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Friday, June 4, 2021

Goguen receives another strong review

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER – Much of the May 25 School Committee meeting focused on giving credit where credit is due.

The largest part came from the board's review of Superintendent Ruthann Goguen's annual evaluation, where all five members agreed she "met" or "exceeded" all of her goals and was "proficient" or "exemplary" when it came to the various standards that underlay them.

Chair Kelly Seddiki did not identify specific commenters, but read several comments from her peers. Many of them were very similar, praising Goguen's "strong leadership," communication and collaboration with teachers, staff and parents. That, Seddiki read, "has positioned Webster favorably to weather the Covid storm."

One member commended the superintendent for being "responsive to committee members, students and parents" when it came specifically to communication about sports, extracurricular activities and state rule changes. That person added that she maintained "high expectations ... but was also sensitive to the impact the pandemic was having on families' and students' social and emotional needs."

"We all weathered the same year, but we were

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ALL SAINTS STUDENTS INDUCTED IN NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

All Saints Academy inducted their newest members to the National Junior Honor Society at a Mass and ceremony held at St. Louis Church on May 20. To become a member of NJHS, students must meet the five standards: scholarship, leadership, citizenship, character, and service. Our newest members completed an application and an essay describing how leadership, service, and citizenship have influenced their character. Through these essays, these students showed us their generosity, honesty, perseverance, kindness, bravery, tolerance and cooperation. Congratulations to the newest members of the All Saints Academy National Junior Honor Society — Emerson Bernart, Nathan Coddington, Hunter Coombs, Haleigh Creighton, Samuel Guay, Robert Hastings, Emily Kelly, Jackson Meehan, Joseph Santora, Shayley Szela, and Jenna Vally!

Dudley voters approve PFAS plans, budget at Town Meeting

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – Voters in Dudley convened for the 2021 Spring Annual Town Meeting May 24, where they addressed numerous articles throughout the evening including approving a new budget and an investment to reduce chemical con-

tamination in the town's drinking water.

Several articles late in the evening involved the remediation of PFAS chemical contamination in Dudley's drinking water. In April, the town notified over 2,300 users that their water exceeded the safe drinking standards for perfluoroalkyl substances, man-

made chemicals found in numerous household products. The Department of Environmental Protection decreased its threshold for contamination in late 2020 to below 20 parts per trillion (ppt). Since then, Dudley failed three consecutive months of testing with an

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Oxford selectmen to resume meeting at Town Hall

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD — The selectmen voted unanimously to return to in-person meetings beginning with their first June session, but to continue having the public attend via the internet until September.

"We have the set-up in the board room to be able to be addressed by the public on the TV," Michael Daniels said when he proposed the change. He urged keep-

ing the public out for now "until we get guidance from legislation."

The change comes in light of the governor's recent order recinding most of the Covid masking and social distancing requirements that have been in effect for the last year. That took effect last weekend.

Several towns have already taken this step. For example, Southbridge's Town Council has met in per-

son with a handful of key department heads present, but public online, for the last several meetings. It plans to debate whether to open to full public participation soon. Webster has been sort of halfway, with meetings usually having some board members, the administrator and a couple others present, while other members and the public join remotely.

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Dudley voters head to the polls June 14

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

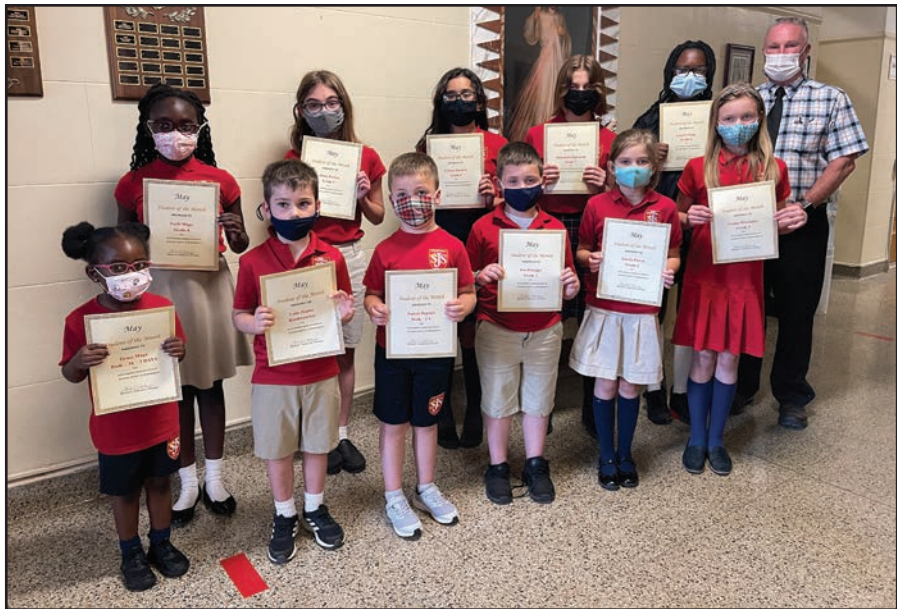
CHARLTON – Voters are being called to the polls for Dudley's annual town election on Monday, June 14 where several offices, including the Board of Selectmen, treasurer-collector, Board of Health, School Committee and Housing Authority, have contended races for open seats making it one of the most active election seasons in the town's recent history.

The Board of Selectmen has four candidates on the ballot seeking two available seats on the town's highest elected board.

Two familiar names are seeking to continue their service to the community with incumbent selectmen John Marsi and Steven Sullivan both running for reelection. They are challenged by David Durgin and Anna T. Chojnacki-Durgin, who are also contending for other positions in town on the same night. David Durgin is running against Leslie J. Sullivan for the single available seat on the Dudley Housing Authority while Anne T. Chojnacki-Durgin seeks to unseat incumbent candidate Jennifer L. Cournoyer for a position on the Board of Health.

Dudley will also see competition for the Treasurer-Collector position. Incumbent Richard Carmignani, Jr. seeks another three-year term in the post but will have to stave off a challenge from Kelly Marie Laskowski for the position. The Board of Health The Dudley-Charlton Regional School District contested battle on the ballot. Cathleen Ann Carmignani will seek to retain her position while Caitlynn L. Panczyk hopes to become the newest member of the com-

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STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following St. Joseph School students who were selected as May Students of the Month: Pre-K 3-year-old – 2 Day Program: Kaya Hellstrom; Pre-K 3-year-old – 3 Day Program: Grace Muga; Pre-K 4-year-old: Patryk Deptula; Kindergarten: Luke Zeglen; Grade 1: Jon Belanger; Grade 2: Amelia Potem; Grade 3: Ivonka Warnajty; Grade 4: Faith Muga; Grade 5: Alissa Perron; Grade 6: Gianna Rosario; Grade 7: Aleksandra Kurowski; Grade 8: Lauren Gingo. Students are awarded Student of the Month for their outstanding exemplification of Religion, Respect, and Responsibility. Keep up the great work!

GLADYS E. KELLY LIBRARY

2 Lake St., Webster
508-949-3880

All programs are scheduled to be held outside on the Library lawn (unless otherwise noted), weather permitting.

Adult Programming Hatch-a-Chick – Month of June
The Library Lobby will be home to some very special friends for the month of June! Watch as 7 chicken eggs incubate throughout the month, then stop in or watch on Facebook Live as they hatch around June 21st. Don't miss seeing these

adorable, fluffy chicks before they head back to the farm in early July!

Ukulele Strum-Along – June 10th, 5:30-7PM
Come and strum with other ukulele enthusiasts in a fun and relaxed atmosphere guided by Ukulele J, featuring the music of Johnny Cash! No previous uke experience required! Use your own ukulele, or borrow one, a limited number are available on a first-come first-serve basis. This program is held on the Library Lawn, so bring your own chair! Postponed in the event of inclement weather,

please call in advance. Sponsored by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

Friends Book Sale – June 24th-26th
Visit the Library Community Meeting Room to browse the many books and other media the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library will have for sale! Hardcover books, DVDs, CDs and Puzzles will be \$1, paperbacks will be \$.50, or you can fill a bag full of books. The sale will be held from 10AM-8PM Thursday, 10AM-5PM Friday, and 10AM-1PM Saturday.

Adult Summer Reading – June 28th-August 20th
Stop by the Library Circulation Desk to sign up for our Adult Summer Reading Program. All you have to do is read or listen to books and return them to the Library to get raffle tickets. Enter to win Gift Cards and Prizes from local businesses.

Dungeons and Dragons for Beginners – July 8th, 8:00PM
Interested in trying out Dungeons and Dragons for the first time? Tried it once or twice but can't find folks to play with? Our Adult Services Librarian will be taking an intrepid group of beginner adventurers through a whirlwind introduction to the world of Dungeons and Dragons! No experience required, but space is very limited. Contact Peter at parse-nault@cwmars.org for more information and to reserve your spot. This will be a virtual program.

Children's and Young Adult Programming Stuffed Animal Storytime with the Library Director, Sondra! - Wednesdays in June: June 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd 10:00-10:45AM
All ages welcome! Held on the Library Lawn, weather permitting. Bring a blanket/chair and your plush friend for stories, songs and play. Masks are optional. Hosted by the Library Director, Sondra Murphy.

Summer Reading Kick-off Event with Davis Bates and Roger Tinknell - Monday, June 28th 10:30-11:30AM
The Gladys E. Kelly Public Library will be kicking off the 2021 Summer Reading Program with Parents' Choice Award winning performers Davis Bates and Roger Tinknell in a socially distanced, outdoor participatory performance of songs & stories for all ages! This lively concert includes songs about critters, nature, and environmental awareness, just so stories, creation myths and more! This performance is funded, in part, by a grant from the Webster Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the

MA Cultural Council. Be sure not to miss this wonderful family-oriented entertainment event!

Summer Reading 2021 - "Tails and Tales!" - June 28th-August 20th
Join us at the Gladys E. Kelly Library from June 28th to August 20th for our summer-long "Tails and Tales" reading program! Read books (novels, picture books, audio books, comics, etc.) for opportunities to win fun prizes! Sign up is FREE and includes a bag full of goodies and a log to track your reading minutes. Sign up any time throughout the summer, read, and claim prizes as you go. For ages 0-17. Teens get their own prizes to choose from this year! Email atai@cwmars.org or call 508-949-3880 for more information.

Wiggles and Giggles! - Wednesday, June 30th 10:00-11:00AM
Come sing, dance, and make music with Lainey Hanlon! For children ages 2-5 and their parents/caregivers.

WEBSTER POLICE LOG

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of May 24-29.

Jann Javier Bauzo Melendez, age 24, current address unknown, was arrested on May 24 for Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle and Possession of a Class A Drug with Intent to Distribute.

Waclaw Kmak, age 73, of Webster was arrested on May 28 in connection with a warrant.

Andrew William Mongeon, age 34, of Webster was arrested on May 28 in connection with a warrant.

Taylor Conway, age 26, of Worcester; Jessilyn Chobot, age 37, of Webster; and Nedjma Sarah Bensahih, age 25, of Webster were arrested on May 29 in connection with warrants (multiple warrants in Conway's case).

Patrick Gagnon, age 30, of Webster was arrested on May 29 in connection with a warrant.

John Champagne of Dudley receives award at Nichols College commencement

DUDLEY — John Champagne of Dudley received the award for Outstanding Achievement in Liberal Studies for History at the Nichols College class of 2020 commencement ceremony. Nichols College hosted commencement ceremonies for both the class of 2021 and 2020, the class of 2020 was celebrated on May 16.

About Nichols College
Nichols College is a college of choice for business and leadership education as a result of its distinctive career-focused and leadership-based approaches to learning, both in and out of the classroom, and through impactful research and professional education. Students thrive in a learning and living environment that is supported by an experiential business curriculum and a strong liberal arts foundation aimed at transforming them into tomorrow's leaders. Nichols also offers master's degrees in business, leadership, accounting, and counterterrorism, as well as a range of certificate programs, to promote career advancement for today's professionals.

