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## Dudley Town Meeting to address budget, PFAS treatment projects

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – Dudley resident and taxpayers are being called to the town’s annual spring town meeting on Monday, May 24 where a 24-article warrant, including the proposed Fiscal Year 2022 spending plans, will be discussed.

The general government and education budgets, Articles 4 on the warrant, will be one of the main topics of conversation as usual. The spending plan as printed on the warrant on May 14 presents a general government budget of \$9.7 million and an education spending plan of \$10.3 million. These budgets combined with other expenses proposes a grand total town budget of \$22.8 million.

The budget will be followed up by a vote to establish spending limits for revolving funds for the next fiscal year as well as a special legislation petition to grant up to three additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages for package stores. Articles 8 and 9 involve amendments to town bylaws caused by scrivener errors.

The highway department has Articles 10, 11 and 13 on the warrant. The first is an article seeking the adoption of a new road treatment method for winter months through pre-treatment with brine and the purchase of the machines to make the substance. This initiative has been discussed at numerous Board of Selectmen meetings in the first half of 2021. The second Highway

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## Webster officers honored for lifesaving efforts



Courtesy

Four officers with the Webster Police Department were recently honored by members of Webster-Dudley American Legion Post 184.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

WEBSTER – Four officers with the Webster Police Department were recently honored for their lifesaving efforts earlier this spring.

During a May 6 ceremony, Sgt. Joseph Reed, Officer Thomas Motyka, Officer Francheska Cedeno, and Officer Jacek Ochocki were each honored for their actions on March 13.

Reed was on patrol that night when he saw heavy smoke in the area of Lake Street. As he began to respond, the Webster Fire Department was alerted to a structure fire at 8 Robinson St.

Joined by his fellow officers on scene, Reed helped evacuate residents from the second and third floors of the building. After learning

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## Nichols College celebrates 2020 & 2021 graduates



Jason Bleau

Members of Nichols College’s Class of 2021, arranged in a socially distant manner, listen intently during a graduation ceremony on May 15.

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – Nichols College celebrated not one, but two graduating classes on Saturday, May 15 and Sunday, May 16, as the classes of 2021 and 2020 were recognized in a ceremony on campus with a limited number of loved ones and guests invited to experience the pomp and circumstance.

The first ceremony on May 15 featured the Class of 2021 where TV panels were set up and a socially distanced seating arrangement making for a unique ceremony, but one brimming with school spirit. The ceremony included the customary speeches from select members of the class, including Valedictorian Adam Phillips of Brookfield, MA who reflected on his years at the college, but especially the challenges of the past year that make the Class of 2021 a special one.

“I have high hopes for this class. A class made of accountants, police officers, sports executives, salesmen, entrepreneurs, or whatever path you decide to follow. I’m betting on you. You know why? Because we’ve experience everything together. We’ve made it through a global pandemic – We even suffered the loss of a fellow Bison,” said Phillips, referring to their classmate Hallie Linacre, who passed away in 2020 and was honored at the ceremony with the presentation of her

degree to her parents. “We did what Bison do. We rallied around one another, we gave each other a shoulder to lean on, we became closer, we got back on our feet.”

The class of 2020 was celebrated the following day after last year’s ceremony had to be moved to a digital celebration due to restrictions imposed from the pandemic. Student speaker Taylor Ward, a resident of Hopkinton, who acknowledged that while the pandemic did put a damper on their initial celebration it certainly made their class one Nichols will never forget.

“Well, COVID, thanks to you, the whole world will remember our class. Our graduating class will always be famous. We will be remembered as the class that lost their graduation, sports, memories, where the whole world felt our pain. Pretty cool though that our graduating class will be taught now as history, will be referred as to ‘It could be worse, when I was in school, I lost my senior year,’” Ward said comically. “Where I am today, honestly, would not have happened without COVID. We might have not realized in the past four years, but Nichols has actually prepared us to succeed in a situation like this. During COVID, I was able to secure a full-time job, move into my own apartment and still be so involved with Nichols College. I know for a fact all my classmates are killing it in life through

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## School Committee starts evaluation, seeks public input on BHS

BY GUS STEEVES  
CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER – The School Committee kicked off the Superintendent’s annual evaluation last week by giving Ruthann Goguen her chance to summarize her self-evaluation. The next step is for members to review the various documents and draft their own opinions, which will be presented in public at a future meeting.

“I don’t think I’ve ever worked so hard, used my critical thinking or problem solving skills, or extended my heart to the level of worry we all have had this year,” Goguen said.

She didn’t actually do a presentation, but summarized communication efforts and the “structures we’ve put in place” for making things happen. Much of the credit went to staff for their teamwork.

“There is a team effort here,” she noted. “I wouldn’t want to be anywhere else.”

Committee members agreed, with Chair Kelly Seddiki thanking Goguen for her “laser focus on forward progress, not just maintenance,” despite Covid’s problems. She noted Goguen “kept us thriving and moving forward. I have never been prouder of being a member of this committee” or the district.

“The community has rallied around each other. It’s nice to see,” observed Sheila Blythe, who particularly credited Goguen for making safety a priority “from day one.” Because of that, she said, it was “smiles all around” when children finally returned to in-person classes in the past month, and she hopes never again to hear her kids say they don’t want to go.

To Linda Millett, the entire district – staff, parents and students – “have done a phenomenal job.” Regarding communications, though, she said she’d like to see more student achievements promoted on the Web site and in local papers

The district as a whole is itself undergoing evaluation now, with representatives of the federal Department of Education visiting last week. They came to review compliance with regulations and recordkeeping regarding various federally funded programs, particularly civil rights, special education and English Language Learners. Those areas are reviewed every six years in what’s called a “tiered, focused audit” process.

Kathleen Baris summarized the first two, noting the visit was an audit to check the accuracy of the many documents and files Webster sent DOE. She said they were particularly seeking more information on “extended evaluation” and how the district respond-

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# St. Joseph students present Living Wax Museum



Courtesy  
St. Joseph School 6th Grade Student Brett McCarthy presents his report on Neil Armstrong during the Living Wax Museum

WEBSTER — On Friday, May 14, Ms. Kelly Bailey’s Fifth Grade students and Mrs. Karen Lefebvre’s Sixth Grade Language Arts students presented the Living Wax Museum at St. Joseph School.

The Living Wax Museum is an annual two-part project that focuses on reading biographies and presenting their book reports in a unique way. Each student must dress up as the person they are portraying and speak as that person.

## WEBSTER POLICE LOG

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of May 9-15.

A male whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on May 10 for Assault & Battery on a Pregnant Woman and Assault & Battery (Domestic).

John Cody Seibold, age 28, of Webster was arrested on May 10 in connection with multiple out of agency warrants.

Rebecca Lopez, age 22, of Putnam, Conn. was arrested on May 10 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, and Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle.

A 21-year-old female from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on May 11 for Assault on a Family or Household Member.

Jeffrey R. Mancuso, age 27, of Webster was arrested on May 13 in connection with a warrant.

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\$310,000, 80 Baker Pond Rd, Hermanson Gloria P Est, and Oconnell, Philip D, to Robbins, Trent, and Robbins, Sherry.

\$114,000, 15 Wysocki Dr #55, Dittmar, Damien B, to Beaudry, Nathaniel H.

#### Oxford

\$377,000, 15 Pine Ridge Dr, Tagg, Brian T, and Tagg, Kathryn E, to Gomez-Hernandez, Rebecca, and Collazo-Felix, Omar.

\$40,000, 81 Merriam District, Merriam, Alison A, to Waddle On Inc.

#### Webster

\$500,000, 75 Bates Point Rd, Fogg RET, and Fogg, Donald C, to Nikopoulos, Charles S, and Nikopoulos, Kimberly A.

\$310,000, 14 Pinewood Dr, Brandolim, Rafael, and Neri, Monica, to Trottier, Carolyn.

\$280,000, 24 Day Ln, Fleury, Bonnie C, and Fleury, Joseph, to Brown, Jennifer N.

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Due to social distancing requirements, the 2021 Living Wax Museum took place outside on the lawn surrounding St. Joseph Basilica and rectory. The event was attended by parents and fellow St. Joseph School Students. Visitors approached the statuesque figures and were required to step into rings placed on the ground six feet away from each student. Once a visitor stood in a student’s circle, the figure came to life and began their presentation.

“It is their favorite report of the year,” said Ms. Bailey, “the students not only love being part of the museum but visiting it as well.”

This year, the Sixth-Grade students also participated in the Living Wax Museum because they could not do so last year due to the pandemic.

Living wax figures included Jacques Cousteau, Dak Prescott, Cristiano Ronaldo, Amelia Earhart, Malala Yousafzai, N’Golo Kante, Susie King Taylor, Markus Persson, Selena Quintanilla, Violet Jessop, Lebron James, Mohamed Salah, Clara Barton, John Lewis, Neil Armstrong, Ella Fitzgerald, Oprah Winfrey, Anne Frank, Helen Keller, Jane Goodall, Henry Ford, Chloe Kim, Russell Wilson, Princess Diana, Pele, John F. Kennedy, Marley Dias, Elizabeth Stanton, Kobe Bryant, and Katy Perry. It was certainly an educational experience for all who attended and participated!

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OBITUARIES

Jean Sargent Waterhouse McMillen, 88



Jean Sargent Waterhouse McMillen, age 88, passed away on Monday, May 10, 2021 in Burlingame, California. Jean was born on November 15, 1932 in Worcester, Massachusetts to Moses Sargent Waterhouse and Jean Martin Purcell. Jean graduated from Bartlett High School in Webster, Massachusetts, in 1950, and then earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, in 1954. While a student at UMass, she joined Sigma Kappa sorority, where she made several lifelong friends. After graduation, Jean moved to Washington D.C. and was employed with the Department of Defense and The Washington Post prior to her marriage to Robert Dean “Bob” McMillen in 1957. Since Bob was employed as a Professional Engineer with the Ohio Department of Transportation, they moved first to Lima, Ohio, and then to Columbus, where they raised their two children. She returned to the work force for several years when their children were older, and held positions with the Department of Defense and the

Social Security Agency. She then made several moves with Bob as his positions with consulting engineering firms took them to Chatham, New Jersey; Phoenix, Arizona; Pasadena, California; and Newport Beach, California. She especially enjoyed living in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, and traveling to many international destinations in the mid-eighties when Bob had a two-year assignment as the Traffic and Safety Engineer for the Kingdom. During her years in Columbus, Jean was a member of St. Andrew Presbyterian and Overbrook Presbyterian churches, and was involved in the schools and many activities of her children. Jean was preceded in death by her husband of sixty-one years, Robert McMillen; an infant son, Mark Alan McMillen; a brother, William Charles Waterhouse; and a sister, Phyllis Waterhouse Elwell. She is survived by a sister, Bernice Waterhouse Sheldon of Greenville, Rhode Island; daughter Lynne (Fredric) Fitter of Winthrop, Maine; son R. Scott McMillen (Michael Malone) of San Francisco, California; and grandchildren Jennifer Fitter of Augusta, Maine and Thomas Fitter of Dallas, Texas. Private burial will be at Memorial Park Cemetery, Lima, Ohio.

