



Oxford selectmen grant permit for unregistered cars

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD – Selectmen voted unanimously to give Lorna Kelley of Clara Barton Road a special permit to have up to 10 unregistered vehicles on her property for the next year, provided tow trucks bringing or removing them do so between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

But the public hearing unveiled a wrinkle selectmen did not address in their vote – the fact Kelley said some of those cars are likely to be her son’s detailing projects for Gary Johnson Motors, at least “temporarily.” Others are more personal rebuilding projects, and she said they have “three or four” in process now plus several cars for parts. Once one of the latter is stripped, it will be

scrapped. She also noted the town truck frequency “could be up to five a day, six a day.”

Neighbor Gary Byron said he once counted 38 vehicles in and out in one day. Although he said he had considered calling the town, he denied actually doing it, but Kelley did not believe him.

He objected to seeing “traffic all day long” and said the dust trucks kick up makes it impossible for him to leave windows open in summer.

Adam Mancini agreed he’s seen “a lot of tow trucks,” and thought it looked like “tow companies that were repossessing cars” but he supports Kelley’s idea. He just wants “clear hours of operation.”

Others, however, said they don’t see that quan-

tity.

“We see almost no cars go in, very few, and we’re out walking our dogs all the time,” Betty Carlson said.

“Ten vehicles seems more like a business than a project,” Meghan Troiano observed.

Chair Dennis Lamarche agreed, saying, “From you answers, it sounds like you’re running a business. ... When I was younger, I worked on a junkyard, and that’s what we did.”

Kelley said it will “absolutely [be] no junkyard.” For a while last year, they did store about 15 cars there for a friend until his purchase of new property went through. She said she plans to store them in two groups – one near the metal barn her son works out of, the

other tucked in the property’s far corner, behind several acres of solar panels.

Town Manager Jen Callahan urged the board to be specific about what they’re allowing, noting the law says they “shall not grant a special permit” if it “adversely affects the neighborhood” or “derogate[s] from the intent of the bylaw.”

“Your motion has [to show] you believe you have the authority to do this, and you’re following the parameters,” she added, noting if the vehicles are “rotating in and out, that has to do with a different aspect of the Zoning Bylaws” the selectmen lack jurisdiction over. She also suggested continuing the

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Glenn Sulmasy

Nichols College names Bryant University provost as president

DUDLEY — Glenn M. Sulmasy, JD, LL.M, acclaimed international law and national security expert with experience in academics, law, and government service, has been named the eighth president of Nichols College. He succeeds Susan West

Engelkemeyer, Ph.D., who will retire at the end of this academic year following a decade at the helm of Nichols.

Sulmasy comes to Nichols with 24 years in higher education, most recently as provost and chief academic officer of Bryant University. He will begin his tenure as Nichols president on July 1.

“President-elect Sulmasy brings a distinguished record of administrative leadership and academic achievement to Nichols. He is uniquely qualified to build on the success Nichols has experienced under President Engelkemeyer’s leadership and drive us further toward a position of greater regional and national prominence,” said John H. Davis ’72, chair of the Nichols College Board of Trustees.

“I am honored to join the Nichols College community as its eighth president,” said Sulmasy. “The Nichols reputation of offering a dynamic and results-oriented business and leadership education has grown measurably stronger under the leadership of President Engelkemeyer and is perfectly positioned to continue its trajectory. I look forward to working with the Board of Trustees, faculty, and staff to expand opportunities for Nichols students to learn, lead, and succeed... Discere, Duces, Stabit!”

The appointment follows a six-month national search. Davis thanked the Presidential Search Committee, led by Trustee Randy Becker ’83 MBA ’96, for its thorough and collaborative work.

“The search for a new president of Nichols College drew an impressive pool of accomplished candidates, and the Committee worked tirelessly and efficiently to narrow the field, conduct interviews, and recommend the best candidate to the Board of Trustees,” he said.

Sulmasy has served as the number two official of Bryant University since 2015, with primary responsibility for managing undergraduate and graduate academic programs, curriculum, and chairing the Academic Review Board. He oversees more than 1,100 faculty and staff members and an operating budget of \$144 million. During his tenure, he initiated and implemented several academic programs, including a Bachelor of Science in Data Science, a Digital Marketing Program, a fully accredited Physician Assistant Program, a Graduate Certificate in Innovative Health Care Leadership and an online MBA.

He also successfully directed Bryant’s recent reaccreditation by the New England Commission of Higher Education, and 2019 reaccreditation by AACSB International, the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

Sulmasy has been a law professor at the U.S. Naval War College and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, where he led the Department of Humanities, and additionally was a lecturer at the UConn School of Law, Roger Williams Law School, UC Berkley School of Law, and Harvard University. He is a visiting fellow at George Mason University School of Law.

In addition to lecturing extensively on the law of

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School District seeking Student Opportunity Act funding

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY/CHARLTON – The Dudley Charlton Regional School Committee is hoping to take advantage of state funding to support resources for the district’s literacy program.

The Student Opportunity Act was initiated in 2020 just before the COVID-19 pandemic began and has moved its deadline for funding requests several times

due to the health crisis. The deadline was moved once again into early 2021 and the Dudley Charlton Regional School District is pushing ahead with its plans to submit a request for funding.

“It was to pump in additional funding within our school districts to ensure that we have equity of experiences across our schools,” Superintendent Steven Lamarche said of the program during a March school committee meeting. “I do have

to say that the Dudley Charlton Regional School District was not receiving a lion’s share of that funding resource. We are receiving close to what I would call the minimum for that so it doesn’t add a lot to our operating budget, but it did legislatively require us to submit a plan on how we would utilize any resources that we received as a district.”

The district submitted the short form application for funding a year ago, but with the fund-

ing being moved to this year Superintendent Lamarche suggested the district reassess its priorities for any monies received through the program.

“Our first submission was centered around a bunch of priorities including additional support for our co-teaching models in our district which we accomplished in our Fiscal Year 2021 budget, so therefore it required a change in our

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Recruitment and dedication during the pandemic



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Bro. Nathan St. Marie holding his diploma, Bro. Robert St. Cyr our Secretary holding his plaque, RT. Wor. Larry Burbridge in background and Bro. Terrance Mount holding his diploma.

DUDLEY — On Monday night, April 5, brethren gathered to a meeting to congratulate two young local men who were raised to the sublime Degree of Master Mason

— Brother Terrance Mount and Brother Nathan St. Marie, both from Dudley.

This is a good sign for Freemasonry when this

next generation of young men ask the question “Is There Greatness In You?” Due to the Covid-19 pandemic it was a long and winding road for these 2 brethren to

get where they are today due to setbacks and restrictions of no social gatherings. It normally takes about 3 months to go thru their Masonic

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No Facebook account is needed for this free program. Just point your browser to <https://www.facebook.com/crawfordlibrary> to access the video.

SEED EXCHANGE
Throughout the month of April
Have leftover tomato seeds you don't know what to do with? Want to try growing flowers? Changed your mind about that kind of squash? The Pearle is hosting a seed exchange during the month of April – take some seeds to try, leave the seeds you don't need, and get gardening, just in time for Earth Day! Exchange boxes will be placed in the library and all are welcome to contribute flower or vegetable seeds or take some seeds for growing in your

own garden.


EXPLODING SEED BALL CRAFT FOR KIDS
Tuesday April 20 (multiple sessions)
Want to have some fun while making the world a greener, more environmentally friendly place? Make exploding balls of seeds that are both fun to throw and an easy way to grow native wildflowers.
This activity will take place outside in the side parking lot. We will be roping off a safe area. We will have tables set up 6ft apart and only 5 children per session. We will be disinfecting between sessions.
This is for ages 2-6.
Free; registration is required. Sponsored by the Hugh W. and Harriet K. Crawford Endowment.

EARTH UP! NATURE TALES AND SONGS FOR THE PLANET
Thursday April 22 2:00PM-2:45PM
Celebrate Earth Day with Storyteller Diane's "Earth UP! Nature Tales and Songs for the Planet!" These interactive stories and songs are fun for the whole family and nature too, so join us and all of nature for this celebration of stories and songs about all the simple things we can do to help the planet.
Earth UP! Nature Tales and Songs for the Planet has participatory tales and songs like "Kate's Acorn." Kate wants to Save the World, but when she starts by saving a bunch of squirmly earthworms she helps a little acorn grow up strong. Before the story is done, the whole audience is acting out a trio of funny bugs as we learn just how important soil creatures are to the life of plants. This original story is complemented by "The Garden Song" by David Mallet accompanied by musical husband Tom Megan on guitar. In "The Tailor" the whole audience is invited to join in as we go on a recycling adventure with a very funny tailor! Diane's retelling of this classic Jewish folktale gives us ideas on ways we can recycle more and more things every day! Lots of fun- the whole audience is telling the story by the end.
About Diane Edgecomb: One of America's most beloved storytellers, Diane is known for transforming into the characters in her tales bringing stories to vibrant life. Whether live in the room or present to her audiences via her beautifully recorded videos and/or Zoom events, Diane's warmth and invitation to participate brings today's family audiences into the heart of the moment. Diane has been featured on NPR and is the winner of the ORACLE

award for Storytelling Excellence in the Northeast as well as five Storytelling World awards.
Free; registration is required. Participants will receive a link to the Zoom meeting 24 hours before the event. Sponsored by the Hugh W. and Harriet K. Crawford Endowment.

MAKE A MINI GARDEN
Friday April 23 (multiple sessions for tweens, teens, and adults)
A terrarium is like an aquarium, but for plants instead of fish. It is made in just about any glass container. It is planted to look like a miniature garden or forest enclosed in its own little world. You can easily make a beautiful terrarium yourself. Please bring your own glass container. We will have some to choose from as well.
This activity will take place outside in the side parking lot. We will be roping off a safe area. We will have tables set up 6ft apart and only 5 children per session. We will be disinfecting between sessions.
Free; registration is required. Sponsored by the Hugh W. and Harriet K. Crawford Endowment.


A CELEBRATION OF WOMEN COMPOSERS
Thursday May 6 6:00PM-7:30PM
Historian Jeffrey Engel will highlight the lives and the music of several distinguished female composers/concert pianists who attained recognition and success during the nineteenth century in this Zoom program.
There have always been women composers. As far back as the seventh century BC, Sappho, the Greek lyric poetess, played her own accompaniments on the barbiton and the pektis. Throughout the twelfth century there were female troubadours and during the sixteenth, madrigal composers. Francesca Caccini (1587-1638) is thought to be the first woman to write an opera and Elisabeth-Claude Jacquet de la Guerre (1663-1729), the author of an early ballet. It is not until the end of the nineteenth century, however, that significantly more women begin to enjoy public performances of their music and become professional composers. Perhaps you've heard of Teresa Carreno, Sophie Menter and Clara Schumann?
Free; registration is required. Participants will receive a link to the Zoom meeting 24 hours before the event. Sponsored by the Hugh W. and Harriet K. Crawford Endowment.



