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Community voices opposition to perceived teaching of Critical Race Theory

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – An estimated 250 citizens of Dudley and Charlton turned out for a lengthy community forum on July 12 focused on the potential of adding Critical Race Theory, or CRT, to the school district’s curriculum.

The growing national debate over the controversial movement, with origins in the 1970s, that examines the role racism has played in the legal and social constructs of the nation has erupted on the local level. Concerned citizens and parents turned out in droves to voice their grievances before the regional school committee, which many feel has not been transparent concerning the actions of its Equity Committee. In June, around 55 citizens attended a Dudley Charlton School Committee meeting to condemn the potential teaching of Critical Race Theory in the schools eventually leading the committee to call for a public meeting to have a larger discussion.

The July 12 meeting



Jason Bleau

Concerned citizens wait their turn for the microphone during a public forum on July 12 discussing critical race theory in the Dudley Charlton School District.

lasted several hours, with input from school officials, passionate citizens and even comments by podcaster and educator Sheldon Eakins of the Leading Equity Center, the consultant that the district’s Equity

Committee had hired and who many accuse of trying to bring CRT to the district. Superintendent Steven Lamarche started things off ensuring parents that the district has no plans to include Critical Race Theory in

their K-12 curriculum.

“I want to express to you that the Dudley Charlton Regional School District has not invested in or endorsed Critical Race Theory. We have not researched Critical Race Theory. We have

not asked our educators to research Critical Race Theory. We did not change our curriculum to incorporate Critical Race Theory, and we have no plans to change out curriculum to incorporate Critical Race Theory,”

said Lamarche, who reiterated this same message several times throughout the night.

Sheldon Eakins was also given a moment to speak, stressing that the

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Our Bright Future hosts youth robotics and sports program in Dudley



Courtesy

Our Bright Future is offering its summer program, STEMing into Sports, for children ages nine to 17.

DUDLEY — Our Bright Future is offering its summer program, STEMing into Sports, for children ages nine to 17. The program is offered through five one-week sessions from July 12 to Aug. 13, and is held at Nichols College.

Youth participate in robotics, sports, arts and crafts, and music. Our Bright Future is excited to introduce youth to 3D printing, which was made possible by many sponsors. For robotics, youth work with Lego Mindstorm Ev3 kits to

design, code, and build robots without prior programming knowledge, and complete robotic-based challenges.

“I want to provide a safe and supportive place for youth to help them to practice important life skills,” said co-founder and executive director Kwasi Acheampong.

“I’ve watched many of my friends go down the wrong path. They never attended a program like Our Bright Future, and I want to help as many youths as I can to achieve a bright future.”

The five focus areas of Our Bright Future’s programs are character and leadership development, education and career development, health and life skills, the arts, sports and fitness, and recreation.

Our Bright Future is grateful for its major sponsor The Fels Foundation, made up of Gerald and Marilyn Fels. Gerald Fels is a trustee emeritus of Nichols College, where the program will take place. He and his wife Marilyn frequently give

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Dudley exploring shared Health Agent

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – The town of Dudley has entered discussions with neighboring Webster about potentially sharing a Health Agent through an inter-municipal contract.

Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda approached the Board of Selectmen on July 12 about entering into an agreement for Health Agent services with a single employee covering the needs of both towns. Dudley’s previous Health Agent resigned in June and, according to Ruda, it has been an uphill battle

to fill the post.

“We’ve advertised for (the position) twice. We’ve gotten little to no interest in it whereas Webster appears to be top heavy in their health department staff. Over the course of several discussions with the Webster Town Administrator, we thought it might be a good idea to go down the road of an intermunicipal agreement between the two towns,” Ruda said.

The Town Administrator touted the partnership as beneficial to both communities and a “good deal for Dudley.” Currently, Dudley has a Title 5 Inspector where

Webster doesn’t, and that service would extend to Webster through the agreement while Webster would benefit from being able to offload its top-heavy health department by extending services into Dudley. If signed, the agreement would extend for three years and would conform to the Health Agent funding in the town’s current budget.

When asked how the partnership would affect service to customers in Dudley Ruda said the deal shouldn’t create any major changes in terms of service or response time.

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Dudley PD gains full-time officer

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – Dudley has a new permanent police officer with the approval of Luis Pacheco to full-time member of the force, effective at the end of July.

Chief Steve Wojnar presented Pacheco to selectmen at a meeting on July 12 seeking his official promotion to a full-time member of the force after over a year of training, preparation and service that started well before the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Officer Pacheco was appointed originally as

a student officer back in June of 2019. He worked on a full-time basis for us since then and entered the police academy as a student officer in February of 2020 and he graduated at the end of July of 2020. At that time the board voted to appoint him for his full year probation period so now he’s due at the end of the month for his full-time appointment to the department,” Wojnar said.

The Chief called Pacheco a valuable member of the force who he believes will continue to serve Dudley with pride

and professionalism.

“Louis has done a great job for us,” said Wojnar. “He certainly had a difficult process going through the police academy during all the COVID uncertainties all through last summer. He did really well, and he has been very effective for us in the department ever since. We’re very glad to have him and I’m sure he’ll do a great job going forward as a full-time officer for the department.”

Pacheco took a moment to address the Board of

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Successful mentorships happening at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy

CHARLTON — The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Mentorship program has been a success. Dr. Adelina Healy of Dudley, and other faculty leaders teamed up with the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy cohorts to implement a mentorship program that not only allows experienced nurses to guide practical nursing students, but to receive one on one mentorship.

The Practical Nursing Class of 2021 consisted of 23 females. The overall goal is to give the graduates the opportunity to learn and receive mentorship from the experienced faculty to help lead them to a positive nursing journey both academically and clinically.

The faculty and staff of the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy were introduced to the cohort early on at orientation and acceptance ceremony with each faculty assigned as an advisor and each practical nursing (PN) student receiving an advisor and a mentor be it an alumnus or a peer mentor.

Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN Academy Director says, “this is a great way to connect with the future nurses, bring the community together, and provide nursing students with support and guidance.”

Risper Wanjiru of Webster stated, “Dr. Healy has been an influential figure in my clinical practice as well as in my nursing journey. As a qualified and experienced nurse, she has spirited my professional growth by commending my learning spirit and guiding me.” Wanjiru was inducted into the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS). She added, “Dr. Healy’s teaching style is an aspect I admired, as she considers all student nurse’s weaknesses and strengths. She is selfless, she sponsored the fee for my NTHS membership registration. I am forever grateful for her role in my professional growth, not forgetting the knowledge she shared with me.”

The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy faculty believes in being thoughtful and taking time to build strategic relationships with the student body. Everyone begins by identifying a viable mentorship relationship, creating regular touchpoints, understanding the culture, engaging with PN students early, and immersing everyone in the Academy’s events and curriculum.

“We begin to engage the PN students as early as the orientation and acceptance ceremony and through various events on campus,” concludes Bolandrina. “Our leadership and mentorship program connects PN students with advisors and mentors and even provides insight into academic progression. These relationships are strengthened throughout their nursing journey, inclusive of job placements and networking.”

Through engagement with the Bay Path community, students and alumni develop and become prepared to be successful in nursing. Fostering a culture of belonging, encouraging mentorship, and celebrating diversity at Bay Path Practical



Courtesy
Dr. Adelina Healy of Dudley and Risper Wanjuri of Webster.

Nursing Academy is successful because of goal-oriented and actionable activities and experiences.

WEBSTER TIMES

ACCURACY WATCH:

The Webster Times is committed to accuracy in all its news reports. Although numerous safeguards are in place to ensure accurate reporting, mistakes can occur. Confirmed fact errors will be corrected in a timely manner on page A3. We cannot run corrections based upon differences of opinion or unconfirmable facts. We will, however, print letters to the editor from area residents who wish to add their comments to our news coverage. If you find a mistake, please email news@stonebridgepress.news or call (508) 909-4106. During non-business hours, leave a message in the editor’s voicemail box.

DUDLEY POLICE LOG

DUDLEY — The Dudley Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of July 9-16.

Christy L. Lottridge, age 51, of Dudley was arrested on July 11 for Vandalization of Property and Burning of personal property.

A 290-year-old male whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on July 13 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

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LUNCH TIME STORY TIMES
Wednesdays at noon throughout the summer

Story time will be held outside in the lot near the children’s wing. There will be a take home craft each week that goes with what we read.

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

Local Students Graduate from Elms College

CHICOPEE — College of Our Lady of the Elms celebrated its 90th Commencement exercises on Saturday, May 15.

Elms College conferred 311 undergraduate degrees and 91 graduate degrees, including Melanie Virtuez of Webster, who received both a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology.

About Elms College
Elms College is a co-educational Catholic college offering a liberal arts curriculum that prepares students holistically for a purposeful life in a diverse and interconnected world. Founded in 1928 by the Sisters of St. Joseph, Elms College has a tradition of educating reflective, principled and creative learners, who are rooted in faith, educated in mind, compassionate in heart, responsive to civic and social obligations, and capable of adjusting to change without compromising principle.

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7/21 Animal Safari
7/28 Bubble Party

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Monday July 19 – multiple sessions
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Come meet animals like a llama, alpaca, tortoise, squirrel monkey, goats, and others!
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ANIMAL MAGNETS/PENDANTS
Thursday July 22 (first half) & Monday July 26 (second half) – multiple sessions
We will be creating animal magnets or pendants. This is a 2 part activity. Part one is creating the animal and part two is painting it. (If you cannot come to the second session you can take your creation home to dry.)
This is for ages 8-12.
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STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER
Thursday July 29 2:00PM-4:00PM
We are letting your stuffed animals take over the library! Drop in and create a bed for your stuffed animal to sleep in, and then leave them to sleep overnight. We will then make sure they have a fun night at the Library. (We will post their adventures on Facebook and Instagram.)
Please register your animal! You can drop them off anytime between 2-4PM.
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tion required.

