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Webster voters to decide on \$48 million budget

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER — Despite Covid-19, in-person democracy must go on. Next Monday, June 22, Webster will hold its Annual Town Meeting in the gym of Bartlett High School at 6:30 pm.

According to Town Administrator Doug Willardson, the warrant contains “slightly more than [financial issues], but not much.” A couple of key items, including the long-discussed new wetlands bylaw, will not be on the agenda, and some proposed capital work is being delayed to put funds into the town’s “rainy day” fund in case Covid-19’s budget hit is worse than expected.

As usual, the big item is the town budget, which is currently \$48.9 million. While that represents an increase of \$254,052 from last year’s budget, the Finance Committee and selectmen slashed \$1.5 million from the total FinCom approved back in March. Willardson said most of that money is going into Stabilization.

He noted the totals will probably change later this summer, when Webster learns what it will actually receive for state aid. Those figures, based on the state’s own tax receipts, are widely predicted to be lower than last year’s figures due to the Covid-19 impact on our economy.

The schools will be taking a cut from their total last year, to the tune of \$132,317. This budget allocates \$21.68 million to them.

Key items inside that total include about \$3.7 million for the police; \$3.1 million on long-term debt (principal and interest); \$958,795 for the DPW; \$741,960 for the fire department; \$425,311 for the library; \$297,254 for veterans’ services; and \$273,469 for building maintenance. Several other departments are in the \$100,000-\$200,000 range.

What there aren’t many of is capital items. Article 5 of the Special Town Meeting warrant (which will precede the Annual at the same time and place) seeks just over \$400,000 for six such items: Memorial Beach upgrades, athletic field bleachers, tennis court repairs, and three things for the police: dashboard cameras, vehicles and key fobs. Article 6 seeks \$205,000 for two water projects: an asset study and engineering costs for relining or replacing water lines on Lincoln, Whitcomb and Nelson streets.

Willardson said the first of those, by far the largest at \$188,235, is to provide the town’s match for a state grant that will enable Webster to upgrade and/or build the beach house, a small dog park, recreation field, playground and something he described as “like bouncy houses that float out in the water.” These items are among many proposed by last year’s Memorial Beach Committee and have a total price tag of \$528,000.

Alongside several routine articles, a couple are land related. One seeks to sell 5.25 acres at 26 Park Rd. (near the water tower) to a developer who seeks to build nine single-family homes. Willardson said he was the only bidder, at \$250,000. The wooded parcel was originally part of a larger water department property, and was briefly considered for park use, but “we can’t see any reason to keep it,” he said.

Two others seek to accept donations. One isn’t of land itself, but of a conservation restriction on a wetland along South Shore Road; the other is of an acre off High Street. Regarding the latter, Willardson said, “They basically don’t want it anymore. If this is approved, we’ll make it a small dog park. That’s relatively inexpensive, but it’ll clean up the area,” which has hosted various “nuisances” including people camping and leaving trash behind.

The fourth land item would put a conservation restriction on town-owned land on Lower Gore Road.

Two articles seek special legislation. One would simply codify January’s Town Meeting vote to allow the police department to end civil service. The other seeks four new liquor licenses – two all-alcohol, two malt and wine – because the town’s official allotment is full.

Article 15 seeks voter permission to adopt a section of state law called the Mullin Rule. That allows board members to miss one part of a public hearing and still be able to vote if they watch the meeting video or read the minutes. As it is now, they have to attend all sections to vote, and that has sometimes been an issue with lengthy hearings. Willardson said it mostly affects the Planning, Zoning and Conservation boards.

The last article seek to amend local law to make conservation violations subject to non-criminal disposition. Willardson said it leaves the fines “the way they are. But to enforce it, we wouldn’t have to go through the court system,” thus reducing town lawyers’ fees and similar costs.

Willardson said the Bartlett gym will be arranged for social distancing, and to minimize contact by having meeting materials on each seat ahead of time. He predicted they’d be able to reach the quorum of 61 “easily,” but if not, he might have to be making a lot of phone calls from the high school to get people.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS TO TWO STUDENTS

As the strangest of school years draws to a close for All Saints Academy, the closing school Mass was live streamed from St. Louis. At the end of Mass, scholarships were awarded. The Knights of Columbus Council 288 awarded 2 scholarships in the amount of \$500 each to Lucy Messenger and Lillian Maglich. These students received the awards based on service to their parishes. Lillian was on hand to receive the award in person as she was serving the Mass. These two young women set a fine example for their peers to emulate. Pictured are Grand Knight Stephen James and award recipient Lillian Maglich.

Ballot questions go down to defeat at Dudley polls

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – Dudley voters took to the polls on Monday, June 15 for the town’s annual town election with two questions and a ballot full of uncontested positions making up the ballot.

Every position up for grabs contained only

one candidate, and some had no candidate at all, with every named candidate successfully seeking reelection. Kerry Cyganiewicz will continue his time with the Board of Selectmen securing a new three-year term earning 453 votes among Dudley’s three voting districts. Christopher Starczewski

remains town moderator for another three years while Conrad Allen maintained his position as assessor, Pauline Aucoin earned another term on the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District, Alfred Carl Reich, Jr. will continue to represent Dudley in the Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational

School District and Lorri Ann Ducharme remains on the Board of Health. Positions for the Water and Sewer Commission, Library Trustees, the Dudley Housing Authority and Planning Board all lacked candidates but received numerous write-in votes

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Budget, water and sewer projects highlight Dudley warrant

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – Dudley’s annual town meeting is on the horizon with 25 articles on the warrant including the town’s 2021 fiscal year budget and funding articles for the several water infrastructure projects.

The 2021 spending

plan for Dudley comes to \$21,081,882 with \$9.8 million to be allocated for the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District and the Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational School District combined. The general fund totals \$8.8 million, while the water and sewer enterprise funds total a

combined \$2.1 million. During a meeting on June 8, Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda provided a “bottom line synopsis” of the budget acknowledging that the lack of state numbers and the variables created from the COVID-19 pandemic led to a budget that focused on priorities like public health, safety and

staffing rather than adding too many new expenses to the tax base.

“We reduced the budget reciprocity with the philosophy that we’re going to seek reimbursement from the Care Act as opposed to take it out of the general fund so we made those changes. We, of course, have over 18

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St. Joseph hosts “Drive-Through” graduation for younger students



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St. Joseph School Kindergarten instructor, Justine Anthony, presents Charles Smith with his Kindergarten Diploma.

WEBSTER — On Tuesday, June 9, St. Joseph School Pre-K and Kindergarten students participated in a special “Drive-Through” Graduation Event.

Unable to gather for traditional graduation ceremonies due to COVID-19 social distancing requirements, the St. Joseph School Early Childhood instructors were determined to provide their students with a memorable event. In a school yard

decorated with balloons and streamers, each student was greeted by faculty and staff and recognized with graduation certificates and gifts. Although it was not the typical celebration filled with caps, gowns, songs, and cheers, the students and their parents still appreciated the time and effort that the teachers put into recognizing each child’s accomplishments. The smiles and waves were contagious!

Twenty students advanced to Kindergarten: Kacper Bal, Owen Benes, Julia Biela, Joseph Cyr, Charlie Durgin, Carson Krajcik, Natalie Lambert, Mason Lucier, Landon McGrail, Delaney Pacheco, Jameson Pelloth, Gabriella Powaza, Mia Reed, Emma Romeo, Zayne Sampson, Sawyer Scott, Rylan Shemansky, Guruvvanth Varanasi, Nyla Walker, and Anna Wozniak. Our Pre-K students are instructed by Ms. Robyn Dodge, Mrs. Alicia Maurer, Mrs. Ursula Zdrok, and Mrs. Aurelia Kopec.

Seventeen students advanced to First Grade: Aniyah Asare, Jon Belanger, Armani Ceden, Charlotte Dollar, Samantha Genduso, Andrew Hachigian, Kirolos Ibrahim, Connor Kippax, Severyn Kuznecki, Johnny Marcuccio, Olivia Pajak, Adwaith Parambikattil, Everleigh Patraw, Mathieu Prunier, Elixander Salome, Charles Smith, and Triston Tesell. Our Kindergarten students are instructed by Mrs. Justine Anthony. Best wishes, students!

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Friday's Child



Aiden
Age 9

Hi! My name is Aiden and I love cats and dogs!

Aiden is an energetic and sweet boy of Caucasian descent who loves to laugh. He is very active and likes to be outside, play sports, and run and climb. When he is inside, he enjoys playing with cars and trucks, building with Legos, and collecting Pokémon cards. He also likes to have books read to him before he goes to bed. Aiden is a big sports fan, and when he grows up, he would like to be Tom Brady. If that doesn't work out, Aiden says that he would like to be a fireman. Aiden plays well with others, as well as on his own.

He does well in school and gets along with his teachers and peers. He receives speech services, as well as emotional and behavioral supports to help him stay focused in class.

