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# Club announces scholarship winners



Samantha Lepage



Hannah Picchioni



**Emily Waterhouse** 



Andrea Champagne

DUDLEY — The Dudley Woman's Club congratulates the four exceptional young ladies who have been selected to receive our 2020 scholarship awards of \$1,000 each. They are: Samantha Lepage, Bay Path

## **Dudley Woman's** School district hears calls for increased diversity

#### **BY JASON BLEAU** CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY/CHARLTON - The year 2020 will likely be remembered for two things, the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the rise in calls for social justice and racial equality that have swept the nation. While the impact of the Coronavirus on schools is unquestion-

able, local parents in the Dudley Charlton Regional School District are hoping for a more positive influence from the calls for social change including more diversity in hiring and in student studies.

Several parents spoke during a meeting of the school committee in late June voicing their opinions in favor of long-term changes to the district's approach to hiring and education to promote inclusion and diversity. Eve Summer of Dudley was the first parent to speak having a sixyear-old currently transitioning from Mason Road School to Dudley Elementary School as well as a three-year-old future student of the district. She described the

current state of the nation as a period of "heightened racial awareness in America" and wants to see this call for change result in a positive impact on the students of today and tomorrow.

"I appreciate the challenge of addressing this topic at a time when everyone's plates are Turn To DIVERSITY page A6

## Janet Malser Humanities Trust announces grant recipients

REGION — The Janet Malser Humanities Trust recently awarded their tenth annual distribution of grants to various local non-profit organizations totaling just under \$200,000. Due to the pandemic, the deadline was extended to June 1.

The following are this year's grant recipients: All Saints Academy, Webster; The Black Tavern Historical Society, Dudley; Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Worcester; Central Massachusetts Library Advocates; Dudley Grange #163; Dudley Historical Commission; Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library, Webster; Gladys E. Kelly Public Library, Webster; Opening the Word Peer

Recovery Center, Inc., Webster; St. Joseph School, Webster; St. Roch Church Cemetery Committee, Oxford; St. Vincent de Paul Society, Oxford and Webster; Shepherd Hill Regional High School, Dudley; Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative; Town of Dudley-Village Cemetery; Turn To **RECIPIENTS** page A6

## **Oxford selectmen grant Ruby a reprieve**

### **BY GUS STEEVES**

tions be added to an exist- muzzling at all times bility." Flynn intends to ing containment order as outside her home, even watch the situation and what amounted to a last chance for Parker to keep Ruby. That hearing was sparked by a March 26 incident in which Ruby attacked another dog who was being walked by his owner and son. The dog already had a record at that point; previous attacks on animals and people prompted the selectmen to deem Ruby "dangerous" in August 2017. That declaration resulted in a lengthy order on her and her owners, Kim Parker and Kevin Kiley, that required leashing and

Regional Vocational Technical High School senior from Charlton; Emily Waterhouse, Shepherd Hill Regional High School senior from Dudley; Hannah rounding a Charlton Picchioni, Bartlett High School senior from Webster, Street dog named Ruby and Andrea Champagne, an adult student enrolled in the Bay Path Nursing Program.

While unable to officially present these awards at our usual April meeting(cancelled due to COVID-19), we are happy to announce the winners! The Dudley Woman's Club scholarship program is funded by the generosity of our more than 60 members and by community supported fundraisers. The club annually awards four \$1,000 education scholarships to high school seniors or adults returning to school, who are female and reside in Dudley, Charlton, or Webster. More information about the Dudley Woman's Club and its scholarship program at: www.dudleywomansclub.org.

OXFORD - Issues surgot extended at the last selectmen's meeting. when the board approved a delay of the family's time to comply with the town's most recent orders.

By a 4-0 vote, they granted owner Kim Parker's request to extend the time she has to fence in her property to Aug 31.

Back in May, selectmen voted to require that fencing and other restricwhile on their property.

"I can understand financial constraints as a reason to request an extension," said Meaghan Selectman Troiano. "I'm just curious ... are we certain this is going to happen by Aug. 31? What if it doesn't?"

Town Manager Jen Callahan said Animal Control Officer Kelly Flynn told her she believes "efforts on behalf of the dog's owners are sincere. They do plan to do this; it's not an effort to shirk their responsi-

will report to the selectmen before the deadline if there are problems, she added.

Also in canine-related business, Callahan noted the Oxford Dog Park reopened July 7 with various Covid-related restrictions. Among them are standard social distancing guidelines plus a prohibition on dogs sharing food and water bowls.

Covid-19 comprised a key part of the short July 8 meeting. Callahan reported she's working

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Courtesy

### **KILDEER ISLAND CLUB CREATES** LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

The Killdeer Island Club is proud to announce that on June 24, we launched a Take one/ Leave one Little Free Library book library. We believe it to be the first ever in Webster. Reading has been an important pastime during the Pandemic. Board Club Member, Heidi Richie, came up with this fantastic idea to encourage reading, and the idea of a library was born. Since its inception, the library has received a lot of activity and praise. The library contains not only adult books, but a good supply of children books. Reading is a good pastime which brings knowledge and skills that carries over to school studies.



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## School Committee addresses AP course confusion

#### **BY JASON BLEAU** CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY/CHARLTON - With the school year officially over, attention has turned to summer courses and the fall semester in the Dudley Charlton Regional School District, and there seems to have been some confusion among students and parents as to how Advanced Placement, or AP, courses are being handled at Shepherd Hill Regional High School.

ĀP courses constitute the highest level of education for a given class in high school and, as such, usually require incoming students to complete work during the summer to prepare for the rigorous courses. However, at a school committee meeting in late July committee member Stephanie Reed revealed she had received communications from parents and students that implied that some AP courses may not take place and that summer work had not been assigned.

Reed read a statement that was sent out to parents from the Shepherd Hill principal stating that the school was

hesitant to provide summer assignments for students who requested AP courses for the upcoming year due to questions regarding the scheduling for the fall and budget concerns sparked from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Shepherd Hill Principal William Chaplin clarified that he wrote the communication and the intent was not to create confusion but to be considerate of students as the course schedule for the next year is finalized and make sure students aren't doing unnecessary work for classes they may not be able

to take. "That was a pause. I didn't want someone to jump into AP work right after school was over. All I ask, if you read the full thing, is we would get back to them and assign work at the end of July, so it was more of a pause. There was nothing in there about no AP courses or anything like that," said Chaplin.

Superintendent Steven Lamarche also commented on the situation noting there are still many unknowns for the upcoming school year and called Chaplin's release a "proactive" mea-sure in case the school is unable to offer

> us to reduce our budget by \$5 million, we are going to have to make

cuts somewhere," said Lamarche. "We would hate to ask students to do a boat load of work during the summer and that happen to be the one course that we couldn't run because we had to cut \$5 million out of our budget.'

As far as the district reopening for the summer and fall, Lamarche said he has received guidance on extended school year programming and expects more input from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education by the end of July. The district will be adhering to public health guidelines when the buildings reopen, but they are also making sure to keep parents concerns in mind. The district sent out a survey seeking input from families which the superintendent said will be a vital piece of their preparation and planning for the eventually reopening.

'Our effort was to provide a survey that is easy to complete and will always have the opportunity for families to share their thinking. So right now, it's a five question survey — we want to keep them short, collect as much data as we can so that we can use it to help guide us moving forward. Keep in mind that the feedback is critical, and we will continue to ask for your patience as this work is uncharted for us as a district and a state," said Lamarche.

The Dudley Charlton Regional School District has established a Reopening Committee with focuses on operations

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and resources, social and emotional health and safety, handling instruction for students, and communication and consultation as their main goals for discussion. The group meets weekly and will play a significant role in helping guide the reopening preparation and process throughout the summer.



DUDLEY — The Dudley Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of July 3-10.

Jeffrey T. Biadsz, age 40, of Webster and Destiny J. Spencer, age 35, of Milford were arrested on July 3 for Possession of a Class B Drug.

Jorge L. Murphy, age 31, of Webster was arrested on July 6 in connection with a warrant.

Lexis Evelyn Sladdin, age 23, of Southbridge was arrested on July 6 in connection with an out of agency warrant.

James A. Chenevert, age 53, of Webster was arrested on July 8 on one count of Possession of a Class A Drug with Intent to Distribute and two counts of Possession of a Class B Drug with Intent to Distribute (subsequent offense).

## Natalie Terranova named to President's List at Bryant University

SMITHFIELD, R.I. — Bryant University is dedicated to the pursuit, recognition, and celebration of academic excellence. Natalie Terranova, class of 2020, from Webster has been named to the President's List for the spring 2020 semester.

'These outstanding achievements are particularly commendable as students have overcome significant challenges to demonstrate an unwavering commitment to excellence," says Provost and Chief Academic Officer Glenn Sulmasy, JD, LL.M. "I am impressed and proud of their resilience, dedication, and innovative spirit."

The President's List is an academic distinction reserved for Bryant's highest achievers who earn a GPA of 4.0 or better for at least 12 semester hours of work.

