



Nichols names IWL after Engelkemeyer



Susan Engelkemeyer

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – The Institute for Women’s Leadership at Nichols College will have a famil-

iar name forever attached to it with the announcement by the college’s Board of Trustees that the IWL will be named in honor of now-retired Nichols president Susan Engelkemeyer.

The college made the announcement on June 28 also announcing \$400,000 contributed to the endowment for the Institute by the trustees. Engelkemeyer, who joined Nichols College in 2011, was a driving force I the creating of the IWL in 2013 after reading an article about the gender wage gap in the workforce. Today the Institute helps foster career opportunities for women in business and, with the help of Professor Jean Beaupre, produces the Massachusetts Women’s Leadership Index every two years.

“The Institute for Women’s Leadership is an integral part of the Nichols College mission to develop prepared, confident and ethical leaders of tomorrow,” said President Engelkemeyer in a statement released by the college. “Our students – both female and male – benefit from the Institute’s efforts to foster awareness of gender inequality and to affect change at the personal and institutional levels. I

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School Committee postpones superintendent contract discussions

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DUDLEY/CHARLTON – The Dudley Charlton Regional School Committee has come to an agreement with Superintendent Steven Lamarche to postpone discussions on his contract until August at the latest. The decision came as both parties found themselves at an unintentional impasse during the committee’s June 23 meeting, realizing that the superintendent’s performance review had yet to take place and the superintendent had missed a deadline to express interest in the negotiations.

Originally, the school committee was supposed

to notify the superintendent of their intent to negotiate for a successor agreement prior to June 31. However, committee member Catherin Kabala recommended that due to missed deadlines resulting from a chaotic school year the decision be moved to a deadline at the end of August.

“There was a deadline for June 1 when the superintendent was supposed to tell us in writing he wanted to negotiate,” Kabala said. “We’re supposed to have the evaluation done before June 30, so all of the dates are kind of mixed up this year. Noone’s at fault. The whole school year’s been like that.”

Kabala made a motion that the new deadline be

set for Aug. 31.

There was some debate about whether or not such a motion was appropriate for a public forum. It was discussed that changing the deadline would change the specifications in the superintendent’s contract which would make the discussion a contract negotiation, something done in executive session. However, it was determined that if both parties agreed to the change, then it could be discussed in public. Both the committee and Lamarche openly stated they were okay with Kabala’s amended deadline. Committee member Cathleen Carmignani was one of several who

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Pearle L. Crawford Library programs return in full swing

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DUDLEY – As the world returns to a relative norm following the COVID-19 pandemic, activity is picking up at Dudley’s Pearl L. Crawford Library with a growing slate of adult and youth programs adding up for the rest of 2021.

Library Director Drusilla Carter discussed the status of the library’s program lineup during a Board of Trustees meeting on June 22 where she recalled the successful Jungle Jim Summer Reading Kickoff event that took place the day before and the exciting list of in-person activities returning to the library after a year of socially distant online programming.

“We have a number of children’s activities and

a lot of those are already full, so we’re working on figuring out if we can add some sessions and try to figure out how to juggle that,” Carter said.

As of the meeting, around 35 children had signed up for events while 40 adults and teenagers had registered for activities for the older crowd. She also revealed that the Knit & Crochet Group, a staple of the library, was returning to in-person activities as of June 25.

“Programming so far is going very well. We are planning to take August off from programming except for the knitters coming in. That’s usually the month that we see so few people so we’re going to kind of have August as a rest and recharge then start right back up in September,” Carter said.

Looking at the month of July the library will play

host to a variety of family friendly activities geared towards learning and creativity. These include dissecting owl pellets, painting bird houses, making animal magnets, the weekly lunch story times and even the Records and Burpee Petting Zoo on June 19. As Carter stated, no special programs have been scheduled for the month of August, but September brings a few more adult oriented programs like a tips and tricks program for accessing free ebooks and audiobooks through the Libby app and a History of Shoes program. Carter says the calendar will continue to fill with new programs throughout the year. A full calendar of upcoming events at the Pearle can be found at www.crawfordlibrary.org.

Marsi chosen as Select Board Chair

BY JASON BLEAU
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DUDLEY – The Dudley Board of Selectmen held its annual changing of the guard on June 21, installing a new chair to lead the board for the next 12 months following the annual town election where incumbents Steven Sullivan and John Marsi were re-elected to the board.

As it turns out, it was those two selectmen who were brought forth as candidates for the board’s top position. John Marsi

initially motioned that Steven Sullivan be nominated for chair since Sullivan received the most votes between the two in the election. However, Sullivan kindly declined nominating Marsi for the position instead.

“I think it’s time for somebody else to lead the charge,” said Sullivan. “He ran an outstanding campaign for re-election, and has done nothing but wonderful things for the town.”

Marsi was elected chair in a unanimous decision

of the rest of the board. Selectman Jay Johnson was elected vice chair and Sullivan was elected clerk. Both also received unanimous votes of support.

Selectmen also took the time to recognize the exiting chair, Kerry Cyganiewicz, who was elected to the seat last year. Selectman Marsi said Cyganiewicz deserves plenty of credit for helping lead the board and the town through an unprecedented pandem-

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INDIAN RANCH HOSTS LUNCHEON FOR VETERANS

On June 14, Flag Day, the management of Indian Ranch once again put out a wonderful luncheon for the veterans of our community. Former Rep. Paul Kujawski, who is one of the veterans’ biggest advocates, gave a stirring talk on the appreciation of the veterans as well as handing out hats to the veterans of the Korean War and Desert Storm which were mightily appreciated. When everyone had eaten their fill, the veterans boarded the Indian Princess to cruise around Webster Lake. Due to the cold inclement weather on June 14, the participation was much less than other years however, it was a very enjoyable day for all involved as it usually is, and it kicks off the summer season for veterans who always look forward to this day. Stephen Rogerson, Veterans Services Officer for the town of Dudley, offered a very warm and sincere thank you to Indian Ranch and Kujawski on behalf of all the veterans who participated for their unwavering support of local veterans in Webster and Dudley.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

WEBSTER — St. Joseph School has released its honor roll for the fourth quarter of the 2020-2021 school year.

Grade 8
High Honors: Alexandra Bergeron, Justin Dooner, Nicholas Janeczek, Maya Podskarbi, Dominik Gielarowicz, Dale Boudreau, Samantha Keller, Krystian Kowalczyk, Lauren Gingo

Honors: Dominic Lilley
Credit: Elizabeth Mahlert, Rylee Conlon, Dominik Duby, Zane Ferri

Grade 7
High Honors: Rocco Rudnicki, Matthew Obrycki, Hannah Watson, Maeve Sullivan, Treyton Dery, Aleksandra Kurowski, Andrew Bergeron, Paul Mankarios, Philopateer Basha

Honors: Giana DiCola-Keddy, Aleksandra Parafinowicz, Matthew Zdrok, Juliana Rudnicki, Connor Czechowski, Adam Podgorny, Bradley McCarthy
Credit: Steve Mathu

Grade 6
High Honors: Bella Calnan, Marissa Grieco, Vanessa Zeglen, Natalie Smith, Kaelyn Lechiara, Gabriela Pianka, Aiden Muchiru. Marcus Muchiru, Leah Boudreau
Honors: Bobbi Enman, Jacob Perry, Vanessa Cieszynski, Gianna Rosario, Brett McCarthy
Credit: Ike Rudnicki, George Khalif

Grade 5
High Honors: Ryan Grupposo, Jack Keller, Alissa Perron, Emily Macko, Colton Haase, Laura Ibrahim, Molly Hachigian, Claire Calnan
Honors: Alvin Montreauil, Max Podgorny, Alan Kulpa, Violet Johnson, Gabriel Gallant, Ella Parslow

Grade 4
High Honors: RoseMary Basha, Sophia Berthiune, Maya Kaminska, Lisa Kippax, Simon Kowalczyk, Kyle Muchiru, Jacob Parafinowicz, Gianna Pigeon, Antoni Powza, Ayla Reed, Alan Rubin, Adam Wozniak, Alec Jachimczyk, Luke Surowaniec, Tobi Akindele, Faith Muga, Maria Sendrowski, Ryan Amaral, Gabriel Rudnicki, Liana Worth, Jake Martin, Ethan Ryan



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KNIT & CROCHET GROUP
Thursday 5:30PM – 7:30PM and Friday 10:00AM-12:00PM

All stitchers are welcome for this informal group.