Robert Francis “Bobby” Adams, 45



OXFORD – Robert Francis “Bobby” Adams, 45, died peacefully in his sleep on Thursday, May 6, 2021. He leaves his mother, Cynthia E. (Lambert) Myotte of Oxford; 2 sons, Steven Bigwood of Fort Bragg, North Carolina and Logan Adams of Webster;

a daughter, Morgan Adams of Salem; a granddaughter, Kyrach Bigwood; a brother, Brian Adams of Raleigh, NC; a sister, Sandy Adams of Trenton, NJ; several aunts, including Marilyn Herchenroder of Cohoes, NY and her children Michael Christiansen and Priscilla Antowiak; several uncles, including Steven Lambert of Gardena, CA, nephews, nieces and cousins. He was born on October 25, 1975 in Southbridge and raised in Webster, the son of Robert Philips. He lived in Southbridge and Oxford and also in Wurtsboro, NY. He excelled in several fields including roofing, floor installation, painting and also worked as an auto mechanic. He was currently taking online course in Microsoft products. A former personal trainer, liked working out at the gym. He loved sports. His favorite past time was hanging out with family and friends. His funeral was held Tuesday, May 18, from the Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster, with a Mass at 10:00 AM in Saint Anthony of Padua Church, 24 Dudley Hill Road, Dudley. Burial was in North Cemetery, Oxford. Visitation was held from 5:00 to 7:00 PM Monday, May 17, in the funeral home. Current health guidelines will be in place and everyone must wear a mask.

Robert Louis Costen, 68



WEBSTER, MA – Robert Louis Costen, 68, passed on May 12 at UMass Memorial Hospital from injuries sustained in an earlier fall. Surrounded by family, his spirt was peacefully reunited with his deceased parents John and Frances E. (Riley) Costen of Webster. Born July 24, 1952 he’s survived by his brother and sister-in-law Michael and Ginger Costen. Lovingly known as “Uncle Bobby” he’s also survived by nieces Jennifer Hoy from Dayton, OH, Tina Madden from Woodstock, CT, Jessica Trodella from Mansfield and Joscilyn Lengenfelder from Webster and nephews Michel Lengenfelder from Carson City, NV, Jamie Wessman from Cortland, NY, and Donny Wessman from Worcester. A lifelong resident of Webster, Robert attended St. Louis Church and Intermediate school from 1956-1968. In 1968 he started working for Sandlerette Footwear as a distribution floor-boy and continued with BW Footwear from 1979-1983. Robert attended the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Center / Life Skills, Inc. from 1984 – 2010 in their supported employment and day programs. Although never one to do yard work at home, Robert’s favorite job at the center was raking leaves at the Dudley Village cemetery followed with fresh baked cookies from the center’s

Big Fat Cookie Company. Following in his father’s and brother’s footsteps, he joined a bowling team at the Mohegan Bowl in Webster. Robert’s life quickly revolved around Monday night bowling often substituting for other absent league bowlers. For fifty years he never missed a bowling event until the week of March 20, 2016. Bobby fell and broke his hip on the previous Friday but refused medical care arguing that nothing was wrong. Finally, he agreed to go Monday night only after the bowling tournament had ended. The x-rays proved his hip was broken, yet when the doctor told Robert, he sat up on the ER gurney and said, “well it wasn’t broken when I walked in here!” Robert loved watching Red Sox games, NASCAR races and collecting baseball memorabilia, American flags, smiley-face pins, magnets and key-chains. Graveside services are being held Tuesday May 25 at 10:30 am in the Mount Zion Cemetery, 55 Worcester Rd, Webster, MA. In lieu of flowers, his family requests that on Robert’s birthday July 24, 2021 at 4:15 PM you share Bobby’s dedication to his beloved Red Sox by yelling, “GO SOX” during their home game against the evil NY Yankees. The ROBERT J. MILLER-WEBSTER FUNERAL HOME, 366 School St., is assisting Robert’s family with arrangements.

Darlene M. Chase, 62



ROCHDALE – Darlene M. (Cote) Chase, 62, of Wells Street, passed away Wednesday, May 12, 2021, with her loving husband and brother by her side. She passed peacefully after her short fight against COVID-19. Darlene leaves behind her devoted husband of 30 years Scott W. Chase of Rochdale; daughter Kimberly Patterson and son-in-law Michael Patterson of Dudley, daughter Angela Fongeallaz LeBel of King George, VA; seven grandchildren, Beau and Macy Fongeallaz, Kailey and Noel LeBel, Max, Aden and Mark Patterson. She leaves behind her loving mother Dolores A. (Palmieri) Cote of Cherry Valley; brother Edward F. Cote, Jr of Leicester; two step-children, Amanda Chase of Dudley and Johnathan Chase and his wife Kerri of North Grosvenordale; many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends; including her best friend of 37 years Theresa Labonte of North Grosvenordale, CT; and her god-daughters Lindsay Labonte of North Grosvenordale, CT; and Michelle (Cote)

Welton of Leominster. She has been reunited with her father Edward F. Cote, Sr, and many beloved aunts and uncles in heaven. Darlene spent her last fifteen years as a devoted and loving housewife. She created a loving home, welcome to all. She was often found caring for her seven grandchildren. Before that she worked as a legal secretary in Webster. She spent a short time as a bank teller and before that helped run her uncle’s video store, “One Stop Video” in Oxford. Darlene will always be remembered for her cheerful personality, her ability to talk to all people around her, and to make everyone feel like family! Darlene lived for her family. She loved her husband, daughters, son-in-law, and her grandchildren more than words could describe. In true Italian form, her home was open to everyone. Cooking and preparing food was a passion of hers, making everything “with love”. Memorial calling hours are Sunday, May 23, 2021, from 2-5 p.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. A prayer service will be held at 4:45 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home.

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- 11. Cavalry unit
- 13. Peyton’s little brother
- 14. Mexican dish
- 15. Disseminates info to the public
- 16. Set an animal on
- 17. Canadian flyers
- 18. Elongated mouths of anthropods
- 20. I (German)
- 21. Opposite of west
- 22. Glows
- 25. Measures how quickly a car moves
- 30. One who has gained wealth
- 31. Patti Hearst’s captors
- 32. Extensive landed property
- 33. Male aristocrat
- 38. For each
- 41. More fidgety
- 43. Very happy
- 45. A place to store info
- 47. Helps to heal
- 49. 12th month (abbr.)
- 50. Broad, shallow craters
- 55. Nocturnal S. American rodent
- 56. Frost
- 57. Ethiopian town
- 59. Curved shapes
- 60. Company that rings receipts
- 61. Spiritual leader
- 62. Sheep native to Sweden
- 63. Cars need it
- 64. Partner to relaxation

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Scientist’s high-resolution tool (abbr.)
- 2. Type of school
- 3. Formal close (music)
- 4. Transmits high voltage
- 5. A way to occupy a certain area
- 6. Draws out
- 7. His Airness
- 8. Nocturnal rodents
- 9. South American plants
- 10. Homestead
- 12. Bland or semiliquid food
- 14. Forest resident
- 19. The body needs it
- 23. Atomic mass unit (abbr.)
- 24. Spell
- 25. Relaxing place
- 26. Political fundraising tool
- 27. Make a mistake
- 28. Partner to Adam
- 29. Tyrant
- 34. Unit of electrical resistance
- 35. A history of one’s life
- 36. Actor DiCaprio
- 37. Sea eagle
- 39. Avoiding being caught
- 40. \_\_\_ de Mornay, actress
- 41. Belonging to a thing
- 42. Not us
- 44. Motorcars
- 45. Capital of Bangladesh
- 46. Ancient Greek sophist
- 47. Practice boxing
- 48. \_\_\_ Grant, actor
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. S. Sudan river
- 53. A bumpkin
- 54. One point south of southwest
- 58. Small island (British)

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# OBITUARIES

## Stanley J. Wilk, Jr., 76



DUDLEY – Stanley J. Wilk, Jr., 76, died Thursday, May 13, 2021 in Harrington Healthcare at Hubbard after a period of declining health.

He leaves a sister, Joan E. Cormier of Gardner; a nephew, Kevin Nivala and his wife Linda of Port Charlotte, FL; 2 nieces, Laura M. Soldani and her husband Kevin of Norwalk, CT, and Sara A. Miedema and her husband Christopher of Webster; a great-niece, Courtney Nivala; 2 great-nephews, Logan and Sawyer Miedema; his sister-in-law and caregiver, Jane E. Wilk of Dudley; and cousins. He was preceded in death by his brother, Ernest J. Wilk in 2020 and by his nephew, Keith Nivala in 1989.

He was born on February 11, 1945 in Webster, the son of Stanley J. Wilk, Sr. and Helen (Augustynski) Wilk and lived in Dudley all his life. He graduated from Bartlett High School in 1963 and completed studies at the former

Dudley Hall Secretarial School.

Mr. Wilk worked as a shipper and wrapper at Bates Shoe Company, at Anglo Fabrics Company and at B & W Footwear, all in Webster, at Stevens Linen Associates in Dudley and at Convenient Graphics in North Grosvenordale, CT.

He belonged to Saint Andrew Bobola Church. He enjoyed reading and donated his books to the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library. He also volunteered at the Senior Citizen Center in Dudley.

His funeral was held Wednesday, May 19, at 10:00 AM in Saint Andrew Bobola Church, 54 West Main Street (please meet at the church). Burial will be in St. Joseph Garden of Peace, Webster. Donations in his name may be made to either the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library, 40 Schofield Avenue, or to Saint Andrew Bobola Church, 54 West Main St., both in Dudley, MA 01571. Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster.

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## Theresa M. Krevosky, 94



OXFORD – Theresa M. (Saad) Krevosky, 94, of Main Street, died Monday, May 10, 2021, in her home. She was predeceased by her husband of 61 years, Francis P. "Hank" Krevosky Sr. of Oxford who died in

2008. She is survived by three children, Susan A. Bond and her husband Willis of Charlton, Francis P. Krevosky Jr. of Oxford, and David M. Krevosky and his wife Susanna of Oxford; a brother, Charles Saad of Dudley; two sisters, Elizabeth Wetherbee of Webster and Barbara Paquette of Dudley; five grandchildren, Jessica Davis, Kristy Graves, Mikhail Krevosky, Ariele Krevosky, and Arnel Krevosky; four great-grandchildren, Jacob Davis, Ryan Davis, Chloe Graves, and Anthony Graves; and many nephews and nieces. She was predeceased by three brothers, Joseph Saad Sr., George J. Saad Sr., and Michael Saad; and three sisters, Lucille Keefe, Ramona Kudzal, and Frances

Henault. She was born in Blackstone, daughter of the late Michael and Exilda (Deraeau) Saad, and was a lifelong resident of Oxford. She attended Oxford High School.