Congratulations to Natalie on this outstanding achievement!

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# E-sports team taking shape at QCC

W O R C E S T E R conference, which currently Quinsigamond Community College has begun a new esports team for the League of Legends, a highly competitive, fast paced, action-strategy online game. Coaching this year's inaugural team is Nate Mello, QCC learning manager for Interactive Media Design and part-time faculty member.

"QCC Athletics started looking into esports last year. Our goal was to offer a different kind of sport to engage our students who play online gaming on their own, to be part of a QCC team," said Athletic Director Lisa Gurnick. "The push to move this forward this year is due to COVID-19."

Esports collegiate teams have exploded in recent years. According to the National Association of Collegiate Esports, which began in 2016 with only six colleges and universities, by 2019 that number had increased to 128. QCC is part of the NJCAA Region XXI has five colleges with esports teams.

"Our egaming will be set up like baseball; e-game scrimmages will take place in the fall with season games and tournaments in spring 2021. The number of games will depend on how many of the colleges in our conference have an esports team in the fall and spring," Ms. Gurnick said. "We will hold as many scrimmages as we can this fall. The master game schedule for spring 2021 has not been made yet, because we are still waiting a little bit longer to see how many colleges will join with the rest of us."

League of Legends is a five vs. five game that pits players against each other with the objective of destroying the other team's base. A competitive collegiate match consists of the same premise, with each team having five students taking on the other team of five students. Currently, the students log in to play other colleges from their own computer at home. When not in a global pandemic, the game is generally played in an arena where the teams sit across from one another other.

"I think one of the biggest things for the students is the comradery," said Coach Mello. "When playing a game like League of Legends, working together as a team of people who you know makes it much more compelling and fun. One of the students told me after our first week of practice that it was the most fun he has ever had playing League of Legends and he could not wait for our next practice.

QCC players have been meeting online Monday and Wednesday nights for practice. The team is set to play a couple of exhibition games this summer against Bunker Hill and Mass Bay Community Colleges, with scrimmages in the fall currently against Bunker Hill, Mass Bay, Northern Essex and Bristol community colleges.

"There is still time to be part of the team. We are completely remote right now due to COVID-19, so space is not an issue," Ms. Gurnick said. "Based on the initial support and interest from the students, staff and faculty, we see esports at QCC being quite successful. We have a lot of interest and currently have 14 students practicing with Coach Mello. We feel this is just the beginning of a strong student engagement opportunity for our students and the college.

interested Those in playing can email Ms. Gurnick, LGurnick@qcc. mass.edu. Students must be enrolled at least part-time in the Fall semester and fulltime (12 credits or more) in the Spring semester. A valid (within a year) physical form and a GPA of 2.0 or higher are required in order to play.

For more information on QCC, contact Josh Martin, Director of Institutional Communications at 508-854-7513 or jmartin@qcc.mass. edu.

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## State enters third phase of re-opening

### BY KEVIN FLANDERS STAFF WRITER

**REGION** – Local businesses continue to reopen as part of the state's third phase, including fitness centers, health clubs, and movie theaters.

Gov. Charlie Baker launched the third phase of reopening on July 6, with specific guidance for each industry. The Governor thanks residents and business owners across the state for their efforts in mitigating the spread

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of COVID-19. After a careful review of statewide health metrics, Baker's team felt comfortable with progressing to the third phase.

"Thanks to the hard work everyone has put in so far, more places will be able to reopen with strict guidelines, Baker said. "Phase three contains some bigger players that will draw more people into indoor settings. This phase will last significantly longer than other phases so we can closely monitor the impacts.'

The third phase of reopening also allows the following organizations and businesses to return:

Outdoor performance venues

Museums, cultural venues, and historical sites

Certain indoor recreational activities with low potential for contact

Professional sports teams, under the authority of league-wide rules

Although COVID-19 numbers have declined statewide, officials are urging residents not to become complacent. As more indoor facilities reopen, the chance of spreading the virus will increase if preventative measures aren't taken.

"It's important that we continue to follow the guidance and do all of the things that have allowed us to get to this point," said Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito. "Everyone has a role to play, and everyone must do their part. You have all made it possible for more businesses to services, and outpatient services. Additionally, community-based day services for adults with intellectual and cognitive disabilities can also reopen.

Additionally, visitation guidelines have been updated for several sectors. These include the Departments of Developmental Services, Youth Services, Children and Families, Public Health, Mental Health, and the Mass. Rehabilitation Commission. Offsite visits, including overnight visits, will be allowed under specific guidelines.

MassHealth will also extend its current telehealth flexibility through at least the end of the year to ensure member access to critical healthcare services.

The state's reopening plan includes four total phases. The fourth phase won't likely be reached until there is a COVID-19 vaccine, officials said.

For a full list of state guidance and regulations, visit www.mass.gov/ reopening.

Congratulations on this outstanding achievement!

Jillian Duhamel, class of 2023, from Dudley

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reopen.'

Key public health data, including the number of new cases and hospitalizations, continue to be closely monitored. Since mid-April, the state's seven-day average for the positive COVID-19 test rate is down 94 percent, and the threeday average of hospitalized patients is down 79 percent.

Over a million COVID-19 tests have been administered statewide.

Also included in the Governor's phase three announcement was a revised public gatherings order. Indoor gatherings are now limited to eight people per 1,000 square feet; gatherings should not exceed 25 people in a single enclosed indoor space.

Outdoor gatherings in enclosed spaces are limited to 25 percent of the facility's maximum permitted occupancy, with a maximum of 100 people in a single enclosed outdoor space. This includes community events, civic events, sporting events, concerts, and conventions. This order does not apply to outdoor, unenclosed gatherings if proper social distancing measures are possible.

Also addressed in the third phase of reopening, healthcare providers can now offer in-person group treatment programs and day programs. These include adult day health programs, day habilitation programs, substance abuse

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Use woodchips and shredded bark to mulch pathways, trees, and shrubs. Consider joining forces with your neighbors, renting a chipper, and turning brush into mulch for your landscape. Maintain a two- to threeinch layer of mulch around these plants. And keep the mulch away from tree trunks and the crowns of the plants.

Organic mulch helps conserve moisture, reduce weeds, and improve the soil as it breaks down. So, you get multiple benefits from this one task while burning a few calories and strengthening your mus-

Water plants thoroughly and less frequently whenever you irrigate the garden. This encourages deep roots, making your plants more drought tolerant and pest resistant. Water early in the day to reduce water lost to evaporation. And consider using drip irrigation or soaker hoses to deliver water right to the plant roots where it is needed.

Check container gardens daily. Water thoroughly until the excess water runs out the bottom. Or enlist the help of one of the many container irrigation systems. Consider using a slow release fertilizer when needed to keep plants thriving with less effort. These types of fertilizers provide a slow, steady release of nutrients for balanced growth without sacrificing flowers or burning drought stressed plants.

Don't forget your trees and shrubs. Proper watering will also improve their health. Water new plantings and moisture lovers whenever the top few inches of soil Even established are dry. trees and shrubs need a helping hand during extended



periods of drought. Always water thoroughly to encourage deep, drought-resistant roots. Keep mowing your lawn as long as your grass is actively growing. Mow high since taller grass is better able to out compete the weeds and forms deeper roots, making it more drought tolerant. Minimize the stress by removing no more than a third of the total grass height each time you mow.

Always use a sharp mower blade. Sharp blades cut more efficiently, saving you time whenever you mow. You'll consume 22 percent less fuel and the lawn will use up to 30% less water when using sharp blades. Plus, the clean cut will be less noticeable and the wound will close quickly, helping you grow a healthy, better-looking lawn.

Be sure to leave grass clippings on the lawn. They add nutrients, moisture, and organic matter to the soil. A season's worth of clippings is equal to one fertilizer application. So every time you mow you are fertilizing the lawn and improving the soil.

Finish every garden chore with a bit of cleanup. Sweep clippings, plant debris and fertilizer off walks, drives and patios, so it won't wash into storm sewers. Keeping plant debris out of our waterways is good for us and the environment.

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#### **CLUES ACROSS**

# Ephemera that was saved from the trash

Merriam Webster defines ephemera as "something of no lasting significance." Their second definition reads "paper items (such as posters, broadsides, and tickets) that were originally meant to be discarded after use but have since become collectibles.