SUMMER READING ENDS
Friday, July 30 1:00PM-3:00PM
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Friday’s Child

Jayden
Age 11

Hi! My name is Jayden and I love gymnastics!

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Legally freed for adoption, Jayden will need one-on-one attention from her new family. This could be a two-parent family or a single-parent family with no other children in the home or a female child close in age to Jayden. Structure and routine in her new home are extremely important to Jayden. Jayden has older siblings in foster care and in adoptive families in Western Massachusetts with whom she will need to maintain contact. She would also like to maintain a lifelong connection with a previous foster family.

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The process to adopt a child from foster care requires training, interviews, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you, and if so, to help connect you with a child or sibling group that your family will be a good match for.

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WEBSTER POLICE LOG

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of July 11-17.

Shay N. Warner, age 29, of Worcester was arrested on July 12 for Possession of a Class B Drug, Furnishing a False ID to Law Enforcement, and in connection with a warrant. Zachary Paul Bailey, age 33, of Webster was arrested during the same incident for Assault & Battery on a Police Officer, Resisting Arrest, and in connection with a warrant. Jessica M. Riley, age 36, of Worcester was also arrested during this incident for Interfering with a Police Officer.

Francisco J. Quinones, age 49, of Webster was arrested on July 13 for Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License (subsequent offense) and in connection with a warrant.

A 29-year-old male from Dudley whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on July 13 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

Charlene R. Lemelin-Haven, age 28, of Webster was arrested on July 14 in connection with a warrant.

Susanne M. Stich, age 41, of Webster was arrested on July 15 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, Possession of an Open Container of Alcohol in a Motor Vehicle, and Failure to Stop or Yield.

Trent D. Nicholopoulos, age 31, of Webster was arrested on July 16 in connection with a warrant.

A 22-year-old female from Worcester whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on July 16 for Violation of an Abuse Prevention Order.

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Wiggles and Giggles! - Wednesdays, June 30th-August 18th (excluding July 7th and August 4th) 10:00-11:00AM

Come sing, dance, and make music with Lainey Hanlon! For children ages 2-5 and their parents/caregivers.

Summer Eats - Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 6th - August 5th 12:00-12:30PM

Summer Eats provides FREE grab and go meals for all kids and teens! Stop by the library during these times and either eat lunch outside on the library lawn or take meals home! Meals are pre-packaged and nutritional. Summer Eats is a federally-funded food program that seeks to combat food insecurity and hunger, providing every child with the food they need to succeed!

Visit from the Massachusetts Pirates - July 19th and August 9th 10AM

Come and meet the Massachusetts Pirates

football team! Their mascot, Arthur, will be doing story reading at 10AM!

Paper Heart Puppets - July 26th 10:30AM-11:30AM

Brad Shur brings stories to life for the whole family with the help of puppets made from paper, cardboard, and a little imagination!

Scott Jameson - August 6th 10:30AM-11:30AM

Magician and juggler Scott Jameson will have you laughing out loud and perched on the very edge of your seat! This performance is funded, in part, by a grant from the Webster Cultural Council.

Southbridge RMV Service Center will open Aug. 2 by appointment

SOUTHBRIDGE — The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) is announcing that on Monday, Aug. 2, customer service centers will open in Southbridge, Easthampton and Lowell to begin serving customers by appointment.

"We have appreciated the patience of the public during the State of Emergency as the RMV pivoted to serve customers with new processes in keeping with health protocols," said Acting Transportation Secretary and CEO Jamey Tesler. "Now, with almost 4.3 million individuals in Massachusetts fully vaccinated, the Registry can safely reopen additional customer service locations while still continuing with many of the new transaction policies which have worked so well since March 2020 and which customers have told us have been convenient and efficient."

"The health and safety of our customers and employees has been our focus in making decisions about how to conduct transactions and we are pleased that appointments will be made available Aug. 2 in three more Registry Customer Service Centers," said Acting Registrar Colleen Ogilvie. "Many new initiatives that were put in place to provide additional flexibility for customers during the COVID-19 pandemic will continue and initiatives which have been well received, including dedicated service hours for senior citizens, will be continuing."

RMV customers will continue to be served by appointments only at open Service Centers, and

customers who are unvaccinated will be required to wear a face covering for transactions. In addition, the RMV will continue with including dedicated hours on Wednesdays to serve senior citizens at some locations, holding suspension hearings by phone, allowing learner's permit tests online, and using state vehicles for anyone taking road tests. (Everyone in a vehicle for a road test must wear a face covering, regardless of vaccination status.)

Initiatives which are continuing:

Appointments for in-person transactions at open customer service locations will continue, and customers must wear a face covering for an in-person transaction if unvaccinated.

As of August 2, RMV Service Centers will open by appointment in Southbridge, Easthampton, and in Lowell.

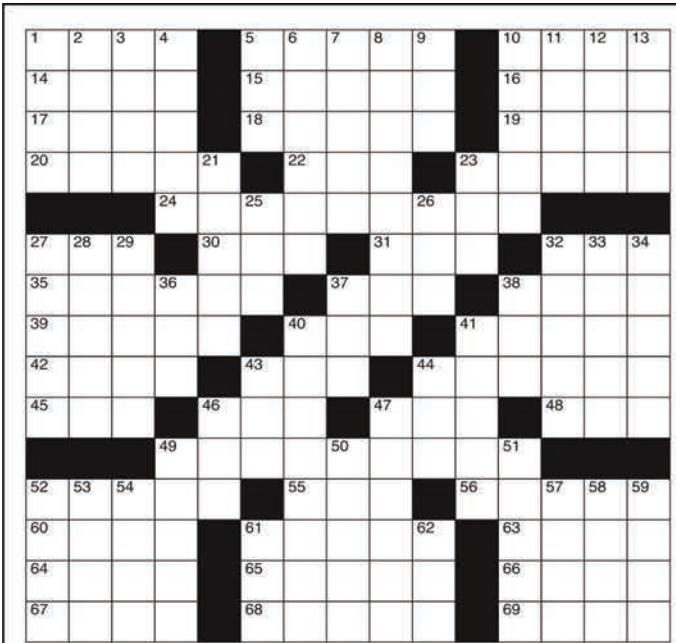
Senior hours for customers 65 years of age and older on Wednesdays at specific locations will continue.

Road tests will still be offered using state vehicles only. Road test sponsors are required to be in the road test vehicle and everyone in a road test vehicle must wear a face covering regardless of vaccination status.

Online learner's permit exams will continue and customers must still make an in-person appointment for the application process.

Suspension hearings by telephone will continue.

In-vehicle observation hours for Junior Operators have reverted back to driving schools for applicants who obtained a learner's permit on or after May 29 requiring Junior Operators to complete 6 hours observing another student driver, and 40 supervised driving hours with a parent or guardian. (This was the rule pre-pandemic.)



- CLUES ACROSS
1. Fashion accessory

5. Subatomic particle

10. Ethnic group of the Philippines

14. Popular cookie

15. Fabric

16. Alcoholic liquor

17. Peter __, Dutch portrait painter

18. Longtime Chicago mayor

19. A famous "Lady"

20. Islamic calendar month

22. Rocky peak

23. Polio vaccine developer

24. Songs sung in open air

27. Military movements

30. Male parent

31. Beloved hot beverage

32. Female sibling

35. Tackled the QB

37. Set a dog on someone

38. Long live! (Spanish)

39. Porticos

40. Pouch

41. Smooth fabric

42. Enough (archaic)

43. Institute legal proceedings against

44. Scarred

45. Draw from

46. Brother or sister

47. Body part

48. Commercial

49. London soccer team

52. Satisfied

55. Surgical technique (abbr.)

56. Fencing sword

60. French industrial city

61. Intellectual property organization (abbr.)

63. Helps to carry food

64. "Rule, Britannia" composer

65. One-time Empress of the Roman Empire

66. Intestinal pouches

67. None better

68. "WandaVision" actress

69. Comedic actress Kathryn

- CLUES DOWN
1. Fifth notes of major scales

2. Region

3. Your consciousness of your own identity

4. Georgetown athletes

5. They follow A

6. Spoke

7. Hairdressers' domain

8. Extravagantly theatric

9. End-blown flute

10. Heroic tales

11. Member of a Semitic people

12. Members of a priestly caste

13. Southern Ghana people

21. Counsels

23. Body of water

25. Awesome!

26. Calendar month

27. Native of region in Caucasus

28. Indian city

29. Exclusive

32. Alaskan town

33. Covered with ivy

34. Loose granular substances

36. Native American tribe

37. Written American English

38. Holiday (informal)

40. Add up

41. Small brown and gray rails

43. Get off your feet

44. Express disgust

46. Surface of the ground

47. Put into a silo

49. Belief

50. British noblemen

51. Tennis game

52. Dry, protective crust

53. Swiss river

54. Large integers

57. La __ Tar Pits, Hollywood

58. Every one of two or more

59. "Deadpool" actor Reynolds

61. Earlier

62. Peter's last name



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\$410,000, 14 Pine Ridge Dr, Baraklilis, Demetrios, and Baraklilis, Susan E, to Dumas, Richard R, and Stodolski, Ashley M.

\$310,000, 22 Quobaug Ave, Ravelli, Antonio, and Ravelli, Maria, to Wheeler, Nathen J, and Kimmens, Veronica.

\$276,000, 1 George St, 1 George Street NT, and Conner Land T LLC Tr, to Nordstrom, John E, and Gauthier, Wendy J.

