



# Personnel report recommends new hires, reorganization

BY GUS STEEVES  
CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER – Selectmen got a look at the long-awaited Personnel Advisory Board review of policies and implementation at their most recent meeting.

As summarized by Chair Elaine Davies, the board’s recommendations cover a wide swath from performance evaluation to townwide succession and emergency planning to changing how the town government is structured internally.

“This is one of the most flattened organizations I have ever seen,” Davies said, referring to the fact that 14-15 department heads report directly to Town Administrator Doug Willardson. Traditionally, organizational experts recommend less than half that.

To do that, though, would require several new staff people, and Willardson said the town doesn’t have such extra cash now. It would include creating a DPW director’s post to consolidate Highway, Water and Sewer, and the total would cost about \$300,000.

Davies noted one of the board’s major recommendations is to institute

regular employee performance evaluations, and she sees a need for written performance standards by the end of the year. Although “nothing strikes more terror” in employees and managers, reviews can be positive experiences if done respectfully and the managers show their staff “how they support the town goals,” she said.

Willardson said he had already reviewed all department heads except Recreation Director Carole Marchand by that point. He hasn’t yet had the department heads evaluate union staff although “their contract allows for it.”

To ensure Webster stays on top of changes in the law, Davies’ panel is recommending one of those hires be a human resources person. Selectman Earl Gabor said that might be a chance to pursue a position shared with another town, but Chair Ray Becker saw that as likely to be “difficult.”

“There’s probably not enough time in the day to service both [towns],” he opined, suggesting sharing such a post with the school district instead.

Selectman Lisa Kontoes

asked if any towns have outsourced HR work. Davies replied that Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission looked into creating such a job towns could take advantage of regionally, but towns would be charged “at a consultant rate, two or three times more than an employee.”

Davies said she considered an HR person important to “succession planning,” which would also look at who covers for whom in emergencies. More specifically, that’s “continuity of government,” and while Webster’s planning is now very strong for weather-related emergencies, she urged selectmen to also look into how the lessons of the pandemic can be used to affect this area. She noted such plans need to address personnel, location, what’s “essential” work, how they communicate, and other issues.

Becker agreed, noting Webster should look at various kinds of disasters, specifically mentioning a week or more without electricity.

A little later, the board made a covid-era practice

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# Incumbents retain seats in Dudley election

BY JASON BLEAU  
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DUDLEY – The 2021 Dudley Municipal Election was one of the most competitive in recent memory with numerous challengers seeking to usurp incumbents for positions as selectmen, Treasurer/Collector, School Committee member and more. In the end the 830 voters that turned out to the polls, ten percent of those registered in town, chose to maintain the status quo reelecting every incumbents in the contested races to their respective positions.

The Board of Selectmen race saw two new candidates taking on a pair on returning selectmen for two available seats on the town’s highest board. Selectmen John Marsi and Steven Sullivan both earned reelection, with 595 and 613 votes, respectively, winning all three districts handily. Their opponents, David Durgin and Anne Chojnacki-Durgin each running for the first time on the ballot, received 145 and 142 votes respectfully while five votes were cast for write-in options.

When asked about his reelection John Marsi thanked his supporters for giving him another opportunity to serve the town.

“Thank you so much for the voters of Dudley for placing their trust in me for another three years,” said Marsi, who enters his fourth term as



Jason Bleau

Steven Sullivan and John Marsi maintained their seat on the Dudley Board of Selectmen.

a selectman. “I’m looking forward to keeping Dudley moving. I won’t let you down.”

Steven Sullivan earned his sixth full term as selectman after previously serving on the Planning Board adding up to over twenty years of service on elected bodies

in Dudley.

“I just want to say thank you to the voters who showed their faith and put me back on the board,” Sullivan said. “I think results speak for themselves. We’ve delivered and we will continue

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# American Legion holds Father’s Day Ride



Jason Bleau

American Legion Riders Chapter #184 takes off from the Webster-Dudley American legion in Webster for their Father’s Day Ride.

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER/DUDLEY – The Webster-Dudley American Legion Post #184 held a Father’s Day Ride on Saturday, June 19, with more than 70 riders on more than 60 motorcycles taking to the streets to raise money for local veterans.

The event saw riders take off from the Webster-Dudley American Legion stopping at Legion posts in Northborough, Grafton and Woonsocket, R.I. before returning to Webster where food and a live band awaited them. The day was a chance for veterans to come together in brother and sisterhood and to raise funds to help enhance and expand the veteran programs and facilities at the Legion on Houghton Street in Webster.

Miguel Nieves, the President of the Webster-Dudley Legion Riders Chapter #184, said while the beautiful weather

provided a great day for riding there was more too the event than just getting together and enjoying good company. This was a day truly for the veterans.

“You can’t express a lot of the things that you’ve gone through as a veteran to those who have gone through it themselves or their children who have seen their parents deal with the images and trauma that they’ve been exposed to. Being able to open up is a huge thing. You get this type of gathering where there are so many people with similar circumstances and it’s a way to decompress,” Nieves said. “One of the big things nowadays when it comes to veterans is the psychological effects. The 22-a-day is still a thing where people can’t see the light. With something like this we say if you’re feeling dark come out, hang out and we’ll take care of you and that’s what, to me, this is for. The bikes and

the nice day, that’s all a bonus.”

David Harris, one of the route planners for the event, said these kinds of events happen all year round at Legions across the state. Riders come together for a great cause and celebrate the brotherhood they share.

“It happens everywhere when a post puts on a ride. You’ll see turnouts very similar to this if not bigger. It’s just a brotherhood. Everybody is in it for the same thing, to raise money for veteran causes,” said Harris. “It’s very relaxing and it’s good to be with all your friends and fellow riders. You go out, have a couple snacks, have a drink and it’s one of the best ways to raise funds.”

Miguel Nieves added that having the ride on Father’s Day weekend was a special way to acknowledge those who never returned to be part of their families and the

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# All Saints Academy eighth graders graduate



Courtesy

On Sunday, June 6, the eighth-grade students of All Saints Academy returned to St. Louis Church in Webster to participate in their graduation Mass and ceremony.

WEBSTER — On Sunday, June 6, the eighth-grade students of All Saints Academy returned to St. Louis Church in Webster to participate in their graduation Mass and ceremony. Celebrant Rev. William Sanders and Concelebrant Rev. Adam Reid, together with families, faculty and staff celebrated the students’ academic successes, accomplishments, and hopes for the future.

In her remarks, Mrs. Joan Matys, principal, commented on how blessed she was to have been able to spend qual-

ity time together with the eighth graders, both inside and outside of the classroom, and really got a sense of who they each are. Principals rarely get that chance.

“I believe they are all destined for great things,” she said.

At the end of graduation, awards to students who have best exemplified the defined qualities for specific scholarships were presented. The Bishop Reilly Book Award was awarded to Logan Mueller for displaying kindness and truth in everyday life together with and enthu-

siasm for learning and an active involvement in service to the school, church, and community. The Pearson Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Lara Boulmetis and Logan Mueller for their spirit of achievement and dedication to excellence. The All Saints Academy Award was bestowed upon Lillian Maglich and Dylan Polinski, acknowledging their strong and consistent effort, conduct, honesty, maturity, responsibility and service.

Mrs. Matys recognized

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EVENT: TAILS AND TALES WITH JUNGLE JIM  
Monday June 21 3:00PM

Join us on Zoom for our Summer Reading kickoff event with returning favorite magician Jungle Jim! Free, but registration is required. Registered participants will receive a link for the Zoom program 24 hours before the event. Sponsored by Hugh W. and

Harriet K. Crawford Endowment.

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 in a wooded lot so bug spray and sunscreen is recommended.

6/23 Fish  
6/30 Unicorns  
7/7 Mermaids

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

Free; registration required.

MAKE A BUG HOTEL  
Friday June 25 - multiple sessions  
A backyard habitat series for birds and pollinators! This program teaches participants the basics of backyard habitats. We will be making a bug hotel to hang in your yard!  
This is for ages 6+. Limited to five participants per session.  
Sponsored by the Hugh and Harriet Crawford Endowment. Free; registration required.

MAKE A MAGIC WAND  
Tuesday June 29 – multiple sessions  
Come join us to make a magic wand! This is geared for ages 8-12. Limited to five participants per session.  
Sponsored by the Hugh and Harriet Crawford Endowment! Free; registration required.

ROCK PAINTING  
Thursday July 1 – multiple sessions  
Join us to paint your own rock! We will have some sample ideas you can copy or make your own idea!  
Ages 8-14. Limited to five participants per session.  
Sponsored by the Hugh and Harriet Crawford Endowment. 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.

tion 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!  
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ANIMAL MAGNETS/PENDANTS  
Thursday July 22 (first half) & Monday July 26 (second half) – multiple sessions  
We will be creating animal magnets or pendants. This is a 2 part activity. Part one is creating the animal and part two is painting it. (If you cannot come to the second session you can take your creation home to dry.)  
This is for ages 8-12.  
Sponsored by the Hugh and Harriet Crawford Endowment. Free; registration required.