Legally freed for adoption, Aiden is searching for a family of any constellation with either no children in the home or with children who are older than he is. An ideal family will be able to provide Aiden with individualized attention, consistency, and structure. A family must be open to Aiden visiting with his birth mother twice a year in Massachusetts. Aiden also has an older sister who he is very attached to, and he will need to keep in contact with her.

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

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

WEBSTER POLICE LOG

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of June 7-13.

Mark Roger McDonald, age 35, of Dudley was arrested on June 7 for Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License (subsequent offense), Possession of a Class B Drug (subsequent offense), and Operating Under the Influence of Drugs.

Demetre Papadopoulos, age 34, of Webster was arrested on June 9 for Speeding and Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol.

Duane M. Flynn, age 24, of Webster was arrested on June 9 in connection with multiple warrants.

Keith R. Army, age 40, of Webster was arrested on June 9 in connection with a warrant.

Matthew P. Lee, age 33, of Oxford was arrested on June 9 for Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License and Speeding in violation of a Special Regulation.

Nathan A. Hade, age 46, of Webster was arrested on June 10 in connection with a warrant.

Joseph Matthew Hellijas, age 26, of Webster was arrested on June 10 in connection with an out of agency warrant.

Kelvin Eduvigis Delvalle, age 23, of Providence, R.I. was arrested on June 13 for Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License and Speeding in excess of the posted limit.

Luis F. Melendez, age 35, of Southbridge was arrested on June 13 for Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License.

DUDLEY POLICE LOG

DUDLEY — The Dudley Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of June 5-12.

An adult male whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on June 8 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member and Resisting Arrest.

David Dini, age 41, of Warwick, R.I. was arrested on June 10 in connection with multiple warrants.

Joseph Matthew Hellijas, age 26, of Webster was arrested on June 10 in connection with an out of agency warrant.

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Assumption Confers 522 degrees to Class of 2020

WORCESTER — On May 10, Assumption conferred the degrees of 522 individuals who completed their studies at the culmination of the 2019-20 academic year. Local students include:

Nicole Duquette, of Webster received a bachelor's degree in Health Sciences.

Kyle Durant, of Oxford, received a bachelor's degree in English: Writing & Mass Communication.

Elijah Fossas, of Dudley, received a bachelor's degree in Economics.

Catherine French, of Dudley, received a bachelor's degree in Biology with a concentration in Neuroscience & Behavior.

Joseph Fullen, of North Oxford, received a bachelor's degree in Environmental Science.

Caroline James, of Webster, received a bachelor's degree in Data Analytics and Mathematics.

Sarah Keohane, of Oxford, received a bachelor's degree in Mathematics.

Amy Rosebrooks, of Oxford, received a bachelor's degree in Organizational Communication.

On Sunday, May 10, the day on which the Class of 2020 was originally scheduled to receive their degrees at the College's 103rd Commencement, Assumption virtually celebrated the candidates for graduation and their years

of commitment to academic programs. Assumption President Francesco C. Cesareo, Ph.D., was joined by Provost and Academic Vice President Greg Wiener, Ph.D., and Vice President for Mission Father Richard Lamoureux, A.A. '64 for a Conferral of Degrees ceremony that was livestreamed from the Chapel of the Holy Spirit. The ceremony was followed by a Mass which included candidates for graduation who pre-recorded hymns and readings.

Assumption has rescheduled its annual commencement ceremony during which it will formally honor the graduates of the Class of 2020 for Aug. 23.

When addressing the graduates virtually, President Cesareo acknowledged the unprecedented challenges the Class of 2020 faced in their final semester, namely making a swift shift to remote learning due to the global pandemic. "You have come to the end of your studies at Assumption under extraordinary circumstances. This has certainly been a difficult and challenging semester for your class. You have had to confront adversity and the unexpected," he said. "You should be proud of the way in which you adapted to this situation, how you showed your resilience, strength, and ability to overcome challenging times."

He added that while the COVID-19 pandemic has

created many challenges for the Class of 2020, their Assumption education has and will help them thrive rather than simply endure. "Because of your education, you are able to view challenges as obstacles to overcome rather than a crisis to be endured," he explained.

"Assumption has provided you with an education that prepared you to confront and to make sense of these personal and societal challenges. This pandemic has made the unique value of a Catholic liberal education like the one Assumption provides even more evident. The most important challenges our society faces in both overcoming and understanding this crisis involve more than technical problems, although those are an important part of an Assumption education, too. The essential issues are the deepest questions of the human heart, which transcend time and place," he said, adding that ancient and modern thinkers have explored the questions regarding the meaning of life and human suffering.

Saint Augustine reminds us that these questions are 'ever ancient, ever new.' The Assumption education you received has prepared you for a changing world. Many institutions have forgotten these enduring questions. Assumption never has, and you have benefitted from this. A Catholic liberal education engages these ques-

tions has prepared you to live out your vocations and to be lifelong learners. It has provided you with the wisdom and courage to confront the challenges we face at this time and that you will face throughout your life."

Before closing, President Cesareo said he hoped that the disruptive nature of the last several months had taught the graduates some important lessons: take the time to say 'I love you,' to stop harboring resentment, thinking that forgiveness can always wait for another day, to cease pretending that little annoying things matter so much, to pick up your heads to look at the beauty of the world, to examine your beliefs about what truly matters in life, to mend relationships, and to take time to pray," he said.

"I am not going to say goodbye, but rather arrivederci, since it is my hope to see you in August," he said.

The ceremony was complemented by the playing of a newly composed hymn based, "Shelter Me," a prayer song in the time of COVID-19, by Jan Michael Joncas based on Psalm 23. After the conferral of undergraduate, continuing education, and graduate degrees, Adam Duval '20, William Goliger '20, Arianna Pereschino '20, and led by Brad Dumont, sang the Alma Mater, "Long Live the Blue and White," via video conference.

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Local residents named to Becker College Dean's List

LEICESTER — Becker College is proud to announce that the following local residents were named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2020 semester.

Tyler Brayton, of Webster, is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Integrated Graphic Design and Media.

Erica Czechowski, of Webster, is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing.

Emily Downer, of Webster, is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing.

George Grammatikakis, of Dudley, is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Interactive Media Design, Game Development and Programming Concentration.

David Haskins, of Oxford, is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Interactive Media Design, Game Development and Programming Concentration.

Elizabeth Heyward, of Webster, is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Veterinary Science, Pre-Veterinary Concentration.

Haley Jarosz, of Dudley, is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Interactive Media Design, Game Arts Concentration.

Catherine Jones, of Webster, is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing.

Noah Karlon, of Webster, is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Interactive Media Design, Game Design Concentration.

Lauren Lebel, of Dudley, is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Science, Health & Fitness Concentration.

Karlie Parmenter, of Oxford, is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Early Childhood and Youth Education.

Maria Perrin, of Dudley, is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Veterinary Science, Pre-Veterinary Concentration.

Victoria Puczydowski, of Dudley, is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing.

Conner Scotti, of Oxford, is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Interactive Media Design, Game Design Concentration.

Olivia Spring, of Oxford, is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration.

Emily Wong Kam, of Webster, is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing.

The Dean's List recognizes all full-time students (24 or more credit hours earned for the academic year; 12 minimum each semester (September through May) whose term grade point average is 3.50 or higher with no grade below a B- and no incomplete (I) or withdrawal/failing (WF) grades.

Founded in 1784, Becker College is an undergraduate and graduate, career-focused private college, providing a supportive and inclusive learning community that prepares graduates for their first to last careers. Nearly 1,700 students from the United States and around the world attend Becker College, which has campuses both in Worcester and Leicester, Massachusetts. With nationally recognized programs in nursing, game design and animal studies, Becker has been consistently ranked as a "Best College" for undergraduate education by The Princeton Review.

New plan chosen for Dudley Recycling and Transfer Station

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — After hours of debate between selectmen and members of the public, as well as among selectmen themselves, Dudley will be moving forward with a new plan for the town's recycling center and transfer station which will see the town partner with Pratt Trucking rather than re-upping their current partnership with Casella.

Potential changes to Dudley's recycling center have been at the forefront of public discussions in 2020, with a June 4 public meeting over Zoom and Facebook Live drawing heavy attention from users who felt more time and research was needed before Dudley proceeded with any major alterations to the deal. Under Dudley's current contract with Casella the recycling center has failed to generate enough income to pay for itself causing the town to make up the difference in operation costs through the budget. With Dudley's contract with Casella set to expire at the end of June, Town Administrator Jonathan

Ruda spearheaded an effort to examine new options to ease the burden on taxpayers and make the recycling center more cost effective resulting in four options for selectmen to consider. On June 4, many citizens said they felt the process was moving too quickly and wanted Dudley to revisit the initiative in 2021 when in-person town meetings could resume and more precise research could be presented.

