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## Auburn Chamber, Newscaster Kelly Sullivan celebrate scholars

By Rod Lee

After far too long and far too frustrating a hiatus, the Auburn Chamber of Commerce resumed in-person meetings on the morning of May 21, at the Elks Lodge on Southbridge St.

But, as if by way of reminding Steve Londregan, Virginia Murphy, Matteo Gentile and others involved in hosting the event that things are even now not quite back to normal, Guest Speaker Kelly Sullivan of Boston25 News had to participate via Zoom.

The word "hybrid" still applied, therefore, even as attendees went to the buffet line for scrambled eggs, sausage and potatoes—something they hadn't been able to do for months on end. Indeed a brief conversation at a table occupied by Kerri Cunningham of Fuller Automotive, Roger Robinson of

Webster Five Cent Savings Bank, Mr. Londregan of Chuck's Steak House and Mr. Gentile of Exit Realty Partners was mostly about hybrid learning, which served as a preface to Mr. Londregan's own opening remarks in which he said "here in Auburn we're lucky. All our students had iPads. Hats off to the Auburn school administration for being ahead of the curve."

The Auburn Chamber may not have been able to hold its School/Business Partnership Golf Tournament in 2020, "but today we are giving out over \$15,000 in scholarships, and we have given out \$330,500 since 1995," Mr. Londregan said.

Fortunately, this summer's tournament is a go. It is scheduled for September 13 at Blackstone Nation-

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Scholars gather with Auburn Chamber officers and directors after the presentation of awards at the Elks Lodge on Southbridge St.

## Monte Bianco Restaurante tasteful addition to Webster's downtown

By Janet Stoica

Chef Manny Campoverde and his family have reached another milestone in their restaurant's life by moving to a very visible location in Webster at the corner of School Street and Main, specifically, 140 Main Street.

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## AUBURN CHAMBER

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al Golf Club in Sutton with a shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. All profits from the tournament support the Chamber's mini-grant and scholarship programs.

One of the first orders of business at the breakfast was announcement of special awards for Police Officer Stephen A. Lukas, who was killed on duty in 1986 when, in responding to an early-morning call, his patrol vehicle skidded off an icy road and struck a utility pole; and Maj. David Brodeur, who died in 2011 while deployed in Afghanistan.

There was understandable enthusiasm for the appearance of Ms. Sullivan, an Auburn girl, Auburn High grad (Class of 2002) and anchor of Boston25 News. Like all of the recipients of this year's scholarships, which were announced by Carrie Cross of Life Care Centers of Auburn, Ms. Sullivan was awarded an Auburn Chamber scholarship, which she used towards earning her

degree in Broadcast Journalism at Syracuse University.

"This is only my second time on Zoom through the entire pandemic!" Ms. Sullivan said, as her image appeared on the screen.

She apologized for not being able to make the trip out, saying, "it's Nielsen ratings time, we go through it four times a year. I'm in a live truck in Roxbury."

In asserting that her years at Auburn High were "a huge advantage" in pursuing the career she had charted for herself, she said "I danced, played soccer and basketball and ran track. School was always number one with me. In middle school, I knew I wanted to be in news. Katie Couric inspired me.

"I was on a committee to build the new high school" you are enjoying today, she told scholars.

"I went above and beyond to get into the school I wanted—Syracuse."

She offered some advice students may not have been expecting to hear.

"Take other classes in college that you like," not just the ones linked to your ma-



Carrie Cross names the recipients of the Auburn Chamber of Commerce's 2021 scholarship awards.

jor, she said. "Business, if you want to be an entrepreneur." Also, she said, "I went through all my money studying abroad but I would do it again in a heartbeat—for the experience."

Two years ago, she said, "my husband and I got our real estate licenses."

From her "first job, in Harrisonburg, Virginia (at WHSV), I moved there four days after I graduated," she was always pointing toward Boston. In Harrisonburg, she covered the graduation of Virginia Tech just months after the tragic shootings on that campus. Other big moments came quickly:



The Auburn Chamber's Matteo Gentile addresses the May 21 scholarship breakfast meeting.

President Trump on the campaign trail, Tom Brady returning from the suspension imposed on him, the Patriots' Super Bowl win in Houston, Washington where she reported along the parade route during the first inauguration of President Barack Obama.

She came to Boston 25 News in June of 2017, from WPRI in Providence.

"Boston was my end

goal," she said. "At each place I learned so much. I have interviewed Mark Wahlberg and Robert Kraft. You never know who you are going to run into in this business.

"It all started with a good foundation at Auburn High School."

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# Slater's Sheep Art Project seeks to engage community with new Webster Museum

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WEBSTER – Two hundred years ago, Samuel Slater, now known as the Father of the American Industrial Revolution, built textile mill complexes along the French River and Webster Lake, including one of the country's first woolen mills. Everyone in Webster and surrounding towns knew the Slater name; that is no longer the case.

Later this summer the **Samuel Slater Experience**, which recreates Samuel Slater's life and innovative contributions to textile manufacturing, will open in the former National Guard Armory on Ray Street in Webster.

Leading up to a grand opening of the new museum is the Slater's Sheep community art project, which will reintroduce Samuel Slater to the area's residents in a highly visible, fun way, tying it to his woolen and cotton mills.

The museum has acquired 25 life-sized sheep sculptures and is inviting the community to become involved in this pre-opening campaign by decorating the sheep with creative images and naming them.

Local businesses, organizations, civic associations, indi-



Local artist Dave Laabs has begun painting a Slater Sheep. When finished it will be displayed at a Webster location.

viduals, and families can support the project as sponsors.

The uniquely painted sheep will be displayed at various locations in Webster and surrounding towns, in sponsors' locations and in public spaces.

### Call for Artists

Can you decorate a life-sized sheep with a creative image? Local artists and school art classes can apply to be on the list of artists that will be provided to sponsors. For details

and requirements, contact Barbara Van Reed at bvanreed@samuel Slater Experience.org or call 508-243-6392. Artists will have six weeks to complete the painting and will receive a stipend for time and cost of materials.

### Call for Sponsors

Members of the community, businesses, organizations, and individuals are invited to contribute to the Slater's Sheep art project as sponsors. Each sheep will have a

recognition plaque that gives both the name of the artist and the sponsor. For details, email Connie Gallant at cgallant@samuel Slater Experience.org or call 508-243-2543.

The sheep can be displayed at your business location or at another location of your choosing.

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# Memorial Day 2021



On hand at the Webster Court of Honor for the placing of the Merchant Marine memorial were (l to r) Alfred Beland, Mike Esposito, George Bibeau and Ron Prest.

A newly installed monument dedicated to the Merchant Marines was part of the solemn Memorial Day exercises at the Webster Court of Honor.

The monument is flanked by statues depicting the Army and Marines with an anchor placed in the center to complete the scene.

The center stone's inscription reads: "Dedicated to those men who gallantly sailed the seas, the unsung heroes of World War II un-

daunted by the severe losses and unimaginable terror inflicted by air and sea attacks, the convoys fulfilled their mission delivering its cargo of men, munitions and supplies that were essential to achieving ultimate victory."

The saluting Marine's inscription reads: The Merchant Marine played a critical role in every Amphibious Operation in the Pacific Theatre from Guadalcanal to Iwo Jima. Their courage, bravery and dedica-

tion to the mission guaranteed our success." - USMC

The saluting Army soldier's inscription reads: "The United States Maritime Service provided the greatest sealift in history between the production Army at home and our fighting forces in Europe. This supply line was crucial to our victory in World War II." - US ARMY

The addition of a Merchant Marine ship will be placed atop the center monument at a future date.

Memorial Day 2021 was again a solemn occasion with local veterans visiting all cemeteries in Webster and Dudley. The traditional parade was canceled due to COVID; however, veterans and local officials gathered at the Webster Court of Honor to place wreaths on the memorials.

Veteran James P. Brinker was honored for his service for many years to the local veterans. Veterans Council Commander Victor Jankowski presented Brinker with a plaque of appreciation for his service. The inscription read:

"On behalf of the Webster-Dudley Veterans Council we wish to express our sincere appreciation and full praise for your many years of dedication to the Webster and Dudley veterans. You have been sincere throughout the years, coordinating the Memorial Day observance, placing of wreaths at each cemetery, organizing the parade and coordinating the ceremony at the Court of Honor. Yours is a dedication to veterans and is greatly appreciated. We, as members of the Webster-Dudley Veterans Council, salute you as you continue to serve



Victor Jankowski and James Brinker with plaque.

our many veterans.

"We, as veterans, encourage you to continue your dedication for years to come as an

outstanding veteran.

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Veterans Council Commander Victor Jankowski presents the Certificate of Appreciation for veteran James Brinker as Webster Selectmen Earl Gabor and Randy Becker look on.

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# Indian Ranch back in gear for a blockbuster 75th anniversary season

By Rod Lee

There must have been moments over the course of the past year when Suzette Raun Coppola was burdened by serious misgivings about whether a 75th-anniversary season would occur at Indian Ranch.

Evidence of the struggle the business world was facing as COVID-19 wreaked its havoc was all around. Restaurants were limited to takeout-only. Work-from-home became a fixture. Doors to retail stores carried the warning "No Mask, No Entry." Some staple products were in short supply; and so on.

Indian Ranch suffered the same fate as many other entertainment settings.

Asked during a telephone conversation that took place

on May 12 what the past twelve months were like, Ms. Raun Coppola summed them up with one word: "Terrible."

Elaborating on this, she said "we had to lay everyone off the first week the pandemic hit. A lot of my food staff took time off and we didn't have any seasonal help here in 2020.

"I felt bad for the smaller venues," she said, even as she regretted on behalf of her own employees the toll the virus was taking: no concerts at "the shed;" no music on the beach; no Indian Princess paddle wheeler in the water; no Samuel Slater's Restaurant welcoming diners; no activities in the banquet hall.

Today, however, the proverbial silver lining can be seen.

"We are planning on a full season...and I expect it will be the busiest season ever," Adam Klein of CK Communications Group, which handles public relations for Indian Ranch, said.

"We'll be doing local bands on the stage in May and June. Capacity limits as of now go to 100% on August 1, and we have a great set of shows booked as part of the Mike's Hard Lemonade Summer Concert Series.

"The governor has indicated that the August 1 date could move up sooner if the numbers continue to be good, which they have been. As a result, we are extremely op-



Concerts are again on tap at Indian Ranch, as the popular Central Massachusetts entertainment venue swings into what is promising to be a stellar 75th-anniversary season.

timistic that our July shows will play as scheduled" (these include, tentatively, Chris Janson, Ziggy Marley and Marty Stuart).

"The 2021 season includes shows from Foreigner, Jamey Johnson, Get The Led Out, Melissa Etheridge, Grand Funk Railroad, Chase Rice, Kip Moore, and more.

"The restaurant is open and has been featuring a number of BBQ items on the menu" (Samuel Slater's offers indoor, patio and beachside seating with dine-in service on the weekend in addition to take-out and delivery; reservations are recommended).

"The Indian Princess will be going back into the water and we'll be announcing cruises soon!"

Echoing Mr. Klein's remarks, Ms. Raun Coppola said "the beginning of summer is on the horizon" and with it better times. "We have a lot of big shows planned, 38 Special, Foreigner, Tower of Power,

smaller ones to start and larger ones at the end.

"The restaurant just opened for in-person dining.

"We usually wrap things up at the end of September but this year we are extending our season by two weeks, to Columbus Day, and we will be offering a lot of daytime shows.

"Our campground opened May 1st."

"We are all into playing it safe but it's hard as a business not being able to plan ahead," Ms. Raun Coppola said.

In association with its sponsors—Yuengling, Webster Five Cent Savings Bank, the Telegram & Gazette, The Yankee Xpress/Blackstone Valley Xpress, Blue Chair Day, Place Motor, Northeastern Oil & Propane, Worcester Magazine and Bay Station Audiology—Indian Ranch has packed many of its headline shows into the month of September: Marc Martel, 9/4; Melissa Etheridge, 9/6; CountryFest, 9/11; The Mavericks, 9/12; Los

Lobos, 9/18; George Thorogood, 9/19; HairFest, 9/25; Kip Moore, 9/26.

Long known as "the Nashville of the North" for its emphasis on country music, Indian Ranch, which has been in operation on Gore Road in Webster since 1946, now offers a range of music for fans of all ages and persuasions from country to acoustic, blues, roots, rock and pop.

Like other businesspersons, Ms. Raun Coppola has sought financial assistance where it can be obtained.

"We have received some PPE loans and a little grant from Massachusetts and we are working on a Shuttered Venues grant," she said.

What had looked for so long like a drawn-out period of inactivity at Indian Ranch is suddenly looking much more promising on all fronts.

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The Indian Princess cruise boat will be back in the water, on Webster Lake, this year.

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## Living well and looking good

# Meniscal tear in knee might not need surgery

By Keith Roach, M.D.

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** While chasing my cat, I dove to the ground and both my knees took a beating. They were bruised but felt fine. A few days after this, my left knee started to bother me. I put on a brace to see if that would help (as it usually does), but it didn't. I went to my chiropractor a few days later and had an adjustment and deep tissue massage. The next day, I was walking my dog and had to stop, as I couldn't move my knee. About 13 years ago, I had a torn meniscus in the same knee, and it healed without surgery with the assistance of my chiropractor, massage therapist

and acupuncture.