## DUDLEY POLICE LOG

DUDLEY — The Dudley Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of June 11-17.

Wieslaw Helena Sujdak, age 60, of Dudley was arrested on June 12 in connection with a warrant.

Stephen P. Kessler, age 59, of Dudley was arrested on June 15 in connection with an out of agency warrant.

## University of Rhode Island names local students to Dean’s List

KINGSTON, R.I. — The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce the Spring 2021 Dean's List. More than 7,000 students were named to the Spring 2021 Dean's List, representing nearly all of Rhode Island's cities and towns, all six New England states, New York and New Jersey, and many other states and countries.

The following local students were named to the list:

Shannon Bombardier of Webster  
Alex Jankowski of Webster  
James Kaye of Webster  
Kate LeBlanc of Oxford  
Carly Leighton of Webster  
Sarah Leighton of Webster  
Megan Marrier of Webster

Alexandria O'Brien of Dudley  
Alana Parrott of Webster  
Ashlin Peters of Webster  
Jess Rachholz of Dudley  
Mike Toner of Webster  
Myles Wagner of Dudley

To be included on the Dean's List, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable earning at least a 3.30 quality point average.

## Fairfield University congratulates Spring 2021 Dean’s List

FAIRFIELD, Conn. — Shauna Harney of Webster received Deans List Honors for the Spring 2021 semester.

In order to be placed on the Dean's List, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours in a semester, have no outstanding or incomplete grades for that semester, and have attained a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better.



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# GLADYS E. KELLY LIBRARY

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Adult Programming  
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!

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

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

ner adventurers through a whirlwind introduction to the world of Dungeons and Dragons! No experience required, but space is very limited. Contact Peter at [arsenault@cwmmars.org](mailto:arsenault@cwmmars.org) for more information and to reserve your spot. This will be a virtual program.

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

Summer Reading Kick-off Event with Davis Bates and Roger Tincknell - Monday, June 28th 10:30-11:30AM  
The Gladys E. Kelly Public Library will be kicking off the 2021 Summer Reading Program with Parents' Choice Award winning performers Davis Bates and Roger Tincknell in a socially distanced, outdoor participatory performance of songs & stories for all ages! This lively concert includes songs about critters, nature, and environmental awareness, just so stories, creation myths and more! This performance is funded, in part, by a grant from the Webster Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the MA Cultural Council. Be sure not to miss this wonderful family-oriented entertainment event!

Summer Reading 2021 - "Tails and Tales!" - June 28th-August 20th  
Join us at the Gladys E. Kelly Library from June 28th to August 20th for our summer-long "Tails and Tales" reading program! Read books (novels, picture books, audio books, comics, etc.)

for opportunities to win fun prizes! Sign up is FREE and includes a bag full of goodies and a log to track your reading minutes. Sign up any time throughout the summer, read, and claim prizes as you go. For ages 0-17. Teens get their own prizes to choose from this year! Email [atai@cwmmars.org](mailto:atai@cwmmars.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.

Touch a Truck – Saturday, July 10th 10:00AM-12:00PM  
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## WEBSTER POLICE LOG

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of June 13-19.  
A 31-year-old female from Johnston, R.I. whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on June 13 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.  
Jessilyn Chobot, age 37, of Webster was arrested on June 14 for Larceny of a Motor Vehicle, Conspiracy, and in connection with multiple warrants. Gary P. Hutchinson, age 63, of Worcester was arrested during the same incident for Larceny of a Motor Vehicle and Conspiracy.  
Jose Antonio Rodriguez, age 19, of Worcester was arrested on June 14 in connection with a warrant.  
Ricardo Rivera Andujar, age 26, of Webster was arrested on June 15 in connection with a warrant.  
Joseph R. Perron, age 53, of Spencer was arrested on June 17 in connection with a warrant.  
Jonathan P. Boutillette, age 29, of Dudley was arrested on June 18 for Possession of a Class B Drug (subsequent offense) and in connection with a warrant.  
Nathan Marc Stmarie, age 21, of Dudley was arrested on June 18 for Assault & Battery and Vandalization of Property. Gabriella Mary Stmarie, age 26, of Rock Hill, S.C. was arrested during the same incident for Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon and Carrying a Firearm (stun gun) Without a License.

A 35-year-old female from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was issued a summons in lieu of arrest on June 19 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member and Intimidation of a Witness, Juror, Police Officer, or Court Official. A 31-year-old male from Milford was arrested during the same incident for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member, Intimidation of a Witness, Juror, Police Officer, or Court Official, and Strangulation or Suffocation.  
Stephen J. Rohr, age 55, of Webster was arrested on June 19 for Assault with a Dangerous Weapon.  
Jai A. Hylton, age 23, of Webster was arrested on June 19 in connection with a warrant.

# AG rules on open meeting complaint

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – The Attorney General's office has handed down a verdict on an open meeting law complaint issued against the town of Dudley by a citizen after the Board of Selectmen as unable to livestream and record public meetings in April.  
On April 5, the Board of Selectmen held a regularly scheduled meeting. However due to technical difficulties with Spectrum, the town's cable access provider, the meeting was unable to be livestreamed and was not video recorded. Dudley resident David Durgin filed an Open Meeting Law complaint believing that even though the meeting couldn't be broadcast live it should have been recorded for posterity. Durgin filed a second complaint concerning another meeting later that month. The Board of Selectmen addressed Durgin's accusations at a meeting on April 20, which was livestreamed, where the town's legal counsel, Attorney Michelle Randazzo of KP Law, indicated that there is no requirement that a public meeting be recorded or broadcasted and that such actions were considered a courtesy.  
Following a review, the Attorney General's Office issued a letter that was subsequently posted on the Town of Dudley Facebook Page on June 11 determining that the Board of Selectmen did not violate the Open Meeting Law as they met in person on April 5 and were not required to broadcast in-person meetings.  
"A public body may hold in-person meetings, as long as access to the meeting includes the opportunity to be physically present, as well as to see and hear what it being discussed b the member of the public body," the letter stated also noting that violations would occur if the meeting was held on-line with no public access or if the public wasn't granted access to the physical meeting location. In the case of the April 5 meeting the gathering was in-person and the public had full access to the meeting room in the town hall.  
When asked for comment by the Stonebridge Press, David Durgin said he felt it was "fiscally irresponsible" that the Board of Selectmen paid for the services of town counsel and held a special meeting to address his letter seeing as he felt the response from the board could have been handled in a simpler manner.  
"The fact is, Attorney Randazzo said it best at the April 20 meeting — '(the response to the complaint) can be as simple as we've received your complaint and we don't think we did anything wrong.' That is where this could have and should have ended," said Durgin. "In my opinion, the purpose of this meeting was to defame my character for wanting to know what is going on in our town."  
Durgin also referenced emails between himself, the selectmen and the Town Administrator sent after the April 20 meeting, which the Webster Times did receive, where he expressed a desire to "move on" from the complaints but felt compelled to continue with the pro-

cess after seeing the response from the town and its legal representative.  
Dudley Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda said he feels that the use of town counsel was warranted and that every complaint must be taken seriously.  
"Even when a complaint is unfounded or overreaching, the Town still needs to defend against it. In the wake of a global pandemic, civil unrest, economic crisis and some of the many other alarming things that we have witnessed as a society over the past 15 months, the taxpayer has the absolute right and expectation to have confidence in local government, and to think of their community as a safe haven. To that point, the Town has the absolute responsibility and duty to defend against those that spend large amounts of time and seem highly motivated to publicly erode that confidence. The use of town counsel is one of those tools," Ruda said. "Had there been no complaint there would have been no public discussion."  
Ruda said the Board of Selectmen has "always championed openness and transparency" and in the 90s began broadcasting public meetings live as a courtesy using improved technology to later make those meetings available on social media and YouTube. In the last year, they have also incorporating Zoom to conform with social distancing protocols. He added that while the Board of Selectmen values these resources to keep the public informed, they are not a required feature of town

meetings as the Attorney General letter confirmed. As far as the town is concerned, Ruda believes this issue to be closed.  
"There was a second accusation that was exactly the same as the first; the meeting was not livestreamed or broadcast on cable and so the complainant's conclusion was that there must have been an Open Meeting Law violation. At this point, however, it appears that the complainant dropped the second accusation, and the Town therefore considers that the matter has been resolved," said Ruda. "It would be hard to imagine that Attorney General's determination on the first accusation would not be sufficient to make the point. If, however, the complainant pursues the same claim, the Board of Selectmen will provide the same response. The Board of Selectmen has no reason to expect that doing the same thing again will produce a different result."