Become a Friend of the Gladys E. Kelly Library

WEBSTER — As Bob Dylan sang, "The Times, They are a-Changin'."

The Gladys E. Kelly Library is up and running after the pandemic—and so are the Friends of the Gladys E Kelly Library. And they want you to join them. Think Library Miniature Golf... literature made easy—as long as you can putt. Or come down and exercise your best Johnny Cash moves—on a ukulele. Or launch your summer reading extravaganza with a tasty pie. Or get your lawn chair out for a night at the movies—complete with popcorn.

It is the Friends organization that helps to fund these efforts. This year, they are providing the Library \$18,500 for programs that will meet the interests of Webster's multigenerational community. There are many other activities in the planning stage. The popular music series is returning in the fall. (Watch this space for more information.) If you had fun at the Taste of Webster, mark your calendars for next spring (OK there is not a date yet, but you will be kept informed).

Creativity and enthusiasm for new programs abound. The Friends are excited about working with Sondra Murphy, the recently appointed Library Director, who brings fresh perspectives and energy. She comes to Webster with a good deal of experience as a children and youth librarian, as well as a library director. For Sondra a library is not old, stodgy, or quiet. She believes that meeting the needs of the future requires modern and innovative programs—

philosophies embraced by the Friends.

To bring these innovative programs to town, funding is needed. Even more than that, a cadre of dedicated volunteers is a must. The Friends of the Gladys E Kelly Library annual membership drive just started. For as little as \$5 you can become a member. Of course, they welcome other levels of support too. In addition, there also are many opportunities for you to exercise your talents (even some that you may not know you have). Do you like to meet people? You can be a greeter at music concerts or movies. Do you like to plan? Bring that creativity to the table as we craft future events. Can you cook? Popcorn makers are desperately needed. Do you like crafts? Helping hands are always welcome. Do you love reading? Suggest authors, re-stack books, assist patrons. You don't have to sign your life away—an hour or two at a time is appreciated and certainly will be rewarding to you too. You can make a difference by becoming a member of the Friends. Help make the new library a vibrant place where all in the community can come to read, get online, meet, enjoy music, and learn something new.

Membership forms for the Friends of the Gladys E Kelly Library can be found at the library which is located at 2 Lake St. in Webster. Stop by during the Friends Book Sale on Thursday, June 24 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, June 25 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., or Saturday, June 26 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Questions about membership or the Friends organization also can be directed to Friends President Tom Klebart at tomkleb@sbcglobal.net.

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Dudley

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\$300,000, 22 Kennedy Dr, Donohoe, Kerry F, to Stirling-Donohoe, Thomas.
\$135,000, 6 Warsaw Ave #4, Allain, Charlene M, and Cormier, David E, to Choma, Katarina.

Oxford

\$520,000, 6 Rhonda Rheault Dr, Najem, Charbel H, and Regalado, Omar, to Alting, Christopher L, and Alting, Allyson M.


Webster

\$390,000, 41 Park St, Piwowarczyk, Franciszek, and Piwowarczyk, Maria, to Perry, Joyce B.
\$300,000, 15 Orchard Ave, Remington Marilyn Est, and Remington, Mark A, to Vazquez, Luis M.
\$245,000, 24 Elm St, Johnson, Steven, to Davis, Brittany M.
\$236,000, 28 Pinehurst Dr, Hamilton, Jennifer L, to Alvarado, Genevieve, and Lopez, Jeremy S.
\$223,000, 3 Douglas Rd, Finnegan, Donald, to Estela, Jeroeb S.
\$175,000, 2 Beacon Rd, Fiske, Richard H, and Fiske, Jean M, to Daigneault, Robert J, and Livingstone, Jacqueline R.
\$155,750, 32 Brook St, Tompkins, Guy, and Freedom Mortgage Corp, to Freedom Mortgage Corp.

Brianna Doherty of Webster receives award at Nichols College commencement

DUDLEY — Brianna Doherty of Webster receives the award for Outstanding Achievement in Liberal Studies for Mathematics at the Nichols College class of 2020 commencement ceremony. Nichols College hosted commencement ceremonies for both the class of 2021 and 2020, the class of 2020 was celebrated on May 16.

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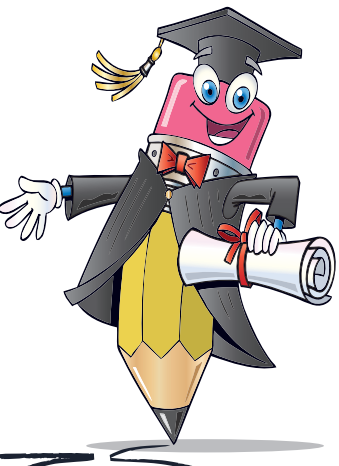
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Feel free to mention certain grads that may be working for you!

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Grant to fund mattress disposal program

BY JASON BLEAU
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DUDLEY – The Dudley Highway Department has received a state grant that will allow the town to set up a disposal operation for mattresses adding to the offering at the town’s transfer station.

Highway Superintendent Jeffrey Murray revealed the details of the grant to selectmen on May 17, stating that Administrative Secretary to the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator Michelle Jarvis was directly responsible for helping the town earn a Sustainable Materials Recovery Program Grant. Murray stated that the money will help implement a new program in town for

mattress disposal and recycling.

“There’s a portion of the money that pays for the container and then a portion of the money pays for the disposal of mattresses,” Murray said. “The Board of Selectmen needs to take action to recognize or receive the grant and then there’s a couple of other house-keeping things that we need to do and the plan that we have in place.”

Described as a “pay as you throw” program in line with other current trash disposal programs in town, the new offering would allow citizens with a trash permit to dispose of mattresses properly at a set price depending on the size of the item.

“(The cost would be) \$20, \$25, and \$30, respectively, for twin, full size or queen

and king size mattresses,” Murray said. “It would still be the same process, pay as your throw. We would charge the same fees. It would be permit holders only.”

Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda confirmed that, at least at the start, only those with a permit to dispose of trash at the transfer station in Dudley will be allowed to dump their mattresses. However, he did not rule out expanding the program to out-of-town users or having special event days where exceptions might be made. The hope is that the program will inspire citizens to properly dispose of these mattresses rather than dumping them on the sides of roadways, a disturbing trend not isolated to the Dudley community.



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Oktawia Gielarowiec of Webster graduates from University of New Hampshire

DURHAM, New Hampshire—Oktawia Gielarowiec of Webster graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of New Hampshire over the weekend of May 22 and May 23. He/she earned a BS degree in BiomedSci:MedMicro.

Students who received the honor Summa Cum Laude graduated with a GPA of 3.85-4.0: Students who received the honor of Magna Cum Laude graduated with a GPA of 3.65-3.84; and students who received the honor of Cum Laude graduated with a GPA of 3.50-3.64.

Students are only graduated after the Registrar’s Office has certified that all degree requirements have been successfully completed. Participating in the commencement ceremony is the act of honoring and celebrating academic achievement.

The University of New Hampshire, founded in 1866, is a world-class public research university with the feel of a New England liberal arts college. A land, sea, and space-grant university, UNH is the state’s flagship public institution, enrolling 13,000 undergraduate and 2,500 graduate students.

Local students graduate from College of the Holy Cross

WORCESTER — Holy Cross celebrated nearly 750 bachelor of arts degree candidates at its 175th Commencement held in person on Friday, May 21 on the College’s Fitton Field.

Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield, a career diplomat and Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, delivered this year’s address virtually to the Class of 2021 and received an honorary degree.

A distinguished career diplomat with 35 years in the Foreign Service,

Ambassador Thomas-Greenfield reminded graduates that their education has equipped them to make a positive difference in the world and to do everything in their power to keep hope alive.

“Class of 2021: I have hope - I have light in my eyes - because of you,” Ambassador Thomas-Greenfield told the graduates. “When I think of your promise, your potential, I swell with pride. With your Holy Cross mentors and role models by your side, I believe you will become men and women for

others. I trust you will go where you are needed. And graduates, I know you will keep hope alive.”

In addition to Thomas-Greenfield, Holy Cross also awarded an honorary degree to Holy Cross alumnus Dr. Michael Collins ‘77, chancellor of the University of Massachusetts Medical School and senior vice president for the health sciences for the University of Massachusetts. Dr. Collins also offered a reflection for the Class of 2021.

The following local students earned degrees:

Dalton Bodreau, of Oxford
Amanda Fradsham, of Oxford
Nina Nguyen, of Webster
Nicholas Obrycki, of Oxford
Matthew Piekarczyk, of Dudley
James Robertson, of Dudley
William Sullivan, of North Oxford
About Holy Cross

The College of the Holy Cross, in Worcester, Mass., is among the nation’s leading liberal arts institutions. A highly selective, four-year, exclusively undergraduate college of 3,100 students, Holy Cross is renowned for offering a rigorous, personalized education in the Jesuit, Catholic tradition. Since its founding in 1843, Holy Cross has made a positive impact in society by graduating students who distinguish themselves as thoughtful leaders in business, professional and civic life.

Grange sponsors summer concert series

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

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

The following month, July 10 (rain date July 17), the Great Garage Band Reunion brings

their self-styled “loud and outrageous” 60s and 70s funk, rock, R&B and blues (with six horns) to Center Road at 6 PM.

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

All three shows are outdoors, all ages and free

admission on the grass at Dudley Grange’s historic location, 139 Center Rd. (next to Nichols College). Bring lawn chairs or blankets, snacks and drinks (no alcohol allowed) and intent to have some fun in the warmth of a summer evening.

The series is being sponsored by a grant from the Dudley Cultural Council, the local agency of the Massachusetts Cultural Council. For more information on the Grange itself, go to <https://www.facebook.com/DudleyGrange.163/>.

Dudley man charged with assault

DUDLEY — On Friday, May 28 at approximately 12:50 a.m., Dudley Police Officers Keith Remillard and Luis Pacheco were advised by the South Worcester County Dispatch Center of a 73-year-old female (name and address withheld at this time) who was being treated at Harrington Hospital at Hubbard in Webster. She was reported as the victim of an assault who had driven herself to the hospital for treatment. She had serious injuries to her face and other parts of the body.

As a result of information obtained during the investigation, it is alleged that Thomas Smith, Jr., age 56, of 3 Marshall Terrace entered the victim’s residence on Brandon Road, assaulted her, and threatened her with a firearm. He then left. She is currently being treated at the hospital. The victim and suspect know each other and the motive for the attack is under investigation. Detective James Annese assisted with obtaining an arrest warrant for this subject as well as a search warrant for the suspect’s home. Several lawfully possessed firearms and other evidence were seized from the residence. Mr. Smith was taken into custody at approximately 9 am during a traffic stop on Brandon Road. He has been transported to Dudley District Court for arraignment. Officers David Carpenter and Arthur Ferreira also assisted with this investigation.

Smith is charged with Assault and battery on a person over 60 with serious injury, Home Invasion, Threatening to commit a crime, Assault with a dangerous weapon on a person over 60, Intimidation of a Witness, and Larceny from a Building.

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- 1776: RICHARD HENRY LEE OF VIRGINIA INTRODUCES A RESOLUTION IN THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS THAT WILL LEAD TO A DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.
- 1929: VATICAN CITY BECOMES A SOVEREIGN STATE.

New Word

ENDEMIC

(of plants or animals) native to a certain area

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Forest

SPANISH: Bosque

ITALIAN: Foresta

FRENCH: Forêt

GERMAN: Wald

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in very different boats,” Seddiki said after summarizing the results, noting Goguen had a particularly difficult task of keeping the district going. To her, the evaluation reflects many accomplishments during the year.

In response, Goguen thanked the board for their “kind words and the support.” As she has repeatedly, she noted the effort was one from “everyone in the Webster Public Schools. ... It was a rollercoaster ride, and we got through it as a team.”

Before the spotlight was on Goguen, the superintendent put it on several retiring teachers and staff, praising them for “over 100 years of dedicated service.” Half-joking that “none of you will miss us” when school reopens in August, she urged them to consider being substitutes “in any capacity.”