Mrs. Krevosky worked in the cafeteria at Oxford High School for 12 years, retiring in 1989. In addition she worked at Princess Catering in Oxford for 23 years. She volunteered at the Oxford Senior Center for 18 years and was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus Council 4241 in Oxford. Mrs. Krevosky loved playing bingo, caring for her rose garden, and was a fan of the Boston Red Sox.

A funeral Mass was held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 20, 2021, at St. Ann's Church, 652 Main St., North Oxford. A memorial calling hour was held on Thursday from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford, prior to the Mass. Burial will follow at North Cemetery in Oxford. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Ann's Church, P.O. Box 488, North Oxford, MA 01537.

## bankHometown partners with Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston to offer mortgage programs

OXFORD — bankHometown President and CEO Robert J. Morton recently announced that the bank was selected to participate in the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston's 2021 Equity Builder and Housing Our Workforce programs. These programs provide grants through approved lenders that assist lower income homebuyers with specific costs associated with buying a home.

"Home ownership is still very much a part of the American dream and is important for building strong com-

munities and financial stability. However, affordable housing is a critical issue in central Massachusetts and northeast Connecticut," said Morton. "These programs have made the path to home ownership possible for thousands of families across the Commonwealth, and bankHometown is proud to be selected as a participant."

With the Equity Builder Program (EBP), qualified borrowers are eligible to receive up to \$15,000 in assistance toward down-payment

and closing costs as well as homebuyer counseling and rehabilitation assistance. To qualify, household income must be at or below 80 percent of the area median income of the new home. Since 2003, the EBP has awarded more than \$45.9 million in assistance to more than 4,000 homebuyers.

With the Housing Our Workforce (HOW) Program, qualified borrowers are eligible to receive up to \$10,000 in a two-to-one match of down payments made at the time of purchase. To qualify, household

income must be more than 80 percent but less than 120 percent of the area median income of the new home. Since 2019, HOW has awarded approximately \$4.3 million in assistance to nearly 300 homebuyers.

Funds for both programs are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. For 2021, bankHometown is eligible to receive up to \$150,000 through the Equity Builder Program and \$100,000 through Housing our Workforce, depending on availability of funds. Loans are

subject to credit approval. Buyers may receive assistance only toward the purchase of an owner-occupied primary residence and must complete a homebuyer counseling and education program.

To learn more about applying for assistance, homebuyers should contact the bank's residential lending department at 888.307.5887.

About bankHometown Founded in 1889, bankHometown is headquartered in Oxford, Massachusetts, and has \$1.2 billion in assets and 16 branches locat-

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# St. Joseph students inducted in National Junior Honor Society

WEBSTER — St. Joseph School is proud to announce that the following students have been inducted into the Eagles Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS): Grade 6 – Leah Boudreau, Kaelyn Lechiara, Gabriela Pianka, Natalie Smith, Vanessa Zeglen; Grade 7 – Andrew Bergeron; Grade 8 – Samantha Keller. Current members include 8th Grade students Dale Boudreau, Gianna DiCola-Keddy, and Maya Podskarbi. The NJHS at St. Joseph School is an organization that promotes recognition for its students who reflect outstanding accomplishments in the areas of scholarship, leadership, character, service, and citizenship.

St. Joseph School students are eligible for an invitation to the National Junior Honor Society at the end of their 6th or 7th Grade academic year. Cumulative Grade Point Averages (GPA) are calculated based on every completed quarter of middle school, starting with the first quarter of 6th Grade. Invitations to complete a Student Information Packet are sent to those with a 3.50 or higher cumulative GPA in the core subjects: Religion, Math, Literature, Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, and Spelling. Students must also document their community service hours to be considered for membership.

Membership in the NJHS is a distinction that holds significance throughout a student's academic life. Honor Society students become ambassadors for St. Joseph School and undertake meaningful service projects in the school and the local community. These service projects often become life-changing experiences for members who discover new passions and callings. Members of the St. Joseph School NJHS regularly volunteer at the Webster-Dudley Food Share and St. Joseph Polish Festival and look forward to these opportunities resuming very soon. Seventh Grade Instructor Karen Lefebvre advises the group. Congratulations, students!



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Current and newly inducted members of the St. Joseph School Eagles Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society (left to right) Dale Boudreau, Andrew Bergeron, Leah Boudreau, Kaelyn Lechiara, Samantha Keller, Gabriela Pianka, Natalie Smith, Vanessa Zeglen, and Maya Podskarbi.

## Summer series dates set for Poetry at Roseland Park

WOODSTOCK, Conn. — Shepherd Hill Regional High School graduate (2019) Jayce Porter and Dudley resident and author Robert Eugene Perry will perform at this summer's poetry festival at Roseland Park in Woodstock, Conn.

Four free poetry readings will be held this summer at Roseland Park, 205 Roseland Park Rd. in Woodstock, Conn., in the beautiful outdoor amphitheater. This series will be held from 2-4 p.m. on the following Sundays: June 6, July 25, Aug. 15 and Sept. 26. These readings are for people ages 14 and up. Wine will be served. Folding chairs or camp chairs are recommended for a more comfortable time. Besides featured readers there will be an open mic segment at each event as time allows.

This is the second year for these events and the series was expanded due to its great popularity. Covid guidelines will be met.

Some of the summer's featured poets will include National Beat Poet Laureate for 2020, Paul Richmond; Candace Curran, twice named as Western Massachusetts Poets' Seat Laureate; finalist in the Montreal International Poetry Contest and Woodstock resident Karen Warinsky; New Jersey author and founder of the non-profit collaborative, ARTS By The People, Paul Rabinowitz; T'Challa Williams, co-founder of Hartford's L.I. T., which presents monthly literary events for youth; Pomfret author and organizer of the Quiet Corner's branch of the Connecticut Poetry Society, Christine Kalafus; UCONN Assistant professor and author Brian Sneed; authors Robert Eugene Perry, Dina Stander, Gerald Yelle, David Wyman, author and Professor Emerita, UMass, Amherst Janine Roberts, and Heidelberg University student Jayce Porter.

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This series is being organized by Mrs. Warinsky and she can be reached at karen.warinsky@gmail.com.

## Juan Sanchez of Dudley receives academic award from Nichols College

DUDLEY — This year's recipient John H. McClutchy, Jr. '72 Endowed Scholarship in Data Analytics is Juan Sanchez, a rising junior in the business analytics program.

This award was presented by Dr. Jason Price, Associate Professor of Mathematics, "Juan hails from Dudley and has shown great promise in the quantitatively oriented classes that he's taken so far. I've had Juan in three classes, I will have him in two next semester, I know him to be a very reliable and very kind gentleman."

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## Oxford Town Hall fully reopens, announces new hours

OXFORD — Town Manager Jennifer Callahan announced the Oxford Town Hall will be fully re-opened to the public on Monday, May 24.

"With the COVID-19 case rates trending downward and increased vaccine availability, we feel confident in our ability to safely reopen the Town Hall to the public," stated Callahan.

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

Callahan also announced new hours for Town Hall.

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

Beginning May 24, Town Hall will be open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Wednesday from 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.; and Friday from 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

COVID-19 precautions will be followed inside of Town Hall including the use of masks, social distancing, frequent disinfecting, and the availability of hand sanitizer. Individuals who are unable to wear a mask will continue to be served at the customer service window.



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## VETERANS COUNCIL INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

On Wednesday, April 7, the Veterans Council of Webster and Dudley held installation of officers for the upcoming year. The Veterans Council is an organization which coordinates with other military service organizations such as, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, the Disabled American Veterans and the Polish American Veterans in Webster and Dudley. The Veterans Council synchronizes the events which all organizations take part in as one unit such as the Honor Guard for Military Veterans, the Parades, and the maintenance and upkeep of the military monuments, and various other activities. This organization is instrumental in maintaining communication and order between all the differing organizations in our community. Pictured, left to right: Kenny Kudzal Chaplain, Victor Jankowski Commander, Ron Prest Sr. Vice Commander, Jim Brinker Sergeant-at-Arms, Joe Sendrowski Veterans Council Military Honor Guard Chaplain, Stephen Rogerson Jr. Vice Commander, Bob Guenther Treasurer. Not Shown: George Bibeau, Past Commander of the VFW Post 654 who swore in the new officers.



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EDITORIAL

# The pitfalls of ‘senioritis’

We’ve all heard the term ‘senioritis’ — perhaps even experienced a case of it ourselves — but is this diagnosis real? After some lengthy research, we say absolutely.

Senioritis is defined as, “A supposed affliction of students in their final year of high school or college, characterized by a decline in motivation or performance.” The end is near, with graduation just around the corner, and many seniors can taste freedom, but aren’t quite sure what to do with it. Even with some students heading off to college, the fear of the unknown combined with a complete change in the cadence in life is enough to make several seniors come down with a serious case of senioritis. The senioritis is a way to break away from the stress and rigors of 13 years of schooling.

Some signs of the affliction include a lack of motivation, a decline in grades, or feeling as though nothing they do in the final months leading up to graduation really matters much. Most students’ entire senior years of high school are spent trying to plan for the future, this can be daunting and stressful for these kids, who are still really, just kids. Some symptoms parents should look for include extreme laziness, apathy, spending all of their free time with friends away from home.

Unfortunately, the rapid decline in motivation does not go unseen by universities. After being accepted, many schools will look at a student’s last semester, and a substantial decrease in grades raises a red flag. This has admissions offices questioning a prospective student’s level of commitment and the question of maturity is also put on the table. If the situation is bad enough, a college or university can rescind an acceptance. Each year, thousands of students receive such letters. Sometimes a student will enter their freshman year of college already on academic probation. If a student was issued merit aid from an institution, they risk losing those funds.

There are things that can be done to help offset senioritis. One thing a student can do is to set tiny goals such as getting a B or higher on the next quiz or test, or to finish an assignment ahead of time. Working on better ways to study for tests is also crucial. Too much pressure can cause students to shut down so taking some time to relax and have fun with family and friends is a great idea.

Another idea is for parents and teachers to reassure students that life after high school is an exciting time and that not every graduate needs a definitive plan right away. Explain different opportunities for a gap year, including the pros and cons of taking one.

If your child becomes too self-destructive handing out consequences is key. Finding their currency and removing it may change their perspective and keep them on track. Remembering to reward good behavior is a must. If your child is behaving in such a way that they become emotionally removed, disobedient and disrespectful taking a gap year might be the best option as college is expensive and tuition should never go to waste. Sometimes when students see their friends off at school while they are left behind can be motivation to get back into the swing of things.

# VIEWPOINT

## What is reality?

Christ is Risen! Or is He truly risen? How many people doubt the greatest event in world history – the reality that someone who was dead for three days resurrects back to life and never dies again? It sounds quite improbable, even impossible? It’s no wonder that plenty of people in our contemporary society question or outright reject this miracle as nonsense. We live in quite the skeptical age that won’t readily accept miracles and quite frankly rejects most religious claims.