## REAL ESTATE

### Dudley

\$386,000, 9 Cardinal Dr, King, Paul T, and King, Susan N, to Arsenault, Michael, and Arsenault, Sumiyo.  
\$330,000, 23 Mason Rd, TCP Homes Inc, to Weaver, Brett.  
\$287,000, 24 Sawmill Rd, 24 Sawmill Road NT, and Conner Land T LLC Tr, to Johnston, Jessica B.

### Oxford

\$525,000, 19 Howe Ave, Dasilva, Rudimar C, and Dasilva, Fabio O, to Fearrington, Susan C, and Fearrington, Larry B.  
\$225,000, McIntyre Rd, Oxford Town Of, to Stephen& Gregory Rlty Inc, and Laramée, Rebecca.

### Webster

\$500,000, 8 Englewood St, JJ Realty LLC, to Pro Auto Properties LLC.  
\$460,000, 35 Hall Rd, Bouchard, Ryan P, to Kozub, Cheryl A.  
\$309,200, 36 Upland Ave, 36 Upland Avenue LLC, to Ansong, Antoinette, and Cheetham, Desmond.  
\$300,000, 6 Emmanuel Ave, Coccia, Amanda E, and Coccia, Christopher M, to Hernandez, Jovanny A.  
\$282,300, 99 Upper Gore Rd, Bradley Dora Est, and Roberti, James L, to Tonelli-Sippel, Isabel.  
\$276,000, 35 Everett Ave, Sabacinski, Michael C, and Sabacinski, Lisa J, to Hundley, Tyler.  
\$275,000, 10 Elm St, Brazilian Dream LLC, to Glidden, Melissa.  
\$100,000, 40 2nd Island Rd, Mullins, Ayako, to Mazurek, Patrick R.

## Friday's Child



Thomas  
Age 14

**Hi! My name is Thomas and I love Italian food and hamburgers!**

Thomas is a quiet young man of Caucasian descent who loves Harry Potter and Pokémon. He likes to be active and spend time outside. However, when he is indoors, his favorite thing to do is play Nintendo. Thomas would like to go hiking and fishing but so far, he has not had the opportunity to do so. His favorite foods include anything Italian and hamburgers. However, he is not a fan of hot dogs.  
Thomas' favorite subject is science, and he receives extra supports in school to help him complete his assignments on time.

Thomas is legally freed for adoption and is seeking a patient and caring family that is open to him making a slow transition to their home. He will do well in a family of any constellation, where he can be the only or significantly youngest child in the home.

### Who Can Adopt?

Can you provide the guidance, love and stability that a child needs? If you're at least 18 years old, have a stable source of income, and room in your heart, you may be a perfect match to adopt a waiting child. Adoptive parents can be single, married, or partnered; experienced or not; renters or homeowners; LGBTQ singles and couples.  
The process to adopt a child from foster care requires training, interviews, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you, and if so, to help connect you with a child or sibling group that your family will be a good match for.  
To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-964-6273 or visit [www.mare-inc.org](http://www.mare-inc.org). The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have a permanent place to call home.





# Brandon Road bridge closed until further notice

**BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT**

DUDLEY – The Massachusetts Department of Transportation and the Town of Dudley have announced the closing of a bridge over the French River on Brandon Road after an inspection found that the structural integrity of the bridge could not withstand the weight limit posted for the structure.

Dudley Highway

Superintendent Jeffrey Murray discussed the situation with The Stonebridge Press noting that the closing of the bridge was a safety measure required by the state and agreed upon by both Dudley and Webster.

“The state routinely does inspections on the state and municipal bridges to a federal standard. During one of their recent inspections the bridge was de-rated to under three tons. That would denote an im-

nent failure if it was to continue to be used at the currently posted load ratings,” Murray said.

The bridge is expected to be closed for some time with traffic being redirected to Main Street in Webster and onto School Street. The detour was set up with the assistance of the Mass DoT especially on the Webster side. According to Murray a solid plan has yet to be implemented but he confirmed the bridge can’t be repaired and that state

and local leaders have quickly begun the process of seeking funding for the rebuild.

“When the bridge engineer notified us that we were going to be required to close it I asked about a timeframe or options for funding repairs. Due to the status and condition report repair is not an option. It will be a full replacement of the bridge. State Rep. Peter Durant and Sen. Ryan Fattman have both been notified and have been in talks

with the Department of Transportation exploring funding options as well as the town of Dudley itself exploring those options from the DoT system. We’re hoping that this will be resolved sooner rather than later but knowing what we know these things often take a good amount of time,” Murray said.

Above all Murray wanted the people of Dudley to understand that while the bridge closure might be an inconvenience it

is a required one as the bridge was clearly unsafe for extended travel.

“We want to make it very clear that this was something mandated by the state and not something we took lightly. It’s a public safety issue. Jointly with the town of Webster we thought it was something we had to do with public safety being the first and foremost consideration,” Murray concluded.

# Dudley Conservation Land Trust hosting Native Bulb and Pollinator Sale

DUDLEY — Beginning in July, the Dudley Conservation Land Trust (DCLT) will offer Native and Pollinator Bulbs for sale. The sale will continue thru September or while supplies last. Orders will be available for pick-up in time for fall planting.

Proceeds will support and expand DCLT’s land stewardship efforts to enhance visitor experiences now and in the future. Our sanctuaries in Dudley and Oxford exceed 400 acres. DCLT is dedicated to preserving and enhancing open

space for our community to enjoy. We strive to provide the best possible habitat for native plants and animals. We also provide visitor-friendly trail experiences to educate and inspire the public about surrounding natural beauty. Our fall fundraiser sale will feature spring bulbs native to, and raised in the eastern US and friendly to native pollinators. These include Spring Beauty, Trout Lily, Blood Root, Great White Trillium, Red Trillium, Dutchman’s Breeches, Virginia Bluebells, Crested Iris and Rue Anemone. For added spring cheer,

we will also include “Sweetness” Daffodil, a yellow single or jonquilla early bloomer, also favored by our native pollinators. These little beauties will naturalize over the years for a rich display each spring! In addition, DCLT plans to sponsor a free presentation in the fall on native plants (including some from our bulb sale), open to all. Stay tuned for the launch of our fall native and pollinator-friendly bulb sale on our Web site: [www.dudleyclt.org](http://www.dudleyclt.org). So, get your trowels ready, support the Dudley Conservation Land Trust and plant away!



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## Hailey Beaudette of Dudley graduates from Roger Williams University

BRISTOL, R.I. — Roger Williams University is proud to announce that Hailey Beaudette, of Dudley, graduated with a B.A. in Dance in May as part of the Class of 2021.

**About RWU**  
With campuses on the coast of Bristol and in the heart of Providence, R.I., Roger Williams University is a forward-thinking private university committed to strengthening society through engaged teaching and learning. At RWU, small classes, direct access to faculty and guaranteed opportunity for real-world projects ensure that its nearly 4,000 undergraduates - along with hundreds of law students, graduate students and adult learners - graduate with the ability to think critically along with the practical skills that today’s employers demand. Roger Williams is leading the way in American higher education, confronting the most pressing issues facing students and families - increasing costs, rising debt and job readiness.

## Kaitlyn Curley named to Head of School Scholar honors List at Pomfret School

POMFRET, Conn. — Kaitlyn Curley of Webster, from the Class of 2022, was named to the Spring 2021 Head of School Scholar Honors list at Pomfret School. To achieve this level of distinction, Kaitlyn earned a grade point average of at least 4.00 and received no grade lower than an A-.

Founded in 1894, Pomfret School is an independent coeducational college preparatory boarding and day school for 350 students in grades 9 through 12 and postgraduates. Set on a stunning 500-acre campus in Northeastern Connecticut, Pomfret cultivates a healthy interdependence of mind, body, and spirit in its students as it prepares them for college, and to lead and learn in a diverse and increasingly interconnected society.

## Local students receive degrees from Quinnipiac University

HAMDEN, Conn. — Adelina Healy received a Doctor of Nurse Practice in Care of Populations from Quinnipiac University during commencement ceremonies held in May.

**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](http://qu.edu). Connect with Quinnipiac on Facebook and follow Quinnipiac on Twitter @QuinnipiacU.

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# Regis students make the Dean’s List

WESTON — Regis College is pleased to announce that 481 students made the Dean’s List for academic achievement for the 2021 spring semester.

Alyssa Ward, of Webster is among the students who made the Dean’s List. Ward is in the class of 2022.

To be eligible for the Dean’s List as a senior, junior or sophomore at Regis, a student must have a semester grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.50. For first-year students, a semester GPA of at least 3.25 must be attained.

“I am very pleased to see so many of our students excelling across the universi-

ty,” said Regis College Vice President of Academic Affairs Mary Erina Driscoll. “The Dean’s List and the diversity of academic disciplines speak to a dedicated student body and to a faculty that promotes intellectual curiosity and achievement.”