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DUDLEY WOMAN'S CLUB 2021 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS ANNOUNCED

The DWC has announced its 2021 Scholarship Award recipients, who were introduced at their April club meeting. Bay Path senior Ivy Ballou: Ivy has been accepted to several colleges and plans to study pre-med with a goal of becoming an orthopedic surgeon. She has played soccer and lacrosse at Bay Path, was a member of the student council, and National Honor Society, while earning honor roll each year. Bartlett High School senior Gabriela Piwowarczyk has also been accepted to several colleges. Gabriela plans to study business and marketing with a goal of earning a Master's in business and landing a job in a "big company" where she hopes to make "a positive difference in the community and society." She is an MIAA student ambassador at Bartlett, who led food pantry and sock drives. Bartlett senior Kathryn James, who, like her peers has been accepted to several colleges. She plans to study computer science and game programming because it fits her interests in math and technology. Kathryn's goal is to become a game-play programmer. At Bartlett, she serves as class president, team captain of cross-country and track and plays piano in the music department. All three of our scholars hold community service in their hearts and will no doubt make our communities better through service. We wish them health, happiness and success! Pictured, left to right: Ivy Ballou of Bay Path Votech, Gabriela Piwowarczyk of Bartlett High School, Kathryn James of Bartlett High School, and DWC President Andrea Kane.



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Julie Dwyer of Webster inducted into Sigma Delta Pi National Honor Society

WORCESTER — Assumption University’s Department of Modern & Classical Languages & Cultures announced that Julie Dwyer, of Webster, has become a member of Sigma Delta Pi, the National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society. Dwyer, Class of 2023, was inducted into the honor society during a virtual ceremony held on April 8.

“Students inducted into Assumption’s chapter of Sigma Delta Pi have demonstrated high scholarship and excellence in their studies, and in particular, the study of Spanish,” said Maryanne Leone, Ph.D., associate professor of Spanish and one of the honor society’s advisors. “We congratulate these students, including Julie, for their exten-

sive interest in the Spanish language and Hispanic cultures and are delighted to honor this impressive achievement.”

Initiation into the honor society requires a grade point average of 3.0 or higher in Spanish courses and a 3.2 or greater overall GPA. Students must also rank in the top 35 percent of their class and have completed the equivalent of three years of college-level Spanish to include at least one course in Hispanic literature or culture.

For more information on Assumption’s Modern & Classical Languages & Cultures program, visit the Web site.

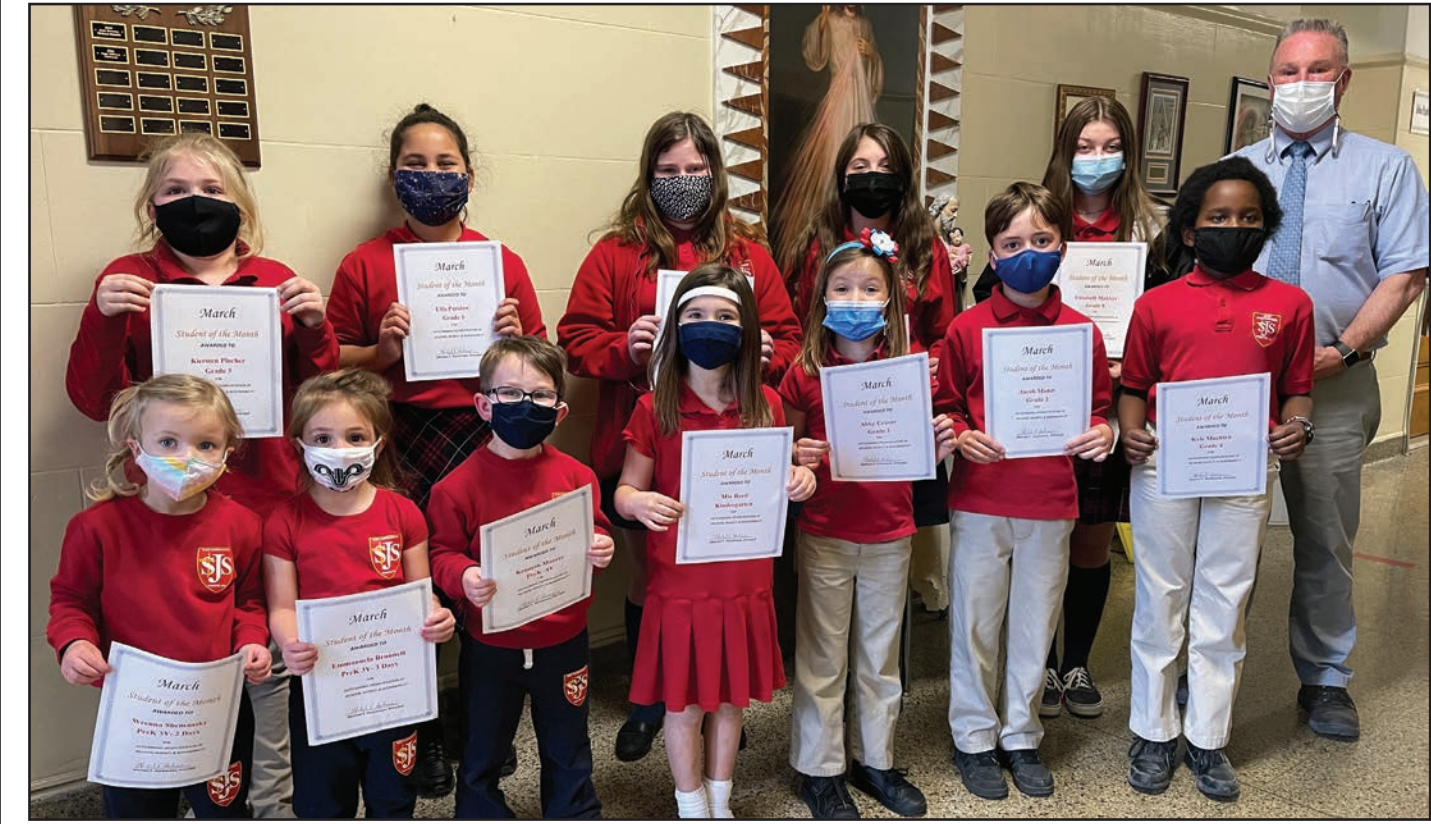
Assumption University, founded in 1904 by the Augustinians of the Assumption, is New England’s premier

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STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following St. Joseph School students who were selected as March Students of the Month: Pre-K 3-year-old – 2 Day Program: Wrenna Shemansky; Pre-K 3-year-old – 3 Day Program: Emmanuela Brunnett; Pre-K 4-year-old: Kenneth Maurer; Kindergarten: Mia Reed; Grade 1: Abby Craver; Grade 2: Jacob Manzi; Grade 3: Kiersten Plocher; Grade 4: Kyle Muchiru; Grade 5: Ella Parslow; Grade 6: Vanessa Zeglen; Grade 7: Gianna Dicola-Keddy; Grade 8: Elizabeth Mahler; Students are awarded Student of the Month for their outstanding exemplification of Religion, Respect, and Responsibility. Keep up the great work!

Bailey Brescia of Oxford named to Assumption’s Women’s Golf Team

WORCESTER — The Assumption Department of Athletics has announced that Bailey Brescia, of Oxford, has been named to the 2021 Women’s Golf team.

“At Assumption, student-athletes emerge as leaders in competition and in the classroom where they explore an array of academic options in the Catholic intellectual tradition,” said Head Coach Matt Stephens. “We have a strong group of student-athletes whose rigorous training, both of mind and body, has prepared them for a season of competition within the highly skilled Northeast-10 conference.”

The Women’s Golf team is coming off a second-place finish at the Northeast-10 Championships, which concluded the fall 2019 season. Last April, Coach Stephens was named the Northeast-10 Conference Women’s Golf Coach of the Year.

On March 11, Assumption announced the full return to competition for all spring sports programs with a number of safety protocols in place, including regular COVID-19 testing for student-athletes. Resuming participation in NE10 competition this spring is contingent upon student-athletes’ compliance with all COVID-19 health and safety protocols put in place by the University and the NE10 Conference.

For more information on Assumption ath-

letics, visit www.assumptiongreyhounds.com.

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WEBSTER POLICE LOG

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of April 4-10.

A 31-year-old male from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was issued a summons on April 4 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

A 38-year-old female, also from Webster, whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested during the same incident for Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon, Malicious Damage to a Motor Vehicle, and Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

Robert Paul Donovan, age 63, of Thompson, Conn. was arrested on April 5 in connection with a warrant.

Robert J. Cephas, age 28, of Webster was arrested on April 6 in connection with a warrant.

Shawn M. Rock, age 45, of Webster was arrested on April 6 in connection with a warrant.

Justin R. Filo, age 33, of Southbridge was arrested on April 6 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol and Speeding in Violation of a Special Regulation.

Andrew Morrow, age 34, of Webster was arrested on April 7 in connection with a warrant.

Jordan R. Cormier, age 31, of Webster was arrested on April 7 in connection with a warrant.

Michelle M. Regonini, age 51, of Clinton was arrested on April 7 for Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License.

Indre Pliskaite, age 37, of Webster was arrested on April 7 in connection with a warrant.

Hector Manuel Feliciano, age 29, of Webster was arrested on April 8 in connection with a warrant.

A 59-year-old female from Webster was issued a summons on April 8 for a Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID, operating an Unregistered Motor Vehicle, operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle, and Unlicensed and/or Suspended Operation of a Motor Vehicle. Garry E. Sands, age 41, of Webster was arrested during the same incident for Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License (subsequent offense) and a Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID.

Daniel L. Morin, age 58, of Webster was arrested on April 8 in connection with a warrant.

VETERANS COUNCIL INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS



Courtesy

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

Library considers adding to software catalog

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – The Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library in Dudley could add to its stock of circulated products in the months to come, as Library Director Drucilla Carter is examining the possibility of bringing new software items to the facility.

Carter discussed the budget status for the 2021 Fiscal year with the Board of Trustees in late March where she revealed that the library is in “good shape” and they are examining their budgetary priorities for the next fiscal year. However, in

the current year the library has funding they have to spend in its materials line item and one option on the table is rentable software.

“We’ve been getting quite a few requests for video games lately. I think a lot of people, especially teenagers or kids that normally would be doing something else are doing that so we might purchase some of those which are a bigger ticket item. I’ve been looking at some of the books on CD which again are bigger ticket items. We’ve been looking at our testing books, those are several years old so we might buy those and those are not cheap,” Carter said.

