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District principals, police complete ALICE training

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY/CHARLTON — As a new school year begins, the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District is preparing to roll out a new approach to emergency and active shooter response after numerous school officials and local police officers underwent ALICE training during the summer.

ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) Active Shooter Response Training has become many school districts’ go-to response to school shootings over the past few years. With the most recent major shooting incident in Uvalde, Texas, the Dudley-Charlton District decided to implement ALICE training in the new school year sending several individuals to be educated as trainers to then bring that knowledge to the district to share with the entire staff.

The district announced the embrace of ALICE before the end of the previous school year promising that several administrators would be part of upcoming trainings. Among those who attended the program were Dudley Middle School Principal Christopher Starczewski, Charlton Middle School Principal Dean Packard, and Heritage School Principal Peter Olson along with representatives from both the Dudley and Charlton Police Departments. They shared their experience with the Regional School Committee on Aug. 24, calling it an “intense” and “eye opening” opportunity that taught them how to train the response methods with sensitivity and adaptability in mind.

“School safety is paramount and, of course, utilizing appropriate strategies that are research based, proven over time, and ever evolving, it was really important to pay attention to those pieces,” said Dudley Middle School Principal Starczewski. “(ALICE) is an options-based response plan for all individuals in the environment, in this case we’re talking about schools. We learned how to implement them, how to train other educators and community members, to be able to have an options-based response and feel empower to act and respond if there’s a violent, critical incident.”

Charlton Middle School Principal Packard acknowledged that school shootings are never a pleasant topic, but he was glad to be part of a conversation to help bring modernized response plans to the district.

“Nobody likes to talk to deeply about these things, but in the end, we need to make sure we are as prepared as we possibly can be and, more importantly, that we can help alleviate some of the potential offsets the way people think about how to plan and what it’s all about,” said Packard. “There was a lot to absorb but one of the greatest things about this whole process of being a trainer is we have a dashboard now of unlimited resources on how to help the community, kids, and teachers understand and really bring that connection between the municipal side and the schools.”

Heritage School Principal Olson, who had previously attended ALICE training, said the program has certainly evolved in its own way and takes into consideration educators and participants who may not be comfortable with the scenarios they are presented while still allowing them to be part of the exercises.

“They design it for each age level and how it’s presented. They give options even for the people we’re training. If you’re uncomfortable going through the scenarios, there are options for you to do whether

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Assistant Nichols football coach reflects on Packers summer fellowship



Courtesy

Assistant coach Qamar Acres will bring new insights and greater experience to his role on the sidelines at Nichols College this season, thanks to a summer fellowship he completed with the Green Bay Packers.

DUDLEY — As the Nichols College Bison football team returns to practice for the 2022 season, offensive line graduate assistant coach Qamar Acres will bring new insights and greater experience to his role on the sidelines, thanks to a summer fellowship he completed with the Green Bay Packers.

Acres was one of 12 coaches who joined the Packers staff through the NFL’s Bill Walsh Diversity Coaching Fellowship, which, for more than 30 years, has offered aspiring NFL coaches the opportunity to gain experience with NFL teams in the off season. Each coach working with Packers – including two former NFL players – was assigned a position group and worked with special teams.

Acres spent most of his time with the Packers offensive line coach, Luke Butkus.

“Being an offensive line coach, I learned the most from him,” says Acres. “He would

say, ‘Every snap matters.’ This is a great way to keep playing the play, and no matter the outcome of the play, to be ready for the next one because it can be the play to win the game.”

Acres is entering his second season with the Bison as he completes his master’s degree in organizational leadership at Nichols. In his undergraduate days, he played three years for Mt. Ida College then transferred to Abilene Christian University in Texas, graduating in 2019 with a degree in sociology. While Acres would not describe himself as the most gifted athlete, he was able to make the unusual transition from a Division III to a Division I school. He credits this to “being detailed oriented, working his tail off, and trusting the process.”

He brings that same mindset to his coaching job at Nichols where, last year, one of his players was named all-conference. In the off season, Acres

watched more than 40 game tapes looking for clips to use a teaching tools for his players.

“What truly resonated with me was the attention to detail,” Acres says of the fellowship. “[Packers Head Coach] Matt LeFleur said, ‘Details separate good from great,’ and I agree with that one hundred percent.”

Acres believes everything is done with a purpose and a process that everyone must buy into.

He states, “Trust the process and fall in love with being uncomfortable. When adversity hits, I tell my OL, ‘Remember your why.’”

The fellowship program allowed Acres to work with many people in the Green Bay Packers organization, from the offensive line coordinators to the chief of staff.

“What I loved is that everyone was genuine and pleasant to be

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AMAZING AUTOMOBILES

The Dudley Police Department hosted its second annual Car Show at Shepherd Hill Regional High School on Aug. 28. Photo courtesy of the high school’s Facebook page.

Oxford School Committeee looks at goals

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD — The School Committee took a stab at revamping its board goals Aug. 22, noting some of those it’s had for the past year were complete while others needed expansion.

They postponed formally voting on them to their

next meeting to finalize wording for some of them.

One of the key ongoing ones will be communication, both with parents and other town boards. As an aspect of that, September Forbes noted they’ve been connecting with the Board of Selectmen well, but she

doesn’t think “some committees understand how the schools work. ... The more involved they’d be, the more they’d understand why certain things can and can’t happen.”

Superintendent Michael Lucas cited an example of good commu-

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Drought, rehab projects create stress on water system

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – With the recent drought conditions throughout the state, Dudley is just one of many towns that has implored citizens to be aware of their water usage over the past two months. However, not everyone has been adhering to those requests

creating issues for an already taxed water system currently undergoing improvements to its tanks.

Water & Sewer Superintendent George Patrinos provided an update to selectmen on Aug. 22, revealing that since their last meeting on Aug. 8, three water main breaks occurred and his department

determined that some citizens have ignored his previous warnings about water use in the wake of the drought.

“We were very serious about nonessential water use. It came to a point where we actually had to send crews out at night to survey the town and we did come back with

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Auburn Public Schools announces eligibility requirements for reduced price meals

AUBURN — Auburn Public Schools will be participating in the USDA National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program. As part of this program, Auburn Public Schools offers healthy meals every school day. The Massachusetts legislature has provided funding to make meals available at no cost to all students during school year 2022-2023, regardless of household income. However, families should still complete a Meal Benefit Application as this provides data for key funding for academic resources and may also connect families to additional benefits. This data will also support the additional funds provided by the Commonwealth for this pilot.

Auburn Public Schools will be participating in the National School Lunch Program and/or the School Breakfast Program. As part of this program, Auburn Public Schools will offer healthy meals every school day at NO COST to the students due to the implementation for school year 2022-2023. Students will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee or submit a household application.

Qualifications for children to receive free or reduced-price meals include: belonging to a household whose income is at or below the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines, belonging to a household that receives public assistance, or if the child is homeless, migrant, runaway, foster, or participates in a Head Start or Even Start Pre-K program.

Household size and income criteria are used to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits if the household does not receive assistance or the children are not in the other categories mentioned above. Children can get free or reduced-price meals if the household’s gross income falls at or below the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guideline chart.

| FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART For School Year 2022-2023 | | | | | | |
|--|--|---------|---------|---|---------|---------|
| Household size | Maximum Household Income Eligible for Free Meals | | | Maximum Household Income Eligible for Reduced Price Meals | | |
| | Yearly | Monthly | Weekly | Yearly | Monthly | Weekly |
| 1 | \$17,667 | \$1,473 | \$340 | \$25,142 | \$2,096 | \$484 |
| 2 | \$23,803 | \$1,984 | \$458 | \$33,874 | \$2,823 | \$652 |
| 3 | \$29,939 | \$2,495 | \$576 | \$42,606 | \$3,551 | \$820 |
| 4 | \$36,075 | \$3,007 | \$694 | \$51,338 | \$4,279 | \$988 |
| 5 | \$42,211 | \$3,518 | \$812 | \$60,070 | \$5,006 | \$1,156 |
| 6 | \$48,347 | \$4,029 | \$930 | \$68,802 | \$5,734 | \$1,324 |
| 7 | \$54,483 | \$4,541 | \$1,048 | \$77,534 | \$6,462 | \$1,492 |
| 8 | \$60,619 | \$5,052 | \$1,166 | \$86,266 | \$7,189 | \$1,659 |
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To apply for free or reduced-price meals, house-holds can fill out the application and return it to the school unless the household has already received notification that their children are approved for free meals this year. Application forms are being distributed to all households with a letter informing households of the availability of free and reduced-price meals for their children and what is required to complete on the application. Applications also are avail-able online on the Auburn Public Schools website under the Food Services Department Tab and at each Auburn School, also at the Auburn School Administration Building at 5 West Street.

Only one application is required for all children in the household and the information provided on the appli-ca-tion will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and verification of data. Applications may be verified at any time during the school year by the school or other program officials. An application for free or reduced-price benefits cannot be approved unless it contains complete eligibility information as indicated on the application and instructions. In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age, or disability.

Families can apply for benefits at any time. If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household’s income falls at or below the Federal Guidelines. Contact Janice King at jking@auburn.k12.ma.us at any time to request an application.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price policy, Janice King, Director of Food Services and designee will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss

the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to Cecelia Wirzbicki, Business Manager, Auburn Public Schools, 508-832-7755. When known to Auburn Public School, households will be notified of their children’s eligibility for free meals if they are members of households receiving assistance from the:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP);
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR); or
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), if the State program meets Federal standards.

An application is not required for free meal benefits for Assistance Program participants and all of the children in the household are eligible for free meal benefits. If any children were not listed on the notice of eligibility, or if a household does not receive a notice of eligibility, the household should contact the school to have free meal benefits extended to them. Participants in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals, but they will need to turn in an application including household size and total income. When known to Auburn Public Schools, households will also be notified of any child’s eligibility for free meals if the individual child is considered “Other Source Categorically Eligible”, because the child is categorized, as defined by law as:

- Foster
- Homeless,
- Migrant,
- Runaway,
- Enrolled in an eligible Head Start, or
- Enrolled in an eligible pre-kindergarten class.

If any children were not listed on the notice of eligibility, the household should contact the school about their eligibility through the list above, or should submit an income application.

Households notified of their children’s eligibility must contact the school if the household chooses to decline the benefits. For more information, you may call Gregory Walton at 508-832-7755 or e-mail at gwalton@auburn.k12.ma.us.

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(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
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program.intake@usda.gov

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Auburn’s Olivia Curnen inducted in Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society at College of the Holy Cross

WORCESTER — Olivia Curnen of Auburn has been inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society at College of the Holy Cross, the oldest and most prestigious national honor society of the liberal arts and sciences.

Curnen is one of 48 new Holy Cross inductees. Membership in Phi Beta Kappa is highly selective, and

selection is based primarily on scholastic achievement and breadth of education.

The Holy Cross chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, Pi of Massachusetts, was established in 1974. Only qualified candidates within the top 8% of the senior class and the top 2% of the junior class are invited to join Phi Beta Kappa.

Currently, the Holy Cross Chapter has approximately 60 resident members among the faculty, staff, and students. In the past 46 years, a total of 2,062 members have been inducted into Phi Beta Kappa at Holy Cross.

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

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

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

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| 10/1/2021 | 12/31/2021 | IRON | MULT 2, MULT 5 & MULT 6 | |
| 10/1/2021 | 12/31/2021 | MANGANESE | MULT 2, MULT 5 & MULT 6 | |

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at Phone #:

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Samuel Slater Experience brings new museum’s story into the community

WEBSTER — People in Webster, Dudley, Oxford, and other towns in the area have begun to take notice of several new visitors to the municipal landscape. A number of life-sized painted sheep have begun grazing outside local civic and commercial buildings as part of Slater’s Sheep, a community art project launched last year to support Samuel Slater Experience, a new interactive museum that opened to the public in March.

Described as “Disney-like,” the museum employs state-of-the-art 4-D digital technology to tell the story of Samuel Slater, the beginnings of the American Industrial Revolution, and the founding of Webster in the early 19th century.

Samuel Slater Experience, a non-profit corporation, invited local businesses and organizations to become sponsors in the mission to educate youth with a historically accurate recreation of the Webster area’s contribution to the American Industrial Revolution. Sponsors have purchased 25 of the Slater’s Sheep and each will become an original work of art, painted by a local artist.

“Webster was the site of the country’s first woolen mill. The sheep are a fun way to involve the business community here in Webster and neighboring towns in getting behind the museum during our first year,” says Samuel Slater Experience founder Chris Robert. “Having the sheep pop up around town also helps to bring a bit of Samuel Slater out to the community.” The sponsors determine where their sheep will be displayed.

Constructed of resin and fiberglass, the sheep were fabricated by Nebraska-based Icon Poly, which has provided sculptures for public art projects for more than 20 years.

Grazing in front of the Webster Town Hall is Jeffco Fibres’ painted sheep, depicting shepherds by day and by night. Nearby is Ramco Construction’s sheep, which features heavy equipment at work and leisure life at Treasure Island. Across the street, JV Mechanical Contractors’ sheep in the Webster Police Department parking lot depicts plumbers’ history and tools.

At Webster’s Gladys E. Kelly Library, a sheep named Hiram features the images and symbols of the Webster Masonic Lodge. In Dudley, Marty’s of Dudley sheep’s quilt design is a tribute to the textile industry. At the Oxford Public Library, Swissturn/USA’s sheep Maizy reflects the company’s metal components business.

Other sheep currently on public display are at Samuel Slater’s Restaurant in Webster, Christopher Heights in Webster, and Webster Dudley Business Alliance member locations.

More sheep will be put out to graze in the coming weeks by their owners, which include Webster Five Cents Savings Bank, Webster First Federal Credit Union, Aubuchon Hardware, Central Mass Auto Auction, LLC, IPG Photonics, Webster Medical Center, Bennett J. Smith Jr., and Carol H. Smith, Choice1 Temps and Choice1 Graphics, Webster Police Department and related police associations, Aspinock Historical Society of Putnam, and the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council.