About Regis  
Regis College is a coed, Catholic university 12 miles west of Boston in Weston, Mass. With more than 3,000 undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students enrolled on campus and in fully online graduate programs, Regis provides an academically rigorous education within the schools of nursing, arts and sciences, business and com-

munication, and health sciences. The Young School of Nursing at Regis has consistently been recognized by the National League of Nursing as a Center of Excellence in Nursing Education. In line with Regis’ mission of providing innovative, industry-focused learning opportunities, the university offers academic partnerships with hospitals and local employers, a clinical dental center in Waltham, Mass., and bachelor’s completion and accelerated nursing pro-

grams at its campus in Lawrence, Mass. The university’s 20 NCAA Division III athletic teams compete within the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC). Inspired by the social justice values of its founders, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston, Regis engages with service initiatives within the local community and around the world. Visit regiscollege.edu to learn more.

## Julia Dandridge named to College of Charleston President’s List

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Julia Dandridge, of Dudley was named to the College of Charleston Spring 2021 Presidents List. Dandridge is majoring in Communication.

To qualify for President’s List (Highly Distinguished), students must earn a GPA of 3.800 or higher and complete a minimum of 14 semester hours.

To qualify for Dean’s List (Distinguished), students must earn a GPA of 3.600 or higher and complete a minimum of 14 semester hours.

Located in the heart of historic Charleston, South Carolina, the College of Charleston is a nationally recognized public liberal arts and sciences university. Founded in 1770, the College is among the nation’s top universities

for quality education, student life and affordability. Its beautiful and historic campus, combined with contemporary facilities, cutting-edge programs and accessible faculty attracts students from across the U.S. and around the world.

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## Area students named to Dean’s List at Western New England University

SPRINGFIELD — A model for the “New Traditional University,” Western New England University (WNE) is among just 13 percent of private (5,000 students or less) institutions ranked among *US News and World Report* “National Universities” and a “Top 100 Engineering Program.” WNE enrolls 3,690 students, including 2,552 full-time undergraduate, in bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degrees at its Colleges of Arts & Sciences, Business, Engineering, Pharmacy & Health Sciences, and School of Law.

Western New England University is pleased to announce that the following area students are among more than 750 named to the WNE Spring Semester 2021 Dean’s List for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.30 or higher.

Kelsi R. Mitchell-BS in Forensic Biology from Webster  
Dhruvansu Harsang Thakkar-BS in Computer Science from Webster  
Anthony E. Hakala-BSE in Mechanical Engineering from Dudley  
Brittany L. Priest-BA in Psychology from Dudley  
Devon M. Teague-BSE in Mechanical Engineering/ Mechatronics Concentration from Dudley  
Hannah Rose Zieminski-BS in Actuarial Science from Dudley

Rhylan John Hopkins-BSBA in Finance from Dudley  
Alayna Marie Karam-BS in Construction Management from Dudley  
Allie Germaine Provost-Exploratory -Business from Dudley  
Maya Kristan Pullin-BSBA in Human Resource Management from Dudley

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## Gabrielle Lawrence named to Dean’s List at University of Findlay

FINDLAY, Ohio — Gabrielle Lawrence, of Dudley, was named to the spring 2021 dean’s list at the University of Findlay. To earn this achievement, a student must attain a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Located in Findlay, Ohio, the University of Findlay is known not only for science, health professions, animal science and equestrian studies programs, but also for cultivating the next generation of business leaders, educators and global citizens through

a dedication to experiential learning, both in and outside of the classroom. Established in 1882 through a joint partnership between the Churches of God, General Counsel and the City of Findlay, the University of Findlay has more than 80 majors leading to baccalaureate degrees and offers 11 master’s degrees, and five doctoral degrees. More than 3,500 students are enrolled at Findlay, and the University is nationally recognized by U.S. News and World Report and the Princeton Review.

BEVERLY — Endicott College, the first college in the U.S. to require internships of its students, is pleased to announce its Spring 2021 Dean’s List students. In order to qualify for the Dean’s List, a student must obtain a minimum grade point average of 3.5, receive no letter grade below “C,” have no withdrawal grades, and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits for the semester.

The following students have met these requirements:

Dudley  
Kaylee Ceppetelli

Oxford  
Victoria Sheehan

Webster  
Cassidy Thorpe

About Endicott College  
Endicott College offers doctorate, master’s, bachelor’s, and associate degree programs at its campus on the scenic coast of Beverly, Mass., with additional sites in Boston, online, and at U.S. and international locations. Endicott remains true to its founding principle of integrating professional and liberal arts education with internship opportunities across disciplines. For more, visit endicott.edu.

## Webster resident named to Dean’s List at Dean College

FRANKLIN — Dean College is pleased to announce that Olivia Houlihan of Webster has earned a place on the Dean’s List for the Spring 2021 semester. Students named to the Dean’s List have demonstrated a serious commitment to their studies while at Dean College.

Founded in 1865, Dean College is a private, residential college located

in Franklin Massachusetts, 45 minutes from Boston, Massachusetts, and Providence, Rhode Island. Dean College offers baccalaureate degrees, associate degree programs, as well as a robust schedule of part-time continuing and professional education credit and certificate programs throughout the calendar year.

## Local students graduate from Plymouth State University

PLYMOUTH, New Hampshire — More than 670 students received degrees from Plymouth State University on Saturday, May 8, 2021. The following local students earned degrees:

Andrea Godin of Webster graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Social Work.  
Andrew Jalbert of Oxford graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

About Plymouth State University  
Established in 1871, Plymouth State University serves the state of New Hampshire and the world beyond by transforming our students through advanced practices where engaged learning produces well-educated undergraduates and by providing graduate education that deepens and advances knowledge and enhances professional development. With distinction, we connect with community and business partners for economic development, technological advances, healthier living, and cultural enrichment with a special commitment of service to the North Country and Lakes Region of New Hampshire.

## Roger Williams University announces Spring 2021 Dean’s List

BRISTOL, R.I. — Select students have been named to the Spring 2021 Dean’s List at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I. Full-time students who complete 12 or more credits per semester and earn a GPA of 3.4 or higher are placed on the Dean’s List that semester.

Ashlee Bartels of Webster  
Morgan Richardson of Webster  
Dariane Tooley of Webster

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**B**

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**• 1911:** GEORGE V AND MARY OF TECK ARE CROWNED KING AND QUEEN OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

**• 1969:** THE CUYAHOGA RIVER CATCHES FIRE IN CLEVELAND, OHIO.

### New Word

**MARINE**  
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### How they SAY that in...

**ENGLISH:** Ocean

**SPANISH:** Océano

**ITALIAN:** Oceano

**FRENCH:** Océan

**GERMAN:** Meer

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SMALL TUBE FEET ON THE UNDERSIDE OF SEA STARS HELP THEM TO MOVE ACROSS THE OCEAN FLOOR.

### GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: SEA TURTLE

### CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to safety. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 12 = T)

**A. 8 1 13 12 10 23 25**  
Clue: Care taken

**B. 14 24 23 12 21 8 12**  
Clue: Prevent harm

**C. 10 25 2 13 24 9**  
Clue: Damage or hurt

**D. 6 1 26 21**  
Clue: Protected

Answers: A. caution B. protect C. injury D. safe

### SUDOKU

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EDITORIAL

# A celebration of freedom

Last week, President Biden signed legislation making Juneteenth a federal holiday. The house approved the legislation with a bi-partisan vote of 415-14.

This day commemorates the actual end of slavery in our country, a day that should be celebrated by all. An entire race of people was now free, two years after Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, what's not to celebrate? If that bothers anyone, we have to wonder why. Adding a federal holiday does not negate, nor take away from any other holiday. It just doesn't.

In 1776, just under 100 years earlier, Thomas Jefferson wrote in the Declaration of Independence, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness."

However, not all Americans were 'free' until June 19, 1865, when Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger in Galveston, Texas, issued General Order No. 3, which stated that in accordance with the Emancipation Proclamation, "all slaves are free." Several months later, the 13th Amendment was ratified, abolishing slavery in the final four border states that had not been subjected to President Abraham Lincoln's order.

During that time, Union presence was weak in Texas; therefore, enforcement wasn't strong, allowing white plantation owners to continue to use slave labor. Anytime evil is undone, as it was on that day in 1865, it should be celebrated.

In current times, the goal is for all law abiding Americans to enjoy the same opportunities and rights as one another. Such a simple concept yet so many continue to feel threatened by our differences. How great would it be if everyone was just kind to each other, despite our differences, why is that so hard? The fact is, it's not hard to try to understand each other. Maybe we may never understand each other but that's ok. We can guarantee that anyone you meet, has something in common with you, even if it's something as simple as preferring Pepsi over Coke. Start there.

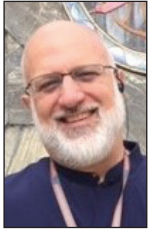
Make it a point this week to seek someone out who lives and feels completely different than you and just be kind to them. It is possible to have different views on different topics yet still possible to treat each other with respect and dignity. We all deserve that, no matter who you vote for, what you look like, what you do for work or who you love.