It wouldn’t be the first time that the library hosted video games and other such media. A search of the library’s catalog shows numerous products from Nintendo including strategy guides and other hard copy items relating to video games. The library also hosts a catalogue of CD audiobooks from a wide array of authors. Any investment in these items would only add to a catalog of electronic entertainment and resources that are and increased demand for libraries across the state. A full catalog of the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Libraries resources can be found by visiting www.crawfordlibrary.org.

Tish Thibault completes first year at Bard Academy at Simon’s Rock

GREAT BARRINGTON — Not every student breaks with tradition to attend a school that prepares them to enter college after the 10th grade, but one Webster scholar has. December 2020 marked the completion of the first year at Bard Academy at Simon’s Rock in Great Barrington for Tish Thibault.

Bard Academy is the nation’s first two-year high school for boarding and day students. Tish will automatically matriculate into Bard College at Simon’s Rock after 10th grade, establishing a clear path for continued intellectual engagement and success.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. One who manufactures

6. Science degree

9. Database management system

13. Desert

14. Inventor Musk

15. Welsh valley

16. Round Dutch cheese

17. Saying

18. Comedian and TV host

19. Uppermost portions of brain

21. City in Transylvania

22. Where astronauts go

23. Men’s hairstyle

24. Indicates position

25. One point east of due south

28. Businessmen may have one

29. Grass part

31. Running back Gurley

33. Unwavering

36. Options

38. Annoy
39. Greek mountain

41. Pastas

44. Fishes

45. Wrap

46. Potentially a criminal (slang)

48. Seize

49. The Constitution State

51. Upset

52. 1991 men’s Wimbledon champ

54. Central Chinese province

56. Predisposition

60. A notice of someone’s death

61. One-time Kentucky Rep.

62. Swiss river

63. Dried-up

64. Finger millet

65. __ Allan Poe

66. German river

67. Brew

68. Kenyan river

CLUES DOWN

1. Millisecond

2. Acts as military assistant

3. Knot in a tree

4. Husband-and-wife industrial designers

5. The Ocean State

6. Point the finger at

7. Parts in a machine

8. Midway between northeast and east

9. Portray precisely

10. Blister

11. Mental illness

12. Nose of an animal

14. What students receive

17. Semitic peoples

20. Beats per minute

21. Family of drugs

23. Atrocious

25. Type of microscope (abbr.)

26. __ or bust

27. Icelandic poems
29. A citizen of Pakistan

30. Very pale

32. Metric linear unit

34. Sea eagle

35. Biblical judge of Israel

37. Isaac’s mother (Bib.)

40. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)

42. Cool!

43. Large hotel room

47. Type of boat (abbr.)

49. Picked

50. Type of hookah

52. Attack

53. Directs

55. Belgian WWII resistance fighter

56. Finished negotiation

57. Heroic tale

58. Middle Eastern country

59. Protein-rich liquids

61. Malaysian Isthmus

65. Spielberg’s alien

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pany catalogs and on the seed racks of your favorite garden center. Check with your local Extension service website for their recommendations for your location.

Select the best cucumber for your garden space, meals, and snacks. Bush types like Salad bush produce eight-inch slicing cucumbers on a small plant. Spacemaster is a compact plant, spreading 24 inches and suitable for containers and hanging baskets. All-America Selections winner Saladmore Bush is another semi-bush plant that starts producing cucumbers in 55 days from plant-

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Wait for the soil to warm and danger of frost to pass for planting seeds one half to one inch deep in properly prepared soil. Plant several cucumber seeds in a large container or in rows or hills in the garden. Space seeds 12 inches apart in rows 36 inches apart. Or plant several seeds in hills (small mounds of soil) spaced 36 inches apart.

Water thoroughly and often enough to keep the soil slightly moist. Apply

a one- to two-inch layer of shredded leaves, evergreen needles, or other organic matter over the soil surface to conserve moisture, suppress weeds and reduce the risk of soil borne diseases.

Watch for the first flush of flowers in 50 to 70 days after planting. The first set of flowers are all male flowers, so no fruit can form. Soon male and female flowers will appear for bees to pollinate and fruit to develop.

Harvest your cucumbers based on how you plan to use them. Pick when one and a half to two and a half inches long for making sweet pickles and three to four inches for dills. Harvest slicing cucumbers when the fruit is firm, green, crisp and six to eight inches long. Burpless-type cucumbers will maintain their flavor at even larger sizes. Check the seed packet for harvesting directions.



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After the first flush of flowers, male and female flowers will appear for bees to pollinate and cucumbers to develop.

With proper selection, planting and care you will be rewarded with an abundant harvest. So be prepared to enjoy, preserve, and share your homegrown fresh cucumbers.

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

Little boy, scared ...

Are there some things in life worth believing in ... whether they are true or not?

Like most of my generation, I was raised by a veteran of the Second World War. Tom Brokaw labeled them “The Greatest Generation” and as I’ve mentioned before, I agree. At a moment’s notice, they left their homes for the local recruiting station and into a life and death struggle against the Fascism of Hitler and Mussolini, and the treachery of imperialist Japan. Were they perfect? Of course not. We are all flawed, but they answered the call and saved the free world as we know it.

As such, my Dad expected from an early age that I stand up straight, respect the flag and fight for what’s right. He also told me never to be afraid to defend myself. He’d say, “Never start the fight but never run away and swing as hard as you can to win it.” My dad wasn’t encouraging me to fight but to stand up and defend myself.

The first movie I ever viewed in a theater wasn’t a Disney cartoon. My dad took me to see an almost four-hour epic starring John Wayne. I sat as a five-year-old, riveted to the screen, as I watched Davy Crockett fighting like a tiger against overwhelming odds, giving his life for his cause. The impact of “The Alamo” shaped my life. Later, Errol Flynn as George Armstrong Custer in the highly fictionalized “They Died with Their Boots On,” and others ... all epic struggles of fighting with courage on both sides of the battle. I absorbed these stories and they’ve become part of my DNA, understanding they are more fiction than fact. The point is they are stories of perseverance and courage.

In my teens I became almost obsessed with learning of heroic acts of bravery against insurmountable odds. A common prayer was “Dear God, when I grow up let me fight in ‘the battle for my life’ and overcome.” Be careful what you wish for. Yesterday, that prayer came to mind with regret as the impact of my chemo ravaged my body and mind and I felt as though my prayer had unfortunately come true, as I am fighting for my

life. My enemy, as most of you know is stage 4 gastric cancer.

Fatigue does make cowards of us all and yesterday morning was my moment in the darkness. For those of you who follow me on social media, I’m sorry if I alarmed you with my posts. I awoke yesterday morning as a frightened little boy, clinging to my store-bought-faux-fur coonskin cap wishing I were as brave as Davy ... but was not.

Today is different. My Crockett cap is firmly upon my head. The frightened little boy cowering yesterday in a cancer-ridden sixty-six-year-old body, today feels strong, confident, and unafraid. I believe I can and will beat this cancer. I’m enthused by the challenge and the fight is back on.

Where does this fight come from? The books, stories and movies of my youth that encourage me still, play in my head. Heroic speeches ring in my ears. The belief that there are things worth fighting for ... especially your life, against an indiscriminate, unfair disease. I know that someday, somewhere, someone is going to beat this cancer. Why not here

and now? Why not me?

There is a song I played for my kids; it’s titled “Give it all you’ve got!” It began with the lyrics ... “Hero’s come in all shapes and sizes, different colors too. Yes, it’s true, yes, you know it’s true. But a fact of all different hero’s, they give it their best shot. Every time win or not, they give it all they’ve got.” I think it encouraged them, as it still does me. I sing this song in my head in my weakest moments.

The examples, stories or fables of others inspire us. They give us courage and often the ability to fight when we’d rather run. They strengthen us to stand back up when we get knocked down. And I wonder ... why is there a move to remove and tear down our traditional heroes at a time they are needed most? (A subject for another time) Scan the records of history and show me anything positive that has ever begun by banning books, erasing history, or trying to change culture by force.

Let me leave you with this little speech from a fun movie and is delivered by Robert Duvall in “Secondhand Lions”:

“Sometimes the things that may or may not be true are the things that a man needs to believe in the most. That people are basically good. That honor, courage and virtues mean everything. That power and money, money and power mean nothing; that Good always triumphs over Evil; and I want you to remember this: That Love, true Love never dies. Doesn’t matter if any of this is true or not. You see a man should believe in these things because these are the things worth believing in.”

I always look for and believe the best. What do look for and believe?

Gary W. Moore is a freelance columnist, speaker, and author of three books including the award-winning, critically acclaimed, “Playing with the Enemy.” Follow Gary on Twitter @GaryWMOore721 and at www.garyw-moore.com.