LUNCH TIME STORY TIMES
Wednesdays at noon throughout the summer

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

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

7/7 Mermaids
7/14 Dragons
7/21 Animal Safari
7/28 Bubble Party

Free; registration required.

PLAYFUL ENGINEERS
Tuesday July 6 11:00AM

Jay Mankita leads a Rube Goldberg-inspired romp into the world of building complicated chain reactions to accomplish simple tasks, from our own ordinary stuff.

Free, but registration is required. Registered participants will receive a link for the Zoom program 24 hours before the event. Sponsored by the Dudley Cultural Council.

MERMAID KEYCHAINS
Friday July 9 – multiple sessions
Join us to make your own mermaid keychain using yarn and beads!
Ages 8-14. Limited to five participants per session.

Sponsored by the Hugh and Harriet Crawford Endowment. Free; registration required.

DISSECT AN OWL PELLET
Monday July 12 – multiple sessions
Join us to dissect an owl pellet and see what bones we find and identify them.
Ages 5-12. Limited to five participants per session.

Sponsored by the Hugh and Harriet Crawford Endowment. Free; registration required

PAINT A BIRDHOUSE
Friday July 16 – multiple sessions
Join us to paint and decorate a pre-built birdhouse to attract birds to your yard.
Ages 5-12. Limited to five participants per session.

Sponsored by the Hugh and Harriet Crawford Endowment. Free; registration required

BURPEE AND RECORDS PETTING ZOO

Monday July 19 – multiple sessions
Register for a 25-minute session to meet and pet a variety of real animals.

You will have the ability to purchase small amounts of feed for the animals. The money from the feed machines will go to help the Friends of the Library!

Come meet animals like a llama, alpaca, tortoise, squirrel monkey, goats, and others!

Sponsored by the Hugh and Harriet Crawford Endowment. Free; registration required.

ANIMAL MAGNETS/PENDANTS
Thursday July 22 (first half) & Monday July 26 (second half) – multiple sessions

We will be creating animal magnets or pendants. This is a 2 part activity. Part one is creating the animal and part two is painting it. (If you cannot come to the second session you can take your creation home to dry.)

This is for ages 8-12.
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STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER
Thursday July 29 2:00PM-4:00PM

We are letting your stuffed animals take over the library! Drop in and create a bed for your stuffed animal to sleep in, and then leave them to sleep overnight. We will then make sure they have a fun night at the Library. (We will post their adventures on Facebook and Instagram.)

Please register your animal! You can drop them off anytime between 2-4PM.

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

Drop in and get an ice cream sandwich or popcorn for participating in summer reading! Ms. Lida will be outside for your last minute reading tracking to put your tickets in the raffle baskets.

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DUDLEY
POLICE LOG

DUDLEY — The Dudley Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of June 25 to July 2.

A 37-year-old male whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on June 30 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member and Strangulation or Suffocation.

Kellie J. Petrelli, age 56, of Southbridge was arrested on June 30 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, a Marked Lanes Violation, and Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle.

Hanover Insurance Group Foundation awards scholarships to 52 students

WORCESTER — The Hanover Insurance Group Foundation recently awarded 52 college scholarships to high school and college students to support higher education learning.

Students were recognized with scholarships based on their local community involvement and commitments to academic excellence. This marks the 17th year The Hanover Insurance Group Foundation has awarded college scholarships to help students accomplish their academic goals.

"We are proud of the commitment shown by this year's scholarship recipients at a time when there was so much uncertainty in the world," said Kimberly M. Salmon, assistant vice president of The Hanover Insurance Group, Inc.'s community relations team. "These scholars overcame obstacles created by the COVID-19 pandemic and focused their energy on education and community to continue on their journeys toward successful futures. We are honored to support their education and continue our mission of helping youth realize their full potential."

Greater Worcester community scholarship recipients are:

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Leona Antwi Doherty High School, Worcester, Mass.

Samantha Anusauskas Auburn Senior High School, Auburn, Mass.

Ananda Boateng Abby Kelley Foster Charter School, Worcester, Mass.

Michaela Cluett Shepherd Hill Regional High School, Dudley, Mass.

Gabriella Correa Burncoat Senior High School, Worcester, Mass.

Alysha Creelman Auburn Senior High School, Auburn, Mass.

Ashley Figueroa Shepherd Hill Regional High School, Dudley, Mass.

Maxwell Fyfe Doherty High School, Worcester, Mass.

Keegan Gleason Millbury Memorial Jr./Sr. High School, Millbury, Mass.

Aracely Herrera Doherty High School, Worcester, Mass.

Truong-Thinh Huynh Doherty High School, Worcester, Mass.

Kathryn James Bartlett High School, Webster, Mass.

Juliana Kallio Grafton Memorial Senior High School, Grafton, Mass.

Victoria Lemieux Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School, Upton, Mass.

Kaitlyn Manzi Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School, Upton, Mass.

Loise Obeng Doherty High School, Worcester, Mass.

Nancy Phan South High Community School, Worcester, Mass.

Michaela Rickards Worcester Technical High School, Worcester, Mass.

Thomas Short Doherty High School, Worcester, Mass.

Kasey Simmons Auburn Senior High School, Auburn, Mass.

Jenna Soden Leicester High School, Leicester, Mass.

Erisa Sote Doherty High School, Worcester, Mass.

Ryan Spitz Bartlett High School, Webster, Mass.

Victoria Torkornoo Doherty High School, Worcester, Mass.

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Hatch-a-Chick – Month of June
The Library Lobby is now 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!

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. Sponsored by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library and Marilyn and Gerald Fels.

Dungeons and Dragons for Beginners – Beginning 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 parsenault@cwmar.org for more information and to reserve your spot. This will be a virtual program.

Outdoor '80s Movie Night – Thursday, July 15th 8:00PM
Join us on the Library Lawn for an out of this world movie experience! Bring a chair or a blanket, and

your whole family. Feel free to dress up in your '80s apparel, and check out this hilarious spoof film by Mel Brooks, and May the Schwartz be with you!

Children's and Young Adult Programming

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@cwmar.org or call 508-949-3880 for more information. Sponsored by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library and Marilyn and Gerald Fels.

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.

Summer Eats – Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 6th – August 5th 12:00-12:30PM
Summer Eats provides FREE grab and go meals for all kids and teens! Stop by the library during these

times and either eat lunch outside on the library lawn or take meals home! Meals are pre-packaged and nutritional. Summer Eats is a federally-funded food program that seeks to combat food insecurity and hunger, providing every child with the food they need to succeed!

Animal Adventures – Friday, July 9th 10:30-11:00AM
This outdoor program will feature live animals of all shapes and sizes! Learn all kinds of facts about how different animals live in a fun and safe setting.

Toucha Truck – Saturday, July 10th 10:00AM-12:00PM
Meet us at the Town Hall Parking Lot for a chance to get up close to Webster's coolest and biggest town vehicles!

Ed the Wizard – Tuesday, July 13th 10:30AM-11:30AM
Learn how to make your own Balloon Animals! A Family Friendly Hands-on Program for all ages! Younger children may need parental help; parents may require offspring help! This performance is funded, in part, by a grant from the Webster Cultural Council.

Visit from the Massachusetts Pirates – July 19th and August 9th 10AM
Come and meet the Massachusetts Pirates football team! Their mascot, Arthur, will be doing story reading at 10AM!

WEBSTER POLICE LOG

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of June 27 to July 3.

Amanda E. Gorgodian, age 33, current address unknown, was arrested on June 27 for Assault & Battery and Disorderly Conduct.

A 32-year-old male from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on June 28 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

Alex Melendez, age 25, of Southbridge was arrested on June 29 in connection with a warrant.

A 50-year-old female from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on June 29 for Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon and Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

Omar Nieves Roman, age 41, of Webster was arrested on June 30 in connection with a warrant.

Kellie J. Petrelli, age 56, of Southbridge was arrested on June 30 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, a Marked Lanes Violation, and Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle.

Marco R. Chessa, age 32, of Webster was arrested on June 30 in connection with a warrant.

Paul J. Ondrasek, age 70, of Webster was arrested on July 1 in connection with multiple warrants.

Wilfredo Rivera, Jr., age 33, of Worcester was arrested on July 1 in connection with a warrant.

Brittney L. Velasquez, age 22, of Dudley was arrested on July 3 in connection with a warrant.

William James Ivett, age 36, of Webster was arrested on July 3 for Disorderly Conduct (subsequent offense).