Selectmen decide against nip bottle ban

**BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT**

DUDLEY — Talks around the potential ban of nips bottles in Dudley continued on Aug. 22 as Planning Board member Richard Clark, speaking as a citizen, returned to the table to once again make his case for limiting the sale of the popular miniature alcoholic beverages.

Clark initially approached the board in early August asking selectmen to consider the possibility of banning the sale of the 50 ml bottles that have become an all-too-common source of pollution in the commonwealth. Noting efforts from larger communities to put limits or complete bans on the sales of the bottles, which are currently non-returnable, Clark made several proposals to selectmen asking them to consider a ban that would be effective as soon as liquor stores renewed their licenses, to bring the matter to a town meeting to completely ban the sale of the bottles within town lines, and finally to seek more widespread legislation on the state level. Clark argued that he feels the state as a whole is moving in a direction where nip bottles are no longer available, and he wants Dudley to be ahead of the trend.

“I don’t think we want to be the last one to do this. I can only imagine what that would look like in terms of the roadways and if, in fact, we were and if there were sufficient demand for these things and everyone who wanted them found their way to Dudley,” said Clark. “I do agree a good percentage of them would find their way onto the roadways as they do now.”

As he did the first time he spoke with selectmen on Aug. 8, Clark brought with him a bag of “props,” used nip bottles that he collected from Dudley roadsides. He repeated his previous concerns about the longevity of the bottles and noted that assumptions could be made those who threw the bottles from their cars could have been behind the wheel at the time.

While selectmen were sympathetic to Clark’s goals, several of them expressed the same sentiment, that banning the bottle would hurt small businesses and simply encourage people to purchase the nips from out of town. Selectman Kerry Cyganiewicz told Clark that while he respected his motivations, an all-out ban could be an overreaching solution.

“If we ban it people are going to go to the liquor store in Quinebaug, they’re going to go to Oxford, they’re going to go to Webster – What I’ve come up with for a solution is I think the state needs to look at adding that to the bottle bill,” said Cyganiewicz.

The bottle bill allows for cans and bottles to be redeemed for different amounts of cash. Currently nip bottles have no monetary value in Massachusetts.

“People like their freedom. They don’t like to be told what to do,” Cyganiewicz later added. “They don’t like things being taken away from them. I’d like to think maybe people are hearing this and maybe if they’ve got one of these in their car, they’re going to think twice about throwing it out because it’s not the right thing to do.”

Other selectmen agreed, expressing concerns about the impact a ban would have on businesses without actually solving the pollution problem. Even citizens spoke against a ban despite also showing concern for the pollution in town. Resident Michael McCart said he, too, was concerned what a ban would do to local businesses.

“I understand (Mr. Clark’s) point of view, but to put a ban on a nip bottle, these guys that have a business make a good life and they’ve got to feed their kids too. You can’t just ban nip bottles because you’re going to create a bigger problem. They’re going to buy bigger bottles and those will be glass and they’re going to throw them out the window and you’ll have glass all over the side of the road,” said McCart. “If we can get Massachusetts to make it a five-cent deposit, so be it.”

After citizens and the selectmen had their say, Clark spoke passionately ensuring his proposals weren’t meant to be anti-business, but that his frustration comes from the consumers who choose to improperly dispose of the bottles. He went so far as to say he’d like to see businessowners work with the town to discourage pollution.

“If the merchants have some means by which they can educate their consumers and get them to be responsible in the way they dispose of these things, I would applaud that and I would say don’t ban them,” said Clark.

Board of Selectmen Chair Jason Johnson later added his own impassioned words about how the real problem isn’t just nip bottles as other sources of pollution have been recorded in town. His frustration stems from people he considers to be selfish and irresponsible in their disposal of trash. Both selectmen and members of the public added that they felt a nip bottle ban would be punishing the business owners for the actions of their customers away from the stores.

The remainder of the debate stressed existing laws and regulations in Dudley including those concerning pollution and open bottles. Police Chief Steve Wojnar said that Dudley has laws on the books to charge hefty fines for littering and alcohol consumption in a vehicle, but the problem is catching the perpetrators in the act. Officials chose to avoid a nip bottle ban for now, instead choosing to examine pushing for the addition of nips to the bottle bill on the state level and working with businesses to find effective solutions.

DUDLEY POLICE LOG

DUDLEY — The Dudley Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of Aug. 19-26.

Mackenzie Anderson, age 23, of Putnam, Conn. was arrested on Aug. 25 in connection with an out of agency warrant.

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Dudley Grange cooking up Apple Festival 2022

DUDLEY — As the apples ripen, it’s time to celebrate again! On Saturday, Oct 1, Dudley Hill will once again ring out with music, laughter and conversation as people from around the region get together for the annual Dudley Grange Apple Festival.

We’ll see live music from the Grey Whisker Pickers and Old Time Fiddlers, artisans displaying their creative talents, animals, antiques, games, social services, candidates, plants, vegetables, vendors of various types and, of course, food. The event’s signature apple crisp will vanish by the tray-full, with or without whipped cream, alongside burgers, hotdogs, ice cream and the usual festival fare. First come, first served as long as it lasts, with doors open from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

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

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

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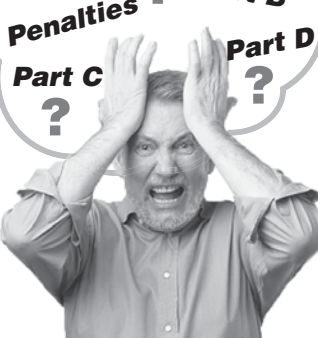
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OBITUARIES

Kenneth D. Devault, 92



OXFORD – Kenneth D. Devault, 92, passed away on Monday, August 15, 2022, at Davis Place in Danielson, CT. He was predeceased by his wife of 70 years, Mildred (Perron) Devault, who died in 2020. He is survived by three sons, David Devault



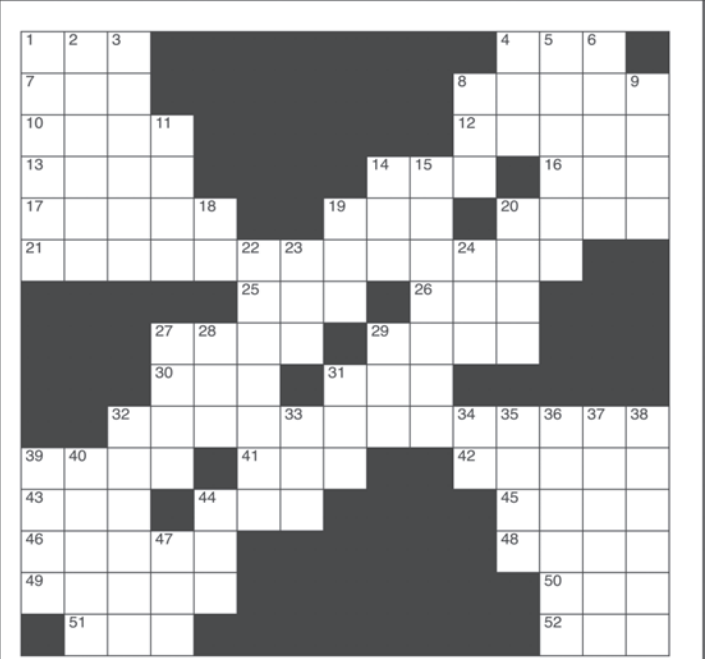
and his wife Lorraine of Westerly RI, Andrew Devault and Jeffrey Devault, both of Oxford; three granddaughters, Alison Devault Enk and her husband Jacob Enk of Dexter MI, Rochelle Devault and her husband Stephen Cellar of San Francisco CA, and Heaven Pajala of Westfield MA; two great-granddaughters, and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brothers, Arthur Devault and Warren Devault, and sisters, Earline Poirier and Dorothy Dunlop. He was born in Worcester, son of the late Arthur H. and Ruth E. (Ahlstrand) Devault. He lived most of his life at the family's Depot Road residence in Oxford. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving primarily with the Army Occupation Force in Germany.

While residing in Oxford, Kenneth was parishioner of St. Ann's Church in North Oxford. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 4241 and the American Legion Post 58, both in Oxford.

Kenneth, Mildred and their sons spent many happy times camping throughout New England. During retirement, he and Mildred enjoyed fishing and bike riding while camping along the Cape Cod Canal and they made several cross-country trips with their camping trailer. During his retirement, he was a creative woodworker, building wonderful bird houses, dog houses, and wishing wells. He also made many friends serving as a driver for members of the Oxford Senior Center in his later years.

Kenneth and his siblings remained close throughout their lives. Many happy memories were created with family and friends during summer cookouts, which always included steamers, mussels, and lobster.

Burial will be private, at a later date. There are no calling hours. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements.

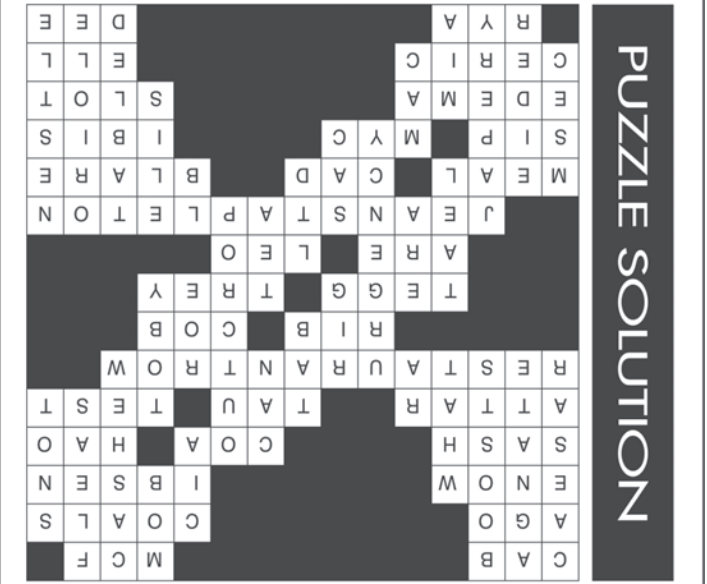


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Taxi
- 4. Cattle disease (abbr.)
- 7. Before the present
- 8. They burn in a grill
- 10. Enough (archaic)
- 12. "A Doll's House" playwright
- 13. Long loop of cloth worn around the waist
- 14. Napoleonic Wars battle
- 16. Chinese surname
- 17. Fragrant essential oil
- 19. Follows sigma
- 20. Model
- 21. A place with many dining options
- 25. BBQ dish
- 26. Corn comes on it
- 27. A sheep in its second year
- 29. Triad
- 30. They ____
- 31. Actor DiCaprio
- 32. TV's "Edith Bunker"
- 39. Sustenance
- 41. Man who behaves dishonorably
- 42. Cause a loud, harsh sound
- 43. A way to take in liquids
- 44. Gene type
- 45. The Miami mascot is one
- 46. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
- 48. Casino machine
- 49. Contains cerium
- 50. Something with a letter-like shape
- 51. Handwoven Scandinavian rug
- 52. Legendary actress Ruby

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Conqueror
- 2. Kin relation
- 3. Increases the value of
- 4. Pack
- 5. Popular nut
- 6. Dogs' enemies
- 8. Former OSS
- 9. Unpleasant person
- 11. Come again?
- 14. Beverage container
- 15. Rock formation
- 18. Dorm official
- 19. The bill in a restaurant
- 20. Type of jug
- 22. Importance requiring swift action
- 23. Offit
- 24. Small Eurasian deer
- 27. Weight used in China
- 28. A major division of geological time
- 29. Popular beverage
- 31. Confined condition (abbr.)
- 32. Practical joking
- 33. Pouchlike structure
- 34. Pound
- 35. Lilly and Manning are two
- 36. Stopped discussing
- 37. Baltimore ballplayer
- 38. Candymaker
- 39. One thousandth of a second (abbr.)
- 40. Northern sea duck
- 44. Partner to cheese
- 47. Cannot be found



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All stitchers are welcome for this informal group

ADULT BOOK GROUP
Third Thursday, 6:00PM-7:30PM
The adult book group meets for an informal discussion of the month's title, which is available at the circulation desk a month prior to the meeting. For the current month's title see our website.

Oxford Woman's Club meets Tuesday

OXFORD — Attention ladies! The Oxford Woman's Club invites you to come and join us! Tuesday, Sept. 6.

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BAD MOVIE OF THE MONTH: PLAN 9 FROM OUTER SPACE
Thursday, September 8 6:00PM-7:30PM
There are thousands of wonderful movies in the world. Movies that will make you cry, lift your spirits, and inspire you. These are not those movies. Join us for a showing of "Plan 9 From Outer Space" (1959), a classic featuring aliens resurrecting the dead and Ed Wood's chiropractor filling in for Bela Lugosi.
Free. Popcorn and bottled water provided.
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FERNCROFT OPOSSUM RESCUE
Saturday, September 10 11:00AM-Noon
Learn all about opossums in your backyard! Join Pam and Bill Lefferts from Ferncroft Wildlife Rescue to learn about Opossums! There will be some special visitors as well as the opportunity to purchase a book about opossums to support the rescue.
Children 12 and under must be accompanied by adults.
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MUSIC & MOVEMENT
Thursday, September 15 10:30AM-11:15AM
A 30 minute interactive program featuring singing, guitar music, dancing, rhythm instruments, stories and variety of fun props, including a parachute, beanbags, scarves, and pom poms.

Free; children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

FALL FUN PAINT CLASS
Saturday, September 17 11:00AM-1:00PM
Jean Walker returns to the Pearle to lead a fall fun paint class. No experience necessary, just bring your creativity!

Free; Registration required as space is limited.

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PEARLE JAM: THE NOSMO KINGS
Thursday, September 22 6:00PM-7:45PM
The annual Pearle Jam concert series continues with The Nosmo Kings playing old school rock and roll from Elvis to the Eagles and everything in between.
Free; open to all ages. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
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KIDS MOVIE: "The Bad Guys"
Friday, September 23 2:00PM-4:00PM
Enjoy a free showing of the movie "The Bad Guys," plus free popcorn.

Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

THE MAGIC AND MYSTERY OF CROP CIRCLES
Thursday, September 29 6:00PM-7:45PM
Naturalist John Root will lead a program on crop circles, designs that have been appearing with increasing sophistication during the past three decades in farmers' fields and other locations all over the world. Layered weaving of plants in the fields as well as anatomical changes observed in these plants are presented as evidence of powerful and mysterious energies at work, and the effects on soil, animals, and human visitors will be described, along with interpretations of these intricate and exquisite formations, many of which occur near sacred sites and refer to mystical traditions.
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TAI CHI WITH SIFU – September 2nd and 9th 9:00-10:00AM
Join Sifu Gary from the Kung Fu and Tai Chi Academy of New England for an hour of focused movement each week to hone your body, mind, and spirit for the day ahead. Classes will be held on the lawn, weather permitting, and students should wear comfortable clothing for movement and sneakers or walking shoes. Students should also bring water or another non-carbonated beverage. No registration required! Sponsored by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

YOGA WITH JULIE – Saturdays at 10:30 AM September 10th and 24th
Join Julie at the Gladys E. Kelly Library for a vinyasa yoga class for all levels. In Sanskrit, Vinyasa yoga translates to the “uniting of movement with breath”. A typical class involves a centering of the mind with the breath, aromatherapy, movement of the body to release energetic blockages and, finally, a rest and relaxation. Classes are free. Sponsored by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

FALL CONCERT SERIES: FEAT. SOUTHERN RAIL - September 15th at 6:30PM
Southern Rail’s music is upbeat, exuberant Bluegrass, featuring powerful instrumentals, stunning harmonies, and a world of onstage fun. Two of the band’s members, guitarist Jim Muller and bassist Sharon Horovitch, were recently inducted, by the Rhode Island Bluegrass Alliance, into their Bluegrass Hall of Fame.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP – September 19th at 6:30PM
The Gladys E. Kelly Public Library Adult Book Discussion Group will be meeting in person this month! The group meets at 6:30 pm and the meeting will take place in the Library’s Community Room. New members are always welcome! Next month’s book discussion will be on Monday, September 19th. The group will be discussing First Women by Kate Andersen Brower. Stop by the library, or reach out by phone to 508-949-3880, or by email to ehale@cwmar.s.org for inquiries.

NEW ENGLAND LEGENDS WITH JEFF BELANGER – September 29th 6:30PM
Jeff Belanger explores the ghosts, monsters, folklore, history and legends of New England.
Children’s and Young Adult Programming

MAKER MONDAYS – Mondays from 3:30-4:30PM
Feeling artistic? We will have a variety of craft materials available to put your creativity to the test! Every month we will rotate our craft material, stop in to see what we’re making this month!
BUILD NIGHT – Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30PM
Put your creative caps on and come build with LEGOs, magnatiles, or other

neat building materials! Materials will change monthly, so don’t miss it! For children of all ages and their caregivers.
UKULELE PRE-K SING ALONG – September 7th 10:00 AM
Join in for some Pre-K Song Time fun!
ENCANTO SING ALONG – September 9th 3:30-5:30PM
Come join Mirabel to sing and dance your hearts out to all of your favorite songs! Something the whole Familia can enjoy! This show is movement heavy and loud music is present to stay as authentic as possible to the Colombia culture and experience. This show IS bilingual.

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

ANIME NIGHT – September 13th 6:00PM
Come in and join us for another anime night, popcorn and all! This event is for ages 10-17!
TWEEN AND TEEN TIE DYE (REGISTRATION REQUIRED) – September 22nd 5:00-6:00PM
We are bringing back the tie-dye event!!! Come dye a shirt or bring your own!! For ages 10-17 this event will require registration. Email Randa at rcxo@cwmar.s.org to register!

ORIGAMI WITH MOTOKO – September 30th 3:30-4:30PM
Motoko enchants families (ages 5 and up) with fun folktales from Asia, combined with songs, mime, and origami. Every child receives Motoko’s original paper sumo game! This program is funded by a grant from the Webster Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

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

The Webster Senior Center will be closed on Monday, September 5th in observance of Labor Day and on Tuesday, September 6th for the Primary Election.
V O L U N T E E R S NEEDED! Tax Aide, a partnership between the IRS and the AARP Foundation, need volunteer counselors to help low- and moderate-income persons in your community prepare their Federal and Massachusetts income taxes. Volunteers work 4-6 hours per week during tax preparation season. Training for volunteer preparers starts in November, with most of the training online. Internet access and basic computer skills are necessary. For an application visit www.aarp.org/volunteer/programs/tax-aide

The Bomba Beauty Salon at the Webster Senior Center is closed on Mondays. Open Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays 10:00 am – 3:00 pm BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Walk-ins Are Welcome on Wednesdays 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Please call (508) 341-8724 to schedule your appointment!
Come join us for a Soup Social at the Webster Senior Center on Monday, September 12th at 11:30 am. Sponsored by Christopher Heights.

Sign up at the Senior Center front desk.
Mondays and Wednesdays: Exercise Classes with Forty Arroyo – Chair Dancing – the perfect workout for any fitness ability! 9:30-10:30 am. Cost: \$3.00 per class
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.
Do you like to play cribbage? Our weekly cribbage group now meets every Thursday at 1:00 pm – feel free to join us!
Calling card players or interested persons to the Webster Senior Center – come join us for 6-card or 13-card pitch! Six card pitch meets on Mondays and Wednesdays at 1:00 pm. Thirteen-card pitch meets on Thursdays at 1:00 pm. Would you like to learn pitch? Please call the Senior Center at (508) 949-3845. Six card beginners will meet Mondays and Wednesdays at 12:15 pm, thirteen card beginners will meet on Thursdays at 12:15 pm. Please call to sign up!

Mahjongg group meets every Friday at 1:00 pm – beginners welcome!
Nothing says Fall quite like chrysanthemums! Come sign up for Bemis Nursery Harvest Porch Pot Workshop! Friday, September 9th at 9:30. Cost: \$25.00. Please sign up at Senior Center front desk. Payment due at time of sign up.
A SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone) counselor is available at the Senior Center by appointment only. Please call (508) 949-3845 to schedule an appointment.

SAVE THE DATE! FREE line dancing class will be offered by our exercise instructor Forty Arroyo on Friday, August 26th from 1:00 – 2:30 pm. A free line dancing class will be held on the last Friday of every month.
CRAFTERS WANTED! The Friends of the

Webster Senior Center are sponsoring a Craft Fair on Monday, October 17, 2022. Come join us for the craft fair and rent a table for only \$10.00! Applications available at the Senior Center. Space is limited so be sure to fill out an application early.
Trip 1: Shades of Buble, a three man tribute to Michael Buble on Tuesday, Sept. 20th at Danversport Yacht Club, Danvers, MA. Trip price of \$99.00 includes transportation, show tickets, luncheon, meal taxes and gratuities. Trip 2: The British Invasion Years, a 60’s Musical Revolution with hits from both sides of the Atlantic on Wednesday, Oct. 26th at the Danversport Yacht Club, Danvers, MA. Trip price of \$99.00 includes transportation, luncheon, and meal tax & gratuity and show ticket. Our trips are quickly selling out so don’t wait to reserve your seat! Trip price does not include bus driver gratuity. Please call the Senior Center at (508) 949-3845 for more information.

The Worcester County Sheriff’s Office House Numbering Program will create a custom wooden sign with your house number free of charge. One sign per senior household. Please contact the Webster Senior Center if you are interested in having a house number sign made for you. (508) 949-3845.
Senior SAFE is a program that supports fire and life safety education for seniors. The Webster Fire Dept. will do a home visit to ensure that you have the correct smoke and CO2 alarms and that they are working properly, at no cost to you! All you have to do is give them a call at (508) 949-3875.
Please call the Senior Center at (508) 949-3845 or stop in to pick up our monthly newsletter for a complete list of additional activities and upcoming events.

Full staff, loosened COVID protocols great returning students

BY JASON BLEAU CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY/CHARLTON — The Dudley-Charlton Regional School District is starting the new year off strong with an almost completely staffed district and new, looser COVID protocols for students.
Superintendent Steven Lamarche provided the good news during his first report of the new school year on Aug. 24, first noting that while many districts statewide and across the nation are struggling to fill staff vacancies, the Dudley-Charlton District enters the new years with a full slate of educators waiting to welcome students back after a long summer.
“I am happy to report that we have a full staff and we’re finalizing the last few hires to start the school year,” said Lamarche. “We do need

a number of paraprofessionals throughout the district. These are full time position with full benefits.”
The district contains around 600 staff members. Paraprofessionals serve as credentialed education professionals and assist teachers in their tasks throughout the schools. The district is currently seeking qualified personnel with Associates Degrees for open positions which can be applied for through School Spring.
When it comes to COVID, the district enters the new school year with its loosest COVID restrictions yet, making most requirements a choice of the student and families rather than a requirement.
“The Dudley Charlton Regional School District will discontinue in-school testing. Wearing of masks are a personal and fami-

ly decision and all of our focus will be individualized and symptom oriented,” said Superintendent Lamarche. “We will rely on what we have done in the past for all students. If the student has a temperature and is exhibiting concerning symptoms the school nurse will be in contact with the home. The discussion with parents will involve at-home testing and follow-up. Without question, the best practice is still and will remain to be open communication.” He added that nurse offices and stations will be the one location where masking is required throughout the district at all times.
The Dudley-Charlton Regional School District’s new year officially kicked off on Aug. 31 for grades one and higher. PreK and kindergarten students begin on Sept. 6.

Final list of Webster streets for free admission to Samuel Slater Experience

W E B S T E R — The Town of Webster exists because Samuel Slater settled here, brought technology, built factories, created villages of families who came for a better way of life and helped the community grow and prosper.
In honor of Slater’s contribution to the creation and growth of our community, the Samuel Slater Experience, 31 Ray St., invites Webster residents by street address to experience the birth of Webster with free admission on scheduled Sundays from noon to 4 p.m.
*Printed here is the final list of Webster streets available to visit for free.
For more information, visit samuelslaterexperience.org or call 508-461-2955.
The September dates and streets are:
SEPTEMBER 11 Asselin Ave
Bates Cove Rd
Bates Crossing
Bates Grove Rd
Bath House Rd
Bay View Rd
Black Point Rd

Bonnette St
Brian Ave
Cedar Point Rd
Cobble Is
Colonial Rd
Elaine St
Ernest St
Goat Is
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Nicholas Cir
Pleasant Terr
Rawson Rd
Ronnie Dr
Sandy Cove Rd
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South Shore Rd
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Community Rd
Douglas Rd
Dream St
Florence Dr
Gore Gable Dr
Kapitulik Rd
Lakeview Rd
Lepine Dr
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Lower Gore Rd
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Tips to Choose Fall Plants & Flowers

New England gardens, so lush during the summer season, are often forgotten after the harvest, as the region’s fall foliage takes center stage with a spectacular show of colors. However, the autumn yard and garden can offer an abundance of colors, textures and eye appeal throughout the season. A few carefully placed flower pots and perennial plants can flourish during the cool weather, and provide the perfect complement to a backdrop of brilliant foliage.

The following suggestions reveal how well chosen fall-friendly plants can translate into an enviable yard and garden – well into the autumn season.

Ornamental Plants
Cabbage and Kale: As noted in last week’s column ornamental cabbage and kale make a dramatic statement in the fall garden. In fact, the textural plants are a popular choice in New England as they offer an attractive and affordable option for fall window boxes and pots.

As a bonus, the colder it gets, the brighter their colors are!

Typically, the green heads are available with hues of whites, reds and pinks. After light frosts, the color in the plants intensify, providing an attractive display until the end of November.

Propped in a window box, the plants replace the empty space where summer blooms once were with the rich colors and textures of autumn. Cabbage and kale also work well as edging plants and can stand on their own when planted in pots and perched on an outside entrance way.

Ornamental Grasses: Wispy grass-

es add dimension and visual interest to a landscape like nothing else. Reminiscent of seaside vacations, ornamental grasses are a sentimental pleasure that can last throughout the New England fall season. Whether grasses are spiked, boast feathery plumes, or have a fountain effect, their unexpected appearance never fails to make a big impression. Available in shades from cool to warm and in a wide selection of textures, grasses can be the spotlight of a garden or used as a backdrop to other autumn flowers or plants. Hardy perennial grasses are easy to care for and some strains can tolerate frost and light snow.

Fall Flowers
Montauk Daisies (a.k.a. Nippon Daisies): With a nod to summer, the fall blooming flower, with its big blossoms, offers a breath of fresh air in the autumn garden. Montauk daisies which resemble a larger version of a traditional daisy with white petals and yellow center lighten up the cool weather garden and are a hardy choice for New England fall displays. The perennial plants, which can survive light frosts, grow about three feet tall and just as wide. The Montauk Daisy’s impressive white petals serve as a prominent focal point in the fall landscape into late fall.

Mums (Chrysanthemum): Hardy fall mums are the quintessential New



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England flower. Pots of mums are a familiar sign of autumn, adorning the doorsteps of both city and country homes. Rare is the fall landscape that doesn’t include plots or pots of mums in rich harvest hues. Mums’ availability in early, mid and late blooming varieties ensures a yard and garden dotted with color all season long. With colors ranging from whites and yellows to rust, reds, and purples, the long lasting blossoms set the scene for fall décor. From formal centerpieces to Halloween displays, hardy mums, which are available in pompom and daisy blossoms, are the season’s most versatile flower. Mums are a perennial and with care can be “wintered over” to come back next year.