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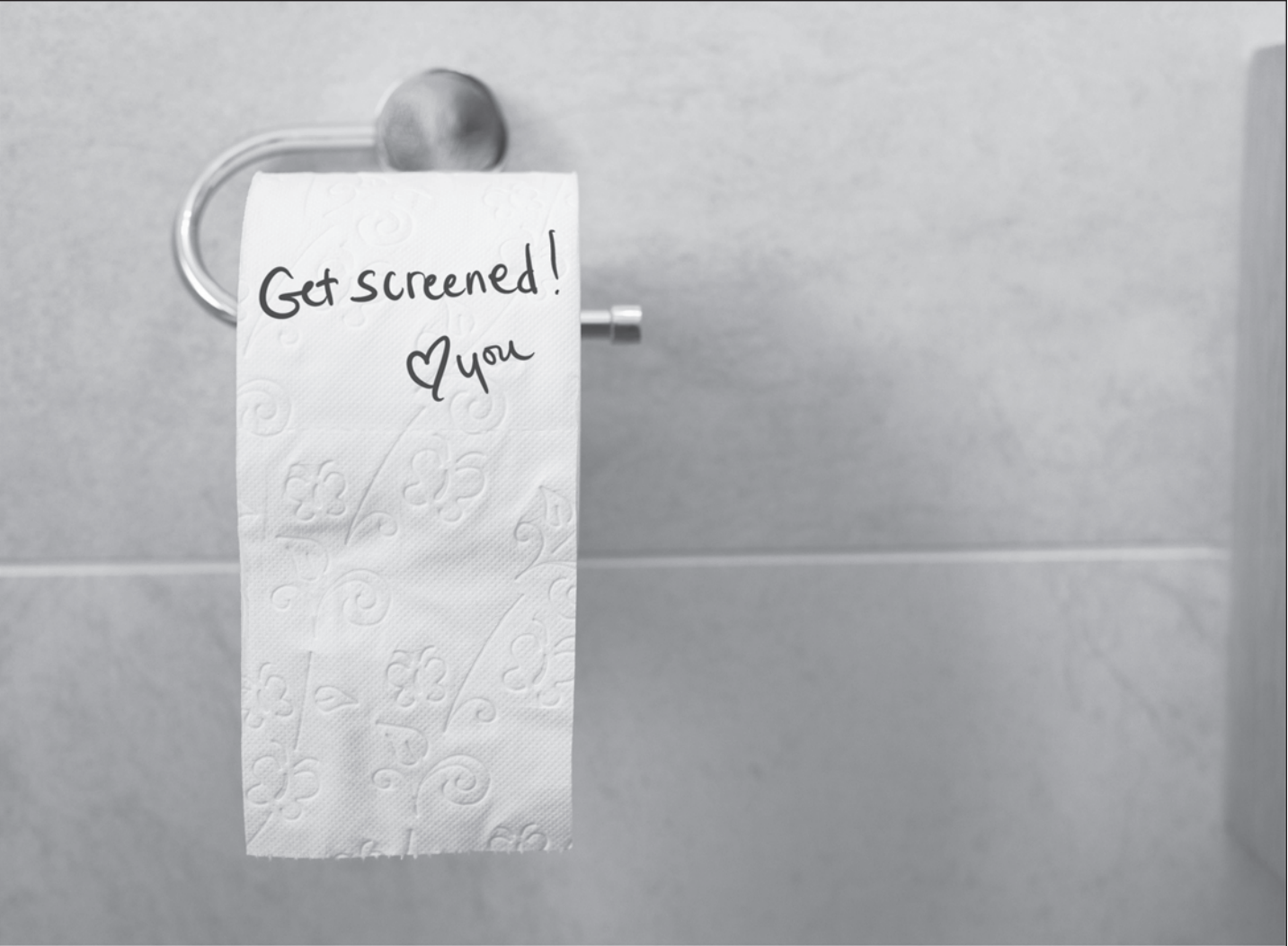
armed conflict, international law, and national security matters, he is widely published on national security matters, and serves as a subject matter expert/commentator. He has been featured in the Los Angeles Times, on CBS News Radio, National Public Radio, CNN International, US News & World Report, the New York Times, the San Francisco Chronicle, Al-Jazeera America, MSNBC, Fox News, and numerous other national media outlets. He is the author of “The National Security Court System – A Natural Evolution of Justice in an Age of Terror” (2009) and co-editor of “International Law Challenges – Homeland Security and Combating Terrorism” (2005).

Sulmasy was educated at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, the University of Baltimore School of Law, UC Berkeley School of Law, and the Harvard Kennedy School.

He and his wife, Marla, have seven children and reside in Old Lyme, Conn.

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Edward A. Webber, 89



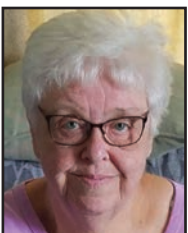
OXFORD – Edward A. Webber, 89, of Charlton Street, died Saturday, March 27, 2021, at Care One in Millbury. He was predeceased by his wife, Priscilla S. (DeGregorio) Webber who died in 2020; and his stepdaughter, Cheryl A. Hill who died in 2011. He is survived by four sons, William Webber, Edward Webber, Robert Webber, and Joseph Webber; his first wife, Marjorie; seven grandchildren and many nephews and nieces. He was born in Salem, son of the late Reginald J. and Maude E. (Bradley) Webber, and lived in Oxford for 20 years. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Korean War, and spent several years living in England. Mr. Webber worked at Stop and Shop Supermarket for many years.

More recently, he retired from Gerber Electronics. He was a dedicated member of Grace Episcopal Church in Oxford, and spent several years working on the grounds of the church. He enjoyed cooking and baking.

A funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 17, 2021, at Grace Episcopal Church, 270 Main St., Oxford. The church has limited capacity and social distancing is required during the pandemic, so your understanding is appreciated. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Grace Episcopal Church, 270 Main St., Oxford, MA 01540. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements.



Carolyn Ruth Adams, 77



OXFORD – Carolyn Ruth (Smith) Adams, 77, of Main Street, died Wednesday, April 7, 2021, at the Meadows of Central Massachusetts. She was predeceased by her husband of 50 years, Albert Mitchell Adams who died in 2017. She is survived by two children, John A. Adams and his wife Amber of Wilmington, DE, and Laura Beth Wilson of Oxford; two grandchildren, Jonathan Albert LeBreton of Oxford and Madison Carolyn Adams of Wilmington, DE; her sister, Barbara K. Willman of North Chelmsford; and several nephews and nieces. She was predeceased by her twin sister, Claire Smith who died in 1944; and her son-in-law, Jeffrey Wilson who died on March 17, 2021. She was born in Southbridge, daughter of the late John A. and Mary Theresa (Kibirkstis) Smith, and lived in Southbridge before moving to Oxford in 1996. She graduated from Southbridge High School. Mrs. Adams was a baker at Park and

Shop in Auburn for many years, retiring in 1999. Previously she worked at Labonte's Supermarket in Oxford and American Optical in Southbridge. She was an election worker for the town of Oxford for over 40 years. Mrs. Adams was a member of the Oxford United Methodist Church in Oxford, where she volunteered in the office for several years. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star – Clara Barton Chapter, and was a past member and mother advisor for the Rainbow Girls. She volunteered her time at the Oxford Ecumenical Food Shelf and enjoyed knitting, crocheting, puzzles, crossword puzzles, and was a fan of the Boston Red Sox. A funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at the Oxford United Methodist Church, 465 Main St., Oxford. Burial followed at North Cemetery in Oxford. Calling hours were Monday, April 12, 2021, from 5-8 p.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Oxford Ecumenical Food Shelf, 4 Maple Rd., Oxford, MA 01540.

Jeannette M. L. DeYoung Worrick, 95



DUDLEY – Jeannette M. L. (Gauthier) DeYoung Worrick, 95, passed away peacefully on Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021, with her daughter Joanne by her side, at Overlook Masonic Health Care Center, Charlton. Jeannette was born on January 15, 1926 in Webster, the daughter of Honore and Eva (Dragon) Gauthier and lived in Webster and Dudley all her life. She graduated from Saint Anne's Elementary School and attended Bartlett High School for 2 years, choosing to leave school to go to work. She was employed in Webster shoe factories and at Webster Spring Company in Oxford, at Harrington Gun Factory in Worcester and at Leland Gifford. Her last job was at General Motors in Framingham where she worked for 13 years, retiring in 1988. Her first husband of 25 years, Willis DeYoung, passed away in 2001 and her second husband of 34 years, Robert Worrick, passed away in 2004. Jeannette and Bob loved to travel. Their trips abroad included Egypt, Israel, China, Japan, Hong Kong, Russia, Finland, Sweden, Australia, New Zealand and the Fiji Islands. They toured the South American countries of Brazil, Columbia, Peru, Chile and Argentina and also the European countries of England, France, Italy, Holland and Germany. They cruised to Mexico and Jamaica. They visited Canada and twenty-nine U.S. states, including Hawaii and Alaska. After retirement, she and Bob spent 8 years in Orlando, Florida. In their younger years, they enjoyed playing golf as well as watching golf and football on television. In her early years when raising her children, the family enjoyed summers at their lake home in Charlton and ski weekends at Mount Snow, Vermont. She had been a member of several bowling leagues in Webster and

Orlando. She volunteered for the Tri-Valley Senior Services Meal Program. Jeannette enjoyed her senior years with friends at the Webster and Dudley Senior Centers. With her quick wit, she liked to make others laugh. She was an avid reader and excelled at completing puzzles. In 2018 she moved to Christopher Heights in Webster and last year to Overlook Masonic Health Care Center, where she received wonderful care and attention from the staff and from Overlook VNA Hospice Services. Her family will greatly mourn her loss for she was a caring mother and a loving grandmother. She was kind and generous and always willing to help others in need. She leaves 2 daughters, Eileen DeYoung Chiarchiaro of Fort Myers, FL, and Joanne DeYoung Slivanik of Trumbull, CT; 4 grandchildren, Christopher Berthiaume and his fiancée Heather Florkowski, Curt Berthiaume and his fiancée Ann Montville, Gregory Slivanik and his wife Nicole, and Stephanie Paysse Slivanik; 5 great-grandchildren, Megan and Jessica Berthiaume, Avery Slivanik and Marc and Ella Paysse; a sister, Pearl Jezierski and her husband Leon of Thompson, CT; 6 nephews and a special niece, Janet Laprise Cullen of Charlton. Other family members include a son-in-law, David Worrick and his wife Jane, a daughter-in-law, Susan and spouse Dale Willman; a grandson, David Worrick, Jr. and his wife Donna; and 2 great-grandsons, Travis and Jake Worrick. She was preceded in death by her sister Claire (Gauthier) Laprise. At her request, there are no calling hours. A private Memorial Mass and burial will be at the convenience of the family. Donations in her name may be made to either the Webster Senior Center, 29 Negus Street, Webster, MA 01570 or to the Dudley Senior Center, 71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA 01571. Arrangements are under the direction of Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main Street, Webster. www.scanlonfs.com

Dianne E. Smith, 66



DUDLEY – Dianne E. (Jacques) Smith, 66, died Monday, April 5, 2021 from complications of pancreatic cancer. She is survived by former husband of 35 years, Mark E. Smith of Sutton; her brother, Norman L. and wife Judith Jacques of Southbridge; her lifelong and dearest friend, Kathleen M. (Jezerski) Blair of Dudley; aunts and uncle, Lorraine and Read Rich, and JoAnne McGuire; her former in-laws, Dr. Emerson and Earlene Smith of Oxford; her close friend and sister-in-law, Patricia and her husband Brian Smith of Charlton; her nieces, Jennifer & Kevin Thomas, Nicole & Evgeni Tzvetkov, Caitlin Smith, and Stephanie Gendron; 2 nephews, Philip Jacques and Michael Jacques; 2 grand-nephews, Cameron and Eli Thomas; a grand-niece, Mia Thomas; several cousins; many friends; and her beloved beagle Freddy. She was born on June 30, 1954 in Webster. She was preceded in death by her parents, Leonard P. and Rita E. R. (Ethier) Jacques, both of whom died in 2020. She graduated from Saint Anne's Elementary School in 1968 and from Bartlett High School in 1972. Ms. Smith was first employed as a secretary at Anglo Fabrics Co. in Webster. She later worked as an office manager at H&R Block in Webster. Prior to retiring in 2010, she worked for Sam Pappas, C.P.A. in Webster. She volunteered at AARP in Webster for 6 years. She was a long-time volunteer

at the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library in Dudley and a member and officer of the Friends of the Library. She was a lifelong member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Webster and was the chairman of the church festivals for several years. An accomplished singer, Dianne was a member of the Salisbury Singers in Worcester for 15 years. She was a life member and secretary of the BHS Alumni Choir which had the honor of performing for Saint Pope John Paul II. Dianne had a special gift for bringing fun and laughter wherever she went. She touched many lives with her many quiet acts of charity. She enjoyed reading, singing, painting, photography and traveling. In her lifetime, she visited 50 different countries many with her best friend "Kath" by her side. Dianne would like to thank all the wonderful friends and family who helped her through her surgeries and cancer treatments by their many acts of kindness. "I can't thank them enough for making me feel loved and cared for throughout my journey." A memorial Mass took place on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 10:00 AM in Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 16 East Main Street, Webster (please meet at church). Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Webster. Donations in her memory may be made to the Webster-Dudley Food Share, 4 Church Street, Webster, MA 01570. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster, MA. www.websterfunerals.com