Park Avenue Principal Robin Parmley specifically thanked her three for being “dedicated and well-loved” by fellow staff, students and families.

“You will be extremely missed at Park Avenue, and are a part of who we are and the fabric and fiber of our family,” she

said.

Some were present, with Carole Demake saying her 23 years of effort in special education were for “the kids. It’s all about them.” She noted her future would be, too, focused on her own kids and grandchildren.

Christina Hubert-Regele, who also had 23 years teaching grade 3, agreed, saying, “Whoever’s filling my shoes next, I will be there the last day to help them on to the next level.” After that, though, communication might have to be online, since she plans to move to Florida.

For Karen Miller, who put in 21 years at Park Ave and the Middle

School, retirement means she’s “looking forward to going to the beach more.”

The committee also praised graduating Student Representative Vivian Poplawski for her involvement on the board, especially for speaking up about how Covid was actually affecting students. As Business Manager Monique Pierangeli put it, “sometimes, we sit and think we know what’s going on ... but you gave us really solid information about how the students were feeling, and we reallt appreciate that.”

The others agreed, with Sheila Blythe also thanking Poplawski for “reminding me to find

my voice, as you have done this entire year.”

“You’re an example of how one person’s voice can change things,” Goguen added.

In other business, Middle School Principal Heidi Peterson commended an eighth-grader and the National Junior Honor Society for their involvement in collecting clothing for young people recently. She said she didn’t know how much they actually amassed, but, “The boxes were taking over our conference room.”

She also noted the school will host a forum on June 10 at 6 p.m. on Zoom to inform parents of 4th-graders coming to

the school about “what to expect from middle school and middle school children as they develop and change.” That will lead into “Step-up Day” June 16, when kids changing schools – both into middle and high school – will get a chance to visit the buildings that will be their abodes for the next few years.

Goguen announced the district recently began a mobile student (ages 12 and up) and staff vaccination project. She’ll release more information soon.

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MEETING

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average of 21.7 ppt forcing the town to form a remediation plan. Dudley has currently enacted a temporary fix by diluting the PFAS level through blending water between several wells which has lowered the ppt below the threshold, but a long-term fix is still required.

Voters took the first steps towards remediation at the town meeting approving transferring

\$200,000 from the Water Retained Earnings Fund and borrowing \$1 million for the design and construction of temporary infrastructure to treat the water for the contaminant and borrowing another \$700,000 to fund the design and engineering of a PFAS Water Treatment Plant and Watermain Project. The final plans will include a new building as Pump Station 6, modifications to Pump Station 1, 3, and 6, and finishing a water

main from the proposed Water Treatment Plant to West Main Street among other specifications. Voters approved another \$11.5 million in borrowing to build a permanent treatment plant which will take several years to complete.

Earlier in the night town leaders brought forth a \$22.8 million spending plan for the 2022 Fiscal Year including \$9.3 million for the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District, a little over \$1

million for Bay Path Vocational Technical High School, and \$9.7 million in the general fund. Voters overwhelmingly approved the plan which will be balanced using money from the stabilization fund.

The Board of Selectmen has been authorized by the residents to petition the General Court for special legislation to grant up to three additional licenses for alcohol package stores to the town which would bring Dudley’s

total licenses to six if successful. The meeting also addressed proposed vehicle and equipment purchases from different departments several of which were pushed off until future meetings. However, a request to purchase two dump trucks for the Highway Department was approved with the cost to be reimbursed through Chapter 90 funds and voters also approved using money from the Water Retained Earnings

Fund to replace a pickup truck for the Water Department.

Finally, voters decided against supporting a pair of articles related to marijuana businesses in Dudley. Motions to create a Marijuana Cultivation Overlay District and rezone land on Schofield Avenue owned by JD&D Construction with plans to lease the property to a cannabis retailer were both defeated failing to reach the required two-thirds majority.

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(Oxford has sometimes done that, too.)

To Meghan Troiano, the fact Town Hall is already open to the public and the state has a 100-person indoor cap means “it’d be fine to open [meetings] up.”

“I don’t see any reason we as a board shouldn’t be giving the people the opportunity to come to our meetings in any manner they feel comfortable with,” she said. She noted that would hold true for

members themselves, too; if they prefer remote attendance, they can continue that. She dubbed it “everybody’s right, everybody’s choice.”

Chair Dennis Lamarche, however, argued doing that would require the board to wear masks, something he personally dislikes.

Town Manager Jen Callahan noted the rule change allows the town to go forward with already-posted public hearings – such as one on earth removal being delayed by Selectman John Saad’s illness – as

long at the board does allow for remote public access.

Gov. Charlie Baker’s formal order, dated May 28, declared the state of emergency that began early last spring will end June 15 for various reasons, including that 78 percent of the state’s populace has had at least one vaccine shot. Among them are that “the remaining threats posed by the Covid-19 virus will shortly no longer require the exercise of the extraordinary powers the Civil Defense Act grants the Governor.”

But, it continues later, “certain Covid-19 orders for some interim period will be necessary to accommodate and orderly transition ... to more permanent measures instituted through the regular means of government.”

Between now and then, a list of specific orders are still in effect, namely numbers 1, 24, 26, 36, 42, 49, 50 and 61. Those cover a wide range of issues, including emergency child placement, the Open Meeting Law, state and local permits, and inpatient services.

The texts for all of them are available at www.mass.gov’s “Covid State of Emergency” page.

The same date, Baker issued an open-ended companion order that allows the state Department of Public Health to extend requirements under certain circumstances. It concludes with, “The Commissioner [of Public Health] ... may rely on this declaration to extend or adopt measures to facilitate Covid-19 testing and vaccination of all populations throughout the Commonwealth, to mandate special mea-

sures to protect higher risk populations ot to effectuate continued surveillance of Covid-19 ... , and to respond as necessary to outbreaks of the virus as they may arise.”

That text cites as a reason for its necessity that a significant number of people “remain unvaccinated” as of May 26: 59 percent of Hispanics, 55 percent of Blacks and 41 percent of Whites.

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Fun Food Facts

Did you ever wonder what the origins of your favorite foods were? Sure, we’ve all heard the story of how Toll House cookies were born when some chocolate bits fell off a shelf into a raw batch of cookie dough, but there are lots of interesting tales behind just about every common food we enjoy today. This week’s column will take a peek into the entertaining past of some of our favorite meal staples and snack foods.

Phantom Faces: Mrs. Smith’s frozen pies have come to the rescue for many busy women during holiday baking time, but were you aware Mrs. Smith doesn’t exist? Neither does Mrs. Paul (of frozen fish fame). And are you ready for this? Chef Boyardee is a fake too. While Mrs. Smith and Paul were probably conjured up by an ad man to portray a product whipped up by a proficient middle-aged cook, Chef Boyardee is actually a combination of the names of the three founders of the company: Boyd, Art and Dennis. Now the good news: There really is a Sara Lee, and as we all know, nobody doesn’t love her.

Catsup or Ketchup?: As a child I remember watching Fred MacMurray hawk Hunts Catsup during commercial breaks in “My Three Sons.” Why would I remember such a thing? Beside the fact ketchup was as high on my childhood fave food list as Screaming Yellow Zonkers, the commercial sticks in my

mind because he called the ketchup “catsup.” I recall thinking that was weird. Here’s some ketchup trivia relating to this pronunciation discrepancy: In the early years, ketchup king Henry Heinz used both spellings for his product. He settled on ketchup when he started advertising the condiment in the early 1900s. Meanwhile, J. W. Hunt stuck with catsup until the late 1960s. DelMonte was the last competitor to switch over to the more popular ketchup spelling, doing so in 1988 due to customer pressure. By the way, ketchup, originally called ketsiap, was a sauce developed in the seventeenth century by the Chinese. Back then it was a tangy potion of fish entrails, vinegar and spices the Chinese used mainly on fish.

Soda Buzz: Did you know 7-Up once contained lithium? In 1920, C.L. Griggs invented an orange drink called Howdy. When he tried to improve on it by adding different flavors, the result was a concoction he dubbed Bib-label Lithiated Lemon-Lime Soda. The fizzy tonic not only boasted more carbonation than standard soft drinks, but actually contained lithium! The unique taste caught on, but not the name. Six months after marketing the drink, Griggs renamed it 7-Up. I’m happy to report today’s 7-Up is just as delicious, but without the addition of lithium.

Pie in the Sky: Remember Scooter Pies? For many baby boomers, the big, marsh-

mallow sweets were a lunch bag staple. But Moon Pies were the true predecessor of Scooter Pies. In fact, while we in the northeast call the marshmallow, graham cracker and chocolate snacks Scooter Pies, other parts of the country know them as Moon Pies. And here’s why: In the early 1900s a representative of a North Carolina mill bakery asked coal miners what they would like to eat as a snack. The miners said they wanted something “solid and filling” that could easily be transported in a lunch pail. When asked how big the sweet snack should be, the story goes the moon was rising and one miner looked over, circled it with his two hands and said “about this big.” Thus, the “moon pie” was born. The Scooter Pie, made by Burry, was “born”decades later in 1959, just in time for baby boomers to enjoy a sweet treat in front of the television set.

Smoking Sub: Who would’ve thought novelty Pez candies started out as a smoking deterrent? In 1927 an anti smoking advocate created the peppermint candies as a substitute for cigarettes. It’s name “Pez” comes from the German word “pfefferminze,” which means peppermint. When Pez was imported to the United States in 1952, sales failed to impress. But when the inventor revamped the product and targeted it to children, complete with character dispensers, sales went through the roof. As we all know, old Pez dispensers are hot collect-



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KAREN TRAINOR

ibles today, with rare examples fetching hundreds of dollars each.

B&J Secret Recipe: While I was researching food origins and facts, I came across Ben and Jerry’s secret recipe for Cherry Garcia Ice Cream. Here it is as printed in “Ben and Jerry’s Homemade Ice Cream and Dessert Book.” (I know it has nothing to do with the theme of the column, but since it’s ice cream season, why not!) Ingredients: 1/4 cup shaved plain chocolate (Ben and Jerry prefer Hershey’s Special Dark Chocolate candy bars); 1/4 cup fresh Bing cherries, halved and pitted (you may use canned cherries, but be sure to drain the syrup); two large eggs; 3/4 cup sugar; two cups heavy or whipping cream; one cup milk. Directions: Place the shaved chocolate flakes and the cherries in separate bowls. Cover and refrigerate. Whisk the eggs in a mixing bowl until light and fluffy, one to two minutes. Whisk in the sugar, a little at a time, then continue whisking until completely blended, about one minute more. Pour in the cream and milk and whisk to blend. Transfer the mixture to an ice cream maker and freeze following manufacturer’s directions. After the ice cream stiffens (about two minutes before it’s done), add the chocolate and the cherries, then continue freezing until the ice cream is ready. Makes grateful one quart.

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EDITORIAL

A history of Memorial Day

When Memorial Day was first celebrated in the aftermath of the Civil War, it was known as Decoration Day. Youngsters would place flowers in cemeteries while they sang songs and honored those lost due to war. The Civil War, that ended in 1865 took the lives of more people than any other war in the history of the United States, the estimate is roughly 620,000 — the Union losing 365,000 and the Confederacy 260,000. History says that more than half of these losses came as the result of disease. As a result, the first national cemeteries were created.

In 1868, General John A. Logan, the leader of an organization for Northern Civil War veterans, called for a nationwide day to honor fallen soldiers. General James Garfield gave a speech at Arlington National Cemetery on the first Decoration Day and the more than 5,000 people in attendance decorated more than 2,000 graves, both Union and Confederate.

The holiday as we all know is celebrated on the last Monday in May, and became an official holiday in the year 1971. Parades across the country take place, and people visit cemeteries where family members who have served in the military have been laid to rest.