Iceicle Pansies: Who can resist the adorable “pansy face” of these colorful and playful blooms? A generational favorite, pansies make their annual appearance in window boxes and along walkways, bringing a sprinkling of brilliant hues to the fall season. Boasting a wide array of colors, ranging from solids to mixed tones, names such as Circus Mix, Velvet Glow, Purple Tie Dye, Pumpkin, and Eclipse promise a delightful display. Blooming until late fall, the biennial plant, if properly wintered over, will blossom again in the spring.

Sedum: Native to New England, some strains of this late blooming wildflower change color throughout the season. A popular rock garden and rock wall plant, Sedum is available in many varieties

and produce an interesting array of flowers, including purple, white, red, orange and yellow. The plant, which can bloom through October, is hailed for both its interesting foliage and wide range of flowers. Extremely tolerant, the carefree perennial is easy to grow and does not require a lot of watering, making it ideal for hillside slopes or as pathway ground covering.

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

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

Creative ways to enjoy pansies this fall

Pansies have long been a fall and winter garden favorite. These cheery flowers are sure to brighten landscapes and containers and add a smile to any occasion. Look for fun and new ways to add them to your garden and fall celebrations.

You will find these cool weather favorites at your local garden center. Pansies thrive in the cooler temperatures of fall and during mild winters when your summer annuals fade or succumb to frost. They make great fillers in garden beds and containers or displayed in their own planter.

Cool Wave®, WonderFall and other trailing pansies are perfect for hanging baskets, as trailers in container gardens, or as edging plants in garden beds. You will need half as many of these pansy varieties to cover the same garden space.

Plant a basket of white trailing pansies, add some sunglasses and you have a ghost for Halloween. Scoop out the inside of a pumpkin, add some drainage holes and use it for a planter. Fill it with potting mix and you’ll have a biodegradable pot for the compost pile when finished. Or simply set a container of pansies inside your pumpkin pot.

Be sure to include a few favorite colors, fragrant varieties, and some All-America Selections winners. Ultima Morpho was the 2002 winner that was selected for

its distinct blue and yellow flower design. Padparadja is a true orange pansy that is perfect for fall and Majestic Giants pansy, selected in 1966, can still be found for sale. Generations of gardeners have planted this large-flowered, traditional-faced pansy.

Include pansies in your fall meals and gatherings. Only use pansies and other edible flowers that have not been treated with pesticides. Be sure to let your guests know that the pansies are safe to eat, so they can enjoy this unique dining experience. Otherwise, you will find blossoms at the bottom of glasses or left on plates.

Pick a few flowers, remove the reproductive parts, and freeze them in ice cube trays to serve in your favorite beverage. Float a few of the flower ice cubes in your favorite punch.

Add a gourmet touch, some unique flavor, and color to your salads by topping a bed of greens with a few flowers. Continue the theme by decorating cookies or cakes with a few of your favorite pansies. The cheerful flowers will generate happy thoughts and for some, a way to enjoy the last of this season’s garden.

Brighten the start of school and your



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MELINDA MYERS

classroom while showing your favorite teacher a bit of appreciation. A do-it-yourself planter filled with cheery pansies is sure to elevate the mood of both students and teachers alike.



Melinda Myers

Scoop out the inside of a pumpkin, add some drainage holes, and plant some pansies for a festive fall planter.

Handbook, 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses “How to Grow Anything” instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda’s Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

All you need are two yardsticks, a four by four inch wooden planter box, and a potted pansy and saucer that fit inside the planter box. Gather your glue gun and glue sticks, sandpaper, and a hobby knife to create your gift.

Cut the yardsticks into four-inch pieces and sand the cut edges smooth. Glue the yardstick pieces vertically and next to each other onto all four sides of the planter. Set the saucer in the bottom of the planter box and place the potted pansy on top of it.

Purchase plenty of pansies. You are sure to find other creative ways to utilize them this fall or simply use them as colorful fillers for voids in gardens and containers.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released Midwest Gardener’s

Evangelidis welcomes Webster PD Youth Academy to Worcester County Jail

=WEST BOYLSTON — It was an unforgettable experience for the participants of the Webster Police Department’s Youth Police Academy when the gates of the jail shut behind them. A procession of over twenty young adults began their tour of the Worcester County Jail and House of Corrections. The 14th annual academy class spent the day learning about the many different

roles at the jail and how extensive the field of corrections is.

While many were apprehensive at first, the group quickly became acclimated to the environment. Participants were allowed to walk the housing blocks, speak with correctional staff, and even hear from Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis.

The visitors were also exposed to the realities

of incarceration and the daily routine of the over 600 inmates serving their time. Sheriff Evangelidis made it clear to the academy that inmates are not coddled at the Worcester County Jail. However, Evangelidis explained that the facility is willing to meet inmates halfway.

“These individuals (inmates) must want to invest in themselves,” said Evangelidis. “In addition to health services and mental health counseling, we also provide a wide array of services to inmates. Our staff does life-changing work on a daily basis, and there are many admirable career paths to pursue in corrections. There is a lot more to this facility than simply locking people up.”

Additionally, the group visited the Worcester County Sheriff’s Office Stables, where the Worcester Police Department houses its patrol horses. Attendees learned about the partnership between the two departments and that Worcester PD’s horses were boarded right on the facility grounds. Furthermore, attendees strolled the fields of the largest organic farm on a correctional facility in Massachusetts. The farm, adjacent to the stables, produces nearly 40,000 lbs. of fresh organic produce for many non-profits in Worcester County each year.

“Thank you for your hospitality,” stated Deputy Chief Wheeler in a letter to Sheriff Evangelidis. “It was abundantly

clear to me that all the Student Officers enjoyed their time spent at the Worcester County Sheriff’s Office. I’m sure this created a lasting memory and truly a positive impression of you, your staff, and your facilities.”


Deputy Chief Wheeler explained that the Youth Police Academy is one of the Department’s longest-tenured Community Policing Programs. Each

summer, the department hosts an academy for teenagers interested in law enforcement. The weeklong academy provides participants with an inside look at law enforcement. Complete with courses on law, patrol procedures, drill and ceremony, and physical fitness, the program continues to be a proven success.

“We always welcome youth groups to

the Worcester County Jail,” commented Sheriff Evangelidis. “We were thrilled to partner with the Webster Police Department for this visit. The group was polite, attentive, and engaging. Law enforcement is a crucial aspect of our society. This group will have a well-rounded understanding of the field upon completion of the academy.”

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Marie Michel
Age: 11

Hi! My name is Marie and I like drama and dancing!

Marie is a kind, engaging, and resilient girl of Haitian-American descent. Her foster family and teachers describe her as friendly, playful, and affectionate. Marie likes participating in drama activities, dancing, and movement-based play.

Marie is in a public school setting, where she receives extra academic support. Through her school, she is also receiving speech and occupational therapy. Marie presents as a child younger than her age.

Marie is legally freed for adoption. Her social worker is open to exploring families of any constellation where Marie can be the only or youngest child in the home. An ideal family will be able to provide Marie with unconditional support and be comfortable accessing support services for her. Marie’s relationship with her older brother in Massachusetts should be maintained.

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

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

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University of Rhode Island celebrates more than 4,000 new graduates during 136th Commencement

KINGSTON, R.I. — The University of Rhode Island celebrated more than 4,000 of its newest alumni during the University's 136th Commencement. Close to 3,600 undergraduate degrees and more than 800 graduate degrees were conveyed to students during the ceremonies which took place May 20-22, 2022.

Katherine Noelle LeBlanc of Oxford Myles Alexander Wagner of Dudley Ethan S McDuffie of Webster

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World renowned ocean explorer and professor of oceanography Robert Ballard, Ph.D. '75, Hon. '86, delivered the undergraduate commencement address from aboard his ship, the E/V Nautilus, while an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree was conferred upon Waterfire Founder and Executive

Artistic Director Barnaby M. Evans. To view ceremony highlights, visit: uri.edu/commencement/y2022.

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Let the fairs begin!

We are just about through with the month of August, which means the fall fair season in New England is just around the corner. While we love the summer months, there truly is no better season in our little corner of the world than fall. One of the reasons for that is, of course, the slew of county fairs taking place all around us.

While entertainment and rides have evolved over the years, there is something so refreshingly simple about a fair that brings everyone down a few notches. When we remember why county fairs came to be, we are reminded of the simplicity that once was the way of life for our ancestors.

Each year, the fair served as a vehicle for farmers to show off their produce and livestock in various categories. As the years progressed, more activities of course took place, however at the core is farm life.

When walking around through the different exhibits, complete with crafts and baked goods, the feeling of down home, old fashioned living welcomes us like a warm morning sunrise. To make things even better, it is the one place where just about the entire community will venture off too, making for a grand reunion of sorts.

We cannot write about a fair, of course, without talking about fair food. Each year — “No fair food this year.” We will leave you, constant reader, to imagine how well that commitment usually holds up. Or perhaps you tell yourself something completely different, such as “I cannot wait for fried dough and maple syrup.” But the fact remains, you should not exit the fair gates without eating a caramel apple, a steak bomb, or that most delectable of seasonal treats, a slab of fried dough with cinnamon and powdered sugar. An honorable mention goes out to kettle corn, fresh lemonade, soft pretzels and nachos.

The music scene at the county fair tends to lean towards country. This is just fine with us, as it helps to set the perfect backdrop to our ears for watching a draft horse pull or a demolition derby.

There is never a dull moment at a fair, especially for youngsters. There are petting zoos, contests and plenty of vendors selling anything you can think of. Funny thing about the vendor booths — many of them seem to be selling the same things they’ve had in stock for the past 25 years. Mirrors with a horse pictured in the middle with the silver or gold trimmed frame, invisible ink, rabbit foot key chains and a plethora of leather goods. Perhaps that sense of mercantile déjà vu contributes to the nostalgia of visiting the fair.

The midway games are a treat. We never really could figure out the basketball hoop, although we know there’s a trick to it. The dart game, where you send one, hopefully straight into a balloon is a blast, but again, there’s a technique involved.

The first known county fair in America took place right in our own backyard, in Pittsfield, Mass. in 1807, and was organized by Franklin Watson. Whether you plan to attend its current incarnation, the Berkshire County Fair, or another of the dozens of fairs taking place throughout New England in the coming weeks, we hope you enjoy playing your part in one of our proudest local traditions. And remember to hit the fried dough booth!

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

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

VIEWPOINT

THE DEADLINE to submit letters to the editor and commentaries for next week’s newspaper is Friday at noon. **SEND ALL ITEMS** to Editor Brendan Berube at [The Webster Times](mailto:news@stonebridgepress.news) — news@stonebridgepress.news

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What happened to the Town Report?

To the Editor:

When did you last see an Annual Town Report?

Not this year, or last year. The most recent Annual Town Report available on Webster’s Web site is the 2020 Annual Town Report.

The reasons—or excuses—we hear most often from town employees is one or more of the following:

- No money
- Staff shortage
- Covid

Webster should be making its Annual

Town Report available before the annual town meeting each spring. The report includes information that every resident should easily be able to access, such as:

- Articles at town meetings
- Dollars spent
- Every employee, appointed or elected, when elected, remainder of term

Many town employees now work a short workweek, and we know they are well paid. Why are they not producing our Town Reports? Why don’t they have answers for Webster residents?

JAMES E. AVERY, JR.
WEBSTER

The silent majority

To the Editor:

Over 100,000 Massachusetts patriots signed the ballot signature referendum which will now place a question on the Nov. 8 mid-term ballot. The question is to stop or allow the new law passed by our Democratic legislature to become effective July 1, 2023. This law allows illegal immigrants the right to obtain a driver’s license and subsequently vote in our elections.

Is there any other country that allows non-citizens the right to vote in their elections? How would this law help the average American? Is the intent of this law to change the electorate to win elections? The 15th Amendment of the Constitution provides the right of citizens to vote. Was this Amendment ignored by our Massachusetts lawmakers

in passing this law? Do these immigrants deserve to be rewarded for breaking our immigration laws? According to U.S. Customs and Border Protection data an estimated 4.9 million illegal immigrants have entered the United States in the last 18 months.

What is wrong with legal immigration only? Does American citizenship matter anymore? If this law stands, it will substantially affect the outcome of our elections forever. In 1964, Ronald Reagan presented a famous speech titled “A Time for Choosing.” This certainly is. Thank you to those brave Patriots for signing the petition.

ERIC SPAHL
DUDLEY

Massachusetts mental health providers are not flawless people

To the Editor:

No one, not any judge, any doctor, the police, or any mental health provider, is free from flaws.

I’m a licensed school teacher. I spent 20 years working in schools and in group homes with children and adults having mental health, intellectual, and physical disabilities.

I have Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) from 14 consecutive years of childhood sex abuse by three older foster brothers. This occurred while I was in the Massachusetts foster care system in the 1970s/’80s.

Despite a huge amount of abuse, I am lucky to have a high amount of ability. I have also had the good luck to mostly have mental health treatment, for childhood sex abuse, in private settings.

However, once I came to use public providers like those who bill Mass Health, I noticed a sharp difference

in my treatment when I did not have access to “trauma-informed” providers that were free from having a “defensive” personality.

Mental Health providers, the police, and judges in court are not free from flaws. In my experience, one of the flaws is: an inability to remain open minded to being educated by mental health patients with “lived experience.”

If someone doesn’t know PTSD, and won’t listen to the patient, then how do they know if their words and actions are free from bias and harm?

When can Massachusetts Mental Health Patients expect to be free from stigmatized treatment by providers, police, and courtroom judges, and instead be met with “trauma-informed” employees at places of public accommodation?

DENISE LEBOEUF
WEBSTER

Fill in the dot for Dotson

To the Editor:

I’m an independent candidate who’s not controlled by any other person or organization.

I’m disgusted with the pathetic, whining of Paul Frost’s begging for money and your sympathy because he had to answer my challenge to his legally being on the ballot.

But...he didn’t tell you the whole truth.

He needed 150 certified signatures... he only turned in 153! Lazy?

I found 31 possible errors in his submitted paperwork.

What I learned by challenging is that our nomination rules are not being followed as written. This will be one of the first things I address when elected.