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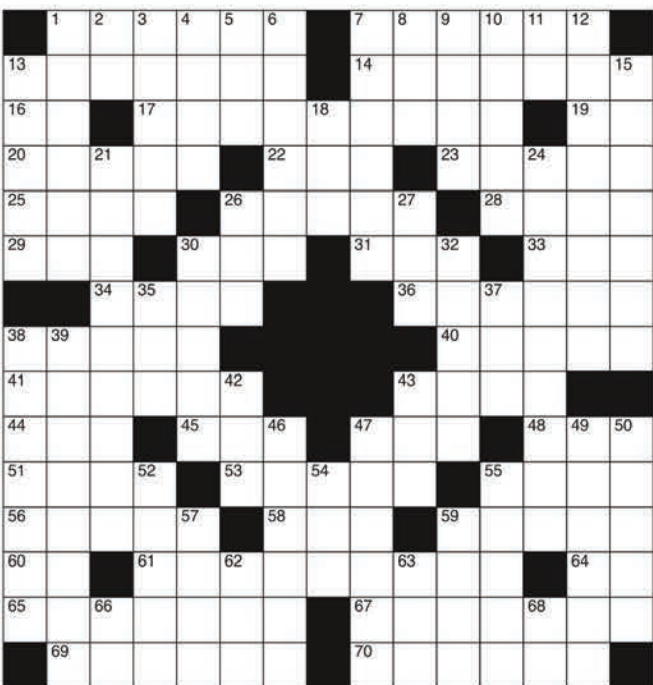
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1. Plant of the mint family
7. Hand tool
13. Made of the color of gold
14. A volume of several novels
16. Type of degree
17. Good job!
19. Seventh tone in major scale
20. Fevers
22. One's mother
23. Fertile desert spots
25. Large integers
26. Plate for Eucharist
28. Tennis matches have them
29. Peyton's little brother
30. Monetary unit of N. Korea
31. Head movement
33. Twelve
34. Renaissance musical instrument
36. Behavior showing high moral standards
38. Letter of the Hebrew alphabet
40. Notes to be sung
41. Women's garment
43. Coarsely ground corn
44. One point south of due east
45. A way to deplete
47. Rough, prickly covering of a seed
48. LA hoopster, but not a Laker
51. Hindquarters
53. Franz van __, German diplomat
55. Liquid body substances
56. Rhythmic patterns
58. A beaver might build one
59. Police officer's tool
60. Indicates who you are
61. Pinwheel
64. Exist
65. Ornamental molding
67. Closes again
69. Verses
70. Come into view

CLUES DOWN

1. Short stick used as a weapon
2. An alternative
3. Laws
4. Sense organs
5. One from Utah
6. Mariner
7. People in charge of cattle
8. Health insurance organization
9. Ornamental box
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DA’s CIMS program generates encouraging results

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REGION – Worcester County District Attorney Joseph Early, Jr., and his team continue to see encouraging local response metrics in the opioid crisis. Launched in March 2020, the DA’s Critical Incident Management System (CIMS) was used by police departments

in all 60 Worcester County cities and towns over the last year to collect overdose data and offer services to overdose victims. Response visits made to victims were performed by a plainclothes police officer and a recovery coach, usually within 48 hours of an overdose incident.

In the last year, more than half of all residents who were offered services following an overdose accepted treatment as part of the CIMS program.

“These are encouraging numbers,” Early said. “It was a challenging year to launch this program with the roadblocks presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. These numbers are a promising start. Any time we can help even one person get access to treatment is a life that is being saved.”

The District Attorney’s Office purchased the CIMS software for \$40,000, using drug forfeiture funds in 2019. The implementation of CIMS represented a partnership between the District Attorney’s Office, local police departments, and municipalities.

The CIMS software works by collecting and processing data on overdose victims to enable officials to better provide assistance. The goal is to help people recover, not prosecute them, officials said.

“By getting the names of the folks who’ve had the non-fatal overdoses, and by giving the opportunity for the follow-up – what you’ve done is open the door,” said Worcester City Manager Edward Augustus, Jr. “You’ve made the connection. You’ve provided an opportunity for that person when they’re ready to take advantage of the treatment options that are available to them.”

CIMS also allows police departments to share information. That way, when a person overdoses outside of their hometown, they are still able to receive a follow-up visit.

“Addiction has no jurisdictional boundaries,” said Fitchburg Police Chief Ernest Martineau, the former president of the Central Mass. Chiefs of Police Association. “When there’s no boundary for that, there can be no boundary for helping people. And that’s what this does. It connects 60 cities’ and towns’ police departments in responding and helping.”

Added Webster Police Chief Michael Shaw, “The beauty of CIMS coming on board is now we have a centralized database that’s tracking, and we get an alert when we have to go offer up

services. And the other thing that we were missing was when people were outside of Webster having an overdose, we never knew. Now, with CIMS, we can follow up with them. It’s a really integral part of getting these people the help they need.”

Webster’s responses to those in need has been assisted by a partnership with Opening the Word Recovery Center, run by Rev. Janice Ford. Opened in June 2020, the facility has served more than 2,000 people.

The Spencer Police Department has also enjoyed its experience with the CIMS program.

“We are tracking these individuals who would have fallen through the cracks in the past,” said Spencer PD Chief David Darrin.

Although the CIMS response data is pointed in the right direction, officials know there is much more work to be done. In the fall of 2020, the District Attorney’s office was awarded a \$1.2 million grant from the Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance to fund recovery coaches that will respond with police to follow up and offer services after an overdose.

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Since 2003, CMDART has aided local communities with

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Candidates for the Board will hopefully have some knowledge of the workings of a non-profit organization, fund-raising, and group task/committee work. As a board member, you will gain some knowledge and experience in planning, finance and emergency management; enhance and challenge your organizational and leadership skills; increase your professional network, help to improve the safety and welfare of pet owners and animals, contribute to a humanitarian cause that can prevent, respond to, and reduce suffering for pet owners and their animals.

During this year of Covid-19, the team has distributed personal protective equipment to hospitals, senior facilities and animal control, assisted local emergency planning to include efforts to help pet owners, has volunteered at local vaccine clinics, produced an on-line program about assistance animals, held a couple of fun yard sales, assisted local fire recovery sites, and distributed pet food to some local food pantries.

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Dudley Woman’s Club completes successful year

DUDLEY — Despite the pandemic during the 2020-2021 club year, the DWC stepped up and donated more than \$14,500 in goods and cash donations across the following organizations: You, Inc - Christmas Adopt A Child Program, Worcester Community Fridges, Roseland Park Upkeep fund, Blessed Backpack Brigade, Breast Cancer Coalition, Center of Hope, Charlton REAS, Dudley Veterans, HANDS, It Starts At Home, Inc. Second Chance Animal Shelter, Veteran’s Holiday Gifts, Webster/Dudley Boys and Girls Club, Dudley Police Toy Drive, 3 Scholarships to Graduating local high school Seniors and the Webster/Dudley Food Share!

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EDITORIAL

The hidden history behind the Fourth

One of our favorite holidays to write about is Independence Day. We all know the stories of our forefathers, John Adams, Sam Adams, George Washington, Paul Revere, James Madison, Benjamin Franklin and Alexander Hamilton, to name a few. However, the history is endless. We thought we would shine a light on aspects surrounding Independence Day that are not commonly known.

The famous painting that depicts the signing of the Declaration of Independence isn't exactly an accurate portrayal. All of the delegates were never together at the same time in Philadelphia. The final signing took place roughly a month later, on Aug. 2. The Declaration was formally dated and adopted by Congress on July 4; however, Congress voted for independence on July 2.

Celebrating their new independence, soldiers along with civilians tore down a statue of King George III and melted it into bullets. In Georgia, people burnt the King in effigy and even held a faux funeral service. In Philadelphia, the King's coat of arms was burned in a bonfire. Massachusetts was the first state to recognize July 4th as a holiday in 1781.

In 1777, fireworks could be seen in the sky and the ringing of bells rang through the night in Philadelphia. Ships were decorated and lined the coast and streamers could be seen flying in celebration everywhere. The oldest annual parade takes place in Bristol, R.I. 2020 will be the town's 235th consecutive celebration, it's start in 1785.

In New England, dining on salmon became tradition. The story behind the popular cuisine, is due to the influx of salmon that summer. Along with the salmon, people had peas and turtle soup.

One curious fact is that Thomas Jefferson and John Adams both died on July 4, 1826. James Monroe also died on the fourth of July in 1831. President Calvin Coolidge was born July 4, 1872.