On Monday, June 8 selectmen revisited the four proposed models for the recycling center once more, this time to make a decision on what contract they wanted to choose. The options included Plan A, a pay-as-you-throw model eliminating permits and assessing a price to each bag of trash based on bag size, Plan B, a similar model that included a permit for seniors, Plan C which was remaining with Casella which lacked a fixed price for permits, and Plan D, a partnership with Pratt Trucking that included fixed prices for permits. Selectmen eventually chose to adopt a slightly altered version of Plan D.

Selectman Kerri Cyganiewicz made the

motion after several hours of debate which included assigning financial controls over bulk items and technology controls to the town administrator, adding personnel either from in-house or in the form of a new hire to man the transfer station on Saturdays and removing nonresident permits from the plan. Many of these added amendments were meant to help the recycling center and transfer station be even more cost effective by resolving variables discussed during the meeting. The motion also included a review of the finances of the transfer station after six months to assess how the contract has fared. Plan D sets resident permit fees at \$360, senior permits at \$235, and veteran and first responder permits at \$320. There are also limits on the number of bags of trash and recycling that can be dropped off per week with extra fees of less than \$5 per bag over the limit.

During discussion Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda proposed Plan D as a viable option saying that at the very least it would provide a locked price as opposed to Casella's permit

prices which could change at a moment notice with the market.

"Plan D gives us the ability to at least have a locked figure. We know what it's going to cost us to get rid of the trash and we know what it's going to cost to run the place. We've assigned a number to that and we've assigned an average number to that which actually pays for the trash that's being removed," said Ruda.

Prior to his motion Selectman Cyganiewicz said he felt Plan D was a good compromise of the solutions selectmen were seeking for the transfer station and the wants of the citizens who made their voices heard at the public hearing.

"Nothing we do today is going to make everyone happy," said Cyganiewicz. "I think option D is a happy medium. It's something we can build off and change if we have to."

The motion passed in a 3-2 decision with selectmen Paul Joseph, Kerry Cyganiewicz and John Marsi voting in favor and selectmen Jason Johnson and Steven Sullivan voting against the motion.

Gladys E. Kelly Library open for curbside pickup

WEBSTER — The Gladys E. Kelly Public Library may be currently closed to the public, but we are still offering many contact-free services to the public!

The library is now offering curbside pickup. Patrons can call the library at (508) 949-3880 or email us at webstercirculation@gmail.com to set up a time between noon and 4 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, and we can bring your items out to you. Items available for pickup include books, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, and museum passes. We are also offering children's paper craft kits that can be picked up during the curbside pickup times listed above. This month's craft is a bunny peeking out of a flower pot, and, like our usual monthly children's room crafts, it consists of pre-cut paper pieces that can easily be glued together. Kits come with paper pieces,

instructions, and a glue stick! Additionally, we are offering children's mystery book bags. Tell us your child's three favorite things or interests and we will curate a bag full of 5-10 mystery books for them to enjoy. All current patrons may also use the Overdrive/Libby website and app and the Hoopla app to access digital material online. Digital material through Libby may be put on hold or checked out with your library card, just like regular items. Material from Hoopla can be downloaded instantly!

We are currently waiving all late fees due to the library's temporary closure. However, our book drop remains open. All material that has been returned to the library book drop is set aside for three days and cleaned with disinfectant wipes before being checked in and put away. Staff are equipped

with masks and gloves to prevent any potential spread of COVID-19.

In other news, on June 4, a Library Trustee meeting was held over Zoom. The Director, Amanda Grenier, shared with the Trustees the ongoing planned re-opening of the library. The library will most likely reopen during "Phase 3" of Governor Baker's re-opening plan starting July 31. The library will open to a limited number of patrons and every other computer terminal will be available for use. The computer terminals will be cleaned between every session. The Children's Room will be available for browsing and

for checkout, but all toys have currently been cleaned and placed in storage and will not be available to the public until further notice. All plans for programming will be re-evaluated in the fall.

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bankHometown makes \$25,000 challenge grant to Worcester Regional Chamber

OXFORD — At this morning's Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce virtual Breakfast Club meeting, bankHometown President and CEO Robert J. Morton announced that the bank is making a \$25,000 challenge grant to the Worcester Regional Chamber to help sustain its programs and services in support of local businesses, including those negatively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Morton announced the grant in his opening remarks as the event's emcee, with the bank pledging to match dollar-for-dollar all donations made to the chamber by members of the business community through Labor Day, up to \$25,000.

With local businesses particularly hit hard by the sustained economic shutdown, Morton noted that the chamber had continued to support the local business community throughout the pandemic while experiencing its own loss of funding from the cancellation of events and revenue-generating programs along with fewer new members joining and attrition due to business hardships and closures.

"The Worcester Regional Chamber's outreach and support of local business owners has become even more critical in these times of hardship and economic downturn," Morton said. "bankHometown is pleased to make this funding commitment to help ensure the cham-

ber's services can continue to support our local business community in these difficult times."

Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Timothy P. Murray said the chamber has taken unprecedented steps to reach out to and support business in this time of crisis. He noted that the chamber has opened up its services to non-dues-paying businesses, transitioned its robust program and event offerings to webinars and virtual meetups, and helped get the word out about loan and grant programs available to small businesses as well as helping to shape state economic development policy related to the crisis.

And, Murray acknowledged that these moves



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bankHometown President and CEO Robert J. Morton and Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Timothy P. Murray.

have come when the chamber's own funding source—the business community—is in jeopardy, but that the steps were necessary and consistent with the organization's mission to promote policies that create jobs and expand economic opportunity.

"We are grateful to

bankHometown for recognizing the work the chamber has done to support local businesses, especially during this pandemic," Murray said. "We appreciate this generous donation to help us continue to provide those services to the business community."

Organizations con-

tributing to the chamber can double the impact of their donations through this matching grant. Contributions may be sent to the Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce, 311 Main St., Suite 200, Worcester, MA 01608 or WorcesterChamber.org/DONATE.

Vermont Tech congratulates Spring 2020 graduates

RANDOLPH CENTER, Vt. — Vermont Tech is pleased to announce that Sandra Vaillancourt from Dudley of the Dental Hygiene program is among the 403 students

who graduated in the Spring of 2020. Their Commencement Ceremony has been postponed until Sept. 25-27.

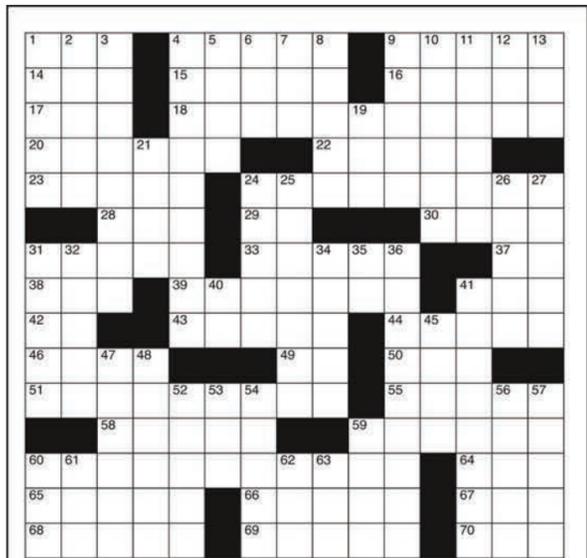
President Patricia Moulton wished the graduates off stating, "Know that each of you

has left a mark on this institution in some fashion and we look forward to watching, with pride, as you leave a mark on the world from here on out."

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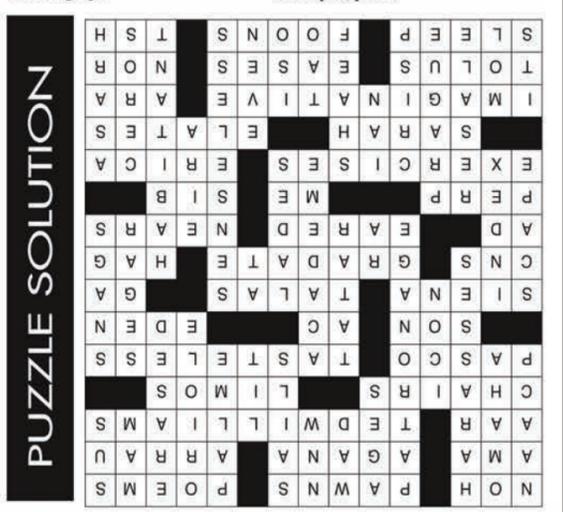