I called my doctor's office, and he was out of town. His nurse suggested that I go to an urgent care facility to have an X-ray of my knee, which I did. The doctor said that nothing was broken but that I should follow up with an MRI. I saw my doctor a few days later and brought my X-ray, etc. He said I don't need an MRI. I am not looking for knee surgery, but wouldn't an MRI indicate if it is a torn

meniscus, pulled ligament, osteoarthritis, etc., so I could get the proper treatment? What

would that be? – R.Z.

**ANSWER:** The menisci are ring-shaped cartilage structures that sit on top of the tibia and provide stability and shock absorption to the knee. Given the mechanism of injury and your prior history, a meniscal tear is a very likely possibility. Symptoms that support a tear in the meniscus would include a locking of the knee or a giving sensation while walking, often associated with

pain.

A careful physical exam can usually make the di-

agnosis of a meniscal tear. A suspected meniscal tear does not usually require an MRI, as most will heal with conservative management. (I refer nearly all to physical therapy rather than the treatments you used, but I won't argue with your success.) I reserve the MRI for people in whom surgery would be contemplated. Since surgery is no better than placebo for many people with a torn meniscus (based on a fascinating 2017 study from Finland), I am particularly careful to refer only people who have not gotten better with a good trial of conservative management.

### Nerve pain

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** I have an affected nerve in my back causing long-term, persistent pain. Years ago, I damaged a sacroiliac nerve in a fall. This was treated by steroid injection. Could this nerve also be injected with a steroid? – J.D.

**ANSWER:** Injection of local anesthetics and steroids are done for several different types of back pain syndromes. However, the nerves themselves are not injected with steroids: It's the area around a nerve that is injected. That area may be inflamed, and the shot is given with the hope of reducing inflammation and thus reducing compression on the nerve and therefore pain. It does not always work, and when it does, the pain relief usually lasts a matter of months. The injections can be repeated if helpful; however, injecting steroids has its own risk of complications. Serious complications are rare, but infection and bleeding are possible. All injected steroids can predispose to osteoporosis.

Injection for back pain is done most often by pain management specialists when appropriate.

### BPH

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** Does BPH increase the possibility of prostate cancer? – A.L.

**ANSWER:** Benign prostatic hypertrophy is a common condition in men. About half of men in their 50s have an enlarged prostate, and the proportion gets even higher as men age. The major symptoms of enlarged prostate are difficulty with urine flow, a sensation of decreased emptying, difficulty initiating urination, and increased frequency of urinating, including at night. As symptoms worsen, incontinence can oc-

cur and even kidney damage may result due to the high pressure in the bladder.

The first word in "BPH" is "benign": It is not a cancerous condition. It does not protect against developing cancer, but there does not appear to be an increased risk for cancer among men with symptoms of BPH, according to the most recent studies.

*Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to [ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu](mailto:ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu). (c) 2021 North America Synd., Inc.*

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## Nurse of St. Vincent Hospital speaks out

Hello—

My name is Melissa MacDonald. I am a nurse on strike at St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester, and I am starting my 37th year in nursing serving the public of Worcester County.

I am one of so many who have spent our entire careers at St. Vincent Hospital. We are asking the public for your continued support and to keep us in your thoughts and prayers.

We are fighting a for-profit-owner, Tenet Healthcare Corporation, which is based in Dallas, Texas. They have put profits over patients since they bought St. Vincent Hospital.

The striking nurses have been waiting for about two years for a fair contract.

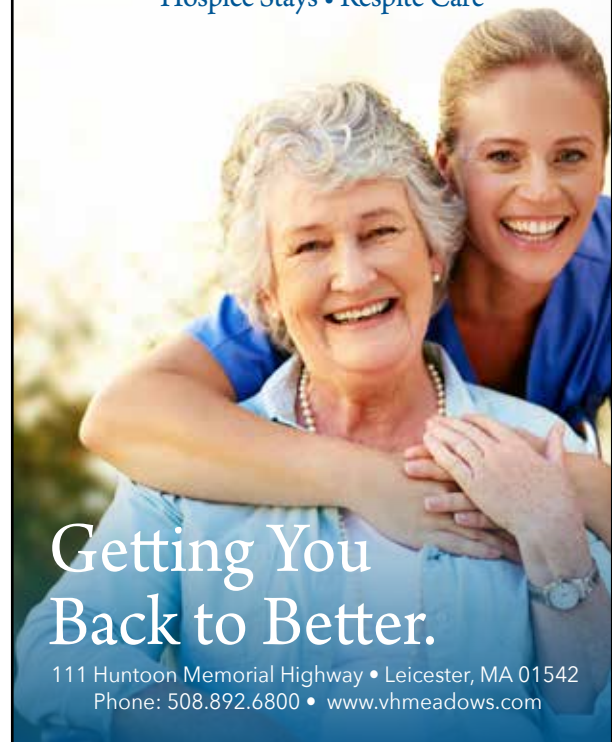
We want Tenet to do the right thing for the nurses and for this community. Thank you.

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Melissa MacDonald  
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## Check presented to Drug Task Force



Pictured (left to right): Webster Police Deputy Chief Toby Wheeler, Charlton Police Chief Daniel Dowd, Oxford Police Chief Anthony Saad, Worcester County D.A. Joseph Early Jr., Dudley Police Chief Steve Wojnar, Webster Police chief Michael Shaw, Sturbridge Police Chief Earl Dessert, and Sturbridge Lieutenant Joseph Lombardi. (the member not present was Southbridge Police Chief Shane Woodson.)

On Monday, May 17, Worcester County District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr. visited with police chiefs and command staff officers of the South Worcester County Drug and Counter Crime Task Force. This took place at the Webster Police Department.

DA Early presented the group with a check for \$10,000 to assist the organization with their drug and counter crime en-

forcement efforts in the Southern Worcester County area.

Partner police departments include Charlton, Dudley, Oxford, Southbridge, Sturbridge, and Webster. These agencies share the common goal to remove illegal drugs and their associated activities from the communities and provide a safer environment for all the residents. The Task Force wishes to thank District Attorney Early for his generous donation.

## Oxford town hall fully reopened to the public; announces new hours

OXFORD - Town Manager Jennifer Callahan announced the Oxford Town Hall is now fully re-opened to the public. "With the COVID-19 case rates trending downward and increased vaccine availability, we feel confident in our ability to safely reopen the Town Hall to the public," stated Callahan.

Throughout the pandemic, town hall employees continued to work in town hall addressing residents' needs and worked to make more services available online. Additionally, a customer service window was opened four days a week to allow for in-person transactions.

Callahan also announced new hours for town hall. "Prior to the pandemic, I had announced new town hall hours which are more customer-friendly in that they include one night where we are open to the public," said Callahan. "With the reopening, we are launching these new hours, which I believe will be welcomed by the community. Many town halls offer an evening for their residents and this was an area where I felt customer service in Oxford could be improved."

The town hall is now open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wed.

from 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; and Friday from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

COVID-19 precautions will be followed inside of town

hall including the use of masks, social distancing, frequent disinfecting, and the availability of hand sanitizer.



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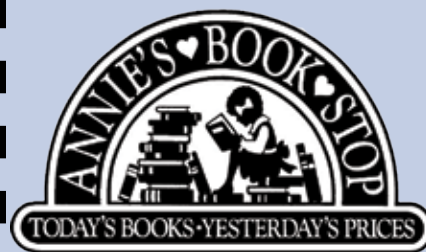
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## MONTE BIANCO RESTAURANTE

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Bianco's tasteful arrival.

Chef Manny has served up hundreds of delicious and varied dishes at his former Thompson, Conn., restaurant and now he has taken on a new challenge—welcoming new and loyal customers to his new setting at one of the busiest intersections in Webster.

Monte Bianco officially opened in Webster on May 18.

On a recent Tuesday evening, the restaurant catered to a steady stream of diners who appeared to be enjoying their meals while the likes of Frank Sinatra and Tony Bennett crooned their unmistakable tunes in the background.

The chef's lightly fried calamari appetizer was served up on a platter accompanied by a robust and spicy tomato sauce and his hefty portions of chicken parm with pasta is like no other you will ever experience. Likewise the shrimp scampi dish in a light sauce with thin garlic slices. A complimentary bruschetta is unique for the area with finely chopped fresh tomatoes, cucumber, and onions with a drizzle of olive oil on crusty bread.

No room for dessert this time but another visit soon will certainly include Manny's homemade tiramisu. The record of delicious success speaks for itself.

The dining room is simple, clean, and cozy and the menu reflects diners'

requests. Manny keeps on smiling as he chops, preps, and cooks for those who love his food. The chef enjoys his craft and appreciates his customers, accommodating their special requests as often as he can. "If I have the ingredients in-house, I will cook to your liking. Your wishes will be accommodated as best as possible. We are happy that so many diners have found our restaurant and enjoy the meals served here."

As always, Monte Bianco's menu has just the right number of choices from appetizers to desserts, all made in-house.

Entrees range from eggplant rollatini to seafood like stuffed haddock, chicken or veal volderstana (breaded and topped with prosciutto and melted mozzarella in marsala sauce), stuffed rigatoni and meatballs, and gnocchi to filet mignon and short ribs.

Last but not least, the chef's homemade desserts with flair are tiramisu, flan, cannoli, mini-cheesecakes, and bread pudding. Currently there is a BYOB policy until their spirits license is finalized.

Chef Manny and family also cater for any occasion. Lunch is now served at Monte Bianco from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with lunch-sized portions of their dinner menu according to Pegui Campoverde, Manny's daughter. "We took our time renovating this location,"



On hand to help the Campoverde family celebrate the grand opening of Monte Bianco Restaurante were Webster Town Administrator Doug Willardson, Selectmen Andrew Jolda and Earl Gabor, Rep. Joe McKenna, Assessor Mark Becker, Carole Marchand, Carol Cyr, Tim Bell, Courtney Frieland, Ruth Perry and a host of friends and well-wishers.

said Pegui, "we wanted it to be just right. My dad is very proud of his new and spotless kitchen and appliances."

There are 12 dining tables

available, spaced conveniently, so reservations are recommended.

Monte Bianco Restaurante is at 140 Main Street, Webster. Phone 508-461-5016,

www.montebiancorestaurant.online Current hours: Tues/Wed 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Thurs/Fri 11 a.m. – 9 p.m.; Sat/Sun 3 p.m. – 9 p.m.; Sun

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# Book your summer with these Hot Reads

Recommended by Debra Horan,  
Owner of Booklovers' Gourmet, Webster  
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Summer has arrived! We are certainly ready for some fun in the sun and relaxation. Why not pick up a great read to keep you company and melt all your cares away? Here are just a few of your overabundant options, all available at your local bookstore or library.

Let's start with the obvious summer themed titles by favorite, can't miss authors. Mary Alice Monroe is back with **The Summer of Lost and Found**, another fast-paced story about a family facing upheaval and change with a dose of humor which ultimately leads to unexpected joys. Jennifer Weiner, bestselling author of **Big Summer**, brings us **That Summer**, another timely, twisty novel of intrigue, secrets and the transformative power of female friendship. Take a virtual trip to the idyllic island of Nantucket with Nancy Thayer's **Family Reunion**, touted by another bestselling author Brenda Novak as "the ideal take-me-away beach read." And we mustn't forget Elin Hilderbrand's latest, **Golden Girl**. The queen of the summer read takes us back to Nantucket where a novelist has one final summer to protect her secrets as her loved ones learn to live without their "golden girl" beside them. Last year, Emily Henry brought us **Beach Read**, a story about two writers who couldn't be more different, both dealing with writer's block. Check out her latest, **People We Meet on Vacation**, where two best friends, who seem to

have nothing in common, take summer trips together every year, until a couple of years ago when they ruined everything. Is this their last chance at true happiness?

For an adventurous trip to the South Pacific, try **Miss Benson's Beetle** by Rachel Joyce, British author of **The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry**. This one follows two women, who would never consider themselves friend material, yet end up going on a life-changing adventure together and discover their best selves in the process. If historical fiction is your thing, **The Rose Code** by Kate Quinn is a tour de force



filled with vibrant characters in a riveting tale about the hidden history of Bletchley Park, involving three female code breakers during World War II.

For something a little different, try **The Southern Book Club's Guide to Slaying Vampires** by Grady Hendrix, one of the most rollicking, addictive novels filled with thrills, chills and more. An obvious pick for book groups too.

Let's not forget reading for the young ones. There are many popular graphic novels out there for middle school ages. **Meet the Hound Heroes** by Todd Goldman, led by fearless Captain Chihuahua, Cyborg Pup Power Pug and others in an adventure involving a backyard spaceship crash that gives them superpowers. For a bit of magic & fantasy, try Wynd, **Book One: The Flight of the Prince**, where a young boy must hide his true identity and is forced to leave his home behind to embark on a dangerous quest. Shy Ninja, by Adara and Ricardo Sanchez and Arianna Florean, a thrilling adventure about an eleven-year-old girl who suffers from social anxiety and on a dare enrolls in what she thinks is a "fake-sounding" school for ninjas, but it's no joke. The classic **Baby-Sitters Club** has been updated and reformatted into a graphic novel series too, based on the novels by Ann M. Martin. For even younger readers ages 6-9, **Ella Diaries** is a popular series revolving around school, friends and trust.

There are plenty more great books to choose from so don't wait to get started. Happy summer and happy reading.

## Southwick's Zoo to light up New England with all new Festival of Illumination beginning in September

Southwick's Zoo in Mendon is excited to announce its all new "Festival of Illumination" beginning in September. This four-month-long premier Chinese

Lantern Festival, presented in partnership with the award-winning Zigong Lantern Group, will be the largest of its kind to be hosted in New England.