Addressing the country after signing the Juneteenth bill, the President said, "The promise of equality is not going to be fulfilled until we become real; it becomes real in our schools and on our Main Streets and in our neighborhoods."

# VIEWPOINT

## Why believe?

### Part 4 – The Power of God



BEYOND THE PEWS

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How many of us try to do something but don't have the discipline we need? We want to change certain things in our lives but simply don't have the strength or fortitude to do it. We realize we are weak or undisciplined or maybe a bit complacent or lazy and can't accomplish certain goals or changes in our lives. Where do we find strength? Where can we discover a Source of power? It's interesting to note that in the 12 Step recovery program from addiction, the first three steps state this: 1) We are powerless over our addiction, 2) We believe that a Power greater than ourselves can restore us to sanity or wholeness, and 3) We make a decision to turn our will and our lives over to God. The 12 Step Program articulates something essential we all can discover in our lives. We are weak! There is a Power greater than ourselves that can help us! If we turn over our lives to God, we will discover a new life!

Well, I'm continuing my four-part sermon series on "Why Believe?" In Part 1, I shared how all people from diverse cultures throughout history believed in something beyond themselves, beyond the here and now, beyond this material world. In "Part 2," I noted how different religions and religious thought throughout history tried to offer answers to the existential questions of life. And I focused on the specific question of "What is the meaning of life? What is our purpose during this brief existence here on earth?" In Part 3, I turned our attention to how greatness inspires greatness and how Jesus Christ was arguably the greatest and most influential person in all of history. Not only His words but His life can inspire us to reach the divine potential and greatness we have within.

Today, in "Why Believe? Part 4," I will focus on the strength and power that God gives us in our lives. His power can help us fulfill our God-given potential and overcome whatever weaknesses and brokenness we have. Why Believe? Because belief in the Divine not only helps us understand who we truly are as children created in the image and likeness of God, not only reveals to us our uniqueness as well as our potential, but empowers us to overcome anything that hinders us from fulfilling our unlimited potential. We believe in the power of God to help us grow in His grace and truth, to mature in His love and Spirit, to become fully human as Jesus Christ was human. By believing in God we discover the Source of Power that helps us realize who we truly are and gives us

the strength to fulfill an exciting vision for our future!

It's one thing to simply understand who we are and understand the divine potential we possess and it's quite another thing to fully actualize our potential. How many people do we know with potential unfulfilled? How few people do we see live up to their full potential?

Here lies a central reason why we believe! Our belief in God and our journey with God reminds us that we are never alone. We don't journey through life by ourselves and thus, never rely solely on our own efforts. God is with us, walking with us every day. Yet He not only gives us direction and inspiration but empowers us and strengthens us to face and overcome whatever struggles, obstacles and challenges hinder us from fulfilling our potential. Not only "In God We Trust" but "In God we find strength and power!"


A popular Bible verse is Saint Paul's encouragement to the Christians in Philippi when he himself was in prison and when the first Christians faced persecution. He shared the secret of life with these followers of Jesus, showing them how to be content in any and every circumstance, in joy and abundance as well as in trial and tribulation. In the midst of all situations, he declared, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Phil 4:13)

Paul realized that he himself wasn't so strong. He couldn't rely solely on his own abilities or desire, on his own intellect or charisma. At one point in his life the Apostle even said, "I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but I do what I hate ... For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing." (Rom 7:15-20)

Yet instead of getting discouraged and remaining on a path of failure, he discovered the Source of ultimate strength when God said to him, "My grace is sufficient for you. For My strength is made perfect in your weakness." Paul would go on to say, "So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong." (2 Cor 12:9-10)

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# It's time to register your alarm system



CHIEF'S CORNER

STEVE WOJNAR

All home and business burglar and fire alarms currently in use here in the Town of Dudley are required to be registered. Local by-law Article 117 (former Article 36) is the regulation which governs alarm systems. Since the renewal date for providing up to date information is soon upon us, I thought I would take this opportunity to remind everyone about the process.

Police officers and firefighters respond to house alarms quite frequently. Many of these have been activated by accident or they have malfunctioned. It is important to keep current contact information on file with public safety officials in the event of a problem. Article 117 Section 3 outlines the procedure for registering these alarms. It states, "Every alarm user shall submit to the Police Chief the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the user and at least two other persons who can be reached anytime, day or night, and who are authorized to respond to an emergency signal transmitted by an alarm system and who can open the premises wherein the alarm system is installed. The list of names, addresses and telephone numbers of the responders must be kept current at all times by the alarm user and shall be submitted during the first month of each fiscal year." July 1 is the beginning of the fiscal year, and this is the date when the information needs to be submitted.

Penalties for violations are covered under Article 117 section 5. It provides for a fine of \$25 for unregistered or late registered false alarms. In addition, \$25 can be charged for each month where a homeowner is in non-compliance. This can be costly if not addressed. We hope to avoid doing this and encourage everyone's compliance with this rule. It is important to have current and accurate information for first responders. This helps to protect your property from damage, allows emergency services and family members to be contacted quickly, and limits the police and fire response in the event of a false alarm.

There are several ways to provide this information to us. Forms are available for in person pickup at our station. They can also be download on-line via Facebook ("The Dudley Police Department Massachusetts") or our Web site [www.dudleypolice.com](http://www.dudleypolice.com). If none of those work, simply provide the necessary information on a sheet of paper and send it to us, either by standard US Mail or via email (either to Sgt. Dean Poplawski [dpoplawski@dudleypolice.com](mailto:dpoplawski@dudleypolice.com) or to mine listed below). Whichever way you choose to do this, we thank you in advance for your cooperation for providing us with accurate information.

For those still seeking vaccination information, it can be found at [www.dudleyma.gov](http://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](mailto:swojnar@dudleypolice.com). Opinions expressed in this weekly column are those of Chief Wojnar only and unless clearly noted, do not reflect the ideas or opinions of any other organization or citizen.*

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Elections have consequences

To the Editor:

If you are among the fortunate relative few who drive a Tesla or other EV, you can stop reading. If, on the other hand, you are, like most of us, still wedded to your internal combustion engine, this is for you.

As the pandemic restrictions ease and people are once again on the road for both jobs and leisure time activities, we have seen an uptick in the price of gas. As of this writing, the price in Dudley is \$2.999, the dreaded three-dollar mark looming on the horizon.

The strange thing is that not that long ago, the United States was the among the world leaders in petroleum exports. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, "The United States became a net

annual petroleum exporter in 2020. In 2020, the United States exported about 8.51 MMb/d (millions of barrels per day) and imported about 7.86 MMb/d of petroleum, making the United States a net annual petroleum exporter for the first time since at least 1949. Imports were at their lowest since 1991."

Fast forward to 2021 and the picture has changed. Clarion News reports that "Within months of President Joe Biden halting the Keystone Pipeline, pausing new oil and gas leases on federal lands, and imposing further restrictions on U.S. oil companies, U.S. oil imports from Russia set a new record in March." And you wondered why Mr. Putin smiled so much when meeting with President Biden in Geneva. Oil and gas account for 60 percent of Russia's

exports. You can bet that Vladimir loves seeing you pull up to the pump. Putting gas in your tank makes for one smiling Russian.

How did this happen, you ask? Well, "Within months of President Joe Biden halting the Keystone Pipeline, pausing new oil and gas leases on federal lands, and imposing further restrictions on U.S. oil companies, U.S. oil imports from Russia set a new record in March."

To quote Former President Obama, "Elections have consequences."

Happy motoring.

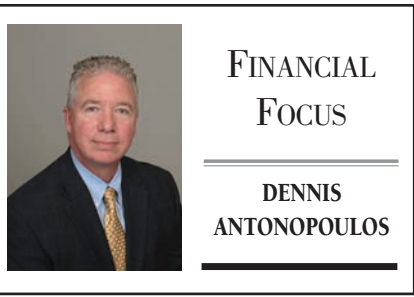
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# How can you prepare for the “New Retirement?”

A generation or so ago, people didn't just retire from work – many of them also withdrew from a whole range of social and communal activities. But now, it's different: The large Baby Boom cohort, and no doubt future ones, are insisting on an active lifestyle and continued involvement in their communities and world. So, what should you know about this “new retirement”? And how can you prepare for it?

For starters, consider what it means to be a retiree today. The 2020 Edward Jones/Age Wave Four Pillars of the New Retirement study has identified these four interrelated, key ingredients, along with the



connected statistics, for living well in the new retirement:

Health – While physical health may decline with age, emotional intelligence – the ability to use emotions in positive ways – actually improves, according to a well-known study from the University of California, among others. However, not surprisingly, retirees fear Alzheimer's and other types of dementia more than any physical

ailment, including cancer or infectious diseases, according to the “Four Pillars” study.

Family – Retirees get their greatest emotional nourishment from family relationships – and they'll do anything it takes to help support those family members, even if it means sacrificing their own financial security. Conversely, retirees lacking close connections with family and friends are at risk for all the negative consequences resulting from physical and social isolation.