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Japanese classical theater
- 4. Chess pieces
- 9. Pieces of writing
- 14. Doctors' group
- 15. Capital of Guam
- 16. Type of turtle
- 17. Swiss river
- 18. MLB Hall of Famer
- 20. Places to sit
- 22. Fancy rides
- 23. One of Washington's Tri-Cities
- 24. Without class
- 28. Male child
- 29. Keeps you cool
- 30. Biblical place
- 31. Italian city
- 33. District in central Turkey
- 37. Job for a grad student
- 38. Central nervous system
- 39. Arrange in steps
- 41. Witch
- 42. Promotional material
- 43. Having certain appendages
- 44. Approaches
- 46. One who did it (slang)
- 49. Of I
- 50. Blood relation
- 51. Works out
- 55. Female given name
- 58. Isaac's mother (Bib.)
- 59. Makes someone happy
- 60. Creative
- 64. Small, faint constellation
- 65. S. American trees
- 66. Makes simpler
- 67. Neither
- 68. We all need it
- 69. Unique plastic utensil
- 70. Thyroid-stimulating hormone (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Civil Rights group
- 2. Metropolis
- 3. Badgers
- 4. Regular business given to a store
- 5. Gets older
- 6. A bundle of banknotes
- 7. Midway between north and northwest
- 8. Takes to the sea
- 9. Prestigious film prize: ___ d'or
- 10. Baltimore ballplayer
- 11. Removed
- 12. Term of respect
- 13. Genus containing pigs
- 19. Illumined
- 21. One who symbolizes something
- 24. Member of a Turkic people
- 25. The academic world
- 26. "Key to the Highway" bluesman
- 27. Hang-ups
- 31. Long, leafless flower stalk
- 32. Categorize
- 34. Loads
- 35. Indicates position
- 36. Unreasonable
- 40. Dorm worker
- 41. Dweller
- 45. Welsh female name meaning "snow"
- 47. Offering again
- 48. National capital
- 52. Firm, dry and brittle
- 53. 007's creator
- 54. Allied H.Q.
- 56. Mackerels
- 57. Month of the Hindu year
- 59. Not odd
- 60. Belonging to a thing
- 61. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
- 62. Religion
- 63. Equal, prefix



Tori Coleman named to Transylvania's Dean's List

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Tori Coleman of Dudley was named to the Transylvania University Dean's List for winter 2020. To be named to the dean's list, a student must achieve at least a 3.5 grade point average during the term.

Transylvania University, located in the heart of downtown Lexington, Kentucky, is a top-ranked private liberal arts college featuring a community-driven, personalized approach to a liberal arts education through 46 majors. Founded in 1780, it is the 16th oldest institution of higher learning in the country, with approximately 1,000 students. Visit www.transy.edu for more information.

Daniella Damasio of Webster named to Lasell University Spring 2020 Dean's List

NEWTON — Daniella Damasio, a resident of Webster, was named to the Lasell University Dean's List for their strong academic performance in Spring 2020.

To be named to the Dean's List, Lasell students must complete at least 12 credits as a full-time student and achieve a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Local students named to Marquette University's Dean's List

MILWAUKEE, Wisc. — Brad Cooley of Oxford has been named to the Dean's List for the spring 2020 semester at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisc.

To make the Dean's List, students must have earned at least 12 credits for the spring 2020 semester and have no disqualifying grades. The GPA threshold varies by college - for the College of Education and the Klingler College of Arts and Sciences, undergraduate students must have at least a 3.7 to be named to the Dean's List.

The undergraduate GPA requirement is 3.5 for the following colleges: the Diederich College of Communication, the College of Business Administration, the College of Health Sciences, the Opus College of Engineering and the College of Nursing. All other programs have a 3.75 GPA minimum.

Marquette University is a Catholic, Jesuit university that draws its more than 11,500 students from all 50 states and more than 84 different countries. Marquette is ranked in the top 10 nationally for job placement.

In addition to its nationally recognized academic programs, Marquette is known for its service learning programs and internships as students are challenged to use what they learn to make a difference in the world. Find out more about Marquette at marquette.edu.

Endicott College announces local Dean's List students

BEVERLY — Endicott College, the first college in the U.S. to require internships of its students, is pleased to announce its Fall 2019 Dean's List students. In order to qualify for the Dean's List, a student must obtain a minimum grade point average of 3.5, receive no letter grade below "C," have no withdrawal grades, and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits for the semester.

Among the students who met those requirements were Victoria Sheehan, daughter of Donna and Brian Sheehan of Oxford, pursuing a Nursing degree, and Cassidy Thorpe, daughter of Jennifer and Jeffrey Thorpe of Webster, also pursuing a degree in Nursing.

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Fairfield University congratulates degree recipients

FAIRFIELD, Conn. — Olivia R. Mason of Webster graduated from Fairfield University, May 2020.

At the time of graduation, a student must have earned a minimum of 120 credits and completed at least 38 three- or four-credit courses, depending on the course of study, and have an overall grade point average of 2.0 or better at the conclusion of the senior year.

Three ways to help your gardens thrive with minimal care



Photo Melinda Myers

New plantings need special attention the first few weeks. Water thoroughly and often enough to keep the roots and surrounding soil slightly moist.

So, you filled your shopping cart and gardens with lots of new shrubs, flowers, and vegetables. Now what? Keep your plants looking their best with minimal effort so you can enjoy them and your summer even more.

Watering is one task where I find even experienced gardeners struggle. Proper watering is key. Too much or not enough water can result in yellow, wilting and even death of plants.

Check container plantings daily. Stick your finger into the soil and water whenever the top few inches

of soil is starting to dry. Water thoroughly so the excess runs out of the pot and away from the planter.

New plantings need special attention the first few weeks. Water thoroughly and often enough to keep the roots and surrounding soil slightly moist. Gradually reduce frequency and only water thoroughly when the top few inches are crumbly, but slightly moist.

Continue giving perennials, trees, and shrubs regular care the first two years. It takes this long for them to establish a robust root system. Water thorough-

ly, but only as needed.

Water early in the day to reduce water lost to evaporation. Avoid watering at night. Wet foliage at night is more susceptible to disease. Use soaker hoses, drip irrigation or watering wands to apply water to the soil. Less water is wasted plus you'll help decrease the risk of disease by avoiding wet foliage.



GARDEN MOMENTS
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you are growing and your gardening goals. Organic and slow release fertilizers provide a slow, steady supply of nutrients over a longer period of time. You'll need to make fewer applications throughout the growing season.

Do not apply more than the recommended rate. Not only are you wasting fertilizer and money, but an overdose of fertilizer can damage and even kill plants. Consider taking a soil test in the future. The results tell you how much and what type of fertilizer to apply. Contact your local Extension office for tips on how to take a soil test and where to send the sample for testing.

Visit your gardens regularly. Pick a few flowers to enjoy in a vase indoors and harvest vegetables when they are mature. Regular harvests of ripe vegetables and herbs keeps them producing.

So, enjoy your summer and gardening adventures. Each year brings new successes, plants to try, and lessons to learn from our gardens. As you experience the joy and benefits of this season's garden, you will be looking for more opportunities to expand your plantings next year.

Melinda Myers has written numerous 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 a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

Mulch gardens to conserve moisture, suppress weeds and improve the soil as it decomposes.

Spread a two- to three-inch layer of organic mulch such as shredded leaves, evergreen needles, wood chips or shredded bark on the soil surface surrounding your plants. The courser the mulch used, the thicker the layer. Do not bury the base of your plants or pile mulch against the trunks of trees. This can lead to a decline of your plants.

I like to use wood-based mulches for permanent plantings and pathways.

Consider using shredded leaves, evergreen needles or even a thin layer of chemical-free grass clippings for annual plantings. These mulches break down more quickly than wood and do not cause nutrient deficiencies if worked into the soil.

Fertilization provides the nutrients plants need to grow and thrive, but too much of a good thing can be detrimental. Over fertilization can result in lots of green leafy growth, but no flowers or fruit. Lush succulent growth from over fertilization is more susceptible to insect and disease problems.

Select a fertilizer labeled for the plants

Golden age comic books



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My last two columns were on Modern Age, Bronze Age, and Silver Age comic books. This column focuses on the Golden Age of comic books, which took place from 1938 to 1956. Golden Age comic books are older and typically more valuable than the others I discussed in previous columns.

Prior to comic books pulp magazines were popular. They used brightly colored covers and sensational stories to attract readers. The paper was made of cheap wood pulp that now has usually become yellow and brittle. Tarzan, Sam Spade and Zorro appeared in pulp magazines. The Shadow was one of the most popular characters and appeared in 326 issues from 1931 to 1939 according to Britannica.

Looney Tunes, adventure, mystery and other genres appeared in Golden Age comic books, but superheroes were very popular and are the most valuable today. D.C. Comics introduced Superman in 1938. According to Britannica, writer Jerry Siegel and artist Joe Shuster were unable to sell Superman as a daily series to newspaper syndicates.

"DC then took an enormous risk in 1938 by publishing the untried character, given the depressed economic climate of the day," Britannica writes.

Action Comics # 1, featuring Superman, sold very well, and DC Comics grew into a highly successful company.

According to PBS' "History Detectives," Captain Marvel by Wizz Comics was a very popular character during the 1940's, often outselling Superman. Comic book sales increased during World War II.

"They were cheap, portable and had inspirational, patriotic stories of good triumphing over evil," PBS wrote.