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Grzembksi, of Webster, earns degree from Clark University

WEBSTER — Anthony Grzembksi, of Webster, received a degree from Clark University during the University's 117th Commencement exercises on Saturday, June 12, and Sunday, June 13. Grzembksi graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Management.

The University awarded 490 Bachelor's degrees, 501 Master's degrees, and 10 doctorates, and conferred three honorary degrees during the two ceremonies. Graduates were urged to ask the hard questions, drive change, and even occasionally stir some trouble.

The weekend's events marked President David Fithian's first Clark Commencement ceremony since he himself graduated from the University in 1987. In his remarks, Fithian praised the persistence shown by this year's graduating class in transcending the many disruptions posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"When you began your Clark journey, you could not have imagined what your junior and senior years would entail. Your grace, resilience, and adaptability throughout has been remarkable," Fithian told the Class of 2021. "While I certainly would never have wished this experience on you, I do believe you may nevertheless extract from it a strength of spirit and resolve that is remarkable, and that may reinforce your own sense of what you are capable of overcoming."

President Fithian said the Clark degrees that the students earned represented more than the culmination of formal study. They were also a "gateway to a life of learning."

"Every opportunity to question, whatever the motivation - curiosity, confusion, uncertainty, defiance - is an opportunity to hear something you may not have heard before," he said.

"At the end of each day, ask yourself, in the quiet of your own counsel, what did I learn today? And then do it again tomorrow and the next day."

James McGovern, United States Representative for the Massachusetts 2nd Congressional District, delivered the Commencement address and urged graduates to speak up for what they believe in, even when it's hard to do so. McGovern recalled the accomplishment of his friend, the late Congressman John Lewis, to lead 600 peaceful protesters on a 50-mile march from Selma to Montgomery in 1965 to bring attention to Alabama's discriminatory voting policies. Despite being beaten and barely escaping with his life, Lewis marched again a few weeks later. Subsequent demonstrations captured the awareness of the nation, and just four months later, Congress passed the Voting Rights Act.

McGovern stressed that issues like climate change, gun violence, racial injustice, and inequality will never improve unless like-minded people come together to demand change. He urged the Class of 2021 to become the "biggest class of troublemakers that Clark University has ever graduated" in service to a better nation and world.

"When the historians pick up their pens to write the story of this century, I know you'll give them something to write about. That you'll challenge convention. That you'll change our world."

Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees were conferred on McGovern; Liberat Mfumukeko, MBA '94, former secretary-general of the East African Community; and Naomi Oreskes, the Henry Charles Lea Professor of the History of Science and affiliated professor of Earth and Planetary Sciences at Harvard University.

In his concluding remarks to the graduates, President Fithian told the graduates, "Take pride in who you are and what you are capable of. You have unlimited potential to do good, be compassionate, and shape those around you."

Founded in 1887, Clark University is a liberal arts-based research university that prepares its students to meet tomorrow's most daunting challenges and embrace its greatest opportunities. Through 33 undergraduate majors, more than 30 advanced degree programs, and nationally recognized community partnerships, Clark fuses rigorous scholarship with authentic world and workplace experiences that empower our students to pursue lives and careers of meaning and consequence

Nichols College names two to Board of Trustees



Jaime Paris Boisvert

DUDLEY — Jaime Paris Boisvert and Amahl H. Williams have been elected to the Board of Trustees at Nichols College. Paris Boisvert began her term of service at the board's May 2021 meeting; Williams



Amahl H. Williams

will begin his term at the October 2021 meeting.

Jaime Paris Boisvert is a 1998 graduate of Nichols and director of the Higher Education Vertical Market for Johnson Controls, which

is well known for delivering solutions that optimize buildings and infrastructure by improving energy efficiency, data analysis, comfort, safety and security. Previously she was the general manager of the Boston Branch at Siemens Smart Infrastructure, where she served in a number of capacities over 12 years. She began her career through the Nichols Career and Professional Development Center as an account executive at AT&T, moving onto MAC Systems, followed by a stint as director of sales & marketing for Chace Building Supply of Conn.

She and her husband have three children,

and currently reside in Woodstock, Conn.

Amahl H. Williams, a 2002 graduate of Nichols and three-sport varsity captain, has spent his career in sales and marketing leadership roles focusing on the monetization of new and adjacent technologies for the Fortune500 and Global2000. He is currently a director of transformation and consulting at SYKES Digital Services. He is also a contributor at Forbes as a member of the Forbes Communications Council. Prior to SYKES, Williams was vice president at WonderBotz. He serves as a volunteer mentor at BUILD, which provides hands-on entre-

preneurship training and college prep to help stem the high school drop-out rate. Prior to his appointment to the Board of Trustees, Williams served on the Nichols Board of Advisors, and is one of the founding advisors for the Nichols College Center for Intelligent Process Automation. He is also a member of the college's legacy program, the Colonel Conrad Society.

He and his wife have two children and currently reside in Melrose.

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OBITUARIES

Cheryl Bielik, 66



WEBSTER – Cheryl Bielik, 66, of Webster, MA died peacefully after a period of declining health on July 3, 2021.

Cheryl was born Seattle, Washington, while her father served in the United States Navy. She returned to Dudley, Massachusetts as a small child where she grew up amidst many loving, aunts, uncles and cousins. She was predeceased by her parents Stephen and Evelyn (Lis) Bielik and her sister Paula Bielik. She was also predeceased by her dear Eldredge “Barney” Yost, whom she shared her life with for 31 years.

Cheryl graduated from Bartlett High School in 1972 and received her Bachelor’s Degree from Annhurst College, in South Woodstock, Connecticut in 1976. She was a fourth-grade school teacher at Charlton Intermediate and taught third-grade at the Heritage School. Cheryl worked part-time as a bartender at The Lodge Restaurant in Webster for many years.

Cheryl ran a tight ship in school and set high standards and boundaries for her students. She was also compassionate and any student who needed a hug would always get one from her. She was famous for giving her students nicknames, and always encouraging their creative writing. She loved doing extra art projects with them and spent about a third of her salary on Jolly Ranchers, but heaven help you if you didn’t keep a neat desk!! Cheryl always got along well with her peers and was a team player in every way, as well as a prankster when fellow teachers needed a good laugh! She was innovative, always willing to share ideas and try new strategies, and she loved Math. Upon her students’ completion of memorizing multiplication tables, she would issue them a “Multiplication Driver’s License”, accompanied by a giant bar of chocolate. Cheryl was proud of her students that were dedicated in her classes. She had the best penmanship in the school and was the person people went to when needing special lettering or calligraphy.

She was a dedicated member of the St. Andrew Bobola Church, and treasured every moment with her mom, who she cared for with her whole heart. Her mom would make her the most beautiful clothes, including a wool cape that would rival Ralph Lauren himself. But their bond was even deeper in that her mom had donated one kidney to Cheryl to ensure her health would not be compromised as a young girl.

They lived together on Fourth Street in Dudley until Cheryl left the nest and moved into her beloved and beautiful home on Webster Lake. This home was her pride and joy, and she was often seen cruising the lake on her pontoon boat with her Yorkshire Terrier Max, in his life jacket of course, at her side.

Cheryl could have been a stock broker if her teaching career hadn’t panned out. She followed the ticker tape with a sharpness that even Warren Buffet would admire, and never missed Maria Bartiromo, Joe Kernan and Larry Kudlow on CNBC.

Cheryl was very passionate about traveling and visiting the world. She traveled around the Caribbean, spent much time at her timeshares in Aruba. While in Aruba, she enjoyed the sun, sand, and the casinos! She traveled Europe as well, and particularly enjoyed France and Greece. She also enjoyed going up to Maine with her friends. She enjoyed Foxwoods Casino, where she got the nickname “Lucky Dog” from coworkers and friends envious of her winnings.

Cheryl eventually met Barney, and they built a relationship on the many things they had in common. They loved Aruba, traveling, animals, and lake life. Sadly, Barney’s health declined, and even when she herself was not well, Cheryl gave him the best care she could until he passed away in 2017.

Cheryl loved animals, and throughout the years she had many dogs, her favorite being Yorkshire Terriers. She will be missed by her dogs Benni and Miguel, who were by her side for her last couple years.

She is survived by her sister, Deborah Aversa and her husband Mark of Shrewsbury. She is also survived by her cousins, with whom she was especially close, Stanley and Eileen Bydlinski, Cynthia and Richard Russell, and Jayne Young. She is also survived by her cousin Carol Gogolinski who was her close friend and caregiver over the last several years.

There are no calling hours.

Her Funeral Mass was held Saturday, July 10th, at 11AM in Saint Andrew Bobola Church, 56 West Main St., Dudley, Massachusetts. (Please meet at the Church)

Kindly omit flowers. Memorial contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation of Massachusetts or the Shriners Hospitals For Children.

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

To leave a message of condolence, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net

Harriette E. Corrette, 79



OXFORD – Harriette E. (Joubert) Corrette, 79, formerly of Wheelock Street, entered the loving arms of her Savior on Wednesday, July 14, 2021. She is survived by three children, Wayne Corrette Jr. and his wife Lisa of Webster, Conrad Nelson and his wife Wanda of Holden, and Hollie Forget and her husband Joe of Oxford; her brother, Major Robert Joubert and his wife Janice of Old Orchard Beach, ME; her caregiver, Mary Dione; seven grandchildren, Crystal, Brady, Marissa, Amanda, Kerry, Shyllynn, and Joey; and six great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Wayne Corrette Sr. who died in 2003; a daughter, April Corrette; a granddaughter, Beth Taylor who died in 2021; a close friend, Richard St. Onge who died in 2011; one brother and two sisters. She was born in Worcester, daughter of the late Albert and Edna (Nichols) Joubert, and was a lifelong resident of Oxford. She attended Oxford public schools.