Purpose – Nearly 90 percent of Americans feel that there should be more ways for retirees to use their talents and knowledge for the benefit

of their communities and society at large. Retirees want to spend their time in useful, rewarding ways – and they're well capable of doing so, given their decades of life experience. Retirees with a strong sense of purpose have happier, healthier lives and report a higher quality of life.

Finances – Retirees are less interested in accumulating more wealth than they are in having sufficient resources to achieve the freedom to live their lives as they choose. Yet, retirees frequently find that managing money in retirement can be even more challenging than saving for it. And the “unknowns” can be scary: Almost 70 percent of those who plan to retire in the next 10 years say they have no idea

what their healthcare and long-term care costs will be in retirement.

So, if you're getting close to retirement, and you're considering these factors, how can you best integrate them into a fulfilling, meaningful way of life? You'll want to take a “holistic” approach by asking yourself some key questions: What do you want to be able to do with your time and money? Are you building the resources necessary to enjoy the lifestyle you've envisioned? Are you prepared for the increasing costs of health care as you age? Have you taken the steps to maintain your financial independence, and avoid burdening your family, in case you need some type of long-term care? Have you created the estate plans

necessary to leave the type of legacy you desire?

By addressing these and other issues, possibly with the help of a financial professional, you can set yourself on the path toward the type of retirement that's not really a retirement at all – but rather a new, invigorating chapter of your life.

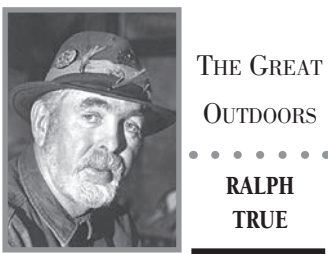
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# The heat is on — and so is the fog

The summer heat is on for the next two months, and boaters need to be aware of the thick fog at this time of year. Although I do not like fishing in the fog, I rely on my GPS to keep me safe, and navigate the ocean waters that I enjoy fishing. For years I navigated the ocean using a compass and was not comfortable when the fog rolled in. None of my fishing buddies were much help, and relied on me to keep them safe.

There was one time when we were fishing in the five cottages area of Rhode Island, fishing for fluke. My two fishing buddies each had two lines out while I had one. We had two drift socks out to slow down our drift. The thick fog rolled in right after we got set up to start adrift, and I mean thick fog. We could hear the fog horn at the Galilee break wall, but we could also hear a strange sound coming closer to our boat. I started blowing my horn to alert the captain of the other vessel. I finally realized it was a large boat heading in our direction. I told the guys to be ready for a possible collision. “Thug Thug Thug” from the engine of the other boat, got closer every second, and I quickly started my motor.

Like a ghost ship, we suddenly spotted the hull of a large sailboat headed right at us. We all start-



ed yelling as loud as we could. I quickly threw my 175 hp motor into forward gear, but we did not move to fast because we still had two drift socks out. The hull of the massive sail boat barely cleared the stern of our boat as we all kept yelling at the top of our voices. Suddenly a voice from the other vessel wanted to know what all the yelling was about. “Are you Nuts?” I replied. “You darn near ran us over.” Obviously, he was navigating on auto pilot, with no one at the helm. He sure ruined our day! We decided to call it a day!

A couple of times, we near got run over by the Block Island speed ferry, and had to make fast adjustments to our course. Both times, it was extremely foggy. Just because I had a good GPS to navigate with, it did not keep us safe from other boats that take little care in their navigation. One buddy of mine that often fished with me would not go out if it was foggy. If the fog rolled in while we were out fishing, he would demand that we head in. I did not

comply one day and he never went fishing with me again. Big Baby!

Captain Mel True of “Fish Net Charters” sent along this week's picture of a large striper which was released after a fast photo shoot. All the stripers his clients caught were released because of the slot limit. I do not know who dreams up all of these crazy regulations, but it is not done by responsible biologists. Politics!

Another local angler and his brother had to cancel their planned striper fishing trip to the Cape last week. They both enjoy surf fishing for stripers on the cape, but the beaches were shut down because of the shore bird called the “Piping Plover.” It is nesting season, and these endangered birds' nest along the sandy beaches. It seems like a bit of overkill, when they shut down a lot of the coastline to fishing.

My brother Ken and his wife Debby made another trip to the Quabbin Reservoir last week and caught numerous lake trout on their fishing trip, that has become an annual event.

They rent a boat at gate 8 for around \$25, which is equipped with a four-stroke motor and six gallons of gas. It is the price for the rental on weekdays, and it also has the reduced price for seniors. Sometimes, it



This week's picture shows Byron Crampton with a nice size striper last week while fishing aboard Fishnet Charters, with Captain Mel True, Jr.!

pays to be old. The lake trout were averaging 21 inches plus. Bass fishing is also great this time of year at the Quabbin Reservoir!

Unfortunately, you need to have your boat washed prior to launching because of fear that you may have an invasive weed stuck to the bottom of your boat. The outrageous price of \$80 to wash your boat prior to fishing needs to be done every time you plan to fish the Quabbin, if you use your boat in another body of water prior to your trip.

Drivers need to be aware of the high population of deer in local covers. Deer are just about done having their young at this time of year, and their fawns are out exploring their surroundings. This past week, I was in the area of the Nelmore Co. in North Uxbridge when I spotted a young fawn in the road. The young deer had extremely wobbly legs, and near fell down twice before it wandered off into a small patch of woods. It sure was not very old. I am sure the mother was not far away. Numerous

reports of small deer in backyards have also been reported in the last few weeks. It is best to leave them alone, and they will have a better chance of survival.

Local freshwater bass fishing has been nothing but fantastic in the valley area, and freshwater anglers are still catching some nice trout. Deep trolling lakes and ponds, are producing the most trout.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

# Tips for Terrific Tomatoes

The taste of a garden tomato, warmed from the sun and plucked fresh from the vine, is a simple pleasure worth waiting all year for. While tasty tomatoes are undoubtedly the highlight of most backyard gardens, their sweet success can often be ensured with a few “tricks of the trade.”

Prep Plants: Harden off tomato plants for a week to ten days before transplanting outside. Veteran farmers advise to transplant tomatoes in late afternoon for best results.

Deep Seated: Growing deep, extensive roots and full leaves will help establish newly transplanted tomatoes. Many experienced tomato growers pull off the first flowers, so the plant does not devote energy to forming fruit before its roots and foliage have filled out.

Rotation Inoculation: Expert growers claim insect infestation and plant disease is reduced if you never plant tomatoes in the same spot more than three years in a row.

Mulching Mix: Mulching is an important garden task and natural mulches such as straw, leaves, pine needles and dried grass all are beneficial to tomato plants.

Warm Up To Cool Down: Since mulch keeps the ground cool, it's important to wait until the ground soil warms to 65 degrees before laying the mulch.

Companion Crops: The plants in which tomatoes keep company with can affect their growth. Tomatoes like to grow near onions, parsley, chives, garlic, and carrots.

Early Irrigation: Water tomato plants early in the day to be sure leaves will be dry by nightfall.

Think Ahead: Pound in stakes for future support at the same time you plant tomatoes. Waiting until later could the roots.

Tie it Up: Stake ties made of strips of old pantyhose or lightweight fabric won't cut into plants.

Faded Flavor: If your tomatoes are large, but lack flavor, over watering might be the culprit.

Fun Fact: According to the Guinness Book of World Records, the world's largest tomato was grown by Gordon Graham of Edmund, Oklahoma and weighed 7 pounds 12 ounces.

Freezing Tomatoes: If you're lucky enough to have too many tomatoes to use or give away, you might want to consider freezing them. Here's how:

Freezing Raw Tomatoes: It is possible to quickly freeze raw tomatoes without blanching them first. They may be frozen without their skins or frozen whole with their skins. Frozen tomatoes are best used in cooked foods such as soups, sauces and stews as they become mushy when they're thawed. Tomatoes should be washed before cutting. To wash, wet each tomato with water, rub its surface, rinse it with running water, and dry it with a paper towel. After washing, cut away the stem scar and surrounding area and discard it before slicing or chopping the tomato.



Washing tomatoes in a sink filled with water is not recommended since contaminated water can be absorbed through the fruit's stem scar. The use of soap or detergent is neither recommended nor approved for washing fruits and vegetables because they can absorb detergent residues. Tomatoes may be frozen whole, sliced, chopped, or pureed. Additionally, you can freeze them raw or cooked, as juice or sauce, or prepared in the recipe of your choice. Thawed raw tomatoes may be used in any cooked-tomato recipe. Do not try to substitute them for fresh tomatoes, however, since freezing causes their texture to become mushy. Tomatoes should be seasoned just before serving rather than before freezing; freezing may either strengthen or weaken seasonings such as garlic, onion, and herbs. Preparation. Select firm, ripe tomatoes for freezing. Sort the tomatoes, discarding any that are spoiled. Wash them in clean water as recommended above. Dry them by blotting with a clean cloth or paper towels.

