodyworks business in Dudley between 30 and 60 days to comply with the regulations. A copy of the document has been made available on the Board of Health page of the Dudley website. It should be noted the regulation makes exceptions for

any licensed physician, chiropractor, osteopath, nurse, physical therapist, occupational therapist, massage therapist or acupuncturist working within the scope of their respective licenses and acknowledges that massage is defined separately from bodyworks in state law. The regulations also exempt properly licensed hospitals, long-term care facilities, and home health agencies.

## Nichols College receives \$2 million estate gift from Dunbar Armored founder

DUDLEY — Nichols College received a \$2 million bequest from the estate of James L. Dunbar, founder of Dunbar Armored, Inc. and a 1951 alumnus of the College.

A portion of the gift will be used to underwrite experiential learning initiatives and scholarship in the College's criminal justice program, which Dunbar helped launch in 2002 and supported until his death in 2020. In recognition, the College will name the program in his honor.

"Jim Dunbar was an ardent benefactor of Nichols for six decades, supporting scholarships, capital projects and impactful professional development opportuni-

ties for criminal justice students," said Nichols College President William Pieczynski. "He continually expressed his gratitude for the education he received at Nichols, and we are excited to be able to express ours with the naming of the James L. Dunbar Criminal Justice Program."

The College will also be naming the reading room in its library in honor of Dunbar.

Among his many contributions, Dunbar covered the costs for selected Nichols students to attend the now-named Global Security Exchange, the annual conference of ASIS International, the premier professional association for the security management field.

In addition, he typically arranged exclusive tours and activities to deepen the student experience.

He also created two endowed scholarships at Nichols and made a major gift to a scholarship supporting students with dyslexia, a condition he himself faced as a student.

Dunbar founded Dunbar Armored in 1956 and served as its chair until it was acquired by the Brinks Company in 2018. It was considered the largest independently owned armored transport, cash vault services and full-service security firm in the U.S., and Dunbar, the most widely respected authority on the armored car industry. Today the Dunbar

family continues the trusted Dunbar brand with a focus on security products and security solutions and operates the Federal Armored Museum in Cockeysville, Maryland, which features Dunbar's collection of industry artifacts.

"The insights and opportunities Mr. Dunbar and Dunbar Armored have afforded our students over the years through his time and generosity have been game changing, especially the sponsorship of the GSX conference," said Boyd Brown, associate professor of criminal justice at Nichols. "Our students gain access to invaluable knowledge and a network of thousands of industry professionals. The stu-

dents consider this one of the most impactful experiences they have during their time at Nichols College."

About Nichols Nichols College has earned business accreditation from the prestigious Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International), the longest serving global accrediting body for business schools and the largest business education network connecting learners, educators, and businesses worldwide. Founded in 1815, Nichols College transforms today's students into tomorrow's leaders through a dynamic, career-focused business and professional educa-

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# Farmers markets kick off season



Gus Steeves

A couple farmers await customers on opening day of the Charlton Farmers Market.

BY GUS STEEVES  
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON—Despite a fast-moving thunderstorm hitting just after it started, Charlton Grange kicked off its outdoor Farmers' Market season in good spirits last Wednesday.

Somewhat damp visitors had the choice of various crafts, baked goods, products made from recycled items, honey and more, alongside a ballot question petition. It will return every Wednesday from 4-7 on the Common and shifts to indoors at the Grange during winter.

This market is just one of many opening up for the year, and some that never closed for the winter. Most of them are depicted on the MassFarmersMarket.org website, which includes hundreds of places "where farmers could get the highest and best

return for their investment" in their farms, said Edith Murnane, the nonprofit's director. "Our goal is to make sure farmers markets are as vibrant as possible for the farmers who attend."

She was speaking at the State Grange's Agricultural Expo at Holy Cross a couple weeks ago.

"A lot of people don't think of Massachusetts as an agricultural state, but we have a lot that people don't realize," observed Mass Department of Agricultural Resources spokesman Rick Leblanc the same day. "... Our farms are fabulous in this state. They do so many things."

Leblanc runs the MassGrown Web site, which is basically a database of all kinds of agrarian things, some well-known, some obscure. On it, visitors can find local breweries and vineyards, a long list of special-

ty crops, dairies, sheep farms, pick-your-own farms, CSAs (community supported farms that sell crops by subscription), mobile and fixed markets, and many other things. He noted they're often trying to expand their listings and categories; for example, they just added mushroom growers and nurseries selling native plants.