The first issue of Captain America pictured him in a stars and stripes costume battling Adolph Hitler on the cover. After the war, comic books with superheroes saw sales decrease and comics from other genres were created to help fill the void. Superhero comic books continued to be printed though. You can buy Superman comics today, over 80 years since the first issue was published.

Guinness World Records website has a timeline listing when superhero comic book characters were first introduced. Some characters may have a longer run than you might expect. The Phantom was created in 1936. Superman first appeared in Action Comics # 1 in 1938. The first comic book with Batman came out in 1939, as did Captain Marvel. 1940 saw the introduction of The Comet, The Flash, Fantomah/Woman in Red, and Justice Society of America. Captain America, Aquaman, and Wonder Woman all began in 1941.

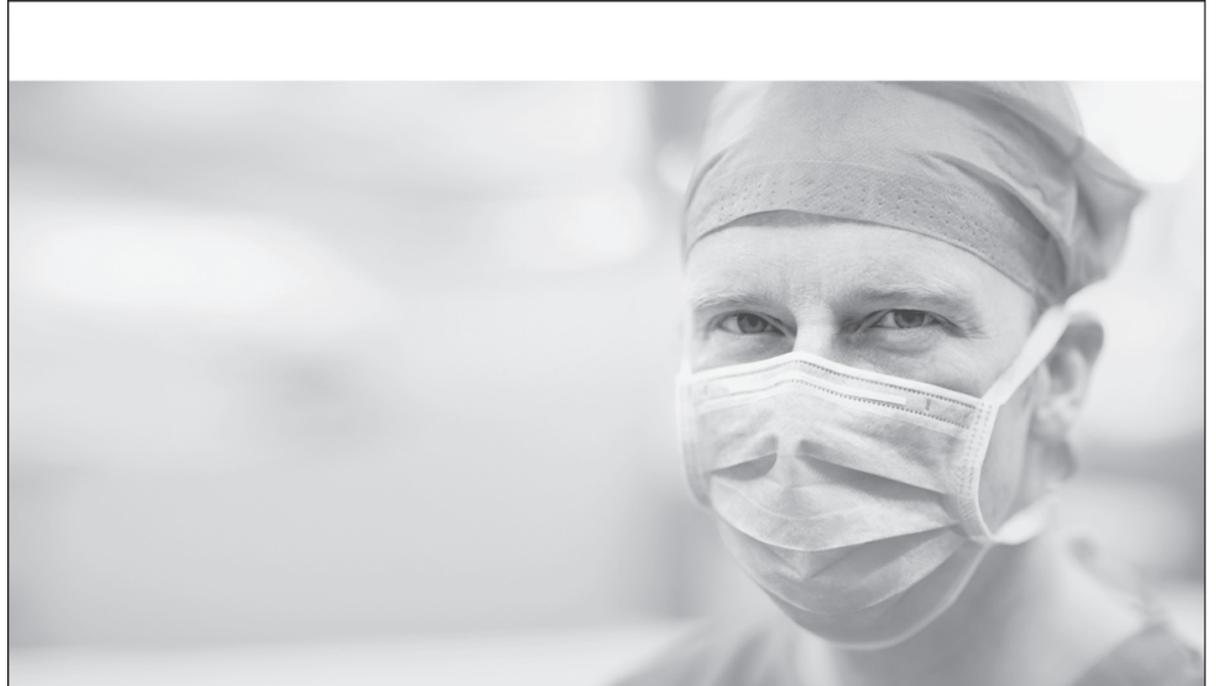
Golden Age superhero comic books in decent condition can be worth thousands but having one in great condition

can be worth a fortune. Superman first appeared in Action Comics in 1938, but Superman appeared in his own comic book in 1939. Superman issue # 1 sold for over \$500,000. A 1939 Detective Comics issue # 27 with the first appearance of Batman sold for over \$1 million in 2010. A high grade 1939 issue titled "Marvel Comics" by Timely Comics sold for over \$1.25 million last year. Ironically, Timely Comics evolved into Marvel Comics during the 1960s. A copy of Action Comics # 1 with the first appearance of Superman went up, up and away for \$3,207,852 in an online auction in 2014.

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auction will be held on June 20. The address will be published on our Web site on June 19. Face masks and social distancing are required during the preview and pickup. Bidding ends on June 24. Our online only auction with estate jewelry, sterling silver, and collectibles, including some comic books, ends June 25. There is more information on both auctions on our website.

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employees on furlough and we extended that into the new fiscal year so that accounts for some

savings. Both fire and police have taken cuts in their budgets – That doesn't have an impact on the supplies or the operational costs needed to maintain a full staff.

Obviously, we're not going to look to cut any staff given the current social and health circumstances that we're facing but they did make some cuts from both budgets, and we appreciate that even though at this point public health and public safety are both top on the priority list," Ruda said.

The second major financial decision that voters will have to make involves the towns water and sewer infrastructure with several articles dedicated to financing projects to bring the system up to date. Article 16 will seek to borrow \$5.2 million for modifications to Main Pump Station No. 1, the Mason Road and Mason Road Extension

Water Main replacement, water storage tank rehabilitation for the Bates Road Water Storage Tank and the Dresser Hill Road Water Storage Tank. Article 17 will seek the borrowing of \$1.3 million for the construction of the Dudley Infiltration and Inflow Mitigation Constriction Project which includes sewer rehabilitation. Article 18 will seek to borrow \$1 million to design and construct connections to Pump Station No. 3 to the Pump Station No. 6 site and Article 19 will seek \$200,000 for preliminary work for a water treatment plan. Articles 16 and 17 are proposed to be borrowed from the Massachusetts Clean

Water Trust.

Speaking about these projects on June 8, Water and Sewer Superintendent George Patrinos said these projects are vital to getting Dudley's water and sewer systems up to date and within code.

"Once these are accomplished, which should be sometime in the 2021 time frame, in the spring or summer, we're going to be able to take on some of these new projects and start making the water department grow a little bit. It's just what we need," Patrinos said.

Other items on the town meeting warrant for discussion include an ambulance replacement for the fire department,

discontinuing Chestnut Street Extension as a public way, and a proposal to amend the zoning bylaws for the mill conversion overlay district, a proposal connected to the Stevens Linen Mill project and recommended by the Planning Board. A full warrant for the annual town meeting can be found on the Town of Dudley Web site.

Dudley's 2020 spring annual town meeting will be held indoors at the Shepherd Hill Regional High School in the Connie Vanco-Galli Auditorium starting at 7 p.m. Those attending are asked to wear masks in accordance with CDC guidelines concerning the ongoing pandemic.

WARRANT

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that had yet to be tallied prior to press time.

Two ballot questions capped off the ballot, both failing in landslide defeats from voters. Question 1 sought to exempt the amount required to pay for a bond issued to purchase a 2019 Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper and associated equipment from the provisions of Proposition 2 ½. The question failed in all three districts in a final decision of 247 to 391. Question 2 asked to exempt the amount required to pay for the bond issued for repairs to the Dudley Municipal Center that were approved at an annual town meeting in May of 2018. That vote failed in a 271 to 368 decision although district three did vote yes in a close 95-90 vote. In March Dudley reported 7,611 registered voters. Only 655 cast their ballots for the municipal election.



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But tomorrow may rain, so I'll follow the sun

Well, here we are at the start of summer. We've survived a mild winter, but winter nonetheless. The days are longer. The sun is shining brighter. Now that warmer days have arrived, it makes the current closures a bit easier to manage.

While we will miss summer festivals and live music, there is still plenty to do to soak up a fun filled, relaxing summer. While we're out in our kayaks, hiking in the White Mountains, or enjoying an afternoon fishing at the river, don't forget about the many health benefits that come along with this amazing season.

Sunlight acts as an aid to regulate our bodies and gives us more motivation to improve our lives. During the summer months there is a reduced number of heart attacks. One study, including 11,000 individuals, showed that over nine years, the survival rate increased by almost 20 percent if the incident took place in the summertime. One theory is that the increase in vitamin D, plays a role.

During the summer months people are more likely to eat more fruits and vegetables. Diets become more green and healthier. We all know the more colorful the diet, the healthier we are. We could argue that the all time best cereal invented, Fruity Pebbles could be just as healthy, but we would be wrong.

Warmer months means clearer skin for many. Now that we are older (some of us), we know that sitting outside with tin foil to help us become more tan faster, is not a smart move. Sunscreen it is. In addition, people tend to exercise more in warmer weather. This is perfect for allowing more oxygen to reach the brain and stress levels decrease as an added bonus.

The sun can have an effect on those with sleep issues as well. Waking up to the sunlight aids a person's internal clock to reset. Hotter weather also causes us to drink more water. More water means less toxins in our bodies. Cheers to that.

We think it's a good idea to create a summer bucket list. Some of the things on our list include hiking more 4,000 footers, finishing a certain amount of books (some started almost ten years ago), making more trips to the ocean, trying out a paddle board, getting around to purchasing a fishing license, question legislation about daylight savings and having sunflowers in bloom by fall.