Mrs. Corrette worked as a C.N.A. for many years, beginning her career at Maple Hall Nursing Home in Worcester and retiring from the Meadows in Leicester. She had many roles at nursing homes including laundry, house-keeping, and working in the kitchen. She was a member of the Salvation Army. She will be remembered as a caring and loving person who always put others before herself. She enjoyed cooking meals for her neighbors at Huguenot Arms and loved preparing meals for her friends and family throughout her life.

The family would like to thank the staff at the St. Francis Rehabilitation and Nursing Center for their exceptional care during the past year.

Memorial calling hours are Sunday, August 1, 2021, from 2-4 p.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. Burial will be private at a later date. A memorial service will be held on Sunday at 4 p.m. at the conclusion of calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army, 2 Sixth St., Old Orchard Beach, ME 04064.

Janice R. Krusas, 71



OXFORD – Janice R. (Parker) Krusas, 71, of Walnut Street, died Thursday, July 8, 2021, in her home with her family by her side. She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Ronald A. Krusas of Oxford; two daughters, Lynn M. Leake of North Oxford, and Lisa A. Choiniere and her husband Rodney of Charlton, her daughter-in-law, Shannon E. Krusas of North Oxford; her brother, Peter Parker and his wife Donna of Charlton; three sisters, Elaine Garrey of Dudley, Barbara Lefebvre of Webster, and Cheri Dion of Oxford; seven grandchildren, Kyle, Ross, and Daniele Krusas, Morgan Reynolds, Matthew Leake, Jared Choiniere, and Zackary Choiniere; and many nephews and nieces. She was predeceased by a son, Keith A. Krusas who died in 2019; and a brother, Jonathan Parker who died in 2004. She was born in

Northampton, MA daughter of the late Clarence Parker and Luella (Fiske) Parker Trudeau, and lived in Oxford since 1955. She graduated from Oxford High School in 1969.

Mrs. Krusas owned and operated Max’s Motor sales in Oxford for 30 years with her husband before retiring in 2019. She was a former member and Sunday School teacher at the Oxford United Methodist Church in Oxford. She was a Girl Scout leader in Oxford when her daughters were young, and she loved vacationing and spending time on the beach with her family.

The family would like to thank the staff in the Nephrology Department at St. Vincent Hospital, especially her nurse Julie, for their exceptional care over the past several years.

Calling hours were Friday, July 16, 2021, from 5-7 p.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. A service was held at 7 p.m. at the conclusion of calling hours. Burial will be private at a later date at North Cemetery in Oxford.

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Summer harvest and care of raspberries

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Place berries in shallow containers when harvesting and storing to avoid crushing the delicate fruit. Chill any uneaten berries within two hours of harvesting to preserve the freshness and flavor. Wait to wash berries until right before use to further lengthen their storage life.

Once the summer harvest is complete, it is time to do a bit of pruning. Remove the canes that bore the summer fruit back to ground level. These canes will not form fruit in future years. Removing them now gives new canes room to grow and reduces the risk of disease.

This is also a good time to check all canes for signs of disease problems. Look for sunken and discolored areas, cankers, and spotted, yellow or brown

found. This is often enough to manage these diseases.

Summer is also a good time to thin the remaining canes on summer bearing raspberries. Remove weak or damaged canes, leaving three or four of the sturdiest per foot of row or six or eight stems per hill when growing in the hill system.

Wait until next spring to reduce the height of the remaining canes. At that time, you can determine winter dieback and damage and prune accordingly.

Fall bearing raspberries are handled a bit differently. Prune them like the summer bearing raspberries to harvest two crops in one season. Often called everbearing, these produce a summer crop on second year canes and fall crop on first year canes.

Make pruning easier and benefit from an earlier, larger fall harvest by managing fall bearing raspberries with one pruning. Cut or mow all the canes to ground level once the plants are dormant and before growth begins in spring. This pruning technique eliminates the summer crop but is much easier, less time consuming, and eliminates any animal and winter damage in just one cut.

Consider planting a summer and a fall bearing raspberry patch to maximize the harvest. You’ll enjoy summer

raspberries from one planting plus a larger, earlier harvest from your fall bearing raspberries when pruning all the canes to ground level each year.

Grab your favorite berry harvest basket, dress appropriately and head to your raspberry patch. With every bite of fresh-from-the-garden raspberry or homemade raspberry treat you will be glad you took the time to plant, tend and harvest your own.



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Raspberries are ready to pick when the fruit is firm but soft, deeply colored, and easily slides off the hard core.


Seven Hills Foundation announces partnership agreement with IDD Organization in Puerto Rico

WORCESTER — Seven Hills Foundation and the Instituto Psicopedagogical de Puerto Rico (IPPR) announced the signing of an agreement to promote the advancement of community-based residential supports for children and adults with developmental challenges on the Island.

Seven Hills President Dr. David A. Jordan and IPPR CEO Jorge Garcia-Ortiz made the joint announcement expressing “their Partnership Agreement is mutually beneficial to both our organizations and IPPR looks to Seven Hills in providing the technical skills required to establish a spectrum of community-based residential options in Puerto Rico and Seven Hills looks to IPPR in cultivating a cadre of trained DSP’s and clinicians supporting Seven Hills’ activities in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. This is truly a win-win for both organizations.”

The Piscopedagogical Insititute of Puerto Rico is a private non-profit organization that for more than 65 years has offered integrated and specialized services to people with Intellectual Disabilities, including young people, adults, and the elderly. These integrated services include housing, food, nutrition, clinical, habilitative, educational, and recreation services, among others.<http://www.ipprrpr.org/noticias.html>.

Headquartered in Worcester, Massachusetts, the Seven Hills Foundation is a comprehensive health and human services network currently offering program sites at 190 locations throughout Massachusetts and Rhode Island employing nearly 4,600 professionals. Seven Hills Foundation offers a continuum of clinical, educational, and community-based supports to 60,000 children, adults and seniors with disabilities and other life challenges through its 14 affiliate organizations that are part of the Foundation.




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EDITORIAL

Summer is a great time to manage stress

Most individuals take time during the summer months to unwind and sort of reset after a busy fall, winter and spring. Summer vibes are usually all about taking things slow and soaking up as much sunshine as possible before Old Man Winter heads back into the neighborhood. Many people who suffer from “burnout” welcome the longer days and warmer weather, however sometimes these three months of frisbee throwing and hanging by the lake aren’t enough.

With the go, go, go culture that has taken over our society, many people find themselves burnt out, to their detriment. Experts say people can reverse that feeling of burn out and we decided to share what we have found with our readers.

If work is taking its toll on you, you may need to make some changes there. Experts say that oftentimes, simply talking it out with a co-worker or supervisor can help to get things off your chest, especially if the consensus is to create a healthier work environment. Some people have found that the only way to cure burnout is to change positions, however without proper techniques every job, could eventually burn you out.

Managing stress properly is huge; however, not everyone knows exactly what that entails. Healthy eating, exercise and proper sleep are the easiest things one can do to ease stress in other aspects of your life. Most people who are over working themselves claim that time is an issue. There is no time to exercise, no time to sleep, no time to eat healthy. Point blank, if they can put a man on the moon, you can find the time to put yourself first without letting your job duties fall by the wayside. This could include little tricks such as parking your car far from the entry of a place to extend the walk, taking the stairs or even placing your computer on a counter so that your sitting time is lessened. Everyone knows what works best for themselves, so often times a bit of creativity and resourcefulness is needed.

A vacation can help ease burnout symptoms but often, a week isn’t enough time to truly combat burnout. If you are at a severe risk of burning out, experts say to stop working for at least two weeks and cut yourself off completely from the office. According to those in the know, they say most employers will understand that this break will result in a better employee after they return. If two weeks isn’t in the cards, at least take one day a week to yourself with no phone calls, no emails or anything work related.

Finding a release is imperative, whether it’s going for a run or simply tuning out with a good movie or an old fashioned game of solitaire. If you let stress build and build without letting off some steam, that could lead to unintentional outbursts and severe irritability.

Try not to let yourself become dependent on alcohol and caffeine. Everything in moderation. We’re not sure, but we do believe the Red Bull trend has settled a bit.

Switch things up by asking for different responsibilities. When things get mundane, they can become less interesting. Having fun while also getting the job done can make a world of difference. Even working away from the norm, and changing up the scenery can be a game changer. Find a nice coffee shop or a park and try to avoid working from home at all costs. If you work from home, you will begin to associate the same feelings about work, in the home. Your home is your sanctuary, and you need to protect it.

Oftentimes, people take better care of their vehicles then they do themselves. To keep a car running smoothly, you need to upkeep with maintenance, use top of the line fuel and keep the miles low.

In the book “Don’t Sweat the Small Stuff, and It’s All Small Stuff” by Richard Carlson, he talks about how when you die, your ‘In Basket’ won’t be empty. His point is that we all feel the need to get everything done. We stay up late, get up early, just to get everything done. By doing this he says we put off having fun or spending time with loved ones. Keeping a full ‘In Basket’ means that your time is in demand, with projects to complete and phone calls to return. Carlson reminds his readers that no matter what you do or who you are, nothing is more important than your own happiness and sense of inner peace and that of your loved ones. He reminds us that when we die there will still be things left to finish, and that someone else will do it.

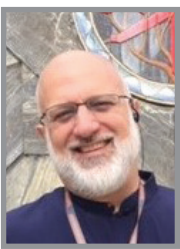
It’s one thing to read tips, and take advice from others, but it’s another thing to remember what you’ve read, and to put those words into action.