I submitted 194 certified signatures... which were unchallengeable.

One hundred percent voting attendance record means...He shows up for the approximately 25 roll calls a year to cast about 12 votes at each. How long would you last in your job if you only “showed up” 25 days a year?

He doesn’t fight for state local aid for our town’s schools, roads, etc. These Chapter 90 Revenues, etc. are based on formulas of population, road mileage, etc. He announces these predetermined town payments in the newspapers, etc. to impress you.

I serve as a reelected member on Millbury’s Planning Board.

Frost never came before our board to ask for our input or cooperation. Both Millbury and Auburn were slapped with the MBTA mandate that required setting aside 50 acres where contractors can build 750 multi-family homes “at will”...or the towns suffer the loss of three funding sources! Permit over-building...or be punished!

I served 33 years in the military reserve in the USANG, USAFR, USNR, and USMC, with “honor” and “100 percent

attendance.” My last deployment was Afghanistan. As a leading Petty Officer, I helped my units earn “Outstanding Unit Citations.” Among my personal awards were “Outstanding Airman of the Quarter” and “Outstanding Sailor of the Quarter.”

My campaign signs are red, white, and blue. Frost’s are yellow.

I am an active member of Millbury’s Veterans’ Council, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Vietnam Veterans of Auburn, Oxford’s Memorial Honor Guard, Millbury’s Historical Society, Worcester Railers’ Booster Club, and Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission.

I have one daughter who put herself through medical school to earn her Doctorate degree. She is now working with distinction at a local hospital, and is paying back her student loans of \$200,000.

Frost’s supporters have enough money to bury me. They sent out one postcard a day for the remaining five days before the last election...each costing a minimum of \$8,000...or totaling about \$40,000. They claimed this in their account...not his.

I will not ask for and will not accept money from anyone.


I’m for education and election reform, different driver’s licenses for non-citizens, presenting citizenship ID’s before voting, reduced and frozen real estate taxes for elderly and handicapped near poverty levels, increased veterans’ mental health, police, transportation, and street funding,

When you believe that I’m honest, with integrity and strength to do the right things...then help me. Do something!

Get 10 people to vote for me. Fill in the dot for Dotson!

TERRY BURKE DOTSON
MILLBURY

A Primary primer



CHIEF’S CORNER

STEVE WOJNAR

The Massachusetts Primary Elections are taking place on Sept. 6. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. on that date. In addition to the State Primary, Dudley has a debt exclusion ballot vote taking place. This is sponsored by the Dudley Charlton Regional School District. It is a request for the funding of capital improvement projects for various school buildings. After a discussion with Dudley Town Clerk, Lori Smith, there are some different procedural issues associated with this vote. I wanted to take this opportunity

to pass along some important information on the process to assist voters and limit some confusion on election day.

There are currently three methods to submit your ballot for this election. This can be done by mail, early voting at the Clerk’s Office, or in person on election day. If you choose by mail, your application is required to be submitted to the Town Clerk. The deadline for this, or to request an absentee ballot, is Monday, Aug. 29. Early voting begins on Saturday, Aug. 27 at 8 a.m. It resumes on Monday, August the 29th and continues through Friday, Sept. 2. This is to be done in person at the Dudley Town Clerk’s Office, starting at 8:30 a.m. each day. End times vary, so please check with their office for more information. Since there are two ballots associated with this election, for the State Primary and the local question, if you vote early or via mail, you can do both at the same time. The process is slightly different on election day.

The most common method of voting is in person on election day. This will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 6 from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. at the Dudley Municipal Complex. Since this election has two separate votes, there is a slight variation to the process this time. The State Primary is guided by law and people can vote during the full 13-hour time frame. The local capital improvement debt exclusion ballot question is sponsored by the school district. Therefore, by state law (Specifically MGL CH. 71 Sec 16N), voting is limited to a maximum of only eight hours in duration. Voting on the debt exclusion question will only take place from 12 noon until the 8 p.m. close of business. If you wish to vote for both items at the same time, you must do so between the hours of noon and 8 p.m. If you vote between 8 am and 12 noon, you will only be able to cast your ballot for the State Primary. If you wish to vote in the special local election debt exclusion, you will be allowed to return after noon to cast that ballot. This is an important logistical change for this day and can be confusing. Therefore, this is good information for voters to have in advance of election day.

Any further information on this process is available through the Town Clerk’s Office at 71 West Main St. or online at <https://www.dudleyma.gov/town-clerk>. Look for the “Official Tally Sheet” in the upper left of the page. For the DCRSD Ballot question information please refer to the school’s Web site at <https://www.dcrsd.org/about-dcrsd/budget-and-finance/2022-capital-planning/capital-projects>. Please take a few minutes to get informed of the process so you can exercise your right to vote as easily as possible.

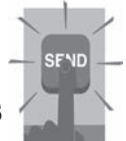
For those still seeking vaccination or COVID related information, it can be found at www.dudleyma.gov or by calling 508-949-8036. During these challenging times, we, at the Dudley Police Department, greatly appreciate the support we receive from our community.

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

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Understanding faith

“I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.”

These words of Jesus Christ challenge us to reflect on the meaning of faith. What is “faith as small as a mustard seed?” A mustard seed is a tiny seed no more than 1 or 2 mm, less than an eighth of an inch. Yet, when planted this tiny seed produces a bush that can be 20x30 feet tall.

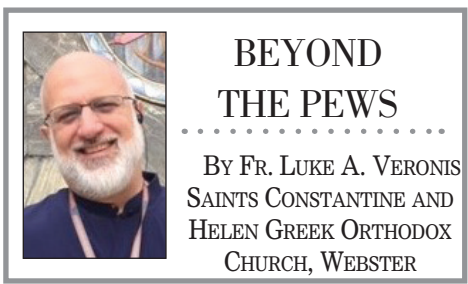
“Faith as small as a mustard seed.” Let’s begin by simply reflecting on faith itself. What is faith? It’s such a fundamental word and concept in our lives as Christians and yet, do we fully understand what faith means and the implications faith can have in our lives?

Webster’s dictionary defines faith as “complete trust or confidence in something or someone.” Saint Paul describes faith in a similar manner - “an assurance of things hoped for and a conviction of things unseen.” (Heb 11:1) So, faith is complete trust or confidence, an assurance or conviction in something or someone even if unseen.

Yet, recall the Risen

Christ’s dialogue with the Apostle Thomas. Ten of the disciples encounter Jesus risen from the dead, yet none of them could convince Thomas about the resurrection. “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were,” Thomas declared, “and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” Yet Thomas’ doubts led him to a renewed and deeper faith when he actually met Christ and cried out “My Lord and my God.” Jesus responded to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Yes, it is blessed to have a faith that implies a conviction of things unseen, yet that doesn’t mean there isn’t room for doubt in our journey of faith. As Kallistos Ware explains - “Faith and doubt are not mutually exclusive. Perhaps there are some who by God’s grace retain throughout their life the faith of a little child, enabling them to accept without question all that they have been taught. For most of those living in the West today, however, such an attitude is simply not possible. We have to make our own



the cry, “Lord, I believe: help my unbelief” (Mark 9:24). For very many of us this will remain our constant prayer right up to the very gates of death.

Yet doubt does not in itself signify lack of faith. It may mean the opposite—that our faith is alive and growing. For faith implies not complacency but taking risks, not shutting ourselves off from the unknown but advancing boldly to meet it. Here a Christian may readily make his own the words of Bishop J.A.T. Robinson: “The act of faith is a constant dialogue with doubt.” As Thomas Merton rightly says, “Faith is a principle of questioning and struggle before it becomes a principle of certitude and peace.”

So let us always remember that faith is a journey of growing in our trust, in our confidence, and in our assurance of God. Along this journey, we leave plenty of room for active doubts.

A second fundamental

principle of faith is to understand it not simply as some type of intellectual belief that proves the existence of God. Saint James notes, ““You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe – and tremble.” (Jms 2:19)

Intellectual belief in God’s existence is not enough. Faith points to something, or someone other! Kallistos Ware goes on to explain, “Faith in God is not at all the same as the kind of logical certainty that we attain in Euclidean geometry. God is not the conclusion to a process of reasoning, the solution to a mathematical problem. To believe in God is not to accept the possibility of his existence because it has been “proved” to us by some theoretical argument, but it is to put our trust in One whom we know and love. Faith is not the supposition that something might be true, but the assurance that Someone is there.”

Think about this. Faith is putting our trust in Someone whom we know and love; it’s the assurance that this Someone is there. This points us into understanding faith first and foremost as a relationship with Someone. Growing in faith implies

developing an ongoing living relationship with this Person. This is why faith and love are intertwined! It’s not enough to simply believe in God’s existence. A true, authentic faith implies loving a Person, entering into and growing in an intimate relationship with God.

This journey of faith is precisely a journey – an expedition of ongoing discovery. It’s not a static “I believe” but an ongoing revelation of love. Always remember that God is an infinite God. In believing and knowing God, we are in a relationship with an inexhaustible Mystery of Love. We never can say fully “I believe in Him. I know Him. I love Him.” because our belief in Him, our knowledge of Him, and our love for Him should constantly be changing and growing into a deeper experience of Him.

This is a healthy journey of faith. We shouldn’t say “Keep the Faith” but “Keep Growing in the Faith.”

Think about the story where Jesus criticizes his disciples as part of a “faithless and perverse generation,” a generation that lacks the faith to heal the epileptic. When they ask Jesus why they couldn’t heal the sick man, our Lord responds, “Because of your little faith.” The Apostles are not giants in their faith at this point; they don’t

fully understand their relationship with God. Yet, they’re on a journey. They humbly approach Christ with hearts open to learn and grow. They believe but Christ must help their unbelief. They love their Lord yet they still must grow in their understanding of divine love.

Cultivating faith as small as a mustard seed reminds us that our faith shouldn’t remain small as a tiny seed. Instead, a seed in planted and then germinates and becomes something other. A seed changes and is transformed when planted. The seedling breaks out of a shell and grows in rich soil becoming a beautiful and large bush.

Let us strive to nurture such faith in our lives – a faith that completely trusts in the “One who is, who was, and who is to come, the Lord Almighty;” a faith that reflects an assurance and conviction in Someone even if unseen; a faith that may be in constant dialogue with doubt; yet a faith that primarily reflects a growing and ongoing relationship of love, a deep friendship that becomes a passionate love for our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gone, but no longer forgotten

BY BOB DUCHARME
OXFORD

Editor’s note: Following is the conclusion of a two-part series begun in last week’s edition of the Webster Times about Oxford resident Bob Ducharme’s efforts to correct an oversight that led to the omission of a local Civil War soldier’s name from the memorial at Town Hall.

The day that I had been waiting for such a long time finally came. About three months ago, I sent a request to the National Archives in Washington seeking military information on Owen Toner. They arrived today, and instead of answering my questions they seemed to have added more.

Included in these documents is a copy of Owen Toner’s enlistment papers. This document states that he was born in Ireland and that he was sworn in Worcester on July 16th of 1862. It appears that he probably could not read or write, since in place of his signature his name has been written out alongside an X with the notation “his mark” next to it. (Note: universal education did not become a rule in the British Isles until the 1890’s.) Also included in the group of documents is a casualty sheet. This document states that regarding Owen Toner, the nature of his casualty was “wounded”. The place of casualty was at Gettysburg, and the date of casualty was on either July 2, or 3, 1863. It lists the source of information as a “list of killed, wounded, or missing, of the 15th Mass. In the 2nd Division, 2nd Corp”, not dated, but signed by Wm. Harrow, Brigadier General commanding the division.

A second casualty sheet raises more questions. This second document, is somewhat different form than the first. His name is spelled differently (Tonner), but both spellings were used on the muster roles and he

has made his mark next to both. On the line next to “Nature of Casualty” is what appears to be the word “desertion”. This document also states that the date of discharge, death &c. was Aug 5, 1863. It lists the place of discharge or death, &c. Germantown Pa. The source of the information was listed as Cuyler Hospital, Germantown Pa.

This is confusing since Captain Prince’s reports for the months of Aug. Sept. and Oct list him as “absent wounded”. The source of the information was listed as Cuyler Hospital, Germantown Pa. Soldiers who were wounded were frequently listed as deserted until the unit was notified that they were in the hospital. Adding to the confusion is the fact that when we look at the individual receipts of the company muster role for July/August 1863, we find Owen Toner listed as “absent wounded”. The same is true for his individual receipts of his company muster role of Sept/Oct. The receipts of the muster roles for the months of Nov/Dec. 1863 list Owen Toner as “Transferred to the Invalid Corps Dec. 17, 1863”.

In the spring of 2000, while I was in the Oxford library doing additional research on “Oxford in the Civil War,” I was most fortunate to stumble upon virtually all of the original records of company “E” of the 15th Massachusetts Regiment. Included in these records were the muster rolls, morning reports and monthly returns of Captain Albert Prince. The muster rolls of May- June list Toner as present. Those of July-August, and Sept-October list him as absent wounded. Muster Rolls for Oct. – Dec. list him as transferred to the Invalid Corps on Dec. 1863. The captain’s returns for the months of July, August, September, and October also lists him as absent wounded. The captain’s

return of December, and each succeeding muster roll for the company does not list his name. Other soldiers who shared a similar fate as Toner and were transferred to the Invalid Corps and were listed on the muster rolls as transferred to Invalid Corps. Is this the point where Owen Toner’s record was lost? When company “E” and the 15th Massachusetts regiment were mustered out, Toner’s name is listed on the muster-out role which was dated Worcester Mass. July 28, 1864 with Remarks: “Transferred to the Invalid Corps Dec. 20, 63”. Is this the reason that people back home did not know that he had passed away?

Owen Toner came forward when the need arose to replenish the numbers lost by the glorious 15th Massachusetts regiment. Recruits were needed to replace those lost at the Battle of Ball’s Bluff in the fall of 1861 and again during the Peninsula Campaign in early summer of 1862. Not two months after enlisting, Toner was wounded and listed as missing in action while his regiment suffered 325 casualties in twenty minutes. During this action, the regiment would earn the distinction of having the highest number of casualties of any regiment that took part in the bloodiest single day in American history -- the Battle of Antietam.