The map is "open to anybody who wants to sell to the public," so it might not include some small producers or those growing just for themselves, he added.

Leblanc said MDAR is now working with the Department of Conservation and Recreation on a "Growing Wild" program to promote pollinator gardening with native plants specifically to "combat all the invasives." He noted there's also rising interest in edible wild plants, and the Mass Nursery



Lynda and Madelyn Shoup of Webster display their recycled crafts.

Association is trying to promote eating the weeds and native plants.

"We are incredibly fortunate that we're in a state that values farming and farmers markets," Murnane said, noting the Bay State is in the top five in terms of farmers markets per capita. Regarding the MFM site, she added, they aim to make it "as easy as possible to navigate."

Massachusetts also tries to encourage less-well-off people's participation in such markets and access to fresh food. Many accept WIC and/or SNAP benefits (those who do are listed on the website).

The latter program automatically offers what's called the HIP (Healthy Incentive Program) benefit. People

using SNAP get an additional \$40-\$80 a month specifically for use at such markets, which "basically makes it free for them to get fruit and vegetables," Murnane said. (That's a good thing, since farmers market produce tends to be more expensive than the same produce in a supermarket, but most of it also isn't being shipped from California, Iowa or some foreign country, especially during the spring and summer markets. Some producers are organic, some are not.)

In our area, the Regional Environmental Coalition's mobile market has stopped for now, but will reopen in three locations every Wednesday starting June 26. It's in Southbridge's Central Street lot from

10-11:30 a.m., followed by two sites in Webster — the Housing Authority's Golden Heights complex Building 19 from 1:30-2:30 p.m., and at Town Hall from 3:30-4:30 p.m. The REC also has several sites in Worcester itself.

Starting the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, the Big Bunny Farmer's Market resumes in the supermarket's parking lot in Southbridge. Next door in Sturbridge, the farmers' market on the Common opens every Sunday from June 2-Oct 13 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Several other markets are also open, or resuming soon, across the region.

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

## Emerson College student earns Dean's List honors

BOSTON — Samantha Zannotti of Dudley earned Dean's List list honors from Emerson College for the Spring 2024 Semester.

The requirement to make Dean's List is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher for that semester.

Zannotti is majoring in Sports Communication and is a member of the Class of 2025.

About Emerson College

Based in Boston, opposite the historic Boston Common and in the heart of the city's Theatre District, Emerson College educates individuals who will solve problems and change the world through engaged leadership in communication and the arts, a mission informed by liberal learning. The College has approximately 4,161 undergraduates and 554 graduate students from across the United States and nearly 70 countries. Supported by state-of-the-art facilities and a renowned faculty, students participate in more than 90 student organizations and performance groups. Emerson is known for its experiential learning programs at Emerson Los Angeles, located in Hollywood, and at its 14th-century castle, in the Netherlands. Additionally, there are opportunities to study in Washington, DC, London, China, and the Czech Republic, Spain, Austria, Greece, France, Ireland, Mexico, Cuba, England, and South Africa. The College has an active network of more than 51,000 alumni who hold leadership positions in communication and the arts. For more information, visit emerson.edu.

## Loras College announces 2024 graduates

DUBUQUE, Iowa — Loras College has announced the names of students who earned a Bachelor's degree or Master's degree in 2024, including Nina Nguyen of Webster, who received an MS in Biomedical Sciences.

## Local residents named to Dean's List at Saint Anselm

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire — Saint Anselm College has released the Dean's List of high academic achievers for the second semester of the 2023-2024 school year. To be eligible for this honor, a student must have achieved a grade point average of 3.4 or better in the semester with at least 12 credits of study which award a letter grade. This semester there were a total of 645 students from 21 states and 4 countries.

Mark W. Cronin, Dean of the College, announced that Grace Sweeney of Oxford has been named to the Dean's List for the spring 2024 semester at Saint Anselm College, Manchester, New Hampshire.

About Saint Anselm College

Founded in 1889, Saint Anselm College is a four-year liberal arts college providing a 21st century education in the Catholic, Benedictine tradition. Located in southern New Hampshire near Boston and the seacoast, Saint Anselm is well known for its strong liberal arts curriculum, the New Hampshire Institute of Politics, a highly successful nursing program, a legacy of community service and a commitment to the arts.

