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# Becker re-elected to third term

CANDIDATES, VOTERS CALL FOR MORE PARTICIPATION



Donna Becker, Laurinda Ralph and Randy Becker hold signs outside Town Hall Monday afternoon.

**BY GUS STEEVES**  
CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER – Traffic to the town election polls Monday was fairly light and steady, as voters re-elected Randy Becker to his third Board of Selectmen term. He handily defeated two challengers – former selectman Robert Miller and newcomer Carol Anderson –

by a tally of 753 to 259 to 69, respectively. A total of 1,089 people cast ballots, 9 percent of the registered voters. Standing outside the polls that afternoon, Becker said his number one priority is to “let the town administrator do his job, because he’s been doing an absolutely terrific job.” When

there’s a good administrator, he said, the board should simply be acting as a board of directors in any other organization would, mostly by setting policy. Beyond that, though, he said he really wants to “find ways of getting more volunteerism” in town. He noted he’s seen an uptick in new faces

recently and hopes to continue that. Around the corner, Miller supporter Laurinda Ralph was also handing out write-in slips for her brother, Joseph Ralph, who was elected to the Finance Committee with 27 out of 109 write-in votes. She agreed with the need for more involvement, pointing to the fact President Joe Biden won

Gus Steeves

# Oxford grow site gets approval from selectmen

**BY GUS STEEVES**  
CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD – The selectmen unanimously approved a host community agreement for the town’s first cannabis growing facility last week. Among the provisions are an annual “community impact fee” of 3 percent of revenues, \$35,000 a year in additional “community benefit” payments, and up to \$10,000 a year in donations to local charities.

That document is a critical item for the Baystate’s Very Own (BVO, LLC) process before the state’s Cannabis Control Commission as well as various town permitting boards. Those will determine when the facility will open. Town Manager Jen Callahan told the board BVO owner Ken Lucas “has most of his [CCC] application already done.” “I think they’ll really do their utmost to get operational as quickly as possible,” she said, adding Lucas has expressed “a vested interest in using state of the art technology.” Lucas was not at the April 27 meeting, but had given a couple presentations at previous sessions. The most recent was on March 2, when the board gave Callahan authority to negotiate the agreement. At that time, Lucas

said he plans to have up to 4320 flowering plants of 15-20 strains in four growing rooms “once we’re fully operational” a couple years after opening. He predicted five harvests per year per room, with production totaling 5,700 to 6,840 pounds of usable cannabis per year. Estimating the value will fall to \$3000 per pound (it’s now about \$4,000), that would bring in around \$17 million a year, Lucas said. The plan includes around 15 jobs, including management, office support, six growers and five trimmers, with annual salaries starting around \$35,000. Describing his goal as “to fill it with honest, good people who deserve chances,” he said he wants to specifically employ minorities, women, veterans, disabled people and LGBTQ people, and plans to reserve at least 20 percent of the jobs for them. He said he expects staff to start at about half-capacity with workloads gradually increasing and salaries likewise. “The owner is willing to outline the things he did in the presentation, especially with regard to diversity in hiring and employment of those who’d work at the facility,” Callahan told the board last week. However, she added, they had to negotiate the actual language, because

Lucas initially wanted to have it only in the CCC application, not the host community agreement. She noted they also negotiated hours – Lucas sought 6 a.m. to midnight, but Callahan got him down to 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. She said she wanted “hours of operation when

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# School District sponsors stress management workshop

**BY GUS STEEVES**  
CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER – As many parents and teachers have seen, the Covid upheaval in daily schedules has been stressing themselves and their children. That why the school system sponsored a recent workshop on man-

aging anxiety and stress for parents and kids by Noel Foy. It’s available on video on the district Web site. “There’s been a significant spike in anxiety among kids and teens,” Foy observed, adding that they typically turn to adults for cues on how to deal with such changes.

All too often, the cues they get don’t really help, and it’s important we “be mindful of our language,” she noted. Common phrases such as “calm down,” “don’t worry about it” and the like “usually bring the stress up,” never mind repeated media and other

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## THANK YOU TO THE DW

Sincere thanks to the Dudley Woman’s Club and local community members who donated to our April Mask Drive to benefit the Webster-Dudley Food Share! We collected 829 masks for local distribution! Again many thanks to those who cared enough to help the WDFS! Pictured from left are DW Giving & Service Director Kathy L’Heureux, DW member and Empire Travel Proprietor Mary Anne Fontaine, and DW President Andrea Kane.





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# Church of the Reconciliation reopens May 9



An early photo of the church of the reconciliation

WEBSTER — It has been a year like no other for the parishioners of the Episcopal Church of the Reconciliation in Webster. A year of enduring a deadly pandemic and weathering an abundance of change will culminate on May 9, when they return to their familiar church surroundings.

The Gothic Revival church on North Main Street—originally the spiritual home to the Slater Family and other prominent Websterites —was dedicated, and the first service held on Jan. 3, 1871. This January—150 years later—when there should have been a gala celebration to commemorate the building, its beautiful stained glass, and its history, the doors were shuttered— closed on the instructions of the Diocese in March 2020 due to COVID19. What was to be a temporary closure to slow the spread of the virus lingered on into the new year. Now, finally, the Church of the Reconciliation joyfully announces that the doors will be open and the first indoor service in over a year will take place at 11am on May 9th.

The pandemic was not the only challenge Reconciliation faced over the last year. When Rector Reverend Janice Ford left in January 2020 to labor full time in the addiction recovery ministry, the parish began to look for a new Pastor. Advised by the Diocese to think outside of the box, Reconciliation began talks, not only with local Episcopal parishes, but with the Zion Lutheran Church in Oxford which also was in search of a Pastor. The Lutheran and Episcopal Churches in the United States are in communion and can share ministers. There are several Episcopal/Lutheran parish arrangements in New England. A courtship followed, and a decision made by both parishes to embark upon a partnership—each parish to maintain their traditions, but to work together in areas of ministries common to both. While the pandemic raged and made relationship building difficult, both parishes managed to worship together outdoors and via zoom and slowly begin to learn about one another.

The second big challenge—made more difficult by COVID—was to call a shared Pastor. If anyone is familiar with a church Pastor selection process, they know how much effort and soul

searching it takes. To be able to “speak” both Episcopal and Lutheran and manage two different denominational processes makes it definitely more complicated. And so, there were hours of Zoom discussions and interviews. Thanks to the wonders of Zoom—Reconciliation and Zion were able to connect with an American Lutheran Pastor serving in Germany, Reverend Michael Bastian, and welcome him as their shared Pastor in October. Rev. Bastian coined the joint parish mantra—“Being Church Better Together.”

While the joint parish efforts are new, there already have been successes. During Lent, both parishes supported the “Change the Babies” program. For years Reconciliation had been a supporter of the Mampong Babies Home in Kumasi, Ghana—a home for 20-30 babies of mothers who have died in childbirth. The parish became aware of the fact that the need had grown during the pandemic. Officials at the Babies Home walk the river every day only to find abandoned infants at an increasing frequency. As a Lenten discipline, both parishes saved their spare change and gathered it in a festive joint Easter service to find that there was enough money to support a child for a year. Fifteen hundred dollars was sent to the Babies Home. Both parishes are now embarking upon a Lutheran World Relief effort to provide personal care kits which will be shipped to locations where people have been displaced by conflict or natural disaster. On the day of Pentecost, May 23, parishioners



of Zion and Reconciliation will assemble the kits for international distribution after a joint service at Zion. Being Church Better Together!

And finally, after worshipping outside in the Memorial Garden in the cold and singing their hymns while muted on Zoom, the intrepid parishioners of the Episcopal Church of the Reconciliation are ready to go back inside of their lovely 150-year-old church, watch the play of the stained glass on the pews, and pray Hallelujah on May 9 at 11 a.m. Additional information about the parish and services are to be found on [www.churchofthereconciliation.org](http://www.churchofthereconciliation.org). Rejoice Always!



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barbiton and the pektis.  
Throughout the twelfth  
century there were  
female troubadours and  
during the sixteenth,  
madrigal composers.  
Francesca Caccini (1587-  
1638) is thought to be  
the first woman to write  
an opera and Elisabeth-  
Claude Jacquet de la  
Guerre (1663-1729), the  
author of an early bal-  
let. It is not until the end  
of the nineteenth cen-  
tury, however, that sig-  
nificantly more women  
begin to enjoy public per-  
formances of their music  
and become profession-  
al composers. Perhaps  
you've heard of Teresa  
Carreno, Sophie Menter  
and Clara Schumann?

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WEBSTER POLICE LOG

*Editor's note: The police log published in last week's edition contained an entry stating incorrectly that a 25-year-old female from Webster had been arrested during a domestic incident on April 17. That individual, whose name has been withheld from publication, was, in fact, issued a summons in lieu of arrest.*

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests from April 25 to May 3.  
Kharee I. Criswell, age 43, of Brookline was arrested on April 25 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, Failure to Yield at an Intersection, and for their License not being in their Possession.

John F. Fitzgerald, age 35, of Walpole was arrested on April 25 in connection with a warrant.

A 46-year-old male from Webster was arrested on April 25 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

Marek Starsiak, age 34, of Webster was arrested on April 25 for Assault with a Dangerous Weapon, Disorderly Conduct, Disturbing the Peace, and Assault & Battery. A 43-year-old male from Webster was taken into protective custody during the same incident.

Neil R. Leclair, age 42, of Webster was arrested on April 27 for Assault & Battery on a Police Officer, Assault & Battery with a Dangerous weapon, Disorderly Conduct, and Resisting Arrest.

Karl W. Holden, age 45, of Worcester was arrested on April 28 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol (second offense), and Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License.

Lewis Evelyn Sladdin, age 24, of Webster was arrested on April 29 in connection with a Warrant of Apprehension.

Luis A. Guzman, Jr., age 23, of Webster was arrested on April 29 in connection with a warrant.