Ephemera was not meant to be preserved. Posters were used to promote events like movies, plays, the circus, sport matches



- 1. Sound unit 4. Trim by cutting 8. Small buffalo 10. Ancient manuscript 11. Look angry or sullen 12. Glum 13. Northern Zambia peoples 15. Central 16. Collector of birds' eggs 17. Misbehavior 18. Top of the line 21. Political action committee 22. Have already done
- 38. Emerged 39. Type of protein 40. Denmark natives 41. Leak slowly through southeast 24. Entertainment channel

25. Holiday (informal)

**CLUES DOWN** 

23. Al Bundy's wife

- 1. Artistic dancing
- 2. Plenty
- 3. Act leisurely
- 4. Serve as a warning
- 5. Admired lovingly
- 6. Leftover oil from distillation process
- 7. Company officer
- 9. Egyptian unit of capacity
- 10. One transmits information
- 12. Middle layer of an embryo
- 14. Form of "to be"
- 15. Cairo Regional Airport
- 17. Partner to cheese
- 19. Sample

- 26. The common gibbon 27. Legendary actress 34. Seasoned sausages 35. Bluish greens 36. Ridiculed 37. Three-dimensional arrangement 42. Expression of sorrow or pity 43. Midway between south and

- 20. A shirt may have none 23. Public gatherings 24. Disallow 25. Overnight suitcases 26. French river
- 27. Where boats dock
- 28. Top of a pot
- 29. Type of drug
- 30. City along the Rhine
- 31. Animal disease
- 32. They go in martinis
- 33. A way to break away
- 34. Intermediate ecological stage
- 36. Baby term for father



or to advertise products. posters were typically ripped down after the event or another poster was plastered over them.

Tickets were typically ripped or punched. Most people threw them away as soon as the event ended.

Merriam Webster's definition for a broadside is "a sizable sheet of paper printed on one side." Broadsides documented events prior to the Revolutionary War, during the Civil War, and throughout other significant times in history. They were intended to inform the public and were not expected to last long after they

There are also other types of ephemera not included in Merriam Webster's definition. Postcards were meant to communicate with family and friends and then be thrown away. Programs for a play or sporting event provided you information on the event and performers or players. Most were not saved. Locally, Whitney in Worcester played a big part in producing greeting cards. Those made in Worcester and elsewhere were usually discarded after the holiday or event passed.

As with other antiques or collectibles, it is often the things that most people threw away that are the most collectible. Some ephemeral pieces can bring large sums at auction.

A 1959 ticket for a John F. Kennedy speech in Nashville, TN signed by JFK, Robert Kennedy and Jackie Kennedy sold for over \$8,000 last year. A "Mountain Road" lottery ticket signed by George Washington brought \$12,500 this year. The tickets were sold to raise funds for a proposed road to a resort in Virginia. A ticket stub for Michael Jordan's first NBA basketball game from 1984 went for over \$36,000 at auction in 2018.

Real photo postcards are actual photographs with a postcard back and some can be quite valuable. A real photo postcard that read "WRIGHT AEROPLANE COLLEGE PARK MD OCT '09" pictured the Wright Brothers' airplane. It sold for \$10,000 in 2017. A 1964 Beatles postcard signed by all four reached over \$18,000. As you might expect, sports related postcards can be some of the most valuable. A 1915 Red Sox team real photo postcard that included Babe Ruth during his rookie year fetched \$80,000.

A six-color broadside offering sale of Missouri lands in 40 acre or more lots by the Hannibal & St. Joseph's Railroad brought nearly \$20,000 in 2013. A broadside advertising a \$100,000 reward for Abraham Lincoln's assassins sold for \$80,000 in 2009. A rare July 1776 printed broadside of the Declaration of Independence sold at auc-



accomplices. All persons harboring or secreting the said persons, or either of them, or alding or assisting their concealment or escape, will be treated as accomplices in the murder of the President and the attempted assassination of the Secretary of State, and shall be subject to trial before a Military Commission and the punishment of DEATH. Let the stain of innocent blood be removed from the land by the arrest and punishment of the murderers. All good eitizens are exhorted to aid public justice on this occasion. Every man should consider his own conscience charged with this solemm duty, and rest neither night nor day until it be accomplished.

#### EDWIN M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

DESCRIPTIONSBOOTH is Five Feet 7 or 8 inches high stender build, high forehead, black hair, black eyes, and wears a leave black montande.
JOHN IL SUBRAT is about 5 feet, 9 inches. Hair rather thin and dark; eyes rather light; no beard. Would weigh 145 or 150 pounds. Complexion rather rate and clear, with color in his checks. Were light clothes of fine
quality. Shoulders aquare; check hones rather prominent; chin narrow; core projecting at the top; forchead rather low and square, but broad. Parts his hair on the right side; neck rather long. His lips are firmly set. A slim man.
HAROLD is a little chunky man, quite a youth, and wears a very thin moustache.

tion in 2016. The Massachusetts-Bay Colony's Authorized Edition was printed by Ezekiel Russell of Salem, Mass. It realized over \$500,000.

An 1892 Henri de Toulose-Lautrec poster, "AMBASSADEURS / ARISTIDE BRUANT," brought \$50,000 in 2016. An 1864 campaign poster for Abraham Lincoln and Andrew Johnson sold for \$250,000 last year. A 1932 movie poster for the Boris Karloff's "The Old Dark House," which was said to be one of two known to exist, went for \$950,000 in 2019. Bela Lugosi's IMDb profile shows his highest salary for a film was \$5,000. Lugosi would have had to make 190 films to pay for the poster.

We will soon be hosting an online auction in Warren, RI. We are planning an estate sale in Auburn later this summer. We also will be offering toys from a huge collection in multiple online auctions. The first auctions will feature diecast cars and later auctions will feature some of the finest antique toys that we have handled. Please keep checking www.centralmassauctions. com for details.

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so full and there's so much about the upcoming school year that's still in the air, but I also believe it's our duty to meet this moment in history," Summer told the school committee.

In addition to reading the Massachusetts Association of School Committee's anti-racism resolution for the record, a document that the school committee unanimously voted to support later in the evening, Summer asked the committee to consider swiftly discussing measure to support safer and better representative environments including professional development training in diversity, equity and inclusion, the recruitment of more diverse pools of candidates for teachers and administrators, the implementation of anti-racist policies, and embracing a curriculum that deviates from what she sees as the "white, cisgendered, male perspective" taught in schools today.

Another parent, Devon Wallace of Charlton who has four children in the school system, also expressed a need for change and diversity while also complimenting the district as "caring" and "compassionate." He wants to see Dudley and Charlton schools embrace more diverse candidate pools for jobs and wishes to see positive changes in school policies.

"It's critically important to ensure that all voices are heard, and all perspectives are considered. I ask this committee to review the policies that are in place across the district and in the specific schools with respect to hiring and to augment the language as necessary to insure that there is a fully diverse set of candidates as a mandate rather than perhaps being considered a best practice," said Wallace.

He also wants the district to be diligent in addressing any instances of discrimination past or present citing

a recent social media post that he said revealed inflammatory statements of "bias and hate" uttered within the walls of the schools. He further requested, and was granted, a ten-minute moment of silence in honor of the lives touches by hate and discrimination and the resulting inaction.

As it happens, the idea of increased diversity and revamped policies was always going to be a subject of discussion at the meeting. Superintendent Steven Lamarche provided his comments on the state of the world and how it will result in change in the district during his report to the committee.

"As a school district, we have a real and sincere responsibility to ensure school committee policies and the civil liberties of our schools and staff are whole. We embrace our public identity and must make certain that we welcome everyone free of bias and racism. Our collective work is to maintain unfettered access to every benefit for every student who enters our school. To be clear the Dudley Charlton Regional School System will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, gender identity, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, disability or homelessness,' said Lamarche.

The Dudley Charlton Regional School District plans to reestablish an equity committee to review the districts instructional programs and lay the foundations for continued learning in the changing world of today. Lamarche said he believes the district has long strived for equality, but that's there's always room to improve.

"I know that we are doing a lot. I know that we believe we are doing well, but we need to take this opportunity to bolster our efforts and be precise and match the expectations of the community around us and our state and nationally," Lamarche concluded.

### SELECTMEN

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to reopen municipal buildings 'very slowly," crafting plans for each of them because "every single one of these buildings has unique missions."

Several weeks ago, the state released a four-phase economic reopening plan. Municipal sites fall into several phases, and sites that specifically serve seniors and others particularly at risk of the pandemic can't open until later this month at the earliest. Some towns have opened their Town Halls at least partly, but others remain closed.

To address those things, she said town staff is working on innovative ways" to get neces-

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sary work done and provide a "concierge service" to residents without having them need to enter town buildings.

Callahan said Oxford has recently received a bit more than \$70,000 in Covid-related grants, but she noted that money 'doesn't cover everything. ... It'll be a drop in the bucket if we keep implementing things we know keep people safe."

She noted money will be a school issue as well. The state recently issued school-reopening guidelines, but the district has already expressed concern about them being "unfunded mandates," particularly regarding remote learning. "Hopefully, they'll also come up with funding assistance" for that, she added.

So far, however, the state

hasn't approved a fiscal 2021 budget. Normally, that's done in June, but the pandemic has delayed the Legislature's process at the same time it has reduced state revenues by an estimated 20 percent. How much that will reduce local aid is still unknown, but most towns expect to make cuts later this summer or fall.

As of July 8, the pandemic has caused 85 cases in Oxford. Of them, 10 people have died and 10 cases remain active, she said.

At the even shorter July 1 meeting, the board reorganized. Dennis Lamarche remained chair, but Troiano was voted vice-chair and Cheryll Leblanc became secretary.