## bankHometown to host second annual clothing drives for Veterans Inc., Veterans Base Camp



OXFORD — bankHometown supports non-profit organizations and causes throughout Worcester and Windham Counties through a bank-wide program called The Giving Tree. One of the pillars of this program is community - supporting programs that enhance the quality of life in the communities where its banks call home. bankHometown is planning its second annual in-branch clothing and food drive to support two veterans organizations in Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Veterans Inc. in Worcester is hosting a Veterans Stand Down event on Friday, June 21. The Veterans Inc. Stand Down initiative connects veterans with the assistance programs they need to live healthy and fulfilling civilian lives. The 19th annual Stand Down event on Friday, June 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. will have more than 100 service providers ready to accommodate veterans' needs. In preparation for

this event, bankHometown will be collecting clothing donations at all its Massachusetts branches starting Friday, May 24. Veterans Inc. has a specific need for women's spring and summer clothing, including undergarments and socks. All clothing donations are welcome.

In support of a separate initiative in Connecticut, bankHometown will be collecting food donations at all its Connecticut branches starting Friday, May 24. This drive will support Veteran's Base Camp in Chaplin, Conn., an organization that provides transitional housing for veterans in need, as well as a food pantry for area veterans. Non-perishable items needed include local store/grocery store gift cards; gas gift cards for food bank pickups; condiments such as mustard, mayo, ketchup, and relish; baking supplies such as sugar, flour, baking soda, baking powder and sugar substitutes; pasta; tuna; peanut butter; jelly; mac-

aroni and cheese; toilet paper; paper towels; baby wipes and diapers; and pet food.

About Veterans Inc.

Veterans Inc. is a national leader in ending homelessness among veterans. They have one of the highest rates in the nation - 85% - for transitioning veterans out of homelessness. A 501(c)3 nonprofit headquartered in Massachusetts, Veterans Inc. is the largest provider of support services to veterans and their families in New England. Since 1990, They have helped more than 90,000 veterans in need, and today operate offices and programs in all six New England states. For more information, visit veteransinc.org.

About Veterans Base Camp

Veterans Base Camp is a grassroots A 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to providing resources needed by Veterans, First Responders, Caregivers, and those members of

our community who are most vulnerable. The Veterans Base Camp team is a collaborative of: Veterans, First Responders, Caregivers, Social Workers, Clinicians, for profit and non-profit alliances, private citizens and government agencies working together to achieve their mission. For more information, visit veteransbasecampinc.org.

About bankHometown  
Founded in 1889, bankHometown is headquartered in Oxford, Massachusetts. We have \$1.4 billion in assets and offer a complete line of consumer and business deposit and lending products and services through 16 branches located throughout Central Massachusetts and northeast Connecticut. We're proud to fulfill our community banking mission—providing individualized financial support, a suite of comprehensive products and services, and smart banking technology—all to ensure our customers can unlock their potential and build a successful future.

Through our sponsorship and charitable giving program, The Giving Tree, bankHometown and the Hometown Bank Community Foundation support non-profit organizations and causes throughout Worcester and Windham Counties. In 2023 alone, The Giving Tree donated nearly \$400,000 and over the last decade has donated more than \$2.7 million. bankHometown was proud to be named a 2023 Corporate Citizenship Award winner by Boston Business Journal. For more information, visit bankhometown.com.



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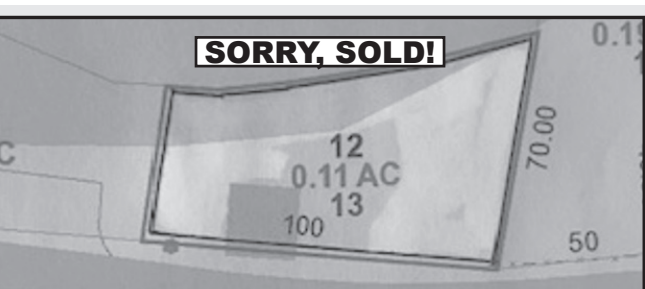
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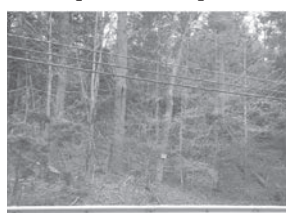
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