From September to January 3, 2022, Southwick's Zoo will be illuminated by breathtaking custom-built exhibits consisting of hundreds of Chinese lanterns meticulously handcrafted from silk, steel, and environmentally friendly LED lights. The theme of this year's event will be "World of Lights;" in addition to highlighting traditional Chinese culture, this spectacular nighttime display will shine a light on a variety of continents and their traditions. Visitors will travel the globe through the incredible artistry of handcrafted Chinese Lanterns and be immersed in the magical world of imagination and illumination. The Festival of Illumination will take guests on a trip through the African savannahs, the Amazon rainforest, the Great Barrier Reef, as well as many beautiful and fascinating regions in between. Visitors will also enjoy live entertainment, a typical Asian Night Market

place and specialty foods. Beginning on November 26, the Southwick's Zoo's traditional Winter Wonderland holiday lights as well as additional holiday themed Chinese Lanterns will be added.

Santa will be visiting at his enchanted Village.

The Zigong Lantern Group is the largest Chinese lantern festival group in the world with over 20 years of experience in creating these breathtaking events. Zigong has partnered with locations worldwide including the Dublin Zoo, RZSS Edinburgh Zoo, the Nashville Zoo, UK's Longleat House, and Magnolia Plantation, South Carolina. The group's artisans will handcraft the lantern displays on-site at Southwick's Zoo.

The Festival of Illumination – World of Lights is an evening event, 5:30 -10:00 p.m. September to January 3. Advance ticket purchase is required for this must-see experience. More information please visit [www.festivalofillumination.com](http://www.festivalofillumination.com).



## Notification of aquatic treatment at Webster Lake

Areas of Webster Lake will be chemically treated with USEPA/MA registered aquatic herbicides on Wednesday, June 16, to control nuisance and invasive aquatic vegetation.

The entire lake will be closed for swimming and other water contact recreation on the day of treatment only (June 16). In addition, the lake water cannot be used for drinking, irrigation (i.e.; watering lawns, gardens or plants of any kind) and consumption by livestock (refers to cattle, horses, etc., - note that pets/wildlife that may ingest the lake water while swimming will not be harmed) for a period of five days, commencing on the day of treatment, or until June 22.

The state and town boat ramps will be closed to launching of boats on the day of treatment and the Town Beach will also be closed. A map of the lake showing the treated/restricted areas will be posted at both the town and state boat launches and is also available on the Webster Lake Association's web-site (<https://websterlakeassociation.org/weed-management>). Printed signs, warning of these and any other water use restrictions will be posted around the lake shoreline in advance of treatment. The work is being performed under a License to Apply Chemicals permit issued from MA DEP and an Order of Conditions from the Webster Conservation Commission. SOLitude Lake Management of Shrewsbury, will be performing this work for the Webster Lake Association.

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Seated (l to r) Dick Norton, Vice Commander; Stephen Rogerson, Commander and Veterans Service Officer; Bob Guenther Quartermaster. Standing: Ron Prest, Trustee; Randy Snow, Trustee; John Blissell, Trustee; Kenny Kudzal, Chaplain; James Brinker, Past Commander of Post 654 who presided over the installation and the swearing of officers.

## Community plant and yard sale

AUBURN - A community yard sale and plant sale will be held Saturday, June 12, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 128 Central St.

Over 30 vendors have reserved spots to sell their goods at this annual yard sale. There are those who are moving and selling small furniture and then there are so many who took advantage of being confined this past year and cleaned out their stuff. Come see what everyone has to offer.

The ever popular plant sale is a church fundraiser. There

is a large selection of perennials donated by church members as well as a huge selection of annuals donated by a local grower who closes her greenhouses in early June for the season and donates to the church. Don't miss this annual event; you won't be disappointed.

The plant sale is a rain or shine event. Vendors will make their own decisions regarding participation due to

weather conditions, some are committed regardless.

Please help us out by following any Covid restrictions in place and please park on one side of the street only.

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## VFW Installation of officers

On Tuesday, May 11, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 654, representing the Towns of Webster and Dudley, held their installation of officers for the fiscal year 2022. VFW Post 654 celebrated its 100th anniversary in March 2021. The Post is named after the late Charles R. Guenther of Webster who was killed in the performance of his duty during World War I with the US Army in the Field Artillery. He was awarded the Army Cross along with many other medals for his outstanding dedication to our country.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is a nonprofit veterans service organization comprising veterans and military service members from the active, guard and reserve forces.

The VFW can trace their roots back to 1899 when veterans of the Spanish-American War (1898) and the Philippine Insurrection (1899-1902) founded local organizations to secure rights and benefits for their service. Many arrived home wounded or sick. There was no medical care or veterans' pension for them, and they were left to care for themselves.

In their grief and suffering, some of these veterans banded together and later formed organizations that would eventually become known as the Veterans of Foreign Wars. After chapters were formed in Ohio, Colorado and Pennsylvania, the movement quickly gained momentum. Today, membership stands at more than 1.5 million members of the VFW and its Auxiliary.

The VFW has many programs and services that work to support veterans, service members and their families, as well as communities nationwide. Please feel free to contact the VFW Post 654 in Webster for more information. The VFW Post is located

in the Veterans Home, 4 Veterans Way, Webster, adjacent to St. Louis Church on Lake Street. The VFW Post also holds monthly meetings at 7:00 p.m. on the second Tues-

day of the month and veterans are welcome to participate in meetings. You can also contact the Commander, Stephen Rogerson by email at vfw-post654@vfwma.org.

## DAV installation



Pictured (l to r) Jim Brinker, Past DAV Commander; Rinkie Lithicum, new DAV Commander; Stephen Rogerson, Veterans Services Officer; Bob Mailloux, Past DAV Commander; Al Pizzetti, Treasurer; John Wojcek, Past DAV Commander, and Shannon Daggett, Adjutant.

On Thursday, May 13, the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 53, representing the Towns of Webster, Oxford and Dudley, held their installation of officers for the fiscal year 2022.

The Disabled American Veterans of the United States is a nonprofit veterans service organization comprising veterans who are disabled due to service connected disabilities.

Today, the DAV has many programs and services that work to support veterans, service members and their fami-

lies, as well as communities nationwide. Please feel free to contact the DAV Chapter 53 in Webster for more information. The DAV Chapter 53 is located in the Veterans Home, 4 Veterans Way, Webster, adjacent to St. Louis Church on Lake Street. The DAV Chapter also holds monthly meetings at 7:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month and veterans are welcome to participate in meetings. You can also contact the Commander, Rinkie Lithicum by email rinkie@charter.net.

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# TLGV, Thompson Rec, TEEG and more team up for summer camp

The Last Green Valley, Inc. (TLGV) has partnered with Thompson Recreation, TEEG and others to offer a unique summer camp experience for 6th to 8th graders. Registration for the camp is now open and space is limited. Visit [thompsonrec.org](http://thompsonrec.org) or call 860-923-9440 to register.

Up to eight campers in each session will spend one week exploring the Air Line Trail State Park. There are two sessions for the camp, June 28 - July 2 and August 16 - 20. Session one will travel the Air

Line Trail from Thompson to Pomfret. Session two will begin in Hampton and end in Lebanon. All travel will be provided from the Thompson Recreation drop-off point and campers will return to Thompson at the end of each day.

Activities include a hike to the tri-state marker, orienteering, letterboxing, pottery, historical tours and more. The idea for the camp experience grew out other efforts in Thompson to promote interest in the Air Line State Park Trail, including the design of

an interpretive park at the site of the Great East Thompson Train Wreck and a multi-town initiative to develop a series of map-brochures highlighting the tourism assets in each community. All of the towns hosting activities for this special summer camp are also members of the 12-Town Task Force working to develop a master plan for the Air Line Trail, led by CT RC&D.

Funding for the camp is possible through a grant from the Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut Foundation, The Last Green Valley, the National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program and private donors. The cost of camp is \$75 per week for Thompson residents and \$100 for non-residents. Financial assistance is available.

The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor is the last stretch of dark night sky in the coastal sprawl between Boston and Washington, D.C. The Last Green Valley, Inc. is a member-supported, non-profit organization working for you in the National Heritage Corridor. Together we can care for, enjoy and pass on The Last Green Valley!

TEEG (Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group) is a grassroots non-profit social service agency in North Grosvenordale. TEEG serves the communities of Thompson, Woodstock and Pomfret providing "a handup not a handout."

# Internships to be offered at the Auburn Historical Society and Museum

AUBURN - The Auburn Historical Society has developed an internship program for high school and college students at the Auburn Historical Museum, 41 South Street.

Projects interns will work on include:

- Categorizing and organizing historic photographs and documents to prepare for digitization
- Researching topics in the history of the Town of Auburn
- Data input for our Holstrom Digital Archives
- Assisting with creating and running public programs
- Learning and gaining hands-on experience in the creating, care, and maintenance of an

historical museum's exhibits and facilities

Each unpaid internship is tailored to the individual and their interests. It is a great opportunity for high school and college students, scouts, youth groups, and those looking to fulfill community service hours or to gain work experience.

For more information on this program, please contact Helen Poirier, internship coordinator at [auburnmuseum@verizon.net](mailto:auburnmuseum@verizon.net).

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# FOOD AND FUN PULL-OUT SECTION

Save these pages as a guide to area dining and things to do

PULL OUT  
SECTION

## The fireworks are on - July 3

WEBSTER - Saturday, July 3, grab a blanket and a picnic dinner for the return of fireworks in Webster. The fireworks display will take place at Memorial Beach and will start at 9 p.m. Cost is \$10. The beach will open at 5 p.m. for this event.

Carole Marchand shared this post on Facebook: We want to thank everyone for being patient. It was worth the wait. After watching the

trend of COVID guidelines and having different discussions we have decided that Webster will be setting off fireworks this year at the beach. We will be scaling back as far as when the beach will open and not doing the food trucks and music. But we will have fireworks. When we get closer to the date we will have more information on the guidelines. But for now you can mark off July 3 on your calendar.



## FANTASTIC FACTS ABOUT FIREWORKS

Cities and towns across the country commemorate special days with various festivities, particularly when warm weather beckons people outdoors. Fireworks long have been a popular way to cap off parades, concerts, sporting events, and national days of celebration. Entire communities come together to watch spectacular shows in which blazing pops of color light up the night sky.

Smithsonian magazine reports that pyrotechnics displays have been astounding audiences all over the world for centuries. As early as 200 B.C. fireworks were developed in China to first scare off mountain men and later evil spirits. However, soon the Chinese incorporated "fire drug," essentially saltpeter, sulfur and charcoal (a recipe for gunpowder), into their cultural celebrations. Early Chinese fireworks consisted of the gunpowder mixture stuffed in bamboo tubes.

Fireworks have evolved since then, but by and large they still comprise the same main parts: an oxidizer, fuel

and chemical mixture to produce desired colors. Fireworks are a wonder to behold when they are part of professional displays, and their history can be interesting as well.

- While the Chinese invented fireworks, Italians helped fine-tune them. Italians are credited with designing aerial shells and figuring out that certain metallic powders could create specific colors.

- The largest consistent fireworks show in the United States is the Macy's show in New York over the Hudson River on July 4th. More than three million people view the show, which includes more than 40,000 shells.

- The Walt Disney Company is the largest consumer of fireworks in the world, according to Business Insider. It also is

the second largest purchaser of explosive devices, behind only the U.S. Department of Defense.

- High-energy metal compounds like copper chloride emit colors like violet and blue in fireworks. Low-energy compounds like strontium chloride produce orange and red.

- The pattern fireworks will produce in the sky is determined by how stars are arranged inside of the shell. Stars are the cubes or spheres that contain the chemicals needed for the firework reaction.

- Mental Floss notes that "day-time fireworks" are made up of colored smoke and can be seen during the day.

- Individuals who are employed in the manufacture of fireworks must wear cotton clothing, including undergar-

ments, as synthetic clothing can create sparks capable of detonating fireworks, according to Alamo Fireworks.

- Various fireworks shapes have their own names. They may be called willows, palms, crossettes, horsetails, rings, cakes, and more.

- New Castle, PA is known as the "Fireworks Capital of America" because Zambelli Fireworks Internationale and Pyrotecnico both got their start there in the mid-nineteenth century.

- Scientists are currently working to create more eco-friendly fireworks.

## Yard Sale

St. Nicholas Albanian Orthodox Church will hold its Yard Sale on Saturday, June 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the church grounds, 126 Morris Street, Southbridge. Come one - come all - something for everyone.

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21, and September 11. The yard sales are held at Dodge Chapel, 81 Hammond Hill Road, Charlton. To donate call Deb 508-987-0708, Annette 508-347-7596, or Judy 508-248-5580.

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loversgourmet.com, or phone 508-949-6232, as there are capacity limitations.

**June Art Exhibit** - "Inspired by Nature," paintings by Jean Walker will be on display

and for sale June 1-30, at Booklovers' Gourmet, 72 East Main Street, Webster. A meet and greet with the artist will take place on Saturday, June 12 from 2-4 p.m. Please RSVP

to 508-949-6232 or deb@bookloversgourmet.com.

Jean Walker is a lifelong resident of Webster. Jean is married to her high school sweetheart and together they have two great children. Jean always wanted to paint and was surprised and excited that a paint studio opened in Webster in 2012. The studio was owned and operated by Cindy Smith, a talented artist who has been teaching for many years. With Cindy's teaching skill, Jean learned quickly and soon started getting commission work for her paintings. To her surprise and delight, students in the class were buying her paintings. As time went on, she acquired

her own painting style, which comes from her love of nature. Jean has also taken lessons from Pierre Theriault, an artist in Charlton. With Pierre, Jean took her painting skill to another level, learning many mediums such as oils, pastels, tempera and oil pastels.