Nine months later, Owen Toner was also present at the center of the Union line with the battle hardened 15th Massachusetts as the Second Army Corps repelled the Confederate assault known as Pickett’s charge -- at Gettysburg. It was during this fierce struggle that he was wounded in the hip, a wound that would ultimately cause his transfer to the Invalid Corps and his death. Owen Toner had indeed done his share to preserve the Union. The name of each soldier from Oxford MA who died in defense of the

“Union” is memorialized on the stone tablets in the entrance to Memorial Hall. Owen Toner’s name does not appear on these tablets. Has the sacrifice that he has made been inadvertently overlooked? If this is the case, perhaps the time has come for us to finally pay honor to him.... “that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain” Abraham Lincoln
October 2000 ...

A few months back, I felt that I had enough proof for the Oxford Board of Selectmen that Owen Toner’s name should be listed alongside of others from Oxford who gave their life in the Civil War. I sent them a four- page letter, describing how I came to this conclusion. I also sent copies to the Historical Commission, as well as the veteran’s agent.

In these letters I outlined how my search came about. I also listed each step that I took, as well as documents that I found to back up my facts. Shortly thereafter, I received an e-mail from them asking that I attend their meeting. So off I went the following Tuesday evening, armed with several copies of a 75- page document that I had put together for them in order to make my case. Each member was given a document with explanations and photocopies from all of the sources that I had found concerning the records of Owen Toner.

After speaking to the board for about 45 minutes I concluded my presentation, whereupon the chairman thanked me for what I had done not only for the community but for Owen Toner as well. He then made a motion to have a plaque placed alongside the original tablets bearing the name of Owen Toner. This motion was passed unanimously. He then read a letter from the Historical Commission stating their request that such a plaque be made large enough so that in

case any other names of soldier’s who might be found to have been overlooked, could have their names placed upon it also.

Once again I had the sensation that a soldier of the 15th was smiling down upon me. Owen Toner’s day, after 136 years, will finally come to pass. The supreme sacrifice that he made will finally be acknowledged.

Message from the Oxford Board of Selectmen to Bob Ducharme...

Please be advised that the following arrangements have been made for the unveiling of a plaque for Owen Toner.

This event will take place on Saturday, Nov. 11, 2000 at 10 a.m. in the Civil War Memorial at the Oxford Town Hall.

The Chairman of the Board, Russell Rheault or the Vice Chairman, Greg Anderson, will unveil the plaque and read it to those present at the ceremony.

A prayer will be said, the firing squad will give a salute, Taps will be played and the NJROTC will be in attendance.

Following this presentation, it has been requested that the Chairman or Vice Chairman give a short speech at the World War I memorial. All are invited to gather at the VFW to enjoy refreshments at around 11:30 a.m. The Selectmen would be happy to have you join them, since it was you who brought this matter to their attention.

A final word from Bob in 2000

We had a ceremony in Oxford where the Selectmen and the family members of Owen Toner’s family unveiled a beautiful plaque in his honor. Speeches were made by the State Representative, the selectmen and myself. I was especially thrilled to meet descendants of his family. We had a group of 12 reenactors present who later fired a salute in his honor. All the veterans organizations had members present and

the high school had the NJROTC present as well. Afterwards we marched to the W.W.I monument and had a ceremony in honor of Veterans Day. Later everyone was invited to the VFW for a meal where I had an opportunity to speak with Toner’s family members. It was a great day and a great culmination to 5 years of research..

Fast forward to 2022.

In 1888, a clock tower was added to GAR Memorial Hall also known as Oxford Town Hall. Located in the foyer of this tower are memorial plaques inscribed with the names of each Oxford soldier who died in service to the Union along with the battle in which he died. A few years back I had heard that plans were underway to do work on the tower and since the Memorial Tablets were located in the tower, I thought that I would stop in to check out the tablets once again. At this time I did not see the plaque that was added in 2000 and although concerned of its absence, I assumed it was moved to another location for safe keeping in preparation for the work to be done and for one reason or another I failed to follow up on it. Finally, after many years of discussions concerning the deteriorating condition of the Clock Tower and the Tablets, the repair and restoration was undertaken by the Town of Oxford and was completed in 2017. Much to my surprise, the restoration process of the tablets, included inscribing the name and record of Owen Toner on the original tablets alongside his comrades from Oxford who died to preserve the Union. Most recently on May 14th 2022 a monument and tablet rededication ceremony was conducted and it was fitting to finally see Owen Toner’s name, 158 years after his death, listed alongside those who gave so much.

Owen Toner...gone, but no longer forgotten.

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THE COMMONWEALTH
OF MASSACHUSETTS
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DEPARTMENT OF
THE TRIAL COURT
Docket 22 SM 002281
ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: Jenna L. Holbrook, Edmund James Holbrook, III a/k/a Edmund J. Holbrook III
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. C. 50 §3901 (et seq): Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Auburn, numbered 36 Walnut Street, given by Jenna L. Holbrook and Edmund James Holbrook III, also known as Edmund J. Holbrook III to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as nominee for Pacific Union Financial, LLC, dated January 23, 2019, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 59980, Page 113, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.
If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before 10/03/2022, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.
Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of this Court on 8/19/2022
Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
September 2, 2022

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
Premises: 167 Dudley Rd, Oxford, Massachusetts
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Edward R. Gendron to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for Mortgage Research Center, LLC dba Veterans United Home Loans and now held by Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, said mortgage dated December 22, 2017, and recorded in the Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Book 58236, Page 33, as affected by an Assignment of Mortgage dated September 28, 2018, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 59543, Page 48, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on September 9, 2022 at 11:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:
The land in the Town of Oxford, County of Worcester, State of Massachusetts, on the easterly side of Dudley Road, bounded and described as follows:
See Plan Book 444, Plan 25
PARCEL I
BEGINNING at a point at the most westerly corner of the premises described herein at the end of a stone wall on the easterly line of said Dudley Road, said point being the southwesterly corner of Lot #114 as shown on a plan of land in Oxford owned by Nelson and Jeannette Cournoyer, dated June 22, 1970, Walter Brown surveyor, and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 337, Plan 8;
THENCE along a stone wall by land now or formerly of Lacki, S. 88 deg. 29' E., a distance of thirty nine and twenty hundredths (39.20) feet;
THENCE N. 89 deg. 20' E., a distance of ninety (90) feet;
THENCE N. 81 deg. E., a distance of twenty six and five tenths (26.5) feet;
THENCE S. 88 deg. 38' E., a distance of three hundred seventy four (374) feet to a corner of stone walls and all being along said land of Lacki;
THENCE in a southerly direction along a stone wall and continuing by said land of Lacki,
a distance of three hundred fifty and sixty two hundredth (350.62) feet to a corner of stone walls;
THENCE in an easterly direction along a stone wall along said land of Lacki, a distance of seven hundred fifty nine (759) feet to a corner of stone walls;
THENCE Northerly along a stone wall by land of Lacki, a distance of ninety nine (99) feet more or less to the westerly line of Larned Road;
THENCE N. 0 deg. 15' E., along the westerly line of said Larned Road, a distance of ten (10) feet to a point in a stone wall on the westerly line of said Larned Road;
THENCE S. 85 deg. 15' W., three hundred and thirty hundredths (300.30) feet along Lot #16 as shown on a plan of land entitled Subdivision of Land on Larned Road for Nelson Cournoyer, Paul Pytko, C.E. as revised July 15,

1967 and recorded in Plan Book 310, Plan 113 to a point;
THENCE N. 4 deg. 5' E., a distance of eight hundred forty six (846) feet to a point;
THENCE S. 85 deg. 15' W., a distance of fifty (50) feet;
THENCE N. 4 deg. 5' E., three hundred three (303) feet all being along said land now or formerly of Alberts to a point at land now or formerly of LeFrancois;
THENCE S. 85 deg. 15' W., one hundred fifty (150) feet;
THENCE N. 4 deg. 45' W., four hundred (400) feet along said land of LeFrancois to a point, being the southeast corner of Lot No. 102 as shown on the aforementioned plan in Plan Book 310, Plan 113.
THENCE S. 31 deg. 10' W., one hundred twenty nine (129) feet to an iron pipe;
THENCE S. 27 deg. 05' W., one hundred thirty five (135) feet to an iron pipe;
THENCE S. 22 deg. 30' W., seven hundred fifty six and forty hundredths (756.40) feet to an iron pipe;
THENCE S. 23 deg. 30' W., one hundred forty and seventy hundredths (140.70) feet to an iron pipe;
THENCE S. 25 deg. 43' W., one hundred twenty seven and ninety hundredths (127.90) feet to an iron pipe;
THENCE S. 30 deg. 28' W., one hundred twenty five (125) feet to an iron pipe and Lots 103-113, inclusive and all being shown on the aforementioned plan recorded in Plan Book 337, Plan 8;
THENCE N. 63 deg. 35' W., three hundred (300) feet along said Lot 113 to an iron pipe on the easterly line of said Dudley Road;
THENCE Southerly along the easterly line of said Dudley Road in a curve to the right with a radius of one thousand nine hundred seventy (1,970) feet a distance of two hundred eighty three (283) feet to the point of beginning;
As affected by an Affidavit for true and accurate measures of various bounds recorded September 13, 1982 in Book 7553, Page 269.
EXCEPTING therefrom the land located easterly of Lot 100 as shown on a plan recorded in said Deeds in Plan Book 337, Plan 8, in which the excluded piece does not about the herein conveyed premises.
EXCEPTING therefrom those parcels of land conveyed to the following deeds:
1. Robert L. Choiniere and Barbara O. Choiniere to Richard D. Zack et al dated September 13, 1982 and recorded in Book 7553, Page 270;
2. Robert L. Choiniere and Barbara O. Choiniere to Robert J. Fiels et ux dated November 30, 1984 and recorded in Book 8508, Page 245;
3. Robert L. Choiniere and Barbara O. Choiniere to Mark A. Heroux et ux dated April 11, 1985 and recorded in Book 8650, Page 61.
PARCEL II
Also conveying another tract of land in said Oxford on the easterly side of Dudley Road adjoining Parcel I and bounded and described as follows:
BEGINNING at an iron pipe at the northwest corner of the tract herein described on the easterly side of the 1958 Worcester County Highway layout of Dudley Road;
THENCE S. 88 deg. 29' E., mostly along a stone wall by said Parcel I herein, 39.20 feet to an iron pipe;
THENCE N. 89 deg. 20' E., along a stone wall by said Parcel I, 90 feet to an iron pipe;
THENCE N. 81 deg. 00' E., along said stone wall by Parcel I, 26.50 feet to an iron pipe;
THENCE N. 89 deg. 29' 56" E., along said stone wall by Parcel I, 342.11 feet to a drill hole in intersection with another stone wall;
THENCE S. 11 deg. 24' 34" W., along said stone wall by Parcel I, 351.53 feet to an iron pipe at the intersection with another stone wall;
THENCE N. 54 deg. 53' 28" W., by said stone wall by land now or formerly of Richard D. Zack, 545.86 feet to an iron pipe on the easterly side of Dudley Road;
THENCE running northerly along the easterly side of said Dudley Road on a curve to the left, having a radius of 2,030 feet and a length of 30 feet to the point of beginning.
CONTAINING an area of 2.153 acres shown as Parcel A on a plan recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 499, Plan 85.
EXCEPTING therefrom that portion of land conveyed by Robert L. Choiniere and Barbara O. Choiniere to Mark A. Heroux et ux dated April 11, 1985 and recorded in Book 8650, Page 61.
For title see deed recorded in said Registry of Deeds in Book 32294, Page 20.
The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.
For Mortgageor's Title see deed dated December 11, 2017, and recorded in Book 58236, Page 26 with the Worcester County Registry of Deeds.
TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any,

which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.
TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within forty-five (45) days after the date of sale.
Other terms to be announced at the sale.
Marinosci Law Group, P.C.
275 West Natick Road, Suite 500
Warwick, RI 02886
Attorney for
Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC
Present Holder of the Mortgage
Telephone: (401) 234-9200
MLG File No.: 19-01734
August 19, 2022
August 26, 2022
September 2, 2022

LEGAL NOTICE
Dudley Annual Town Meeting
Warrant Articles #18 and #19 (Zoning) and Articles #22 and #23 (General) of the Annual Town Meeting held on May 23, 2022, has received approval from the Attorney General's Office on August 16, 2022. The entire text of this by-law is posted in the following five places in accordance with G.L. c. 40 § 32: Dudley Municipal Complex, Pearl Crawford Memorial Library, Mason Road School, Dudley District Court House and Shepherd Hill High School.
Attest: Lori A. Smith, Dudley Town Clerk
August 26, 2022
September 2, 2022

LEGAL NOTICE OF SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLE under G.L.c 255, Section 39A
Notice is hereby given by School St. Towing, 17-31 School St., Webster MA 01570, pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that on: September 10, 2022 at 9AM at 17-31 School St., Webster MA 01570 by Private Sale the following Motor Vehicle will be sold to satisfy the garagekeeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicle.
Vehicle description:
Year: 2009
Make: Honda
Model: Civic
Registration#/State: Un-Reg
VIN: 2HGFA16579H526152
Name and address of vehicle owner: Dezmen J Gonzaliz 20 Elm St., Webster, MA 01510
Signed, Frank A Czechowski 8/18/22
This notice has been given under the provisions of G.L.c. 255, Section 39A
August 26, 2022
September 2, 2022
September 9, 2022

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. WO22P2897EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of: Derek Brown Date of Death: 10/27/2013
To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **Winfield T. Sharp of East Douglas 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 **Winfield T. Sharp of East Douglas MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Personal 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 09/13/2022**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: August 19, 2022
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
September 2, 2022

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Division Docket No. WO22P2891EA Estate of: Charles H Ceppetelli Date of Death: February 17, 2022 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE
To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner **Catherine M Ceppetelli of Webster MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.
Catherine M Ceppetelli of Webster MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
September 2, 2022

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. WO22P2846EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of: Philip J. Mosczynski Date of Death: 06/14/2022
To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Stephen P. Mier of Webster 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 **Stephen P. Mier of Webster MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Personal 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 09/20/2022**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: August 17, 2022
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
September 2, 2022



One last trip to Westport River

Fall cannot come soon enough for this writer. I have had enough of this hot, sticky weather. This past weekend, my fishing partner and I made one last effort to catch some fish for the freezer at the Westport River area. There were a lot of boat trailers in the parking lot, which was a good sign that anglers could be catching fish. We hit the water at 5 a.m. on a beautiful morning, with light breezes. Our expectations were high as we navigated the mouth of the river and into the open ocean.