Rommel N. Portante, age 23, of Webster was arrested on April 29 in connection with a warrant.

Scarlet Wanjiru, age 24, of Webster was arrested on April 30 in connection with a warrant.

Randy Travis Williams, age 31, of Webster was arrested on April 30 in connection with a warrant.

Dudley Patrolmen's  
Association  
fundraiser underway

DUDLEY — The Dudley Patrolmen's Association annual fundraiser is under-  
way. All Pro Productions will be making  
phone calls for donations to residents  
and businesses. The proceeds of this  
campaign benefit local police programs  
and other community-based initiatives,  
including scholarships.

The officers wish to thank the com-  
munity in advance for their continued  
support and generosity. Should any-  
one have questions about this or other  
fundraisers, we encourage you to con-  
tact the Dudley Police at 508-943-4411 or  
508-949-8023 before making any dona-  
tions. Donations can also be sent or  
dropped off in person at the Dudley  
Police Headquarters located at 71 West  
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The Department thanks everyone in  
advance for their continued generosity  
and support.

DUDLEY POLICE LOG

DUDLEY — The Dudley Police Department reported the  
following arrests during the week of April 23-30.

Francis James Kush, age 62, of Webster was arrested on April  
24 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, Negligent  
Operation of a Motor Vehicle, a Marked Lanes Violation,  
Leaving the Scene of Property Damage, and Possession of an  
Open Container of Alcohol in a Motor Vehicle.

Josiah James Cook, age 23, of Dudley was arrested on April  
25 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol and Negligent  
Operation of a Motor Vehicle.

A 43-year-old female whose name has been withheld from  
publication was arrested on April 27 for Assault & Battery on  
a Family or Household Member.

Coast Guard boating safety  
course offered May 20

REGION — Our local United States Coast Guard Auxiliary  
Tri-State Flotilla, Massachusetts will be instructing a special  
boating safety class through the Zoom video conference plat-  
form on Thursday, May 20 from 7-9:30 p.m. for a \$5 fee.

Imagine you are out on the water when the boat's captain  
somehow is incapacitated or falls overboard and can't swim  
back to the boat. Are you prepared to take basic actions to  
get help, stop or start the engine and take the helm? A little  
knowledge could save lives and make you feel more comfort-  
able boating when you're not generally at the helm.

Misfortunes can and do happen while on that fishing,  
diving, adventure, or party charter. Being out on your own  
boat with that significant other at the helm, or going out on a  
friends' pontoon boat can also turn to horror if the skipper is  
suddenly out of commission. This is a boating safety primer  
for those not generally at the helm but would like to know  
what to do, to be better prepared.

Registration is managed through the Milford Community  
School Use Program, Spring-Adult-Boating, at <http://mcs.milford.ma.us> or (508) 478-1119, register by May 17; keeping in  
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Engine additive
- 4. A hearty laugh
- 8. Restrain
- 10. Dried coconut kernels
- 11. Nefarious
- 12. Elderly
- 13. Central part of a church building
- 15. Throw into confusion
- 16. Intestinal
- 17. Qualities of being religious
- 18. Live up to a standard
- 21. Seize
- 22. Go quickly
- 23. Automated teller machine
- 24. Bowling necessity
- 25. One point east of due south
- 26. Japanese honorific
- 27. A way to induce sleep
- 34. Makes cash register rolls
- 35. A city in S Louisiana
- 36. Make more cheerful
- 37. Manicurist
- 38. Consents
- 39. Network of nerves
- 40. Mocking smile
- 41. It covers the body
- 42. Partner to pans
- 43. Perform in a play

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Beautiful
- 2. Polynesian island country
- 3. Shrub of the olive family
- 4. Self-governing Netherlands territory
- 5. Shared one's view
- 6. Tailless amphibians
- 7. Charge passengers must pay
- 9. Sound sheep make
- 10. Known for sure
- 12. Filled with unexpressed anger
- 14. Student (abbr.)
- 15. Criticize
- 17. Gathering place
- 19. Informal alliances
- 20. One's mother (British)
- 23. Landholder
- 24. Peter's last name
- 25. Parties
- 26. Title of respect
- 27. Red wine
- 28. Pearl Jam's debut
- 29. Shaft horsepower (abbr.)
- 30. Frosts
- 31. Cry of joy
- 32. Induces vomiting
- 33. Mother or father
- 34. Dal \_\_: Musical navigation marker
- 36. Door fastener part

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# St. Joseph Student Council raises funds for Food Share

WEBSTER — Over the past month, the St. Joseph School Student Council held a charity drive to benefit the Webster-Dudley Food Share.

In an ordinary year, St. Joseph School seventh and eighth grade students volunteer monthly at the Food Share, helping distribute food, clean tables, and much more. However, due to Covid-19, such efforts were unfeasible. Therefore, the Student Council wanted to find a way for the seventh and eighth grade students to continue their support but also wanted to include the entire school.

After months of hard work developing a proposal to keep all students safe and socially distanced and outlining the logistics to the school administration, the Student Council implemented its plan. Every classroom would have a “charity jug,” a small water bottle with each classroom’s grade printed in fun lettering. If a student brought in money, they would drop their spare change and dollar bills into the bottle. The students would have exactly one month to raise as much money as possible. As an incentive, the three classes that collected the most money earned a dress-down day, and the top class would receive lollipops. So, starting March 1st, the SJS Student Council handed out the bottles. After one month, they collected the bottles, and the results were astounding. When the fundraising initiative was first discussed in November, the original goal was \$250. However, the St. Joseph School student body managed to raise more than \$1,100. The top class was the fifth grade, with \$800 in donations, followed by Grades three and eight.

On Thursday, April 29, Student Council President Samantha Keller, Vice President Dale Boudreau, eighth grade Class Representative Maya Podskarbi, and Student Council Faculty Advisor Mrs. Mary Ann Weaver presented a \$1,148.35 to A.J. Alkire, Manager of the Webster-Dudley Food Share. While receiving the check, Mr. Alkire told the students that he hopes the Bread for Life Kitchen will be back up and running soon. Meanwhile, he noted that they are still distributing fruits and vegetables and have also given out more than 30,000 masks. He also stressed to the students that “everyone needs help, and everyone needs to help.”



Courtesy  
St. Joseph School Student Council President Samantha Keller, Vice President Dale Boudreau, 8th Grade Class Representative Maya Podskarbi, and Student Council Faculty Advisor Mrs. Mary Ann Weaver presented a \$1,148.35 to A.J. Alkire, Manager of the Webster-Dudley Food Share. Pictured (left to right) Mrs. Mary Ann Weaver, A.J. Alkire, Samantha Keller, Angel Santiago, Dale Boudreau, and Maya Podskarbi.

# Assumption students recognized for academic excellence with annual Honors Convocation awards

WORCESTER — Assumption University honored 80 students with academic awards for excelling in their individual fields of study. The annual spring Honors Convocation is an opportunity to recognize students who have received one of the University’s academic departmental honors, special awards, and Augustine Scholarships. Local students included:

Brian James, Class of 2023, of Webster, received an Augustine Scholarship, which is awarded to rising junior and senior students, who-through their academic achievement, leadership, community service and good character-best embody the Assumption College mission.

Kelly Knutelski, Class of 2023, of Oxford, received an Augustine Scholarship, which is awarded to rising junior and senior students, who-through their academic achievement, leadership, community service and good character-best embody the Assumption College mission.

“The annual Honors Convocation recognizes Assumption students who embody the Assumption mission through their academic excellence and a commitment to learning,” said Greg Weiner, Ph.D., provost and academic vice president. “Receiving these awards is a noteworthy achievement for students engaged in a journey of Catholic liberal education that seeks to awaken in them a sense of wonder and purpose.”

The departmental and special awards allow faculty to honor the most meritorious students in each of their primary programs of study while Augustine Scholarships are awarded to rising juniors and seniors whose academic achievement, leadership, character, and community service embody the Assumption mission.

Assumption University, founded in 1904 by the Augustinians of the Assumption, is New England’s premier university for high-quality education, integrating career preparation and education of the whole person, drawing upon the best in the rich and centuries-long tradition of Catholic higher education. Assumption, located in Worcester, Massachusetts, seeks to provide students with a transformative education that forms graduates who possess critical intelligence, thoughtful citizen-

ship, and compassionate service. The University offers 34 majors and 49 minors in the liberal arts, sciences, business, nursing and professional studies; as well as master’s and continuing education degrees and professional certificate programs. For more information about Assumption University, please visit [www.assumption.edu](http://www.assumption.edu).



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# BAY PATH HONOR ROLL

CHARLTON — Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School has released its honor roll for the third quarter of the 2020-2021 academic year.