So, I ask, “What is reality?” Such extraordinary claims like Jesus rising from a tomb after being dead for three days surely doesn’t seem like reality.

Of course, for the very disciples and friends of Jesus, such a miracle seemed beyond belief! Mary Magdalene and the other myrrh-bearing women go to the tomb early on Sunday morning and find it empty. They encounter an angel who tells them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead. He is not here. He is risen. Go and tell his disciples and Peter.” So, they go and share the Good News but it is so unbelievable that even our Lord’s most intimate disciples initially reject it. Peter and John run to the tomb and find it empty but still struggle to believe. Then Jesus appears to ten of the disciples in the upper room and they are shocked at what they see. It is true that the Lord is alive! Two disciples, Cleopas and Luke, are walking to the village of Emmaus that same day and they also encounter the living Christ. With all these appearances, the disciples tell Thomas about what they’ve seen and experienced. Yet, what is his response?

“Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails and put my finger into the print of the nails and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.”

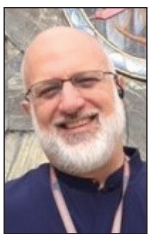
Here is one of Jesus’ closest friends and disciples, who just a few days earlier had said that he was willing to die with Christ, yet now, despite the testimony of all his friends who would have no reason to lie to him, he disbelieves. The entire story is just too unbelievable!!!

A week after Jesus appears to the ten disciples, He appears to Thomas and reprimands his unbelief. “Reach your finger here and look at my hands; and reach your hand here and put it into my side. Do not be unbelieving but believing.”

Thomas finally accepts this miracle and makes the proclamation of faith, “My Lord and my God.” But Jesus warns him and all of us, “Thomas, because you have seen me you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

Aren’t these the words our generation needs to hear?? “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

I want to highlight a side note that during the 40 days following Jesus’ resurrection from the dead, He appeared again and



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

again to his followers and friends. Not once or twice, but numerous times. And not to only a handful or even just his closest disciples. The risen Christ actually appeared also to 500 followers all at once, according to Saint Paul. Five hundred people! Numerous times to various groups of people even up to hundreds of people could not be a mass hallucination. It was not simply his followers dreaming and wanting to believe. They truly saw and encountered Jesus Christ who was crucified but who was now alive!


For people who try to say that the followers of Jesus fabricated this story, we have to carefully and seriously ask ourselves, “Why would they make up such a story? How did they benefit from such a story?” The followers of Christ were not a part of some big, powerful religious institution which had the power of the Empire on their side, trying to deceive the masses with some lie. The earliest followers of Jesus, the early Church, were a group of insignificant, mostly illiterate Jewish men and women who had nothing to gain by maintaining a lie. Actually, what they would gain from proclaiming this resurrectional message was nothing short of persecution, rejection, arrest, imprisonment, and possibly torture and death! That surely is not a reason why many people would maintain a lie!

Yet, they held on to their story. They consciously traveled throughout the world sharing this story. They didn’t stop when some were arrested or others were killed and martyred. When the larger society ridiculed, humiliated, rejected and tried to destroy their movement, they continued to preach the Good News. And slowly they attracted more and more people to join their community of faith. The witness of these men and women was not simply the Good News of the Resurrection they proclaimed, but it was the radical change that occurred in the lives of the believers, the transfiguration of their lives which attracted people to join their movement!

Now, I understand the skepticism of people who question the resurrection of Christ. That’s normal. Even Thomas the Apostle questioned and doubted. If we really want to know the truth, however, we must keep an open mind and try to understand. Ask questions but be ready for uncomfortable answers. Ask yourself how a movement based on the most unbelievable miracle – Jesus Christ rising from the dead after three days in the tomb – could become an unstoppable movement that has changed the lives of millions of people

**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)

## Are you getting the most from your 401(k)?



**FINANCIAL FOCUS**

**DENNIS ANTONOPOULOS**

If your employer offers a 401(k) plan, consider yourself fortunate, because a 401(k) is a great way to help build retirement savings. But are you taking full advantage of your plan?

To help ensure you are indeed maximizing the benefits of your 401(k), consider the following suggestions:

Earn your employer’s match. It’s a good idea to contribute as much as you can afford to your 401(k) plan. (In 2021, you can put in up to \$19,500, or \$26,000 if you’re 50 or older.) At least put in enough to earn your employer’s matching contribution if one is offered. If you don’t contribute enough to earn the full match, you’re shortchanging yourself. For example, if your employer matches 50 percent of what you contribute, perhaps up to \$5,000, and you put in \$8,000, your employer’s 50 percent match will just be \$4,000. You’re actually leaving \$1,000 “on the table.”

Evaluate the Roth option. When you invest in a traditional 401(k), you put in pre-tax dollars, lowering your taxable income in the year you contribute. Your 401(k) earnings then accumulate tax-deferred and are taxed when you take withdrawals from your plan. But if your employer offers a Roth 401(k), you can put in after-tax dollars, so your taxable income won’t drop in the year you contribute. However, when you start taking money out, presumably when you’re retired, your withdrawals – earnings and contributions – will generally be tax-free. (Your employer’s matching contributions, and any resulting earnings, will be taxable.) If you think you’ll be in a higher tax bracket when you retire, or you want to diversify the tax treatment of your accounts to provide greater flexibility in retirement, you might want to consider the Roth option. Consult with your tax advisor before making this decision.

Build an appropriate investment mix. You may have a dozen or more investment options within your 401(k) plan. Of course, the driving investment principle in the early years of saving in your 401(k) is growth – you are counting on your plan to help fund a long retirement. But growth-oriented investments are, by nature, higher in risk than fixed-income vehicles. When you’re first starting out in your career, you may be more comfortable building a 401(k) portfolio that’s more heavily weighted toward aggressive growth vehicles, as you have many years to recover from short-term downturns. But as you approach retirement, you might consider moving your 401(k) toward a more conservative mix. You may want to work with a financial advisor to arrive at an appropriate investment mix, at various times in your life, for your given risk tolerance, time horizon and retirement goals.

Keep your plan intact. At times, you may feel a financial pinch that leads you to consider taking out loans or early withdrawals from your 401(k). If at all possible, avoid such moves – not only can they incur taxes and penalties, but they also will likely slow the growth you need to help reach your retirement savings goals. Taking steps to prepare for unexpected expenses, such as building an emergency fund containing three to six months’ worth of living expenses, can help you avoid dipping into your 401(k). You may also be able to find other ways to access cash.

Following these moves can help you strengthen your 401(k) – and position it to be a key contributor to your retirement income.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Good bye, Mom

To the Editor:

It seems that every day, some facet of our language is being hijacked. Words and phrases once understood are being twisted and warped into indecipherable “cancel culture” gibberish. Still others are excised. Now, compliments of Congresswoman Cori Bush (D — Missouri), we have a new term for mother, and it’s “birthing people.”

If this doesn’t send the writers at

Hallmark into a funk, nothing will. Can’t you see them now? Rows of “birthing people” cards all lined up for that special day in May. Lyricists are no doubt hard at work on new songs extolling the virtues of “birthing people.”

Years ago, I heard one performer’s version of that Italian classic “Mama.” To say that he “got into it” is an understatement. The audience could feel the emotion and tenderness as he went to bended knee for the final verse. You

would have been hard put to find a dry eye in the house at his final plaintive, “Mama.”

I have no idea how “birthing people” translates into Italian, but I doubt a “woke” version of “Mama” will ever have the same impact.

According to author Rita Mae Brown, “Language is the road map of a culture. It tells you where its people come from and where they are going.”

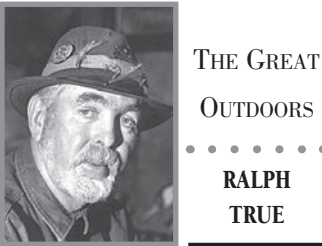
We might wonder what road map Congresswoman Bush is using, and if she isn’t in the breakdown lane. Is that the route we want to follow? If so, where does it take us?

One must wonder what the “woke” folk have in store for Father’s Day?

Thank you and Be Well,  
Richard Clark  
Dudley



# Fluke fishing



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This week’s picture shows Captain Mel True with his fishing buddy, John Caiazi, with a nice catch of winter flounder this past week in Massachusetts! Rhode Island winter flounder fishing in most if not all of Narragansett Bay is closed because of overfishing by commercial draggers over the years. Fluke fishing in both states have very different regulations. This year, Rhode Island has decided to raise the fluke size to 19 inches, while Massachusetts has stayed at 17 inches. The 19-inch size for fluke is totally ridiculous, and will result in many dead fish for crabs to feed on. Anyone that does any amount of fishing for fluke, can tell you that there will be a lot of them that do not survive after being released. You do not need a college education to make that evaluation. Again, it is driven by politics!

This past week, I had my Lab, Twig, at the Veterinarian’s for a

checkup, and was not able to go with her when the technician came to bring her in to the doctor. As I was sitting in my car with the windows rolled down, I heard a familiar sound. I looked down to see a hen turkey walking along the grassy area of the parking lot only few feet from the highway. As she walked, she was “putting,” a sound female wild turkey make. I soon had three hens and a jake (one year old turkey following the vocal hen to the edge of the woods. Suddenly, a loud gobble from a tom turkey was heard as he came into view that was sporting a long beard.

It was not long before they were all in a small patch of woods alongside of the highway when the vocal hen darted across the highway, nearly being hit by a car. I knew this was not going to end well. As the vocal hen called to the rest of the flock, the Jake bird and hen attempted to cross the road also. One made it across the road by running, but the second bird took flight and nearly crashed through the window of a small car. I watched the Tom bird in the woods as he seemed to be wondering were all his flock had gone. His neck was stretched high,



as he stood motionless in the woods. Suddenly, he headed for the road to cross over. The Tom bird and the hen were the last to attempt a crossing to the other side of the road.

The Tom turkey quickly ran across the road safely, but the hen turkey was a bit slower crashing into the side of a car. The driver never touched his brakes, or even slowed down after the collision. The big bird lay motionless on the side of

the road, and not a single car slowed, as the turkey’s feathers were blowing across the road. Not all collisions with wildlife are preventable, but many are. Drivers need to give wildlife a break. The driver not only killed the hen, but also another flock of young turkeys. There will be a lot of activity with wildlife crossing roads at this time of year. Whitetail deer will be having their young, as well as many



Courtesy  
Captain Mel True of “FISHNET” Charters with a nice catch of winter flounder this past Saturday while fishing with his buddy on the Cape, and John Caiazi with his prize.

other four-legged animals. Canada geese are also raising their young, as well as ducks, and often cross roads with their young broods.

A pair of Eagles continue to make their home on the Meadow Pond, Whitinsville. They were spotted by a couple of fishermen last week. One eagle was carrying home dinner (fish) when he dropped it in flight. As soon as it hit the water, the second Eagle tried to make a recovery , but failed. They sure are nice to see in the area. The Eagle restoration project started years ago by Mass. Fish & Wildlife and sure is a great success story. It mostly funded by

sportsmen’s monies.