An approximately three-mile journey into the open ocean brought us back to the area that we were fishing the prior week. It was lock and load action immediately, but most fish were a bit undersize. Catching two fish at a time was fun for a while, but we needed to find a school of larger fish. After numerous stops, we managed to catch a few legal-size seabass. There were not many anglers fishing in our area, so we decided to navigate another quarter mile out, which had deeper water. After a couple of short fish were caught, I decided to use another rod which had a high and low jig attached to the line.

After placing a small piece of cut squid on both jigs, it was gently lowered to the bottom. We were fishing in 50 feet of water, more or less. The jigs barely hit the bottom when I felt a hard jerk. As soon as I set the hook, nothing moved. “Uh oh, I am stuck on the bottom!” I shouted. Giving the rod a couple of hard



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jerks, I so realized I had a fish on. The pressure on the line had me adjusting the drag on the reel, and the line quickly peeled off of the spool. This darn fish was giving me a good fight. Matt was at my side immediately after he realized I had a good fish on. I guess he finally listened to my instructions from the previous two weeks about getting ready & netting the fish properly.

I was finally retrieving some line back onto the spool, and after approximately 10 minutes, the fish came into sight. It was not what I was hoping for, and the adrenalin rush was over at the sight of the approximately four-foot sand shark! Matt grabbed the line and maneuvered the fish alongside of the boat. It took a bit of work, but he managed to release the big sand shark. It was still a lot of fun catching the shark, but we needed to get back to catching some fish for the table although some people actually do eat sand sharks. Because sand sharks extract their waste through their skin, it is not anything that I care to eat.

We came up a bit short on our limit of seabass, and there was not a single fluke or bluefish in the area that wanted our baits. Strippers were also absent from our area, it seemed. It was a great day on the water, but it was starting to get hot! Matt agreed that it was time to leave, and as the boat was accelerated in to high gear the light breeze felt good for a little while, but when Matt hit the river, we realized how hot it really was



Courtesy

This week’s picture shows an angler with a 10-pound tautog.

as the boat slowed to adhere to the boat speed restrictions.

With the month of September finally on our door steps many sportsmen are really starting to get the hunting fever. This week is the start of the Maine bear season, with numerous local hunters already in their tree stands, hoping for a shot with their bow. Jerry’s Bait & Tackle shop in Milford has a group of his customers bear hunting every year in Maine, and do very well. The first few days were extremely warm, but now the cool air is moving in, and should improve success rates. Stay tuned! Next week, we will be fishing Rhode Island waters!

Bass & blue fishing in Rhode Island waters continued to provide some great

fishing last week if you knew where to find them, or they may just find you. Fluke fishing had its up & downs with a few doormats being brought in over the rails. Peanut bunker was still in the area, and helped to keep the fishing very good.

It is going to take a while for fresh water ponds and lakes to cool enough for stocking of fall trout, but you can still catch some nice trout if you know where to go, and how to fish. Deep trolling in lakes and ponds that hold over some real impressive trout, can be very rewarding!

Take a Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Betrayal comes to us all

Sometimes in life, we meet people who seem to provide exactly what we are looking for.

It could be a boyfriend, a girlfriend, a spouse, a business partner, a new best friend, a politician, or someone offering an unbelievable opportunity.

Sometimes these new relationships feel like a blessing, but sometimes, they aren’t. Sadly, things aren’t always as they seem and can turn out differently than expected.

Maybe they break your heart, deceive you, embezzle money from you, and lead you to think things would be perfect, only to find out it was all lies.

When you realize what happened, your response might be rage and despair, living daily with the awful feeling that you’ve been taken advantage of. The heartbreak continues for days, months, or years.

It’s natural to feel that way after being hurt. I’d love to tell you that you can use your mental powers to fight negative emotions and emerge happy and whole; with a smile on your face the next day.

To some extent, that can be possible, but it also takes time to process these events, and everyone processes grief differently. It takes time to heal and let go.

After this type of experience, it’s hard to recover. Your life is forever altered; it feels impossible to return to who you were. You find that you’re just going through the motions of life with no passion or excitement for the future.

Thoughts will come that everyone is out to get you, people are inherently evil, or all men or women are the same. Nobody is worthy of your trust anymore. You feel like you’re drowning.

There was a study done years

ago where a scientist placed a rat inside a pool of water to see how long it could swim. The rat stopped swimming after about fifteen minutes; it then gave up and began to sink under the water.

The scientist rescued the rat and let it recover. Not long after, the rat was placed into the water again; the scientist observed something interesting. This time it could tread water for sixty hours before it showed signs of drowning.

There was no obvious answer for why the rat hung on so long the second time. The study concluded that the rat must have had hope. It hoped that although it was in a desperate situation, it expected to be rescued and held on.

There must have been times when someone surprisingly came to your rescue. Someone helped you without expecting anything in return. They helped you because they could,

and they gave you hope.

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Even though the passing of time can allow you to heal, if you focus on the pain long enough, no matter how many years have passed, you will feel it again.

If you continue to focus on it, talk about it, and dwell on it, you may begin to lose hope all over again. That’s when you start to drown; that’s the moment you begin to sink under the waves of despair.

Not all business partners are the same; not all spouses are the same; people are different. At a young age, not everyone knows what they want.

When people do bad things, we only have a couple of options. We can turn bitter and live with a victim mentality. Or we can move on, learning the lessons that accompanied a painful experience and becoming wiser for the future.

You can choose to give up on relationships. You can give up on business and your dreams; you can choose to give up on people altogether.

Who are you hurting when you live bitter and jaded? When you hold on to the anger, it feels like a form of revenge. But is it?

When you decide to live like that, you keep yourself from rising higher.

When you stay in a negative thought pattern, your brain produces chemicals that make you feel bad. You aren’t able to recognize new opportunities; you aren’t able to stay above water.

Let it go, try again, trust again. Live with hope in your heart, and keep swimming. You never know; today could be the day everything turns in your favor.

LEGALS

DUDLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION Public Hearing Notice

A Public Hearing will be held at the Dudley Municipal Complex, 71 West Main Street in Dudley, MA at 6:00 PM on September 7 2022 to consider a Notice of Intent of Eric Reilly for the property located at 121 Old Southbridge Road for approval to build a addition to a single family home. This is a Public Hearing under the requirements of G.L. CH. 131 §40, as amended. Plans are available at the Dudley Conservation office on Mondays and Tuesdays from 10:30-4:00 PM. For more information, call 508-949-8011.
September 2, 2022

**PUBLIC NOTICE
DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
WATERWAYS REGULATION
PROGRAM**
**Notice of Simplified License
Application pursuant to
M.G.L. Chapter 91
22-WW-PRE-0105-APP**
NOTIFICATION DATE: 8-25-2022
PERMITTEE: Christopher Colebourn
**PROJECT SITE ADDRESS: 37
Bates Grove Road, Webster MA
01570**

Public notice is hereby given of the application for a Chapter 91 Simplified License by Christopher Colebourn to construct/maintain a dock in Webster Lake at 37 Bates Grove Road, Webster MA.
The Department will consider all written comments on this Waterways application received by within 30 days of the “Notification Date”. Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten citizens or more to submit written comments to the Waterways

Regulation Program will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c). The group of citizens must include at least five citizens who are residents of the municipality in which the proposed project is located. Project plans for this Waterways application are on file for public viewing electronically, by request to dep.waterways@mass.gov. If you do not have access to email, please leave a voice-mail at (617) 292-5929 and you will be contacted with information on alternative options. It is recommended that public comments be filed electronically with dep.waterways@mass.gov when possible. Alternatively, comments may be mailed to the Waterways Regulation Program at: 1 Winter Street, 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02108.
September 2, 2022

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DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
WATERWAYS REGULATION
PROGRAM**
**Notice of Simplified License
Application pursuant to
M.G.L. Chapter 91
22-WW-PRE-0049-APP**
PERMITTEE: Michael & Stephanie Stepka
**PROJECT SITE ADDRESS: 35 Bates
Grove Road, Webster MA 01570**
Public notice is hereby given of the application for a Chapter 91 Simplified License by Michael & Stephanie Stepka to construct/maintain a dock in Webster Lake at 35 Bates Grove Road, Webster MA.
The Department will consider all written comments on this Waterways application received by within 30 days of the “Notification Date”. Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten citizens or more to sub-

mit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c). The group of citizens must include at least five citizens who are residents of the municipality in which the proposed project is located. Project plans for this Waterways application are on file for public viewing electronically, by request to dep.waterways@mass.gov. If you do not have access to email, please leave a voice-mail at (617) 292-5929 and you will be contacted with information on alternative options. It is recommended that public comments be filed electronically with dep.waterways@mass.gov when possible. Alternatively, comments may be mailed to the Waterways Regulation Program at: 1 Winter Street, 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02108.
September 2, 2022

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family
Court**
**225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608**
Docket No. WO22P2879PM
**CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT
OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER
PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT
TO G.L.c. 190B, § 5-304 & § 5-405**
**In the matter of:
Maddilynn Daughtry
Of: WEBSTER MA
RESPONDENT**
(Person to be Protected/Minor)
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Dianna D McGeary of Webster, MA
in the above captioned matter alleging that **Maddilynn Daughtry** is in need of


a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that
Dianna D McGeary of Webster, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **Without Surety** on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.


You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **09/13/2022**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person’s right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the abovenamed person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice
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WEBSTER – 127 Douglas Road! 8 Room Split! 3 Bdrms! 2 Baths! Set on 1.31 Acres! 2 Car Garage Under plus 2 Car Detached Garage w/Lot! Perfect for the Hobbyist or Car Collector! This Home Features Open Concept Living! Frplcd Living Room w/ Cathedral Ceiling & Recent Skylights! Remodeled Eat-in Kitchen w/Granite Counters, Breakfast Bar & Slider to the Deck! Oversized Full Bath w/Jacuzzi & Large Walk-in Shower! Hrdwd Flrs throughout the Kit, Liv Rm & Hallway! 3 Bdrms w/Wall to Wall! Finished Lower Level w/Tiled Mudroom! New Luxury Vinyl Flooring throughout Lower Level Fam Rm, Exercise Rm & Bath! Above-ground Pool! Custom Fire Pit! Perfect for Entertaining! Recent Well Pump! 2013 Electrical Service! 2011 Septic! The Updates are Done! Great Commuting Location! Only Minutes to 395 or 146! **\$434,900.00**

DUDLEY – 5 Elizabeth St! 6+ Rm Ranch! Featuring Frplce Liv Rm w/Recessed Lighting & Guest Closet! Eat-in Kit w/Tile Flr! 3 Bdrms w/Hrdwd Flrs, 2 w/Ceiling Fans & Dble Closets! Hall Bath w/Tile Floor! Finished Lower Level! 20x25' Frplcd Fam Rm w/Recessed Lighting & 2nd Bthrm w/Shower! Possible Kitchenette or Office! Laundry & Utility Rm! Wired for a Generator! Economical Gas Heat & Hot Water! 3 Season Porch! Garage! **\$364,900.00**

DUDLEY – 67 Southbridge Road! 6 Rm Ranch Set on 16,875' Lot! Applianced Eat-in Kitchen! Dining Area and Fireplace Living Room w/ Hardwood Floors! 3 Bedrooms w/ Hardwood Floors and ample Closet Space! Spacious 11X14.5 Master! Full Tile Bath! Oil Heat! Garage! **\$279,900.00**

SUTTON – 90 Armsbury Rd! 8 Rm Meticulously Maintained 4 Bdrms/2.5 Bath Colonial, Pleasant Valley Country Club Near, is Ready for You! Formal Living Rm w/French Doors, Spacious Family Rm w/Gas Fireplace, Recessed Lighting & Slider Out to Private Deck! Formal Dining Rm! Fantastic Kitchen Featuring Stylish Ivory Cabinets, Stainless Appliances, Tile Backsplash, Wine Bar & Adjoining Dining Area! All w/Gleaming Hrdwd Floors! Spindle Staircase to the 2nd Flr Featuring a Huge Master w/Cathedral Ceiling w/Dble Walk-in Closet, Master Bath w/Dble Vanity, Tiled Shower & Soaking Tub! 3 Additional Comfortable Bdrms w/Ample Closets & Additional Full Bath! Expandable Walk-Out Lower Level w/Roughed-in Bathrm Ready to Complete! 2 Car Attached Garage & Recent Generator! Listed by Another, SOLD by Lake Realty! **\$829,900.00**

CHARLTON – 42 Harrington Rd! Beautiful 6 Rm Colonial w/3 Bdrms, 3.5 Baths Colonial set on .35 Acre Lot! 1st Floor w/9' Ceilings! Living Rm w/Bump-out, WW Carpeting & Crown Moldings! Tile Foyer! Dining Rm w/Prplace (never used), WW Carpet, Crown Molding & Wainscoting! Open Kitchen & Dining Area out to Wood Deck! Kit w/SS Appliances, Granite Island! 1/2 Bath off Kit w/Laundry! 2nd Floor w/3 Comfortable Bdrms! Master w/Vaulted Ceilings, Ceiling Fan, Walk in Closet, Master Bath w/Jetted Tub & Separate Shower, Skylight, & Double Vanity! 2nd Floor Hall Bath w/Skylight! Full Basement has Walk-out to Second Deck, Third Full Bath, Utility Rm! 2 Car Garage! Horseshoe Driveway w/Plenty of Parking! Deep Wooded Lot! **\$419,900.00**