Left out of mainstream history was the story of Crispus Attucks, the first to die in the patriot cause. Attucks was a black/native American patriot who was shot, and the first to fall during the 1770 Boston Massacre. Attucks was a runaway slave who was a rope maker and sailor. History says he was shot by two musket balls to the chest. In 1778, it became legal in Rhode Island for free and enslaved blacks to serve the cause, with freedom as part of their payment. Educated by her owners, Phillis Wheatley was a well known poet during those times. Wheatley was kidnapped in West Africa and brought to America. At the age of 20, in 1773, she became the first African American and third female to publish a book of poetry. She eventually became free. She also advocated for independence, writing in support for George Washington's Revolutionary War in her poem, "To His Excellency, General Washington." Washington, impressed by her talent invited her to a meeting.

In 1958, when Alaska and Hawaii were on deck to become states, a history teacher assigned his class to design a flag, depicting the two new states. 16 year old Robert Heft, received a B- on the project. Unhappy with the mark, Heft sent the flag to Dwight D. Eisenhower. After the flag was chosen, Heft had his grade changed to an A.

Another fun fact is that Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration on what was referred to as a laptop. A writing desk that could fit over a person's lap.

In 1778, Washington ordered a double ration of rum for soldiers to celebrate with.

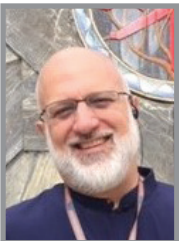
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On the walls of our beautiful Saint Constantine and Helen Orthodox Church in Webster, one can see icons of many saints. They represent men and women, young and old, rich and poor, from all walks of life. There are bishops, priests, monks and nuns as well as martyrs who suffered and died for Christ together with simple, everyday people – some illiterate, others of little worldly influence, some whom society may think of little yet who in the eyes of God stand in the company of the righteous.

As we reflect on saints throughout history, I want us to think about the fact that sainthood is not reserved for only a few select people! Sainthood should be the normal growth of every Christian's life in our journey into union with the Holy Trinity.

The Good News is that God not only expects us to become living saints because He has created us in His image and likeness and given us divine potential, but He offers us His Holy Spirit to inspire, enlighten, and empower us on this path of holiness! As we reflect on this calling, remember that saints are not perfect people but are sinners who live in constant repentance, continually turning back toward God, they are sinners who accept the mercy of God in humility and who continually open their hearts to the Holy Spirit so that they can be illumined by His grace. In other words, saints not only walk with Jesus daily, but they choose to have Christ live in them

and consciously decide to allow the Holy Spirit to guide them at every moment of their lives!

In one of my favorite passages in Holy Scripture, Saint Paul reminds us that "since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith." (Hebrews 12:1-2)

Let's reflect on these words as we think about sainthood:

"Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses". Always remember that we walk in the company of the saints; they are alive and surround us in our lives; together with them we make up the Church of Christ; and they are praying for us, acting as our cheerleaders to imitate them as they imitated Christ. The saints encourage us to follow the path of holiness they have already walked.

"Let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely" - Can we honestly look at our lives and put aside the burdens and weight of our past mistakes and sins? We have to shed off the past to move forward toward God! Can we make an honest confession and name the present habits and sins that cling so closely onto us and enslave us, and instead hand them over to Christ, asking for Him to cleanse us and heal us and to give us the strength to find a new life in Him, free from

our sinful ways and habits?

"Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us" - Our journey with Christ is a marathon. Sainthood does not come typically in a moment but is a lifelong journey of constantly falling and getting back up, of staying vigilant and persevering throughout the struggles of life. We don't give up the ascetic struggle of repentance no matter what happens in life. We accept whatever life brings us as a part of our own journey towards God and we run it with perseverance.

"Looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith" - If we want to know the path that leads to sainthood, we look no further than Jesus Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. He is the way! If we want to discover the path, we must learn and follow the teachings of Christ and develop a worldview that has been shaped by His divine wisdom. Christ calls us to perfection, yet such perfect love can only be discovered as we walk with Jesus.

Let us remember that sainthood is not reserved for only a few select people! Sainthood should be the normal growth of every Christian's life in our journey into union with the Holy Trinity. Yet it is a very challenging journey. May we reflect on these words from Holy Scripture and allow them to help us better understand how to walk down this journey of holiness.

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Funeral procession etiquette



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One question I am frequently asked concerns drivers' responsibilities when happening upon a funeral procession. I have written about this subject previously; however, it is always beneficial to remind people of these activities. Our officers escort many of these events throughout the course of a year and violations can occur on a regular basis even then. Drivers who are not part of the funeral will quite frequently ignore the rules relative to these processions by "cutting" into or across the procession. I was asked to clarify the laws and etiquette drivers should observe at these times.

Funerals have the right of way while traveling on the roads. They are given special privileges as well. Only the first vehicle in line is required to stop at a red signal or stop sign. The others following are not required to stop. Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 272 Section 42 prohibits anyone from willfully interrupting "by driving fast or otherwise in any way disturbing a funeral assembly or procession." Punishments include fines or a jail sentence of up to one month.

Most funeral parlors provide some form of signage for participants to advise fellow motorists of the procession. Vehicles can use their headlights and/or hazard lights to provide additional warning. Drivers should be observant of traffic and pay special attention to the possibility of a funeral passing by. This is of particular concern when a driver happens upon the middle of a procession. It may take a period of extra observation to understand what may be happening. Drivers should take the time to look for the magnetic signs, high beam headlights, hazard flashers, etc. These processions can be regular weekday occurrences in town. They are generally short in duration. Waiting for a few moments is the lawful thing to do. It is also a last token of respect for the deceased individual being brought to their final resting place.

For those still seeking vaccination information, it can be found at www.dudleyma.gov or by calling 508-949-8036. Please continue moving forward with the "re-opening" of our state in a reasonable manner. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. This has been a challenging year plus for everyone. We, at the Dudley Police Department, greatly appreciate the support we receive from our community.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A community coming together

To the Editor:

Well over 50 residents of the Dudley Charlton Regional School District attended the most recent and first in-person School Committee Meeting since the Covid-19 epidemic. Parents, teachers and residents alike expressed their concerns regarding the Equity Committee and its training in connection with the Anti-Race Resolution approved by the School Committee last June, 2020. The concerns were expressed in respectful, articulate, intelligent and sometimes heart rending detail, so much so, that

the committee was prompted to hold an open forum to allow the residents of the district more opportunity to participate. The forum is to take place on July 12 at 7 p.m. at the Shepherd Hill High School auditorium.

It is quite encouraging to observe the community of district residents and its School Committee come together for such an important issue for our children's, and thus our country's, future.

MARCIA WAGNER
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How does Social Security fit into retirement

Here's something to think about: You could spend two, or even three, decades in retirement. To meet your income needs for all those years, you'll generally need a sizable amount of retirement assets. How will Social Security fit into the picture?

For most people, Social Security won't be enough to cover the cost of living in retirement. Nonetheless, Social Security benefits are still valuable, so you'll want to do whatever you can to maximize them.

Your first move is to determine when you should start taking Social Security. You can begin collecting benefits when you reach 62 – but should you? If you were to turn 62 this year, your payments would only be about 71 percent of what you'd get if you waited until your full retirement age, which is 66 years and 10 months. ("Full retirement age" varies, depending on when you were born, but for most people today, it will be between 66 and 67.) Every month you wait between now and your full retirement age, your benefits will increase. If you still want to delay taking benefits beyond your full retirement age, your payments will increase by 8 percent each year, until you're 70, when they "max out." Regardless of when you file, you'll also receive an annual cost-of-living adjustment.

So, when should you start claiming your benefits? There's no one "right"



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answer for everyone. If you turn 62 and you need the money, your choice might be made for you. But if you have sufficient income from other sources, you're in good health and you have longevity in your family, or you're still working, it might be worthwhile to wait until your full retirement age, or perhaps even longer, to start collecting.

Another key consideration is spousal benefits. If your own full retirement benefit is less than 50 percent of your spouse's full retirement benefit, you would generally be eligible to claim spousal benefits, provided you're at least 62 and your spouse has filed for Social Security benefits.

Survivor benefits are another important consideration. When you pass away, your spouse would be able to receive up to 100 percent of your benefit or his/her own retirement benefit, whichever is higher. Thus, delaying Social Security could not only increase your own benefit, but also the benefit

for your surviving spouse.