Ernest G. Cacciapuoti, 65



WEBSTER- Ernest G. Cacciapuoti, 65, of Groton, MA passed away on April 6, 2021. Ernie leaves his beloved mother, Grace R. Cacciapuoti of Lakewood Ranch, FL, his sister, Jayne G. Cacciapuoti and brother, James M. Cacciapuoti of Webster, MA. His father, Gerald J. Cacciapuoti, passed away in 2002. Ernie was born on August 30, 1955 in Webster, MA. He graduated from

Bartlett High School in 1973 and attended UMASS Lowell. Ernie lived in Groton, MA on beautiful Lost Lake and retired from MIT Lincoln Laboratory in Westford, MA where he worked as a Systems Administrator. Services will be held privately by his family. Memorial contributions may be made to Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry, P.O. Box 1, Ayer, MA 01432. WWW.bartelfuneralhome.com for Ernie's guestbook. Bartel Funeral Home and Chapel 33 Schofield Ave. Dudley is handling arrangements.



WEBSTER – Kevin L. Olds, 60, of Racicot Avenue, died Monday, March 8, 2021, at UMass Memorial Medical Center – University Campus in Worcester. He is survived by his daughter, Jaime L. Dumont and her husband Corey of Dudley; and three grandsons, Jonathan Olds, Damien Dumont, and Bronson Dumont, all of Dudley. He was predeceased by two brothers, Everett K. Olds Jr. who died in 2011, and Wayne F. Olds who died in 2005. He was born in Webster, son of the late Everett K. and Theresa (Stelmaszek) Olds Sr., and was a lifelong resident of Webster. He graduated from Bay Path R.V.T. High School in Charlton in 1978. Mr. Olds worked at Gentex Optics in Dudley for over 40 years. He loved watching his grandson Jonathan wres-

tle at Shepherd Hill, his grandsons Jonathan and Damien play football at Bay Path, and looked forward to watching his grandson Bronson wrestle. He enjoyed going to amusement parks, traveling on vacation with his family, and cared greatly for his dogs who he faithfully walked at the same time every day. The family will be gathering on Saturday, April 24, 2021, from 9-11 a.m. at the Old's family lot at Mount Zion Cemetery in Webster. Those who wish to greet the family and offer messages of condolence are welcome to visit with them during that time. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Bay Path Regional High School, Attn: Business Office, 57 Old Muggett Hill Rd, Charlton, MA 01507. Please write "Athletic Program" in the memo file to direct funds to Bay Path athletes. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements.

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degree work and to become a Master Mason. Also, Brother Robert St. Cyr Quinebaug Lodges Secretary received praises and recognition for his many years of hard work and dedication to the Craft of Freemasonry. Brother Terrance and Nathan both received their Masonic Diplomas this evening signifying their journey was worth the wait to be among

fellow Master Masons who value honor and integrity. The members of Quinebaug Lodge are immensely proud of this next generation of young men who will keep our deep tradition of Freemasonry going. Brother Robert St. Cyr is our Lodge Secretary, this man is the backbone of the Lodge works behind the seen. He received a Plaque in recognition of his dedication, hard work, tireless effort to the wellbeing of the lodge, its members and for Masons

in Masonry, and the Grand Lodge of Masons of Massachusetts. Bro. Robert is also the Grand Pursuivant to the Junior Grand Warden of Boston. How does he find time for all of this? The members of Quinebaug Masonic Lodge are immensely proud to have these men part of their Masonic Family. If you would like more information about Freemasonry, go to www.massfreemasonry.org and to find a lodge nearest to you.

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submission. Now we do have a change to align with our initiative of the literacy instructional materials that we were looking at and the school committee has supported thus far," said Lamarche. Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Dr. Brian Ackerman seconded the recommendation calling it a "wonderful opportunity" for the literacy program. "It comports well with our district vision to continually bolster our early

grades literacy instruction and the work that we've done with our grant team and the meetings that grant team has attended," Dr. Ackerman said. "This will bolster our tier one instructional core and this amount, while not large, will help us from a fiscal standpoint manage that very worthy endeavor." The school committee approved the submission to the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. If approved the district could receive as much as \$50,000 for its programs.

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hearing to get more information, but they didn't. In other business, Callahan said the town has been selected to partner with the state's Office of Dam Safety for a new pilot project aimed at abandoned dams. Specifically, ODS wants to do an

engineering assessment of Lowes Pond Dam, a parcel that's now in tax title, "to see if the dam should be removed or reconstructed." She said the agency estimates repairs will cost about \$2.4 million and Oxford will be the first of six towns in this project.

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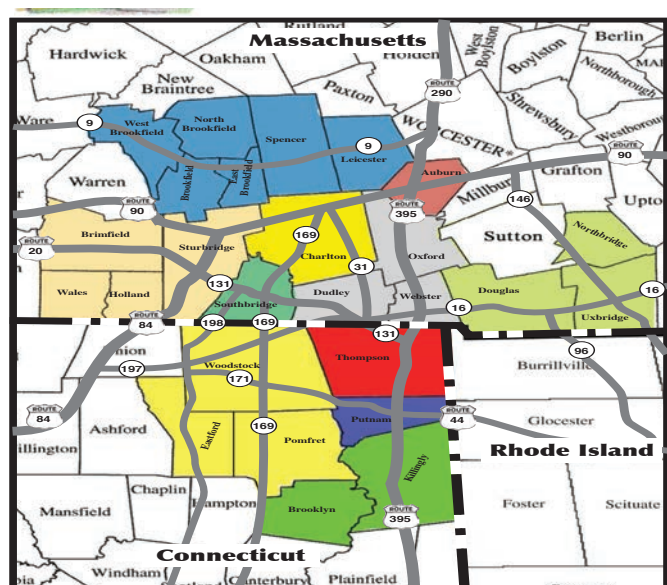
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EDITORIAL

A Revolutionary legacy

April 19, 1775, next week, 246 years ago, was the start of the Revolutionary War after the battles of Lexington and Concord. The big debate still remains as to whether or not ‘The Shot Heard Round’ the World’ took place in Concord, or in neighboring Lexington.

This time in our history, while brutal and necessary brings with it much intrigue for many. The tenacity and bravery of those who fought for our independence is beyond admirable. The events that took place during the Revolutionary War, read like a novel in modern times and have been brought to life through such works as Howard Fast’s “April Morning,” where we need to be reminded that this story is not fiction.

On that spring morning, more than 700 British soldiers who were given a secret tip on the whereabouts of colonial military supplies in Concord, marched towards town to confiscate the lot. The Patriots who had developed a top-notch intelligence network, largely the work of George Washington’s Culper Ring, and the Sons of Liberty, had received notice weeks in advance and were able to move the supplies to safety.

Paul Revere and William Dawes had plans to ride ahead of the British troops to warn other Patriots. Knowing the task was risky, Revere secured the help of about 30 other men to make sure word reached Lexington and Concord if the two were captured. Revere told militia leaders to look at the steeple of the Old North Church each night for a signal. One lit lantern meant the Regulars would come by land through the Boston Neck. Two lanterns meant the British would come via the Charles river on row boats into Cambridge, “One if by land, two if by sea.”

The night before the famous battle, Dr. Joseph Warren sent Dawes to Lexington where he was joined with Revere to warn Sam Adams and John Hancock that the British were coming.

It was midnight in Lexington when Revere and Dawes were joined by a third rider, Dr. Samuel Prescott. Prescott had been courting a woman in Lexington and met Dawes and Revere by chance. Because he believed in the cause, Prescott joined the men. The three riders were stopped by a British patrol not long after. Dawes was able to escape by reversing his direction. Prescott jumped a stone wall and fled using a short cut only locals knew about. The doctor was the only rider to reach Concord. Revere who was now captured, was surrounded by six Regulars and was searched and interrogated. “An officer clapped his pistol to my head, called me by name and told me he was going to ask me some questions, and if I did not give him true answers, he would blow my brains out.” Revere wrote in his diary. The Regulars were spooked by the sound of gunfire in the distance, and let Revere go after asking him for an alternative route to town. Revere made his way back to Lexington where he regrouped with Hancock and Adams, who planned an escape to Woburn.

Throughout the night, the ‘Rebels’ gathered to intercept the British. When the red coats were seen marching onto the Lexington green, the local minutemen knew they were outnumbered. Out of the dawn a shot was fired, and no one knows to this day which side was responsible for it. After the scuttle on the green, eight minutemen and one British soldier were killed. There were accusations from both sides laying blame on one another.

William Sutherland, a British soldier, is on record saying, “I heard Major Pitcairn’s voice call out. ‘Soldiers, don’t fire, keep your ranks, form and surround them.’ Instantly some of the villains who got over the hedge fired at us which our men for the first time returned.”

Sylvanus Wood, a minute man had recalled something different: “He swung his sword, and said, ‘Lay down your arms, you damned rebels, or you are all dead men – fire!’ Some guns were fired by the British at us from the first platoon, but no person was killed or hurt, being probably charged only with gunpowder. The company immediately dispersed; and while the company was dispersing and leaping over the wall, the second platoon of the British fired, and killed some of our men. There was not a gun fired by any of Captain Parker’s company, within my knowledge.”

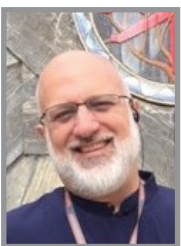
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The meaning of the cross

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BEYOND THE PEWS

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The cross is the primary symbol of Christianity. We make the cross when we pray or when we want God’s blessing or protection. We wear crosses on our necks which some of us never take off. We hang crosses in our churches and in our homes. We sing hymns about the Cross and teach our kids songs, like the one we’ve sung many times in my church – “When you make the sign of the Cross you remember that God is the boss.” Our Church in Webster is even built in the form of a cross.