At 3 p.m. every year, a moment of silence takes place across the country. In December of 2000, President Bill Clinton signed the “National Moment of Remembrance Act,” which designated the time be at 3 p.m. In 1966, the government marked Waterloo, N.Y. as the official birthplace of Memorial Day. In Waterloo, every business in town would shut their doors and owners would venture out to decorate graves with flags as well as flowers.

Originally, Decoration Day was intended to honor those lost in just the Civil War. After WWI America felt the need, and rightfully so, to honor all those lost serving their country. During the Great War (also known as the First World War), 116,516 Americans died, and 405,399 were lost during WWII. The Korean War took 36,574 lives, and the Vietnam War cost 58,220 lives. A total of 4,411 were lost in Operation Iraqi Freedom, 73 in Operation New Dawn, 2,346 as the result of Operation Enduring Freedom, 48 in Operation Freedom’s Sentinel and 61 in Operation Inherent Resolve.

An estimated 38 million people in America traveled over the holiday weekend, and two and a half million travelers will board flights. Memorial Day is the fourth busiest travel day of the year.

In New York, Washington, D.C., and Chicago you can find the largest parades in the country. Because of the three-day weekend, many Americans were expected to throw parties and barbecues or head out of town for a mini getaway.

VIEWPOINT

Why believe?

I recently had the opportunity to sit with 13 young adults between the ages of 16-30 and talk about faith issues. I asked them “What do you believe? Why do you believe or don’t believe? And does faith mean to you?” Now what’s interesting about this group of young adults is that all of them grew up in families of faith and throughout childhood and into their teen years went to church pretty regularly – attending Sunday School and Church camps and participating in other church activities. They all also have some strong and faithful Christian role models in their lives.

Now in their young adult years, however, most of them are pretty disconnected from any community of faith. They’re filled with uncertainty, questions, skepticism, and outright confusion about Jesus Christ, the importance of Holy Scripture, the role of the Church, and what place faith actually has in their daily lives. I love each of these young adults and wanted to hear where they are in their spiritual journeys because I firmly believe that every single person is on a journey of faith. Whether someone considers themselves a faithful Christian, a “spiritual but not religious” person, a Buddhist or Muslim or secular Jew, an agnostic, an atheist, or someone who simply doesn’t even think about anything of faith, whatever label someone places on themselves, each of these labels may simply define where they may be on their journey of faith. Yet they are on a journey!

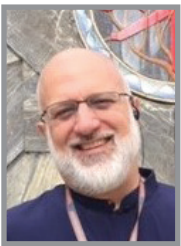
And I firmly believe that we have to meet each person wherever they’re at. In a non-judgmental way, we have to listen to what they believe and ask them if we can journey with them. Of course, I always hope to journey with them on a path that leads towards our Creator, towards the One True God, but I realize such a journey sometimes follows a serendipitous path. Our faith journey is a lifelong adventure and only God knows how and where it will end. Christ is knocking on the door of everyone’s heart. He is patiently waiting for each person to respond to His call. He loves everyone in a distinct, intimate manner, but He loves each of us so much that He respects our freedom – the freedom to seek after Him or the freedom to ignore Him.

If God patiently waits for each person, who am I then to judge or condemn anyone or who am I to try and coerce someone on a path they may not be ready for. I myself have discovered the “pearl of great price,” a treasure so beautiful and life-giving but I can’t impose it on anyone. I’ve experienced the unconditional love and breathtaking beauty of the Divine. I’ve truly been blessed to “taste and see how good the Lord is.” Yet, I can only share the wonder I’ve experienced in faith and hope to show others the path to discover it for themselves, but only they can decide whether or not they are interested.

I’ve been thinking much about my discussions with these dear young adults and in response to my interactions I want to offer a series of articles over the next weeks on “Why We Believe? What We Believe? What is Faith All About?” Of course, these articles aren’t just for skeptical young adults, but it’s for anyone who may struggle with doubts and questions and skepticism of faith - to all those who have never thought much about faith, to all those who have fallen away from faith, to those who are struggling with their faith, to those who don’t want to lose their faith.

In this first article, I want to focus on “faith” in general and I begin with the question: Why have humans in every culture throughout history believed in something beyond this physical world, something beyond themselves, often something supernatural or transcendent? Diverse cultures and peoples came to believe in many gods, some believed in spirits and demons, others in the one God, others came to understand everyone on a journey toward a place beyond, like heaven, or multiple journeys through reincarnation which may lead to bliss or may lead to nothingness. The interesting thing to note is that anthropologists and historians alike agree that all peoples in various cultures believed in something beyond this physical, material world; they believed in something beyond themselves. Humans through-

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Teach your children to “Take 25”



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National Missing Children’s Day was Tuesday, May 25. Since it was first established in 1983, National Missing Children’s Day serves as an annual reminder that there are thousands of children who are still missing and stresses the importance of making child protection a national priority. With many of the COVID restrictions lifted, this is a great opportunity for parents to discuss safety awareness with their children.

There are many ways to begin discussions with your children on safety topics. One of the programs we have used in the past was “Take 25.” Unfortunately, it has been discontinued; however, it was a national child safety public awareness campaign created by the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC). It encouraged parents to take 25 minutes to talk to their children about safety and ways to prevent abduction. According to NCMEC, every year in America, an estimated 800,000 children are reported missing, more than 2,000 each day. Of that number, 200,000 are abducted by family members and 58,000 are abducted by non-family members, for which the primary motive is sexual. Each year, 115 children are the victims of the most serious abductions; they are taken by non-family members and either murdered, ransomed, or taken with the intent to keep. An analysis of attempted abduction cases by NCMEC found that in 84 percent of the cases, the child escaped would be abductors through their own actions. Teaching children about safety works and saves lives.

The “Take 25” program provided some sample conversation starter questions for parents. Here are a few to consider should you wish to engage your children in this exercise. For kids ages five through eight: Could you tell me our address? How about our home, work, or cell phone numbers? Has anyone ever called or knocked on the door while I was gone? What did you do? Let’s make a list of three people whom you can call in case of an emergency. For children, ages nine to 12: If something happened at school that made you feel bad or scared, would you tell me? Do you think that it is safe to share your passwords with your friends? How about with your best friend? For teens (13-18): What kind of information do you feel is safe to share about yourself online? Are you comfortable with the information that you have posted online, knowing that it might be seen by friends, officials at your school, college and university admissions departments, and employers? Have you and your friends talked about what types of pictures are okay to post online? What about the comments you leave on each other’s’ pages? These are just a few examples which may be useful in getting started. Hopefully, a productive dialogue can result. If you need more information, check out the NCMEC Web site at: <http://www.missingkids.org>.

Children are exposed to a great deal of challenges, both in person and on-line. Any opportunity parents can utilize to discuss safety measures with their children is time well spent. Missing Children’s Day is a chance for us to remember those who are still missing and take precautions to prevent future incidents.

With Memorial Day Ceremonies and the Parade cancelled this year, hopefully, everyone can take time to reflect on the sacrifices made by the men and women of our armed forces. This Monday holiday must be kept in its proper perspective to remember those who have served and continue to serve this great country.

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.

529 plans: More versatile than ever

If you have children or grandchildren, you may already be somewhat familiar with the 529 plan, a popular education savings vehicle. But you may not have kept up with some recent changes in the plan’s capabilities and in the educational environment in which the plan might be used.

Let’s start with the learning environment. During the COVID-19 pandemic, colleges and universities switched to online classes, or at least to a hybrid of in-person and online. And even before the pandemic, many schools offered remote classes, though obviously not to the same extent. But after COVID-19 subsidies, it’s likely that the online component will remain an important part of higher education. What does this “new world” mean for you, when you’re saving for college? Will a 529 plan still be relevant?

In a word, yes. First of all, a 529 plan can offer tax advantages. Earnings in a 529 plan are federally tax-free, provided

the money is used for qualified educational expenses. And if you invest in your own state’s 529 plan, your contributions may be tax deductible. (Withdrawals used for expenses other than qualified education expenses may be subject to federal and state taxes as well as a 10 percent penalty.) Because tax issues for 529 plans can be complex, you’ll want to consult with your tax advisor before investing.

Online learning costs are eligible for a 529 plan’s tax benefits just as much as those incurred from in-person classes. Tuition, textbooks, supplies, computers and services – all of these should qualify, assuming the school meets certain criteria. Also, students enrolled half-time or more don’t have to live in a dorm for room and board expenses to be covered by a 529 plan – they can live in off-campus housing. However, these room-and-board costs typically must equal the cost of living on campus. Some schools identify a specific cost for “commuters” or “at-home

students,” so you will need to contact the college directly to determine qualified room-and-board costs.

Now, let’s take a quick look at what some changes in the rules governing 529 plans over the past few years might mean for you. Eligible expenses from your 529 plan include the following:

K-12 expenses – Parents can withdraw up to \$10,000 per student, per year, from their 529 plan to pay for tuition expenses at elementary and secondary schools. So, if you intend to send your children to a private school, this use of a 529 plan might interest you.

Apprenticeships – 529 plans can be used to pay for fees, textbooks, equipment and other supplies connected to apprenticeship programs registered with the Department of Labor. These programs, typically offered at a community college, combine classroom instruction with on-the-job training.

Student loans – Families can withdraw

funds from a 529 plan to repay the principal and interest for qualified education loans, including federal and most private student loans. There’s a lifetime limit of \$10,000 for student loan repayments per each 529 plan beneficiary and another \$10,000 for each of the beneficiary’s siblings.

All of these newer uses of 529 plans may contain additional guidelines and exceptions, and state tax treatment varies, so you’ll want to consult with your tax advisor before taking money from your account. But it’s valuable for you to know the different ways you can put a 529 plan to work.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stop buying into the big lie

To the Editor:
You're wrong.
There is no maybe, partly, in some way, or any way. You are wrong. Stop it! If you believe the big lie, this is going to be harsh. Do you have the open mind to at least hear me out, or will you run to partisan media to continue hearing what you wish to hear? I challenge you.
Rather than repeat the unending list of ways that the twice impeached (guilty but not convicted, yet) former president failed his oath of office, corrupted government at every turn with the stated goal of dismantling it, took freely from your tax dollars at every opportunity, and is directly responsible for literally hundreds of thousands of American deaths, I'll focus on one continuing issue.
He prepped you. Repeated the lie, starting a long time ago. Made sure you heard the lie every day in speeches, Tweets, and directed governmental actions, such as your mail now taking five days instead of two or three. Convinced a significant number of sycophants to repeat the lie and re-Tweet it. Then, invented, assembled, and incited a violent insurrection to stop Congress from doing its job based on the same lie. Did you see the Confederate battle flag in the US Congress? You support that? Really? That's no longer free speech, it's brazen and violent rebellion against the United States. And it continues.
The big lie. Saying that the only way he could lose was cheating by the 'other side.' And you've all heard, with your own ears, in his own voice, imploring the duly elected, Republican Secretary of State in Georgia, to "find" 11,779 votes. If you haven't heard that, you are not listening. Why won't you believe your own ears and common sense?
When you go to the town hall, check in and get your ballot, make your vote, then check out and slide the ballot into the counter, what are you thinking? Don't you believe that the town clerk, municipal officials, poll workers, people you know, and everyone else involved are behaving exactly as you wish them too. To count each and every ballot correctly. Recounts, audits, and every other mechanism for voter safety are carefully done. Where would you believe it could go awry? Stop trying to tear down the very foundation of our democracy. Without evidence.
Are you aware of the rarity of voter fraud? In Massachusetts, any desire to

vote more than once is more than offset by the potential penalties of five years in prison, and a \$15,000 fine. Check me on this, but I believe that is per violation. Pretty serious. But does it happen? Sure. Rarely, and often for bizarre reasons, some innocent. But widespread voter fraud, impacting the entire election process? No. It's a lie. The big lie. Try reading some of the study by 'the Heritage Foundation,' a conservative think tank. Their study of voter fraud over more than 20 years will inform you well.
So stop being un-American. That's right. Un-American. To persist in believing the lie, against all sense, reason, or evidence, best shows how you have been a target of a successful disinformation campaign. There is no easy way to say it — you've been duped. We can discuss by whom, and why, but for now, it's only necessary that you stop believing the lie. Turning your back on the rule of law, is the most divisive facet. If you truly wish to see some unity, start with a simple truth. The election of 2020 is in the books, and #45 lost. Fair and square. Period.
Want to discuss policy? Great. Have a debate on the size or details of government actions, whether successes or failure? Sure. Argue broadly about foreign affairs, infrastructure, the tax code, privacy issues, broadband coverage, the Second Amendment or more? I'm happy to spend some time discussing, learning, debating, disagreeing, and working to find common understanding. But until and unless, you are willing to believe that the election was free, fair, and over, I hold that you are killing America. No less. You are actively supporting the subversion of American laws, ideals, customs, traditions, and fairness. Exactly what particular foreign players want to see in our country.
It is very difficult and puzzling to hear folks say God bless America on one hand and act to dismantle it on the other. "Ask what you can do for your country," JFK said. I grew up in Webster, went to war, vote consistently, worked hard, got elected, then un-elected to public office, pay taxes, and don't so much say I love this country, as I act to love this country. I ask that you join me.
PETER SLOTA
WEBSTER

Putting the focus on our students

Vote Marsi

To the Editor:
My wife and I strongly support John Marsi's campaign for re-election to the Dudley Board of Selectmen.
John has the experience and has full understanding of town government. He always votes in the best interest of the town and its taxpayers.