### Author event

Saturday, June 26, 2-3:30 p.m. - an author event with Debi Graham-Leard and her latest novel, *Wedding Interrupted*, will take place at Booklovers' Gourmet, 72 East Main Street, Webster. Free, RSVP requested. Call 508-949-6232

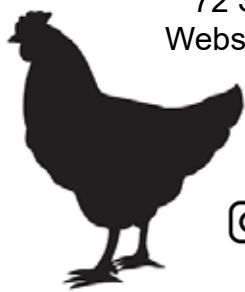
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"Wedding Interrupted" - the 4th story in the mystery series - takes Gwen and her cousin Sally from Harbor Falls to Cape Cod in search of proof that her niece is innocent of any wrong-doing.

New England author Debi Graham-Leard retired from her marketing position in the business world before writing her first Gwen Andrews mystery titled *The Uninvited Guest*. Three more mysteries have been published in the series. Born in Delaware, she now resides with her husband in southeastern Massachusetts. For more information, visit debigrahamleard.com

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## Dudley Womens Club completes the COVID Year

On Thursday, May 13, the DWC completed its 13th year with a fun banquet night in the barn at Roseland Park in Woodstock, CT. Delicious dinners supplied by Our Father's Table were enjoyed as the COVID-challenged club year came to an end. More than half of the members were able to join in for a game-filled recap night of last year's accomplishments. Despite the pandemic, DWC not only survived, maintained its usual level of giving projects but also "bloomed" (the current fundraising activity). As the photo shows, all enjoyed the opportunity to enjoy each other's company and to actually see each other's fully vaccinated faces.

## Grange sponsors summer concert series

DUDLEY – Celebrate summer under the stars this year with the Dudley Grange Summer Concert Series.

The fun kicked off June 5 (raindate June 12) at 7 p.m. with The Blues Crew, a six-person family band doing "50s and 60s favorites, country oldies and Blues Brothers tunes." Before the band plays, learn the ins-and-outs of raising backyard chickens from Poulin Grain's Dan Wright at 6.

The following month, July 10 (raindate July 17), the Great Garage Band Reunion brings their self-styled "loud and outrageous" 60s and 70s funk, rock, R&B and blues (with six horns) to Center Road at 6 p.m.

The third show, 7 p.m. August 7 (raindate August 14), will feature music from Art Sandoli leading into a chance to stargaze and watch the Perseids meteor shower. NASA volunteer educator Dino Tata will lead that astronomical exploration if the clouds cooperate; bring your telescope or good binoculars, and we will have some available for use.

All three shows are outdoors, all ages and free admission on the grass at Dudley Grange's historic location, 139 Center Road (next to Nichols College). Bring lawn chairs or blankets, snacks and drinks (no alcohol allowed) and in-

tent to have some fun in the warmth of a summer evening.

The series is being sponsored by a grant from the Dudley Cultural Council, the local

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## Webster Economic Development

# Webster is fast becoming the place to dine

While it may seem as though time has stood still for the last 14 months, there has been a lot happening here in Webster, particularly when it comes to dining destinations.

Webster has always had a wide variety of restaurants and very soon we will be able to add a few more to our list. In spite of COVID-19, we welcomed **The Stave & Still**, which offers a variety of dishes using seasonal ingredients, at 131 Main St.

For smoothies and teas, we had **Factor Level Nutrition** open at 178 Main St.

If Spanish food is on your list, we have two options for you: **Just Wing it** at 548 S. Main St. has Spanish food along with a variety of other items, including pizza. **Caribbean Grill and Market** at 248 Main St. has Spanish food, sandwiches and a small convenience store.

As we are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel, we have even more choices coming our way. **Monte Bianco**

has moved from their Thompson location to 140 Main St. They opened on May 18 with their amazing Italian dishes. Monte Bianco will be BYOB until their full liquor license comes in.

Also opened in May was **Mike's Crunchies and Munchies**. Whether you are in the mood for a snack or dinner they have you covered at 38 Main St.

Then, a little later in the summer we have an old favorite coming back. **Capellini's Italian Restaurant** at 141 Worcester Rd. will be returning with their wide variety of food items.

Also coming to Main Street this summer, at number 175, is a new brick oven pizza restaurant. For now, we can only enjoy their beautiful mural, but soon we will be able to enjoy their food and drinks.

And let's not forget about the restaurants that have been in town for a long time, bringing you your favorites.

Listed in alphabetical order we have:

**Alley Cat Diner, Apollo Pizza, B. Kind Café, Big Belly Café,**

**Bistro Eighty Ates, Booklovers' Gourmet, Cakettes, Del-ray Docs, East Main Café, Eastern Pearl, Empire Wok, French River Taproom, Friendly's, Golden Greek, Himalaya Wok, Lake Pizza, Mama's Kitchen, Mexicali, Northeast Pizza, Point Breeze, Rainbow Pizza, Samuel Slater's Restaurant, Thai Cuisine, Thai Lemongrass, The Lodge, The Rose Room, Waterfront Mary's, Webster House of Pizza, and Wind Tiki.**

If you need something on the run we also have a variety of fast food restaurants in town to suit your needs.

Whether the restaurant that you go to has been in town for decades or just opening, they have had to adjust a lot to follow the COVID guidelines and keep customers and employees safe. Please remember this if it means you might have to be a little more patient.

*Thanks to the Webster Development Committee for this dining overview.*



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# Mike's Crunchies & Munchies adds flair to Webster's restaurant scene

By Janet Stoica

Their opening weekend was a record-breaker: the lines were long, and the cooks prepped the orders like there was no tomorrow. Mike's Crunchies & Munchies was off the charts with the great crowds of diners awaiting their orders. As fast as the food could be made, it was flying out the door.

It was quite a weekend for owner Mike Chiler and his employees as well as his new customers. "People are happy that we're here," said Mike. "We were certainly overwhelmed and didn't expect to have that many customers. It's obvious to us that there's a taste for this type of food in this area."

Mike and his wife, Patti, are from the Greater Boston area but have lived in Webster for the past 11 years. They began with a food truck, offering the same types of fare they currently serve: butterflied potatoes, whole-belly fried clams, fried shrimp (breaded or coconut style served with pina colada or cocktail sauce), clam fritters, homemade chowder, and garlic knots—and those are just the appetizers.

Chicken wing orders range from 10 pieces to 100 and the sauce varieties include Memphis sweet, hickory brown, Buffalo, teriyaki, garlic, Caribbean jerk to Nashville hot.

Seafood plates encompass fish & chips, baked haddock, and hot or cold lobster rolls. All their seafood is freshly delivered. Subs are on their menu as well, including the Italian made with capicola, mortadella, salami, and pepperoni, blackened chicken, and Philly cheesesteak.

Smashed burgers of all types (you will have to visit them and find out why they are called "smashed") come with Mike's special sauce and customary condiments. Oh, and don't forget the hand-tossed pizza (tossed by Mike himself). "It's a true Neapolitan-style pizza," he said, "made with our own homemade sauces." Topping choices are cool, from the standard cheese and tomato to white clam as well as The Camille, made with chorizo and poached pears, even chicken bruschetta topped with sliced chicken breast, tomatoes, and balsamic glaze.

Our approach is "we cook fresh food and sometimes there will be a wait," said Mike. "All seafood is fried on the spot. Nothing is previously frozen; it is all fresh. We were looking to offer a good selection of food for the whole family with modest pricing. Customers at our former location told us what they wanted, and we try to accommodate their requests."

## Auburn Historical Society yard sale

AUBURN - The Auburn Historical Society and Museum will be hosting its 2nd annual yard sale with the General Ebenezer Learned DAR Chapter, on Saturday, June 12. It will be held at the Auburn Historical Museum parking lot which is located at 41 South Street from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Proceeds will support the museum's operations and programs, and the DAR Good Citizen Scholarship fund. Items include bicycles to rocking horse and more. All sorts of wonderful treasures will be offered. Please, no early birds.

## St. Andrew Bobola resumes drive-thru Polish platter sale

DUDLEY - St. Andrew Bobola Church, 54 West Main St., Dudley will again be holding a monthly Polish Platter drive-thru food sale starting Saturday, June 26, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and also from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Polish Platter meals will be packaged for take-out only. Cost is \$15 per platter which includes kielbasa, kapusta, a golabek (stuffed cabbage), and two homemade pierogi (one cheese, one cabbage). Also offered is frozen food: pierogi, kielbasa, golabki and kapusta.

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There is seating for 64 inside the restaurant with another 30 spots available outside.

Eventually Mike and Patti hope to bring craft beers and


local wines into their beverage line.

Their second floor is being spruced up and when done, will serve as a function room for children's birthday parties.

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## Living ON with Lincoln

# A visit from Lincoln

By Amy Palumbo-LeClaire

A month has passed since the day I lost Lincoln. I've come to realize that there's no "getting over it" so much as there is finding a way to "get on with it." I know it's what Lincoln wants for me. He had the remarkable ability to allow joy to overcome pain and move forward. Life offers so many unexpected thrills. Why be melancholic when you can stick your head out the car window and watch a movie play out at double speed? Dogs naturally pay attention. They study, learn and appreciate simple pleasures. Con-



sequently, they know stuff before we do. Dogs sense the threat of a storm, a burglar, a seizure, or even the sorry scent of a non-dog person. "If my dog doesn't like you, there's going to be a problem" is a saying, perhaps, not far from the truth.

Do dogs sense heaven?

I believe they do. I believe Lincoln has.

He was about six years old, the hair on his face still a dark blonde. He sensed the Tufts University Dog Park before we arrived. The field! The rolling hills! The parking lot! The routine continued per usual: open car door, jump out, nose to ground, and hustle to the gate. Dogs of all shapes and sizes awaited him with stiff curiosity. "Look at this big guy. He has a ball in his mouth!" Lincoln remained aloof. He preferred humans and there wasn't a thing I could do about it. "Lincoln - look at that dog with the spots!" I built up the Dalmatians. "Look at the dog with the pushed in face! He's ugly-cute!" I complimented the Boxers. But Lincoln, non-compliant, chose to sit at the heels of humans and drop ball after ball by their toes, an



unsubtle suggestion to play. "Toss up a quick one and I'll bring it back!"

I let him participate in a few rounds of fetch before we'd take part in a favorite routine, a hike through a woody trail located behind the park. The dog-hike, I must confess, is a superior mood elevator, far better than any pill I'm aware of. "Look at this rock! Oh my gosh, do you smell that chipmunk! What's up ahead? Look - a secret cave. Let's explore. You coming?" Dogs are fantastically grateful for simple, unexpected pleasures.

About a half mile into the hike, a rocky incline led us to the border of the woods,

where the dark of the wilderness meets the light of the sky. As though passing from one world to the next, we climbed over a stone wall and entered. A breathtaking green meadow stretched for miles below a clear blue sky. The landscape appeared as bright and crisp as the shiny page of a hardcover fairy tale book. "Go ahead, Lincoln! Go take a run. I'll be right here." I wanted Lincoln to experience the breadth of the green meadow, and take a break from human rules. I wanted him to enjoy some free time.

The problem was, Lincoln knew something.

"Not yet. Not now."

He lifted his chin to the air, absorbed the scene with his nose, then made an abrupt decision to turn around and come sit by my side. Heaven. "You don't want to go?" I pet his head. He broke into his easy smile. Not yet. Something stirred in my heart while we sat in the quiet of the meadow that day. Small and humble, we both knew. There was something greater awaiting us.

I have faith, but I'm human. Since Lincoln's passing



on April 16th, I've prayed for him to show me a sign that he's okay. My husband had already received one, the rare and relentless chirping of a bird (on the night of his death) by the window in our family room where the two used to sit before bed.

"Show me a sign, too, Lincoln," I prayed.

My sign(s) came to me in dreams, both of which reflected the same distinct quality. The dreams were not hazy, scattered, and confusing. Instead, they were crystal clear and made complete sense.

They were so—

Lincoln!

So real.

During the first, I was behind the closed door of a crowded beach resort. People with no voice roamed everywhere. A large concession stand sat at the front of the crowd. I sensed Lincoln on the other side of the door. I just knew he was there waiting, so opened the door. "I knew you were here! I've missed you so much, Lincoln!" I knelt beside him and gave him a hug. He lifted his head as he usually does and smiled. Then I looped a leash (the same style as the one needed on the day he was euthanized) around his neck and, together, we weaved through the crowd. Lincoln was leading me to the ocean. I knew it. That's when I woke up, struck by a revelation. An ocean visit had been on our bucket list. It was the



one thing I wanted to accomplish with him this summer.

The next dream, which occurred a few days later, had a completely different tone. Lincoln was sleeping with his head on a pillow. His coat was ungroomed and slightly stinky. I knew viscerally that I wasn't supposed to wake him. He needed to sleep. We needed to be apart. But Lincoln knew something more. He sensed me and jostled. Then he nudged my arm with his snout in an affirmative, very deliberate way. He wanted to be close. I kept moving back to let him sleep, but he kept moving closer. Finally, I let him rest his head on my lap. I pet his head softly, just as I had the day he died.

Lincoln may have passed, but we are still together. My dog knows.