SUTTON – 11 Apple Ridge Rd! Super 9 Rm 3/46' Contemporary! Nicely Landscaped 30,596' Lot w/Circular Drive! White Marble Entry Foyer w/Soaring Skylight Ceiling! French Doors to the Custom Center Isl, Black Granite, Fully Applianced Kit w/Recessed Lighting! Open Flr Plan! Gorgeous Formal Din Rm w/Tons of Natural Light! Huge Liv Rm w/Sliders Front & Rear, Skylight & Ceiling Fan! Frplcd Sitting Area w/Cathedral Ceiling, Skylight & Ceiling Fan! French Door Office leads to the Future 1st Flr Master presently the Gym w/Cathedral, Skylights, Ceiling Fan, Sliders & Bathrm Access! 2nd Flr Features 2 Bdrms & 2 Baths! Master Suite w/Cathedral, Skylight, Ceiling Fan, 2 Dble Closets, Dble Vanity, Separate Shower, Whirlpool Tub & Marble Flr! C/Air! Deck Overlooking Private Yard! 3 Car Garage Under & 46' Detached! Town Services! **\$774,900.00**

WEBSTER – 3 Birchwood Dr! Great Commuter Location! Convenient to All Major Routes! 7 Rm, 3 Bdrms, Ranch Ready for Your Taste & Upgrades! 2 Front Entries, Enter through the Huge Attached Fam Rm w/Cathedral Ceiling, Ceiling Fan, Wall A/C & Dble Closet or through the Fireplaced Liv Rm w/Hrdwd Floor! Galley Kit w/ Raised Panel Wood Cabinets! Dining Area w/Hrdwd Floor & Slider out to the Deck! 3 Bdrms w/Hrdwd Floors & Ample Closet Space! Full Bathrm w/Linen Closet! The Lower Level once Finished, Ready to Finish Again! Many Possibilities! 1 Car Garage w/Opener! The Home is Accessed by 2 Driveways, 1 to the Left of the House & 1 to the Right, Plenty of Parking! Built w/Electric Heat but has been converted to Oil, Hot Water Baseboard! Town Water! Passed Title V! Don't Delay...**\$299,900.00**

DUDLEY – 16 Joseph St! Spacious UPDATED 8 Rm Center Hall Garrison Colonial! Nicely Landscaped 25,561' Lot Set on a Cul-De-Sac "Dead End"! Ideal Residential Neighborhood! Dble Glass Door Tiled Center Hall Entry Foyer w/Guest Closet! SS Applianced Cherry Cabinet Kit w/Breakfast Bar, Corian Counters, Tile Flr! Din Rm w/Hrdwds, Crown Moldings & Bay Window! Frplcd Liv Rm w/Pellet Stove, Custom Shelving, Hrdwds & Bay Window! Fam Rm w/Hrdwds, Custom Cabinetry, Ceiling Fan, French Doors & Slider to Deck Overlooking Private Backyard! 1/2 Bath w/Laundry Closet! Hall w/Dble Closet to the 2 Car Garage! 2nd Flr w/4 Spacious Bdrms w/Hrdwd & Vinyl Plank Flooring! MASTER w/2 Walk-in Closets, Ceiling Fan & Custom Tile MASTER BATH! Hall Bath w/Custom Tile Tub/Shower Surround w/Linen Closet! Don't Delay! **\$449,900.00**



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WEBSTER - 77 LOWER GORE ROAD



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SPORTS

Amputee Mike Welsch has ‘great day for a swim’ at South Pond

WELSCH GIVES BACK, INSPIRES OTHERS, BY SWIMMING ACROSS NEW ENGLAND



Courtesy photos

In addition to his swimming prowess, Mike Welsch has run the Boston Marathon, climbed Mount Washington and partakes in the Pan-Mass Challenge.

At left: Mike Welsch, center, lost his left leg in 1980 and has since swam numerous local ponds.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

EAST BROOKFIELD — The weather at Quacumquasit Pond, better known as South Pond, on the afternoon of Thursday, Aug. 18 had temperatures in the high 70s, mostly cloudy skies, and the wind gusts — when they came in from the west — were between 22-28 miles per hour (mph).

“It was a great day for a swim,” Mike Welsch said.

When Welsch says it’s a great day for a swim however, he’s not talking about wading into the shallow end of the 3.4-mile pond and splashing around for a little while. He’s talking about starting at one end of the pond, swimming to the other end and then turning around and coming back.

That’s what the 63-year-old Welsch, who was accompanied by kayaker Mark Bonenfant, did on Aug. 18, completing the swim in about two hours. As impressive as it sounds — a 63-year-old man swimming roughly four miles in a pond in two hours — the feat takes on greater significance when you add in the fact Welsch completed the swim with one leg.

Welsch, known throughout New England and beyond as the “one-legged swimmer” lost the lower part (below the knee) of his left leg in 1980.

“I lost my leg in an alcohol-related motorcycle accident, which occurred just outside the entrance to Camp Lejeune. It’s something I paid for the rest of my life,” Welsch, a former Marine, said. “Since the accident I’ve spent a lot of time speaking to schools and insurance companies and other groups about the dangers of drinking and driving.”

Welsch was in the Marine Corps for two-and-a-half years, two of those years spent at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, located in Jacksonville, N.C.

“I’m no war hero; don’t put me up on a pedestal,” Welsch said. “I was a Marine, I had a drinking problem. I’ve been sober for 33 years. Speaking about how my life has changed and what I’ve been through — and doing these swims — is my way of giving back. It’s the Grace of God; it really is. When I look back, I look at what happened to me and what I did with it.”

South Pond was the seventh lake or pond Welsch swam this summer, but the first time Bonenfant has accompanied him.

“Mike’s a very strong swimmer; at times during the swim I had trouble keeping up with him in the kayak,” Bonenfant said. “On the way back a brisk wind was in our faces and he actually swam faster than he did on the way out with the wind at his back.”

Bonenfant explained that Welsch needs a boat to join him on his swims, most importantly, so the motorboats that were on South Pond that day would be able to see Welsch and take measures to avoid him. Bonenfant also gave Welsch water during the swim and, at one point, an energy bar.

“Mike has not let missing a leg slow him down. He doesn’t feel sorry for himself,” Bonenfant said. “Mike’s a proficient swimmer. He would be able to out-swim me if we were out there doing it together and I’m a lot younger than he is and I have two legs.”

Other bodies of water Welsch swam this summer include, in order of completion: Fort Pond in Lancaster; Sandy Pond (Ayer); Queen Lake (Phillipston); Bare Hill Pond (Harvard); Spectacle “Spec” Pond (Lancaster); and Lake Willoughby (Westmore, Vt.). Welsch swam Spectacle Pond with his 30-year-old son Mika.

Welsch has been completing his long distance swims for more than 25 years. New Hampshire Lakes Welsch has swum include Lake Winnepesaukee, Lake Winnisquam, Lake Sunapee, Squam Lake (both Little

Squam and Big Squam — Little Squam flows into Big Squam), Lake Wentworth, Ossipee Lake and Newfound Lake.

Welsch, over the years, has swum Newfound Lake four times. Once, he said, he did so with a team of Navy SEALs.

The only large lake in New Hampshire Welsch has not swam is Umbagog Lake, which is actually in New Hampshire and Maine. Welsch was planning to swim Umbagog Lake Aug. 21, but an algae issue in the lake postponed the swim indefinitely, and prompted Welsch to swim South Pond on Aug. 18.

Welsch swam the 10-mile Boston Light Swim seven times. The oldest open-water marathon swim in the U.S., The Boston Light Swim, which began in 1907, begins at America’s first lighthouse, the Boston Light on Little Brewster Island in outer Boston Harbor. The Boston Light Swim ends in the water adjacent to the historic L Street Bathhouse in South Boston.

In 1999 Welsch became the first physically handicapped athlete to complete the 28.5-mile Manhattan Island Marathon Swim.

Welsch has also completed many triathlons and has participated in three Ironman Triathlons.

Over the years Welsch has trained for his more challenging swims by swimming South Pond, Hardwick Pond, Quaboag Pond and Walden Pond. In the winter months he trains at the indoor pool at Hanscom Air Force Base.

Welsch’s land-locked accomplishments include running the Boston Marathon 11 years in a row (he was at mile 18 in 2013, the year of the Boston Marathon bombing), climbing New Hampshire’s Mount Washington, and participating in the Pan-Mass Challenge, which he did for 18 years.

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In addition, Starkweather & Shepley donated \$500 to Nichols to support student activities. The college, which already maintains a Wiffle ball field, plans to host a tournament and have the iconic toys available through campus recreation to extend a bit of summer fun in the school year.

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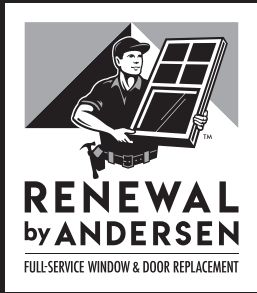
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it's an observer, taking tallies, you're participating and seeing what to do but if you're uncomfortable with the actual scenarios you don't have to (participate) so it's taking into account some traumas that people might have had in the background," said Olson.

Training is set to begin during the first few months of the school year. Two sessions, in October and November respectively, have been scheduled with all employees in the district expected to be trained in ALICE. Superintendent Steven Lamarche stressed that, at least for now, ALICE will not replace the standard lockdown drills until training is complete. Other exercises, including a situation-based tabletop game, are also being planned to allow employees the opportunity to practice response plans in the context of different scenarios in a controlled environment.

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nication, saying he recently met with the Planning Board for an hour discussing the schools' renovation plans, current conditions, and future possibilities.

Forbes added she sees a need to improve communication with the School Councils. In her five years on the board, she can't recall ever being notified about one at the high school. That prompted members to toss around some ideas of having individuals attend each school's council and report back.

That was in last year's goals, but as Chair David Cornacchioli said, "I really feel we need to follow

through because we didn't do that."

Regarding broader public outreach, Forbes said, "People say our Web site is impossible to navigate" and often report not knowing things in advance. She said she particularly wants to see more information sharing with parents over student progress.

One approach they tossed around would be to draft brief parent surveys for distribution in the fall and spring. They agreed to think up potential questions for discussion at the next meeting.

Palmina Griffin brought up Shrewsbury's practice of posting special presentations so people can read them while watching their meet-

ings live. Doing so, she said, will "help people ask meaningful questions" and participate more fully. Similarly, she noted she has sometimes heard from residents that they did not see school plans the way the district does.

The Web site does currently post the entire School Committee packet with the agenda.

Its second goal will be to expand use of various data sources to look at effectiveness of both academic and social-emotional programs. Tha particularly appealed to Griffin, who noted she "loves data," and mentioned she couldn't recall even seeing SAT data last year. She noted they may need specific goals for specific student populations.

A third goal is to enhance school safety. Lucas said the police are already planning a staff-only ALICE (active shooter) training for October, with a follow-up date to include students. At present, the school has four hours a week of student resource officer time, but wants to expand that. Doing so would require budgeting, a 50/50 funding agreement with the police, and might take up to a year if the police need to hire another officer and put them through the academy.

The board's fourth goal aims to look at human resources and professional development issues.

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

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around," he says.

He adds that being around the players illustrated their passion, their commitment to getting back to the Super Bowl and their own culture.

As the Bison ready for battle this season, the offensive line is looking forward to working with Acres again.

"In my three years playing for Nichols, I've never had a coach put as much time and effort into a position group and for the team," says Melvin Olson '23. "I'm very grateful to have him around and I'm certain he will go on and do amazing things in the future, making everyone at Nichols very proud!"

For now, Acres can be found on Vendetti Field, teaching his players the process, telling them to trust it, and exclaiming, "Remember your why!"

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a lot of people abusing that. We're in a severe drought situation. We're in serious trouble right now. Thank God it has rained, but that's just the tip of the iceberg. Our pumping stations right now are pumping what they can and one of them is showing signs of stress because of a lack of water," said Patrinos. "We're trying to balance filling a tank that has been depleted along with maintaining pressures in town and maintaining water supply to the upper side of town. It's a bad balancing act, but we're gaining some ground."

Patrinos said the water main breaks, which occurred on Sunnyside Road and Fairview Avenue as well as in the Dresser Hill area in the wake of the

Mace Adhesives fire, all required hours of work to resolve and were at least partially causes by pressure issues. Adding to the stress on the system is the ongoing rehabilitation of the Bates Road water storage tank, part of a multi-phase project that will eventually see the Dresser Hill Road tank rehabbed as well. Patrinos said the combined factors of a drought and an ongoing rehab project have created a unique situation rare for any community.

"Just be in mind that there will be other breaks, I'm sure, even in the process of that job," said Patrinos. "We want to apologize to the public. It's out of our control. The state has required

us to do this. It's now a requirement every so many years. Once this is done and both tanks are back online along with our PFAS prevention processes going on we'll probably have cleaner water than Poland Spring, but right now we've got to get through this."

In July Patrinos notified selectmen of a "level 3 drought" in Massachusetts discouraging watering of plants and lawns, the washing of vehicles and similar activities with fines imposed for violations. Even despite recent rainstorms Patrinos urged citizens to take the situation seriously and remain diligent to help prevent added stress on the water system.

Auburn High Class of '61 celebrating 61 years

AUBURN — The Auburn High School Class of 1961 is celebrating their graduation 61 years ago! A luncheon will be held at noon on Saturday, Sept. 17, at J.Anthony's Italian Grill, 917 Southbidge St., Auburn. Contact information is needed for a number of classmates...please forward any emails to Elaine Mattson Hogan at hogane@charter.net.



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