Grade 12  
High Honors: Nathaniel Beauchesne, Dylan Bellerive, Maya Bond, Victoria Bonneau, Kaitlyn Brindle, Matthew Brown, Gabriella Caron, Lauren Chase, Emma Christian, Andrew Colson, Christian Consiglio, Cheyenne Courtney, Bailey Creeron, Kelli Devlin, Jessi Escoto-Cifuentes, Benjamin Gelineau, Isabella Gonyea, Alexis Gosselin, Isaac Josti, Samantha Labelle, Eliana Lasell, Alicia Lempitski, Samuel Messier, Zachary Messina, Owen Ostromecki, Luis Perez, McKenzie Robinson, Kyle Sadusky, Kiana Tonkin, Jared Torosian, Nikko Vitkos, Caitlin Young, Louis Zanca

Honors: Emma Abbascia, Bryanna Andino, Graciela Antunez-Flores, Erika Apher, Ivy Ballou, Dominic Beauchesne, Cameron Blake, Skyler Bond, Dani Borci, Aaron Correira, Megan Costa, Brianna Cote, Natalie Courtney, Olivia Courville, Jordan DeFosse, Hayden Dube, Calissa Ferschke, Sean Flynn, Sarah Gosselin, Molly Hoefler, Abigail Joesten, Elin Kaufman, Jodie Kendall, Juliannah Kolofsky, Savannah LaBranche, Karma Lama, Lussio Lopez-Torres, Curtis Lussier, Grant Maffei, Bryan Malone, Nicholas Marcotte, Chase McKenney, Kevin McManus, Ty Millette, Dimitrios Mironidis, Nicholas Moulton, Michael Mullaly, Joshua Natale, Robert Nichols III, Meagan Peck, Madison Poole, Keith Reardon, Nicholas Reil, Christina Rivera, Steven Schoenfeldt, Dylan Smaltz, Ryan Steiner, Kyleigh Sutherland, Maynard Sweet-Giglio, Joshua Turcotte, Cullen West, Genevieve Williams, Ashley Wilson, Katie Wroblewski

Principal's List: Adrian Aguilar, Kyle Bacon, Brent Burlingame, Leigha Clifford, Timothy Crowell, Leah Dingui, Evan Duffey, Parker Gilspin, Damien Grassey, Chloe Grenier, Evan Hall, Devin Hanlan, Crista Hernandez, Elena Hopkins, Jayce Hutchinson, Susanna Krantz, Set Lawendowski, Matthew Livsey, Ulysses Logan, Evan Maldonado, Madison McKeon, Elizabeth McLam, Douglas Poirier, Troy Pollone, James Rivera, Andrea Rogan, Madison Rynne, Johnathan Tucker

Grade 11  
High Honors: Justin Barton, Hayden Bourgeois, Alexia Brawn, Dylan Butkus, Diego Canovas, Jackson Chaffee, Lillian Dolan, Izabella Coughlin, Jack Dalton, Lillian Dolan, Erin Donahue, Cody Douglas, Genesis Gonzalez, Zachary Hinman, Sarah Simpson, Caroline Soucy, Olivia St. Germain, Mateusz Zych

Honors: Aidan Adler, Adrian-Nicky Antwi, Connor Barton, Thomas Benoit, Dominic Benvenuti, Jayde Berthiaume, Brian Bonnette, Catalina Burden, Patric Campbell, Andrew Cannon, Isabella Capuano, Harmony Caranci, Stephanie Chege, Connor Clardy, Yadriel Colon Vega, Anaya Compres, Chynna Cote, Carter Coughlin, Aleysha Cruz Merced, Kevin Cunningham, Hayden Dery, Harmony Desrosiers, Chloe Dexter, Nathan Dreitlein, Lillian Dunkerton, May Emsiranunt, Johnathon Ferreira, Brady Garabedian, Danielle Gautier, Isabella Gervais, Alex Gilfoy, Gavin Gillet, Nicholas Gosselin, Ashley Hamel, Brandie-Lea Heck, Molly Johnson, Ryan Kempeskie, Kevin Kilcourse, Ryan Komssi, Jason Kozlowski, Taylor Labrecque, Anthony Lang, Bethany Lasell, Andrew Leach, William LeCuyer, Lexie MacDonald, John Marchetti, John Martinek, Anthony Martins, Brandon Martocci, Boru Masiello, Alannah Matthews, Cadie Miller, Samuel Murillo, William Ofori, Angelina Ortiz, Samuel Parker, Michael Pashoian, Aaliyah Perez, Ilias Perez, Hunter Poci, Krystal Quadarella, Xavier Rodriguez-Bradley, Alex Saad, Anthony Seymour, Chloe Sicari-Swinimer, Katrina Somers, Kyra Stevens, Isabella Tanacea, Scarlet Taveras, Francheska Toribio-Polanco, Jalissa Torres, Aaliyah Tremblay Collins, Rohan Vaidya, Kyle VanCott, Tyler Verrier

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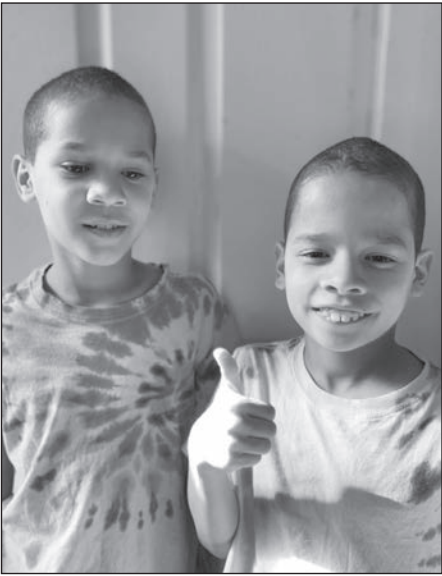
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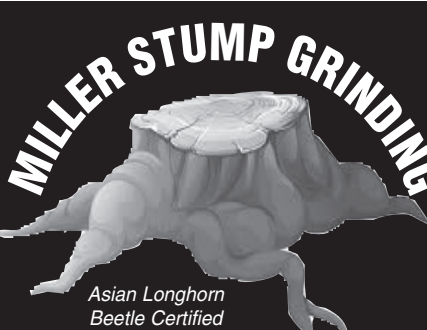


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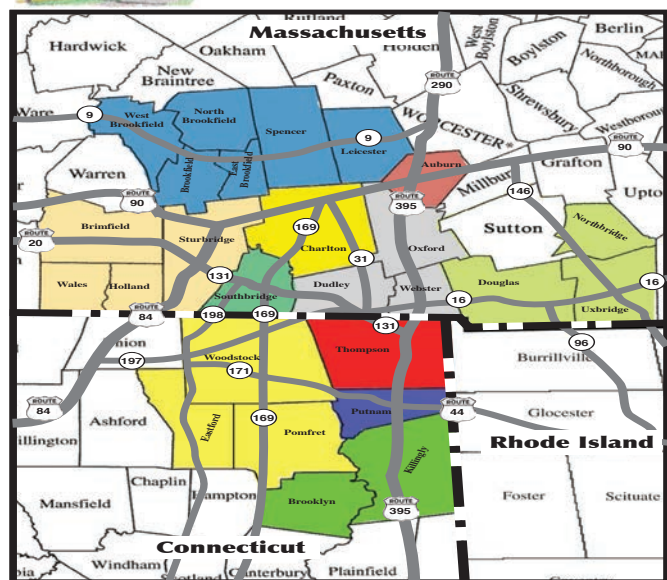
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EDITORIAL

# Spring cleaning is about more than tidying up

It's been a rainy week, which means that spending time inside organizing and cleaning — along with watching the Red Sox hold steady in first place — was top on our to-do list. Spring cleaning, a chore that happens every year, feels great when complete. Why is it that something so tedious and boring could be so good for us?

Did you know that cleaning actually supports your immune system? Cleaning is of huge benefit especially to those with allergies. Getting rid of dust, pet dander, mildew and mold can trigger the immune system causing unnecessary illness. Those with cluttered homes tend to suffer the worst. To avoid indoor allergies, vacuum regularly, this to include your furniture.

Cleaning reduces stress. While cleaning, your brain is able to relax. This mindless activity can give you a chance to de-stress. Experts say that cleaning for as little as twenty minutes can reduce anxiety by up to 20 percent. It's a win-win — sure, it's no day at the spa, but constructive relaxation is always good. Using products with scents said to induce relaxation such as lavender is also an expert tip.

Heart health can be improved by cleaning by way of exercise. Just a half an hour of vacuuming can burn up to 100 calories. It's a known fact that people who like to keep their homes clean tend to take more interest in their overall health and well-being.

A tidy bedroom is said to help you sleep better. Individuals who make their beds are roughly 20 percent more likely to get a more restful night sleep. Seventy-five percent of people polled sleep better on clean sheets, in a room with less clutter.

When you are in a tidy area, your production increases. Less clutter means less distraction, which is said to clear up mental space. A study from 2011 published in the Journal of Neuroscience used MRI's to track the brain's response to cleanliness. More clutter was found to significantly limit the brain's processing capability.

Checking off the cleaning to do list can make you feel more satisfied and can boost your mood. A clean, fresh house is said to naturally boost endorphins and boost energy levels which leads to a decrease in depression.

Cleaning and organization can have a domino effect in that it can lead to sprucing up other areas of your life. Interesting, was the one finding that stated when individuals were placed in a clean, well-organized space they were more likely to choose healthier menu items.

Perhaps William Morris put it best: "Have nothing in your house that you do not know to be useful, or believe to be beautiful."

# VIEWPOINT

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

## The final words of Jesus Christ

When one is dying, typically the final words of a dying person are among the most cherished. They often will give you a unique perspective into what the dying person values, and what he most wants to pass on as his/her legacy. I know that if I was dying, I would think very carefully about what I wanted to say, and how I would want my children and friends to remember me.

Think about that for a moment. What would you want your final words to be?

Well, Jesus shared some final words to His closest friends and disciples after His Resurrection and right before His Ascension into heaven. What did Christ think most important to transmit to His followers during His last days on earth? He had 40 days between His Resurrection and His Ascension and He wanted to ensure that His sacred mission continued even after He left His disciples. So, what did He tell them?

According to the Gospel of John, we can see six things that Jesus said to His followers. He included several blessings and some commands. He wanted His followers to understand that they had His blessing yet He expected them to continue His work in the world. Blessings come with responsibility. Blessings come with expectations. God doesn't want us to receive His blessings and then simply keep them for ourselves. Interestingly enough, intermixed with His blessings and commands, also comes a warning.

Christ's first post-resurrectional words to His disciples are "Peace be with you." In fact, three times Jesus blesses His disciples with His peace. They were afraid. They were uncertain. They had seen terrifying events. Thus, our Lord's first words comfort and strengthen His friends: "Peace be with you."

The peace of God is something He always promised His followers. Right before His arrest He comforted His disciples, "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives, do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." Later, He encouraged them, "In



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Me you have peace. In the world you will have tribulation but be of good cheer for I have overcome the world."