Yet, how did the cross become the symbol of Christianity? In Jesus’ day, the cross was an instrument of cruel pain, terrible suffering, and miserable death. It was the ultimate symbol of violence and torture, darkness and evil in the world. During the time of Christ people would shutter with fear when they thought about the cross because everyone had witnessed the horror of someone dying the slow and wretched death on the Cross. Why in the world would the followers of Jesus choose the Cross as their symbol? It seems so strange to believe that a symbol of torture and death would become a revered symbol throughout the world.

The answer, I believe, is two-fold. The Cross represents the Divine Love

of God yet the Cross simultaneously reveals the path of salvation for all who choose to follow Christ. “If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.” (Mark 8:34)

The first answer of why the Cross represents Christianity reveals to us the unbelievable sacrificial love of Jesus Christ for the world. In the divine plan of God, He became human and experienced human reality in its totality, which included enduring the worst mental, psychological, and physical suffering and evil a human could bear – rejection by your own people, betrayal by one of your closest friends, abandonment by your dearest disciples, and then the most brutal, painful torture and death. God tasted the deepest darkness of this fallen world.

The Cross was always to play the central part in the Divine Plan of Salvation and it is this earth-shattering event which our Lord Jesus willingly and voluntarily accepted in order to save the world. Through the Cross Christ became the sacrificial “lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.” Through the Cross Jesus took your and my sins and the sins of every generation upon Himself and forgave us. Through the Cross our Lord tasted death, entered Hades, and destroyed the power of death over humankind. The force

Why aren’t there more turn-only traffic lights?



CHIEF’S CORNER

STEVE WOJNAR

Some time ago, upgrades to the traffic signal at the intersection of Routes 197 and 12 (West Main St. and Schofield Ave.) were made. The green turn arrows were activated to assist traffic pass through the intersection uninterrupted. This has been an improvement. I was recently asked why more intersections are not equipped with these special turn signals.

Turn arrow signals are generally found at intersections where there is heavy traffic volume. These lights allow for uninterrupted turns to alleviate back-ups and provide clear guidance to drivers. Unfortunately, not all intersections allow for these signals. Since these add to the complexities of traffic lights and patterns and require a sufficient space to accommodate multiple lanes of travel, many older intersections cannot have them. These locations would require significant physical upgrades to provide separate lanes to allow turns. Traffic studies, reviews of crashes, vehicle volume, etc. are required to determine which locations must be re-designed to accommodate this type of traffic control. The re-design will generally include the expansion of the road, including the designation of special turn lanes. A local example of this taking place within the last few years, occurred at the intersection of East Main and Slater Streets in Webster. The road was determined to have sufficient width, so lines were changed to designate specific turn lanes. These modifications require a great deal of time and money. Unless it is determined that there is a significant impact on traffic flow, or a high volume of crashes in a particular location, many intersections are simply left as is for drivers to determine when it is safe to turn.

Regardless of the presence of turn signals, drivers must be sure to exercise the proper caution in these situations and yield the right of way to oncoming traffic. Intersections with traffic lights generally have a high traffic volume. Drivers should exercise caution and take the time to cautiously enter these locations to avoid accidents and possible injuries.

As a reminder, on Saturday, April 24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Dudley Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will conduct another prescription drug “Take Back” event. The public can safely dispose of expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. The service is free and anonymous. During our previous events, large quantities of prescription medications were taken in. Several communities in our area will also be participating in this event. If you are not from Dudley, check with your local police for a participating location near you. I encourage everyone to mark their calendars and take advantage of this opportunity.

As the pandemic continues, we ask everyone to stay safe and continue to take the necessary precautions to protect yourselves. Vaccination information can be found at www.dudleyma.gov or by calling 508-949-8036. Hopefully, the end of this pandemic is in sight. We, at the Dudley Police Department, greatly appreciate the support we receive from our community.

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

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We were one

To the Editor:

On Wednesday morning, July 16, 1969, the Saturn V rocket launched Apollo 11 to land a man on the moon. On that morning, over one million Americans needed to be there for this historic event, so they camped out everywhere along the Space Coast Highway outside Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

Four days later and over 219,000 miles traveled, Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin walked on the moon to the amazement of over 600 million people on that Sunday night July 20, 1969. CBS anchor Walter Cronkite was brought to tears broadcasting this event describing it as one of the proudest moments in American history. The three astronauts returned to earth four days later and captured the amazement of the entire world. This mission was completed due to the efforts of 400,000 Americans from 20,000 companies. JFK challenged the American people in 1962 and the American people met this challenge.

To the Editor:

It finally happened: the cancel culture has given me cause to celebrate. Math is now deemed racist. As one who had to work hard to understand long division, this is vindication. All those math teachers whose cruel red marks covered my math quizzes and tests are finally exposed as advocates of white supremacy.

With math on its way to the same dust bin of history now cluttered with the works of Dr. Seuss, I can resurrect my dream of being an engineer or even a pilot. Gee, how about a pharmacist? With math as we knew it gone, what difference does it make if a bridge is a few feet short, or a plane is at 3,500 feet and not 35,000, or even how many pills are in that bottle? The new woke thing is mathematical approximations. Woke says 2 + 2 = 5 is fine, or you are a racist.

According to the Oregon Department of Education, “... ‘math equity’ can be achieved by ‘visibilizing the toxic characteristics of white supremacy culture with respect to math.’ Two of the ‘toxic characteristics’ include: ‘... (1)

The astronauts risked their lives as the reality was that every link in the chain had to function perfectly.

The national patriotism that resulted from this mission was overwhelming. This event lifted the spirit of the American people and we celebrated with huge parades around the country. The astronauts were honored by the leaders of over 55 countries and this inspired American children to study astronomy, science and technology in record numbers. If you are old enough to remember this event, can you also remember how you felt about being an American? Can you remember that Sunday night around 9PM?

The next time you look up at the moon, don’t forget to smile knowing it was American greatness that made it happen.

RICK SPAHL
DUDLEY

Woke math

focusing on the “right” answer, and (2) Independent practice valued over teamwork or collaboration.” So, focusing that x-ray machine on the correct coordinates is a toxic characteristic? Knowing the right answer and how to get it is not as important as being on a team with at least one person who does know how to get the answer. Better hope that person is available if you get a job where the boss expects that you can do that job.

This woke cancel culture world is a truly remarkable place. We now know that biology is subjective, that Orwell was prescient, and 2 + 2 can be five or anything the woke folks want it to be. What’s next? Will pigs really fly? And speaking of flying, if a “woke math” pilot is in the cockpit, you better hope a “woke math” engineer did not design your seatbelt.

We need to be adults and end this madness, and now.

Thank you,

RICHARD CLARK
DUDLEY

Help protect your family’s inheritance

You might contribute to your IRA for decades to help pay for your retirement. But if you don’t need all the money, you may want to leave what’s left to your children or grandchildren. However, if you want to ensure they get the most from this inheritance, you’ll need to do some planning.

Here’s a little background: Up until a couple of years ago, when you left the proceeds of your IRA to your beneficiaries, they could choose to “stretch” required withdrawals over a long period, based on their life expectancies. These required withdrawals were generally taxable, so this “stretch IRA” allowed your beneficiaries to greatly reduce the annual taxes due, while

benefiting from longer tax-deferred growth potential. And the younger the beneficiary, the longer the life expectancy and the lower the withdrawals, so this technique would have been especially valuable for your grandchildren or even great-grandchildren.

Changes in laws affecting retirement accounts have significantly limited the stretch IRA strategy. Now, most non-spouse beneficiaries must withdraw all assets from the IRA within 10 years of the IRA owner’s death. The beneficiary generally does not have to take out any money during that 10-year period, but at the end of it, the entire balance must be withdrawn – and that could result in a pretty big tax bill.

The stretch IRA strategy can still be used for surviving spouses, beneficiaries who are no more than 10 years younger than the deceased IRA owner, and beneficiaries who are chronically ill or disabled. Minor children of the original account owner are also eligible for a stretch IRA – but only until they reach the age of majority, at which

time the 10-year rule applies.

So, if you want to leave your IRA to family members who don’t meet any of the above exceptions, what can you do?

One possibility is a Roth IRA conversion. You could convert a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA over your lifetime, so your heirs would receive the Roth IRA. They would still be required to withdraw the assets within 10 years, but unlike with a traditional IRA, Roth IRA withdrawals are generally tax-free. These conversions are taxable, so you’ll want to consult your tax professional in addition to your financial advisor, to determine if this strategy can help you achieve your legacy goals.

Another option is to purchase life insurance, which can provide a specific dollar amount to your heirs or be used to help cover additional taxes. This may be especially advantageous if you are 72 or older, in good health, and taking withdrawals – technically called required minimum distributions – from your retirement accounts, such as your traditional IRA and your 401(k). If you don’t really need the money, you can use these withdrawals to pay for some or all of the insurance premiums. Life insurance can’t replace an IRA as a means to save for retirement, though, so you should consult with your financial advisor to make sure you are working toward all your goals.

In any case, if you have a sizable IRA or you don’t need the funds that you’re required to take from your retirement accounts, you may want to start thinking about what you want to do with the money. The more thorough your legacy planning, the better your chances of meeting your legacy goals.

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Pass the crossbow bill

BY RALPH W. TRUE, SR.

Sportsmen are eager to find out the results of the recent meetings that were held with Massachusetts Fish & Wildlife on the proposed license and permit increases. Many sportsmen expressed their concern over the large increases that are being proposed for the 2022 season.

The Worcester County League of Sportsmen are planning to hire a lobbyist to help sportsmen have a better voice when it comes to passing new regulations on fishing and hunting issues. We have gone that route before. You may as well throw the money down the toilet. Unfortunately, they feel as though the legislators they voted into office are not representing their interest. Getting the Crossbow bill passed has failed numerous times, along with the Sunday hunting bill, and they are becoming frustrated! The Worcester County League is planning to donate the first \$5,000 to the fund, and are asking sportsmen’s clubs to also donate monies the fund. They hope to raise \$65,000 or more, which is needed to hire a lobbyist.

This past week, this writer and many other sportsmen watched “Chronicle,” which is a daily evening show, watched by thousands of residents of Massachusetts! Myself and many other sportsmen were shocked to watch Joe Judd, a long time friend of sportsmen, talk against opening Sunday hunting in Massachusetts. Joe is a representative of a top manufacture of wildlife calls, and has done a great job representing them. Joe has a right to his opinion, but unfortunately, “Chronicle” did not get it right at the end of the program. Sportsmen are not trying to open up the entire state to Sunday hunting, and are only interested in Sunday hunting for bow season.

They are trying to open private properties like Rod & Gun Clubs, and land purchased by sportsmen’s monies to Sunday Hunting. It has nothing to do with private properties owned by private landowners. The crossbow bill is a no brainer. Allowing any responsible licensed hunter to own and use a crossbow for hunting is law in most states. It would also help sporting goods shops with increased revenue, as sales would help the few remaining shops stay in business. Most of all, it would help decrease lost deer because of a bad shot.