John as proven himself for the past three terms and is 100 percent responsible and service the town of Dudley with no hidden agendas.
I strongly urge the voters of Dudley to support John Marsi in his bid for re-election to the Board of Selectmen.
PETER E. FOX
DUDLEY

I would appreciate your vote

To the Editor:

My name is Daniel Edmiston, and I'm running to be re-elected to the Town of Dudley Planning Board. I'm running as a write-in candidate, and would appreciate your vote.

I've been on the Planning Board for the past four years, and have served the last two as the Chairman. Prior to being elected to the Planning Board I served one year of an appointed term on the Finance, Appropriations, and Advisory Committee (FAA), and prior to that I worked on the Rail Trail for a summer.

I moved to Dudley six years ago. I was born outside of Buffalo, N.Y., and graduated from high school in South Bend, IN. After serving in the Army for two years and attending college, I moved to Germany and ended up staying there for seventeen years. I earned a Bachelor of Architecture degree from a German college in Coburg. I was a practicing architect in Germany before returning to the States in 2005. I currently work as a construction estimator

in the Worcester office of a firm whose main office is in Needham Heights.

My girlfriend Sandi and I have been together for over fifteen years. We have a 13-year-old who is a student at Dudley Middle School (the school system in Dudley is top notch!).

Although I've seen many places and lived in many different areas, I found my home in Dudley. As a member of the Planning Board, it's my goal to do everything I can to preserve the one-of-a-kind nature of Dudley and to help manage a slow and controlled growth.

I understand that running as a write-in candidate doesn't make it easy on the voters, but if you'd remember my name on election day and jot it down on the proper line, it would be much appreciated.

Thank you.
DANIEL EDMISTON
DUDLEY

Biden's stance on immigration

To the Editor:
As of May 3, President Biden announced to a divided nation that the refugee admission cap for this fiscal year will be 62,500. This is a 47,500 increase from Trump's highly restricting cap of 15,000, but the New York Times highlights that Biden may have "felt pressure to act" and doesn't believe that the goal will be reached due to budget and staffing cuts (Shaer). However, for a leader who believes that such a low admissions cap doesn't reflect America's values, why should the new admissions cap be raised so high if there's an immense amount of doubt that the goal will be achieved?
Having worked with a refugee resettlement program, I know how desperate some refugee families are to become a

part of a society that offers great opportunities and restoration. So, instead of raising the cap to such an unreasonable number, it's important that our leadership understand that a greater number of suffering refugees may have a greater chance of crossing the border into asylum if the number is lowered which may increase the eagerness of unsettled persons to want to enter. In this way, this gives our leadership more time to properly equip refugee resettlement programs and security to ensure that future refugees enter the US safely and efficiently.
ABIGAIL GOODELL
OXFORD

Webster is fast becoming the place to dine!

To the Editor:
While it may seem as though time has stood still for the last 14 months, there has been a lot happening here in Webster. Webster has always had a wide variety of restaurants and very soon we will be able to add a few more to our list. In spite of COVID-19, we had The Stave & Still which offers a variety of dishes using seasonal ingredients, open at 131 Main St. For smoothies and teas we had Factor Level Nutrition open at 178 Main St. If Spanish food is on your list we have two options for you. Just Wing it at 548 S. Main St. has Spanish food along with a variety of other items, including pizza. Caribbean Grill and Market at 248 Main St. has Spanish food, sandwiches and a small convenience store.
As we are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel we have even more choices coming our way! Monte Bianco is moving from their Thompson location to 140 Main St. Opened Tuesday, May 18 with their amazing Italian dishes. They will be BYOB until their full liquor license comes in. Also in May, Mike's Crunchies and Munchies will be opening. Whether you are in the mood for a snack or dinner they have you covered at 38 Main St. Opening a little later in the summer we have an old favorite coming back. Capellinis Italian Restaurant at 141 Worcester Rd.

will be back with their wide variety of food items. Also opening this summer we have Brick oven pizza coming to 175 Main St. For now we can only enjoy their beautiful mural, but soon we will be able to enjoy their food and drinks.
And let's not forget about the restaurants that have been in town for a long time to bring you your favorites!
Listed in alphabetical order we have:
Alley Cat Diner, Apollo Pizza, B. Kind Café, Big Belly Café, Bistro Eighty Ates, Booklover Gourmet, Cakettes, Delray Docs, East Main Café, Eastern Pearl, Empire Wok, French River Taproom, Friendly's, Golden Greek, Himalaya Wok, Lake Pizza, Mama's Kitchen, Mexicali, Northeast Pizza, Point Breeze, Rainbow Pizza, Samuel Slaters, Thai Cuisine, Thai Lemongrass, The Lodge, The Rose Room, Waterfront Mary's, Webster House of Pizza, and Wind Tiki.
If you need something on the run we also have a variety of fast food restaurants in town to suit your needs.
Whether the restaurant that you go to has been in town for decades or just opening up, they have had to adjust a lot to follow the guidelines and keep customers and employees safe. Please remember this if it means you might have to be a little more patient.
CAROLE MARCHAND
RECREATION DIRECTOR
WEBSTER

Putting the focus on our students

To the Editor:

My name is Caitlynn Panczyk, and I am running for a seat on the Dudley Charlton Regional School District (DCRSD) School Committee in the Dudley town election to be held on Monday, June 14.

My main objective and reason for running for school committee is to bring students back to be the primary focus. While I understand there are many factors necessary to have a successful school district, my focus is to see students take priority with all decisions being made. Having my own children in the district, I can assure you that I will be a strong advocate for all children that attend DCRSD. In addition to supporting the students of our district, my aim is to include parents as part of the decision-making process, as they are the voice of their children. This past year, DCRSD had a slow start to achieve the goal of getting as many students back in the building as soon as possible. Parents felt unheard as the majority wanted their children in school more than two half days per week. This was evidenced by the surveys presented during the school committee meetings. Students did return to school five full days, once mandated to do so by Commissioner of Education, Jeffrey Riley.

As we take steps to transition back to pre-pandemic lifestyles, my goal is to ensure that our district is a leader in following the most up to date scientific data that will ensure the safest environment for all students and staff. We have years of work ahead of us as we close the gaps created this past year, from loss of learning to the social and emotional needs of the students. While creating a plan is a start, constant re-evaluation of all the plans is necessary in order to achieve desired outcomes especially as data is emerging often.

Lastly, it is important for our district to be budget conscientious. It is well known that DCRSD is on the lower end of the totem pole for per pupil expenditure, yet we have a longstanding reputation for the excellent school district we have. This typically does not always go hand in hand. However, many citizens that live within our community also work within our town. We are fortunate to have wonderful friends and neighbors going the extra mile for the sake of the children. As we continue to strive for greatness while on a limited budget, it is important to be creative. Identifying areas of need while eliminating areas of waste are important. Also, I hope as we continue to progress towards pre-pandemic normalcy, those students that have left the district to either go to private school, home school, or school choice, etc. are able to return home.

Twelve years ago, my husband and I bought our first home in Dudley, and I was excited to return to this wonderful community that I grew up in as a child. Two years ago, as we began looking for another home, our realtor knew whatever house we bought, had to be in Dudley. Like many other parents the number one reason for settling in

this area and wanting to remain in the area, is the remarkable school district we have.

I have three children that attend three different schools in Dudley. Emma (11) attends fifth grade at Dudley Middle, Olivia (eight) is in third grade at Dudley Elementary and Benjamin (five) goes to preschool at Mason Road.

I have been an active volunteer within the school community since my children entered the district. When I am not working, I have attended and/or offered my time to many Dudley PTO events in order to raise money to support students in Pre-K through eighth grade. In addition, I participated in the School Advisory Council at Mason Road School. After the librarian positions were eliminated due to budget cuts, I became a parent library volunteer to foster the love of reading. Prior to the pandemic I often volunteered within the classrooms when given the opportunity. Currently, I volunteer at Dudley Elementary's Walking Club to ensure the safety of students while integrating physical activity during recess.

Since the pandemic, I have remained active within the school in other ways. I am the author of the parent petition that gained nearly 600 signatures advocating for more live and synchronous instruction for all students. This was a positive pathway as many learned the difficulty of asynchronous instruction and learning on both ends of the computer. I have been very active within all the School Committee meetings and often communicate with the committee members by either email or phone to voice concern, add intellect and express encouragement during this unprecedented year.

I am qualified for this position, and would bring a necessary strong voice to the table. Professionally, I am a full time Registered Nurse and I work in the Maternity department at UMass Memorial in Worcester. Education has always been important to me. I have a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing from Elms College and a Master's of Science in Nursing from MCPHS in Worcester. My professional experience as a nurse has taught me the importance of multidisciplinary team. Communication among all disciplines is key to success in providing the best possible patient care. Similarly, the school should be equipped with the necessary trained professionals in order to provide the best possible education that our children deserve.

I would be proud to serve the children of the Dudley Charlton Regional School District for the next three years. As Dr. Dickson, CEO of UMass Memorial Medical Center recently said, "kids represent 10-15 percent of the population, but they're 100 percent of our future." On June 14, I am humbly asking for your vote as I am dedicated to invest my time for the benefit of our future, encompassing John Paire's motto "be better."

CAITLYNN SEALEY
DUDLEY

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OBITUARIES

Dorothy (Dot) Wetherbee



Webster MA / Thompson CT- Dorothy (Dot) Wetherbee (Reardon) passed away peacefully in her sleep on May 16th. She was born in Dudley MA on August 4, 1930 to Edward I Reardon and Blanche (Payant) Reardon. Dorothy grew up in Dudley until marrying and moving to Webster. She is survived by two daughters, Beverly Walker and her husband Dale of Florida and Jennipher Goloski and her husband Justin of North Grosvenordale. She is predeceased by her husband Kenneth of 68 years, two daughters, Deborah Slye in 2009 and Donna Wetherbee in 2008. In addition to her parents, she was also predeceased by her three brothers, Edward, Walter and Robert Reardon. She also leaves four grandchildren, Kimberly Hachey, Robert Mann, Christopher Stelmach and Daniel Stelmach, eight great grandchildren, Angela, Harrison, Martin, Savannah, Kenny, Sean, Joshua and Brendan along with one great-great granddaughter Aria. Also several nieces and nephews.