Shalom. Eirini. Peace. This reflects the deep-rooted sense of God's presence with us. God is with us and He is the Source and Giver and Prince of Peace.

Yet, right after Christ offers peace, He then reminds His followers of what He expects. "As the Father has sent me, so now I send you." Jesus came with the peace of the Father into the world on a divine mission. This mission is what He now passes on to each of us. We have a responsibility to fulfill His divine mission. We have a responsibility to go into the world, into society, into the darkest places of humanity and bring His light and peace.

I do not bless you, Jesus says, so that you can simply keep My blessing for yourself to enjoy. I want you to enjoy my blessing, but the more you seek to share it with others, the more you bring others into my peace and love and the greater you will experience my own blessing. Remember, "To whom much is given, much is required." I give to each of you, my followers, much. Yet now I expect you to go forth into the world, into every part of the world, and share my peace, my love, the good news of my resurrection and victory over death, and my blessing with others.

So, we have the blessing of peace, and then the expectation to go into the world and share that peace.

Next Jesus offers another blessing. "Receive the Holy Spirit." He promises His followers the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth who will guide us, strengthen us, and empower us. Christ told His followers, "I won't leave you alone but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you."

Yet, right after He tells them that He will empower them by the Holy Spirit, He also commands His followers to be responsible for His flock, to guide others on the straight and narrow

path that leads them also into the kingdom of heaven. He actually gives them a grave responsibility: "If you forgive the sins of any, I will also forgive them. If you retain the sins of others, I will retain them."

That's a very heavy burden to place on someone — if you forgive others, I will also forgive them, but if you retain the sins of others, I also will retain them. Of course, no authentic follower of Jesus would carelessly follow this command. It is not a commandment to use as a punishment, but it is something to use wisely and sparingly, for the salvation of another.

In the middle of these blessings and commandments, Jesus then warns His followers, "Do not be unbelieving, but be believing." Doubt and skepticism and temptations and many questions will arise. The world around us will not nourish our faith but will try to extinguish it. We live in a secular society that downplays faith and tries to minimize one's faith commitment. Thus, take care to constantly act in a counter-cultural way, nurturing our faith and striving to continually grow. Be on guard against all that will lead us to unbelief.

The final blessing that Jesus offers His disciples is this: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet who believe." We may feel that we don't see the miracles of Jesus. For many of us, we have inherited our faith from our parents and have heard the stories of Jesus through the Church and from Holy Scriptures. Yet, have we made the faith our own? Do we or can we believe by faith, without seeing? Can we commit our lives completely to following Christ simply trusting in what the Church, what Holy Scripture, what our Holy Tradition tells us? "Blessed are those who have not seen and believe."

The final words of Jesus are also the final words of John's entire Gospel. The Evangelist says that he wrote all these words for one purpose: for us to believe and have life in His name. St. John the Evangelist, and Jesus Christ Himself, want each of us to accept His blessings, follow His commandments, and then "To believe and to have life!"

## What does it take to get a motorcycle license?



**CHIEF'S CORNER**  
**STEVE WOJNAR**

The warmer spring weather, finally, means many people are out and about. I was asked a question regarding motorcycles. The person was interested in obtaining a motorcycle license. They wondered about the licensing process, and if they needed to own a bike to take the test.

The Registry of Motor Vehicles creates rules and regulations for obtaining a motorcycle permit and license. To obtain a permit, a person must complete an application. This may be done online, under the COVID rules, or in person through appointment. You must be of legal driving age and meet all the qualifications for a standard vehicle license. If you are under 18, parental consent is required, and all junior operator provisions must be followed. Everyone must take a basic 25 question examination and correctly answer at least 18. A vision screening is also conducted prior to any permit being issued. When operating on a motorcycle permit, a person is not allowed to carry passengers, must operate only during the day light (sunrise to sunset), must wear an approved helmet and eye protection, and must not operate out of state unless the other state allows such operation.

Motorcycle license regulations can be very similar to those for obtaining a permit. You must determine whether this license will be under a "Real ID" application or standard license. You should check the web site below for further details. Regardless of the type of license, completion of a road test is required. A person can also take the Motorcycle Rider Education Training Course prior to any license being issued. There are fees associated with both the license and permit process. Anyone interested should consult the Registry of Motor Vehicles web site for any COVID-19 related restrictions or requirements.

A person is not required to own a registered motorcycle while obtaining a license. The rules are like the driver's license road tests for cars or trucks. The Registry tells us for all road tests, "you are required to supply a properly equipped, legally registered and insured motorcycle that has a valid inspection sticker. The motorcycle must be acceptable to the examiner."

A rider should be confident in his/her ability to safely ride whatever motorcycle they plan to operate. Consult with professionals on the subject prior to riding or buying any motorcycle. If not operated safely, and with due caution, crashes and injuries can result. More information can be obtained through the Registry at <https://www.mass.gov/motorcycle-class-m-drivers-licenses>.

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

# Here's a long-lasting Mother's Day gift

Mother's Day has almost arrived. As an adult, you can fully appreciate all your mother has done for you, so, on this occasion, you may be happy to give Mom flowers, candy, jewelry or something similar. But Mother's Day is here and then it's gone. Is there a longer-term gift that can make a real difference in your mother's life?

Actually, there is — the gift of knowledge for her financial future.

Specifically, there are two key areas in which you may be able to provide valuable help to your mother: long-term care and estate planning. But don't panic — you don't have to be an expert in either one of these subjects. You can, however, steer Mom — and possibly your other parent, too, if one is in the picture — in the right direction. Let's take a quick look at both these topics.



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First, consider long-term care. If your mother is in good health, you may not have thought much about whether she would eventually need an extended stay in a nursing home or the services of a home health aide. But the odds aren't necessarily in her favor: About 70 percent of adults who reach 65 will eventually require some type of long-term service and support, according to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. And this type of care is expensive: The annual medi-

cal cost for a private room in a nursing home is more than \$100,000, and it's nearly \$55,000 per year for the full-time services of a home health aide, according to a survey by the insurance company Genworth.

Unless your mother has accumulated a great deal of financial resources, she likely won't be able to pay these costs out of pocket without jeopardizing her financial independence. Furthermore, Medicare typically pays only a small portion of these expenses.

To help your mother deal with this potential financial threat, you might want to suggest she meet with a financial professional, who can explore possible strategies and products designed to address long-

term care. And the sooner, the better, because these solutions will become more expensive and challenging the older your mother gets.

The second topic you may want to bring up with your mother is her estate plan. Has she drafted a will? Has she safeguarded her wishes by creating the necessary legal documents? These could include a durable power of attorney for finances, which allows her to name someone to manage her financial affairs if she becomes incapacitated, and a durable power of attorney for health care, which allows someone to make medical decisions for her if she is able to do so herself.

Having her estate plans in order can help protect your mother's finances and ensure her legacy is honored — which is

almost certainly an outcome she would keenly desire. So, if your mother doesn't already have a comprehensive estate plan, encourage her to see a legal professional to start the process.

Helping your mother protect herself from the catastrophic costs of long-term care and the chaos of an inadequate estate plan may not sound like a typical Mother's Day offering, but your actions can help keep Mom in a good place in life — and that's a pretty valuable gift.

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# Turkey season off to a great start

Massachusetts Wild Turkey season got off to a great start, as this week's photo shows. Ken True harvested two birds back-to-back only minutes apart. The big tom sported one-inch spurs, and a 10-inch beard. Steve Rondeau harvested his 22-pound Tom on Saturday morning which also sported one-inch spurs and a 10-and-a-half-inch beard. Both men observed numerous birds in the area that they hunted. The heavy winds on Friday & Saturday afternoon caused destruction to numerous ground blinds that were left for the next day of hunting. Saltwater fishing was also impacted by the high winds of this past weekend, keeping most boats tied up at the dock. It normally takes a few days of good weather to bring back fishing to what it was before the big blow. New England has been experiencing a lot of windy days in the last few weeks. Hopefully, things will start to calm down so that fishing can get back to normal, whatever that is.

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club will hold their annual kids fishing derby



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this Saturday starting at 8 a.m., with breakfast being served free to kids only. Breakfast will be available for adults for a small fee. The club pond was stocked with a huge load of trout this past week, with some trout over four pounds! Every youngster in the derby will receive a prize just for fishing, so be sure to bring your kids to this great day in the outdoors and enjoy the morning fishing with the family. You may just get hooked on fishing yourself. You all deserve it after this winter and the pandemic is in our rear-view mirror!

Freshwater fishing for trout continues to have anglers catching some real nice fish, but bass anglers are also enjoying some great fishing for

smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. The number one bait for shore fishermen is shiners. Shad fishing should also pick up in the days ahead. Fishing for shad in the Connecticut River in Holyoak & surrounding areas can provide some great fishing for the entire family. Using freshwater rods and shad darts fan have the entire family enjoying the shad fishing on the Connecticut and Merrimack Rivers. Shad are not a good eating fish, unless you plan on pickling them, but many people love the fish eggs (Roe) from the females. Poor man's caviar. Check out the recipes online.

Tautog fishing on the Westport River continued to be very poor up until this past Saturday on the Westport River. Hopefully, it is going full blast by the time you read this column. The water temperature was still at 50 degrees this past Saturday, and only a few more degrees should have the fish entering the river to feed and spawn.



Steve Rondeau with his big Tom.

Courtesy

## Two More Nostalgic Favorites from the Heirloom Garden

Lofty daylilies swaying in a summer breeze, and dainty purple Hosta buds rising above lush greenery - such are the things an heirloom garden is made of! Generations of New England gardens have been graced with the beauty and simplicity of these historic plants. Heirloom flowers and plants invoke nostalgia, while offering both beauty and sentiment to an outdoor garden.



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Daylilies, and Hosta are two perennial New England favorites. In some cases, plants grown a century ago continue to thrive and bloom today, serving as living antiquities in the garden. Read on for an overview of these hardy garden favorites!