*Dear Reader - Thank you for your heartfelt condolences during the past month, and for sharing your stories with me via amyleclaire@hotmail.com. Losing a dog is never easy, but having each other to lean on sure does make a difference. Stay tuned for more on Living with Lincoln!*



Pictured left to right: Joe Altavilla, SNE District Sales Manager; David Fayard, Sales Consultant; Carrille Dionne, Sales Consultant; Stephen Geer, Sales Manager; Scott Barry, Long Subaru Dealer Principal; Angela Stefanik, Accounting; Marie Costa, Accounting; and Abigail Granville, Service Advisor.

## Long Subaru Shares the Love

The Subaru *Share the Love* event ran from Nov. 19, 2020 - Jan. 4, 2021 and combined with donations from Long Subaru Service and Sales departments generated a \$20,000 donation this year to Long's hometown charity, Boys & Girls Club of Webster Dudley.

This is the fourth year that the BGCWD has participated in this event with Long Subaru and checks presented total \$81,160.

Long Subaru also supports the BGCWD through their Back-a-Kid program, the annual Fill the Forester event, and more.

## Paws corner

### Are coyotes really a threat in suburbs?

By Sam Mazzotta

Are coyotes really a threat in suburbs?

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** I bought a house in the suburbs last month. My next-door neighbor warned me that there is a coyote in the area and not to let my cat outside. I've read that coyotes are very shy and won't bother dogs, and they aren't fast enough to catch a cat. Should I just ignore the warning? - Pet Dad

**DEAR PET DAD:** Coyotes have made a comeback in the U.S. and are present in many suburbs and even in the city. While coyotes are less likely to attack larger dogs, they've been known to go after smaller dogs. And cats are not necessarily fast enough to escape, either. So, if the neighbors are reporting a coyote in the area, take heed. Don't let your cat or dog out in the backyard unsupervised.

Even if you have a fence around the yard, unless it's over 6 feet tall (and not all municipalities allow that height) it may not discourage a coyote from hopping it and nosing around.

Coyotes are mostly looking for food. They're opportunists. If there is cat or dog food left outside, for example, they'll eat it - and probably come back

later, looking for more. This is one way that conflicts with coyotes (and other local wildlife) can start. If they have a reason to come onto your property to begin with, and then start to see your pets as another food source - you've got a problem. Send your tips, comments and questions to ask@pawscorner.com. (c) 2021 King Features Synd., Inc.

### Dog Orphans June calendar raffle

The folks at Dog Orphans in Douglas understand these are unprecedented times, but there are always animals in critical need. Providing the necessary care for these dogs requires funding to house, feed, and provide them with safe, loving care. In addition, the cost of spay/neuter, vaccinations, microchips, and veterinary care are expenses they continue to incur despite the current pandemic. To that end, they rely on the generosity and kindness of people like you to help them keep the doors open providing this much-needed service.

While they usually have a variety of fundraisers such as the Easter Egg Hunt and Dog Walk, they have had to cancel them due to the current social-distancing requirements dictated by Governor Baker. Please consider purchasing a summer calendar



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## Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy students inducted into the National Technical Honor Society

CHARLTON - Five Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy students were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) on Sunday, May 9 during an in-person ceremony held amidst the apple blossoms at Douglas Orchard and Farms. The outside event marked the 6th annual induction ceremony for the Academy.

Every year, practical nursing students eagerly look forward to this prestigious event, according to Academy Director, Dr. Gretheline Bolandrina, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN. "Making it through nursing school is an

achievement, being inducted into the NTHS is another feather in their cap. The PN students juggle school, work, and family life, it is quite a feat to be inducted to the HTHS," said Bolandrina, who has been organizing the induction ceremony for the last 6 years.

The practical nursing students are eligible for induction based on their grade point average, faculty recommendation, character, and leadership involvement in extracurricular activities, and clubs. These characteristics reflect the seven member attributes of the National Technical Honor Society which are skill,

honesty, service, responsibility, scholarship, citizenship, and leadership.

"It's amazing how kind, wonderful and resilient our practical nursing students are," added Bolandrina. "They navigated the rigorous program through these challenging times and even managed to participate in many volunteer activities to help the community."

PN Class of 2021 NTHS Inductees were Monique Bull, Loise Kamero, Grace Mwangi (all of Worcester), Risper Wanjiru of Webster, and Tianna Welcome of Oxford.



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## QCC Spring 2021 Semester Dean and Merit Lists

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College has released its Spring 2021 Semester Dean and Merit Lists. A total of 483 students were named to the College's Dean's List and 977 students were named to the Merit List.

### QCC's Dean's List Spring 2021

Auburn: Casey Clouthier, Andrew Coccio, Gracie Curtis, Ezekial Diaz, Kelly Do, Jason Henry, Luke LaBonte, Quinn Masiello, Katelyn Pike, Ricardo Rodrigues, Meloney Thapa, Makenzie Ward  
Charlton: Rasa Auskalnyte, Matthew Beals, Elaine Bond, Lauryn Dawson, Johnson Ebe, Maureen Jones, Vitor Kuhn Scariot, Alexandria Macaruso, Kassidy Robertson, Maxwell Taylor

Dudley: Mia Bohanan, Nikolina Chludzinska, Tiondra DeBoise, Emma Dix, Tracy Donais, Parker Filo-Loos, Joseph Guaragno, Veronica Hellock, Montana Josey, T'Leah McQuade, Baker Meece, Aidan Murray, Anthony Rivera, Jade Shultz, Auguste Valley  
Oxford: Micaela Christenson, Wilfrid Fotso Tasse, Blake Lentine, Nicholas McElroy, Denise Otano

Webster: Tom Bednarz, Abigail Biernacki, Audrey Ducharme, Amber Hallaman, Nikita Igoshin, Anna Israelian, Klarissa Johnson, Antonia Lopez, Makenzie MacGregor, Anne Marie Markiewicz, Nickolas Maxwell, Joe Ramos

### QCC's Merit List Spring 2021

Auburn: Zahraa Alshammari, Gabriella Amoros, Adriana Bennett, Dawn Bombard, Eliz-

abeth Burch-Elder, Conor Carlson, Madison Cove, Lyndsey Delorto, Adam Eastty, Katherine Farfan, Michael Flannery, Rebecca Forrett, Dawson Gemme, Sara Gutierrez, Isabella Haigh, Lucas Lima, Brian Lynch, Indra Nagassar, Alexis Rodney Chretien, Brian Smith, Jonathon Wambach, Liana Williams

Charlton: Yanellie Andino, Samantha Balko, Leslie Chaves, Morgan Doucimo, Riley French, Victoria Gaspar, Cheyenne Kelly, Lucas Lanier, Karina Lareau, Paige Leite, Sophia Lynch, Gareth McCullough, Ryan O'Bara, Jeffrey Pearlstein, Brianna Ramsden, Halle Sanchez, Gabriel Varner  
Charlton City: Robin Georgio  
Charlton Depot: Kayla Simons  
Dudley: Trinity Battista, Shawn Coltran, Melissa Edmonds, Samantha Gevry, Alexandra Jones, Madeleine LaBrec, Heather Lamprey, Hannah Lombardo, Melissa Mantia, Derrek Matthews, Julie Milner, Abigail Northrop, Paige Oliver, Katelyn Prince,

Cassandra Smeltzer, Kayleen Viner

North Oxford: Antony Bradford, Salvatore DeMalia, Julianna Marcoux

Oxford: Gabriella Blackwell, Kianna Brenneman, Kayla Brodeur, Tommy Estevez, Ariana Gelardi, Katie George, Elijah Gray, Kelsie Guarente, April Kennedy, Luke Knowles, Jacob Laplante, Amanda Listewnik, Mi Meh, Maxwell Principe, Jessica Rucho, Ethan Smith, Felecia Violette, Frederick Yeboah

Webster: Lamidi Akibu, Katelyn Allain, Ava Boucher, Natalya Cazarreal, Casmere Cournoyer, Amilayree Davila, Lynn Fellman, Jessica Floran, Jennifer Gardner, Madeleine Grillo, Trevor Jutras, Hakim Kasozi, Letecia Lopez, Lisa McCool, Mackenzie Mountain, SherryAnn Potenti-Crumbliss, Mariah Rivera, Alicia Rogalski, Peter Tadros, Brian Tvelia, Apryl Vancellette, Maria Verdejo, Orion Walker, Nekelle Waskiewicz, Rachael Watterson

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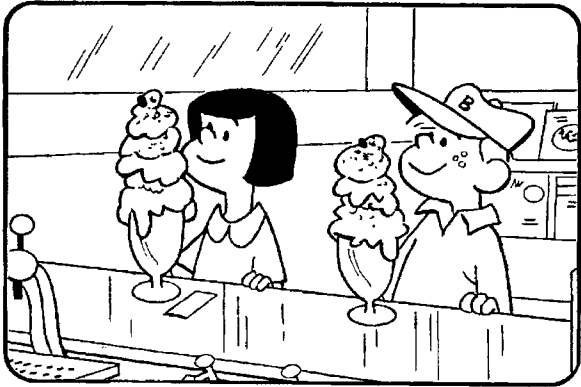
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## TLGV offers youth engagement grant opportunity

The Last Green Valley, Inc. (TLGV) has reimaged its annual grant program to focus on the needs of youth. The 2021 Youth Engagement Grant is designed to benefit youth (under 21) in projects to conserve, celebrate or enhance The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor's significant natural and historic resources or promote economic development.

Projects enhancing access for diverse audiences to the abundant natural and historic resources of the National Heritage Corridor are also encouraged. Projects developed or led by youth will receive priority consideration. The grant is open to nonprofits, municipalities and schools.

"We know many of our local nonprofits and organizations could use a boost from the energy, vitality and new ideas youth can bring," said Lois Bruinooge, executive director of TLGV. "At the same time, young people need a supportive community around them more than ever. This grant program is one way we can support both young people and our community organizations to come together for the betterment of the entire National Heritage Corridor and everyone who lives, works and plays in it."

TLGV has committed up to \$30,000 to the program. Grants will range from \$3,000 - \$5,000. Funds will be dispersed on a reimbursement

basis and must be matched 1:1 by cash or in-kind contributions. Projects that demonstrate the ability to generate more than 1:1 match will be given greater consideration.

All grant applications will be reviewed by a committee and allocations are approved by the TLGV Board of Directors. Applications

must be postmarked or hand-delivered by 4 p.m. July 29. Applications may also be emailed to [LyAnn@tlgv.org](mailto:LyAnn@tlgv.org) before 11:59 p.m., July 29. For the details of the program and application requirements please visit [TheLastGreenValley.org/learn-protect/grant-opportunities/](http://TheLastGreenValley.org/learn-protect/grant-opportunities/)

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## DA Early gives funding to local high schools for safe post-prom and graduation celebrations

Worcester County District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr. presented 16 different schools across Worcester County with grants to support fun and safe post-prom and post-graduation activities for students.

This year, Mr. Early's office awarded nearly \$20,000 in grants, including the high schools in Douglas, Grafton, Northbridge, Oxford, Uxbridge and Blackstone-Millville, to support programming that helps keep students from drinking and driving after celebratory events like prom and graduation.

"Students have been dealing with a lot in the last year with the COVID-19 pandemic causing them to miss out on time in school, playing sports and enjoying social activities with friends and family," Mr. Early said. "I am particularly proud this year to be able to help provide these kids with the fun celebrations they deserve to end the school year safely."

Mr. Early and his Community Outreach Team also of-



Worcester County District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr. presents check to Oxford High School.

fer presentations for teens to promote safety, including the dangers of mixing drugs and alcohol, social host liability awareness for parents, and distracted driving.

"The hardest part of our job is talking to people in pain. Life can change in the blink of an eye. These programs that our community partners have created help to keep kids safe from unnecessary tragedies caused by combining these

celebrations with drinking and driving," Mr. Early said.

The funding for these grants Mr. Early is providing to high schools across the county is made possible through the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance Drunk Driving Trust Fund, which is a state grant that provides support services and advocacy to victims, witnesses, and their family members of drunk and drugged driving crashes.



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# Programs and events @ the Pearle

DUDLEY - Join The Pearle L. Crawford Library for one of its virtual programs at the Pearle, 40 Schofield Ave., Dudley. To register go to [www.crawfordlibrary.org](http://www.crawfordlibrary.org) or call 508-949-8021

*Storytime on Facebook Live*, Wednesdays at noon. Join Miss Lida for a live storytime on Facebook every Wednesday at noon, and then stop by the library for a free take-and-make craft kit. No Facebook account is needed for this free program. Just point your browser to <https://www.facebook.com/crawfordlibrary> to access the video. Can't tune in at noon? Recordings of each week's storytime are available on the Facebook page beginning Wednesday afternoon.

*Music and Movement*, first Friday of every month at 11 a.m. Join Deb Hudgins on Facebook for Music and Movement, one of our most popular programs. Nothing gets kids on their feet and having fun quite like songs, dance and silly stories, and Miss Deb has been. No Facebook account is needed for this free program. Just point your browser to <https://www.facebook.com/crawfordlibrary> to access the video.

*Summer reading kickoff event: Tails and Tales with Jungle Jim* Monday, June 21 3 p.m. Join us on Zoom for our Summer Reading kickoff event with returning favorite magician Jungle Jim! Free, but registration is required. Registered participants will receive a link for the Zoom program 24 hours before the event. Sponsored by Hugh W. and Harriet K. Crawford Endowment.

*Lunch time story times*: Wednesdays at noon throughout the summer. Story time will be held outside in the lot near the children's wing. There will be a take home craft each week that goes with what we read.

These are geared for ages 0-5. Sessions are limited to 15 families. Be advised we will be in a wooded lot so bug spray and sunscreen is recommended.