Stripers are in in many areas, both on the Cape and Rhode Island waters, with some legal-size fish being caught. It is only a matter of days before the bigger fish move in. The Providence River should become active with legal size stripers by the time you read this column. Porgies were in the river last week and snagging a few to catch stripers should improve daily if the commercial Porgy boats do not take them all!

Seabass fishing opened this past Tuesday in Massachusetts!

Take a Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

## Everyday Activities Reduce Stress

Stress is a part of daily life and common, everyday tension can take a toll on both your physical and mental health. With more than half of Americans concerned about the high levels of stress they experience in their daily lives, high anxiety is practically an epidemic in this country. While it’s a fact that frayed nerves are often the price you pay for an overactive lifestyle, that doesn’t mean you can’t diffuse the impact. In fact, odds are your daily routine includes everyday activities that have been proven to lessen the stress factor. From petting your dog to writing in your diary, there are many simple and deliberate actions you can practice to de-stress without reaching for a pill.

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If you drink coffee in the morning, a study by University College of London might convince you to switch to black tea. According to the study, drinking daily cups of the tea has a positive effect on stress hormone levels, which can help a person recover more quickly from everyday stressors.

The research, published in the journal Psychopharmacology, revealed found that people who drank black tea were able to de-stress more quickly than those who drank a placebo tea. Moreover, the participants (who drank black tea four times a day for six weeks) displayed lower levels of the stress hormone cortisol after experiencing a stressful event, as compared to a control group who drank the placebo tea for the same period of time.

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Exercise is a proven method of lowering stress levels, and many people make a workout part of their daily routine. And there’s good news for those who don’t go to a gym on a regular basis. Research reveals a daily 20 minute walk can be as effective as a mild tranquilizer.

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It’s no surprise pets play an important role in reducing stress. What is surprising is a research study that shows pets may be better at reducing stress than a loved one! According to a report published in the September/October issue of the journal Psychosomatic Medicine, researchers examined the effects of the presence of friends, spouses and pets on the level of stress associated with certain relatively unpleasant tasks. They found that compared with human support, the presence of pets was associated with lower perceived and actual responses to stress.

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Even if you’re not artistically inclined, dabbling in some form of creative art each day can boost your stress relieving hormones. In fact, the University of California – Irvine offers a class in Art Therapy, utilizing the simple act of drawing and creating art to relieve stress in two ways. First, creating artwork requires focus, and takes your mind off stress causing issues. When the project is done, your head is clearer (and less tense). Also, while creating art, you are engaged in the action to the point of being in a near meditative state. This results in many of the benefits of meditation and you may feel less stressed when you are done.

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Gardening is another pastime that has been linked to lower blood pressure and reduced anxiety. An estimated 40% of Americans find that being in the presence of a garden makes them feel relaxed and calm. Retreating to a garden can renew energy, create a sense of peace, and restore well-being. The benefits of gardening, both physically and emotionally, are well-documented. Whether planning, planting, tending, or harvesting, many gardeners describe feeling this emotional “high”, which promotes well-being and relieves stress symptoms. Like meditation and relaxation programs, gardening involves both physical movement and mental concentration, a combination that has been attributed to numerous health benefits. Today, a variety of garden programs are used as Horticultural Therapy to promote health and wellness.

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Writing in a journal is therapeutic and jotting down your feelings both good and bad, can also help relieve stress. University of Texas at Austin psychologist and researcher James Pennebaker contends that regular journaling strengthens immune cells, called T-lymphocytes. Pennebaker believes that writing about stressful events helps you come to terms with them, thus reducing the impact of these stressors on your physical health.

To boost the stress relieving effect, be sure to “count your blessings” and list them, as keeping a gratitude journal has been proven to be a powerful calming aid. On the other hand, it is also beneficial to write out your feelings and negative emotions. According to Psych Central, journaling about anger,

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sadness and other painful emotions helps to release the intensity of these feelings. By doing so you will feel calmer and better able to stay in the present.

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Here are some more stress busters:

\*It’s a known fact that color can alter our moods. “Cool” colors like violet, purple and green can soothe jittery nerves. Blue has shown to be the most calming color influence of all.

\*Meditation can be a powerful weapon in the fight against stress, and can work to head off a panic attacks. Meditation and proper breathing can help slow the heart rate and calm nerves A quick calming trick is to close your eyes and breathe slowly and deeply, focusing on the breaths.

\*Prayer helps you focus within and can offer a calm perspective on the world. A research study showed that that college students who practiced a religion were less stressed than their non-religious counterparts. Other research suggests that those who are religious are less likely to have a stress-related mental illness.

\*Listening to music can change our moods, and in fact, music can be a powerful weapon in the battle with stress and anxiety.

\*Taking a deep breath and stretching often not only brings instant relief to a stressed, frazzled body, but it has been shown to lower cortisol levels, which can help reduce stress and anxiety. Deep breathing can also cause a temporary drop in blood pressure.

\*Naps are also therapeutic for diffusing stress. A study found that workers who nap for at least 45 minutes during the day had lower average blood pres-

sure after suffering psychological stress compared to those who did not.

\*According to the Calm Clinic, whole grain snacks, blueberries, peaches, almonds, and dark chocolate are all good food choices with natural calming properties. Also, foods with magnesium, vitamin B12 (and other B vitamins), zinc, and antioxidants can be beneficial for helping you deal with stress.

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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 for seating in restaurants. 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.

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# LEGALS

**A.C. 92A  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
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Worcester, ss.  
Probate Court**

To Gary Corporale of Douglas in the County of Worcester and to all persons interested. A petition has been presented to said Court by Diane St. George of Englewood in the State of Florida representing that she hold as tenant in common undivided part or share of certain land lying in Douglas in said County Worcester and briefly described as follows:

The land in the village of East Douglas in said Town of Douglas with the buildings and improvements thereon situated on the northerly side of Gilboa Street and bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING in the center on said Gilboa Street at the S. W. corner of the premises at a point South of the end of a bank wall, it being the Southeast corner of land formerly of Frank X. Rinfrette;

THENCE N. 2° W. 164 feet by said wall to a stake and stones east of said wall; THENCE N. 85° E. 91 feet to a stake and stones at land now of one Albert Senecal;

TEHNCE S. 2° E. 164 feet to the center of said street opposite a stake and stones on the Northerly line of said street;

THENCE S. 85° W. in the center line of said street 91 feet to the point of beginning.

Subject to the rights of the public in said highway and subject to the provision for the maintenance of a fence recited in the deed of Amable Tousignant to Desiry Therrien, if the same applies, said deed being dated April 17, 1923 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 2303 Page 195.

Being the same premises conveyed in deed dated March 4, 1994 and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 16127 Page 266.

Setting forth that her desires that – all – the aforementioned described part – of said land may be sold in private sale for not less than \$375,000.00 dollars, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which th Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Worcester before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the first day of June 2021, the return date of this citation.

Witness, LEILAH A. KEAMY, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-ninth day of April 2021.

Stephanie K. Fattman  
Register of Probate  
May 14, 2021  
May 21, 2021  
May 28, 2021

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that a Community Outreach Meeting for a proposed Marijuana Establishment is scheduled for Wednesday June 9 2021 at 6:00 PM at 35 Chase Avenue, Dudley, MA 01571. The proposed Marijuana Establishment will be an Adult-Use Marijuana Retail Establishment to be located at 40 Hall Road, Dudley, Massachusetts 01571. The Community Outreach Meeting will be held in accordance with Social Distancing Guidelines. There will be an opportunity for the public to ask questions.  
May 21, 2021

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given by Bonnette's Automotive, Inc., 456 Main St., Oxford, MA 01540 pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.255, Section 39A, that on 06/04/21 @ 5:00PM at: Bonnette's Automotive, Inc 456 Main Street Oxford, MA 01540

The following motor vehicle will be sold at a private sale to satisfy the Garage Keeper's Lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicle.

Description of vehicle:  
Vehicle: VIN# 1C6RRR7FG3JS182008, 2018 RAM 1500 P/U, NO REGISTRATION

Owner: Tyler Martinelli, 65 Worcester Rd Apt 69, Charlton, MA 01507

This notice has been given under the provisions of G.L. c.255, Section 39A  
May 14, 2021  
May 21, 2021  
May 28, 2021

**NOTICE OF SALE  
OF MOTOR VEHICLE**

**UNDER G.L.C. 255, SECTION 39A**

Notice is hereby given by: ACP Collision 135 Federal Hill Rd., Oxford MA 01540 pursuant to the provisions of G.L.c., Section 39A, that on: June 14, 2021, at 9:00am at 135 Federal Hill Rd,

Oxford, MA 01540 by private sale the following Motor Vehicle will be sold to satisfy the garage keeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicle.

Vehicle description: Year 2009 Acura TL Registration#/State: Unregistered VIN: 19UUA86509A024842

Name and address of vehicle owner: Workers Credit Union 319 North Main St., Leominster, MA 01453

By Carlo Perez.

This notice has been given under the provisions of G.L.c. 255, Section 39A.

May 15, 2021

May 22, 2021

May 29, 2021

**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. WO21P1508EA  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

**Estate of:**

Mary M Brouillette

**Date of Death: 02/17/2021**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Mary Ellen Gromelski of Worcester MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Mary Ellen Gromelski of Worcester 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.

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION  
UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS  
UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: May 03, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman,  
Register of Probate

May 21, 2021

**DUDLEY  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Notice of Public Meeting**

A Public Meeting will be held at the Dudley Municipal Complex, 71 West Main Street in Dudley, MA at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 to consider a **Request for Determination of Applicability** of trees removal and installation of a new patio for the property located at 13 Cottage Road, Dudley, MA.

This is a Public Meeting under the requirements of G.L. Ch. 131 §40, as amended. Plans are available at the Conservation Commission's office at the Dudley Municipal Complex. For information, call 508-949-8011.

May 21, 2021

May 28, 2021

**NOTICE OF  
MORTGAGEE'S SALE  
OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Robert F. Clinton, Sylvia M. Clinton to Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a subsidiary of IndyMac Bank, F.S.B., dated May 24, 2007 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41234, Page 317 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Financial Freedom Acquisition LLC, recorded on October 5, 2009, in Book No. 44930, at Page 291

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Financial Freedom Acquisition LLC to Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A.

as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust, recorded on July 11, 2019, in Book No. 60687, at Page 70 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 PM on June 18, 2021, on the mortgaged premises located at 150 Lake Street, Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

The property at 150 Lake Street, Webster MA more particularly described as follows:

TRACT I

BEGINNING at the northwesterly corner thereof on the southerly side of Lake Street and at the northwesterly corner of Lot 8 on a plan herein after referred to, which point is 350 feet more or less easterly from land now or formerly of one DeForest;

THENCE southwesterly by said Lot 8 now or formerly of Joseph P. Love 130 feet to a stake at the northwesterly corner of Lot 16 on said plan;

THENCE southeasterly by Lot 16 a distance of 65 feet to the northwesterly corner of Lot 15 on said plan; THENCE northeasterly by Lot 10 on said plan 130 feet to Lake Street; THENCE northwesterly to the point of beginning BEING LOT 9 on said plan.