VIEWPOINT

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

Hope, patience and prayer

“Rejoice in hope; be patient in tribulation; continue steadfast in prayer.” (Romans 12:12) St. Paul offers this advice to the Christians in Rome during some very challenging times in the first century, yet it can be great advice for us today. Never give up! Persevere and struggle on! Trust in God and know that He is with you. And every day connect with Him in prayer!



BEYOND THE PEWS

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Let’s take a closer look at these three disciplines we are called to cultivate in our lives – hope; patience; prayer. First, followers of Jesus Christ always are people of hope. No matter how grave circumstances seem around us, no matter how dark the world appears, no matter how we may think evil prevails, we continue to HOPE. We daily rejoice in the hope that God instills in us.

Why do we have hope? Because we know that God is with us; that God knows our situation; that God is not a distant God who stays absent from our world but He is the One who entered this world precisely to experience our human existence and conquer the evil, darkness and sin that surrounds us. He is the God who came to live among us and to show us the path of peace, the path that leads back to Him. We always have hope, no matter what the circumstance and no matter how the world around us may look.

Don’t get discouraged by the politics of the day! Don’t get overwhelmed by illnesses we hear about every day! Don’t despair about the violence and uncertainty in our world! These may all present great challenges, and the future may seem grim, but we have a God that is greater than any challenge and danger we face, and thus, we live in hope. “If God is with us,” the Apostle Paul proclaims, “then who can be against us!”

We always have reason to HOPE; as followers of Jesus Christ, we ARE people of HOPE, and we share our contagious, joyous HOPE with all those around us!

“Rejoice in hope; be patient in tribulation; continue steadfast in prayer.”

Along with hope, followers of Jesus Christ persevere with patience in the midst of any and every tribulation we may face. Whatever challenges life brings, whatever struggles we face, whatever sudden tragedies overwhelm us, we stay steadfast and patient in the midst of them.

Remember, God never promises that we will face no tragedies or struggles or great tribulation in our lives. NO. Instead, He promises us something better – that in the midst of everything life brings, “I will be with you always.” He promised that in the midst of our great struggle, He will give us His lasting and eternal peace. He is with us and He promised, “In Me, you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation, but do not be afraid, for I have overcome

the world.” (John 16:33)

Thus, we patiently wait. As we read church history and learn about the lives of countless saints, we quickly realize that the saints, the most faithful followers of Jesus, did not have easy lives. In fact, quite the opposite; many suffered as martyrs and died at young ages. Yet they never despaired or gave up. Their patience helped them stay faithful until the end.

Our patience comes from the fact that we know God is ultimately in control of world history. Nothing can happen outside of His will. We know that the safest place to be is in the will of God. Therefore, we patiently wait. Saint James tells us to “Count it all joy when you face various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.” Patience is waiting

on the Lord, waiting for God and knowing that He will have the final word. The final victory is ultimately His, so we wait patiently, trusting in Him!

“Rejoice in hope; be patient in tribulation; continue steadfast in prayer.”

Of course, we don’t patiently wait without doing anything. In our patience, we continue steadfast in prayer. To pray means to constantly communicate with God and to keep our connection with Him alive. Prayer is our lifeline to the source of ultimate living. In Christ is our hope, our faith, our life and very being. He is the source of all that is good and pure and holy and right and eternal. As we stay connected to Him, we cannot but stay hopeful, positive, and filled with joy and light.

To pray in a disciplined manner, however, doesn’t come easy. There are many distractions all around us, clamoring for our attention and time. We wake up and immediately turn to our phones and start filling our minds with the news of the day. We go throughout the day busy, running from one thing to another. We fill every moment of the day with our self-centered pursuits, and push God to the side, often forgetting about Him for the entire day. Then by the end of the day, we are exhausted and fall right into bed without turning to Him and ending the day in dialogue with our Lord. It isn’t easy to develop a serious discipline of prayer, and to stay in communion with God. Yet, that is our call. That is our lifeline to all that is truly good.

“Rejoice in hope; be patient in tribulation; continue steadfast in prayer.”

Here is the model that the Apostle Paul offers to all of us today. Let each of us strive to live by it – with HOPE, PATIENCE and PRAYER, each and every day

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Grateful for support of Malser Humanities Trust

To the Editor:

As Treasurer of the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Library, Inc. I would like to thank the Janet Malser Humanities Trust for awarding the organization a grant in the amount of \$1,440. These monies will be utilized to complete the transformation of our Community Room into a temporary performance space. The Friends will be purchasing movable staging that can

be stored in a closet. The staging will enhance the viewers experience as even those attendees in the last rows will have a sight line to the performers.

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Sincerely,

PATRICIA NECTOW
WEBSTER

Wake up and unlock

Democratic party, using manipulation and lies to do it, with a non-stop propaganda machine rolling full steam ahead in support of it. They want full and total control of health care, what people can and can’t do. Schools, what can and can’t be taught. Social media platforms, to ban, block, or erase any opinions opposite to theirs. Businesses, large and small... the list goes on and on. The Constitution means nothing to them, the Bill of Rights can be erased. End the filibuster in the Senate, and they can make the laws to accomplish that, followed by rules on how to enforce the laws and regulations on how to follow the rules. Laws, rules, and regulations on every part of everybody’s lives. All of this, they say, is for your own good. Even the people that voted for them must not be smart enough to figure out anything by themselves, and must be told. Pack the Supreme Court with judges they choose, and all the laws have no chance of being overturned.

A one-party system, one part making the laws, rules, and regulations. It might sound great to some because it is the Democrats. But ‘it’ in Russia, China, N. Korea, and Cuba, to name a few, does not work out real well for the people in

Drive with caution around road construction



CHIEF’S CORNER STEVE WOJNAR

With a great deal of road construction taking place in the area, it is important to drive safely when passing through. Often, drivers can be detoured onto lesser traveled streets or thickly settled places. There can also be increased penalties for traffic violations in construction zones. I was asked to provide some information about this, and remind drivers to proceed with caution in these areas.

Speeding regulations are generally covered by Sections seventeen and eighteen of Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws. The penalties for violation are controlled under Chapter twenty. Generally, the minimum fine for speeding is \$50 for the first ten miles over the speed limit. In addition to this fine, surcharges are added to this amount and earmarked for such places as the Head Injury Trust and Public Safety Training Funds. Also, the fines are increased by an additional \$10 per mile for speeds more than the first ten miles per hour. For example, if traveling 50mph in a 30mph zone, the minimum fine applies up to 40mph, plus an additional \$100 for the ten miles from 40 to 50.

Several years ago, fines were authorized to be doubled in construction areas. This means, in reference to the example above (50mph in a 30pmh zone), the fines could be \$300 (plus surcharges) if the violation occurs in a construction area. A “construction area” appears to be defined by Mass Law in 720CMR9.06. It offers guidelines in application to highways where “traffic signs are erected, or warning lights are displayed...to notify of the presence of men or equipment.” This is general and broad, so numerous areas of work can apply. These can be places where accidents or injuries can take place, so the laws provide stiff penalties for speeding in these areas. The presence of heavy equipment and workers contributes to the hazards in the locations. It is important to control your speed and watch for things such as vehicles entering and exiting.

Whether or not it is a construction zone, it is important to remember vehicles share the road with pedestrians, bicyclists, and others. The need to detour traffic onto various side streets naturally increases the volume of cars in construction areas. Drivers may be unfamiliar with certain roads. When this is combined with excessive speed, it complicates matters. People who live in those areas are generally not expecting fast traveling or large amounts of vehicles. Drivers must remember to watch their speed and drive defensively. By combining cautious driving with the proper use of the roads by the public, we can reduce the chances of accidents and injuries.

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

the end. And one-party systems — Iran, Syria maybe, Venezuela possibly — don’t work much better.

This is opinion, of course, based on what our Democratic leaders in Washington and throughout the states do, say, and write on a daily basis. I expect to, in true Democratic form as of late, be ridiculed, harassed, and perhaps face acts of intimidation aimed at myself, my family, or maybe even my pets. Canceled by the Cancel Culture, politically correct Democrats.

So much for freedom of speech, or the freedom to express one’s own opinion. So much for the democracy these Democrats claim they are trying to defend and save. I hope none of this happens, but if it does, or I suddenly end up on some watch list, be red flagged as a threat, or arrested for a crime not committed, it may serve as evidence that this is not just opinion, but closer to fact. For those that are waking up, continue to use your senses, and you will unlock.

For those that can’t, good luck; you will need it.

JOHN GIAQUINTO
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After the rain

It did not take long for fishing to improve on saltwater after all of the rain we had already in the month of July. Freshwater fishing took a little longer to improve in rivers and streams overall, but many felt that lake and pond fishing remained pretty steady. Last week, another wave of stripers provided some exciting fishing at the canal, with numerous large stripers being caught and released. The following day, the cabal was dead quiet. This writer fished Westport River last week in the thick fog, but managed to catch numerous species of fish, of which most were under-size. Schools of stripers were everywhere in the river, with all stripers just under the legal size of 28 inches. It was still



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fun catching the stripers on surface poppers. Last week, my brother Ken caught a nice strip-er, showing the popper plug still in his mouth. A quick release had the fish on his way to grow a few more inches. Maybe next year. They were feeding on the large schools of bait fish. The fluke were also short a few inches. One good size blue-fish hit my brothers sur-face popper, giving him a good fight on his light fishing rod. The thick fog kept us fishing most-

ly in the river, but one angler did go outside the river and reported-ly caught his limit of fluke. As he was speak-ing to us in the park-ing lot, a lone seagull had a meal on his bait that was left near the back of his boat. I am sure this bird has done it before, and waits until the angler leaves the boat to get his car & trailer. It was not long before the thief landed in my boat, and was feeding on the scraps of bait that was left over from our day of fishing. Over the years, Mass. Fish & Wildlife has been building boat ramps around the state’s coast-al waters with sports-men’s monies. Many are turned over to the towns to monitor and clean the area, and they charge a fee to launch a boat. They

also provide portable restrooms for anglers and their families to use. This past week, while visiting the Westport boat launch, we were happy to see a portable facilities set up for anglers and families to use. When you are elderly, you need to monitor the boat launch areas that have a porta potty, in case you need one. After launching our boat, I thought it would be a good idea to use the facility before we headed out onto the ocean. Slowly opening the door, I was not ready for what I was seeing. Without going into too much detail, it looked as though it had not been cleaned out in months. I quickly shut the door. Fortunately, my digestive track & bowels remained quiet through-out the fishing trip.