**H a r d y** **H o s t a**  
Hosta plants are a common throughout the New England landscape. The plants abundant lush, green foliage and sprouting blue flowers have made them a favorite for over a century. Originally from Japan, the, Hosta was brought to America from Europe in the mid 19th century. Doctor and botanist Englebert Kaempfer (1651-1715), is named as the pioneer researcher of Japanese plants, including Hosta, which led to the plants eventual import to this country. Hostas were an important element in the Victorian garden, a tradition that continues today as the border plant is often found along pathways to historic New England homes.

**Growing Hosta:** The Hosta is a very self sufficient plant, requiring little or no sun, fertilizer, or tending. A shade tolerant plant, Hostas are very low maintenance and easy to grow, making them a favorite for shady rock gardens, walkways and lawn borders. Little bell shaped blooms emerge from center spikes of the plant in summer. Hosta boasts a variety of different strains, offering various leaf size, texture and color, including an array of variegated leaves. While Hostas are known as shade plants, they should not be planted in deeply shaded areas. For best results, choose an area with morning sun and afternoon shade. Dig a hole one and a half times the width of the root ball, as the plant's roots with grow and spread horizontally. Hostas grow and spread fast, making them a popular offering at spring garden club sales, as members typically divide and share their plants. Hostas are best divided in early spring as the plants are just beginning to sprout. Dig out the whole plant clump to separate the plants.

**Hosta Uses:** While Hosta is a gorgeous, lush plant, its usefulness may not be limited to its spectacular eye appeal. According to some gardeners, Hosta is an edible plant, with young leaves best enjoyed steamed in the same manner as dandelion greens.

**Dazzling Daylilies**  
The historic orange Day Lily, which blooms but one day, is a common sight along New England back roads, flourishing within the confines of picket fenced yards as well as sprawling through countryside fields. Daylilies, originally from Asia, made their way to Europe and arrived in this country with the colonists where they became a backyard reminder of their homeland.

Did you know? Daylilies belong to

the genus Hemerocallis, which translates from Greek to "beautiful for a day." While many new colors and varieties of the Day Lily are offered today, the heirloom flowers of our ancestors are the orange Tawny Day Lily (Hemerocallis Fulva) and the yellow Lemon Day Lily (Hemerocallis Lilasphodelus). Daylilies were another mainstay of the Victorian garden, often lining a path through a garden gate or walkway. The familiar orange Day Lily still serves as nature's mark of summer today. In New England, the tubular's blooms begin to open between the start of school summer vacation and 4th of July.

**Growing Daylilies:** The Day Lily is easily established, growing quick and vigorously. It enjoys full sun, which will maximize blooms, but also adapts to light shade well. Daylilies are tolerant of most soils, but do best in ground

that is slightly acidic. The plants should be well tilled and hole should be large enough to accommodate roots without crowding. When planting, be sure the crown of the plant is at least an inch below the ground and water thoroughly. The plant is hardy and very forgiving, usually flourishing with little effort. Daylilies grow and multiply vigorously, so they should be divided about every three years. Divide and transplant plants in early spring or just after flowering. Be sure divisions have two to three stems or leaves with roots intact.

**Day Lily Uses:** The flowers of Daylilies are edible, and are typically served cooked in Asian dishes and soups.

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

Please note the contest had been suspended due to COVID restrictions. It is expected to start up again in June. All entries have been collected and will be entered into an upcoming drawing.

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

## Local farm receives “Homegrown By Heroes” certification

**DUDLEY** — Armstrong Acres is now “Homegrown By Heroes” Certified. Homegrown by Heroes (HBH) is the official farmer veteran branding program of America, administered nationally by the Farmer Veteran Coalition. It certifies ranchers, farmers, and fishermen of all military eras to sell their products as veteran owned and produced. The label informs consumers that agricultural products donning the logo were produced by U.S. military veterans, and it allows veterans to differentiate their farm and ranch products in the marketplace. It provides consumers a tangible way to support veterans.

“We are thrilled to be one of the very first Massachusetts farms to be certified by the Homegrown by Heroes program. My wife grew up in Dudley and I am looking forward to growing roots here myself,” said Nebraska native Stephen Lepper, who recently retired after 21 years in the Navy.

The micro-farm, located on Durfee Road, will be specializing in heirloom tomato seedlings and cut flowers. Keep up to date with events and offerings by following on Instagram @ArmstrongAcresMA.

Armstrong Acres is a new, retired-military family-owned micro farm in Dudley. Stephen Lepper, his wife Lanette (Grovesteen), and daughters Abigail and Joanna settled in Dudley after he retired from 21 years of service in the Navy. They are continuing a long tradition of Armstrong family agriculture in the area. Lanette's great-great-grandfather, Chester Armstrong, was an Overseer at the Dudley Town Farm, her great-grandfather, Walter Armstrong, was Warden at the Webster Poor Farm, and her grandparents, Bob and Sigrid Armstrong, purchased the property they are currently tending almost 100 years ago. The farm is named in their honor.

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# OBITUARIES

## Frederick A. “Allan” Hull, 89



OXFORD / ESTERO, FL – Frederick A. “Allan” Hull, 89, of Paige Lane, died peacefully on Thursday, April 29, 2021, in his home. He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Irene T. (Brosnahan) Hull of Oxford; three children, Linda Vigeant of Oxford, Allan Hull and his wife Marilyn of Tennessee, and Laurie Rawson and her husband Jody of Oxford; two sisters, Sandra Chase of Lynchburg, VA, and Brenda Smith of Winder, VT; nine grandchildren, Joseph Vigeant and his wife Laura, James Vigeant and his wife Joey, Adam Hull and his wife Ashley, Steven Hull and his fiancée Beth, Michael Vigeant and his wife Susan, Joshua Hull, Ethan Rawson and his wife Jennifer, Aidan Rawson, and John Bedard; eight great-grandchildren, Caitlin, Alex, Natalie, Joseph Jr., Danielle, Olivia, Jasper, and Emelia; and many nephews and nieces. He was predeceased by two sons, Douglas Hull who died in 2020, and Steven Hull who died in 1980; and three brothers, Gary, Edmund, and John. He was born in Berkshire, VT, son of the late Frederick H. Kelley and Malinda L. Hull, and lived in Oxford since 1964. He was educated in Enosburg, VT, and received an associates degree from Worcester Junior College.

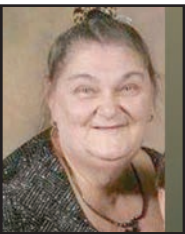
Mr. Hull worked for the Worcester County Sheriff's Department for over 25 years, retiring as a lieutenant in 1994. Previously he was a manager for Hertz Rental Car at Logan Airport in Boston. He was a life member of Singletary Rod and Gun Club in Oxford and the National Rifle Association. He was a former member of the Oxford Rotary Club. He was a member of the Bay Path School Committee for over 30 years, where he also served as committee chairman.

He enjoyed the great outdoors, especially hunting, fishing, and camping. He loved traveling to Prince Edward Island and attending the Fryeburg Fair in Maine. Mr. and Mrs. Hull enjoyed spending the winters in Estero, FL, for over 20 years.

The family would like to thank Frances Bennett for her generous love, care, and support, helping Al to stay home during his final years.

A funeral service was held at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 3, 2021, at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. Burial will be private at a later date at North Cemetery in Oxford. Calling hours were Sunday, May 2, 2021, from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the V.F.W., 20 Federal Hill Rd., Oxford, MA 01540, or to Boys Town, 14100 Crawford St., Boys Town, NE 68010.

## Jeanne L. “Bingo Jane” Germain, 71



WEBSTER - Jeanne L. “Bingo Jane” (Hebert) Germain passed away at Harrington Hospital on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at the age of 71. Jeanne leaves her daughter Rebecca Renaud and grandson Shawn Renaud, both of Webster, MA; a brother, Treffley Hebert of Putnam CT; a sister, Elizabeth (Betsy) Davis who resides in S. Carolina, and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by 2 brothers, Joseph Hebert and Samuel “Bimbo” Hoffman and by her sister Carol Paris. She was born on September 8, 1949 in

Southbridge, the daughter of Treffley J. Hebert, Sr. and Mary B. (Beaudette) Hoffman and lived in Dudley and Webster most of her life. She resided in Erath, LA from 1995 to 1997. Mrs. Germain once owned and operated a day care in her home. She enjoyed playing bingo and attending church suppers in the area. She loved spending time with family, friends, and her dogs. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Memorial calling hours will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Friday, May 7, in Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main Street. Current health guidelines will be in place and everyone must wear a mask. www.scanlonfs.com

## Judith A. Conant, 78



OXFORD – Judith A. (Shaw) Conant, 78, of Water Street, died Friday, April 30, 2021, in her home after a courageous battle with cancer. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Michael G. Conant of Oxford; two sons, Michael G. Conant Jr. and his wife Barbarajean of Oxford, and Steven F. Conant of Oxford; two brothers, Kenneth Shaw and his wife Elsie of Taunton, and Forest Thorpe of Hyannis; two sisters, Darlene Haglund of Oxford and Donna Anderson and her husband Robert of Spencer; three grandsons, Joshua M. Conant (who was always by her side) and his fiancée Jillian Orsini of Dudley, James Conant and Kevin Conant, both of Woodstock, CT; five great-grandchildren, David, Travis, and Ariana Breault, and Colton and Finnegan Conant; and many nephews, nieces, and friends. She was born in Worcester, daughter of the late Kenneth Shaw and Marie (O'Malley) Carney, and lived in Worcester before moving to Oxford 50 years ago. She graduated from Abington High School in 1960.

Mrs. Conant was a social worker

and director of case management for Wingate Rehabilitation in Worcester, retiring in 2017 after 43 years of service from nurse's aide to director. In her younger years, she was an accomplished archer and won 2nd place in New England for bare bow archery in 1967. She was a die-hard Patriots fan and season ticket holder since 1978. She enjoyed trips with family and friends to Old Orchard Beach and spending time with her husband at their vacation home in Vermont.