TRACT II

Beginning at the northwesterly corner thereof on the southerly side of Lake Street and at the westerly corner of Lot 9;

THENCE southwesterly 130 feet by said Lot 9 to a stake at the northwesterly corner of Lot 15 on said plan;

THENCE southwesterly 65 feet by said Lot 15 to Beacon Street (so-called) as shown on said plan;

THENCE northeasterly by said Beacon Street 130 feet to said Lake Street;

THENCE northwesterly by said Lake Street 65 feet to the point of beginning. Being shown as Lot 10 on said plan. Said Lots 9 and 10 are shown on a plan of land entitled "Lakeside Park" drawn by John A. Wakefield Engineer, and dated 1988.

Said plan is recorded at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds. For Grantor's title see Deed recorded in Book 28385, Page 338.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 28385, Page 338.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

**TERMS OF SALE:**

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

**BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT SERIES I TRUST**

Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,

**HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.**

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**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. WO21P1572EA  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

**Estate of:**

Wendy J Hibbard

**Also known as:**

Wendy J. Dominique

**Date of Death: 01/13/2021**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Per-**

**sonal Representative** has been filed by **George B Hibbard, III of Oxford MA**

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **George B Hibbard, III of Oxford 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 06/08/2021**.

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.

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION**

**UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS**

**UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**

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

Date: May 11, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman,

Register of Probate

May 21, 2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Worcester Probate and Family Court**

**225 Main Street  
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**Docket No. WO21P1298EA  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

**Estate of:**

George Schellbach

**Date of Death: 12/12/2020**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Webster Manor Healthcare Center of Webster MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Rose Oleksiak of Waterville ME** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Personal Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

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# Rock and roll memorabilia

It may seem hard to believe, but the Beatles made their first American appearance on the Ed Sullivan show over 60 years ago, on Feb. 9, 1964. Rock and roll's origins go back further, even prior to Bill Haley and the Comet's release of Rock around the Clock's in 1954. Rock and Roll was influenced by R & B performers of the 1940s and 1950s.

In a 1950s interview Fats Domino said, "Rock & roll is nothing but rhythm & blues," according to a Rolling Stone article. Which is the first rock and roll song is the subject of debate. Mental Floss Magazine's website lists 5 songs that might be considered the first rock and roll song:

1. "That's All Right Mama" by Arthur "Big Boy" Crudup (1946)
2. 'Good Rockin' Tonight" by Wynonie Harris (1948)
3. "Rock this Joint" by Jimmy Preston and his Prestonians (1949)
4. "Saturday Night Fish Fry" by Ls Jordan & the Tympany Five (1949)
5. "Rocket 88" by Jackie Brenston and his Delta Cats (1951)

Of these songs, "Rocket 88" is considered by most to be the first rock and roll record. Ike Turner wrote the record that was recorded at Sam Phillips' Sun Records studio in Memphis. According to Mental Floss magazine, "the guitarist's amplifier had a torn speaker, and producer Sam Phillips (who a few years later, would discover Elvis) jerry-rigged it, stuffing some packing paper in the speaker cone. The unexpected result was a fuzzy sound that defined the song's raw vibe, and became a blueprint

for the guitar tone of everyone from Chuck Berry to the Rolling Stones." Later during the 1950s, Rock grew and other acts such as Elvis Presley, Sam Cooke, Chuck Berry, and Fats Domino became popular. In the 1960s Berry Gordon's Motown Record Company produced a string of hits by multiple artists. The Beatles, the Animals, and the Rolling Stones were some of the bands that came to the U.S. as part of the British Invasion during the '60s. The Vietnam War influenced many American performing artists during the 1960s, like Bob Dylan, Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young, and the Doors. The Eagles and Southern rock bands Lynyrd Skynyrd and the Allman Brothers were some of the most popular performers during the 1970s. Alternative musical acts such as the Ramones, Blondie, and the Talking Heads started to gain attention and fans. The 1980s and 1990s saw a wide range of styles from Van Halen and ZZ Top to the Red Hot Chili Peppers and the Pretenders.

There are a variety of items from throughout Rock's history that are popular with collectors. If you happen to have something exceptional like a Ringo Starr drum kit or Kurt Cobain played guitar, it could sell for millions. More common things like records and posters can still be valuable though. The First U.K. pressing of Led Zeppelin's III album sold for over \$3,300 in 2011. A rare Beatles poster for a 1966 Toronto Maple Leafs Garden performance sold for \$50,000 in 2019. Even a guitar pick



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can be valuable. An Eddie Van Halen Ed Leffler guitar pick recently sold for \$1000 online after striking a chord with bidders.

Our next multi-estate online auction will begin soon and end in June. Our sports and non-sports cards auction will also be running online soon. More auctions are being planned. See our

website for details on upcoming events: <https://centralmassauctions.com>

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# Two wooden sticks formed my world

I've been a percussionist since I was eight years old. For those who are unfamiliar with the term ... I'm a drummer.

A man named Levi Rock handed me a pair of Ludwig 3S laminated drumsticks. Although I didn't know it at the time, the trajectory of my life was set. He then said, "Hey Bill ... strap a drum on this kid and take him outside and teach him to play Paradiddles, Triplets and Shave and a Hair Cut." Bill Buck, still a dearest friend to this day, nodded and I followed him into "the cage," the equipment room for the Kankakee Challengers Drum & Bugle Corps.

It was love at first grip as I held those sticks in hand and looked at that red, silver, and blue sparkle drum strapped to my right shoulder and resting on my left thigh. It felt natural ... as if I were born to wear it.

Time passed, but every step of my life was guided or influenced by this pair of wooden

sticks. My junior high and high school years were all dominated by concert band, jazz band, marching band, and drum & bugle corps at the American Legion.

The sticks then took me to VanderCook College of Music for a degree in music education. I won a state NBTA Rudimental Drumming Solo Championship and two months later placed third in the nation. I performed and toured for a season with the National/World Champion Chicago Cavaliers. Music never became my vocation but led, guided, and influenced my professional and personal life in profoundly positive ways.

Those sticks took me on a five-week tour as a drummer for Country Star Ray Price. All along the way, I couldn't have ever imagined where my sticks

would take me next.

Through the years, I've performed off and on in my church with our praise and worship team, but life, health and professional travel brought me to the point where performing ended.

A few weeks ago, Pastor Matt Smith, arranged an opportunity for me to take those wooden sticks and make music one more time, and maybe for the last time. I was so rusty ... but the band pulled me along and allowed me the privilege to sit at those drums and play. I'm grateful.

What's the point of this column? One point is to emphasize the importance of music education, which I believe is tragically undervalued within our educational system. More importantly, the point is to highlight the impact of doing what you love and finding your passion. The joy of taking



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those two pieces of wood into my hands and making a joyful noise, for me, is priceless. It has enriched my life in indescribable ways.

You just never know the profound impact moments in time can have. Lightning may strike at any time. You must always be open to new experiences, as you never know where they will lead.

For my dad, I'm guessing it might be the first time someone handed him a baseball. For my daughter, a Pastor, the first time she was handed a Bible. For my wife, it's gardening. Drumsticks, a baseball, a Bible, a few flowers magically arranged to create beauty ... all unexpected but profound moments that led to a lifelong passion.

We can't choose those moments that lead to our passions. They just happen. We don't plan them and usually are not even aware that they've happened at all until years

later. A parent can't choose for a child ... and I don't think we choose at all. Maybe the passion chooses us ... seizing our emotions, creating a life-long love.

I think the best we can do is give ourselves and our children a wide variety of experiences until they find what they love. And unfortunately, for some, maybe they never find that passion. It's never too late. I know people who in the latter years of their life were struck by something they learned that they loved.

Be open. Let your mind and heart explore the possibilities.

Did you have that moment in your life? If not, are you open to having it?

Gary W. Moore is a free-lance 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](http://www.garywmoore.com).

# Create a garden anywhere with straw bale gardening

Add productive garden space and raise your planting bed with straw bale gardening. This technique allows you to create a raised bed garden on the patio, lawn, or poor compacted soil. Straw bale gardening has been around for centuries, but thanks to Joel Karsten's book "Straw Bale Gardens," it has gained new popularity.

All you need are a few straw bales, fertilizer, a bit of compost and time to condition, plant and water your garden.

Purchase straw bales made from alfalfa, wheat, oats, rye or other cereal that have less weed seeds than hay. Start a few weeks before you plan to start planting.

Place bales in their permanent location with the cut sides up and twine parallel to the ground. When you start the condition process, they become very heavy and hard to move. Once the bales are in place, you are ready to start the conditioning process. This is done to start the inside of the straw bales composting, so they will support plant growth.

Day one spread fertilizer over the top of the bale. Use one half cup of a complete garden fertilizer or three cups of an organic fertilizer, like Milorganite. The organic fertilizers feed the microorganisms that help decompose the straw into a nutrient rich planting medium. Now thoroughly moisten the bale with



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water. Continue to thoroughly soak the bale every day. On days three and five you will also add more fertilizer at the same rate used on day one.

Days seven through nine use half the rate used on day one. This would be one quarter cup of a complete garden fertilizer or one and a half cups of an organic fertilizer. And once again thoroughly water the bale.

On day ten you will add one cup of 10-10-10 or three cups of an organic fertilizer rich in phosphorous and potassium. This completes the conditioning process. Bales treated with a complete fertilizer should be ready to plant. You will likely need to wait a few more days when using an organic fertilizer. The inside of the bale should be the temperature of warm bath water or cooler. If it is hotter than this, wait for the bale to cool a bit before planting.

Use a trowel to pry open a hole in the bale. Place the transplant in the hole and cover the roots with potting mix or compost.

Create a planting bed for seeds by covering the bale with a one- to two-inch-thick layer of planting mix. Follow the planting directions on the back of the seed packet.

Regular watering is critical for success with this method. Soaker hoses or drip irrigation make this an easier



Melinda Myers

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task. You can also use gallon milk jugs with holes in the bottom or inverted 2-liter soda bottles placed near the base of each plant to provide water where it is needed.

Give your straw bale garden a nutrient boost about once a month or as needed throughout the growing season.

You are on your way to growing a productive straw bale garden to enjoy throughout the season.

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](http://www.melindamyers.com).