The Janet Malser Humanities Trust was established in 2009 as a 501(c)(3) charitable foundation and started annual distributions of grants in 2011. Its purpose is to fund educational, cultural, historic, and charitable causes which fit the guidelines set in the Trust within the towns of Dudley, Oxford, or Webster. For more information, visit janetmalsertrust.org.

## Harrington hospitals receive awards for stroke care

SOUTHBRIDGE/WEBSTER Harrington Hospital in Southbridge and Harrington Hospital – Webster have each earned multiple awards for stroke care from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) Paul Coverdell Stroke Systems of Care Collaborative. The awards recognize achievements in meeting quality of care benchmarks and participation requirements of the collaborative. Both of Harrington Hospital's Emergency Care locations are designated Primary Stroke Service Centers.

Hospital Harrington in Southbridge received awards for achieving door-to-CT times of 25 minutes or less for at least 75 percent of stroke patients, and for completing the 30-day American Heart Association (AHA) get with the Guidelines Post-Discharge Follow-Up form for at least 75 percent of discharged patients.

Harrington Hospital – Webster also received an award for meeting the door-to-CT time of 25 minutes or less, as well as an award for completing a dysphagia (difficulty swallowing) screen on at least 95 percent of stroke patients.

'The ability to rapidly identify and treat patients who exhibit signs and symptoms of stroke is critical to ensuring the best possible recovery for these patients," Harrington HealthCare said System President and CEO Ed Moore. "Our Emergency Care team works tirelessly to ensure that we meet or exceed best practices for stroke care. We strive for the best possible outcomes for all of our patients and that is the ultimate reward, but we're so pleased that our efforts have been recognized with these awards as well.'

Harrington Hospital's nurses and doctors work in collaboration with the UMass Memorial Medical Center Department of Neurology TeleStroke Program to provide 24/7 on-demand emergency neurology consultation to subscriber hospitals in order to improve the care of stroke patients in the community.

The program utilizes two-way, audio-visual teleconferencing technology to allow the assessment and treatment of admitted patients or patients who arrive in Harrington Hospital's Emergency Care Centers with suspected stroke symptoms.

These Coverdell awards are the latest in a series of recognitions awarded to Harrington HealthCare System recently for quality of care. In May the healthcare system was awarded its 14th grade "A" from in the spring 2020 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade, a national distinction recognizing Harrington HealthCare System's achievements providing safer health care. And in March, Harrington Hospital was named a Blue Distinction Center for Substance Use Treatment and Recovery, one of just six Massachusetts facilities to receive this new distinction

from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts (BCBSMA).

Prior awards for the hospital's stroke care include the SCORE (Stroke Collaborative Reaching for Excellence) Defect-Free Care Award from the Paul Coverdell National Acute Stroke Program; the American Heart Association/ American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines®-Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award in 2016; and the Get With The Guidelines®-Stroke Silver Plus award in 2014.

ABOUT HARRINGTON **HEALTHCARE SYSTEM** 

Harrington HealthCare System is a comprehensive regional healthcare system serving more than 25 communities across south central Massachusetts and northeastern Connecticut. The system includes Harrington Southbridge, Hospital in Harrington HealthCare at Webster and three additional major medical office buildings: Harrington HealthCare at Charlton, Harrington HealthCare at 169, also in Charlton, and Harrington HealthCare at Spencer; Harrington Physician Services, our primary care and multi-specialty physician group; UrgentCare Express at Harrington in Charlton and Oxford; The Cancer Center at Harrington in Southbridge, and the region's largest Behavioral Health programs for mental health and substance use. www. harringtonhospital.org







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### **EDITORIAL**

# Common sense has *left the building*

It seems like our country remains, and will remain, divided over how to stop the spread of Covid-19.

It distresses us that common sense seems to have left the building. When our cars break down, we bring them to a mechanic. When our phones or laptops go on the fritz, we bring them to a tech professional to fix them. When we need a new prescription for whatever ails us, or we break a bone, we call the doctor. When we are speeding down the highway and get pulled over for doing so, we are given a ticket to deter us from speeding again, and to keep ourselves and each other safe.

Why, then, when doctors and scientists whose experience and expertise are beyond question almost universally advise us that the best way to slow the spread of this virus is to wear a mask in public and avoid gathering in large groups, are so many so adamant in their refusal to listen? We all want our economy to function normally again. We all want our children to be able to attend school safely. We all want to be able to enjoy shopping at our favorite stores and dining at our favorite restaurants. So why this bullheaded refusal to do two very simple things that will help all of that happen safely? The answer is. regrettably, that like seemingly everything else in today's world, COVID-19 has been politicized.

Here's the thing, though — political affiliation has no effect on reality, and the reality we face at this crucial moment is that we are being stalked by a highly contagious virus. This enemy could not only prove fatal to certain segments of the population; it appears to leave even those who survive it with debilitating health issues that may follow them for the rest of their lives. And it doesn't give a damn what side of the political divide any of us stand on. Masks have always, and still do, helped to decrease the spread of viruses. Granted, certain styles are proven to work better than others, but that is a different discussion. There is ample research demonstrating that even the flimsiest of surgical masks can dramatically reduce the ability of entities like the COVID-19 virus to traverse the air between two people, and at this point, with flare-ups happening across the country, there is simply no excuse for those who are physically able to wear one not to do so. This brings us to our next point. The fact that you might have found an article published somewhere online purporting to prove that a face mask is unhealthy for the wearer does not make it legitimate. You can find all sorts of misinformation during a Google search that could fuel a point/counterpoint discussion on any topic under the sun. While the Internet was meant to open conversations and was dubbed the 'information superhighway,' it seems the opposite is happening. People rely on ever narrowing social circles, memes, and unverified social media posts to guide them in their behavior, and it has frankly become dangerous. Facebook and Twitter 'trolls' spread misinformation at an alarmingly high rate to create division and unrest, and unfortunately, it has worked. With so much misinformation out there, it's hard to determine what is and what isn't fact. Many argue that COVID-19 is "just the flu," while ignoring the fact that the flu does not cause such a flood of patients at hospitals that they have no space to treat anything else. According to the CDC, an infected individual, will spread the virus to at least five others. Our elderly population is the most vulnerable; however, that trend has seemed to spread to people of all ages becoming more and more infected with dire outcomes. If we value life, we must value it regardless of age. No matter what our political persuasion, we all want to win the war against this pandemic. So why the refusal among so many to unite as one team to fight it? One of the defining characteristics of this great country of ours is that each time we have been faced with adversity, we have joined together as one to fight it. If all it takes is wearing a mask and some social distancing to get rid of this virus and to open our schools and economy, then there is no room for this childish refusal to cooperate. We are, and must be, better than this.



THE DEADLINE to submit letters to the editor and commentaries for next

## <u>Letters to the Editor</u>

## **Janet Malser Humanities Trust** deserves thanks

#### To the Editor:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Opening the Word Peer Recovery Center, Inc. in Webster, we wish to express our heartfelt gratitude for its funding of our grant request in the amount of \$6,500.

The Trust's generosity allows us to extend much needed support to those in recovery from substance use disorder

PRESIDENT, BOARD OF DIRECTORS **OPENING THE WORLD PEER RECOVER** CENTER

Sincerely.

in Webster and the surrounding com-munities. We are very grateful.

Humanities Trust's continued support

in caring for the less fortunate is a tes-

timony to the life and legend of Janet

THE REV. JANICE FORD

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President

## Thank you, **Janet Malser Humanities Trust**

#### To the Editor:

The St. Vincent de Paul Society, Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish would like to express their sincere thanks to the Janet Malser Humanities Trust for their recent grant to assist the disadvantaged of Webster and Dudley. These funds will be most helpful in serving those directly affected by the Coronavirus to overcome hardships due to illness and unemployment. The Janet Malser

Preventing debate on a bill is anti-democratic

Malser.

#### To the Editor:

In the wake of incidents involving police brutality against African Americans, the Massachusetts General Court is in the middle of considering a Police Reform bill, currently being debated by the Senate. For the past couple of days, Sen. Ryan Fattman has made motions to "lay the bill on the table," effectively postponing debate entirely.

This delaying tactic goes deeper than any policy differences I may have with Sen. Fattman. This issue now delves into the heart of our representative democracy. Having a single senator be able to stall debate indefinitely brings into question whether we have a functional legislature. The heart of our democratic system of government depends on a legislature that can debate and vote on bills in a manner that is fair to proponents, dissidents, and undecideds of any issue. Having a single person be able to effectively stonewall any proposal is not only antithetical to the promise of our democracy, it is quite frankly disrespectful to the advocates who have fought so hard for solutions to this issue

islature, a Democratic minority could use the exact same tactics to block a bill that Sen. Fattman champions, like a bill to eliminate the State Excise Tax. Once that can of worms is open, we can never go back; both parties would use it to block any bill they didn't like. In effect, it would be a local version of the filibuster, one that would prevent any meaningful progress on anything from being done in the Commonwealth.