Freezing Whole Tomatoes with Peels: Prepare tomatoes as described above. Cut away the stem scar. Place the tomatoes on cookie sheets and freeze. Tomatoes do not need to be blanched before freezing. Once frozen, transfer the tomatoes from the cookie sheets into freezer bags or other containers. Seal tightly. To use the frozen tomatoes, remove them from the freezer a few at a time or all at once. To peel, just run a frozen tomato under warm water in the

kitchen sink. Its skin will slip off easily.

Freezing Peeled Tomatoes: If you prefer to freeze peeled tomatoes, you can wash the tomatoes and then dip them in boiling water for about 1 minute or until the skins split. Peel and then freeze as noted above.

Lifespan: To extend the lifetime of frozen foods maintain good quality, package foods in material intended for freezing and keep the temperature of the freezer at 0 degrees F or below. It is generally recommended frozen vegetables be eaten within about 8 months for best quality.

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.





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# Sadie Bay Smith named to President’s List at Western New England University

SPRINGFIELD — Western New England University (WNE) is pleased to announce that Sadie Smith (BSE in Biomedical Engineering program) of Oxford, has been named to the President’s List for the Spring Semester 2021. Students are named to the President’s List for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.80 or higher.

A model for the “New Traditional University,” Western New England University is among just 13% of private (5,000 students or less) institutions ranked among US News and World Report «National Universities» and a «Top 100 Engineering Program.» WNE enrolls 3,690 students, including 2,552 full-time undergraduate, in bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degrees at its Colleges of Arts & Sciences, Business, Engineering, Pharmacy & Health Sciences, and School of Law.

Smith is one of over 460 students to achieve this mark of academic excellence.

A WNE education provides career-span agility through a curriculum grounded in professional/experiential studies, enhanced by the liberal arts, and enriched by mentored research that equips graduates to adapt and succeed in the workplace of the future.

# Springfield College recognizes Dean’s List students

SPRINGFIELD — Springfield College Recognizes Dean’s List Students for the 2021 Spring Semester.

Virginia Richert from Dudley. Richert has a primary major of Applied Exercise Science. Jennifer Walker from Webster. Walker has a primary major of Athletic Training.

Ariana Guenther from Webster. Guenther has a primary major of Health Science/ Occupational Therapy.

Kelsey Prince from Webster. Prince has a primary major of Health Science.

Katie Israelian from Webster. Israelian has a primary major of Psychology.

Lucas Yash from Webster. Yash has a primary major of Sport Management.

The criteria for selection to the Dean’s List are as follows: The student must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded coursework for the term, exclusive of “P” grades. The student must not have any incompletes or missing grades in the designated term. The student must have a minimum semester grade average of 3.500 for the term.

Springfield College is an independent, nonprofit, coeducational institution founded in 1885. Approximately 4,100 students, including 2,500 full-time undergraduate students, study at its main campus in Springfield, Mass., and at its regional campuses across the country. Springfield College inspires students through the guiding principles of its Humanities philosophy - educating in spirit, mind, and body for leadership in service to others.

# LEGALS

## TOWN OF DUDLEY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Please take notice that: DJT Properties Has applied to the Zoning Board of Appeals to vary the terms of the Zoning By-Laws Section: Section 5.01.04 Decision, Criteria, Special Permits Location: 40 Fish Road In the following respect: To allow the petitioner to apply for a special permit for the extension, alteration, or change to pre-existing nonconforming uses or structures.

The Public Hearing will be held on July 1, 2021 @ 7:00pm at the Town Hall, room 315, at which time you may be heard relative to this Public Hearing. Please contact Amanda Jacobson at 508-949-8012 or building@dudleyma.gov to attend the meeting. George Slingo, Chairman Zoning Board of Appeals June 18, 2021 June 25, 2021

## TOWN OF DUDLEY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Please take notice that: Kate Slingo Has applied to the Zoning Board of Appeals to vary the terms of the Zoning By-Laws Section: Section 2.04.02 Density Requirement Table (Setbacks, Etc.) Location: 92.5 Tracy Road

In the following respect: To allow the petitions to apply for a Variance of Frontage from 150ft to 130ft The Public Hearing will be held on July 1, 2021 @ 7:00pm at the Town Hall, room 315, at which time you may be heard relative to this Public Hearing. Please contact Amanda Jacobson at 508-949-8012 or building@dudleyma.gov to attend the meeting. George Slingo, Chairman Zoning Board of Appeals June 18, 2021 June 25, 2021

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Division Docket No. WO21P1027EA Estate of: Sharon Lee Newkirk Date Of Death: January 25, 2021 NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Matthew Newkirk of River-view FL**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Matthew Newkirk of Riverview FL** 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.

June 25, 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. WO21P1950EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of: Kenneth A Sitko Date of Death: 05/15/2021

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of**

**Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Janet A. Sitko of Thompson CT** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Janet A. Sitko of Thompson CT** 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 14, 2021  
Stephanie K. Fattman,  
Register of Probate  
June 25, 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. WO21P1934EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of: Ruediger K Wiesehan Date of Death: 01/04/2021

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Susan M Quinlan of Sutton MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Susan M Quinlan of Sutton 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 07/06/2021**.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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sets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.

Date: June 08, 2021  
Stephanie K. Fattman,  
Register of Probate  
June 25, 2021

## THE TOWN OF DUDLEY Dudley Historical Commission

The Dudley Historical Commission is in receipt of an application for a demolition permit for 39 Marsh Road, Dudley, MA 01571

Dated April 28, 2021

A public hearing will be held as per section 12.04.00 of the Dudley MA Demolition Delay Bylaw, at the Dudley Municipal Complex, 71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA 01517 On (day) Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 6:30 pm, in Room 315.

“Within forty five (45) days of the Commission’s receipt of a copy of the application for a demolition permit, the Commission shall hold a public hearing on such application, and shall make a determination as to whether the structure is a significant structure under one or more criteria set forth in sections 12.05.00a, and 12.05.00b. The Commission shall give written notice of the time and place of the hearing, not less than seven (7) days prior to the hearing, to the owner by certified mail, and by posting and by publication once in a local newspaper. The Commission may conduct a site visit prior to the hearing.” Respectfully,

David Proulx, Secretary  
Dudley Historical Commission  
June 25, 20121

## 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. WO21P1984EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of: Keith A. Bemis Date of Death: 11/10/2020

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Jean Merritt of Brockton MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Jean Merritt of Brockton MA**

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Date: June 10, 2021  
Stephanie K. Fattman,  
Register of Probate  
June 25, 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. WO21P1938EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of: Cecilia Rose Klatecki Also known as: Cecelia Rose Klatecki Date of Death: 11/09/2020

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Michael Klatecki of Medford MA**

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

The Petitioner requests that **Michael Klatecki of Medford MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Date: June 14, 2021  
Stephanie K. Fattman,  
Register of Probate  
June 25, 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. WO21C0260CA CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME In the matter of: Carol Russell Winslow

A **Petition to Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **Carol Russell Winslow of Oxford MA**

requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

**Carol Jones Winslow**

### 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 07/06/2021. 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 10, 2021  
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2 Bedrooms, New windows and sliders, Recent carpentering, Garage  
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WEBSTER

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under which employees have been allowed to work remotely permanent policy. Afterward, Ted Avlas summarized the Historical Commission's recent efforts to rebuild itself, noting he could find no records of activ-

ity since around 1984. With the board "basically starting from scratch," he said one early goal will be to do a new version of the town's historical properties survey, last done in the late 1970s. He hopes that will include buildings, parks, memorabilia and artifacts, among other things. Although he acknowledged property owners

sometimes fear a commission's labeling buildings "historical" because that can restrict development options, Avlas said the goal is to "preserve the history of town that people may be proud of." One fairly quick turnaround project Avlas sees is transplanting the historical "Praying Indian Town" marker that's now nearly invisible

on Webster Lake's east side to Memorial Beach; that'll require coordination with local veterans' groups. He and the board also briefly discussed Native burial grounds, and he noted he has been in contact with area Nipmuc representatives. In other business, the board began consideration of the process for addressing the fact the

cable contract expires in 2023, but pushed that to a future meeting for a more detailed discussion. Also, it voted to accept a CMRPC grant making Webster the "host community" for a seven-town public health effort. That entails hiring a health inspector to conduct various kinds of inspections and a "public health generalist" aimed at edu-

cating the public about health issues. Webster provides office space; salaries, insurance and retirement are covered by the grant, as is transportation upon request. It's renewable after three years.

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DUDLEY

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to deliver for the town." Their opponents, David Durgin and Anne Chojnacki-Durgin, made Dudley history as allegedly the first husband and wife pair to run for the Board of Selectmen together. While 2021 wasn't their year, David Durgin promised both would be back to run

again. "I ran my campaign on Transparency being a key problem in Dudley. As for the Durgin's running again, we'll be back next year. We truly appreciate all of the 140 people that came out to vote for us. Some I spoke with through Facebook messenger, but most of those people have never even met me, they just see the need for change," David Durgin said.