The most important thing, and we say it often, is to remember to slow down and appreciate every summer moment, hour by hour.

Note: To give credit where it is due, the title of this week's Editorial was taken from the song "Follow the Sun," written by John Lennon and Paul McCartney and recorded by The Beatles in 1964.

SEND US YOUR NEWS!!!



VIEWPOINT

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

The spirit that heals division and unites what is broken

Our country is so bitterly divided. These past weeks we have been confronted not only with the ongoing pandemic, but with the more insidious virus of racism, whose historic wounds have once again reopened. Our protests for justice and change have been met by chaos and confusion. And through it all, we choose to remain divided. Bitterly divided.

We choose to ignore the common danger that confronts all of us, and we see little effort – from our national leaders to ourselves – to sincerely listen to one another, comfort one another, and unite with one another. We are choosing to forget about empathy, and to not even try to listen compassionately to those who are hurting and in pain. And this is true for all sides! For those who face racism daily in their lives. For those who have suffered from the riots and looting, including both the protesters and the police who have been injured and even killed. Too many are choosing to ignore the pains of others, especially the pains of the past, and some will even deny the prejudice and injustice that people still face. It seems like too many of us are surrounding ourselves with like-minded people, who reinforce what we already believe. Such stubborn attitudes will do little to unite our country.

Even within the church, I'm deeply saddened when I see these bitter divisions poison the Church. Unfortunately, I see how people give in to the temptation that our political views are more important than our religious beliefs.

Jesus said to His followers, "By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:35) This love for one another should take precedent over any political views. This love for God, and seeking first His Kingdom above all else, living under His reign, should take precedent over everything else in our lives!!!

And yet, the sad reality is that many of us spend much more time reading and being influenced by social media, and then getting aggravated and irritated by what we see, becoming angry and bitter towards others, instead of spending more time with God in prayer, in reading Holy Scripture, and in allowing God's peace to reign in our hearts! I don't mean to say by seeking God's peace, we won't speak up for justice and act to heal the wounds of our society. Yet, we need to speak up and act only when God's peace dwells in our hearts and guides our speech and conduct. Anger can too quickly turn against us, as we see with the violence and hatred abounding.

One dear parishioner, who has two biracial grandchildren, told me that she had to delete Facebook because she was actually becoming sick over all the hatred and the negative posts that she was reading. Let's all think about that for a moment! Are we showing the love Christ called us to when we post negative

BEYOND THE PEWS

By FR. LUKE A. VERONIS
SAINTS CONSTANTINE AND
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CHURCH, WEBSTER

or hate filled posts??? And when I say this, don't think of others who have done this. Ask yourself, "Have I posted things that are filled with hate, filled with anger, filled with negativity?"

"By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." Is our love for one another clearly evident in what we post on Facebook? Is our love clearly evident in the way we speak to one another, especially how we speak to those who have different opinions or political views than ourselves?!

In the midst of our country's deep turmoil, how can each one of us become instruments of God bringing His peace? How can we show that our lives are dominated by God's divine love – love which transcends all boundaries, love which won't allow earthly divisions and opposing opinions to hinder it.

Saint Paul gave one of the most beautiful descriptions of this divine agape love we are to possess – "love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way. It is not irritable or resentful. Love does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails." (1 Corinthians 13:4-7)

Let's reflect for a moment on this type of agape love and apply it to our own behavior. Love is kind. Love is not rude. Love is not irritable. Love is not resentful. Love bears all things. Love endures all things. How many of us can describe our own behavior and our own attitude towards others with such love? Are we responding to others with kindness, without rudeness, not in an irritable or resentful manner?

When we are confronted with those who disagree with us, with those who hold a different political view, with those who see what is happening around us from a different perspective, are we acting toward them in love, trying to listen and understand their fears. And if they are legitimate fears, can we relieve those fears? And if they are irrational fears, will we patiently try to listen and comfort them, helping them see their irrationality. Or if our own fears are irrational, will we humbly take a careful look at ourselves, and turn such fears over to God?!! For ultimately, remember, He is in control, no matter which political party or political leader rules!

Such divine love is also seen in how we listen to one another with empathy, truly trying to hear what others say. Right now, in our country, we need to listen more than ever to the pain and hurt of one another, we need

to listen to the fear that people hold on to, we need to understand and then try to comfort others.

Remember whom Christ called "the children of God?" "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." This blessing Jesus announced is surely not easy to fulfill. Peacemakers are often misunderstood at best, and even persecuted at worse. Yet, here is our call – to find the courage to act as peacemakers in a broken and bitterly divided country!

Where can we find such courage to become peacemakers? Where will we find the strength to act daily as peacemakers, living out the divine love that the Apostle Paul describes so beautifully? Well, recently the Christian churches celebrated the feast of Pentecost! This marks the coming of the Holy Spirit into the world in a dynamic and healing manner. Our Lord promised His disciples, "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you and you shall be my witness!" Christ gave His Holy Spirit to empower His followers. It is this Holy Spirit that gives us boldness and strength to proclaim Christ's divine love in the world around us. It is this Holy Spirit that unites us to one another, healing the bitter divisions of our brokenness. It is this Holy Spirit that gives new life to everything that is touches! It is this Holy Spirit that gives hope in the midst of our ongoing, dark, uncertain days of despair!

Pentecost is the feast that proclaims loudly in word and in action – "You are NOT alone. I am with you. And I will fill you with MY SPIRIT to empower, to encourage, to inspire, to guide you in living out my love to the world!"

Yes, we are facing extremely dark and uncertain days with the global pandemic and with the chaos of our societal upheaval. We are facing bitter division and deep-rooted anger. We are confronted with people who are hurting and in much pain. We are experiencing deep sadness and despair.

In the midst of all of this, we who claim to be followers of Jesus Christ, have a task ahead of us. We must fulfill our divine calling. The world will know we are His disciples by the love we show to one another. We can help heal our broken society by sharing concretely the divine love which St. Paul so beautifully describes – love that is patient, kind, not rude, not resentful, not irritable. Love that endures all. And we all must strive to become peacemakers, people who bring God's peace, people who help those divided reconcile with one another, people who show others the path to ultimate, lasting peace in the midst of the world's chaos.

This is an extremely difficult and challenging calling, yet we remember that we are not alone. May the Spirit of God come upon each one of us, empower us, encourage us, inspire us, and guide us in our path of peace with God!

Preparing for power outages



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With the onset of warm weather, severe storms, with rain, lightning, and wind, occur frequently at this time of year. During these stormy weather events, power outages can take place. I was asked to remind residents about the recommended reporting procedure to follow when they experience this situation at their home.

Stormy weather often causes a variety of problems including accidents, downed trees, and other dangerous situations. When a power outage occurs, our dispatch center is flooded with calls and frequent requests are made for periodic updates on when power will be restored. Our dispatchers report outages to the electric company and assesses the situation for emergencies or hazards. During serious weather events, our focus will be on widespread outages and hazardous situations requiring immediate attention. When a large volume of "inquiry" calls are made, phone lines are occupied and attention can be taken away from the business at hand. This may hinder or slow a response to emergencies.

When an outage occurs, utilize the phone numbers or on-line services to report outages to National Grid. The local number for our area is 1-800-465-1212 and the on-line site is www.nationalgridus.com. They will document your report and provide some estimate on time of restoration. Should you have an emergency or require additional immediate assistance, please contact 911 or our business line 508-943-4411 right away. Otherwise, for a general report or follow-up, it is best to use the National Grid direct contact method. If bad weather is expected, be sure to charge your cell phone ahead of time.

If you have strictly cordless phones in your home, you should try to have a direct line somewhere. Most cordless phones require power, and may not work during an outage. This is especially important if you do not have a cell phone or you are in an area of town with restricted reception. If you have Internet-based phones or they are included along with your cable TV package, the power outage will impact their availability. Take this under consideration and try to plan accordingly in case of an emergency. If you live alone, ask family or friends to check on you periodically. This way, you can be sure to receive help if you need it.

Your cooperation and assistance with this process is greatly appreciated. Please make note of the National Grid contact information and leave it in a convenient place along with your other important numbers. This is important, especially if you must search for it in the dark.

In addition to the Corona Virus Pandemic, there is a great deal of turmoil taking place in our state and around the country. We continue to serve the people of Dudley and work with the community to improve the quality of life for everyone. I continue to thank the men and women from my department for their continued dedicated service to the Town of Dudley during these trying times. Thanks also go out to the many Police Officers, Fire and Emergency Services members, public works and government employees, hospital workers, grocery and retail workers, and all other "essential" personnel for their continued hard work and service.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Oxford Democrats support John Saad

To the Editor:

The Oxford Democratic Town Committee proudly endorses Selectman John Saad for re-election. Mr. Saad embodies the spirit of Oxford: concern for your neighbor, level-headedness, and friendliness. He has served Oxford competently and professionally for over 40 years on the Board of Selectmen.