Dorothy lived on Webster Lake most of her life where she brought up her family and worked many years at South Village Mill in Webster as a spinner. She later moved to Winthrop Maine for several years before coming back home and settling in Thompson CT. The most important thing to Dorothy was her family and she always enjoyed summers at the Cape and later at their summer home on Nantucket Island. For many years, Dot was an active member of the Silver Dippers, The Webster Senior Center and Woman's Bowling League. She had an amazing sense of humor and a sassy personality which always livened up any gathering. Dorothy was happiest around family and the door was always open for her children and grandchildren. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her and heaven will never be the same! A graveside service will be held at the convenience of the family. Robert J Miller Funeral Home and Lake Chapel , 366 School St., Webster is assisting with services. To leave a message of condolence, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net

Carlton F. Thomas, 91



OXFORD – Carlton F. Thomas, 91, of Woodland Drive, died Saturday, May 22, 2021, at the Overlook Masonic Health Center in Charlton. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Shirley A. (Briddon) Thomas of Oxford; five children, Garry L. Thompson and his wife Joyce of Hazlet, NJ, Cheryl D. Bengtson and her husband Jon of Douglas, Lois E. Bunker of Oxford, Heidi T. Kenney and her husband David of Hubbardston, and Paul C. Thomas and his wife Tammy of Archdale, NC; three stepchildren, Donna M. Wenc and her husband Rodney of Grafton, Michael L. Sabourin and his wife Ellen of Shrewsbury, and Robin L. Dryden and her husband Frederick of Oxford; a sister, Helen L. Soponski of Auburn; 13 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and many nephews and nieces. He was predeceased by his wife, Lois M. (Thompson) Thomas who died in 1968; a granddaughter, Heather Thomas who died in 2016; and 10 brothers and sisters. He

was born in Auburn, son of the late Frank E. and Irma L. (Batchelder) Thomas, and lived in Auburn and Worcester before moving to Oxford in 1959. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1948 – 1952 aboard the U.S.S. Coral Sea, with the rank of Aviation Store Officer 3rd Class. Mr. Thomas owned and operated Carl's Diner in Oxford for 23 years, retiring in 1995. Previously, he worked for Wyman-Gordon in Grafton as a methods engineer. As a young man, he worked for "Thomas Brothers Ice and Oil," his father's ice business. Mr. Thomas was a member of the Oxford Business Association and the Oxford Lions Club. He enjoyed golf, wood-working and camping, and was an avid Red Sox and Patriots fan. Services will be private. Burial will be private at North Cemetery in Oxford. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements.



Paul Chabot, 85



Paul Chabot, 85, of Webster died Sunday, May 23, 2021 at Life Care Center Auburn of Auburn, MA. Paul was born August 31, 1935 in Webster, MA. He is the son of the late Arthur and the late Helen (Paholska) Chabot. He is survived by one daughter: Lori Nowosadko and her husband John of Woodstock CT, and two sons: James Chabot of Webster, and David Chabot and his wife Paula Gottlich of Dudley, Grandsons Paul Chabot of Dudley, Peter Nowosadko and Christohper and Emily Nowosadko of North Grosvenordale CT; and James Chabot Jr of California. Great Grand Child , Zoe Nowosadko; two sis-

ters: Janet Therrien of Uxbridge, and Doris and John Baczek of North Grosvenordale, CT, and one brother: Leonard and Jessie Chabot of SC; Former Wife, Cynthia Chabot of Putnam, CT; He Graduated from Assumption College and was A buyer for retail stores for many years . He loved to watch the New England Patriots and Boston Red Sox. He was happiest spending time with family and his dogs, Chico and Angel. He served in the Army reserves A graveside service will be held 11:00 am on Friday, June 4 at Sacred Heart Of Jesus Cemetery, Old Worcester Rd., Webster, MA



Lorraine A. (Dion) Carlson of North Chatham, MA died peacefully at the age of 88 on May 22, 2021 surrounded by family. She was born to George and Claudia (Rivard) Dion in Worcester, MA where she met and married Russell H. Carlson in 1952. Lorraine and Russell raised their 14 children in Oxford, MA before moving to Hyannis, MA in 1985. Lorraine is preceded in death by her husband Russell, her brother George (Sonny) Dion and her daughter Charlemagne (Cookie) Johnson. She is survived by her sister Joyce (Dion) O'Keefe of Oxford, MA, her children Crystal Carlson of San Francisco, CA, Claudia Bunn of Rochdale, MA, Curt (Laurie) Carlson of Worcester, MA, Cindy (Alan) Hammond of Oxford, MA, Candy (Raymond) LaRochelle of Melbourne, FL, Charlene (Vincent) Nappa of Palm Bay, FL, Claudette (Gary) Tinsley of Oxford, MA, Craig Carlson of Oxford, MA, Carrie (John) Fahle of South Chatham, MA, Christina Flanagan of Oxford, MA, Christopher (Theresa) Carlson of North Brookfield, MA, Cassie (John) Maher of Cotuit,

MA and Chad (Beverley) Carlson of Harwich Port, MA. She was a much loved Nanny to 40 grandchildren and 37 great grandchildren as well as many nieces and nephews. Lorraine enjoyed cooking, sewing, quilting, and needlepoint. She loved to travel and delighted in spending endless family weekends on Cape Cod. She was always excited to watch her favorite sports teams on television, as well as in person spectating at her children and grandchildren's games. She also loved to dance! Her greatest joy in life however, was being surrounded by her cherished family of whom she was so proud. They will forever be grateful for the close family bond she and her husband created. In our hearts always, we love you Nanny. The Carlson family would like to thank Broad Reach of Chatham, and the staff at The Victorian, Liberty Commons and Broad Reach Hospice, for the kindhearted, warm and compassionate care they gave our Mom. A private celebration of life will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Ovarian Cancer Research Fund, 14 Pennsylvania Plaza, Suite 1710, New York, NY 10122 or at www.ocrf.org/donatenow to support ovarian cancer research.c

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PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550,
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Friday's Child



Jayvon
Age 10

Hi! My name is Jayvon and I want to be a police officer or firefighter.

Jayvon is a boy of Caucasian and Hispanic descent who loves to jump and run. He is an energetic child who enjoys going to the playground and particularly likes to play on jungle gyms. Jayvon is very proud that he recently learned how to ride a bike. Jayvon also likes board games, playing games on his tablet, and Pokémon cards. When he grows up Jayvon would like to be a police officer or a fireman. Jayvon is smart in many ways and enjoys school. He is currently receiving academic supports.

Legally freed for adoption, Jayvon will do well in a family of any constellation where he is

the youngest or only child. He will thrive in a family that can provide him with affection, guidance, structure, and calm limit setting. A family for Jayvon must be open to helping him maintain contact with his sisters who reside in Massachusetts.

Who Can Adopt?

Can you provide the guidance, love and stability that a child needs? If you're at least 18 years old, have a stable source of income, and room in your heart, you may be a perfect match to adopt a waiting child. Adoptive parents can be single, married, or partnered; experienced or not; renters or homeowners; LGBTQ singles and couples.

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.

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-964-6273 or visit www.mare-inc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have a permanent place to call home.



Latest antiques, collectibles, and auction news

The Moscow Times reported that two paintings of Rasputin are headed to the auction block. According to the Moscow Times, "the portraits were done by Theodora Krarup, a Danish artist, in St. Petersburg. Karaup did a total of 16 portraits of Rasputin, most of which have been lost or destroyed. Krarup sold three portraits of Rasputin to the Finnish Consul General, Otto Auer. One was resold and its whereabouts are now unknown, but descendants of Auer consigned the two remaining portraits to the auction house. Grigory Rasputin was renowned — and reviled — for his supposed ability to stop the Tsarevich's hemophiliac bleeding and for his supposed influence on the royal family." Rasputin was assassinated in 1916. The Moscow Times reports that the auction estimates are \$16,500 to \$24,600 and \$82,000 to \$98,000.

In other art news, rockstar Alice Cooper is auctioning an Andy Warhol silkscreen on canvas. According to the Arizona Republic, the artwork titled "Little Electric Chair" was gifted to Cooper by his former girlfriend and model Cindy Lang. She paid \$2,500 for it in 1972. Cooper said "I never was a Warhol collector. I collect other artists but I never really collected Andy Warhol so I'm sure there's somebody out there that is a Warhol fan," according to the Arizona Republic. It is estimated to sell for between \$2.5 million and \$4.5 million.

A collection of rare baseball cards is also going to auction. The collection belonged to Dr. Thomas Newman of Tampa, Fla., who died in January of COVID-19 at the age of 73. ESPN reported that "he began collecting as a child, and through loving the sport of baseball, he had built a small collection of 1950s cards that was thrown out by his mother when he went to college." He began collecting cards again to replace his discarded collection when he graduated from medical school and the collection eventually grew to over 1,000 cards. The most valuable card is a 1933 Godey Babe Ruth card. "The card could fetch close to \$5 million, and the entire lot could eclipse \$20 million",



according to ESPN. In other auction news, a Tiffany lamp recently set an auction record, according to the Antiques and Arts Weekly. The lamp was designed for the 1900 Exposition Universelle in Paris by Tiffany Studios. Antiques and the Arts reported that" the 29-and-a-half-inch lamp featured a hand-blown favrile glass globe-form shade on top of a hammered and patinated copper base. The spectacular imagery of the lamp depicts the growth cycle of a dandelion, the yellow flower rising from the base's bottom up to its top, where it features a crown of seed puffs. The globe on top features a contour pattern similar to a topographic map, intended to represent the wind currents blowing through and sweeping the seeds away." The dandelion lamp blew away the record for any Tiffany work when it sold for \$3.7 million. Our next multi-estate online auction is running and ends on June 16. Our sports and non-sports cards online auction is also open for bidding and ends on June 23. More events are already planned. See our website for details on upcoming events: <https://centralmassauctions.com>.

Contact us at: Wayne Tuiskula Auctioneer/Appraiser Central Mass Auctions for Antique Auctions, Estate Sales and Appraisal Services www.centralmassauctions.com (508-612- 6111) info@centralmassauctions.com.



ANTIQUES,
COLLECTIBLES
& ESTATES
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WAYNE TUISKULA

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A vote for me is a vote for security and integrity

To the Editor:
My name is Richard A. Carmignani, Jr., and I have had the honor of serving as your elected Treasurer/Collector for the previous 19 years. For the first time since 2004, the election for the three-year term is a contested race. A vote for me on Monday, June 14 is a vote for continued financial security, integrity, and attentiveness from a member of your community.
Proudly, I am a graduate of Shepherd Hill '88, Saint Anselm College BA Business '92, and Nichols College MBA '01. Since becoming Treasurer/Collector, I have served as President for both the Worcester County and Massachusetts Collectors and Treasurers Associations rightfully having earned the designations of Certified Massachusetts Municipal Collector and Treasurer. Today, I remain on the Executive Committees and contribute my time to the improvement of the organization. Outside of work, you will likely see me at Saint Andrew Bobola Church where I sit as Chair of the Finance Committee, at one of the various athletic fields or gyms coaching soccer, baseball or basketball

or performing some fundraising work for the Knights of Columbus as Past Grand Knight with 31 years of loyal membership. Immediately after completing my master's degree, I spent two years on the Dudley Finance Advisory and Appropriations Committee.
The position of Treasurer/Collector in Dudley is unique. Neighboring towns have larger staff and more budgetary flexibility. The health insurance benefits, property and casualty lines and even postage and fuel procurement are managed in the Treasurer/Collector's office. With my education and experience, the health benefits from Fiscal Year 2012 through FY2022 have seen a modest 10.49% rate increase or just a little more than \$1.02/week per year out of each employee's paycheck for their family's health plan. The 2019-2022 plan years saved a projected \$160,000 from the Town's budget. More modestly, the property and casualty insurance noted only a \$30,000 savings for the upcoming year. I advocated for the passage of M.G.L. c.32B §9 1/2D preserving surviving spouse health insurance for our town retirees. The new Pearle L. Crawford Memorial