The use of the "laying on the table" tactic is an ill-conceived delay tactic that should never have been utilized. The fact that it has been used twice in a row is deserving of a firm, public rebuke. Its use on an issue as urgent and pressing as police brutality is disrespectful to all parties of this debate and will undoubtedly hamper the legislature's ability to debate critical issues fairly in the future. Using it for short term political gain is incredibly irresponsible and should be swiftly and harshly rebuked by people of every political persuasion. I deeply hope that this does not become a stifling tool by the political minority, although if the U.S. Senate's filibuster is any indication, such an outcome is inev-Itable. And If it does, then Sen. Fattman will be singlehandedly responsible for ushering in its widespread use.

## Driver's license deadlines



STEVE

WOJNAR

I am sure this seems like the movie "Groundhog Day," as we continue operating under the state of emergency due to the Covid-19 virus. Several people have inquired about the status of motor vehicle documents, such as their driver's licenses. What happens if theirs has, or is due to expire?

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation has come out with some guidance on this topic. I reported on this a while back; however, due to continued questions and the duration of this event, I thought I would provide an update.

When the state of emergency took place back in March, the Commonwealth extended expiration dates on many registry documents (Licenses, Vehicle Registrations, ID Cards, etc.) for 60 days. This means many of them were set to expire in May or June, depending on the date. Since most of the Registry offices are still closed or limited for walk in business, the state has agreed to once again extend expiration dates. At this point, licenses that were due to expire in March, April, or May, have been extended to expire in September of 2020. June's licenses expire in October, July's are moved until November, and August's will now expire in December. This should ease the minds of many people as they go about their business in these trying times. On-line renewals should still be processed so everyone is encouraged to check with the Registry to determine their best option. AAA Offices are also authorized to handle many of these procedures. Appointments are required in most cases, so check with your nearest office for details. There are many other Registry items included in these extensions. Further information, can be found at https://www. mass.gov/orgs/massachusetts-registrv-of-motor-vehicles.

For those who wish to receive their Real ID (the program which set certain standards for licenses in order to be used as official identification for airline travel, federal building access, etc.), this was originally scheduled to go into effect in Massachusetts on Oct. 1. As a result of the state of emergency and the impacts on services, the Federal Government announced it is extending the deadline to obtain these identifications. The new date for this requirement is Oct. 1, 2021. This will be helpful for many who are in the process of renewing their licenses or seeking out these important documents. More information on this program can be found at the Registry site or https://www.dhs.gov/real-id. In addition to the Coronavirus Pandemic, there is a great deal of turmoil taking place in our state and around the country. We continue to serve the people of Dudley and work with the community to improve the quality of life for everyone. I continue to thank the men and women from my department for their continued dedicated service to the Town of Dudley during these trying times. Thanks also go out to the many Police Officers, Fire and Emergency Services members, public works, government and all other "essential" personnel for their continued hard work and service. We greatly appreciate the support we receive from our community. Thanks again for your questions and comments. Please send them to me at the Dudley Police Department, 71 West Main St., Dudley, MA 01571 or email at swojnar@dudleypolice.com. Opinions expressed in this weekly column are those of Chief Wojnar only and unless clearly noted, do not reflect the ideas or opinions of any other organization or citizen.

to finally get debated by the full Senate. In addition, this creates a precedent that would be disastrous for any political persuasion. If, theoretically, Republicans gained control of the leg-

ANDREW MARSH OXFORD

DUDLEY

### Thank you

Tavern.

generous gift.

#### To the Editor:

The Black Tavern Historical Society Board of Directors would like to thank the Janet Malser Humanities Trust, for awarding us a grant.

We will be using the money to replace our 40 year old furnace in the Black

### **Volunteers matter**

#### To the Editor:

During these trying times, we have all lost some pieces of our lives. Some have lost more than others, but we all know that life as it was before the pandemic will not be the life we return to after the virus subsides.

And while we all have suffered losses, we have also gained precious time and some insight as to what we value and what is important to the health and well-being of our town.

Our time at home has given us a chance to take a deep breath and take stock of the many opportunities and blessings within our community. Every day we hear of acts of kindness and the courage of individuals who willingly help those in need.

Not the least of these heroes are our community members who give of themselves to help make our town a better place for all. We are so fortunate to have

people from all walks of life who volunteer on committees and boards and work tirelessly for Webster.

Thank you to the committee for this

BTHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Most recently, we conducted a Trustees' meeting of the Gladys E. Kelly library via ZOOM. And while we would have preferred to meet in person, it was an opportunity to celebrate three Trustees who have given multiple years of service to the town. Their vision and leadership have guided us in the building of a magnificent library and the development of programs that enrich all of our townspeople, young and old.

A sincere thanks to Margaret Lorenczykova, Catherine Martin and Jean Travis for their years of service and their dedication to the town of Webster.

> RENA KLEBART CHAIRPERSON, TRUSTEES FOR THE GLADYS E. KELLY LIBRARY WEBSTER



# Becoming like Jesus

The spiritual writer Henri Nouwen says that the Beatitudes offer us "a self-portrait of Jesus. Jesus is the Blessed One. And the face of the Blessed One shows poverty, gentleness, meekness, grief, hunger and thirst for righteousness, mercy, purity of heart, a desire to make peace, and signs of persecution. The whole message of the Gospel is this – become like Jesus. We have his self-portrait. When we keep that in front of our eyes, we will soon learn what it means to follow Jesus and become like Him."

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for

righteousness, for they will be filled. for Blessed are the merciful, fortheywillreceivemercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all

### BEYOND THE PEWS

By Fr. Luke A. Veronis Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Webster

kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. (Matthew 5:3-11)

When Jesus calls His first followers to leave their fishing boats, leave their livelihood, leave their families, leave everything they know and feel comfortable with, and follow Him, He invited them to begin a journey of imitating His life! Not only did the disciples watch Jesus as he "taught in their synagogues, preached the Good News of the Kingdom, and healed all kinds of sicknesses and all kinds of diseases among the people," but more importantly they watched how He lived, listened to what He taught, observed how He interacted with others, marveled at His humble and meek spirit, and slowly realized that the time would come when Christ would expect them to continue this same work. Eventually, the followers of Jesus would become ambassadors of Christ, imitators of His life, icons of His divine image, and messengers of His Good News. The world would know that they were His disciples by the way they imitated their Master.

Now if we fast forward 2000 years, we realize that we who claim to be followers of Jesus Christ are the ones called to imitate His life! Jesus calls us to carry His Spirit, continue His ministry, proclaim His Good News, and live our lives as He lived His life! Jesus even said, "Be perfect, as our heavenly Father is perfect." From reading the Bible, we understand who Jesus is and how He lived, and we see that it is now our turn to walk as He walked, talk as He talked, live as He lived, and even die as He died. St. Paul highlights this when he challenges us to adopt the "mind of Christ," to become "imitators of Jesus," to become Christ-like for the world around us!

So think about this: when people see us and watch our lives and listen to our words, do they see Jesus in us? Is the spirit that we pass on to others the spirit of God, or the spirit of this world? And how do we become more Christ-like in our lives?

Nouwen explains that

the Beatitudes offer a "portrait" of the life of Christ, and path for all followers of Jesus to follow!

Blessed are the poor in spirit – Do we truly realize our own spiritual poverty? Do we turn to God in utter trust on His rich mercy and grace? St. John Chrysostom understood the poor in spirit to be the humble person who was totally aware of their utter dependence on God.

Blessed are those who mourn - Are we people who mourn over our own sinfulness, as well as lamenting over the sins and sufferings of the world around them? The Spirit of God within us means we will look upon the world as He looks upon others, with deep compassion and a desire for the well-being of everyone, including even those who are lost in their own ways.

Blessed are the meek Are we people who are humble and patient, slow to anger and gentle with others, people who have great self-control over all our passions? The meek are "God-controlled" peo-Meekness is not a ple. sign of passive weakness, as the world may describe it, but meekness is a sign of controlled strength derived from one's trust in God.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness - Do we understand this graphic portrayal of a deep sense of longing and desire for God's righteousness and justice in the world around us, as well as a passion for our own personal righteousness, which can only occur when one strives for perfection according to God's will?

Blessed are the merciful - Mercy is love in action, love in motion, one of the greatest characteristics of God. The life of Jesus fully exemplified the idea of mercy. God doesn't call us to judge and condemn others, but to look at others with compassion, with empathy, with forgiveness, and with mercy. Are we people of mercy?

Blessed are the pure in heart - A "pure heart" represents not only a sincere inner moral purity but moreso a heart free from any concern outside the will of God. Purity implies fidelity and loyalty to God's commands. Our motives must be concerned only for God and His will and nothing else. Are we cultivating a pure heart within?