An additional issue to think about, when planning for how Social Security fits into your retirement, is your earned income. If you're younger than full retirement age, your benefit will be reduced by \$1 for each \$2 you earn above a certain amount, which, in 2021, is \$18,960. During the year you reach full retirement age, your benefit will be reduced by \$1 for each \$3 you earn above a set amount (\$50,520 in 2021). But once you hit the month at which you attain full retirement age, and from that point on, you can keep all of your benefits, no matter how much you earn (although your benefits could still be taxed).

One final point to keep in mind: The more you accumulate in your other retirement accounts, such as your IRA and 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan, the more flexibility you'll have in managing your Social Security benefits. So, throughout your working years, try to contribute as much as you can afford to these plans.

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The ups and downs of saltwater fishing

I promise I will not discuss the outrageous fishing regulations of stripers and fluke again this month. Saltwater fishing has had its ups and downs this past week, but if you were there when the bass were feeding, you had a great day of fishing, although little was legal to bring home for the dinner table. Bass fishing was fantastic at the canal one day and not so good the next. Boat captains of six pack boats are also frustrated with the bass regulations, and it is costing them big money!

The haddock and cod bite on the North Shore has been relatively very good, although only one cod can be retained per angler per day! Jig fishing and anglers using bait, are catching their limits of haddock. Wolf fish are still illegal to keep, and need to be sent back to the sea. This great eating fish is being protected because of their dwindling populations, like most saltwater species in Massachusetts & Rhode Island. Rhode Island cod fishery contin-



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ues to give up some nice market size cod with a daily bag limit of 10 fish in that state. Anglers may want to consider a charter boat trip to fish for cod in Rhode Island.

Seabass fishing opened June 24 in Rhode Island, but the fishing was slow. This writer and my fishing buddy Matt Fontain, only managed to land a couple of nice seabass and one legal size fluke. Reports of a lot better action out at Block Island was good news. We fished in front of the Five Cottages area, and the Charlestown Breachway, where we were surrounded by a few draggers that seemed to have a lot better luck than us! I was told to fish around the Newport Bridge area if I wanted to

have better luck fishing away from the draggers.

Jerry Gareri, his son John, and a couple of other anglers, chartered a boat called the “Natural Nine” with Captain Dan Smith on Father’s Day, and landed more than 40 seabass among the four fishermen , retaining their legal limit of 20 seabass. They fished in the Buzzard Bay area, that provide anglers with some great fishing during the month of June for seabass and super-size scaup. Captain Smith is now concentrating his fishing business on the South Shore specializing in catching numerous ground fish. He will also be targeting stripers in the weeks ahead. Give him a call at 1-401-402-1963 for your next fishing trip.

Local fresh water anglers are still catching some impressive largemouth bass in local waters. Shiners and plastics are the most popular baits among bass anglers, but some anglers are doing well on stick baits and surface poppers.

The Uncle Josh pork strips have no longer being manufactured for a number of years now, but have been replaced by another product called “Fat Cow” jig strips and come in a few colors. They are great for fishing both fresh and saltwater. The new strips are not made out of pig skin, but are a product of man-made material, and work just as well. They are a favorite for fishing for fluke and other ground fish.

With the recent continued hot weather during the month of June with no end in sight, pets need to be brought into a cool place, and given plenty of water. This week’s picture shows a yellow Lab patiently waiting for the fall hunting season, and he will not need to wait long. Thinking of purchasing a dog for the upcoming hunting season 2021? Do your homework, and be sure you are purchasing a good one! Find a good breeder and be sure to see the parents of the dog. Ask for references and bring along someone



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This week’s picture shows a well-trained Yellow Lab waiting patiently for his owner to finish some fishing at a recent fishing derby.

that knows dogs. It does not cost any more money to raise a good dog or a great one that you will be proud of. It is a 10 to 15 year commitment. The cost of buying a good pedigree dog can run from \$1,000 and up! Be sure you have the time, money and energy to raise your new

dog! When you decide to purchase a dog for you and your family, you will be rewarded with years of love & companionship, both at home and in the field.

Take a Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending.

Tips to Combat the Jump at the Pump

With the recent jump in gas prices, it’s more important than ever to conserve energy use. Thanks to good old fashioned Yankee ingenuity, trimming costs doesn’t necessarily translate into sacrifice. From reviewing classic mon-

neysaving tactics to revealing new strategies, the following information is geared toward cutting the cost of fuel this season and beyond.

Price Tools: Your gasoline-saving strategies start even before you fuel up. Gas comparison sites and phone applications offer consumers instant prices that add up to optimum savings.

GasBuddy.com lists gas stations near you and their current gas prices. The tool is engineered by a community of users working together to update local gas costs.

The app offers online price comparison, and you can download it for free.

Mapquest.com also offers a user friendly tool that has a map format and visual pinpoints to post real time prices of gas stations in your area or destination.

Pump up the Savings: Some careful thought at the pump pays off in savings and that begins with gassing up:

Experts advise downgrading to upgrade gas efficiency. Motorist can cut costs without sacrificing efficiency by buying

the lowest grade of octane that is appropriate for the vehicle. Check with your mechanic or car dealer to see if it’s safe for you to switch to a lower grade. This money saving method alone can save hundreds of dollars a year.

Auto advisers also recommend buying gasoline during coolest time of day, such as early morning or late evening. During these times gasoline is densest. Gas pumps measure volumes of gasoline, so it’s a better deal to buy it at its densest fuel concentration. And don’t top off the gas tank as gasoline as may seep out from expansion

Also, be sure your gas tank fits nice and snug. If not, buy a new one. According to the experts, gas can easily evaporate from the tank through loose caps.

Proper Maintenance = Fuel Efficiency: Performing periodic vehicle “checkups” is a cost effective way to keep from wasting gas.

It’s no secret a well-tuned engine burns less gas. Routine maintenance is your best insurance against gas guzzling.

Also, worn spark plugs can cause your engine to use more gasoline. A dirty spark plug causes misfiring, which wastes fuel. Spark plugs need to be replaced as recommended by the manufacturer.

And be sure to check your air filter each time



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you have your oil changed. Clogged air filters cause engines to work overtime which eats up more gas. Replacing a clogged air filter can improve gas mileage by as much as 10 percent, saving about 20 cents a gallon. And avoid reusable air filters, as a good paper filter does a better job, according to the experts.

Periodic wheel alignments and keeping tires inflated to the maximum recommended pressure really does improve your gas mileage, according to experts. When tires aren’t inflated properly it’s like driving with the parking brake on and can cost a mile or two per gallon. Don’t ignore the low tire pressure alerts on the dashboard! It is important to keep an eye on the tire pressure because under-inflated tires consume more fuel. According to SGI, you waste 1% fuel for every 10 lb per square inch of under inflation. Low air pressure does not only impact your mileage, but it also reduces the lifetime of your tires.

Heads Up: And keep in mind tires need special attention during winter. Cold temperatures decreased the air

pressure in tires which just adds to the rolling resistance caused by snow and slush. Check tire pressure regularly, especially after there has been a sharp drop in temperature.

Driving Down Gas Usage: You can literally drive down gas waste with some careful strategies that won’t cost you an extra dime!

This column has reviewed similar driving tips in the past, but with fuel economy in mind, the bear repeating:

The faster you drive the more gas you use. In fact, lowering driving speed from 65 to 55 mph can improve fuel economy by an impressive two miles per gallon.

Also, traveling at fast rates in low gears can consume up to 45% more fuel than is needed. . Using cruise control will save 5% to 10% of a gallon of gas on long trips. And don’t forget to use the overdrive shift as soon as your speed is high enough. It also acts as a fuel saver.

Keeping a steady foot on the pedal also prevents gas waste. Tests show jerky starts and hard breaking reduces travel time by only four percent, but fuel consumption is increased by nearly 40 percent.

Do you love the feel the wind in your hair? If so, it could cost you! Driving with your windows all

the way down at higher speeds, will waste 10% more gallons of gasoline than driving with them closed. The drag will cost you more in fuel, so delay opening windows wide until you’ve slowed down a bit (unless you want to literally throw money out the window!)

And opt for driving on smooth roads whenever possible. Rough roads with dirt or gravel rob you of up to 30% of your gas mileage. On the highway, closed windows decrease air resistance, so it’s efficient to run the air conditioner in hot weather.

Quick tip: In stop-and-go traffic, shutting off the air conditioner and opening the windows can lighten your fuel use. Experts estimate using the auto a/c can lower your fuel economy by 10 percent to 20 percent.

Fuel consumption records show gas usage increases as much as 50 percent during the cold weather driving. Idling the car for long periods of time is not only a common wintertime practice, it’s a costly one. Did you know ten seconds of idling actually uses more fuel than restarting the engine? If your car doesn’t have an automatic idling shut-off feature, you can still save gas by making it a habit to turn off the car when parked.