The family would like to thank Dana-Farber at Milford Regional Medical Center, especially Dr. Natalie Sinclair and her staff, and nurse Janet Rogers, for their exceptional care during her treatment.

A funeral was held on Tuesday, May 4, 2021, from Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford, followed by a Mass at 11 a.m. at St. Roch's Church, 332 Main St., Oxford. Burial will be private at a later date at Lakeview Cemetery in Westmore, Vermont. Calling hours were Monday May 3, 2021, from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Dana-Farber Cancer Center at Milford Regional Medical Center, 20 Prospect St., Milford, MA 01757.

## Mary Blanchette, 90

DUDLEY– Mary (Mangan) Blanchette, 90, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Friday April 23, 2021 while at the Genesis Health Care Center in Agawam. Mary was born in Webster, MA on May 26, 1930, daughter of the late Patrick and Cecelia (Cannalunga) Mangan; she lived in the area all of her life. Mary worked as a secretary at the former Cranston Printworks for many years prior to her retirement; she was also a faithful member of the St. Anthony of Padua Church in Dudley. Mary was a sweet and caring person who instantly earned admiration from all who met her; she enjoyed reading, quilting, sewing, and cooking, but she was most pleased to be with those whom she so deeply loved and care for. Being predeceased by her beloved husband Rene Blanchette, and her sister Betty Dudek, Mary is survived by

two sons: Mark Blanchette of Dudley and Gary Blanchette of Oxford; two daughters: Lisa McTigue of Worcester and Paula Colacchio of Dudley; six grandchildren: Kailey, Tyler, Matthew, Nathan, Patrick, and Anthony. In lieu of flowers, please send memorial contributions to the American Kidney Fund, 11921 Rockville Pike Suite 300 Rockville, MD 20852 A Funeral Mass was celebrated at 10:00 am on Friday April 30, 2021 at the St. Anthony of Padua Church, 24 Dudley Hill Road Dudley, MA; Committal followed in Calvary Cemetery in Dudley. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may offer condolences, share fond memories, or light a candle in remembrance of Mary.

# Baseball antique and auction news

There is some promising news for local antique shows. After all three Brimfield shows were cancelled last year due to the pandemic, Brimfield will be reopening, although it will be on a limited basis. Many of the fields have opted to remain closed for the May show. The website thebrimfieldshow.com lists Brimfield Auction Acres (formerly J & J) as the lone May show. It will open from May 12 through May 15. Expect to see more fields open for the July and September shows.

There has been a lot of recent antique news from outside of our area as well. A 1794 “No Stars Flowing Hair Dollar” far exceeded expectations when it sold at auction last month. ESPN reported that “while it closely resembles silver dollars that were later minted in Philadelphia, it gets its name because it is missing stars.” It sailed past the \$350,000 to \$500,000 estimate, reaching \$840,000. The reason that ESPN reported on the sale of a rare coin is because it was previously owned by Texas Rangers co-chairman Bob Simpson.



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In other baseball related auction news, a Honus Wagner T206 tobacco baseball card will be offered with a \$1 million starting bid in an auction ending this month, according to a Bleacher Report article. David Sax of Smithsonian Magazine told the Bleacher Report that, “it’s believed that Wagner demanded the ATC pull his card from circulation because he didn’t want anyone else profiting from his likeness.” Other sources have reported that Wagner didn’t like tobacco and refused to allow his image on tobacco cards. NJ.com reported that a different Honus Wagner card sold for \$3.25 million at auction last year.

There is more baseball memorabilia news closer to home. I have loaned many pieces from my personal collection of local baseball historical memorabilia to the Worcester Red Sox to be displayed in Polar Park. A large display piece of the 1880 Worcester Worcesters team will be the highlight of the exhibit. Lee Richmond is pictured who pitched the first perfect game in baseball, along with the rest of his team. I have also loaned the

Worcester Red Sox a letter from the 1880 Worcester team requesting to be admitted to the National League. There are many other items with Hall of Famers Jesse Burkett, Gabby Hartnett, Connie Mack, and Sliding Billy Hamilton. Other great local players photos, programs from the Blackstone Valley League, and local industrial league teams will also be included. People who tour Polar Park will be able to see the exhibit in the DCU Club. I am always looking to acquire local baseball memorabilia from major league, minor league, and industrial league teams for my collection. I hope to see you in the stands at Polar Park this summer. Our online auction of sports and non-sports cards all from one estate will soon be running. Our multi-estate online auction with Rock memorabilia from James Brown, Elvis Presley, Janice Joplin, Jimi Hendrix, and other famous performers will begin this month and end on June 9. We are nearing the deadline for accepting quality consignments for this auction. The third session of model trains, die-cast cars, and other toys is currently running and ends on May 12. See our Web site for details on upcoming events: https://centralmassauctions.com.



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# Grow Edamame for better health and nutrition



Edamame pods are ready to harvest when they are plump, green, rough, and hairy.

Add a bit of fiber to your garden and diet. Consider growing edamame (edible soybeans) in this year's garden. Soybeans help promote overall health reducing the risk of high cholesterol, diabetes,

heart disease, and high blood pressure. Plus, the high fiber in soy helps fight colon and some other cancers.

Edamame is an ancient Asian vegetable and is often

eaten right from the pod like peanuts. Edible soybeans are also used for making tofu, tempeh, soy nut snacks and more. In addition to their high fiber content, soybean's high protein content has made them a popular meat substitute. Soybeans can be grown in a variety of soils and climate. They tolerate adverse conditions but perform best in warm temperatures, full sun, and moist well-drained soils. Add organic matter to less-than-ideal soils to improve drainage in heavy clay soils and increase the water holding capacity in sandy and rocky soils. Try growing one of the edible soybean varieties such as Agate, Chiba Green, Midori Giant, and Envy. These have a better flavor and are more suited to your garden and recipes than field varieties. Wait for the soil to warm for quick germination and increased success. Grow edible soybeans in a sunny spot. Plant and care for them the same as you would lima beans. Plant seeds three inches apart and



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one to one and a half inches deep in rows 24 to 36 inches apart. Once the plants sprout and grow, thin them out by removing the weaker seedlings, so the remaining plants are six inches apart. Harvest the soybeans when the pods are plump, green, rough, and hairy. They are usually ready to harvest in 80 to 120 days, depending on the variety. Check frequently and pick when the seeds are fully enlarged but before they get hard. Waiting too long to harvest the seeds reduces the flavor and quality. Since all the seed filled pods usually ripen at the same time, you can pull up the whole plant and harvest the seeds from pods while sitting on a chair in the shade.

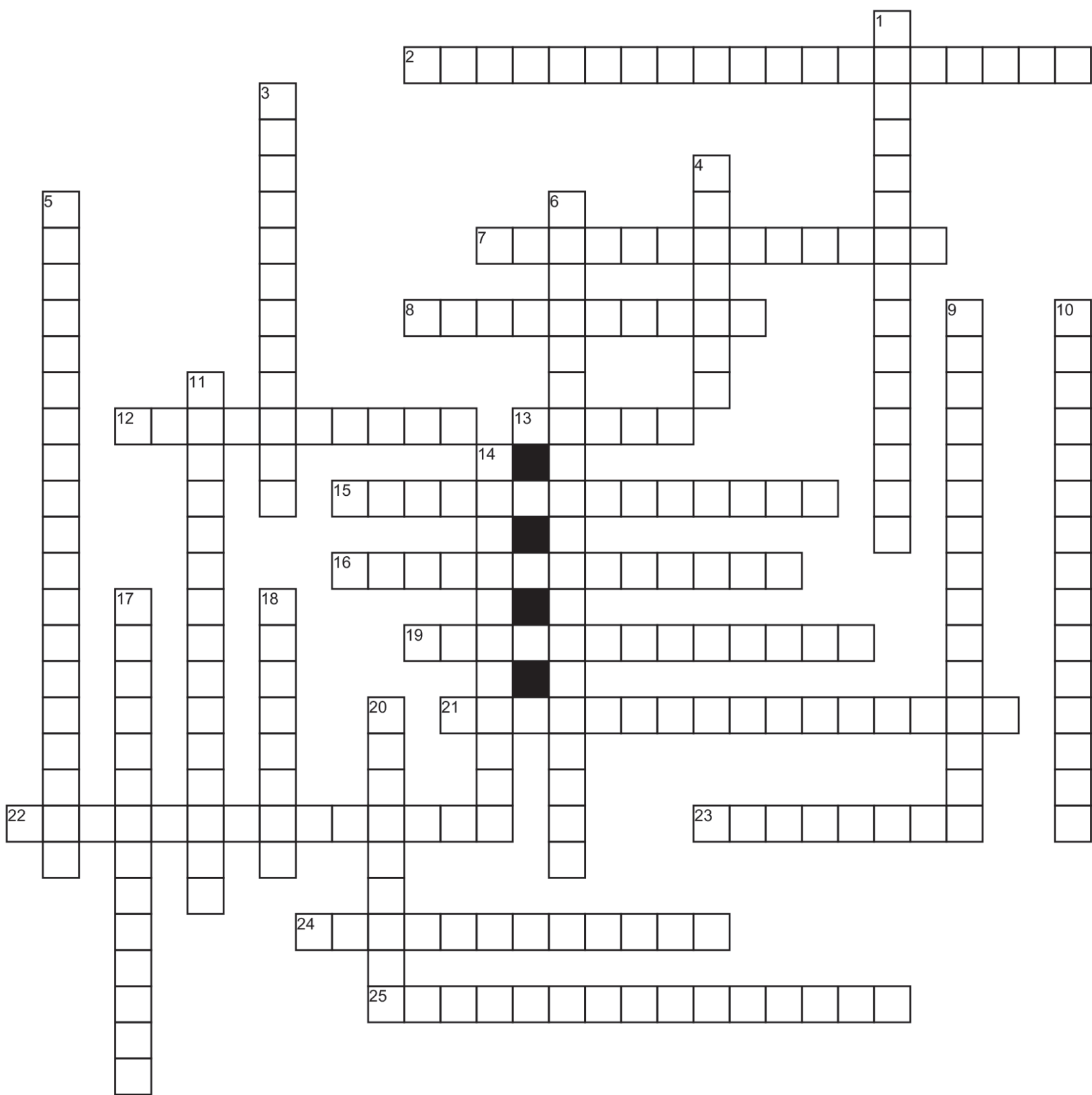
Use edamame within two to three days of harvest for the best quality. Store fresh edamame in the refrigerator in a perforated plastic bag. Cook edamame by steaming, boiling, or microwaving the pods. Allow them to cool, then pop out the seeds to enjoy. Don't let any surplus go to waste. Blanche, then freeze whole pods or the seeds. Or dry the shelled edamame in the oven or dehydrator to use throughout the year. Purchase seeds and carve out some space in your garden or containers for this nutritious vegetable. Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including The Midwest Gardener's Handbook and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally-syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Her Web site is www.melindamyers.com.