Blessed are the peacemakers – To make lasting peace, we first must make peace with God, within our inner being, and finallv with the world around us. There is a difference between peace-loving and peace-making. The peace which the Bible calls blessed does not come from the evasion of issues but from facing them, dealing with them and conquering them. We must go out of our way to create peace for ourselves and others. Although such peacemaking is difficult, it is nonetheless demanded as a responsibility for accepting the given blessing.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake - St. John Chrysostom stresses that persecution in itself isn't a blessing. Just to suffer for any cause isn't noteworthy. Suffering for the righteousness of God, imitating how Jesus Himself enduring suffering and even death for the sins of the entire world, is what God blesses. This whole theme of persecution is a prophetic reminder to the sufferings and afflictions which the disciples of Christ will encounter in their lives.

"The whole message of the Gospel is this – become like Jesus. We have His self-portrait [in the Beatitudes]. When we keep that in front of our eyes, we will soon learn what it means to follow Jesus and become like Him."

## Managing withdrawals carefully can protect retirement income

Throughout much of your working life, you contribute to your 401(k), IRA and other investment accounts to help ensure a comfortable retirement. However, once you do retire, you'll need to shift your focus somewhat from building these investments to using them – in other words, you'll have to start withdrawing from your portfolio to meet the costs of living. How can you be sure you're not taking out so much that you risk outliving your resources?

First of all, you need to establish a proper withdrawal rate – the percentage of your portfolio's value needed for one year's worth of retirement expenses. Ideally, if you were to stick with this rate, your portfolio would last as long as you do. Your withdrawal rate should be based on a number of factors, including your age,



amount of assets, portfolio mix and retirement lifestyle. A financial professional can help you determine the rate that's right for you, but it's important to understand that this rate is a starting point since you will want to review your withdrawals each year to ensure they are still appropriate.

If the financial markets performed smoothly and predict-

been reminded the last several months, the markets are neither smooth nor predictable. Rather than constantly trying to change your withdrawal rate and spending in response to movements in the markets - which may be challenging if you have grown accustomed to a certain standard of living – you might be better off adopting a more conservative rate at the beginning of your retirement. For example, if you are in your mid-60s, you could start at a withdrawal rate of about 4 percent, which also assumes an increase in withdrawals (a "raise") of approximately 3 percent each year to incorporate

es of extending the lifetime of your portfolio.

But even if you started out with a conservative rate, you may need to review it during periods of extreme market movements. If, for instance, your portfolio were to fall 20 percent in one year, the 4 percent you had planned to withdraw would actually become 5 percent because you're taking out the amount you had planned, but now it's from a smaller pool of money. If this happens, should you consider making an adjustment?

There's no easy answer. The amount you withdraw from your portfolio has a major impact on how long your money lasts. You'll improve your likelihood of success if for example, or not taking a "raise" until your portfolio recovers. Importantly, your financial advisor can help run different scenarios to determine if adjustments need to be made to ensure you remain on track.

In any case, think carefully about your withdrawal rate. By managing it carefully, and reviewing it over time, you can take greater control over your retirement income.

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ably, year in and year out, any adjustments you make would likely be more modest. But, as you know, and as we've all would have some flexibility for those years in which the market drops significantly. And you could increase your chanc-

inflation. By starting at a more

modest withdrawal rate, you

you are able to be flexible and make some spending adjustments – spending less on some of your discretionary items, antonopoulos@edwardjones. com. Member SPIC.

## A closer look at the Canal

A large bear was spotted in Douglas last week, and it was not a small one. The large bear was crossing through a resident's back yard during the morning hours. I was surprised to hear that the bear did not have any cubs with it. Black bear numbers have been increasing in the valley area over the last ten years or more.

Massachusetts hunters can purchase a bear permit for only \$5, and can be used to harvest a bear during any one of the three seasons. All Wildlife Management zones are open to bear hunting during the 2020 seasons. Be sure to read your Massachusetts hunting guide for all regulations and seasons.

Bobcat populations are also on the increase, but strict trapping regulations need to be followed. A first-time trapper must pass a trapping & hunter education program. All harvested fur bearing pelts need to be reported to Massachusetts Fish & Wildlife. The pelts need to be brought to any check stations to be registered. Again, if you plan on trapping this year, it is very important to read all of the rules and regulations prior to trapping.

The Massachusetts antlerless deer hunting permit system for 2020 requires the applicant to have applied for a permit by July 16 to be eligible for the antlerless deer permit lottery. The application is on your 2020 license. Starting Aug. 1 -Dec. 31, an applicant can go on line at MassFishHunt and try to win an antlerless deer permit, for the zone that they applied for. Surplus permits will go on sale at a date to be announced.

Striper fishing on

the Canal continues to give up some impressive stripers, but many need to be released. There have also been numerous people fighting at the famous fishing spot, which has turned off a lot of angers that once enjoyed the area for fishing, but now go somewhere else. Most anglers at the canal are there to fish and enjoy themselves, but the few that are causing the problems need to be banned from the area, before it is too late. Closing the canal to fishing would be a terrible loss to the responsible law-abiding anglers.

The canal is over 100 years old, and was considered an engineering marvel back in the day. Under private ownership back in 1914, it was redesigned and reconstructed under federal ownership in the1930's.

Congress directed the US Army Corps of Engineers on March 31, 1928 under authority of the Rivers & Harbors act



of 1927 to operate and improve the foundering canal. It was purchased by the federal government for \$11,500,000 on July 22, 2018. The canal is rich in history. Now anglers enjoy some of the best striper fishing around.

Fluke fishing remains fair around Block Island, but Bluefish and Dogfish need to be dealt with. Numerous large seabass are also being caught. Lots of big bluefish are raising havoc with bass fishing anglers, cutting their expensive eels in half, or even worse.

Freshwater bass fishing anglers are catching some impressive Smallmouth bass at Webster Lake. Bass anglers that do not mind doing a bit of work catching their own bait, can walk along the shallow water on small ponds and catch some crayfish by turning over small to medium rocks. They are fast so you also need to be ready when you slowly and gently lift the rocks. It can be a great family affair, and the bait is dynamite for smallmouth bass. Give it a try.

Wild Blueberries are now ready for picking. This writer found some high bush berries ready for the picking last week, and I have been eating them



every day. They sure taste better than the cultivated ones, and they are free.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

This week's picture shows a young lady with a nice doormat fluke.

Lush lavender has found a home in many New England gardens, and with good reason. The fragrant flowers are not only a favorite to display, but the popular herb also boasts many medicinal and practical uses. Since the time of the ancient

Greeks, lavender has been hailed as remedy for everything from insomnia to moth invasions. With a renewed interest in the virtues of herbs, this week's



column will review how lovely lavender can be utilized in an array of duties all around the house. \* \* \* \* Did you know lavender blossoms and leaves can be used instead of rosemary in many recipes? Try it to add a

Love Lavender!

dash of color as well as flavor to your next gourmet dish. \* Lavender lemonade is a summertime favorite. Here's a classic recipe using fresh lavender from the garden: Lavender Victorian Lemonade Ingredients: five cups water; one and one half cups sugar; 12 stems fresh lavender; two and one quarter cups lemon juice Directions: Boil two and one half cups of water with the sugar. Add the lavender stems and remove from heat. Place on the lid and let cool. When cool, add two and one half cups water and the lemon juice. Strain out the lavender. Serve the lavender lemonade with crushed ice and garnish with lavender blossoms and lemon wedges. Serves eight tall glasses over ice.

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

tial oil is a concentrated form of lavender that lends itself to many convenient uses. It takes about 175 pounds of fresh lavender flowers to produce a single pound of lavender oil! A little goes a long way, as one drop of lavender essen-

# **OBITUARIES**

## Philip S. Petrello, 47



QUINEBAUG-Philip S. Petrello age 47 passed away Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at his home. He leaves his mother Sandra Lapensee and her husband Douglas of Auburn, his daughter Sheigange Batrollo

ter Shaianne Petrello and her fiancée Tim Whittemore of Webster his brothers Michael Warner of Webster and Scott Warner of Dudley. He also leaves his former life companion Karen L. (Chickering) Petrello of Quinebaug, , a step-son Gregory Devlin, step-daughter Amanda Dube and her husband Justin Dube of Tolland, CT. Philip also leaves a Aunt Sherri Petrello of East Hartford, five grandchildren, Mason, Ethan, Kendra and Sophia, Brianna and several nieces and nephews, and a Aunt Sandra Taylor of Coventry, CT and half-sister Kristy Petrello of Hartford, Ct and a half brother Joseph Petrello of East Hartford.

He was born in Hartoford, CT son of Philip Petrello and Sandra (Cramer) Lapensee. He was formerly employed at LKQ as a warehouse manager in Webster. Philip enjoyed, mortorcycles, NASCAR and cooking. Calling hours were held Wednesday, July 15, 2020 in the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA Please omit flowers and make donations in his memory to Recovery Center of America at Westminster, 9 Village Inn Rd., Westminster, MA 01473. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

## Paul M. "the Mailman" Mason, 71



OXFORD – Paul M. "the Mailman" Mason, 71, of Toria Heights Road, died Wednesday, July 8, 2020, in his home after a long illness. He is survived by family and friends

in the area. He was born in Webster, son of the late Paul E. and Alice B. (Grzyb) Mason, and lived most of his life in Oxford. He graduated from Bartlett High School in Webster in 1966 and Nichols College in Dudley. He proudly served with the Massachusetts Army National Guard.