John is knowledgeable about the issues and serves as the Board's informal historian. Without his presence, many decisions would not be as well thought out. His knowledge and experience

in government will continue to be an asset to the Town as we face challenging times ahead. He has served on the Board during the last recession and knows how important it is to streamline government spending and make the right decisions during difficult economic times; while still supporting our municipal services.

He has always advocated and supported new businesses coming into Oxford, such as Home Depot, Market Basket, IPG Photonics, and others to help boost the tax base to ease the burden on the homeowners.

Veteran Selectman John Saad has received many awards, including: "Citizen of the Year" by the Oxford Veterans of Foreign Wars and "Outstanding Citizen of the Year" by the Webster Lodge of Elks. Before serving the Town he served our country in the United States Army and has stayed involved with Veteran's organizations. Selectman Saad's professional career is also impressive. He worked for 30 years as a state employee as Director of the Department of Transitional Assistance. His lifelong personal and professional experience, therefore, involves—

impressively—ongoing community service.

Mr. Saad has always had the best interest of Oxford at heart. He is considered the voice of reason on the Board because of his wisdom and experience in town government. We feel his continued expertise is needed more than ever. Please vote on June 30 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. and remember to bring your pen.

Sincerely,

THE OXFORD DEMOCRATIC
COMMITTEE



THE GREAT
OUTDOORS

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Now that some of the restrictions on daily activity are being lifted due to the Covid Pandemic, fishing is getting back to some form of normality. Some of the six pack Charter boats are now operating in Massachusetts & Rhode Island and fishing has been pretty good overall. Three anglers from Rhode Island fished the Buzzards Bay area Saturday and limited out on their daily bag of five seabass. They were all in the 18 to 21-inch size. They also caught huge scaup filling three coolers. Sounds like they had a great day.

Captain Mark Petitt of Fire Escape Charters reported on some great striper fishing in Buzzards Bay last week, but unfortunately only two stripers were in the 28-inch slot limit, all the rest were schoolies. In two days, his clients brought in close to 400 stripers, and they were hitting everything. The big fish have still not shown up! The Providence River continues to give up some real nice stripers with many over the legal-size limit of 35 inches. If you hit it right, you will catch fish.

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club has installed a new Sporting clays range which opened officially last Sunday. Members & non-Members are invited to try out the new course, and to brush up on your shooting skills. The trap is also open every Sunday. Come to the club and enjoy some great shooting.

Fishing on the Cape Cod Canal has been restricted to recreational fishing only as of a couple of weeks ago. Unruly anglers prompted the emergency action to be taken along with other problems at the canal. Only stripers measuring 28 inches to 35 inches are allowed anywhere on the canal. Allowing commercial anglers to fish alongside recreational anglers on the canal was not a good idea to begin with. With problems they have had in the past, it was sure to get ugly again, and policing the area with the large amount of people fishing at the canal this year, was a receipt for disaster. Free saltwater fishing in Massachusetts on June 20 - 21 this year, so take the family fishing. You will hopefully enjoy the sport and purchase an annual license.

Fluke fishing along the beaches of Matunick, R.I. has picked up a lot but most fish are short of the 19-inch limit



Photos Courtesy

This writer and my Great granddaughter Eva, fished the Providence River last week with her Dad Chris Henchey.

for recreational anglers. A lot of the released fish are going to die, which is a terrible shame. Many fish swallow the hook and trying to remove the hook is causing released fish to die and become crab bait. As I have said in the past, someone with some sense of responsibility and knowledge needs to be put in charge of the fishery which seems to be driven by politics, and not by sensible fish management. Commercial fishermen are allowed to keep seabass only 11 inches long? What a waste!

The Seven B Charter boat is taking only 20 people at a time, as of last weekend. You need to call ahead and reserve & prepay. The fare has gone up to \$100 per person for a seven-hour trip. Call 1-401-789-9250 to reserve your spot. Seabass season in Rhode Island opens June 24 with a 3 fish daily limit per person. The Seven B charter boat has a very good reputation for catching big fish!

Freshwater fishing for numerous species of fish by local anglers last week had one angler weigh in a 6.4 pound largemouth bass at Jerry's Bait & Tackle shop in Milford. Numerous other species of fish included two large



This picture shows Edward Zaczek of Webster with his large calico bass taken in Webster Lake. He could receive a gold pin from Mass. Fish & Wildlife awards program. Nice fish.

pickerel, and a huge calico bass that weighed in at over two pounds, which was caught at Webster Lake. Webster Lake also gave up some nice Brown & Rainbow trout last week. Wallum Lake is slow with very few fishing the interstate body of water. Both Webster Lake and Wallum have most trout staging in deep holes of the lake, were the cool water remains throughout the summer.

Bob Czupryna of Uxbridge reported a lot of anglers were fishing the Quabbin Res last week at gate 43. The Quabbin Reservoir is not renting boats at this time but is open to shore fishing anglers and anglers with their own boats. A reminder that you need to have your boat washed before launching it into the Quabbin Reservoir to go fishing. A season pass is only \$25 if you plan on fishing the Res. often this year. Bob reported catching numerous rainbow trout, Lakers and an occasional bass. One angler caught a nice salmon and took it home to eat. The salmon had numerous rubber baits in the stomach. The industry was in the process of making the plastics and rubber worms biodegradable a number of years ago but has failed to live up to their commit-



Chris Henchey of Shrewsbury with his daughter Eva after catching a striper in the Providence river last week.

ment. The plastics and rubber worms are killing fish!

As reported last week about the shortage of live bait & catching your own, can save you money and the bait that you catch in the small traps can be better than what you buy. Baiting the trap with a few pieces of bread and setting it in a lake or pond can have you catching numerous species of small fish. Retain only shiners and small sunfish (pumpkinseeds) which are a natural bait for most warm water fish. It is illegal to use other species of fish for bait. Using shiners for bait will have you catching fish daily. Also, catching pumpkinseeds with a light rod & small hook baited with a piece of worm is excellent live bait. Placing a 1 inch to three-inch live pumpkinseeds on another rod, and letting it swim freely will have you catching big fish.

A report from "Fat Nancy's" Bait & Tackle shop in New York reported on some great Brown Trout fishing in Lake Ontario. Four-to-six-pound brown trout are numerous at this time of year with an occasional 10-to-12-pound brown. Bass fishing on Oneida lake is also hot.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

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. WO20P1402EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:**

Andre Joseph Bourbeau
Date of Death: 01/30/2020

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Dennis J Bourbeau of Cleveland OH** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner Requests that:

Dennis J Bourbeau of Cleveland OH 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 06/19/2020.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 02, 2020

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate

June 19, 2020

**Public Notice Advertisement
Modification to Site Assignment**
Massachusetts Department
of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Air and Waste
Central Regional Office
8 New Bond Street,
Worcester, MA 01606
508-792-7650
Town of Webster
Public Notice

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 111, Sections 150A and 150A 1/2 and the regulations promulgated thereunder at 310 CMR 16.00 ("Site Assignment Regulations for Solid Waste Facilities"), an application has been filed with the Webster Board of Health for a modification to an existing site assignment of a parcel of land for a solid waste transfer station, located at 56-64 Worcester Road, Webster, MA 01570.

The additional area under consideration for site assignment is 0.39 acres and will be used as a part of a handling facility that will accept regulated medical waste as defined at 105 CMR 480.010 at a maximum of 49 tons/day. The proponent is United Medical Waste Management, Inc., 20 Oakhurst Road, Sutton, MA 01590.

The Application and supporting documentation may be reviewed online through the EEA ePLACE Public Access Portal process at: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/EEA/PublicApp/> Scroll down on the first screen and in the "Site Name/Location Name" box type "United Medical Waste Transfer Facility" and then click on the "Search" box at the bottom of the page. Next click on the United Medical Waste record below the "Application Documents" heading and the Permit Application and supporting documents will appear in blue links. Click on one link at a time to access each separate document.

The Application and supporting documentation may be reviewed in person by appointment only at the Webster Health Department located at Webster Town Hall, 350 Main Street, Webster, Massachusetts beginning on June 17, 2020. Appointments are available Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., and 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and Fridays 9:00 a.m. to 11 a.m.. Each appointment has a time limit of 15 minutes. Appointments can be made by submitting a "Request an Appointment Form" at: <https://www.webster-ma.gov/FormCenter/Planning-17/Appointment-Request-Board-of-Health-139>, by calling 508-949-3800 ext 4002, or

by e-mailing health_department@webster-ma.gov. Face coverings are required at Webster Town Hall.

Paper copies of the Site Assignment Application may be requested from Loureiro Engineering Associates by contacting Samuel Butcher via telephone at 781-878-1272 or via e-mail at swbutcher@loureiro.com.