And the simple chore of cleaning out your trunk can also translate into impressive fuel sav-

ings. For every extra 250 pounds your engine hauls, the car loses about one mile per gallon in fuel economy. And keep in mind removable ski racks like roof racks, increase a vehicle’s aerodynamic drag, so it’s a thrifty move to take them down them when they are not in use.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House – Contest has resumed!

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

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

Concrete failures in Florida hit close to home

The sudden collapse of the Champlain Towers condominium in Surfside, Fla. last week has left more than 150 people unaccounted for, sixteen dead, and countless affected at the time of this writing. Structural problems first noted during a 2018 inspection are being scrutinized as a potential cause for the destruction but at this time the focus remains on clearing the rubble and identifying both victims and survivors. The investigation into the collapse is likely to take months and may find no single definitive cause.

As we’ve watched the situation unfold, and more information about the available warning signs has come to light, we are reminded of the concrete infrastructure failures that remain in place here in the northeast where thousands of homes are deteriorating as a result of a rare iron sulfide

mineral, pyrrhotite, in the concrete aggregate. When exposed to water and oxygen the mineral expands, causing the concrete to crack in a web pattern until it degrades and fails. While the mineral is rare it is estimated that as many as 2,000 homes in central and Western Massachusetts have been built with this material, and Connecticut has documented and started the repair process on more than 1,600 affected homes dating back to last year. Massachusetts currently has a foundation testing reimbursement program in place, refunding visual and core sample inspections by licensed engineers, but no mechanism for funding the actual repairs necessary to keep these homes livable. The most proven solution currently to remedy the problem is to lift the home off of the existing founda-

tion and replace it with an unaffected one- at a cost of \$150,000 to \$250,000 per house.

The Champlain Towers collapse was an issue that could have been remediated if the necessary funds were dedicated and repairs made. The structural problems identified in 2018 went unresolved and unchecked until they reached a literal breaking point, a deadly occurrence that it is impossible to put a price tag on in hindsight. In this case, they had one, however: \$16.2 million for the total repair and restoration at a cost to homeowners ranging from \$80,000 for a one-bedroom unit to more than \$300,000 for the penthouse suite. High costs, of course, particularly for individuals who had purchased the units without knowing the underlying structural issues at hand or the devastation that might occur if left unchecked.

Much like the process with pyrrhotite, this was a slow-moving disaster where the natural ele-

ments exposed issues in the building’s construction until the materials inevitably failed. While the science surrounding the type of decay is different the outcome is the same- the concrete deteriorates, people are displaced, and lives are changed forever.

With nearly \$5 billion in American Rescue Plan Act stimulus funding available to the state we are in a unique position where we may be able to address monetary shortfalls in rapid fashion, and direct funding towards projects that yield immediate dividends to our constituents. Set into a fund to be appropriated by the legislature this money could become available in the near future and make an enormous impact in our communities.

Given this influx of funding it is imperative that we look at problems effecting homeowners that haven’t been addressed, and we feel that the deteriorating homes in our state demand attention. We should not shy

away from acting on this issue because of the price tag- the large upfront cost of each individual repair- particularly at a time when the state is awash with cash. Instead of continuing to debate the merits of spending the money to help affected families, discussing who should be responsible for footing the bill after the courts have ruled that the neither the contractors, insurance companies, nor bankrupt concrete supplier can be held liable, we can dedicate money from this pool of federal funding to help them directly. This is not an unheard of thought; as mentioned before the state of Connecticut has established a reimbursement program for the exact same issue, from the same supplier and led by spending over \$120 million for repairs. It simply requires attention and action from the leaders in our state, at a time where inaction would be immoral.

House and Senate leaders plan to hold public hearings and gather

input on how to spend the funding in the future, and we urge our colleagues to advocate for these families in Massachusetts who have been dealt a hand directly countering the American dream of owning a home that you can call your own. These people did everything right, followed every step they needed to along the path towards home ownership which many consider their primary asset in life. Failure to come to their aid would be akin to letting the results of a natural disaster impact an area without state or federal help- a tornado path that tears up Main Street and is never repaired while home values plummet and the town suffers. By appropriating this money for reimbursement in the future, we allow these individuals to move forward, safely, towards remediating their homes and give them the stability they need without waiting for a tragic collapse in our own state to spur action.

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OBITUARIES

A. Claire Menard, 90



WEBSTER – A. Claire (LaPerle) Menard, 90, died Tuesday, June 15, 2021 in Overlook Nursing Care in Charlton after an illness. She leaves 2 daughters, Cheryll A. Sergel and her husband Paul of Webster and Paula E. LeClair and her husband C. Paul of Lecanto, FL; 5 grandchildren, Scott A. Brayton and his wife Christine, Tia C. Phillips and her husband John, Jerry J. Brayton and his wife Tracy, Sheila J. Sergel, and Chris P. LeClair and his fiancée Jen Eng; 7 great-grandchildren; a sister, Lianne A. Miller of Putnam, CT; nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her daughter Donna M. Chausse in 1975, by her sister Jeanne D. Brodeur and by her brother Joseph LaPerle. She was born in Dayville, CT on October 13, 1930, a daughter of Eugene and Mary (Therriaque) LaPerle. She graduated from Putnam High School in 1948 and resided in Webster and Dudley most of her life.

Claire worked at Sandlerette Shoe in Webster and as a stitcher at Ethan Allen Company in Dudley for 12 years. She retired in 2009. She was a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church. She was very active at the Webster Senior Center, serving as its treasurer and as the director of activities. She worked the bingo games held at Slater Estates. In her younger years she liked to crochet. The family would like to thank the staff at Overlook Nursing Care in Charlton for the wonderful care they provided for Claire since last year. A memorial Mass will be held on Friday, July 23, at 10:00 AM in Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 16 East Main Street (please meet at the church). Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery. The family requests that flowers be omitted and donations be made to the Webster-Dudley Veterans Council, 3 Veterans Way, Webster, MA 01570. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street. www.websterfunerals.com

Marilyn E. Downer, 79



WEBSTER - Marilyn E. (Warren) Downer, 79, passed away June 27, 2021 at the Rose Monahan Hospice Residence in Worcester. She leaves behind 2 sons; Christopher W. Downer and his wife Erika of Worcester and William E. Downer of Webster, 4 grand-daughters; Jessica, Ashley, Alison, and Emily, a great grand-daughter, Maeve, a brother, Robert Warren and his partner Robert Houlihan of Gainesville, Florida and Marilyn's long-time partner Russell Pratt of Webster. Marilyn was born in Worcester February 17, 1942, daughter of the late Irving and Thelma (Luce) Warren.

She owned and operated the Holly Farms Store in Webster for many years. Marilyn loved her birds, collecting light houses, the Hanover Theater, riding with Russ on his Harley and loved her family. As per her wishes, there are no calling hours and services will be private, burial will be in Pine Grove Cemetery in Leicester with her parents. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to: Rose Monahan Hospice Residence, 10 Judith Rd., Worcester, MA. 01605. The ROBERT J. MILLER FUNERAL HOME and LAKE CHAPEL, 366 School St., Webster is honored to be assisting Marilyn's family with arrangements. To leave an on-line condolence, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net