It is outrageous that the town was not monitoring the facility, and to have women and children & the elderly looking for a clean facility prior to boarding their boat for a few hours of pleasure or fishing should not be hard to do! All boat launch areas should have a portable restroom at the sites year-round, and they need to be clean! A lot of tuna are being caught this year in Massachusetts waters! The tuna are providing a lot of action 20 miles south of Block Island. Seabass & Fluke are still biting, but you need to be patient and fish numerous areas to catch them. There are still a lot of throwback fluke because of their size. The outrageous wild-fires in the West are still

calming lives and burn-ing thousands of acres daily, along with more than three billion wild animals being lost. This past week, Germany had some of the worst flooding in their history and other countries are also feel-ing the effects of climate change. The constant rain in our area needs to stop soon or farmers will see a large loss in their crops, resulting in higher prices at the store for con-sumers. Global warming! This year especially, I have noticed a big drop in small frog populations on my daily walk & bike rides. Normally, after a rain storm, I would notice a lot of dead frogs in roadways. In the last few years, I have seen very few.

The right emotions can be useful in investing

You may have heard that it’s important to take the emotions out of investing. But is this true for all emotions? Certainly, some emotions can potentially harm your investment success. Consider fear. If the financial markets are going through a down period – which is actually a normal part of the investment landscape – you might be so afraid of sustaining losses that you sell even the investments that have good prospects and are suitable for your needs.

Greed is another negative emotion. When the financial markets are rising, you might be so motivated to “cash in” on some big gains that you will keep purchasing invest-ments that might already be

overpriced – and since these investments are already expensive, your dollars will buy fewer shares. In short, the combination of fear and greed could cause you trouble. But other emotions may prove useful. For example, if you can channel the joy you’ll feel upon achieving your investment goals, you may be more motivated to stay on track toward achieving them. To illustrate: You may want to see your children graduate from college someday. Can you visualize them walking across the stage, diplomas in hand? If so, to help realize this goal, you might find yourself ready and willing to contribute to a college savings vehicle, such



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as a 529 plan. Or consider your own retirement: Can you see yourself traveling or pursuing your hobbies or taking part in whatever activities you’ve envisioned for your retirement lifestyle? If you can keep this happy picture in mind, you may find it easier to maintain the discipline needed to consistently invest in your IRA, 401(k) or other investment accounts.

Another motivating force is the most powerful emo-tion of all – love. If you have loved ones who depend on you, such as a spouse and children, you need to pro-tect their future. One key element of this protection is the life insurance necessary to take care of your family’s needs – housing, education and so on – should something happen to you. Your employer may offer group life insurance coverage, but it might not be sufficient, so you may want to supplement it with your own policy.

Furthermore, you may need to protect your loved ones from another threat – your own vulnerability to the need for long-term care. Someone turning age 65 today has almost a 70 percent chance of eventually need-ing some type of long-term care, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This type of care, such as an extended nursing home stay or the help of a home health aide,

is extremely expensive, and, for the most part, is outside the reach of Medicare. So, to pay for long-term care, you might have to drain a good part of your resources – or depend on your grown children for finan-cial help. To keep your financial inde-pendence and avoid possibly burdening your family, you may want to consult with a financial professional who can recommend a strategy and appropriate solutions to cover long-term care costs.

By drawing on positive emo-tions, you can empower your-self to make the right financial moves throughout your life.

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Editor’s note: Following is the final column written by Gary Moore, who succumbed to his illness and passed away last Wednesday evening, July 14. His family is grateful for the tremendous outpouring of support he received from readers during his final months, and his son Toby has promised to attempt to continue the Positively Speaking column in his honor.

“He died full of light, love and gratitude,” Toby writes. “Although he was in great pain, he kept his sense of humor, and he kept his joy. He was a model of how to live, and how to die. I will forever try to be like him.”



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I’ve led a blessed and full life ... a big life. I’ve been fortunate in more ways than I can count, and I’m grateful for the many ways I’ve been blessed.

I think of you as a beautiful blessing in my life. The privilege to write to you every week has been an honor. So many of you have written me about my columns, and I’ve been grateful for each word. I’ve had the privilege to meet some, but for most, our relationship is through this column. That has not hindered the friendship I feel and my gratitude for you.

If you are a regular reader of my column, you know I was diagnosed with Stage 4 Gastric Cancer in mid-February 2020 and given nine to 12 months to live. Along with my incredible Oncologist, Dr. Pashtoon M. Kasi, at the Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Iowa, we have fought this cancer with everything we have. It has

at times been a fun battle with Dr. Kasi at my side, but as I’ve written many times before, there are a few diagnosis that a positive fight cannot overcome. It appears my battle with stomach cancer is one of them. So, this is my last letter to you in the form of my column, Positively Speaking.

To this newspaper, Managing Editor and Publisher, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the privilege of serving you and your readers. The fact you believe, as I do, that positive, uplifting, and encouraging content are essential for your community speaks volumes about you. Thank you for publishing my weekly column.

I’ve penned this column in anticipation of the day I can no longer write to you. I have passed the torch to my son, Toby Moore, a writer, actor, CEO, and now a columnist. Toby has instructions to send this column for publication upon my death.

So thank you for reading Positively Speaking. I hope you continue. I pray that my words have made a difference and positively impacted your life. I encourage you to be the light in the darkness.

So, here is where it comes to an end. May God bless you and yours. I wish you nothing but hap-piness and joy.

Warmest and kindest regards,

From your optimistic friend,

Gary

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A new world map?

To the Editor:

Shots fired outside Nationals Park in Washington. Crime rates rising in major cities (according to the BBC, shootings in Chicago are “more than double the level they were two years ago”). CRT pushed by teachers’ unions. Antifa rioting in Portland, Ore. Sad news, and lots of it. The end of Pax Americana? Since 1945, the United States has been the preeminent world power, and the only real hope for peace and stability in the world. Yes, mistakes were made, and some with deadly consequences around the globe and, indeed, in the homeland. The threat of first fascism in the 1940’s and then Communism during the “Cold War” did result in overreactions at times. With today’s focus so squarely on the mistakes, we fail to consider what the world would be like if World War II had been lost. Half of our country would be speaking German and the other half speaking Japanese. Would either of those two uber racist overlords even tolerate “BLM?” If Nikita Khrushchev had succeeded in burying us, as he proclaimed in 1956, would there be arguments today over voting rights? What will the world look like if a United States consumed by division is unable or unwilling to remain the leader of what we used to call the “free world?” There are those in Moscow, Beijing, Tehran, and elsewhere who are planning for that eventuality.

And how might the world map change? Do you think South Korea, a prosperous and democratic nation, would be able to survive if left alone to face its nuclear armed neighbor to the north? Any chance that Taiwan, a nation of 23 million, would be able to defend itself against the communist mainland? In the Middle East we have the mullahs in Iran on the verge of having a nuclear capability. They already are possessed of delivery capability. No United States between them and Israel, and the unpleasant truth is that Israel, given its size, is a two or maybe three bomb country, a 21st century “final solution” and a smoldering crater on the Mediterranean. In potentially the biggest land grab of all, Vladimir is licking his chops as Biden is obsessed with destroying our southern border. Putin has his own southern border with Ukraine. With the United States military tasked with relocating ille-gal immigrants, the former KGB man is likely planning his vacation in Kiev. Does anyone really think Crimea was all he wanted? With a preoccupied and divided United States out of the game, the rules will change for millions around the world. Thank you,

RICHARD CLARK
DUDLEY



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KAREN
TRAINOR

provider for our ecosystem, and can boost property value by nearly ten percent! Need another reason invest time and energy into your lawn? Ponder this: The front lawns of a block of eight average houses have the cooling effect of about 70 tons of air conditioning-enough to cool 16 average houses. On a hot summer day, grass can be 10 to 14 degrees cooler than exposed soil and as much as 30 degrees cooler than concrete or asphalt. And it also provides oxygen. A 50’ x 50’ well-maintained grass area will create enough oxygen to meet the needs of a family of four every day.

Watering Your Way to a Lush Lawn
When and how much you water your lawn can determine lawn success. If you subscribe to the old rule of thumb of watering for a short time each day, you may want to rethink your strategy. Lawn experts claim a healthy lawn with a good root system doesn’t require watering more than one to three times per week. The bottom line? Your lawn needs about an inch of water once every seven to 10 days to grow strong roots.

Still not convinced when it comes to watering less is more? Keep in mind frequent shallow watering leads to shallow root growth because roots only grow where the soil is moist. Shallow root growth can make a lawn more suscep-tible to heat stress and drought damage. On the other hand, if you water too much and saturate the lawn, you run the risk of suffocating grass roots. In saturated soil, deep roots can’t get air and die. The only roots that survive will be those near the surface.