6/23 Fish; 6/30 Unicorns; 7/7 Mermaids; 7/14 Dragons; 7/21 Animal Safari; 7/28 Bubble Party. Free; registration required.

*Make a bug hotel* - Friday, June 25 - multiple sessions. A backyard habitat series for birds and pollinators. This program teaches participants the basics of backyard habitats. We will be making a bug hotel to hang in your yard. This is for ages 6+. Limited to five participants per session. Sponsored by the Hugh and Harriet Crawford Endowment. Free, registration required.

*Make a magic wand* - Tuesday, June 29 - multiple sessions. Come join us to make a magic wand. This is geared for ages 8-12. Limited to five participants per session. Sponsored by the Hugh and Harriet Crawford Endowment. Free, registration required.

*Rock painting* - Thursday, July 1 - multiple sessions. Join us to paint your own rock. We will have some sample ideas you can copy or make your own idea. Ages 8-14. Limited to five participants per session. Sponsored by the Hugh and Harriet Crawford Endowment. Free, registration required.

*Playful engineers* - Tuesday, July 6, 11 a.m. Jay Mankita leads a Rube Goldberg-inspired romp into the world of building complicated chain reactions to accomplish simple tasks, from our own ordinary stuff. Free, but registration is required. Registered participants will receive a link for the Zoom program 24 hours before the event. Sponsored by the Dudley Cultural Council.

*Mermaid keychains* - Friday, July 9 - multiple sessions. Join us to make your own mermaid keychain using yarn and beads. Ages 8-14. Limited to five participants per session. Sponsored by the Hugh and Harriet Crawford Endowment. Free; registration required.

*Dissect an owl pellet* - Monday, July 12 - multiple sessions. Join us to dissect an owl pellet and see what bones we find and identify them. Ages 5-12. Limited to five participants per session. Sponsored by the Hugh and Harriet Crawford Endowment. Free, registration required.

*Paint a birdhouse* - Friday, July 16 - multiple sessions. Join us to paint and decorate a pre-built birdhouse to attract birds to your yard. Ages 5-12. Limited to five participants per session. Sponsored by the Hugh and Harriet Crawford Endowment. Free; registration required.

*Burpee and Records petting zoo* - Monday, July 19 - multiple sessions. Register for a 25-minute session to meet and pet a variety of real animals. You will have the ability to purchase small amounts of feed for the animals. The money from the feed machines will go to help the Friends of the Library. Come meet animals like a llama, alpaca, tortoise, squirrel monkey, goats, and others. Sponsored by the Hugh and Harriet Crawford Endowment. Free; registration required.

*Animal magnets/pendants* - Thursday, July 22 (first half) and Monday, July 26 (second half) - multiple sessions. We will be creating animal magnets or pendants. This is a two part activity. Part one is creating the animal and part two is painting it. (If you cannot come to the second session you can take your creation home to dry.) This is for ages 8-12. Sponsored by the Hugh and Harriet Crawford Endowment. Free; registration required.

*Stuffed animal sleepover* - Thursday, July 29, 2-4 p.m. We are letting your stuffed animals take over the library. Drop in and create a bed for your stuffed animal to sleep in, and then leave them to sleep overnight. We will then make sure they have a fun night at the Library. (We will post their adventures on Facebook and Instagram.) Please register your animal. You can drop them off anytime between 2-4 p.m. Sponsored by the Hugh and Harriet Crawford Endowment. Free; registration required.

*Summer reading ends* - Friday, July 30, 1-3 p.m. Drop in and get an ice cream sandwich or popcorn for participating in summer reading. Ms. Lida will be outside for your last minute reading tracking to put your tickets in the raffle baskets. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



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## Bay Path Practical nursing students hosted a fundraiser plant sale



Meghan Reidy of Auburn with some of the plants.

CHARLTON— The Bay Path Practical Nursing (PN) Academy, PN Class of 2021 hosted a plant sale the week before Mother's Day.

The members of the PN Class of 2021 offered a wide variety of plants with appropriate COVID-19 precautions in place. The fundraiser benefited an alumna diagnosed with cancer. The plants sold from an anonymous donor's garden which had been grown specifically for the sale including Chinese Money Plant (Pilea), ZZ plant, Tiger Aloe, Snake Plant, Jade Plant, Peperomia, Oxalis, Pothos, Bromeliad, Ivy, Anthurium, and Cereus plants. The funds raised totaled \$505.

The fundraiser plant sale was made possible by the support of Khamphan Houatchanthara of Southbridge, Meghan Reidy of Auburn, Loise Kamero of Worcester, Tianna Welcome of Oxford, and the generosity of the management and employees of Simon Says Pizza Chef of Southbridge.

## Nichols College Women's Leadership Index highlights steady progress but uncertain future in Massachusetts

DUDLEY – The Institute for Women's Leadership at Nichols College (IWL) has released the fourth edition of its Massachusetts Women's Leadership Index (MWLI), a biennial report that assesses and monitors the status of women in power, giving the commonwealth a score of 45 out of 100.

The index looks at women's representation in leadership positions across multiple sectors – political, corporate, and nonprofit – and compares that to both gender parity and national averages to calculate the composite score. Since the index was first released, the Massachusetts score has been ticking up, from 36 (2015) to 39 (2017) to 40 (2019).

Jean Beaupre, EdD, associate professor of communication and marketing at Nichols College and lead researcher on the MWLI, points to a rise in female CEOs and public and elected officials as a contributing factor, but cautions that the 2021 edition does not yet reflect the impact of the pandemic on women in the workforce and leadership. "This past year has seen

layoffs, stalled careers, and stress for all workers, but more so for women," said Beaupre, who noted that, at the time of the MWLI publication, women's representation in the workforce was at its lowest since 1988.

According to the report, in the U.S., women lost more jobs than men in 2020. Those still working face burnout; remote professionals attest to working more hours than ever. And, given the additional time spent on household duties and home schooling, more than one in five working mothers with children under 10 were considering opting out of the workforce altogether.

At the same time, countries with female leaders have shown better COVID outcomes, and female bosses tend to have more engaged staffs, a critical component for employee and organization success.

This year's MWLI findings show that women comprise 51.5 percent of the Massachusetts population, yet:

- 31 percent serve in the state legislature;
- 8 percent are corporate CEOs, and 24 percent hold

board seats;

- 26 percent are nonprofit CEOs (including education)
- In addition, the gender wage gap in Massachusetts is 81 percent.

"Given the many positive impacts that female leaders have on their organizations and staff, it is in the best interest of all that we maintain and strengthen our focus on developing and supporting women," Beaupre added.

The Institute for Women's Leadership was originated by Nichols President Susan West Engelkemeyer, PhD, in 2013 to develop the leadership potential of female students and serve as a resource and au-

thoritative voice on women's leadership for the community at large.

"Women striving for leadership roles have and continue to face both challenges and opportunity in the workplace," said Engelkemeyer. "The Massachusetts Women's Leadership Index is a valuable point of reflection and this year, we saw a rise in representation, with an increased aggregate score of 45/100. But as we look to the future, much work remains."

In addition to Beaupre, the MWLI was prepared by research interns and Nichols College students, Victoria Pal-kon and Madison Perrotti.

### DONNA'S DAY: CREATIVE FAMILY FUN

## Family fresh key lime pie



By Donna Erickson

It's been a long winter, and now it's time to celebrate a new season! Nothing says spring like the zingy taste of citrus, and that's when my favorite Key lime pie recipe takes center stage at our dessert table.

It has all the "key" ingredients for togetherness, too, making it a winner all the way around. There's something for everyone to do. Yes, there is mixing and stirring, but also letting out the wiggles when pounding graham crackers and squeezing lots of limes. And for the steady hand, there's separating egg yolks from whites. When it's time for the grand finale, someone else gets to whip the luscious cream and spoon the tempting dollops on each piece. Make that my job.

Sound like fun? You bet! Here's how to get started.

Here's what you'll need:

**11 cinnamon honey or regular graham crackers crumbled to a pie-crust consistency**

**1/2 cup melted unsalted butter**

**1 cup fresh-squeezed lime juice (use Key limes, if available) from about 1 pound of limes**

**2 14-ounce cans sweetened condensed milk**

**4 large egg yolks**

**Topping for the pie:**

**Whipped cream**

**1 teaspoon grated lime zest**

**Fresh mango slices (optional)**

Here's the fun:

After you have set the oven to 325 F, here's how to get the kids involved:

Step 1: Let one child count 11 graham crackers from the box and break them into pieces in a sturdy plastic bag. Show him how to pound the crackers with a lightweight hammer until they are a pie-crust consistency. Dump into a mixing bowl and mix with the melted butter, then press evenly against the bottom and side of a pie pan.

An adult should bake the crust in the oven for 5 minutes. Remove and set aside.

Increase oven temperature to 350 F.

Step 2: While one child crushes the graham crackers, let another child squeeze the fresh limes to yield about 1 cup of lime juice. An adult should reduce the lime juice in a saucepan to 1/4 cup at a slow simmer over medium heat. Cool to room temperature.

Step 3: Whisk egg yolks together in a bowl. Stir in the sweetened condensed milk and cooled juice. Pour filling into the pie shell and bake 7-10 minutes or until the middle is firm but able to jiggle. Cool, and refrigerate for at least 2 hours before serving.

Top with dollops of whipping cream sprinkled with lemon zest and fresh mango slices. Delicious!

Find more recipes and family fun at [www.donnaerickson.com](http://www.donnaerickson.com). Write to Donna at [Info@donnaerickson.com](mailto:Info@donnaerickson.com) (c) 2021 Donna Erickson Distributed by King Features Syndicate

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## Chief's corner

## Activities in town streets can be dangerous

By Chief Steven J. Wojnar  
Dudley Police Department

The topic of using local streets for recreation was brought up to me recently. Now that most of the COVID restrictions have been lifted, people will be out and about doing a variety of activities. It is important to remember, vehicle travel is the primary purpose for most roads. Where possible, sidewalks are laid out for pedestrians. Obviously, there must be rules in place to provide safety for all travelers. I was asked to provide information on our local laws and to remind people of the dangers associated with improper conduct on streets.

As I mentioned, streets are designed for use by motor vehicles. Pedestrians, bicycles, skateboards, and

other means of travel are generally restricted to the roadsides, sidewalks, and/or other authorized areas. Using the streets as a playground can be very dangerous and accidents can result. Dudley By-law Article 8 Section 5 prohibits various forms of game playing on Town streets. It states in part, "No person or persons shall in any of the public ways of the town throw stones, snowballs, sticks or other missiles, or kick a football or play at any game in which a ball is used, or engage in any other game or exercise, interfering with free, safe and convenient use of said street or highway by any persons traveling or passing along the same." Based on this, any game or

act which disrupts traffic flow is not allowed.

The use of streets as a "playground" should be prohibited, especially by the parent or guardians of the children involved. Many dead end or lesser traveled streets, often cause people to take a more "relaxed" approach to these rules. Some may let their guard down and assume nothing will happen. This certainly is not the case. Vehicles can appear from anywhere. People in the streets may not be seen and items, such as skateboards, balls, bicycles, scooters, etc. in the road can be a hazard for drivers. Accidents or injuries can occur at any time when there is this unsafe mix of people and cars. Please make every

effort to prevent these from occurring by engaging in activities in a safe manner.

The regular Memorial Day Ceremonies and the Parade were cancelled this year. Thanks go out to the local veterans' organizations for taking the time to hold some brief but fitting remembrances in both towns. This provided some appropriate recognition for the sacrifices made by the men and women of our armed forces.

For those still seeking vaccination information, it can be found at [www.dudleyma.gov](http://www.dudleyma.gov) or by calling 508-949-8036. Please continue moving forward with the "re-opening" of our state in a reasonable manner. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. This has

been a challenging year plus for everyone. 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](mailto: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.

## St. Andrew Bobola's new family Mass

Saint Andrew Bobola Catholic Church, 54 West Main Street, Dudley, will now celebrate Holy Mass on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for children and families. The Mass will be short, not much longer than 30 minutes. The church seeks to provide a safe, welcoming environment where children and families can pray, worship God, learn, practice and witness their faith. Church pews are sanitized after each Mass. We practice safe social distancing with every other row blocked-off. Visitors to the church wear required facial coverings. For more info, please call the rectory at 508-943-5633. Please join us for this weekly family Mass as we thank God for all His blessings and give Him praise, honor and glory.

—Nancy Vajcovec

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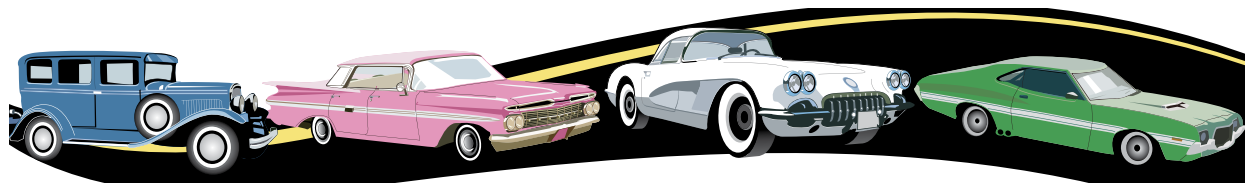
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## 7th annual Cars In The Park – classic cars, food trucks and family fun

WHITINSVILLE – The Whitin Community Center is excited to announce the return of its popular **Cars In The Park** event. Goodbye 2020, and hello 2021. The 7th annual Cars In The Park (CITP) will be held on Saturday, August 21, (rain date August 22) from 10am-4pm, in the beautiful 7.5 acre Whitin Park, 60 Main Street in Whitinsville. Cars In The Park is a car, truck and motorcycle show with Best In Show, 25 trophies, door prizes, show dash plaques and goodie bags (for the first 50 pre-registered vehicles), food trucks, event vendors, kids activities, 50/50 and raffles, entertainment and more. Admission is free for spectators.