Crossbows are a great tool to keep wildlife under control, where high deer populations in rural areas of the state are otherwise not manageable. Lyme disease is almost an epidemic in many

Courtesy

This week’s picture shows Andrea Henchey and her son Logan with a couple of rainbow trout he caught last week at the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club derby.

areas of the state, and deer are responsible. Keeping our deer herd healthy as it is today needs professional management, and crossbows are a great tool to help keep it that way. We owe it to the residents of Massachusetts to keep them safe from Lyme disease, as well as keeping our wildlife healthy. Set politics aside and pass these two bills now!

This past weekend was a perfect time to get outdoors and enjoy the weather and to do a little fishing. The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club held their annual trout fishing derby this past Saturday, and it was attended by a more than 50 members and family. The Dean family was in attendance with three generations of their family in enjoying some great fishing including young Aaron Dean. This week’s pictures show some of the young anglers that participated in the annual trout derby. Although the derby was for adult anglers, the youngsters are never left out! A kid’s derby is still planned for May 8.

The Whitinsville Fish & Game Club will hold their annual fishing derby this Saturday, April 17, starting at 8 a.m. Breakfast will also be served starting at 7 a.m.! The club also holds trap shooting every Saturday, which is open to the public. Check it out.

Do not forget the Louisa trout derby this Saturday, which is free to all children. This week’s poster tells it all.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep them Rods Bending.



Taylor Burke with his catch of trout at the Derby .

Taylor Burke with his trout at Uxbridge last weekend!



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and be prepared for it.

Suffering is not a sign of God’s rejection or an abandonment of His beloved children, nor is suffering a victory of evil. Suffering is simply a part of the path that can purify us on our journey toward God. Carrying whatever Cross we may have in our lives can unite us even more to our Savior. The Apostle Paul states it bluntly to the Christians in Philippi, “For God has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for Him as well.”

Our ultimate goal in life is union with God, and thus, we must walk with Christ and imitate Him not only during the wondrous times of His miracles and healings in Galilee, but also in His anguish in Gethsemane and His painful death on Golgotha. Through the Cross, Jesus showed us the path into eternity – accepting Divine Love no matter what the cost and offering Sacrificial Love for the salvation of others.

Metropolitan Athanasios of Limassol explains, “In the Orthodox Church, pain and all kinds of suffering are not abolished for the faithful, but rather they acquire a completely new merit, they are transformed. Through our courage, patience, prayers, and the constant memory of God, this bitter chalice gradually transforms into the sweet chalice of immortality. For this reason,

suffering no longer becomes a source of fear and horror for the Christian, but a broad field of labor and battle... If we receive that great gift of God – suffering - in the correct way, it will become for us the source of blessings.

If someone wants to find an answer in this life to the question of why God allowed a certain circumstance to happen, then his mind will undoubtedly be filled with thousands of “whys?” Yet if he were to view his ailments as a necessary trial sent to him by God either in order to be cleansed, or to be perfected, or in order to be crowned in the future life, then he would accept the chalice of suffering from the Lord’s hand as a blessing. This is God’s answer to man. The Lord does not give man the false promise that He will abolish suffering, but promises to transform his pain, and out of a curse create blessing and consolation.”

Remember, we never separate the Cross from the Resurrection. Christ’s divine act of salvation included suffering yet ended in glory. As Saint Paul highlights to each of us, “The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us” So, we embrace the Cross as a reminder of God’s Divine and Sacrificial Love for all humanity but we also welcome the Cross in our own lives because it gives meaning to whatever suffering we face and offers a blessing which leads to our salvation.



**Keanui
Age 17**

Hi! My name is Keanu

Keanu is a sweet teenager of Caucasian descent who loves to run and be outside. Those who know Keanu describe him as fun and adorable! Keanu loves to sing; his favorite songs include “Old MacDonald,” “You are my Sunshine,” and “Wheels on the Bus.” Keanu enjoys swimming in the pool and swinging on the swing set. Keanu’s favorite food is pizza, and his favorite toys are ones that light up. When presented with a new toy, he loves figuring out how to make it work and play music.

Keanu’s favorite time of the day is gym class. All of his teachers and providers constantly report what a joy he is to work with and that he loves being at school. Keanu continues to make progress with his speech and walking skills.

Keanu is legally freed for adoption and will do best in a family that can put time into learning about his needs and learning how to set up the best possible environment for him. He loves spending time with his visiting resources who would love to stay connected with him when Keanu lives with an adoptive family. Any family constellation that feels they can meet Keanu’s needs will be considered.

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.ma-reinc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have a permanent place to call home.

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LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 76 Old Douglas Road, Webster, MA 01570

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Susan B. LaRose to Medford Savings Bank, and now held by **Citizens Bank, N.A. f/k/a RBS Citizens, N.A. s/b/m Citizens Bank of Massachusetts s/b/m Medford Savings Bank**, said mortgage dated February 7, 2002 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 25949, Page 211, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction** on May 12, 2021 at 12:00 PM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land in Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts, situated on the southerly side of Old Douglas Road, being shown as Lot #13 on a plan entitled “Plan of Land in Webster, Massachusetts, surveyed for Finecamp K.O.A., Inc.”, dated September 4, 1986, by Para Land Surveying, Inc., recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 565 Plan 19, and more particularly bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the northeasterly corner of the lot herein described, at a point in the southerly sideline of said Old Douglas Road, said point being at the northwesterly corner of Lot # 14, as shown on said plan; THENCE S. 01° 12’ 40” W., by said Lot #14, a distance of 271.88 feet to a point; THENCE S. 18° 44’ 31” W., still by said Lot #14, a distance of 166.50 feet to a point at land now or formerly of Beatty; THENCE N. 86° 46’ 41” W., by said Beatty land, a distance of 100 feet to Lot #12, as shown on said plan; THENCE 19° 05’ 33” E., by said Lot #12, a distance of 163.14 feet to a point; THENCE N. 01° 12’ 40” E , still by said Lot #12, a distance of 317.16 feet to a point in the southerly sideline of Old Douglas Road; THENCE S. 64° 20’ 00” E., by the southerly sideline of Old Douglas Road, a distance of 109.86 feet to Lot # 14, as shown on said plan, and the point of beginning. Containing 45,246 square feet (1.039) acres, moreorless, according to said plan. For title see Deed recorded Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 12386 Page 1 and Worcester Probate Court Docket No. 94PR2680VA.

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor’s Title see deed dated September 29, 1989 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 12386, Page 1.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described. FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer’s or cashier’s check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer’s or cashier’s check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale. Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Brock & Scott, PLLC
1080 Main Street, Suite 200
Pawtucket, RI 02860
Attorney for Citizens Bank, N.A. f/k/a
RBS Citizens, N.A. s/b/m Citizens
Bank of Massachusetts s/b/m Medford
Savings Bank
Present Holder of the Mortgage
401-217-8701

April 9, 2021
April 16, 2021
April 23, 2021

(SEAL) COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 21 SM 000339 ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: **Kenneth P. Koszewski and Karen L. Koszewski** and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (*et seq*) **LINEAR MORTGAGE LLC** claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Dudley, numbered 34 Intervale Road, given by Kenneth P. Koszewski and Karen L. Koszewski to Citifinancial Services, Inc. dated June 15, 2006, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester) Registry District of Deeds at Book 39198 Page 271, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment has/ have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant’s/

Defendants’ Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before May 17, 2021 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on March 30, 2021
Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
April 16, 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. WO20P3443EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Nellie Martin
Date of Death: 10/19/2020**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Caroline Belanger of Dudley MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Caroline Belanger of Dudley MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an 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 05/04/2021.** 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: April 05, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
April 16, 2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
Docket No. WO21P1061GD
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L.c. 190B, §5-304
In the matter of: Niko V Millios
Of: Dudley, MA
RESPONDENT**

Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Julie A Millios of Dudley, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Niko V Millios** is in need of a Guardian requesting that **Julie A Millios of Dudley, MA**, (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority. **You have the right to object to this proceeding.** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **04/27/2021.** This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to

the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person’s right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the abovenamed person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense. WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 30, 2021
Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
April 16, 2021

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WORCESTER, SS
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PROBATE COURT**

To all persons interested in the estate of Tisa Poirier late of Webster in said County, deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court for authority to sell at private sale certain real estate of said deceased. If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Worcester before ten o’clock in the forenoon on the eleventh day of May 2021, the return day of this citation. Witness LEILAH A. KEAMY, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this thirty-first day of March 2021
Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
April 16, 2021

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM
Notice of License Application pursuant to M. G.L. Chapter 91 Waterways License Application Number: 21-WW06-0002-APP
Pier/ Dock Construction
NOTIFICATION DATE: 3/31/2021**

Public notice is hereby given of the application by Christopher Robert to maintain an existing or construct and maintain a proposed: [pier/dock, boat ramp, ramp, float(s), pile(s), boat lift, boat house, retaining wall/seawall, bulkhead, rip rap, groin(s), residential, NWD building, other] at: 32 Jackson Road, Webster MA
The Department will consider all written comments on this Waterways application received by within 30 days subsequent to the “Notification Date”. Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten citizens or more to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program by the Public Comments Deadline will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4) (c). The group of citizens must include no less than five citizens who are residents of the municipality in which the proposed project is located. Additional information regarding this application may be obtained by contacting the Waterways Regulation Program at 617-292-5929. Project plans and documents for this application are on file with the Waterways Regulation Program for public viewing, by appointment only, at the address below. Written comments must be addressed to: MassDEP’s Waterways Regulation Program **Boston** located at: **MassDEP P.O. Box 4062 Boston, MA 02211**
April 16, 2021

MORTGAGEE’S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Michael K. Schold and Christine M. Schold to World Savings Bank, FSB, dated March 12, 2007 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 40841, Page 278 (the “Mortgage”) of which mortgage U.S. Bank National Association, as Indenture Trustee on behalf of and with respect to Ajax Mortgage Loan Trust 2018-A Mortgage-Backed Notes is the present holder by Assignment from Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. S/B/M Wachovia Mortgage, FSB F/K/A World Savings Bank, FSB to PROF-2013-S3 Legal Title Trust IV, by U.S. Bank National Association, as Legal Title Trustee dated November 29, 2016 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 56468, Page 40, and Assignment from PROF-2013-S3 Legal Title Trust IV, by U.S. Bank National Association, as Indenture Trustee on Behalf of and with Respect to AJAX Mortgage Loan Trust 2018-A,

Mortgage-Backed Notes dated July 12, 2018 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 59159, Page 213, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 10 Pebble Beach Road, Webster, MA 01570 will be sold at a Public Auction at 12:00 PM on May 10, 2021, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain tract of land with the buildings thereon of every nature and description, and all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, situated in Town of Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts and being a portion of Lot #8 as shown on “Plan of Lots At Cazeault Point”, Webster, Mass. dated August 10, 1945, plan book 158, plan 47, further bounded and described as follows BEGINNING at an iron pipe at the northeasterly corner of Lot #7 and in the northwesterly side line of Pebble Beach Road; THENCE N. 49° 00’ E. by said side line of Pebble Beach Road, ninety-nine and sixty-four hundredths (99.64) feet to a stake; THENCE northwesterly with an included angle of 90° 42’ 20” a distance of fifty-five and fifty-five hundredths (55.55) feet to a stake; THENCE westerly with an included angle of 129° 21’ 40” a distance of fifty-six and sixty-seven hundredths (56.67) feet to a stake; THENCE northwesterly with an included angle of 193° 20’ a distance of one hundred thirty-seven and ten hundredths (137.10) feet to a stake; THENCE on the same course about five (5) feet, more or less, to the Lake; THENCE southerly by the Lake eighty (80) feet, more or less, to an iron pipe at the northwesterly corner of Lot 37; THENCE S. 71° 05’ E. by Lot #7, a distance of one hundred seventy-four (174) feet, more or less, to the point of beginning. BEING the same premises conveyed to us by deed of Francis J. Chlapowski et ux dated June 29, 1977, and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, book 6220 page 52.