Your goal in irrigating should be to wet the soil where the grass roots are growing, no more and no less. To achieve this, experts advise wetting the top six inches of the soil thor-oughly. To gauge how long you should run your sprinkler to achieve the six inch mark, place a few tin cans around the yard and run the sprinkler for a set amount of time. Then measure the accumulation to figure out how long it will take to equal six inches.

Despite the best intentions, watering a lawn thoroughly enough to wet the soil at least six inches deep is often easier said than done. Most sprinkler systems apply water much faster than the soil can absorb it. As a result the water just runs off, especially if you have a sloped landscape. To control runoff, take periodic pauses in watering by turning off the sprinklers to allow the water to seep in. Compacted soil is another cause of water runoff. Soil com-paction also restricts air, water and nutrient entry and slows root development. Remedy this by aerating the soil. Keep in mind lawns with deep roots can be watered less often than lawns with shallow root systems. Also, let the weather work for you. Keep a rain gauge to

LEGALS

NOTICE OF SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLE UNDER G.L.C 255 SECTION 39A
Notice is hereby given by: Cruise Control Transportation pursuant to the provisions of G.L.C., Section 39A, that on August 6, 2021 , at 9:00am at 210 Charlton Rd Sturbridge MA by private sale the following Motor Vehicle will be sold to satisfy the garage keeper's lien for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicle. Vehicle description: 2012 Honda Accord Registration#/State: No Plates VIN: 1HGCPZF7XCA129906
Name and address of vehicle owner: Rafaelin Acevedobinet of 36 Manchester Street Apt 3 Lawrence Ma 01841
This notice has been given under the provisions of G.L.C. 255, Section 39A.
July 16, 2021
July 23, 2021
July 30, 2021

Notice is hereby given by Precision Auto Rebuilders, Inc., 243 West Main St, Dudley MA 01571 pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.255, Section 39A that on July 30, 2021 @ 5 PM at Precision Auto Rebuilders, Inc., 243 W Main St, Dudley, MA 01571
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: VIN# 5J6RM-4H3XEL039194;2014 Honda CRV White, Reg# 1RCK41 MA
July 9, 2021
July 16, 2021
July 23, 2021

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
Premises: 5 Fifth Avenue, Webster, Massachusetts
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Elite Rivers LLC to Sun West Mortgage Company, Inc., said mortgage dated March 14, 2019, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 60150 at Page 115, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on **August 12, 2021 at 11:00 AM Local Time** upon the all and singular premises described in said mortgage, to wit:
The land with the buildings thereon of every nature and description and all privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, situated on the easterly side of Fifth Avenue in Webster, County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts and being Parcel on Plan of Property owned by Telesphore Leboeuf, dated October 11, 1945 and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, bounded and described as follows:BEGINNING at a spike on the easterly line of said Fifth Avenue, one hundred twenty (120) feet southerly by the southerly line of Negus Street at land now or formerly of Henry Carey ;
THENCE N. 73 degrees 24' E., sixty-one and twenty-four hundredths (61.24) feet by land now or formerly of said Carey to an iron pipe;
THENCE EASTERLY with an included angle of 178 degrees 46' 30" a distance of ninety-seven and eight-tenths (97.8) feet by land of Lilian I. McQuaid and land of the Roman Catholic Bishop to a spike;
THENCE SOUTHERLY forty-five (45) feet by land of said Bishop to a stake;
THENCE S. 83 degrees w. one hundred sixty-one and seven-tenths (161.7) feet by remaining land of Telesphore Leboeuf, now or formerly, to a spike on the easterly line of said Fifth Avenue;
THENCE NORTHERLY with an included angle of 90 degrees 11 ' a distance of twenty-three (23) feet to the point of beginning.

Also the land with the buildings thereon of every nature and description and all privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, being a certain triangular tract of land in said Webster on the easterly side of Fifth Avenue, bounded and described as follows:
BEGINNING at a spike on the easterly line of said Fifth Avenue at land of grant-or;
THENCE N. 70° 15' E., sixty-one and twenty-four (61.24) feet by land of grant-or to an iron pipe;
THENCE Westerly with an interior angle of 12° 14' 30", a distance of sixty and forty-nine hundredths (60.49) feet by land of Francis E. Cassidy, Temp. Gad., now or formerly to an iron pipe on the easterly line of said Fifth Avenue;
THENCE SOUTHERLY with an interior angle of 87° 10' 30", a distance of thirteen (13) feet by said Fifth Avenue to the point of beginning.
Property commonly known as: 5 Fifth Ave, Webster, MA 01570
The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. For Mortgagors' Title see deed dated March 15, 2019, and recorded in Book 60150 at Page 111 with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds.
TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all

liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.
FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within sixty (60) days after the date of sale.
Other terms to be announced at the sale.
BENDETT & MCHUGH, PC
270 Farmington Avenue
Farmington, CT 06032
Attorney for Sun West Mortgage Company, Inc.
Present Holder of the Mortgage (860) 677-2868
July 16, 2021
July 23, 2021
July 30, 2021
(SEAL)
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
Docket Number: 20 SM 001612 ORDER OF NOTICE
TO: **Anna Gilantzis, Xenoulla Yantsides, Chryso Stom, Alice Holm and Louisa Greco a/k/a Louisa Grecko** and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (*et seq*)**U.S. Bank Trust, National Association, as Trustee of American Homeowner Preservation Trust Series AHP Servicing** claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Oxford, numbered 28 Old Depot Road, given by Peter Chrysostom to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Encore Credit Corp., dated August 24, 2005, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 37223, Page 17, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendants' Servicemembers status.If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before 8/23/2021 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.
Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on 7/8/2021.
Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder
July 23, 2021
A.C. 92A
Commonwealth of Massachusetts 21E0038PP
Worcester, ss. Probate Court
To Steven B Hebden of Oxford in the County of Worcester and to all persons interested. A petition has been presented to said Court by Brenda R Nichols of Webster in the County of Worcester representing that she hold as tenant in common undivided part or share of certain land lying in Oxford in said County Worcester and briefly described as follows:
Petitioner owns as co-tenant an undivided share of the following described land (referred to in this petition as the "land") in Oxford (name of city or town in which the land is located) which petitioner wishes to own separately:
(description of the land, sufficiently specific for identification [a street address and /or an assessor's plan reference, standing alone, is not enough)
The property located at 28 Carron Lane, Oxford, MA 01540, being the premises described in a deed recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 24858, Page 38, more particularly described as follows:
The land in Oxford, Worcester County, Massachusetts, with the buildings thereon situated on Carron Lane owned by Oxford Builders, Inc. made by Walter W. Brown, Town Engineer, recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds, March 26, 1953, Plan Book 188, Plan 42 bounded and described as follows:
BEGINNING at the northeasterly corrier of the tract to be conveyed at an iron pipe driven in the ground on the westerly line of Carron Lane;
THENCE by Lot No. 12 on said plan; North 67 degrees 16' West, eighty-three and 0/10 (83.0) feet to an iron pipe driven in the ground at land now or formerly of George C. and Carrie F. W. Carron;
THENCE by land now formerly of said Carrons, South 72 degrees 55' West, one hundred eight and 5/10 (108.5) feet to an iron pipe driven in the ground and South 41 degrees. East, one hundred three and 7/10 (103.7) feet to an iron pipe driven in the ground at the most westerly corner of other land now or formerly of Oxford Builders, Inc. known as Lot No. 14 on said plan;
THENCE by Lot No. 14 on said plan, North 73 degrees 48' East, one hundred ten and 4/10 (110.4) feet to an iron pipe