Vehicles can register with a discount for a \$10 donation before July 21 and a \$15 donation as of July 21. Vehicles can register online through either secure RaceReach site at <https://app.racereach.com/event/cars-in-the-park/register> or by visiting [www.WhitinCommunityCenter.com](http://www.WhitinCommunityCenter.com) and clicking on the register button, in person at the member services desk or on the day of the event. The WCC is also now accepting registrations for exhibit and food vendors. Please visit website and click on the register button to sign up as a vendor. For more information, please visit [www.WhitinCommunityCenter.com](http://www.WhitinCommunityCenter.com) or contact Sarah Lawson, Director of Marketing and Events, at [Sarah.Lawson@OurGym.org](mailto:Sarah.Lawson@OurGym.org) or 508.234.8184.

This is a family event with activities including: free StoryWalk, free kids scavenger hunt, free WCC balloons, freeYearOne coloring books, free playground, free Summit Racing Kids Choice awards, free corn hole and and more.

Money raised from this year's event will support the Whitin Community Center, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, that is committed to the health and well-being of individuals and families and to building a strong community in the Blackstone Valley. The Whitin Community Center has been serving the Blackstone Valley for 98 years offering social, recreational, educational, and outreach programs that bring community members of all ages and backgrounds together.

If you are interested in volunteering at this fun event, volunteers receive free refreshments and t-shirt. Volunteer tasks include volunteer coordinator, ballot input (must be experienced in Excel), park clean up, setup, take down, collecting vehicle fees, collecting donations, handing out programs/flyers, kid's activities, 50/50 and raffle, and park maintenance. To sign up, please go to <https://app.racereach.com/event/cars-in-the-park/volunteer>.

The Whitin Community Center is committed to enhancing the health and well-being of individuals and families and building a strong community in the Blackstone Valley. We offer social, recreational, educational, and outreach programs that bring community members of all ages and backgrounds together. The Whitin Community Center is the Blackstone Valley's most complete family and recreation center with two swimming pools, a gym, fitness center, early learning programs, summer camps and a seven and a half acre park. For more information call 508.234.8184 or visit [www.WhitinCommunityCenter.com](http://www.WhitinCommunityCenter.com).

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## Cruising scene 2021

## Gas up... way up

By Jim Weicherding

That's right, all you classic car and truck owners. Gas prices are going up. Just in time for the summer cruisin' scene across the region. We all endured more than a year of living in seclusion due to the pandemic and when we start to see some daylight at the end of that very long tunnel, they start raising gas prices. Not just a little. They are raising the gas prices a lot.

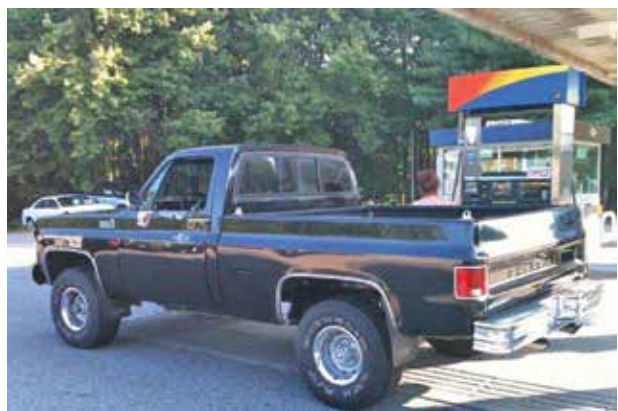
Many of you didn't have a great 2020 and I'm sure many of you felt your belts tighten because you lost income during the last year. Higher gas prices aren't sitting very well with anyone. Especially, with those of us who love to participate in classic car and truck shows and cruise nights.

What happens now is re-

ally simple but sad to write about: "Where do I cruise and how often can I afford to get to these automotive events?" You have to pick and choose among classic car and truck shows and cruise nights because those decisions can now be based on gas prices.

Businesses that host these venues need the customers to show up in order to survive. Charities that benefit from these types of events are raising less funds because people can't afford gas prices.

If they do attend, they have to donate less because it costs them a small fortune at the pumps to fill up their rides with gas. Have a great and safe summer; hope to see you at a classic car and truck show or cruise night soon.



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**Q.** I was told that I need to reseal my 2013 Volvo C-30's windshield. You can actually lift it slightly in the upper corners of the glass. I have since learned that there was a sealant problem with Volvos back then. There is no leaking or evidence of dampness, mold, mildew or rust; and I don't want to take the chance that the windshield could break when being resealed, which I was told could happen by the dealer at a cost of \$1000.00 to replace the windshield. Do I take the path: if it ain't broke, don't fix it? If it is a matter of safety, I do want to take care of this but at the most cost-effective way possible.

**A.** It is always possible for a windshield to break, but usually it only happens when there already is a crack. The idea that you can move the seal concerns me because the windshield is actually part of the overall safety structure of the vehicle. The windshield adds to the rigidity of the body both in normal driving and during a crash. If it were my car, I would get it resealed.

**Q.** I have been buying many brand-new cars since the 1960s and have always cared for them totally and saved all the information about the car including the window sticker and passed it on to the new owner when I sold the car. Recently I bought a slightly used one-owner 2017 Buick Regal in excellent shape with very low miles from a dealer. I would like very much to get a copy of the original window sticker that came with the car when it was new. I want to know the dealer that the car was purchased from as well as all the options. I've tried asking my local dealers but with no luck. Can you help with some info?

**A.** Carfax report should have the history of the car from day one. This should give you information on the selling dealer and where the car was serviced and any possible body damage. I also found companies online that duplicate window stickers. I have never used them but here is one I found online [www.monroneylab.com/](http://www.monroneylab.com/)

**Q.** I have a question. Is it possible for a tire to come off if it had been properly tightened to begin with? A little background: I had my 2007 Jeep Liberty serviced on May 20, 2020, during which time it had a tire rotation, oil change and a state inspection. On June 11, 2020, my back tire came off and hit four other cars (luckily no one was hurt). The business that did the tire rotation is stating that the tire was properly tightened. So, is it possible for a tire to come off 500 or 1,000 miles after a tire rotation? The lugs and nuts were all intact (only three nuts were recovered at the scene of the accident). Thank you. I'm in dire need of some professional advice.

**A.** Generally, there are two reasons a wheel can fall off. The lugnuts were not tight or they were overtightened/./ causing the lugs/studs to fracture. One reason that the lugs could have seemed tight is if the hub the wheel mounts on was rusted and the wheel was never fully seated on the hub. If the wheel was in good condition, the hub was clean and the lugs torqued correctly, there is no reason to think the wheel could have just come off. So, this leaves two possibilities; the wheel wasn't installed properly, or the other less probable

cause is someone loosened and tried to steal your tire. If you use a variation of Occams's Razor - then the obvious answer is usually the correct answer. Using that logic 21 days later, the tire came off because it wasn't tightened properly.

**Q.** After an engine replacement on my 2012 Toyota Camry, which was necessary after the head gasket failed, there is a noise. The noise is sort of a whirring sound after I start the engine and happens as the car is shifting up to high gear. Any ideas what this could be?

**A.** There are a couple possibilities. One of the accessory drive belts could be out of alignment causing the noise. The second is the engine uses a balance shaft to counteract engine vibration. The chains and gears can produce some noise. At this point I would return to the repair facility that performed the repair and ask them to evaluate the noise. Depending on how long ago the repair was performed, the repair may be covered under warranty.

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Tales from beyond

The Colonial Inn in Concord

By Thomas D'Agostino

Welcome to the Colonial Inn in Concord. This story details the history and haunts of one of New England's most haunted inns.

The Colonial Inn in Concord, Massachusetts sits in the heart of American history. Concord is where the "shot heard 'round the world" was fired on April 19, 1775, signaling the official start of the American Revolution.



The Liberty Room, now a dining room, was once and still is an active field hospital.

The Colonial Inn also hosts several ghosts who still remain from the time when the first shots of the war rang out, and perhaps before.

The original portion of the inn was built by Captain James Minot in 1716. He left the building to his son, James Jr., a lieutenant in the French and Indian Wars, Justice of the Peace and a member of the Royal Governor's Council.

A descendant, Dr. Timothy Minot owned the home at the time of the famous aforementioned skirmish.

In 1789, the building was owned by Deacon John White, where the central portion was used as a variety store and the rest as private residences. In 1799, John Thoreau purchased a portion of the inn that now houses the office and sitting room for use as a private residence. It was in these rooms young Henry David Thoreau stayed from 1835 to 1837 while attending Harvard.

In 1839, Daniel Shattuck purchased the building. He had already been running the general store for 18 years previous. At that point he turned the store into a dwelling. By 1885 the structure was a boarding house and finally, in 1889, it became a hotel known as the Thoreau House, named in honor of Henry's aunts who were once dedicated assistants in the daily chores of the place.

In 1900, Mr. and Mrs. Abrams named it Concord's Colonial Inn, the name that



has graced its signs ever since. There is much history to the three buildings that occasionally come to life with the spirits of the past.

During the Battle of Lexington, Dr. Timothy Minot used present day Room 24 as an operating room. The Liberty Room was a field hospital and Room 27 was the morgue. Room 27 still reverberates with the horror and sorrow of that infamous day in 1775. Guests have witnessed the ghosts of colonial soldiers in the room or have heard desperate disembodied voices. Sobbing is also heard along with faint whispers as if someone is consoling a person in mourning.

The Liberty Room is now a dining room but to those of yesteryear, it is still an active field hospital. Guests have witnessed people dressed in colonial attire sitting in the room. Upon commenting to the staff their approval of the people dressed in period garments, they are met with the grim truth that there are no such persons employed at the inn.

Items are known to fall off shelves or vanish for weeks, only to turn up in a most conspicuous place. Guests and staff hear voices directly behind them. When they turn to see who is speaking to them, there is no one there. One patron entered the room and saw a man in colonial dress sitting at the table. He turned quickly to alert his friends of the "actor" but when he turned back, the man was gone.

A newlywed couple stayed in Room 24. During the night, the woman awoke to the sight of a greyish glowing figure standing near the foot of the

bed. The figure stood there for a few moments, then turned and vanished into the fireplace. Some believe it is Dr. Minot checking on his patients. Others have seen the ghost of a nurse or have felt someone touch them while in the room. One person felt someone touch his shoulder. He then heard a voice say, "Don't worry, your shoulder will be alright."

It just so happens that he had recently sustained a shoulder injury and was recovering from it. Another guest of Room 24 complained that the light in the closet went on and shadows could be seen pacing to and fro from under the door.

The Sitting Room is another spot where ghosts like to visit. The ghost of an elderly woman and a tall slim gentleman with a top hat are often seen reclining in the chairs. No one is sure who the woman is but many seem to think the man is none other than Henry David Thoreau paying an otherworldly visit to his former home.

The ghosts of the Colonial Inn are not confined strictly to rooms. One cannot pass through the halls without feeling someone, or something is walking with or behind them. The ghost of a young woman in a bonnet is seen near the front desk and gift shop. The ghost of a nurse, called Rosemary by the staff, is also witnessed meandering through the halls. The shuffling of feet is sometimes heard yet there is no visible being causing the phenomena. Several guests strolling through the hallways have been brushed by an invisible being as if they were passing in the opposite direction. Other guests have seen the shadows of feet under their door. When they open it, no one is there.

linger. Lights are known to flicker, or turn on suddenly, along with the television. Voices are heard in the room and sometimes from the closet. Guests have seen the shadow of feet moving about in the closet. When opened, it is obviously vacant. Doors in the room open and shut on their own as if someone is moving through the area. A woman tucks in visitors and the hall nurse ghost, Rosemary, also appears in the room.

In 1966, Mr. M.P. and Judith Fellenz occupied the room for a night Mrs. Fellenz would never forget. She later wrote a letter to the inn stating that she was disturbed from her slumber by something at the foot of the bed. It was a grayish figure standing there looking at her. The figure then slowly moved toward the fireplace and melted away. When she brought the incident up to her husband, he merely commented that the ghost was included with the price of the room.

A paranormal investigative group recently held a vigil in Room 24. When they reviewed the video, the misty form of a person kneeling by the bed could be seen. Was it someone praying for a wounded loved one? Perhaps. The ghosts of the Colonial are harmless, yet very much part of the history of the inn that perennially houses famous moments and people. In fact, the Concord's Colonial Inn is rated by one magazine the sixth most haunted inn in New England while another rates it number three, just behind its sister hotel, The Hawthorne in Salem, Massachusetts. Historic Hotels of America puts it in their top 25 for its ghosts. Stay a night and enjoy an amazing piece of history, both living and otherwise.

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War was a long time ago now for Casey Polaski, 72, of Auburn, but the Vietnam veteran, who fought in the conflict with the 101st Airborne ("The Screaming Eagles"), remains active with his brothers on many fronts all these years later, including as a director of the Massachusetts Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Here Mr. Polaski is shown arriving at rain-soaked Elm Park on a soggy Sunday for the city of Worcester's annual Memorial Day Water Ceremony in honor of members of the military whose lives were lost at sea. "Many times here for this event, first time for my dog," he said. In a sense, as the emblems on his jacket attest, he remains on active duty, defending freedom, as he did in helping Journalist Ryan Kern with Mr. Kern's "Finding Faces" project, in which photos of the 58,276 vets who died in Nam were collected.