Marjorie C. Hinchliffe, 94



WEBSTER - Marjorie C. "Marge" (White) Hinchliffe, a lifelong resident of Webster, passed away peacefully on June 29, 2021 at Brookside Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center after a period of declining health. She was predeceased by her husband of 71 years, Richard W. Hinchliffe who died in 2019. Beloved mother of Jean E. Murdock and her husband Robert of Thompson, CT, Kenneth R. Hinchliffe and his wife Patricia, Russell J. Hinchliffe and his wife Jayne, and Richard A. "Rick" Hinchliffe, all of Webster. Proud grandmother of Jennifer Pariseau, Michelle Messier, Nathan Hinchliffe, Aaron Hinchliffe, Jackie Hinchliffe Bangert, Eric Hinchliffe, Janna Sutton, Kalyn Mrozinski, and Kelsey Hinchliffe. Proud great-grandmother of 11 great-grandchildren. She was also a beloved aunt to nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brother Francis White. She was born in Webster on September 5, 1926, daughter of the late Simon and Catherine (Morris) White. She graduated from Saint Louis High School in 1944. Mrs. Hinchliffe worked in the office at the American Woolen Company for a short time before devoting her life to her family. Her favorite pastimes were bowling in leagues at the Mohegan Bowl-A-Drome, and watching the Red Sox and Patriots games. Her favorite Red Sox player of all time was Bobby Doerr. Marge often watched the town

meetings and even participated in a walk with her granddaughter to save Lake Chargoggagogg-manchauggagogg-chaubunagungamaugg. Later in life, she took occasional bus trips to Foxwoods and played solitaire at home. She was a licensed ham radio operator known as K1RGT. Marge made everyone feel welcome with her kindness and quick, gentle humor. She enjoyed hosting family gatherings at her pool parties and the holidays. She was always prepared to greet the family with homemade sweets or a meal. She enjoyed boat rides and vacations to Maine and Cape Cod with family and friends. Marge looked forward to dining out in Webster with her breakfast buddies. She also loved to play cards with the grandkids. She even enjoyed bingo and the petting zoo at Brookside. She completed all of this even though she was legally blind all of her life. The family is grateful for the compassionate care from the staff at Brookside Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center and Ascend Hospice. A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, July 27 at 11:00 A.M. in Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery. A time of visitation will be held from 10:00 to 11:00 AM in the funeral home. Donations in her name may be made to either Alzheimer's Support Network, PO Box 839, Southbridge, MA 01550 or to Ascend Hospice, 100 Locke Street, Marlboro, MA 01752. www.websterfunerals.com



SOMERSWORTH, NH - Theodore S. Pikora passed away on June 13, 2021 at Mass General Hospital in Boston. He was the son of the late Stanley J. and Gertrude G. (Carpenter) Pikora of Dudley, Mass., and was predeceased by a brother, Stanley. Ted is survived by his beloved wife of 45 years, Virginia M. Pikora, his daughter Kathryn Arey, her husband Russell Arey, and his granddaughter Julianna Arey who always brought a smile to his day. He also leaves a brother-in-law Richard Jones, and sisters-in-law Judy King, Lynda Hofstetter and Patty Loupis and their families; as well as many cousins who were close to him throughout his life. Family was most important to Ted. He enjoyed quiet meals together, summer reunions, researching family history, and holiday gatherings like Wigilia when he would prepare his traditional Polish recipes. Ted also had a number of hobbies including oil painting, woodworking, and gardening; and he had a special enthusiasm for cooking and travel. For many years, he looked forward to meeting with his morning breakfast group. After graduating from Bartlett High School in Webster, Ted received his B.S. degree from Fitchburg State College, his M.A. from Clark University and his Ph.D. from Boston University. His life-long interest in geography also led him to complete additional programs in Asian Studies at NE Illinois University, at the East-West Center of the University of Hawaii, and at the Arctic Institute of McGill University. Ted began his career teaching at the Masconomet Regional Junior-Senior High School in Boxford in 1962, and then accepted a position at Salem State College in 1965 where he taught in the Department of Geography for 36 years before retiring. He had a passion for teaching and brought energy and humor into the classroom while

developing an understanding of how geographical concepts can be applied to solving real world problems. Ted received the Distinguished Service Award from the College and was elected as the Department's Chair for two terms during the 1980's. He was active in a number of professional organizations including the New England - St. Lawrence Valley Geographical Society, serving as its President and receiving its Distinguished Service Award. He was also the editor of the Applied Geography Newsletter of the Association of American Geography. He presented a number of papers at regional and national meetings and wrote publications dealing with geographic education, historical geography and tourism development. Later in his career, he consulted in market and location analysis for a number of businesses and government agencies. His career in geography, varied interests and especially his love of family provided Ted with a full and rewarding life. A Mass of Christian Burial will be on July 24, 2021 at 11:00 A.M. at St. Andrew Bobola Church, 54 W. Main Street, Dudley, MA. COVID restrictions will require masks at the church ceremony. Burial will follow at St. Joseph's Garden of Peace, Old Worcester Road, Webster, MA. For more information please call the Sitkowski, Malboeuf, Hickey Funeral Home at 340 School Street, Webster, MA (508) 943-1515 or visit their website at www.websterfunerals.com. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Ted's memory to the Salem State University Foundation, 352 Lafayette Street, Salem, MA 01972 with a special note to designate the Geography Department fund in memory of Dr. Theodore S. Pikora. The gift also can be made online at <https://participate.salemstate.edu/give/>. Select "other" from the drop down list, and designate to: "Geography Department Fund". Indicate that this gift is a tribute in memory of Dr. Theodore S. Pikora.

Send all obituary notices to Stonebridge Press, PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550, or by e-mail to obits@stonebridgepress.news. Deadline is Monday noon for Friday publication.

Brad Cooley graduates from Marquette University

MILWAUKEE, Wisc. — This past spring, Brad Cooley of Oxford graduated from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisc. Cooley earned a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science. Cooley was one of 2,301 students to graduate from Marquette in May. The university celebrated its 140th Commencement with a series of events, including Graduate

Recognition Ceremonies at American Family Field and a Baccalaureate Mass on campus. Learn more about the weekend. Marquette University is a Catholic, Jesuit university that draws nearly 8,500 undergraduate and 3,300 graduate and professional students from nearly all states and more than 60 countries. In addition to its nationally recognized academic programs,

Marquette is known for its service learning programs and internships as students are challenged to use what they learn to make a difference in the world. Find out more about Marquette at marquette.edu. Contact Abby Cole in the Office of Marketing and Communication with questions.

Holy Cross announces Spring 2021 Dean's List

WORCESTER — College of the Holy Cross congratulates more than 1,451 students who were named to the Spring 2021 Dean's List. Dalton Bodreau of Oxford, majoring in Political Science and Economics Meghan Gates of Oxford, majoring in Chemistry Gianna Cravedi of

Dudley, majoring in English Trevor Dow of Dudley, majoring in Asian Studies Kelsey Connor of Webster, majoring in Psychology 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.

Janet Malser Humanities Trust announces 2021 grant recipients

REGION — The Janet Malser Humanities Trust recently awarded their eleventh annual distribution of grants to various local non-profit organizations totaling just under \$150,000. The following are this year's grant recipients: The Black Tavern Historical Society, Dudley; Boys & Girls Club of Webster-Dudley; Dudley Conservation

Land Trust; Dudley Grange #163; First Congregational Church of Dudley; Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library, Webster; Gladys E. Kelly Public Library, Webster; Nichols College, Dudley; Pulaski Brass Band, Webster; St. Joseph School, Webster; Town of Dudley; Town of Oxford; Webster Lake Association.

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

Area resident named to dean's list at Quinnipiac University

HAMDEN, Conn. — Olivia Pisegna of Oxford was named to the dean's list for the Spring 2021 semester at Quinnipiac University. To qualify for the dean's list, students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 with no grade lower than C. Full-time students must complete at least 14 credits in a semester, with at least 12 credits that have been graded on a letter

grade basis to be eligible. Part-time students must complete at least six credits during a semester. About Quinnipiac University Quinnipiac is a private, coeducational, nonsectarian institution located 90 minutes north of New York City and two hours from Boston. The university enrolls 9,715 students in 110 degree programs through its Schools of Business,

Communications, Education, Engineering, Health Sciences, Law, Medicine, Nursing and the College of Arts and Sciences. Quinnipiac is recognized by U.S. News & World Report and Princeton Review's "The Best 386 Colleges." For more information, please visit qu.edu. Connect with Quinnipiac on Facebook and follow Quinnipiac on Twitter @QuinnipiacU.