driven in the ground on the westerly line of Carron Lane;
THENCE by the westerly line of Carron Lane, North 6 degrees 09' East, forty-seven and 0/10 (47.0) feet to the place of beginning.
The street address of the land is 28 Carron Lane, Oxford, MA 01540
The common title to the land is derived under:
a deed of Norman G. Prunier, Jr. and Joanne R. Prunier grantor(s) dated September 17, 2001 recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in book 24868 at page 38.
Setting forth that her desires that – all – the aforementioned described part – of said land may be sold in private sale for not less than \$305,000.00 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 the 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 third day of August 2021, the return date of this citation.
Witness, LEILAH A. KEAMY, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eighteenth day of June 2021.
Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
July 9, 2021
July 16, 2021
July 23, 2021
NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
Premises: 69 Cushing Road, Webster, MA 01570
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by James A. Peterson, Guinevere J. Ficara Peterson, and Albert B. Peterson to Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and now held by **Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, N.A. f/k/a Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A., not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee, or its permitted successors and assigns, on behalf of Vendee Mortgage Trust 2001-3**, said mortgage dated June 27, 2001 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 24305, Page 3, said mortgage was assigned from The Secretary of Veterans Affairs to Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A., not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee, or its permitted successors and assigns, on behalf of Vendee Mortgage Trust 2001-3 by assignment dated October 25, 2001 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 25607, Page 087; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction on** August 11, 2021 at 12:00 PM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:
PROPERTY: 69 Cushing Road, Webster, Massachusetts A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon of every nature and description situated in the Town of Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts and being shown as Lot #5 on a plan entitled "Definitive Subdivision Plan in Webster, MA, owned by Ernest J. Pelletier, Alfred A. Pelletier, Gerald J. Pelletier, Emile J. Pelletier, dated September 15, 1987, amended January 5, 1988, recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 595, Plan 95", further bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the northwest corner of tract herein described on the easterly sideline of Cushing Road at the southeast corner of Lot #4; THENCE S. 52° 57' 00" E. along said Lot #4 a distance of 135 feet to a point; THENCE N. 86° 06' 57" E. along said Lot #4 a distance of 162.65 feet to a point; THENCE S. 02° 58' 03" E. along other land of Ernest J. Pelletier et als, Lot #1, a distance of 126.08 feet to a point; THENCE S. 86° 06' 56" W. along Lot #7, a distance of 153.02 feet to a point; THENCE N. 32° 46' 27 W. along Lot #6, distance of 114.07 feet to a point; THENCE S. 86° 06' 57 W. along said Lot #6, a distance of 100 feet to a point on the easterly sideline of said Cushing Road; THENCE running northerly along the easterly sideline of said Cushing Road on a curve to the right having a radius of 200.00 feet and a length of 125.38 feet to the point of beginning. CONTAINING an area of 32.694 square feet.
The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.
For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated June 13, 2001 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 24305, Page 001.
TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale.
Other terms to be announced at the sale.
Brock & Scott, PLLC
1080 Main Street, Suite 200
Pawtucket, RI 02860
Attorney for Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, N.A. f/k/a Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A., not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee, or its permitted successors and assigns, on behalf of Vendee Mortgage Trust 2001-3
Present Holder of the Mortgage 401-217-8701
July 16, 2021
July 23, 2021
July 30, 2021
TOWN OF DUDLEY PUBLIC HEARING PETITION FOR JOINT OR IDENETICAL POLE LOCATIONS NATIONAL GRID AND VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC.
In accordance with the provisions of Section 22, Chapter 166, of the Massachusetts General Laws, you are hereby notified that a Public Hearing will be held at the Dudley Municipal Complex, 71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA on Monday, July 26, 2021 @ 6:35pm in the Veterans' Memorial Hall, Room 321A.
The purpose of this Hearing: To act on a Petition from National Grid No. 30332188 – To install 1 JO pole on Foskett Road beginning at a point approximately 170 feet southeast of the centerline of the intersection of Dudley– Southbridge Road. Install new Stub 2-84 with anchor for pole-to-pole guy. The existing tree guy from P2 needs to be removed.
Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provide by law, it be granted a location for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with such sustaining and protecting fixture as it may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed here with marked – Foskett Road – Dudley, Massachusetts
Anyone wishing to be heard on this matter should appear at the date and time specified or submit their concerns in writing.
Board of Selectmen
John Marsi, Chairman
July 23, 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. W021P2177EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of: Stephen Francis Morrow Also known as: Steve Morrow Date of Death: 04/14/2021
To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Alma E Morrow of East Douglas MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Alma E Morrow of East Douglas 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 08/03/2021**.
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: July 02, 2021
Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate
July 23, 2021
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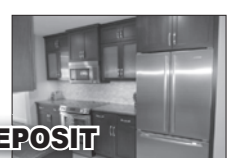
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“CRT” local parents think he is encouraging actually has a different meaning, and that he is not asking for Critical Race Theory to be incorporated into the district.

“We look at individual needs for special education or gender identity, or just other areas like abilities and race as well,” Eakins said later clarifying what he discussed with the district. “I want to be very clear. I’ve read a few articles in the area, and I’ve even gotten a few emails. I do not teach Critical Race Theory. I teach the other CRT, Culturally Responsive Teaching. Any references that are made to CRT regarding the training that I provide is in regard to Culturally Responsive Teaching.”

Throughout the night, citizens took to the microphone citing references to Critical Race Theory in Eakins’ work and showing frustration that the exact modern definition and limitations of critical race theory are blurred at best.

One of the first speakers to the microphone, Carrol-Sue Rehm of Charlton, whose children attended the district’s schools, claimed that school officials did not properly vet Eakins when turning to him for consultation and, like many, claimed that the committee’s decisions going forward could have dramatic effects including parents and students leaving the district.

“We do not need to be lectured on what Equity or CRT is or isn’t, or any other coined phrases since the term and meaning keeps being shifted. Culturally Responsive Training is generally informed by the term Critical Race Theory. The NEA, the largest Teacher’s Union which many teachers of this district are members of, have now omitted CRT on their website and are labeling it ‘Common History.’ Regardless of what you call it, it boils down to a framework which seeks to actively dismantle systems it deems racially oppressive, and the way it seeks to do this is through deconstructing language and forms of discourse,” Rehm said. “The school committee has been voted in by citizens of both towns. [Assistant Superintendent] Dr. Brian Ackerman and [Superintendent] Lamarche report directly to you. You are elected officials, and report to the parents. You were entrusted with our children’s best interest, and if this is not rectified to the satisfaction of parents, this will lead to the destruction of young hearts and minds and this will be catastrophic in generations to come. Families will pull their children to not expose them to this type of indoctrination.”

Rehm was just one of many citizens who made their voices heard over the course of the evening. Some were concerned parents, others former or current educators, and others still average citizens with no direct stake in the school district but who were simply concerned about the potential impact

CRT could have on the youth of their community. While many were against CRT and others were more forgiving of the school committee even saying they believed the committee was telling the truth that CRT is not on the table, one other speech that stood out provided a unique point of view, that from a student.

Rhiannon Mansur, a senior at Shepherd Hill Regional High School, offered her perspective from the hallways of the district itself, telling the parents and school officials that while CRT may not necessarily be the answer, change is needed to ensure the safety and respect for all students of all races, sexual orientations, abilities and identities. Mansur began her speech saying she did not believe anyone at the meeting was racist or “bad” and that she respected the differing opinions expressed throughout the night, but as a student she feels there is more that need be done.

“I have heard every slur and every threat on Earth said within the halls of this district by high school students, some who never even knew the damage of such slurs,” Mansur said. “In the midst of criticism, I would like to put in a vote of support for the teaching of cultural sensitivity. My question is of the effectiveness of both versions of critical learning and social emotional learning. If this meeting is any indicator, this is not something that is pulling us together,

er, but pulling us further into radicalism with the way that we are doing it right now, which I don’t blame any of you for, anyone here, anyone teaching, and especially Sheldon Eakin. I don’t know how to fix this, but I don’t want a Charlton where my people-of-color friends wish they could move to a school like Webster and Worcester because they are harassed every single day by your students and your staff.”

At the meeting’s end, Lamarche said he looks forward to working with the community to “ensure we are not teaching critical race theory in our schools” and asked anyone with questions about the instructional materials being used in the district to talk to the teachers directly and then the principals if their concerns are not addressed.

“This is not an easy topic for anyone. We heard you,” he concluded.

Assistant Superintendent Ackerman ended the forum, thanking the public for the feedback and said the district “collectively remains committed to equity for all students regardless of race, color, sex, gender identity, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, or homeless status” and that the formal Equity Committee will pause activities and relaunch in the future with more specific processes and procedures regarding formulation and direction. Details will be presented at a public school committee meeting prior to the relaunch.

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It will just be one person serving the needs of two towns.

“What we had before was a Health Agent we paid \$22,500 for and we piled about 30 or 40 hours a week of work on that Health Agent that was supposed to be part time. Two Health Agents ago we shared that person with two other towns for that same cost and the service I think reflected that. That’s not a dig, it’s the reality. There are only so many hours in a day,” said Ruda. “I think now we’d be in a better position because Webster currently has a full time Health Agent and would

be sharing only with us at this point and part of the negotiation would be we would call Monday through Friday and get some sort of response from the Health Agent as long as it wasn’t a vacation day or sick day. The level of service would be Monday through Friday instead of trying to track the person down and be reactive instead of proactive in some of these inspections and sign offs, helping things progress.”

Selectmen seemed optimistic about the partnership. Selectman Paul Joseph specifically said he felt it was worth exploring and noted that selectmen will get a chance to discuss any changes they want in the final agreement.

“We’re going to get two bites of this apple. The first is right now authorizing Jonathan to negotiate an agreement with Webster. When that’s done, he will then present that agreement to us which we will need to approve. This is perfunctory as far as I’m concerned,” said Joseph. “I’m real comfortable with this vote and I look forward to what the final agreement will look like.”

Selectmen voted unanimously to authorize Ruda to enter discussions to bring a final agreement to the Board for approval. Selectman Jason Johnson was not present for the discussion or the vote.

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Selectmen saying that while he never pictured himself working for the town of Dudley, he is proud to be a part of the community.

“I didn’t expect to work in Dudley out of all the towns. When I first started here, I didn’t know much about it. The guys are great. The town is pretty much respectable for us and that’s not easy nowadays. I’m very happy

where I am,” Pacheco said.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved Pacheco’s appointment officially making him a permanent full-time member of the department as of July 31.

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determine how often you will need to water your lawn. For example, if it rains an inch, you can skip watering until next week!

Water at the Right Time of the Day

Early morning is by far the best time for watering lawns. For optimum efficiency and success, try to water in the wee morning hours. The high humidity and morning dew adds to the moisture quota, and evaporation of the water is lessened during this time. If you cannot water in the morning, irrigate after sunset. But remember, early morning watering helps to prevent lawn diseases that can be caused by watering at night because it gives your lawn time to dry by night fall.

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Mowing Minders

Experts say a common mowing mistake is cutting your grass too short, particular for cool season grasses. Higher heights usually provide for a deeper root system, looks better, and is less likely to have weeds invading, particularly crabgrass.

Lawn pros advise adjusting your blade so that you never remove any more than one third of the grass leaf at any one cutting. By doing so, you can safely leave clippings that will quickly decompose and add valuable nutrients back into the soil.

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The direction you mow your lawn is also important. For best results, your lawn in a different direction with each mowing... Altering the direction gives you an even cut and will prevent your grass growing in a set pattern.

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To ensure a good cut, make sure your lawn mower blade is sharp, which may translate into sharpening it at least three times during mowing season.

Want to up your odds of a lush lawn? Try mowing during the moon phases. Here's how: If you want your lawn to grow, mow it during new or first quarter moon. If you want your lawn to grow more slowly, mow it during a full or last quarter moon.

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