For mortgagor’s title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 14753, Page 73.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cashier’s or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee’s attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. Other terms to be announced at the sale.

U.S. Bank National Association, as Indenture Trustee on behalf of and with respect to Ajax Mortgage Loan Trust 2018-A Mortgage-Backed Notes Korde & Associates, P.C.
900 Chelmsford Street
Suite 3102
Lowell, MA 01851
(978) 256-1500
Schold, Michael K., 20-037119
April 16, 2021
April 23, 2021
April 30, 2021

Public Meeting

A public meeting will be held by the Dudley Conservation Commission at the Municipal Complex, 71 West Main St, at 6:15PM on April 21 2021, to consider a Request for Determination of Applicability for Judith Olson for the property located at 34 Lakeview Ave for the construction of an enclosed porch, deck, footings, reroof, foundation repair, repaving and for tree pruning/removal. This is a Public Meeting under the requirements of GL CH 131 40, as amended. Plans are available at the Dudley Conservation office on Mondays 12-430PM and Tuesdays and Wednesdays 8AM-12PM. For more information, call 508-949-8011

April 16, 2021

EDITORIAL

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While the British soldiers continued to search for supplies, the colonial militia was able to regroup in Concord where they later met the red coats at the North Bridge. The British were outnumbered this time and retreated to South Boston after losing several soldiers.

Some say the Shot Heard Round the World happened on the bridge in Concord, while residents in Lexington have long said the first shot to kick off the revolution took place on their green.

The phrase ‘Shot Heard Round the World’ was coined by author Ralph Waldo Emerson 62 years after the battle. His poem titled “Concord Hymn” was about the Battle of Concord.

By the rude bridge that arched the flood,

Their flag to April’s breeze unfurled,
Here once the embattled farmers stood,

And fired the shot heard ’round the world

Some historians say that because the Battle of Concord was the first real American victory in the Revolutionary War, that shot, should be considered the one heard ‘round the world’. Other historians say that because the first shot took place in Lexington, that should be the famous “shot heard ‘round the world.”

In his diary, Paul Revere wrote about the battle, “I heard the report, turned my head, and saw the smoke in front of the British troops, they immediately gave a great shout, ran a few paces, and then the whole fired. I could first distinguish irregular firing, which I suppose was the advance guard, and then platoons. At the time I could not see our Militia, for they were covered from me, by a house at the bottom of the street.”

In Concord, British Lieutenant Colonel Francis Smith in a report to General Thomas Gage said that the British were the first to fire in Concord, stating “While at Concord we saw vast numbers assembling in many parts; at one of the bridges they marched down, with a very considerable body, on the light infantry posted there. On their coming pretty near, one of our men fired on them, which they returned.”

The debate has continued between the towns of Concord and Lexington, as to which is the birth place of American Liberty. Even though the first shots took place in Lexington, Emerson’s ‘Shot’ was fired in Concord.

In 1875, President Ulysses S. Grant wanted to forgo attending the centennial to avoid conflict between the two towns. In 1894, the Lexington Historical Society sought to name April 19, ‘Lexington Day’ to the outright objections of Concord citizens. To ease both towns, a compromise was made where April 19 is now referred to as Patriot’s Day.

Best Times to Bag a Bargain



TAKE THE HINT

KAREN TRAINOR

noon. So it makes sense to buy early in the morning to take advantage of lower prices when gas is on the rise. If gas prices are coming down, wait until later in the day.

Cars and Trucks

There is much debate on when is the best time to snag a bargain on the car lot. Here is some advice on timing the best deals: Consumer pundits tout weekday mornings in September as the prime bargain time. They say since the next year’s models are in, car dealers are in a rush to move out the current year’s stock.

Others say springtime can yield the best price all year, since spring is typically a slow season for dealerships. And some penny pinchers swear shopping for a car on a rainy day can cut the price down to size. Still others claim the end of any month or the end of a yearly quarter is best, since salespeople are desperate to make quotas. Using all this information, it appears the optimum time to drive away with the best price would be a rainy weekday morning at the end of March or September.

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Electronics

Black Friday and back to school season are the best times to snag a deal on computers and electronics. Also some computer review sites claim you can snap up a super bargain on computers and electronics if you buy just after a new model is introduced (some in January). They say prices will immediately drop on the previously best-selling model as a new one takes its place.

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Heads Up on Monthly Sales

Want to pocket savings the whole year long? Here is a list of months, with items that are typically offered at a discount during those times.

January: Canned goods, white goods (towels, sheets, linens), appliances, Christmas items, costume jewelry, indoor plants, carpeting, shoes, furniture, toys, storewide pre-inventory sales.

February: Presidents’ Day Sales on big ticket items such as cars, trucks and furniture. Also save on sports equipment, electronics, housewares, mens clothing, canned goods. Valentine Day specials.

March: Luggage, shoes, coats, shoes, appliances, pre season garden supplies, spring bulbs.

April: Paint, wallpaper, home decor, dresses, suits, garden adornments and tools. Sales on Easter holiday foods such as ham, pies, eggs, candy, etc.

May: Fabrics, outdoor furniture, tires and auto accessories, electronics, summer sport equipment, perfume, pocket-books. Mother’s Day specials.

June: Air conditioners, outdoor furniture, building materials, flooring, shoes, tools, Father’s Day sales.

July: Clearance summer clothing, luggage, furniture, electronics, 4th of July specials.

August: Paper goods and other back to school sales, swimwear, school clothes, electronic gadgets, bicycles, fans, clearance air conditioners, clearance summer merchandise, including grills and pool supplies.

September: Clearance garden goods, school supplies, hardware, outgoing model vehicles, china, fall fashions, fabrics.

October: Major appliances, fishing/sports merchandise, furniture, clearance fall clothing, coats. Check out Columbus Day sales.

November: Blankets, used cars, men’s suits and coats, shoes, winter clothing, Thanksgiving food sales, turkey, feast fixings. Look for day after Thanksgiving sales, held to jump start the holiday shopping rush.

December: After Christmas sales on most items. Stock up on wrapping paper, tape, gift bags, gift sets, ornaments, and holiday decor items.

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Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

Please note the contest had been suspended due to COVID restrictions. It is expected to start up again in June. All entries have been collected and will be entered into an upcoming drawing.

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

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LEGALS

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. WO21P1013EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of:

Ann M Bessette

Date of Death: 02/02/2021

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Beaumont at Northbridge, Scott Bullock of Northbridge MA**

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

The Petitioner requests that **Beaumont at Northbridge, Scott Bullock of Northbridge MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Personal Surety** on the bond in **an 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 04/27/2021.**

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: March 26, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate

April 16, 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. WO21P1234EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of:

David R Aubin

Date of Death: 02/24/2021

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Casey M Aubin of Whitinsville MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Casey M Aubin of Whitinsville MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an 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 05/11/2021.**

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
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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: April 08, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate

April 16, 2021

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

225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608

Docket No. WO21P1188GD
NOTICE AND ORDER:

**Petition for Appointment of
Guardian of a Minor**

In the interests of

Chloe K McDonald

of **Douglas, MA**

Minor

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED
PARTIES

1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on **04/02/2021** by **Sandra Crosby** of Uxbridge, MA will be held **04/29/2021 09:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing** Located **“Magistrate Via Zoom 160 280 6833 or call 646-828-7666”**

2. Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:

File the original with the Court; and

Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

3. Counsel for the Minor: The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

4. Counsel for Parents: If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.

5. Presence of the Minor at Hearing: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor’s best interests.

THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for legal advice.

Date: April 6, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate

April 16, 2021

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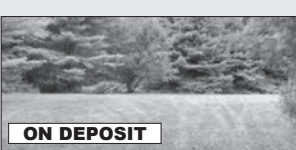
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School District to hire new adjustment counselors

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY/CHARLTON – The Dudley Charlton Regional School District is hiring three new employees with the intent on making an immediate impact on supporting the social and emotional well being of students following a year of COVID-19 protocols.

Superintendent Steven Lamarche made an official request to the Dudley Charlton Regional School District at a meeting in late March to hire several new employees slated to be requested in the Fiscal Year 2022 budget proposal this spring and put them to use for the remainder of the school year. Their primary job will be to help manage the wellbeing of students who have endured one of the most chaotic school years in some time with the return to classrooms in 2021 after COVID-19 forced schools to remote learning last year.

“We are requesting support to hire three school adjustment counselors for the remainder of this year and through next year. We’ve identified these as transitional positions within the Fiscal Year 2022 budget, but as we’ve brought our students back to five half days, we’ve seen the need for these positions right now,” Lamarche said.

According to the official job descriptions on the school district’s hiring page, “the School Adjustment Counselor works in collaboration with teachers, administrators, families and community stakeholders to promote the ongoing development of the academic, personal, social, and emotional potential of all students. The primary role of the School Adjustment Counselor is to support and nurture the social and emotional well-being of all students.”

The job description further states that the counselors will work to identify and build on existing strengths of students while also helping encourage them to explore their interests while contributing to a safe learning environment where students “students feel comfortable to make mistakes, are engaged life-long learners, and are active members of their school community.”

The school committee voted in the affirmative to allow for the hires which will be funded through grants rather than the current school budget. Two of the counselors will be assigned to each of the middle schools in the district to assist students grade five through eight where there are currently no school adjustment counselors of staff. The third hire will be assigned to kindergarten through grade four students throughout the district.



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