Mr. Mason was a mail carrier for

the United States Postal Service in Worcester for 33 years, retiring in 2016. He was a member of American Legion Post 58 in Oxford and was a member of the executive board. He was a die-hard New York Yankees fan and had an incredible knowledge of baseball and Yankee's history.

A funeral service followed by burial at Mount Zion Cemetery in Webster will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to American Legion Post 58, 227 Main St., Oxford, MA 01540. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements. paradisfuneralhome.com

Charles "Butch" Samples. Sr.



Charles "Butch" Samples. Sr. a Marine Corps Veteran went home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on February 21, 2020. He was 79 years old.

He leaves his devoted wife Carole

Samples, a son, daughter, adopted daughter. Grandson, granddaughter and great grandson, two sisters Evelyn and Betty with many nieces and nephews whom he loved. He was preceded in death by his younger brother Ronnie.

He leaves many friends and acquaintances whom he laughed, smiled and shared Jesus with.

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There are no call-

ing hours. A Memorial Service will be Saturday July 18 2020 at 10 AM in The Mill Church, 45 River St., Millbury, MA. 01527.

In lieu of flowers,

donations in Mr. Samples name may be made to: VFW National Headquarters, 406 West 34th St., Kansas City, MO. 64111.

The ROBERT J. MILLER FUNERAL HOME and LAKE CHAPEL, 366 School St., Webster is Honored to be assisting the family with arrangements.

To leave an on-line message of condolence, please visit: RJMillerfunerals. net



#### Reggie Jr born Ramona Adain May 18, 1963, son to late Maggie & Reggie er Patrick O'I

Reggie O'Rourke Jr

late Maggie & Reggie O'Rourke Sr, passed peacefully at his home in Largo, Florida on June 28, 2020. Reggie Jr graduated from Bartlett High School and attended

Quinsigamond Community College. He was predeceased by his sister

### Anita P. Beardsley, 81

WEBSTER – Anita P. (Stelmach) Beardsley, 81, died Thursday, July 9, 2020 in her home surrounded by her loving family. Her husband of 46 years, James L. Beardsley, died in 2015.

She leaves 5 children, Valerie J. Hedge and her partner Craig Shea, Debbie L. Errara and her husband Jim, Patricia A. Lucier and her partner James Marino, and David V. Beardsley, all of Webster, and Jaimee L. Toutant and her husband Craig of Putnam, CT; a daughter-in-law, Laurie L. Beardsley of Webster; 12 grandchildren, Denae, Derek, Anthony, Dominic, Andrea, Dalton, Sydney, Courtney, Breanna, Christopher, Madison and Morgan; 6 great-grandchildren, Ayden, Lianna, Rosalie, Julian, Violet and Lennox; a brother, Raymond Stelmach and 2 sisters, Connie Marrier and Barbara Orlowski, all of Webster; nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her sister Rita Kus and by her brother Ronald Stelmach.

She was born and raised in Webster, daughter of Sylvester and Florence (Girardin) Stelmach and lived here most of her life. She resided in Conway, Ramona Adair and leaves behind a sister Margaret Czechowski and a brother Patrick O'Rourke of FL. He leaves behind his children Reggie III, Sean, & Kassandra O'Rourke. His Ex-Wife Kristin O'Rourke and stepchildren Amanda & Shannon Archambault. As well as grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He will be missed by all. Private services will be held at a later date.

SC for 11 years returning here in 2016. She graduated from Brom's Academy in Worcester.

She first owned and operated Anita's Beauty Chateau in Oxford for several years. She then was the co-owner with her husband A & J Tile Company in Webster before retiring in 2005.

She was a member and former lector at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church. She also belonged to St. James Church in Conway while she lived there. She enjoyed all board games, playing cards and being a member of the Pitch League at the TSKK until last year. In her younger years she bowled in leagues at the Mohegan Bowl-A-Drome.

Her funeral was held Tuesday, July 14, from the Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, with a Mass at 11:00 AM in Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 16 East Main Street. Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery. A time of visitation was held Tuesday morning from 9:00 to 10:30 AM in the funeral home with current guidelines in place. Donations in her name may be made to either Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 18 East Main Street, Webster, MA 01570 or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 202 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

## Raymond W. Bernard 84



Raymond W. Bernard 84 has died on July 1 2020. He leaves his loving wife Frances (Tkacik) Bernard. He also leaves 3 daughters. Jane Bradshaw of Rhode island ,Julie Bernard and her

partner Kevin Bridges of Saco, Maine, Jana Demers and her husband Jeff of Dudley with whom he lived with. He also leaves 4 grandchildren. Matt Connor of Florida, Jodi-lyn Kwiecinski of Saco, Maine, Kelhan Letourneau of Dudley, Cole Bernard of CT. He also leaves 3 great- grandchildren Luca, Andrew and Bryce. A sister Aline Moller of Bristol Maine. Predeceased by his siblings older brother Richard

and older sister Doris Tucker

Raymond was born in Webster, MA. He is the son of the late Aime E and the late Aldea E (Supernuat) Bernard. He lived many years in Dudley



He was a Sergeant in the Army, with an honorable discharged. He worked many years at Pratt Whitney. Later in life he would help deliver flowers for St. George's. He leaves two dear friends Arthur and Barbara Gomes of Dudley.

A celebration of life will be held pri-



Southbridge, MA 01550, or by e-mail to obits@stonebridgepress.news



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Dudley is directing arrangements. www.bartelfuneralhome.com

## The decisions that change your life

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The decisions that we make determine the trajectory of our lives.

Last week, this column spoke of the choices we make. I said that we are who we are, what we are, and where

we are in life because of the decisions we've made ... and it's true. If you take a pad of paper and begin backtracking, step by step and decision by decision, your current situation, both good and bad, become clear.

You are where you are because of the decisions and choices you made. That's true for all of us.

I received an email disputing my claim. The writer said, "I'm a victim of circumstances. I've lost everything and none of it was based upon my decisions. My life has always been in the hands of others."

My first question is, "Why is your life in the hands of others? Are they really making your decisions for you? Probably not." And that question leads me to my next question, "What decision that you made placed you in their hands?"

Blaming others is easy. "It's not my fault!" To blame others is also a decision you make and an awfully bad one. It's a decision to not accept responsibility for your results. Let's say that circumstances were such that they were completely out of your control. My next question would be, "What decisions are you making now to pull yourself out of this mess?" You can blame

POSITIVELY POSITIVELY SPEAKING GARY W. MOORE His mess?" You can blame others and say it's not your fault, but you must accept responsibility to move forward. The decisions you make will pull you out of the situation.

• I was diagnosed with cancer earlier this year. I don't

know why. Maybe environmental ... maybe stress ... maybe genetic. I don't blame others or take a fatalist view. I decided to do the research and find the right team of doctors at the right medical facility to give me the best chances to live. I decided that I was going to fight and win. I decided that I'll die someday, but not today ... and not from this.

Many people accept their diagnosis, get their life in order, then go home to await the end. I chose differently. I decided not to die from cancer and that decision pushed me to make other decisions to find the right medical team and treatment. I am where I am now in my medical care because of decisions I've made.

The quality of our lives is determined by the decisions we make. A friend on LinkedIn posted something this morning that I found interesting and an example of how decisions impact results.

"If you have a bar of iron, it's worth five dollars. If you make the iron into horseshoes, the value increases to twelve dollars. That decision more than doubles the value of your investment.

Now, take the same bar of iron and turn it into simple sewing needles. The value becomes thirty-five hundred dollars.

But if you turn that same five-dollar bar of iron into springs for Swiss watches, the value becomes an astonishing three-hundred thousand dollars. The decision you make of what you do with your iron gives you a variety of values and outcomes." The decisions you make about how you live your life are the same. The quality and value of your life are determined by your decisions.

Stephen Covey says, "We are the creative force of our life, and through our own decisions rather than our conditions, if we carefully learn to do certain things, we can accomplish our goals."

What about your decisions? Who you associate with, what you read, the importance you put into receiving training and/or education ... it all impacts your life by the decisions you are able to make based upon the knowledge you have.

You are influenced greatly by the people you spend the most time with. Choose your friends wisely.

You are who you are, where you are and what you are in your life based by what you allow into your mind. What you let in determines the decisions you make. Read good books and choose your entertainment wisely. Don't allow negativity into your mind. Chose what and who you allow into your head.

Finally, I'll share that I've never met a successful pessimist. The most successful people I have ever met are also the most optimistic. Successful people are those that believe in their success before it happens and they make the decisions to make it so.

Choose to be optimistic in all that you do.

What decisions will you make today?

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tial oil can be equal to one ounce of the fresh plant.