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- 8. Balance Transfer
- 12. USDOT# 2407387
- 13. We can save you time and money!
- 15. Help wanted, real estate, legals
- 16. Save you money on your energy bill
- 19. Great gifts for Mothers Day
- 21. Quality content
- 22. Weber Grills
- 23. Beautifying America one vehicle at a time
- 24. I'll beat any of my competitors prices
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- 10. Fresh local eggs
- 11. Grove & Main
- 14. Family owned and operated since 1967
- 17. AAA Roadside Assistance
- 18. Patient first, goal oriented
- 20. 15 Years...experience

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Hint... answers don't always include the entire business name.

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Please find the answers to this crossword puzzle on the ABC's Page. Enter to win a \$25 gift card to an ABC business by mailing in your completed crossword to ABC Crossword Puzzle, Stonebridge Press, P. O. Box 90, 25 Elm Street, Southbridge, MA 01550 OR scan & email or take a picture and email it to jsima@stonebridgepress.news by Wednesday, May 19th. Random-drawing for winner of all correct entries to be announced in the May 28 issue. One entry per person. Please support these ABC's businesses and tell them you saw their ad in your local paper! Good luck!





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# Who says my “Smart TV” is so smart?

We are told that life as we know it has been forever changed by the computer. The most complicated equations are solved. We started at a desk, then moved to a mobile laptop. A few years later our phones became computers and now it can be as small as a watch on your wrist. (Calling Dick Tracey?). Technology is instantaneous and we are told it's made our lives easier, and it has in many ways, while complicating it in others. Who is it that's telling us this life in general is made easier by technology? Is it true?

Then, why do I have three remotes sitting on my coffee table to operate one so called “Smart TV?”

If it's so smart, shouldn't I only need a single remote ... or no remote at all?

As most of you know, we recently downsized and moved into town.

The building I live in doesn't allow a dish to be installed so I called the local branch of the ‘mega-cable’ service. I found in my call for installation that I could easily install it myself. They pushed the do-it-yourself option hard. It was obvious they didn't want to send anyone out, so I finally said yes.

The box of wires and devices arrived, and I was lost. I called my son-in-law Jeff (an engineer) and he made it look easy. It was ready to go ... but not so fast.

Jeff handed me five remote controls and said, “These three are for the living room and these two for the bedroom. The third for the living room operates your sound. The other two operate the TV.”

Huh?

Easy for Jeff. He actually is a “Rocket Scientist.” I think he can send us all



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to Mars using his telephone, an umbrella, and a Red Ryder Wagon. He gave me a quick tutorial and was out the door ... yet I wasn't even sure how to turn either TV on.

If they are so smart, why can't they figure out how to run on a single remote? If they are intelligent, why is it every time I talk into the voice activated feature on the remote, it answers, “There is no channel called ...” no matter what channel I choose. If they are smart, why did I walk out of the bedroom this morning to find Arlene holding one remote over her head and the other at knee level. “What are you doing,” I asked. “Trying to turn on the TV,” she responded.

Oh, before you ask, no, there was no instruction manual. I called to get one and was told I could access it on my smart TV. Right.

Over the last seven months, I've learned the basics of managing my TV with these remotes. We never get too old to learn and after I figured it all out, it's not that hard. But why should I have spent the first four months only watching Netflix because I couldn't figure out how to leave the streaming services and over to cable? And please do not tell me a really smart TV can't figure out how to operate with a single remote.

I'm sure my grandsons could have taught me. The nine-year-old down the street probably knows. I'm just not wired that way. I'm heavy on the creative side and exceptionally light on the technical, detailed stuff. I can write a column, book, or screenplay ... but if my

screenplay was turned into a movie, I may miss the first half of the show while I struggle with the remote to find the channel.

So, what is positive about all this? I didn't give up and figured it out. We are never too old to learn and if we are optimistic and keep working on the problem, we can solve it.

And what did I learn from all this? Well ... I don't think the term “Smart TV” is fully accurate. I find both of my televisions to be less intelligent than Alexa (Amazon) or my iPhone. I guess my TVs could be classified as learning impaired, but that's okay. They both now perform as needed when I have all the remotes at my disposal.

The world is constantly changing around us, and we can choose to be lost within it or to keep up. I decided to keep up. What

about you?

I encourage all of us that were born before the computer boom to continue learning. You're never too old and your certainly smarter than my two TV's. Learn a game or a task your phone can do. Get on a computer and learn something today you didn't know yesterday.

Although my television experience has been a struggle, and still is at times, the computer in its many forms is here to stay. Get online, stumble around and learn to do something fun. You can expand your horizons ... and your grandkids will be impressed!

*Gary W. Moore is a freelance columnist, speaker, and author of three books including the award-winning, critically acclaimed, “Playing with the Enemy.” Follow Gary on Twitter @GaryWMoore721 and at www.garywmoore.com.*

## School Committee sends \$51.6 million budget to towns

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY/CHARLTON – The Dudley Charlton Regional School District has approved a proposed spending plan for be considered by Dudley and Charlton.

After around a half hour of deliberation during a meeting on April 28, the Regional School Committee settled on a \$51,693,765 spending plan, with \$14.1 million assessed to Charlton and \$9.3 million assessed to Dudley. The numbers represent a \$555,000 cut to an already strained budget that the committee has whittled down at the request of both member towns. Despite the needs of the district,

Superintendent Steven Lamarche told the committee the message was clear from the towns, the number needed to be lowered.

“When we met with (Dudley and Charlton), part of the message that we heard loud and clear and has really been provided to us is the towns really look at the assessment for their towns, they don't look at the operating budget as a totality,” Superintendent Lamarche said. “I get that to a certain extent because each town has a responsibility for a portion of the school budget where we as a (district) have to look at the totality of the budget. What we were hearing through our public hearings as

well as ongoing meeting with town leadership is that the towns were really looking at an assessment increase of 2.5 percent.”

Lamarche proposed a compromise. In order to meet budgetary expectations during the COVID-19 pandemic the district lowered its assessment to communities for the 2021 budget year using resources reserved for 2022 creating what Lamarche called a “mini budget cliff.” Lamarche said he wants to negotiate with communities to have them reimburse the district in good faith.

“We're working with the towns to come close to the 2.5 percent assessment,” said Lamarche. “On top of that, we're

actually asking to see if, as we did for the towns last year in trying to lower the assessment for their needs, we're asking if they could make up for that mini funding cliff that was set up of roughly \$375,000 this year on top of their 2.5 percent assessment.”

The superintendent said the proposed budget is not ideal or a sustainable long-term budget approach, but the district wants to work with their member communities to create proposals that work for all parties involved.

Director of Finance and Operations Richard Mathieu concurred with Lamarche that the spending plan was not ideal and warned that small

increases won't sustain the districts needs in the future.

“I think returning to those small incremental annual increases to the operating budget will present enormous ongoing challenges for the district to ensure that we continue providing to the level of education that we have in the past. All that said, we are where we are and if the towns are in that position, then we have to react to that, both this year to achieve a budget solution and engage in ongoing conversations about what this is going to look like going forward,” said Mathieu, who also said he liked the Superintendent's approach to compromising with the towns about

returning lost resources used to balance the 2021 spending plan.

Mathieu also provided a potential path forward to enact the \$555,000 in cuts. This would include a reduction in the number of employed buses, moving health insurance expenses for food service department employees into their specific budget, and taking out of the tuition increases from out of district students.

Some board members called the plan a good compromise that is in good faith with the communities, while others felt it wasn't enough to satisfy the district's needs. The budget proposal barely passed in a 5 to 2 decision.