The Selectmen race was far from the only contested election. Treasurer/Collector Richard Carmignani, Jr. faced competition from newcomer Kelly Marie Laskowski for a three-year term in the post. Carmignani came out victorious in a 484 to 329 decision, one of the closest counts of the night. However, the closest battle was for a seat on the Dudley Charlton Regional

School Committee where incumbent Cathleen Ann Carmignani retained her seat over challenger Caitlynn L. Panczyk in a 474 to 330 decision. Jennifer Cournoyer earned a new term on the Board of Health staving off a challenge from Anna T. Chojnacki-Durgin in a 632 to 143 result. Cournoyer said she is humbled to continue to serve her community. "I'd like to thank all the

Dudley voters for their support. I'm glad that I get to represent the town for another three years," said Cournoyer, who will have served the town for fifteen years at the end of her new term. The final true contest was for a one-year seat on the Dudley Housing Authority. Leslie Sullivan defeated David Durgin in a vote of 530 to 232. As for uncontested seats, Jo-Ann Szymczak earned

a new three-year term as assessor, Jay Spahl and Scott Zajkowski return to the Water & Sewer Commission, Joyce Nierodzinski returns to the Library Board of Trustees along with newcomer Nicole Kucherov, and Guy Earl Horne, Jr. and Thomas T. Chojnacki became the newest members of the Planning Board.

ALL SAINTS

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the incredible journey the students have been on for the past year and a half, enduring hardships that no one could have imagined. But these students "continued to learn, grow and thrive, despite them." The newly graduated students exited

the church with one final assignment from All Saints Academy – to continue to be beacons of Christ's love, use their God-given talents to be the best young men and women they can be, and go make a difference in this world. These students will be making a difference at Marianapolis Preparatory School, Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical

High School, Shepard Hill regional High School, and St. Paul Diocesan Jr.-Sr. High School in the fall. Congratulations to the Class of 2021: Lara Boulmetis, Lillian Maglich, Logan Mueller, Dylan Polinski, Joseph Santora, Lily Sargent, Reid Szela.

RIDE

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sacrifice they made while also being thankful that everyone on the route has had a chance to enjoy that part of their lives in great part due to the sacrifices of others. "When you do something like this, and you think about fatherhood a lot of guys didn't come home and couldn't be fathers. It's a double-edged sword. I'm thankful that I can have a family, and you have to remember the guys who gave up that opportunity so that we could. It's a good day, but it's also somber to that effect," Nieves said.

The money raised from the ride will help the American Legion Post #184 maintain its facilities while also adding to its offerings for local veterans. They Legion is currently working on adding video games which have become a proven was for younger veterans to decompress. They also want to expand their relationship with UMass to help veterans get in touch with psychological services. Finally, some funds will be used to help homeless veterans, providing them with food and other resources to assist them in getting back on their feet.

# Webster Historical Commission to hold strategic planning session

WEBSTER — Do you know if you live in a Historic District? Does your house have a historic name? As you look around Webster, do you wonder the about rich history of the town?

The last time Webster, under the guidance of its Historical Commission, produced a Historical and Architectural survey was 1979. Following that, in the 1980s and early 1990s several buildings were recognized as important enough to become part of the National Register of Historic Places. The District 5 Schoolhouse that now serves as the headquarters for the Webster-Dudley Historical Society is one of them; the Main Street Business District another. The last area to be designated a Historic District was the Webster Municipal Buildings Area in 2012.

Over the last few decades, there has not been a formal focus on preserving the town's architectural heritage. In 2019, the Webster Historical Commission was revived under the leadership of Ted Avlas to do just that. Emerging from the pandemic, the Commission is turning its attention to the types of things it can do to identify Webster historical assets, evaluate them, and—working with the community—look for ways to protect them.

Commission will hold a strategic planning session from 9am to noon in the Police Department's Community Meeting Room. This is an open meeting. The Commission extends a particular invitation to Webster residents interested in preserving the town's historic structures, communicating their historic importance, working with communities to find ways for adaptive reuse, and putting in place the type of preservation protections needed. The Strategic Plan emanating from the Commission's discussions will guide its work over the next several years.

The new Webster Historical Commission has not been idle over the last Covid restricted year. It has been working with relevant stakeholders to repair and find a more historically accurate home for the Tercentenary sign commemorating the Praying Indian Village which is located at the corner of Thompson Road, Lake

Street, and Birch Island Road. It also has recently been looking at options for commemorating the World War II Volunteer Air Observation Station located at Memorial Athletic Field. The Commission plans to update the town's historical and architectural survey in the future.

If there are any Webster citizens interested in providing their expertise to the Commission, please note that there are two vacancies. You can find information on how to apply for a position by accessing the town's Web site (webster-ma.gov) and proceeding to the Historical Commission page. If you have relevant historical information on the town or questions about the work of the Commission, there is a form for you to use on the Web site. Attending the June 26 session would be a good way to learn about the important work of Webster's Historical Commission.

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To apply please submit cover letter and resume to [charlene.kaiser@spencerhousing.org](mailto:charlene.kaiser@spencerhousing.org), addressed to the Spencer Housing Board of Directors. A full job description is available upon request. at this email address.

The deadline for resumes is July 9th by close of business day. Late applications will not be accepted.

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# St. Joseph Pre-K and Kindergarten students receive diplomas



St. Joseph School Kindergarten Class of 2021 - (Front) Sophia Bengston, Kacper Bal, Cameron Blodgett, Julia Biela, Samuel Brunnett, Luke Zeglen, Anna Wozniak, Julian Gibbons, Gabriella Powaza. (Back) Carson Krajcik, Gabriella Fernandez, Emma Romeo, Nikolai Runge, Zoey Sandstrom, Landon McGrail, Mia Reed, Headmaster Rev. Grzegorz Chodkowski, Principal Michael Hackenson, Instructor Samantha Cozza.



St. Joseph School Pre-K 4-Year-Old 2021 Graduates - (Front) Isaac Nading, Kenneth Maurer, Kelsey Cormier, Juliet Craver, Amalina Khozami, Evan Walker, Austin Runge, Hudson Hogan, Avery Benson. (Back) Patryk Deptula, Shaelynn O'Dell, Maksymilian Bujala, Oliver Smith, Adam Chojnacki, Instructor Robyn Dodge, Headmaster Rev. Grzegorz Chodkowski, Principal Michael Hackenson, Teaching Assistant Amanda Pecyna.

WEBSTER — On Tuesday, June 8, St. Joseph School Pre-K four-year-old students and their families gathered in the Richard A. Nowak Gymnasium to celebrate their accomplishments and receive their diplomas.

The ceremony began with a procession followed by the “Pledge of Allegiance.” The morning’s program also included the songs “ABC You Later,” “The Lord’s Prayer,” “Baby Shark Graduation Edition,” “The Hail Mary,” “Tooty Ta,” and “Thank you.” Then, the extremely excited students received their diplomas from St. Joseph School Principal Michael Hackenson and then settled into the audience with their parents to review an incredible slide show highlighting events and their achievements throughout the 2020-2021 school year.

Fourteen students advanced to Kindergarten: Avery Benson, Maksymilian Bujala, Adam Chojnacki, Kelsey Cormier, Juliet Craver, Patryk Deptula, Hudson Hogan, Amalina Khozami, Kenneth Maurer, Isaac Nading, Shaelynn O’Dell, Austin Runge, Oliver Smith, and Evan Walker. St. Joseph School Pre-K four-year-old students are instructed by Ms. Robyn Dodge and Miss Amanda Pecyna.

On Wednesday, June 9, St. Joseph School Kindergarten students and their families also gathered in the Richard A. Nowak Gymnasium for their graduation ceremony. The Kindergarten students processed into the gymnasium wearing traditional St. Joseph School red and white caps and gowns. Once on stage, they began their program by reciting “The Our Father” and “Hail Mary,” followed by the “Pledge of Allegiance.” Then, each student took a turn coming forward to the microphone and telling the audience what they want to be when they grow up. Career choices include being a YouTuber, a puppy salesman, a zookeeper, and a mommy.

The morning culminated with the students singing and dancing to “Deep, Deep, Deep!” “First Grade, First Grade!” and “Dynamite.” Diplomas were also distributed to the students by St. Joseph School Principal Michael Hackenson.

Seventeen students advanced to First Grade: Kacper Bal, Sophia Bengston, Julia Biela, Cameron Blodgett, Samuel Brunnett, Gabriella Fernandez, Julian Gibbons, Carson Krajcik, Landon McGrail, Delaney Pacheco, Gabriella Powaza, Mia Reed, Emma Romeo, Nikolai Runge, Zoey Sandstrom, Anna Wozniak, and Luke Zeglen. Mrs. Samantha Cozza instructs St. Joseph School Kindergarten students. Best wishes, students!

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