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

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

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

Lavender's role in inducing calm is legendary. Here are two remedies to try: Mix a little lavender essential oil with a carrier oil and massage on the bottom of the feet to soothe away stress. Or place a drop or two of the oil on a cotton ball and tuck it inside a pillowcase to lull you off to sleep. NOTE: Use herbs and essential oils at your own risk and only under proper direction. Consult an herb guide for direction on usage.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

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

## Local students named to Dean's List at Western New England University

SPRINGFIELD — Western New England University congratulates over 950 students named to the Spring Semester 2020 Dean's List.

The following students are named to the Dean's List for achieving a semester grade point average of .30 or higher.

- Brooklynn Downing of Oxford is graduating with a BSBA in Marketing.
- Kelsi Mitchell of Webster is pursuing a BS in Forensic Biology.
- Dhruvansu Thakkar of Webster is pursuing a BS in Computer Science.
- Kenneth Flynn of Dudley is pursuing a BSBA in Sport Management.
- Anthony Hakala of Dudley is pursuing a BSE in Mechanical Engineering.
- Brittany Priest of Dudley is pursuing a BA in Psychology.

Hannah Zieminski of Dudley is pursuing a BS in Actuarial Science. Having just celebrated its Centennial, Western New England University is a private, independent, coeducational institution. Located on an attractive 215-acre suburban campus in Springfield, Massachusetts, Western New England serves 3,825 students, including 2,580 full-time undergraduate students. Undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs are offered through Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and the School of Law.

## Daniel Scola receives degree from Westfield State

WESTFIELD -- Westfield State University congratulates students who received academic degrees in May 2020.

Daniel Scola of Oxford was named to the Spring 2020 Dean's List, as well a drawing for dinner for two as graduating with a BS in Computer at the historic Publick House Science and a Minor in Mathematics.



NOTICE OF MEETING NOTICE TO BE FIELD IN DUPLICATE WITH THE TOWN CLERK AT LEAST 48 HOURS PRIOR TO MEETING AS REQUIRED **BY CHAPTER 303** OF THE ACTS OF 1975 THE Z.B.A. WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING FOR

Donata Gago in Room 321A on Thursday August 6th 2020 at 7:00 PM

TO HEAR THE APPLICANT'S RE-QUEST FOR

Special Permit per section 2.02.01 Change, Extension or Alteration of the Town of Dudley Zoning By-Laws 61 Eagle Drive Dudley MA Extension to a pre-existing deck.

A quorum of the Board/Committee will be physically present at the hearing location, and the hearing will be live broadcast on Dudley Cable Access Television, Channel 192.

However, pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §20, and the Governor's Executive Orders imposing strict limitations on the number of peo ple that may gather in one place, members of the public or other persons or representatives with matters appearing on the hearing notice/agenda who wish to be physically present for this public hearing must observe the following reauirements: 1. In accordance with existing requirements imposed by the Governor, hearing rooms will be limited in terms of the total number of persons that may be physically present at the same time, including Board/Committee members and staff Satellite rooms will be available for overflow, and the hearing will be broadcast in real time in those satellite rooms. 2. Persons who wish to participate in any particular matter on the hearing agenda will be asked to wait in a satellite room until that agenda item is reached, at which point attendees will be rotated between the main hearing room and the satellite room(s), as appropriate. 3. Social distancing must be maintained in both the main hearing room and in satellite rooms. Face masks or coverings will be required in accordance with Governor Baker's May 1, 2020 COV/0-19 Order No. 31, "Order Requiring Face Coverings in Public Places Where Social Distancing is Not Possible." A copy of that order can be found at

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts** The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. WO20P1795EA **CITATION ON PETITION FOR** FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of: Daniel A. Dudley Date of Death: 05/08/2020

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by John Mahaney of Spencer MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner Requests that:

John Mahaney of Spencer MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE** 

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/04/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

matter alleging that Tina Jellison is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Kimberly Benjamin-Prokop of West Warren, MA

(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve With Personal Surety on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 07/28/2020. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date. IMPORTANT NOTICE

Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. July 17, 2020

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court** Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 Docket No. WO20P1652PM **CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF** PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L.c. 190B, § 5-304 & § 5-405 In the matter of: **Jeffrey Moody** Of: Webster, MA

RESPONDENT (Person to be Protected/Minor) To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Lanessa Extended Care of Webster, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Jeffery Moody is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Kimberly Benjamin-Prokop of West Warren, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve With Personal Surety on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 07/28/2020. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date. IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The abovenamed person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the abovenamed person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense. WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.

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4. Failure to comply with these requirements may lead to an attendee's removal from the hearing.

In lieu of in-person attendance, persons with matters appearing on a hearing agenda may request that their attendance be by virtual means. Such request should be directed to Jennifer Cournoyer 508-949-8007 or watersewer@dudleyma.gov no more than 72 hours (not counting Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays) in advance, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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

Justice of this Court.

Date: July 07, 2020

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July 17, 2020

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts** The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 Docket No. WO20P1731PM **CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF** PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER **PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT** TO G.L.c. 190B, § 5-304 & § 5-405 In the matter of:

**Tina Jellison** Of: Webster, MA RESPONDENT

(Person to be Protected/Minor) To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Lanessa Extended Care of Webster, MA in the above captioned

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The abovenamed person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the abovenamed person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

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

Date: July 01, 2020

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts** The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court Worcester Division** Docket No. WO20P1639EA Estate of: Norman B. Lavoie Date Of Death: 4/22/2020 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE** 

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Jayne E. Dodge of Dudley, MA

Petitioner Brian E. Lavoie of Dudley, MA

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#### Jayne E. Dodge of Dudley, MA Brian E. Lavoie of Dudley, MA

has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the

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BALTIMORE, Md. -Thousands of members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America and guests have gathered in Baltimore, Maryland, from July 5 to July 8 for the BPO Elks' National Convention. During the convention, Edgar McDonald, of Auburn, was installed as District Deputy for the BPO Elks for lodges in the Edgar McDonald District of the West Central Elks Association, Inc. and will serve a one-year term.

The BPO Elks is one of the premier patriotic and charitable organizations in the United States of America and is committed to making its communities better places to live. Each year, the Order donates more than \$85 million in cash and \$450 million in goods and services to the needy, students, people with special needs, active-duty members of the US armed forces and their families, veterans and their families, and charitable organizations.

As part of the Elks' ongoing commitment to help students achieve their goals and help local lodges make positive changes in their communities, the Elks National Foundation awards annual college scholarships worth a total of more than \$4 million, and the Elks National Foundation's **Community Investments** Program provides local Elks lodges with more than \$13 million to help them enrich their communities.

As part of the BPO Elks' commitment to our nation's veterans, the Order has taken the following vow: "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them." Each year, Elks members keep this promise by donating more than \$50 million in cash, volunteer hours, and goods to offer essential support for veterans and active-duty members of the US armed forces and their families and for programs that serve hospitalized and recovering veterans and lift up veterans experiencing homelessness. To learn more, visit

www.elks.org

## Fairfield University congratulates Dean's List students

FAIRFIELD, Conn. — Shauna Harney and Olivia Mason received Dean's List Honors for the Spring 2020 semester at Fairfield University.

In order to be placed on the Dean's List, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours in a semester, have no outstanding or incomplete grades for that semester, and have attained a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better.



### Students named to President's List at Fitchburg State

FITCHBURG — Fitchburg State University President Richard S. Lapidus has announced the names of students included on the President's List for the Spring 2020 semester, including Jillian E. Laabs of Dudley, Katelyn R. Page and Cameron A. Truehart of Oxford, and Madison T. Podedworny of Webster.

The President's List honors students for consistently high academic achievement. A student is named to the list after achieving a 3.75 average in each of three successive semesters.

Fitchburg State University enrolls 7,000 day and evening students in more than 50 programs of study. The university was established in 1894.

### Worcester Academy announces Honor Roll and Headmaster's List

WORCESTER — Worcester Academy proudly announces its Honor Roll and Headmaster's List for Semester 2 of the 2019-2020 School Year. The honors represent the achievements that each of these Worcester Academy students has earned through academic excellence, challenge, and personal growth.

Among the students are: Joseph Berberian of Webster, 9, First Honors. Sydney Ryder of Oxford, 9, First Honors. Deryn Flynn of Dudley, 10, First Honors. Keyshla Lorenzo of Webster, 10, First Honors. Michael Berberian of Webster, 11, First Honors. Benjamin Grniet of North Oxford, 12, First Honors. Matthew Grniet of North Oxford, 10, Headmaster's List. Mackenzie Ryder of Oxford, 11, Headmaster's List. Andrew Grniet of North Oxford, 8, Honor Roll. Joseph Thompson of Dudley, 11, Second Honors. About Worcester Academy

Worcester Academy is an exceptional co-educational independent school for day and boarding students in grades 6 through 12 and postgraduates. Through an innovative and thoughtfully designed curriculum, Worcester Academy instills in students a lifelong passion for learning and a foundation of core values that enable them to "Achieve the Honorable" as leaders and world citizens. The school takes pride in its diverse local and international community, and situates its curriculum within a global, multicultural context that helps students develop the independence, confidence, and world-readiness they need to succeed in college and beyond.

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