Library was paid in full over a five-year period instead of 20 years saving \$691,000+ in interest costs while reducing the overall debt assigned to the tax rate. I have never left focus of the core mission maintaining the consistently high collection rate 96 percent real estate collections 15 days after the due date as noted in the more recent Standard and Poor's Ratings Call. My office has always held a tight line with tax title liens and foreclosures and will continue to do so. Consistency and careful management have brought in more than \$924,000 worth of arrearages since 2017, plus an additional \$554,000 or more in the three foreclosure auction sales held since 2008. With the \$20 million water infrastructure projects well underway, I have spent more than two years working on the compliance, reporting and operational/financial management of these projects. These successes are the direct result of hard work and experience. They could never have been accomplished by simply shaking the right hands or resting on your laurels.
At no point in my 19 years of service, have I taken the position for granted or simply waited for someone else to

demonstrate the leadership to do the right things. My accomplishments demonstrate a commitment to professional development, a positive presence in the community and the ability to identify and make effective management decisions. No one wishes to move the office back to square one and erase the momentum gained over the previous two decades. The technological advances are already here providing safety and convenience. As more innovations occur, we will work them into the budget providing the flexibility required to address the evolving needs of Dudley's newer families. Our return to normalcy will always retain the in-person customer service and stamped receipts for those who are a bit more traditional. And with crossed fingers, we will be selling Strawberry Festival tickets once again from the Collector's Office in 2022.
Please vote on Monday, June 14 for Richard A. Carmignani, Jr. for Treasurer/Collector.
Thank you,
RICHARD A. CARMIGNANI, JR.
DUDLEY

LEGALS

**SUPREME COURT
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF ALBANY
INDEX NO. 900346-18**
Plaintiff designates ALBANY as the place of trial situs of the real property
**SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL
SUMMONS**
Mortgaged Premises:
72 CORDELL ROAD
SCHENECTADY, NY 12304
Section: 16.6
Block: 2
Lot: 31
REVERSE MORTGAGE
SOLUTIONS, INC.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
MELINDA A. DODGE AS EXECUTOR
AND AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE
OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID M.
HARRELL; MATTHEW HARRELL,
AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE
OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID M.
HARRELL; MELINDA HERRELL
A/K/A MINDI HERRELL, AS HEIR
AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE
ESTATE OF DAVID M. HARRELL;
THOMAS HERRELL, AS HEIR AND
DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE
OF DAVID M. HARRELL; M.B. AS
HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE
ESTATE OF DAVID M. HARRELL;
L. D. AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE
OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID M.
HARRELL; MICHAEL M. BIEGER
AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE
OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID M.
HARRELL; DOLORES C. HADDAD
AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE
OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID M.
HARRELL; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND
DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE
OF DAVID M. HARRELL, AS HEIR
AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE
ESTATE OF DAVID C. HARRELL;
any and all persons unknown to
plaintiff, claiming, or who may
claim to have an interest in, or
general or specific lien upon the
real property described in this
action; such unknown persons
being herein generally described
and intended to be included in
the following designation, namely:
the wife, widow, husband,
widower, heirs at law, next of
kin, descendants, executors,
administrators, devisees, legatees,
creditors, trustees, committees,
lienors, and assignees of such
deceased, any and all persons
deriving interest in or lien upon,
or title to said real property by,
through or under them, or either
of them, and their respective
wives, widows, husbands,
widowers, heirs at law, next of
kin, descendants, executors,
administrators, devisees,
legatees, creditors, trustees,
committees, lienors and assigns,
all of whom and whose names,
except as stated, are unknown
to plaintiff; UNKNOWN HEIRS
OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID C.
HARRELL; any and all persons
unknown to plaintiff, claiming,
or who may claim to have an
interest in, or general or specific
lien upon the real property
described in this action; such
unknown persons being herein
generally described and intended
to be included in the following
designation, namely: the wife,
widow, husband, widower,
heirs at law, next of kin,
descendants, executors,
administrators, devisees,
legatees, creditors, trustees,
committees, lienors and assigns,
all of whom and whose names,
except as stated, are unknown
to plaintiff;
NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT
OF TAXATION AND FINANCE;
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA –

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE;
SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT; THE
PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW
YORK;
“JOHN DOE #1” through “JOHN
DOE #12,” the last twelve names
being fictitious and unknown to
plaintiff, the persons or parties
intended being the tenants,
occupants, persons or corporations,
if any, having or claiming an
interest in or lien upon the
premises, described in the
complaint, Defendants.
To the above named Defendants
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED
to answer the complaint in this
action and to serve a copy of your
answer, or, if the complaint is not
served with this summons, to
serve a notice of appearance on
the Plaintiff's Attorney within
20 days after the service of this
summons, exclusive of the day
of service (or within 30 days
after the service is complete if
this summons is not personally
delivered to you within the State
of New York) in the event the
United States of America is made
a party defendant, the time to
answer for the said United States
of America shall not expire until
(60) days after service of the
Summons; and in case of your
failure to appear or answer,
judgment will be taken against
you by default for the relief
demanded in the complaint.
**NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION
AND RELIEF SOUGHT**
**THE OBJECT of the above caption
action is to foreclose a Mortgage
to secure the sum of \$225,000.00
and interest, recorded on July 23,
2014, at Liber 6842 Page 409, of
the Public Records of ALBANY
County, New York, covering premises
known as 72 CORDELL ROAD
SCHENECTADY, NY 12304.**
**The relief sought in the within
action is a final judgment directing
the sale of the premises described
above to satisfy the debt secured
by the Mortgage described above.**
**ALBANY County is designated as
the place of trial because the real
property affected by this action is
located in said county.**
NOTICE
**YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING
YOUR HOME**
If you do not respond to this
summons and complaint by
serving a copy of the answer
to the attorney for the mortgage
company who filed this foreclosure
proceeding against you and
filing the answer with the court,
a default judgment may be
entered and you can lose your
home. Speak to an attorney or
go to the court where your case
is pending for further information
on how to answer the summons
and protect your property.
Sending a payment to the mortgage
company will not stop the foreclosure
action.
YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING
A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE
ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF
(MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND
FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE
COURT.
RAS BORISKIN, LLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
HEDVA D. HAVIV, ESQ.
900 Merchants Concourse, Suite
310
Westbury, NY 11590
516-280-7675
May 28, 2021
June 4, 2021
June 11, 2021
June 18, 2021
**NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE
OF REAL ESTATE**
By virtue and in execution of the
Power of Sale contained in a certain
Mortgage given by **Leonard J. Melanson**
to **Citizens Bank of Massachusetts**
dated September 30, 2006 and record-

ed with the Worcester County
Registry of Deeds in Book 40070,
Page 173 and assignmented as
follow: from Citizens Bank, N.A.
F/K/A RBS Citizens, N.A. F/K/A
Citizens Bank, N.A. S/B/M to
Citizens Bank of Massachusetts
to Wilmington Savings Fund
Society, FSB, as Trustee for
Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust
A, dated October 03, 2016,
recorded or filed at Worcester
County Registry of Deeds in Book:
56752, Page: 174. Assignment
from Wilmington Savings Fund
Society, FSB, as Trustee for
Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust
A to Elizon Master Participation
Trust I, U.S. Bank Trust National
Association, as Owner Trustee,
dated June 04, 2020 recorded
or filed at Worcester County
Registry of Deeds in Book:
62663, Page: 11 of which mortgage
**Elizon Master Participation Trust I,
U.S. Bank Trust National Association,
as Owner Trustee** is the present
holder, for breach of the conditions
of said mortgage and for the
purpose of foreclosing, the same
will be sold at Public Auction at
11:00 AM on June 18, 2021
at 61 Poland Street, Webster
01570, Worcester County,
Massachusetts, all and singular
the premises described in said
mortgage:
TO WIT:
*A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND
LOCATED AT LOT 2, POLAND
STREET, WEBSTER, WORCESTER
COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS,
BEING MORE PARTICULARLY
DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
LOT 2 ON A PLAN OF LAND
ENTITLED PLAN OF LAND IN
WEBSTER, MASSACHUSETTS
PREPARED BY B&R SURVEY,
INC. DATED APRIL 7, 2005
AND RECORDED IN THE
WORCESTER DISTRICT
REGISTRY OF DEEDS ON MAY
16, 2005 IN PLAN BOOK 825,
PLAN 92 CONTAINING 16,
022 SQUARE FEET MORE
OR LESS. BEING THE SAME
PREMISES CONVEYED TO
PATRIOT HOMES, INC. BY
DEED OF NEAL STEVENS
AND ELIZABETH M. STEVENS
FKA ELIZABETH M. MALINOWSKI
DATED MAY 26, 2005, AND
RECORDED WITH THE
WORCESTER DISTRICT
REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN BOOK
36971, PAGE 200. BEING
ALL OF THAT CERTAIN
PROPERTY CONVEYED TO
LEONARD J. MELANSON FROM
PATRIOT HOMES, INC. BY
DEED DATED 01/31/2006
AND RECORDED 02/01/06
IN BOOK 38320, PAGE 372
IN THE LAND RECORDS OF
WORCESTER COUNTY,
MASSACHUSETTS.*
These premises will be sold and
conveyed subject to and with
the benefit of all rights, rights
of way, restrictions, easements,
covenants, liens or claims in
the nature of liens, improvements,
public assessments, any and
all unpaid taxes, tax titles,
tax liens, water and sewer
liens and any other municipal
assessments or liens or
existing encumbrances of
record which are in force
and are applicable, having
priority over said mortgage,
whether or not reference to
such restrictions, easements,
improvements, liens or
encumbrances is made in
the deed.
TERMS OF SALE:
A deposit of **FIVE THOUSAND
(\$5,000.00) DOLLARS** by
certified or bank check will
be required to be paid by the
purchaser at the time and
place of sale. The balance is
to be paid by certified or
bank check at **Braucher &
Amann, PLLC, 764 Chestnut
Street, Manchester, NH
03104, Tel (603)-486-1530**,
within thirty (30) days from
the date of sale. Deed will
be provided to purchaser
for recording upon receipt
in full of the purchase price.
The description of the
premises contained in said
mortgage shall control in
the event of an error in this
publication. Other terms, if
any, to be announced at the
sale.
**Elizon Master Participation Trust I,
U.S. Bank Trust National
Association, as Owner Trustee**
Present holder of said mortgage.
By its attorneys,

**Martha L. Davidson, Esq
Braucher & Amann, PLLC,
764 Chestnut Street, Manchester,
NH 03104, Tel (603)- 486-1530**
May 28, 2021
June 4, 2021
June 11, 2021
**PUBLIC NOTICE
DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
WATERWAYS REGULATION
PROGRAM
Notice of
Simplified License
Application pursuant to M.G.L.
Chapter 91
21-WW06-0002-APP**
NOTIFICATION DATE: June 4, 2021
PERMITTEE: Christopher Robert
PROJECT SITE ADDRESS: 32 Jackson Rd, Webster, MA
Public notice is hereby given of
the application for a Chapter 91
Simplified License by Christopher
Robert to construct/maintain a
dock in the waters of Webster
Lake at 32 Jackson Rd, Webster,
Worcester County.
**The Department will consider all
written comments on this
Waterways application received
by within 30 days of the
“Notification Date”.**
Failure of any aggrieved person
or group of ten citizens or more
to submit written comments to
the Waterways Regulation
Program will result in the waiver
of any right to an adjudicatory
hearing in accordance with 310
CMR 9.13(4)(c). The group of
citizens must include at least
five citizens who are residents
of the municipality in which the
proposed project is located.
Project plans for this Waterways
application are on file for public
viewing electronically, by request
to dep.waterways@mass.gov.
If you do not have access to
email, please leave a voicemail
at (617) 292-5929 and you will
be contacted with information
on alternative options.
It is recommended that public
comments be filed electronically
with dep.waterways@mass.gov
when possible. Alternatively,
comments may be mailed to
the Waterways Regulation
Program at: 1 Winter Street,
5th Floor, Boston, MA 02108.
June 4, 2021
**TOWN OF DUDLEY
PUBLIC HEARING**
The Board of Selectmen will
hold a Public Hearing on Monday,
June 21, 2021 at 6:35pm at the
Dudley Municipal Complex, 71
West Main Street, Dudley, MA
01571 in the Veteran's Memorial
Hall, Room 321A. The Purpose
of this Hearing: To Act on an
Application for an All Alcohol
Liquor License for Whiskey
Rocks, Inc d/b/a Whiskey Rocks
located at 4-14 Airport Rd.,
Dudley, MA This is not Shaws
Legal01571. Owner and
Manager: Jessica Valby.
Anyone wishing to be heard on
this matter should call the Board
of Selectmen Office at 508-949-
8001 to appear at the date and
time specified or submit their
concerns in writing. Kerry
Cyganiewicz, Sr. Chairman,
Board of Selectmen June 4,
2021
**Town of Webster
Legal Posting**
Articles 6 and 12 of the October
19, 2020 Annual Town Meeting
received positive votes at the
Annual Town Meeting and
approvals from the Attorney
General's Office. Article 6 deals
with, Marijuana Retailers
Limitation, within the limits of
the Town of Webster. Article 13
deals with Temporary Repairs
of Private Ways. Complete
copies of the Town meeting
votes and the approved bylaws
are available in the Town Clerk's
Office. Robert T. Craver
Webster Town Clerk June 4,
2021 June 11, 2021