## LEGALS

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Worcester Division  
Docket No. W021P1374EA  
Estate of:**  
Michael James Crowley  
**Date Of Death: January 30, 2021  
NOTICE OF  
INFORMAL PROBATE**

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Joanne M Crowley of Oxford MA**

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May 7, 2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
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Worcester Probate and Family Court  
225 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608  
(508) 831-2200  
Docket No. W021P0058EA  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION  
Estate of:**  
Karen E. Stevens  
**Also known as:**  
Karen Stevens  
**Date of Death: 11/28/2020**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Dee Stevens of Spencer MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Dee Stevens of Spencer MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/01/2021.**  
This is NOT a hearing date, but a

deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: April 27, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman,  
Register of Probate

May 7, 2021

### TOWN OF DUDLEY PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 17, 2021 at 6:45pm at the Dudley Municipal Complex, 71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA 01571 in the Veteran's Memorial Hall, Room 321A. The Purpose of this Hearing: To Act on an On Premise – All Alcohol Liquor License Application from Kjack, Inc. d/b/a Upside

Food N Drink located at 59 Schofield Ave., Suite 2, Dudley, MA 01571. Proposed Manager – Kellie A. Rivers. Anyone wishing to be heard on this matter should appear at the date and time specified or submit their concerns in writing.  
Kerry Cyganiewicz,  
Chairman, Board of Selectmen  
Town of Dudley  
May 7, 2021

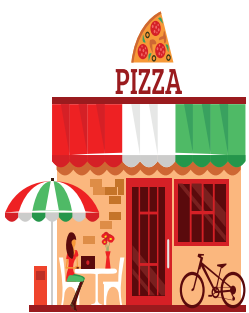
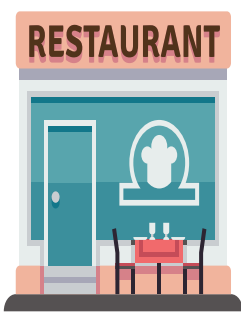
### Town of Webster Legal Posting

Articles 5 and 13 of the October 19, 2020 Annual Town Meeting received positive votes at the Annual Town Meeting and approvals from the Attorney General's Office. Article 5 deals with prohibition of engine compression brakes within the limits of the Town of Webster. Article 13 deals with administration changes in Chapter 636 of the Wetlands Protection Bylaws. Complete copies of the Town meeting votes and the approved bylaws are available in the Town Clerk's Office.  
Robert T. Craver  
Webster Town Clerk  
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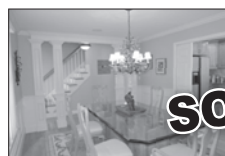
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# SHEPHERD HILL REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

DUDLEY — Principal, William F. Chaplin Jr., has announced the Honor Roll for the Third Quarter of the 2020-2021 school year at Shepherd Hill Regional High School.

Class of 2024 – Grade 9  
First Honors: David Adorno, Vanessa Bacławski, Nicolas Benoit, Kelsy Brown, Nathan Card, Ethan Casey, Allison Castaneda Moreno, Katelyn Choinski, Jianna Clouthier, Skylar Condo, David Cranney, Quinn Cushing, Nicholas Damelio, Logan Daniels, Nicholas Dell'Ovo, Madeline Desrosiers, Cora Dubey, Arlo Dzik, Jacob Fredette, Kyle Gallo, Leah Garvey, Liam Gravel, Chloe Graves, Daniel Gronek, Zachary Hebert, Kyra Hennessey, Emma Horner, Heidi Jarosz, Ola Jaroszewski, Kierce Jarvis, Rebecca Joesten, Athena Karas, Harry Kennan, Owen Kondek, Payton Leone, Joanna Lepper, Morgan Lewandowski, Daniel Lincoln, Abigail Linde, Cayleigh Mayen, Sofia McCarty, Sophia McClay, Emma Moodley, Lillian Nelson, James Palfreman, Madelyn Parker, Rushi Patel, Luke Poirier, Sofia Poplawski, Adrien Roach, Kylie St. Laurent, Athanasia Towadros, Athanasios Towadros, Gavin Wallace, Helene Weimbs, Zachary Wennerberg, Agatha White  
Second Honors: Fajr Ahmad, Amelia Anuszkiewicz, Madison Barnett, Abigail Boggio, Kirsten Cristo, Kaelyn Donovan, Jada Franszen, Grace Garon, Katelyn Hakala, Laisha Hansen, Nyomi Hardy-Quamina, Juliana Lancette, Caleb Leoncio, Carter Lindsey, Lexi Marshall, Andrew Martinez, Lucas Miglionico, Mackenzie Millette, Alyssa Palermo, Leo Perry, Rachel Reynolds, Emily Routhier, Kyra Santora, Tracy Sarkodee, Ashton Sirimongkhoun, Matthew Smolski, Maggie Sullivan, Jillian Treveloni, Lea Vanskike, Maria Zduniak  
Recognition: Daniel Adamuska, Drew Aubin, Max Baez-Morel, Chase Buniowski, Hayley Clements, Camron Dagnese, Makayla Drake, Brynn Dwyer Sweeney, Kathryn Gadoury, Emily Grammer, Alexander Lanpher, Bianca LaTulippe, Sevin LaVoie, Kyle LeBlanc, Jasmine LeBoeuf, Devin Lugo, Nicole Martinez Merino, Gregory Moreno-Bernal, Emilio Navarro, Blake Norcross, Kassandra Peloquin, Samuel Peters, Hayden Reinke, Joseph Salonis, Peyton Sanborn, Riley Shultz, Ava Sousa, Andrew Sullivan, Gianna Verdolini, Emma Yaede, Greyson Zimmer

Class of 2023 – Grade 10  
First Honors: Grace Bateman, Sofia Beaulieu, Ryan Berk, Brooklyn Bonczyk, Emma Bousquet, Jacob Brodeur, Samantha Bullen, Caitlyn Bussiere, Ellen Butler, Augustus Cederman, Victoria Chamberlain, Jillian Cloutier, Olivia Cranney, Elena Cronin, Colleen Cumming, Connor Daniel, Christopher Davey, Abigail DeWitt, Caroline Doering, Brady Donahue, Emma Drake, Aidan Dugan, Caiden Dumas, Marlee Eckbold, Adam Faucher, Genisa Filep, Hanna Gamelli,

Haleigh Garrepy, Ashley Gendreau, Maya Golemo, Emma Gulkin, Julia Hickey, Abbigael Hill, Keller Holmes, Aria Humphries, Madeleine Johnson, Ethan Kenny, Kellen Kinnes, Alicia Kirwin, Olivia Krukonis, Leah Leclair, Rachel Lolax, Abigail Lombardi, Alison Lotter, Luke Miller, Joseph Montville, Nicole Moore, Manar Morgan, Emery Mullen, Natalie Nayfeh, Tenderness Onyekwere, Mason Paine, Neo Phommachanh, Natalie Piecka, Maria Piekarczyk, Alek Poirier, Rami Rachid, Mackenzie Remick, Zachary Rivas, Sydney Roland, Natalia Rucinski, Olivia Salem, Jocelyn Sitko, Caza Slauenwhite, Natalia Sudyka, Jessica Surmiak, Alice Torres, FranciscoTorres, Julie Traverso, Andrew Trudel, Wiktorja Ucher, Jocelyn Van Minos, Nicholas Veronis, Emma White, Hannah White, Marissa White, Meridan Wildes, Gregory Winans, Ashley Wojcicki, Joy Youssef, Olivia Youssef, Rachel Zannotti, Julia Zdrok  
Second Honors: Yarellys Acosta Bernazar, Katherine Alicea, Lily Bateman, Jaidyn Brosnihan, Joslyn Butler, Alexander Card, Alishba Chaudhry, Victoria Cravedi, Angelina Demce, Daniel Durda, Alayna Gadoury, Emma Girasuolo, Kaia Gray, Jenna Jordan, Logan LaFleche, Bryce Langlais, Grace Nixon, Colin O'Brien, Nicholas-James Penesis-Lawrence, Angelina Ramirez, Kiely Raucci, Olivia Simpson, Daniel Vitkus  
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Class of 2022 – Grade 11  
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Recognition: Yanelle Andino, Kody Bartkus, Emily Brill, Emma Chabot, Alexis Claudio, Opal Cronin-Loggie, Keirsten Doud, Alannah Downs, Cy Ducharme, Lexus Erickson, Alec Fasolo, McKayla Flanders, Adrian Golemo, Tristen Huynh, Kennedy Kampe, Erin Kilderry, Taylor Kochinskas, Ava Leo, Annaka Lindstrom, Grace MacGinnis, Evelyn Magee, Jason Mayotte, Natasha McClay, Jaclyn Morrison, Olivia Mountain, Aidyn Murphy, Isabella O'Brien, Meghav Patel, Sebastian Podgorny, Heryanna Rodriguez Baez, Patrick Ryan, Kaylie Santos, Correena Stanley, Hannah Stegenga, Jayvon Zajkowski-Gonzalez

Class of 2021 – Grade 12  
First Honors: David Acquaaah-Mensah, Michael Alicea, Allison Anger, Alex Anuszkiewicz Anthony Awad, Samuel Bailen, Cutter Beck, Aleah Begg, Dylan Berk, Timothy Berthiaume, Kara Bilis, Claudia Bonaventura, Madison Bosowski, Erin Bouffard, Natalie Boutiette, Ricky Bowden, Molly Brodeur, Daniel Brooks, Abigail Bullard, Rahni Bussiere, Michael Caramiello, Audrey Carragher, Alyssa Clemence, Alissa Cloutier, Olivia Cloutier, Michaela Cluett, Haley Coggans, Danielle Como, Katelynn Corriveau, Kylee Croteau, Hannah Cushing, Jacob Damelio, Kiara Dean, Timothy Dinsdale, Colin Drake, Faythe Eisnor, Ashley Figueroa, Christian Figueroa, Louisa Foisy, Ashley Foley, Juliana Fox, Maegan Fredette, Thomas French, Calvin

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Second Honors: Naima Ahsan, Owen Ayotte, Julian Baracz, Jared Barrows, Cameron Bodamer, Sophie Briggs, Ainsley Cacciapouti, Kody Chamberlain, Sydney Clark, Courtney Cristo, Annaliliana Di Molfetta, Matthew Ethier, Jacob Gallant, Carlos Garcia, Mikaela Gosselin, Jacob Heywood, Joshua Hickey, Zachary Higgins, Lukas Janusz, Emma Judice, Abigail Peters, Avrek Pietrzak, John Reynolds, Isabella Rubio, Candilize Santa, Ethan Stallings, Gavin Tarnowski  
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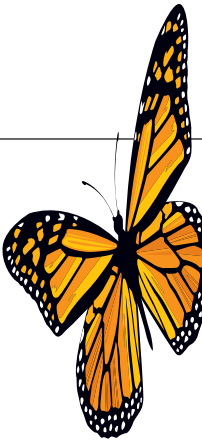
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