Photographed by Rod Lee at Elm Park, Worcester, May 30, 2021



• On June 16, 1738, Patriot printer, publisher and postmistress Mary Katharine Goddard is born in New London, Connecticut. In 1777, when Congress decided to print the Declaration of Independence, they chose Mary Goddard as printer.

• On June 15, 1877, Henry Ossian Flipper, born a slave in Georgia in 1856, is the first African-American cadet to graduate from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Flipper was appointed a second lieutenant in the all-African American 10th Cavalry at Fort Sill.

• On June 19, 1917, during World War I, as a strong anti-German feeling within Britain causes sensitivity among the royal family about its German roots, King George V orders the British royal family to dispense with German surnames. He changed his own family's surname from Saxe-

Coburg-Gotha to Windsor.

• On June 18, 1923, the first Checker Cab rolls off the line at the Checker Cab Manufacturing Company in Kalamazoo, Michigan. America's version of the London taxi would continue to be built until 1982.

• On June 14, 1968, a Federal District Court jury in Boston convicts Dr. Benjamin Spock of conspiring to violate the Selective Service Act. Spock, a doctor and the famous author of "The Common Sense Book of Baby and Child Care," supported draft resistance during the Vietnam War.

• On June 17, 1972, five men are arrested for breaking into the Democratic National Committee offices at the Watergate Hotel in Washington, D.C. Senate investigations eventually revealed that President Richard Nixon had been personally involved in the subsequent cover-up of the break-in.

• On June 20, 1980, in a match in Montreal, Roberto Duran outpoints "Sugar" Ray Leonard to win the welterweight title. Yet, five months later in a

rematch, with less than 30 seconds left in the eighth round, Duran looked at the referee and famously uttered the words "no mas" or "no more," giving up.

• On June 22, 1775, Congress issues \$2 million in bills of credit. Known as "Continental," the bills lacked the required rendering of the British king. Instead, some notes featured likenesses of Revolutionary soldiers and the inscription "The United Colonies."

• On June 26, 1892, Nobel Prize-winning author Pearl S. Buck is born. Her novel "The Good Earth" (1930), describing peasant life in China, became an international best-seller and was translated into 30 languages. Buck wrote 80 novels and books.

• On June 25, 1915, the German press publishes a statement addressing the German use of poison gas. The Germans had fired more than 150 tons of lethal chlorine gas against two French colonial divisions in April, claiming the

French had first used gas in August 1914.

• On June 23, 1927, the Sioux County Pioneer newspaper of North Dakota reports that President Calvin Coolidge will be "adopted" into a Sioux tribe at Fort Yates. At the Sioux ceremony, photographers captured Coolidge, in suit and tie, as he was given a grand ceremonial feathered headdress.

• On June 21, 1956, playwright Arthur Miller defies the House Committee on Un-American Activities and refuses to name suspected communists. Miller's defiance of McCarthyism won him a conviction for contempt of court, which was later reversed by the Supreme Court.

• On June 27, 1985, after 59 years, the iconic Route 66 passes into history when officials decertify the road and vote to remove all its highway signs. Measuring 2,200 miles, the "Mother Road" stretched from Chicago to Santa Monica, California, passing through eight states.

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## Douglas Orchard & Farm announces concert series

One local concert venue that is not missing a beat this summer is Douglas Orchard & Farm, which has lined up 12 concerts at its outdoor pavilion for Saturday evenings, which began June 5, from 6 to 8 p.m. This will be the fourth year that the farm has offered the live concerts, which have become pop-

ular with local communities.

Among the featured bands are The Silverbacks with late 60s classic rock, the Hip Swayers with classic country, and 4EverFab with a Beatles tribute, the latter two sponsored by the Mass Cultural Council and Douglas Cultural Council.

Concert-goers can also visit the farm animals and try some barbecue. Bring a chair or blanket.

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## Vintage lunchbox

Vintage collectibles, especially those related to sports, sell quickly at auction, perhaps because not all are expensive. Sometimes they are not noticed by the dedicated sports collectors and sell at bargain prices. This metal lunchbox was made in 1976. It is decorated with the helmets of the National Football Conference on one side, and American Conference helmets on the other side.

Lunchbox collecting began in 1950, with the first example picturing the cowboy movie star Hopalong Cassidy. The metal boxes and matching thermos bottles remained popular until 1960, when soft plastic boxes were the style. (And it is a myth that metal boxes were replaced because students were hitting each other in the head and causing injuries.) This football collectible included a matching thermos and was an auction bargain at \$35. The King-Seely Thermos Company made many metal lunchboxes, including the one with the football helmets.

The most expensive metal lunchbox ever sold pictured

"Toppie the Elephant," a Kroger grocery store figure that promoted plaid Top Value stamps. A 1957 Toppie lunchbox with thermos sold for \$2,784.

### Better call Saul

Q: On the TV show "Better Call Saul," the plot included a Hummel figurine that was so rare that it would sell for thousands of dollars. Your comments on Hummels say they are bought for very low prices today, most under \$50. Did the show make up the story? Or is there a type of Hummel that sells for over \$1,000?

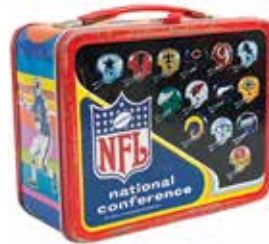
A: The "Better Call Saul" show was talking about the rarest Hummels, a group called International Figures. The characters talked about the Bulgarian figure, but the real one depicted a Bavarian figure. In 1976, eight were in a sale by Robert Miller, the author of the first Hummel price book and an expert in all things Hummel. He realized they were different from any he owned, so he made

for a dealer in Hungary before World War II.

Later research claims that 24 or 26 different designs were made in the 1940s. The figures are marked with the M.I. Hummel signature used from 1935 to 1955 and mold numbers that run consecutively from 806 to 813 and others with numbers up to 968. Each figurine is depicted in its country's national dress. The thieves in the TV show wanted to steal an ordinary Hummel figurine and redecorate it to look like the famous one that has sold for thousands of dollars. The first sales were at \$20,000, but by 2013, the price for the International figure was as low as \$5,000.

### Clean rubber doll

Q: What's the best way to clean a rubber doll? I've had mine for about 65 years, and it has a lot of sentimental value to me. It closes its eyes when it's laid down, cries when squeezed and has hair that can be combed. It's dirty from having been played with



It took only \$35 to win this lunchbox, a football sports collectible, at a Main Auction Galleries sale in Cincinnati. Kovel/s

then left sitting in a corner. I cleaned it with Dawn detergent and water, but I don't think it did a thing. Is there something else I can use, or do I just accept that my neglect stays on the doll?

A: There are a few things you can try, but remember to test them out in an inconspicuous place, like the bottom of the doll's foot, first. It's better to have a slightly dirty doll than one that's ruined. Try rubbing off the dirt with undiluted detergent instead of detergent and water, or use a damp cloth dipped in baking soda. Other suggestions include rubbing the doll with an art eraser or using a damp "magic eraser." Just don't use anything that contains bleach.

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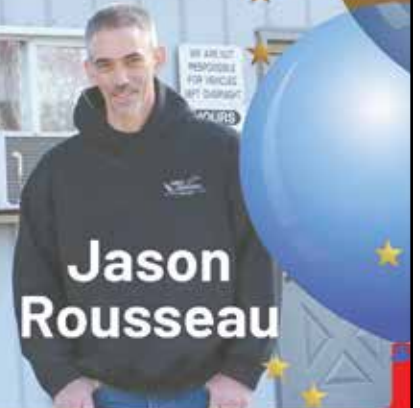
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## Tips on financial planning



Dennis Antonopoulos

If you're a dad, you may be in line to get some nice gifts on Father's Day. But your greatest gift may be your ability to help your children. One way of doing that is to get them started in the world of investing – and making a few investments on their behalf.

Here are three possibilities:

- 529 plan – If you invest in

## Father's Day gifts

a 529 education savings plan, your earnings can grow federally tax-free, provided the money is used for qualified educational expenses. (Withdrawals not used for these expenses will generally incur taxes and penalties on investment earnings.) If you invest in your own state's 529 plan, you might receive some state tax benefits, too, depending on how your state's tax laws apply to 529 plans. State-by-state tax treatment may vary, so you'll need to consult with your tax professional about your situation.

Provided you stay within certain limits, you can also use a 529 plan to pay for qualified K-12 expenses and registered apprenticeship pro-

grams. And you can even use it to repay certain qualified student loans, within limits.

A 529 plan can affect financial aid, but its effect is generally lower than that of other assets. And as the account owner, you have control of your 529, so, if one child decides not to go to college or pursue further education, you can switch beneficiaries.

- UGMA/UTMA account – When you establish a special type of custodial account known as either UGMA (Uniform Gift to Minors Act) or UTMA (Uniform Transfers to Minors Act), you are providing financial resources that can be used for education or another purpose that benefits your child, such as summer programs.

One potential benefit of an UGMA or UTMA is that some of the earnings will be taxed at the child's rate, which is likely lower than your own. Plus, UGMA/UTMA accounts typically allow a wide range of investment choices. However, once children reach the age of majority (typically 18 or 21) they gain complete access to the money and can do whatever they want with it.

- IRA – A child with any taxable compensation, such as money from an after-school job, is eligible to fund an IRA. You may want to open one on your child's behalf – and you can "sweeten" the offer by matching some of their contributions. You can't directly invest in the IRA, but you can

give your child money for that purpose. Keep in mind, though, that the total amount contributed can't exceed your child's taxable compensation for the year.

An IRA is a great introduction to the world of investing. For one thing, your child can make small contributions throughout the year, so investing in an IRA doesn't seem burdensome. Also, since an IRA can be invested in different types of securities, your child can learn about various investment vehicles – stocks, bonds, mutual funds and so on. Plus, you can point out that, with a traditional IRA, taxes won't be due on the earnings until your child

starts taking withdrawals decades from now. (And with a Roth IRA, withdrawals are tax-free, provided certain conditions are met.)

On Father's Day, you can show your appreciation for whatever gifts you receive from your children. But by investing in their future, you can gain some longer-term contentment.

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## RE: Real Estate



Mark Marzeotti

The housing market is so competitive buyers are doing anything they can to get a home.

A common way to try to stand out is to write a heartfelt "love letter" to a seller – a seemingly harmless note to express appreciation of the home and make a personal connection.

But in this overheated real estate market, what were once simple handwritten or typed letters have lately given way to more polished packages, with photographs of the buyers and even videos. Some prospective homebuyers even purchase letter templates.

These letters can present problems, according to the National Association of Realtors, raising fair housing concerns. While some agents say the tactic is a tried and true way to win a bidding war, other agents, following recent industry guidance, won't deliver or accept love letters anymore.

According to the federal Fair Housing Act, it is illegal to discriminate in the sale of housing because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, and disability. And these letters can be full of those kinds of details.

Typically, a letter like this is telling the seller who is going to live in the home and how they are going to live in it. But writing a love letter is not going to get you the house and you're putting that seller in a position that they could be violating Fair Housing laws.

A buyer may write a letter to the seller that says: "This is my dream home and I'm excited to live there with my husband and our two young children. We love that the home has a first floor bedroom for my mother, who lives with us. I can imagine the kids running

## Buying a home? Skip the 'love letter' to the seller

down the stairs on Christmas morning."

Right there you have information about family status, religion and a possible disability. These are protected classes in the Fair Housing Act. You can talk about that kind of personal information, but you can't do it in a real estate contract.

Realtors surely feel for the buyers who want to snag a seller's attention. It's a boilerplate offer and they don't feel like they have a lot of control in the process, we get why they want to write a letter to find common ground. At The Marzeotti Group Realty, we tell our buyers to spend more time writing an offer, not a letter.

Due to the potential soft discriminatory issues that these letters cause, many listings might state clearly within, that no buyer letters will be accepted.

Sellers should be making a decision only on the best combination of the highest amount of money, type of financing and least amount of risk from

a buyer. It's not always the highest offer that is the winning offer, but a mix of factors. A letter could help sway a homeowner, but likely for the wrong reasons.

### Letters of love or liability?

Last fall, the National Association of Realtors released guidance on love letters, advising agents they can be a liability. It isn't a rule and there are no consequences for agents who do otherwise, but NAR recommends that its member agents should not draft, read, deliver or accept love letters.

There are mixed views and articles about whether this practice is a liability, so the majority opinion is to avoid them all together.

Still, the NAR guidance is a warning for agents and their clients to be conscientious. "If you do rely on a letter, agents and sellers need to document that the decision to accept an offer had nothing to do with race, national origin, religion or other protected classes."

*Best for buyers to focus on*

### price and terms

In such a competitive real estate market, many buyer's agents may be reluctant to turn off a buyer by telling them not to write a letter.

Letters that don't include any kind of information about protected classes are fine. Just saying you like the deck and fireplace is okay, but that ultimately shouldn't matter to the seller.

Similarly, a buyer could write a letter that highlights their intentions with the property – to live in it rather than to flip it, which doesn't include any personal descriptions. It is imperative that sellers don't choose someone because of a connection that is made through a letter, but on the criteria in the offer. I've never seen a property sell on the letter on its own – only when a letter is also with an offer that is better than someone else's.

It may be small comfort to buyers frantically trying to appeal to a seller in this market especially, but sellers are less concerned about what may happen to their home after it sells or feeling a "connection" with the buyer than buyers may think.

Letters are not a major part of the transaction. The meat of the transaction is the price and the terms. That's where buyers should focus.

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