REAL ESTATE



**Jules
Lusignan**



**T.A.
King**



**Maureen
Cimoch**



**Ellen
Therrien**



**John
Kokocinski**



**Adrienne
James**



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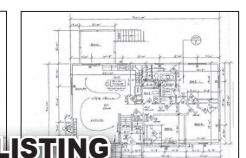
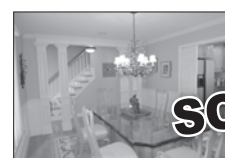
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WEBSTER LAKE - 11 Bay View Rd! One of the Lake's Premier Properties! 9,822' of Real Nice Set on .68 Acres of Park Like Grounds with 297' Waterfront! Over \$4 Million Spent! Nothing was Spared! 18 Spacious Rooms! 5 Water View Bedrooms, 4 with their Own Bathrooms! 5.5 Bathrooms Total! Brazilian Cherry Hardwood Floors, Grand & Spiral Stairways! Elevator from the Ground Floor up 3 to the Master Suite! In-door Resistance Swimming Pool, Hot Tub & Bathroom with Steam Shower just off the Mirrored Exercise Room! Billiard Room! Media Room with Custom Cabinetry & Wet Bar! Fantastic Center Island Granite Kitchen with Viking Gas Range, Sub-Zero Refrigerator, 16' Butler's Pantry & Breakfast Bar! Open Floor Plan! Dining Area, Family Room with Cherry Entertainment Center & Wet Bar! Open Formal Dining Room, Fireplace Living Room & Atrium! Library with Private Deck! Waterfront Master Suite with Private Office, Bedroom with Triple Glass Door to its Private Deck with Panoramic Lake Views, 3 Walk-in Closets, Lake View Bathroom with Huge Multi-Head Shower, Whirlpool Tub, Double Vanity Sinks & Separate Commode/Bidet/Pedestal Sink Area! 16 Zones of Updated Geothermal Heat & Air Conditioning - 30 Tons! Recessed Lighting & Sprinkler System Through Out! 3 Car Heated Garage! Full House Generator! Slate Roof! All Decks & Railings Brazilian Ipe Hardwood! Copper Gutters & Downspouts! It's Time to Reward Yourself! **\$2,149,900.00**

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Fluke fishing is great at Block Island



This week’s photo shows Matt Fontain with one of the numerous sea scaup he caught last week in Buzzards Bay after limiting out on some very large seabass.

Fluke fishing has been providing some great fishing for anglers fishing around Block Island. Numerous door-mats are being caught regularly at the Island. Seabass are also being caught, but are not legal to retain until June 24 in Massachusetts. Strippers are also on the increase in both Massachusetts & Rhode Island, but because of the slot limit, many anglers are fishing for fluke and other species of ground fish. Scaup are still legal game in both Massachusetts & Rhode Island, but the three fish limit of Tautog closed at the end of May. Check season dates for the reopening of tautog!

Mass. Fish & Wildlife is changing their plans on the massive increases

on hunting & fishing licenses proposed this past winter. There will be more public hearings on June 22, 23, and 24 to discuss a five-year phased in increases. Mass. Fish & Wildlife will be presenting the public hearings and changes on their web site soon, with the link for persons that would like to participate in discussions on those dates.

A couple of weeks ago, I was fishing with my nephew in Buzzards Bay on the Cape, and realized that I was fishing with fresh squid he had caught a month earlier. It was extremely noticeable when I attempted to place a piece on my hooks. It was a lot firmer than the low grade, soft squid I have been using for many years from tackle shops and



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high-end fish markets. It even caught fish, but just imagine what I would have caught if I was using freshly caught squid. Using fresh bait for fishing does catch more fish, but you also need to keep it on ice or in a cooler. So many times, I have had to tell my fishing buddies not to leave fresh bait in the sun.

Taking care of you freshly caught fish is also very important. Having a cooler with a good amount of ice will keep your catch fresh until you get home to clean them. It is a good idea to cut the throat of the fish so that they bleed out. It will make your fish a lot tastier at the table. Blue fish especially need to be handled this way and kept ice cold until you get home. Filleting your blue fish immediately after you catch them will ensure fresh fish at the table. Not all boat captains allow this type of cleaning on the boat for obvious reasons. I fished with one boat Captain years ago, that washed the boat down after every fish was landed!

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club will be holding another 3D archery shoot on June 6. This is a great opportunity to get the whole family into the sport of archery. The event is open to the public! Breakfast will be available starting at 7 a.m. The archery course is set up on more than 50 acres of land. Life size targets are set up over the 50 acres of woodlands, that are easily marked. A day on the archery course with family and friends is a good way to say goodbye to the pandemic!



Janet harper with her 26-pound wild turkey taken at the end of the Mass. Turkey season, with her crossbow.

Stripers are in at the Providence River, and they are feeding on the large schools of porgies that are also in the river, as well as every other body of water that holds stripers.

As the dog days of summer arrive, man’s best friend still needs to be exercised daily, and kept in a cool place. Keeping them indoors with air conditioning in the heat of the day, will insure a good healthy dog when hunting season rolls around. Heartworm medication and flea & tick medication needs to be administered year-round to your pet, to insure they stay healthy.

Take a Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

The importance of family traditions

Family traditions are meaningful to me. The older I get, the more important it is to preserve these annual happenings in hope that they will be passed down through generations. One of these traditions for our family is barbecued pork spareribs on Memorial Day. This year, I’m teaching my nephew, son-in-law, two sons and oldest grandson the recipe and methods. I’m sure they may add their special tweaks to the recipe but I’m confident the basics will remain.

I was 13 years old when my dad called me over to the grill and began teaching me. It may have been the first time my father spoke to me and treated me as an adult. Cooking ribs in the Moore household was serious busi-

ness and I felt a sense of pride that my father was entrusting me with this almost sacred responsibility. I didn’t understand it then, but from that day forward, ribs on Memorial Day were my responsibility, and has been since that moment.

I realized a few months ago that I’ve waited too long to pass the “tongs” off, so this holiday weekend was important. It represented a “changing of the guard” for our holiday tradition.

Cooking for me is an art form. There are specific techniques that create the repeated desired results. Over the years, there have been slight changes in methods and ingredients. I’m sure this next generation will do the same. I’ve added a few ingredients to my cooking

pallet and have slowed the cooking process down to create a more tender result, but over the last decade, the recipe and process had reached the point, that in my mind, created the perfect slab of Moore Family barbecue spareribs.

And of course, the barbecue jokes or “dad jokes” begin. “Why should you never BBQ on your roof? The steaks are too high.”

For those of you who enjoy cooking, I barbecue ribs in three basic steps. First, I remove the membrane from the bone side of the ribs and apply a rub of salt, pepper, smoke paprika and brown sugar. I then slowly smoke them with apple wood for three hours. Next, I wrap the ribs in aluminum foil and apply a little apple cider vinegar, butter and honey



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and place back on the grill for two hours. Then the final step is to unwrap them, put on a thick coating of sauce and put them back on the grill. Check them every fifteen minutes or so, making sure they do not overcook and dry out.

The weekend was everything I hoped for. My students took the process as serious as I hoped they would, and next year, it will be their responsibility. The ribs were a bit rushed because the teaching process set

us back a bit and as such, they were not as tender as usual. Next year will be better. I’ll just sit back, watch, try to keep my mouth shut and enjoy a responsibility-free holiday for the first time since I was thirteen.

Ribs of course are not what’s most important for this holiday. Another tradition is sharing the importance of why we celebrate Memorial Day. So many have given so much and it’s important not to forget their ultimate sacrifice.

So, what are your family traditions? A Utah woman felt so strongly about her family fudge recipe that she had it engraved on her tombstone. Is there something you hold so dear that it’s important to you to continue after you’re gone?

It’s never too late to begin. And maybe it isn’t passed down to you from generations before. Maybe it begins with you?

Oh ... one last dad barbecue joke ... “My dad always said he would go to his grave with his famous BBQ rib recipe. On his death bed, he had me lean in to tell me the secret ingredient.

That’s when I knew it was Thyme.”

Laughter is brightest when food is best.

Irish Proverb

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Garden-fresh vegetables help fight cancer



Tomatoes contain lycopene, a powerful antioxidant with many health benefits, including lowering the risk of certain types of cancer.

Cancer prevention starts on your dinner plate; actually, it starts in the garden. Growing your own nutrient-rich cancer fighting vegetables allows you to grow pesticide-free vegetables, harvest them at their peak, and use them right away, ensuring the highest nutrient value and best flavor.

Be sure to include some broccoli, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, kale, and turnip greens. These cruciferous vegetables release cancer fighting substances that help fend off lung, breast, liver, colon, and prostate cancer. Three weekly servings of these vegetables can greatly reduce your cancer risk. Include these vegetables in your stir fries, as a side dish, as an appetizer or eat them fresh as a snack.

If your space is limited, these plants can easily blend into your current garden space. The bold texture and form of red cabbage makes an eye-catching focal point. Turnips can easily be mixed with flowers or planted between longer season vegetables like tomatoes, peppers, and eggplant. Or mix some kale in with your



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flowers; the color and upright growth habit creates a nice vertical accent in the garden or containers.

Another popular vegetable that is a cancer-fighter, the tomato, can easily be grown on any size balcony or landscape. And nothing beats the flavor of fresh-from-the-garden tomatoes. Whether eaten fresh, juiced, sauced, or added to your favorite dish, this lycopene vegetable (a powerful antioxidant) will help in the fight against cancer.

To grow tomatoes, all you need is a container of potting mix or a sunny spot in your landscape. Save space and reduce pest problems by growing these vines on a stake, in a tomato cage or supported by any decorative structure. Compact varieties like Patio Choice Yellow Cherry, Early Girl Bush, Window Box Roma, and Red Robin are just a few you may want to try.

Always select a tomato variety suited to your growing conditions. Check the plant tag to make sure you have enough warm frost-free days for the plant to grow and produce in your area.

Include fiber rich beans in your garden and meals. Regular consumption of this natural source of antioxidants and phytochemicals can help reduce the risk of certain cancers. Go vertical, growing pole beans on a support if space is limited and for making harvesting much easier.

Save a bit of room for red onions. Research at the University of Guelph found red onions had high levels of quercetin and anthocyanins that help fight cancer. Start onions from sets or plants and harvest when the bulbs are full-size, and the tops begin to yellow and topple.

Not only will you improve your health by growing your own nutrient-rich vegetables you will also improve your well-being. Tending a garden can help improve your mood and reduce stress.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including The Midwest Gardener's Handbook and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally-syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Her Web site is www.melindamyers.com.

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