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# Local students graduate from Assumption University

WORCESTER — Nearly 400 graduates received a bachelor’s degree during Assumption University’s 104th Commencement exercises on Sunday, May 9, at the DCU Center in downtown Worcester. Pulitzer Prize-winning and nationally syndicated Washington Post columnist George F. Will, Ph.D., delivered what he called the “last Assumption lecture for which you will be a captive audience” to the Class of 2021, in which he urged the graduates to live in the present while also imagining the past. The Class of 2021 is the first to graduate from Assumption University, which transitioned from Assumption College last year. Local students included:

Spencer Bodreau, of Oxford  
Raymond Furgal, of Oxford  
Abigail Shaw, of Oxford  
Jacob Tondel, of Webster  
Hannah Yash, of Webster

“Mr. Will’s influence as an author, newspaper columnist and journalist, particularly for the *Washington Post* as well as a political commentator on ABC and MSNBC, cannot be overstated,” said Salutatorian Maeve McDonald ‘21 in her introduction of the speaker. “In speaking with Mr. Will about the value of such an education, he noted that, ‘the point of a liberal arts education is to teach you to open your mind to question, not to reject, but to question received opinions.’ He argued that this is a particularly important skill for graduates today as we enter a world that is fraught with political turmoil and moral relativism.”

In his commencement address, Will shared an example of just how one’s liberal education can help one better understand the world. He prompted graduates to consider the political unrest in America and the “mud-slinging” against “past Americans who played large roles in the creation and preservation of our nation,” whose statues are being toppled and names scrubbed from public buildings and places for what mudslingers deem moral and political failures.

“No one says our nation was, or those who passed it on to us, were without sin,” he shared. “Rather, I am here to warn against the sin of pride. This is the sin of those who today so much enjoy rendering harsh judgments against those who acted in earlier days. In harshly judging those who produced our nation, today’s unforgiving critics are guilty of their own sin. It is the sin of presentism.”

Will explained that presentism is “the fallacy of judging by our standards the behavior of those who acted in circumstances very different than ours,” and that the only cure is a deep historical knowledge. “Only such knowledge can give us the ability to imagine what it was like to have been America’s leaders trying to act morally, as we all must try, in situations not of their choosing or of their making,” he said. “What I’m asking for, what I’m pleading for, is imagination. Usually when we speak of imagination, it is prospective imagination, imagination of the future. But what we urgently need now is retrospective imagination. The ability to imagine the past,” he said, adding that we need to reimagine the textures of a time long ago, with social settings, customs, political practices, and institutions and ethical standards much different than we have today.

He asked those in attendance “on this 21st century Sunday morning” to return in their imaginations to 167 years ago when the Kansas Nebraska Act became law. It allowed popular majorities in Kansas and Nebraska to decide whether to permit enslavement. Will asked the audience to imagine the scene as politically engaged Americans in 1954, and asked “What would you have advocated? What would you have done?”

Will shared that while Lincoln was against enslavement, he was also opposed to allowing the Union to dissolve, which would have called self-government into doubt. He “adopted the ethic of responsibility and committed himself to the patience of politics, to the long path of maneuver and persuasion.” Will said that to understand such dilemmas that politicians confronted in the past requires more than just the grounding of facts in history; it requires imagination and the empathy that imagination can nourish. “Our nation today needs the empathy that can only come from imagination and the ability to imagine oneself in other people’s shoes. The ability to reason, and maneuver, and compromise as they had to do.”

Will called presentism a “pandemic of vindictiveness,” and a pandemic, though not of a virus, but something for which there is no vaccine. “Historically-grounded empathy inoculates us against the sin of pride that is at the cold heart of presentism,” said Will.

Will said that he hoped that the graduates’ time at Assumption had provided them with two talents that would make them immune to such moral vanity—a talent for gratitude and a talent for praising. “Having gratitude for those men and women in the American past, who, like all of us, were flawed but who nevertheless handed on to us a nation that had fewer flaws than when they inherited it,” he said. “Praising is an act of humility, an act of homage to those who have been in the arena and who have distinguished themselves there.”

He concluded his “final lecture” with an old English couplet: “The couplet is: ‘All men are created equal. They differ only in the sequel.’ You are the sequel to this excellent University’s fine touch,” he said. “You will go forth from here and live in the present. But you will, I hope and expect, leave the nation better, because you will avoid presentism. You will do so by appreciating the always crooked road we Americans are always traveling toward a more perfect Union.”

Assumption President Francesco C. Cesareo, Ph.D., also emphasized the enduring importance of a liberal arts education. “While so much changed this past year, what did not change was the essence and value of your Assumption education,” he said. “The pandemic has made more evident the value of the Catholic liberal education you have received in the last four years. You have come to appreciate that enduring ideas matter and provide a framework for understanding our contemporary world. You have explored the deepest questions of the human heart, which transcend time and place.”

President Cesareo added that these questions include understanding the common good, cultivating good judgment and understanding complexity, finding one’s purpose in life, and understanding the responsibilities we have to one another, especially among the most vulnerable. “A Catholic liberal education engages these questions and has prepared you to live out your vocations, professions and to be lifelong learners,” he said. “It has provided you with the wisdom and courage to confront the challenges we face during a time like this and that you will face throughout your life.”

Valedictorian Hannah White ‘21 also spoke of Assumption’s emphasis on vocation and its importance as she and her classmates enter “a pandemic-stricken workforce with no guarantee that we’ll find our ideal entry-level job, much less a clear career path,” she said. “Over the past four years we have become familiar with the tagline, ‘Light the way.’ How can we be a light for others when we ourselves cannot see through the darkness of the unknown?”

White shared her experience in the SOPHIA program as one example in how Assumption helps its students understand what it means to choose a vocation. “Our vocations—our life callings—affect all aspects of how we live, work, and engage with the world around us,” she said. “Although we find it difficult to discern our future through the haze of uncertainty, remember this: our life purpose is not some far-off goal that will allow us to be happy forever. Vocation is an ever ongoing process of self-discovery. It is living magnanimously, striving for the greatest good, especially in the day to day. It is using what gifts we have to serve others who have nothing. It is living in authentic community with others, where we help each other bear our burdens. Even if our futures are shrouded in darkness, in our vocations we have the light we need to see the next right step.”

In closing, President Cesareo reminded the graduates that they are the first class to graduate from Assumption University, representing a milestone in the history of Assumption. “Throughout its history, Assumption has shown itself to be a resilient institution, overcoming challenges that on the surface seemed insurmountable,” he shared. “This year, you have also shown yourself to be resilient as you adapted to the changes that were necessary as we addressed the impact of the pandemic. The sacrifices you made have allowed you to grow as a person in ways that were unexpected. In this way, the pandemic shaped your education as it shaped you as well. Thank you for the many ways you contributed to making Assumption a better place over the last four years. As you move on to the next chapter of your journey, I congratulate you on all that you have accomplished as students at Assumption. We look forward to the many contributions you will make to our society because of your education at your alma mater.”

During the ceremony, Will and Vincent Strully, Jr., founder and CEO of the New England Center for Children, received honorary degrees. Will was honored for his “steadfast pursuit of knowledge and distinguished commentary [that] has enriched the American media landscape,” while Strully was recognized for his “four decades of selfless service” in which he has dedicated himself to “empowering those in the autism community.”

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 citizenship, 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).

## ALL SAINTS ACADEMY HONOR ROLL

WEBSTER — All Saints Academy has released its honor roll for the second and third quarters of the 2020-2021 school year.	
Third Quarter	Recognition: Cole Adams, Hayley Giroux, Lainey Lawrence, Lillian Morton, Emerson Ward
Grade 8 Head of School Honors: Lillian Maglich High Honors: Lara Boulmetis, Logan Mueller First Honors: Dylan Polinski, Joseph Santora, Reid Szela	Third Quarter  Grade 8 Head of School Honors: Lillian Maglich High Honors: Lara Boulmetis, Logan Mueller, Dylan Polinski, Reid Szela
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Grade 4 High Honors: Thomas Burren, Lilly Kelly, Sophia MacKenzie, Charles Maglich, Xavier Matthews, Amelia Wentworth First Honors: Isabella Benitez, Ella Campbell, Alexander Delgaudio, Malcolm Parmentier, Manuel Rivero Chiriack, Claudia Tetreault	Grade 4 Head of School Honors: Charles Maglich High Honors: Thomas Burren, Autumn Hibbard, Lilly Kelly, Sophia MacKenzie, Xavier Matthews, Matthew Monticelli, Amelia Wentworth First Honors: Isabella Benitez, Ella Campbell, Alexander Delgaudio, Malcolm Parmentier Recognition: Cole Adams, Lainey Lawrence, Lillian Morton

## The spirit is coming to Church of the Reconciliation

WEBSTER — Imagine that you are standing in a courtyard in Jerusalem in the First Century AD. The sun shines on the white stone buildings, almost blinding you. There is a little breeze. You share the pavement with colorfully dressed people from Cappadocia, Asia, Egypt, Rome, Mesopotamia, Lybia, and other parts of the ancient world. They converse earnestly in their own languages, going about their daily business. Suddenly...a disturbance...a rush of wind...and then twelve followers of Jesus appear, all Galileans...but something is strange. These men, fishermen mostly, not scholars, are speaking to you in your own language. You glance around to see that your neighbors standing in the courtyard also hear their own language from these men. All hear of the wonderful works of God.

On the Day of Pentecost, May 23, two local partner churches, the Episcopal Church of the Reconciliation in Webster and Zion Lutheran Church in Oxford, led by their shared Pastor Michael Bastian, will reenact this scene from the second Chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. This chapter relates the story of the coming of the Holy Spirit to Jesus’ disciples. At a joint service at Zion Lutheran, in a joyous celebration of Holy Communion, eight parishioners simultaneously will read Acts 2:1-21 in different languages, recreating the Jerusalem First Century retelling of the works of God so that all could hear.

The parishioners of both churches will be reinforcing their partnership in two additional ways. After the service, the potted red geraniums that will adorn the altar will be planted in front of both churches to show their solidarity in being “Church Better Together”. Parishioners who have been collecting towels, combs, toothbrushes, soap, and nail clippers for Lutheran World Relief personal care kits will remain after the service to assemble the packages. This is the partners’ second special outreach project this year.

The May 23 Pentecost service will take place at Zion Lutheran Church at 10am and will be streamed. More information can be found on [zionlutheranoxford.org](http://zionlutheranoxford.org) or [churchofthereconciliation.org](http://churchofthereconciliation.org) or their Facebook sites.

## St. Andrew Bobola Parish fall yard sale dropoffs

DUDLEY — On a Saturday (date TBD) this coming fall, St. Andrew Bobola Parish, 54 West Main St., Dudley, will hold another yard sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the church’s rear parking lot. Household items, yard accessories, seasonal decorations and much more, good ‘useable’ items: all will be available at bargain prices! If you missed your spring clean out, we have great news for you! Yard sale items you wish to donate may still be dropped off at the parish rectory any time from now to mid September provided you call the rectory ahead to insure Father Chris’ availability to open the storage space in the church hall. Rectory: 508-943-5633.