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TRIAL COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS THE SUPERIOR COURT Worcester Superior Court 225 Main Street Worcester, Massachusetts 01608 CIVIL ACTION NO. 2185cv336 C ORDER OF NOTICE BY PUBLICATION AVY M. MORSE vs. EXCHANGE AUTHORITY LLP, WILLIAM F. WILLIAMS, AND CHARLENE L. WILLIAMS

TO: Exchange Authority LLP, William F. Williams, and Charlene L. Williams, all in said Commonwealth; and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. 50 U.S.C. App. §501 et seq.: Avy M. Morse claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Ma. known and numbered as 42 Bates Point Road, Webster, Ma given by Avy M. Morse to Exchange Authority LLP ** dated 12/23/2005, and recorded in Worcester County District Registry of Deeds, in Book 38089, Page 264 has/ have filed with this court a Complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemember status. If you now are, or recently have been, in active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Worcester Superior Court on or before 7/23/2021 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of non-compliance with the Act. **Witness**, Judith Fabricant, Esquire, Chief Justice of the Superior Court, at Worcester, Massachusetts, this 11th day of June, 2021. ** Trustee of The Williams Exchange Trust

Dennis P. McManus
Clerk of Courts

July 9, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. WO21P2020EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of: Edward D Sitkowski Date of Death: 06/12/2016

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **Karen A Rumbaugh of Dudley MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Karen A Rumbaugh of Dudley MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/13/2021**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 18, 2021
Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate

July 9, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. WO21P2069EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of: Thomas J. Smith, Sr. Also known as: Thomas J. Smith Date of Death: 04/21/2021

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Thomas J. Smith, Jr. of Paxton MA and Christine M. Girouard of Charlton MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Thomas J. Smith, Jr. of Paxton MA and Christine M. Girouard of Charlton MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/20/2021**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 22, 2021
Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate

July 9, 2021

Notice is hereby given by Precision Auto Rebuilders, Inc., 243 West Main St, Dudley MA 01571 pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.255, Section 39A that on July 30, 2021 @ 5 PM at Precision Auto Rebuilders, Inc., 243 W Main St, Dudley, MA 01571 The following motor vehicle will be sold at a private sale to satisfy the garage keeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicle:
Description of vehicle: VIN# 5J6RM-4H3XEL039194;2014 Honda CRV White, Reg# 1RCK41 MA
July 9, 2021
July 16, 2021
July 23, 2021

A.C. 92A Commonwealth of Massachusetts 21E0038PP Worcester, ss. Probate Court

To Steven B Hebden of Oxford in the County of Worcester and to all persons interested. A petition has been presented to said Court by Brenda R Nichols of Webster in the County of Worcester representing that she hold as tenant in common undivided part or share of certain land lying in Oxford in said County Worcester and briefly described as follows:
Petitioner owns as co-tenant an undivided share of the following described land (referred to in this petition as the "land") in Oxford (name of city or town

in which the land is located) which petitioner wishes to own separately:
(description of the land, sufficiently specific for identification [a street address and /or an assessor's plan reference, standing alone, is not enough)
The property located at 28 Carron Lane, Oxford, MA 01540, being the premises described in a deed recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 24858, Page 38, more particularly described as follows:
The land in Oxford, Worcester County, Massachusetts, with the buildings thereon situated on Carron Lane owned by Oxford Builders, Inc. made by Walter W. Brown, Town Engineer, recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds, March 26, 1953, Plan Book 188, Plan 42 bounded and described as follows:
BEGINNING at the northeasterly corner of the tract to be conveyed at an iron pipe driven in the ground on the westerly line of Carron Lane;
THENCE by Lot No. 12 on said plan; North 67 degrees 16' West, eighty-three and 0/10 (83.0) feet to an iron pipe driven in the ground at land now or formerly of George C. and Carrie F. W. Carron;
THENCE by land now formerly of said Carrons, South 72 degrees 55' West, one hundred eight and 5/10 (108.5) feet to an iron pipe driven in the ground and South 41 degrees. East, one hundred three and 7/10 (103.7) feet to an iron pipe driven in the ground at the most westerly corner of other land now or formerly of Oxford Builders, Inc. known as Lot No. 14 on said plan;
THENCE by Lot No. 14 on said plan, North 73 degrees 48' East, one hundred ten and 4/10 (110.4) feet to an iron pipe driven in the ground on the westerly line of Carron Lane;
THENCE by the westerly line of Carron Lane, North 6 degrees 09' East, forty-seven and 0/10 (47.0) feet to the place of beginning.
The street address of the land is 28 Carron Lane, Oxford, MA 01540
The common title to the land is derived under:
a deed of Norman G. Prunier, Jr. and Joanne R. Prunier grantor(s) dated September 17, 2001 recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in book 24868 at page 38.
Setting forth that her desires that – all – the aforementioned described part – of said land may be sold in private sale for not less than \$305,000.00 dollars, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof.
If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Worcester before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the third day of August 2021, the return date of this citation.
Witness, LEILAH A. KEAMY, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eighteenth day of June 2021.
Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
July 9, 2021
July 16, 2021
July 23, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Division Docket No. WO21P2078EA Estate of: Alfred J. Beccia Date Of Death: April 1, 2021 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Christopher J. Mahoney of Framingham, MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate
Christopher J. Mahoney of Framingham, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be

filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
July 9, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Division Docket No. W021P2029EA Estate of: Linda A Bull Date Of Death: 11/6/20 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Leroy G Bull of Oxford, MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate
Leroy G Bull of Oxford, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
July 9, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. W021C0275CA CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME In the matter of: Megan Ann Gay

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Megan Ann Gay of Oxford MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Malek A Gay**

IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/20/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 23, 2021
Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate

July 9, 2021

Public Hearing
A Public Hearing will be held at the Dudley Municipal Complex, 71 West Main Street in Dudley, MA at 6:00 PM on 7/14/2021_____ to consider a Notice of Intent of Michelle Hayes_____ for the property located at: 74 Flaxfield Rd Dudley, MA 01571 for Approval to amend a Special Order of Conditions to replant 25 Red Oak and Sugar Maple trees_____. This is a Public Hearing under the requirements of G.L. CH. 131 §40, as amended. Plans are available at the Dudley Conservation office on Mondays and Tuesdays from 10:30-4:30 PM. For more information, call 508-949-8011.
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Avg Days on Market	60	48	▼
Month Supply Inv.	1.63	1.89	▲

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Market Volume	\$2,269,000	\$5,556,211	▲
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Oldies and Jazz at the bandstand. The date is July 25 from 4-5:30 p.m. Please bring your own chairs, water and chips will be available for a donation. Also a Raffle Basket of Summer Fun will be given away.

Come and enjoy the music, seeing you friends and supporting your community. For information about the Oxford Woman’s Club, contact Paula Parker at 508-987-2804.

Alyssa Mancini graduates from Anna Maria College

PAXTON — Alyssa M. Mancini of Webster graduated from Anna Maria College with the Class of 2021, receiving a Bachelor of Science.

Local residents make Dean’s List at Wentworth Institute of Technology

BOSTON — The following local students have made the Dean’s List at Wentworth Institute of Technology for the Spring 2021 semester.

- * Riley Daniel Beauregard of Auburn
- * Jason Paul Cronin of Auburn
- * David Lee Mejorado of Auburn
- * Anna Mei Pyche of Auburn
- * Kalie Mari Bourassa of Leicester
- * Adrianna T Rocheleau of Oxford
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Founded in 1904, Wentworth Institute of Technology is a nationally ranked university offering career-focused education through bachelor’s and graduate degree programs in areas including engineering, architecture, computer and data science, life sciences, management, and design. Its 31 acres are situated in the Fenway neighborhood of Boston, Mass., within walking distance of leading several cultural, educational, sports, and medical hubs. Wentworth is known for its emphasis on career preparation for students through its leading co-op programs, hands-on learning approach, and alignment with 21st-century workforce needs.

Wentworth Institute of Technology

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ic. “The last year hasn’t been very easy for the town or anybody. I have to say (Kerry) did a fantastic job as chairman leading us through a pandemic. There’s a lot that goes into being chair. A lot of

extra stuff and I want to publicly thank you for leading us through that,” Marsi said. Other selectmen also praised Cyganiewicz’s work as the board’s leader. Both he and Paul Joseph round out the Board of Selectmen slate for the next 12 months.

CONTRACT

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voiced their support of the motion. “I think this is a good move because I think that we owe it to Superintendent Lamarche to be able to hear his evaluation and be able to see his evidence

and really look at that before we vote on whether or not to go into contract negotiations,” Carmignani said. The amendment passed unanimously as did a second vote that officially pushed contract discussions forward no later than the Aug. 31 deadline.

NICHOLS

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am proud that my name will continue to be associated with this important work and truly thank the Board of Trustees for this honor.” Board of Trustees Chair John H. Davis said that President Engelkemeyer was part of a decade of growth and improvement for the school. Naming the IWL in her honor was a special way for the Board to cement her legacy on campus and beyond. “Nichols has come a long way in the past 10 years with Susan’s steady hand at the helm. She has navigated the

college through tough waters and positioned us for even greater success,” said Davis in a statement. “Susan has been a model leader and an inspiration to our students. We are excited that the IWL, one of her crowning achievements, will reflect and honor that legacy.” Under Engelkemeyer’s presidency, Nichols college saw growth in enrollment, student retention, graduation rates, endowments, and the largest fundraising campaign in the colleges 200-year history with the Bicentennial Campaign topping off at over \$66 million. Engelkemeyer oversaw her final graduation in May before officially retiring from the school.



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