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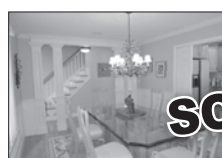
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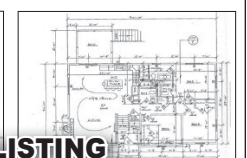
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**DUDLEY** - 12 Susan Drive! Ideal 7 Rm Split! Beautifully Landscaped 18,615' Lot including a Heated In-Ground Pool w/Pool House! Fully Appliance Kitchen w/Corian Counters, Island, Hrdwd Floor & Door to the Deck! Dining Rm w/Hrdwds & Slider to Deck overlooking the Pool! Living Rm w/Bay Window, Brick Fireplace w/Wood Pellet Insert & Fujitsu Wall Mount A/C Split Unit! 3 Comfortable Bdrms all w/Double Closets, Spacious 12x16' Master! Hallway Full Bathrm w/Skylight & Door to the Master! Lower Level 13x24' Family Rm w/Recessed Lighting! Convenient Half Bath! 2 Car Heated Garage! Many 2018 Updates - Roof, Siding, Windows, Buderus Furnace, Hot Water Super Store, Oil Tank & Pool Liner! Out Back a Garden Area & Storage Shed! Town Services! Won't Last! **\$339,000.00**

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assisted sale **\$695,000.**

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### WEBSTER • 233 - 235 NORTH MAIN STREET



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large 3 Family- a rare find! 1st Floor spacious 2 bedroom apartment. 2 - 2nd floor, 3 bedroom apartments Walkout basement to off street parking.  
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### Webster - 401 Treasure Island Condo

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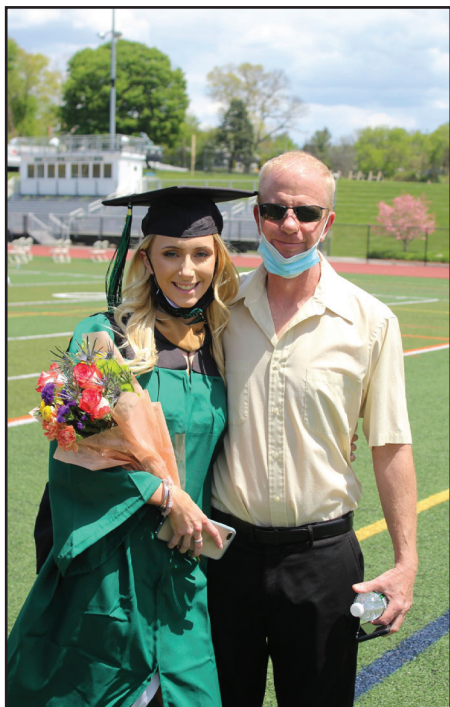
social media and those LinkedIn updates.” Both classes hosted the same guest speaker at their ceremonies, Henry M. Thomas, III, the President and CEO of the Urban League of Springfield. In his speech, Thomas implored both classes to charge forward towards achieving their goals and to not let the

fear of failure stand in their way. “My advice to you is fundamental: whatever your aspirational dreams are, you should set your sight for it, go out and fight for it, use all you might for it. You can do it. Don’t let anyone convince you that you can’t,” Thomas said. “It was because of your will to succeed that you have accomplished and learned so much

at Nichols College. I’m thinking about all that studying and those presentations you delivered, which has been so beneficial to your preparation and achievement to date. Further, your accomplishments will propel you to greater heights and longer distances. You also arrived at this station through the blood, sweat, tears and fears of a global pandemic. Yes, notwithstanding,



Ferryton Kpalie of Burlington, N.J. poses with his mom in a pre-graduation photo.



Rachel Forte of Douglas celebrates her graduation with her father, Doug.



Ketnote speaker Henry M. Thomas, III accepts an honorary degree from Nichols before his speech.

you made it through the gauntlet. Now you can be confident that you are good enough, strong enough, smart enough, and bold enough to live your dream. Don’t let anybody convince you that you can’t reach the place that your North Star leads you.”

The ceremonies also served as the last for retiring President Susan Engelkemeyer who will

be departing this summer setting the stage for a changing of the guard in many ways as a new class enters in the fall, new seniors prepare for the 2022 ceremony and new leadership takes effect to bring Nichols College into the future.

At right: lass of 2021 Valedictorian Taylor Ward addresses his fellow students.



OFFICERS

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of an elderly woman on the first floor who was unaccounted for, officers entered her apartment and found her sleeping, unaware of the fire.

The officers safely evacuated the woman from the building before the flames could spread.

During the May 6 ceremony, the Webster-Dudley American Legion Post 184 hosted an event honoring the heroic actions of the officers. With limited time and

information that night, their efforts ensured that everyone in the building escaped safely.

The event is a reminder of the daily risks officers take each time they put on a uniform, officials said.

“I am grateful to the Command of the American Legion for recognizing the officers for the heroic efforts,” said Webster Police

Chief Michael Shaw. “In these times where police are criticized and ridiculed, it is appreciated that there are peo-

ple out there that still respect and recognize what police officers do day in and day out, many times unheralded.”

The officers enjoyed the opportunity to attend the May 6 ceremony with their families. Each officer was also presented with a citation honoring their lifesaving actions.

“It was thoughtful that this ceremony was done in a place where their families could witness the presentations and hear first-hand about the heroic actions of their loved ones,” Chief Shaw added.

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Department item will be the proposed purchase of a \$90,000 replacement truck for the Highway Department Foreman and the replacement of the Building, Grounds, Cemeteries and Parks truck as well as associated equipment. The third

article will see a vote on whether or not to fund a pair of dump truck chassis. The Dudley Police Department are requesting their own vehicle purchase in Article 12, a \$58,000 cruiser with associated equipment. The police department has another item later in the warrant concerning a proposed transfer

of funds to offset costs uncured during the current fiscal year.

The Water and Sewer Commissioners are also proposing a vehicle purchase near the end of the warrant for a pick-up truck. In addition to some financial items, the Water and Sewer Commission will close out the meeting with several articles

related to PFAS Water Treatment and associated projects being planned for the town as well as the funding for these initiatives.

Rounding out the warrant is a Zoning Amendment proposal seeking the creation of a Marijuana Cultivation Overlay District. This proposal would allow for

the outdoor cultivation of marijuana with a special permit and site plan approval by the Planning Board. Finally, there is a landowner petition for a change of zoning property at 115 Schofield Ave.

Dudley’s 2021 Spring Annual Town Meeting will be held at the Connie Vanco-Galli Auditorium at Shepherd Hill Regional

High School in Dudley on Monday, May 24 at 7 p.m., and if required, will be continued to the following night at the same time and location. The warrant for the town meeting does not indicate any online participation or viewing options.

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37.5 hour per week benefited position. High School Diploma with some additional  
coursework in Social Work, Human Services or Health Service required along with  
at least 1 year of working with the elderly; or any equivalent combination of  
education and experience. Please see job description for complete list of  
qualifications and responsibilities. Salary range: \$20.61hr – \$24.93/hr  
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<https://www.townofcharlton.net/158/Human-Resources> no later than **May 27, 2021.**  
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**HR Generalist – Full-Time**  
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The HR Generalist performs responsible and complex administrative work assisting  
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sponsibilities include scheduling interviews, performing reference checks, onboard-  
ing, scheduling trainings, maintaining employee files and  
database, payroll processing as well as many other duties. Familiarity with unions  
and FLSA standards a plus. Must have strong attention to detail. Bachelor's Degree  
in related field; at least 5 years of related work experience preferred, or any  
equivalent combination of education and experience. Please see job  
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**TOWN OF SPENCER**  
**SEWER DEPARTMENT**  
**Laborer Sewer Department:** Assist in the operation and maintenance of  
a Municipal Sewer System duties including but not limited to, equipment and  
collections system maintenance, operate filter press, operate sludge disposal  
process, respond to emergency calls, pump station inspection, grounds keeping  
and snow removal, record keeping, and filing. The position requires a high school  
diploma or general education degree (GED), and/or one to three years of related  
experience working in wastewater treatment plants with three years of experience  
performing equipment and plant maintenance, or an equivalent combination  
of education and experience. Opportunity for advancement to Assistant Chief  
Operator with ability to obtain a Grade 5 Municipal Wastewater Treatment  
Plant Operator's License within a time period set by Sewer Commissioners and  
Superintendent.  
Submit application letter, resume and standard Town application form, available  
at [www.spencerma.gov](http://www.spencerma.gov) to Town of Spencer, Human Resources Department, 157  
Main Street, Spencer, MA 01562. Open until filled. Reviews begin immediately.  
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**Treasurer/Collector**  
**Town of Charlton**  
The Full-time Treasurer/Collector provides high-level financial, administrative and  
technical work involving the receipt of money and the collection of all taxes due to  
the town. Bachelor's degree in accounting, finance or related field; a minimum of  
five years' experience in a municipal supervisory position; or any equivalent  
combination of education and experience. Massachusetts certification as  
Treasurer and Tax Collector preferred, but not required. Ability to become  
bonded. Please see job description for complete list of qualifications and  
responsibilities. Salary range: \$36.39 – \$40.17 hourly depending on qualifications.  
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**TOWN OF SPENCER**  
**SEWER DEPARTMENT**  
**Assistant Chief Operator Sewer Department:** Assist in the operation and  
maintenance of a Municipal Sewer System including Laboratory analyses,  
equipment maintenance, scheduled weekend rotation, collections system  
maintenance, respond to emergency calls, record keeping, and filing. The  
position requires a high school diploma or general education degree (GED),  
and/or three to five years of related experience working in wastewater  
treatment plants with three years of experience performing equipment and  
plant maintenance, or an equivalent combination of education and experience.  
Grade 4 Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator's License is required  
with the ability to obtain a Grade 5C within a time period set by Sewer  
Commissioners and Superintendent.  
Submit application letter, resume and standard Town application form,  
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**FULL TIME MAINTENANCE LABORER**  
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Applications will be accepted until 2:00 PM on Friday May 28, 2021.  
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# ALL SAINTS ACADEMY CELEBRATES FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH



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Finally, the good weather has arrived, and All Saints Academy took advantage of the sun and warmth to hold an outdoor prayer service. The whole school celebrated the Feast of St. Joseph, and each student in every class brought and decorated symbols to celebrate St. Joseph as the parent - a protector and dreamer; a faithful, loving, gentle teacher. The ceremony included prayers by the teachers and the students. Also in attendance was Rev. Adam Reid, who gave the community a blessing and then took the opportunity to celebrate with the second graders who recently, and will soon, receive their First Holy Communion.



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Friday's Child



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Jadelyn is a girl of Hispanic  
descent who enjoys being ac-  
tive. Some of her favorite activ-  
ities include singing, playing on  
the playground and practicing  
her cartwheels. She is very open  
and willing to try new things and  
loves animals. Jadelyn thrives  
with adult attention and care,  
and she benefits from structure  
and clear expectations. She  
hopes to attend college when  
she is older and also wishes to  
be a princess.  
Jadelyn enjoys school and  
was a peer mentor in her sum-  
mer program. She is currently  
working on learning her multipli-  
cation tables.

Legally freed for adoption, Jadelyn will do well in a family of any constella-  
tion that can provide her with positive attention and support. If there are other  
children in the home, it would be best if they are older than Jadelyn so that  
they can act as a role model for her. An ideal family will help Jadelyn maintain  
contact with her birth parents and siblings.

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