The Department of Environmental Protection shall receive comments on the suitability of the proposed site modification for 21 days from the date of the Department's receipt of proof that the public notice requirement has been met.

All comments regarding the suitability of site assignment of this modified site should reference "DEP REPORT # 316-002-A." Comments may be submitted online through the EEA ePLACE Public Access Portal process described above. Comments also may be submitted by sending an email to james.mcquade@mass.gov. In addition, written comments may be mailed to: James A. McQuade, Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Air and Waste, Central Regional Office, 8 New Bond Street, Worcester, MA 01606.

The applicant may modify the application during the initial 40 days of the review period where such modifications are deemed not to be major modifications. The Department shall issue a Department Report on Suitability within 60 days of the date of the Department's receipt of proof the public notification requirements have been met.
June 19, 2020

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The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family
Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO20P1455EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

Estate of:
Barbara E Smith
Date of Death: 06/07/2019

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Brian E Smith of Webster, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Brian E Smith of Webster, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

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Always look for the good within the darkest times

Our nation is immersed in turmoil. Whether it's racial issues, political fighting or a pandemic destroying our health and economy, we've never suffered through the multitude of issues at one time as we are now. The news is depressing and at times frightening. Racial unrest and pandemic dominate the news as it would seem our nation is in peril ... but not so fast.

Yes, we are suffering through several different crisis points at the same time, but I'm convinced our nation is strong. We'll endure and overcome each situation, emerging stronger and better for the experience. Let's look at each of the two major issues.

Covid-19.
One of the original models used by the World Health Organization was produced by the Imperial College of London. It predicted that 81 percent of the population of the USA would be infected and would result in the loss of 2.2 million American lives. As time progressed, the Center for Disease



POSITIVELY SPEAKING
GARY W. MOORE

Control continued to adjust to the incoming data, but the original numbers were devastating.

If you lost a loved one, your world was forever changed and the disease, personally for you, could not have been worse. Thankfully, on a global scale, the virus wasn't nearly as devastating as expected. Lives were lost, but only a fraction of the millions that were predicted. Depending upon your point of view, we were given wrong and wildly over-stated data or the worlds efforts at containment were successful. I believe it is a combination of both, we don't know what the future of Covid-19 holds. We know it's not the end of this story, and until there is an effective vaccine, our risk continues. Regardless, at least from

a health point of view, we have so far been fortunate. Physically, we came through relatively healthy. Economically, it's another story that has yet to be played out.

What good has come from this?

We now have a better understanding of what works and does not. We are better prepared for the next round of COVID-19 or the next pandemic, whatever it is and whenever it may come.

I also think as a nation we are more aware of how to stay healthy in general. I know we are washing our hands more, resisting touching our faces and practicing social distancing. If we continue, my guess is not only can we do a better job of containing Covid-19 but also the flu and common cold. I will continue to wear a mask in public during cold and flu season. I think what we have all learned is positive and will serve us well in our future.

What good has come from this economically?

I believe in human resil-

ience. In tough times, creativity flourishes. I think we are learning new ways to provide and obtain services. For basic Dr. visits, I love doing them remotely online. Why should I have to appear in person so they can ask me how I feel or if my medications have changed? There will always be times we need to be physically in the same room with our health care providers, but for basic services, I'd rather dial in. I think this is a positive.

I also love the creativity of restaurants. In many places, indoor restrictions are in place, so restaurants are pitching tents and putting picnic tables in their parking lots. If it's below 90 degrees, I'd always choose to eat outdoors. For me, this is positive.

I also think many churches have become incredibly creative at providing their services online. The constitutional argument rages on as to whether a governmental body can ignore our constitutional rights, but I think it was the right thing in the heat of this pandemic to restrict assembly everywhere possible. While some churches, like my local church, have provided prerecorded and shortened services that cater to those who when watching online have a shortened attention span, others, like Pasadena (Calif.) First Church of

the Nazarene continues to provide a full, live service. The point is there is a multitude and variety of church services available online. I tune into both each Sunday, and if you oversleep, you can access it online at any time.

What's positive about this? I believe again, learning to deliver needed and wanted services in unique new ways to reduce risk and save lives is a positive.

Our racial divides. We are now having positive conversations in a frank and truthful way that seemed unlikely, if not impossible, before. I think if we are talking, listening, and engaged in a fruitful dialogue, positive changes emerge. The televised death of George Floyd has awakened the senses of even the most hard-nosed racial divide deniers. I'm hopeful and optimistic that this is a positive turning point for our nation, and it is ... if we make it so.

I also know that the majority ... I believe upward to 99% of police officers ... are good public servants. As in any profession, we are going to see there are bad actors. And a bad actor with a gun is especially dangerous. I believe community officials are awakened to the need to pay attention to officers with an unusual amount of complaints and act quickly. I believe police unions, if they genuinely want to protect

their good members, they must stop protecting the bad officers. Protecting the job of a bad cop puts us all at risk. I believe needed change is occurring and we'll all be better and safer for it.

Now that the average citizen is awakened to these problems, we must all stand and force the needed change.

I think there are silver linings in all situations. Unless we look for and seek the good within, it's easy to believe the sky is falling ... and it's not. Always look for the best in every situation and in every person. As I always say we usually find what we seek.

So, where there are problems, seek solutions.

Where there is pain, look for ways to ease suffering.

Where there is hopelessness and despair, seek the silver lining and shine the light on hope.

When the choice faces you to live in despair of the situation or to rejoice in the possibilities, always choose to rejoice.

Always look for the positive within the negativity and you'll never feel hopeless.

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 @GaryW Moore721 and at www.garywmoore.com.

Sticking to budget can boost your emergency fund

During the coronavirus pandemic, our health concerns – for ourselves and our loved ones – have been at the top of our minds. But financial worries have been there, too, both for people whose employment has been affected and for investors anxious about the volatile financial markets. And one aspect of every individual's total financial picture has become quite clear – the importance of an emergency fund.

In normal times, it's a good idea for you to keep three to six months' worth of living expenses in a liquid, low-risk account. Having an emergency fund available can help you cope with those large, unexpected costs, such as a major car repair or a costly medical bill.

Furthermore, if you have an adequate emergency fund, you won't have to dip into your long-term investments to pay for short-term needs. These investment vehicles, such as your IRA and 401(k), are designed for your retirement, so the more you can leave them intact, the more assets you're likely to have when you retire. And because they are intended for your retirement, they typically come with disincentives, including taxes and penalties, if you do tap into them early. (However, as part of the economic stimulus legislation known as the CARES



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For example, if you've budgeted a certain amount for food each month, you'll need to avoid going to the grocery store several times a week, just to pick up "a few things" – because it doesn't really

take that many visits for those few things to add up to hundreds of dollars. You'll be much better off limiting your trips to the grocery, making a list of the items you'll need and adhering to these lists. After doing this for a few months, see how much you've saved – it may be much more than you'd expect. Besides using these savings to strengthen your emergency fund, you could also deploy them toward longer-term investments designed to help you reach other objectives, such as retirement.

Saving money is always a good idea, and when you use your savings to build an emergency fund, you can help yourself prepare for the unexpected and make progress toward your long-term goals.

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Act, individuals can now take up to \$100,000 from their 401(k) plans and IRAs without paying the 10 percent penalty that typically applies to investors younger than 59 and a half. If you take this type of withdrawal, you have up to three years to pay the taxes and, if you want, replace the funds, beyond the usual caps on annual contributions.

Of course, life is expensive, so it's not always easy to put away money in a fund that you aren't going to use for your normal cash flow. That's why it's so important to establish a budget and stick to it. When developing such a budget, you may find ways to cut down on your spending, freeing up money that could be used to build your emergency fund.

There are different ways to establish a budget, but they all typically involve identifying your income and expenses and separating your needs and wants. You can find various online budgeting tools to help you get started, but, ultimately, it's up to you to make your budget work. Nonetheless, you may be pleasantly surprised at how painless it is to follow a budget.

Fishing Tips and Tricks



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Days "gone fishin" are the simple pleasures life-long memories are made of. Whether relaxing on the shore of still waters, or wrangling in a temperamental trout, the sport of recreational fishing remains a popular activity for all ages. In fact, fishing during the current crisis provides an important outlet for relieving stress and can be very social distancing friendly!

Want to up your odds of reeling in "the big one this season?" Read on for fishing tips from the pros!

Successful fishers make it a habit to change their line. Fishing line has memory- it will retain the twist, nicks, scrapes, and it gets weaker every time it is used. Don't chance losing the "big one" to brittle line!

And be sure to match your hook size to your bait: small for small, large for large. It makes a difference in holding your bait, and in how many strikes you will get.

Take a valuable fishing tip from old timers who say "if you find the bait you'll find the fish." To do this efficiently, they make it a habit to scan the water for bird activity. Follow the birds, who follow the bait, and you'll likely find the fish!

When throwing into the wind, drop your rod tip to the water right after making the cast. You'll get more distance and will also get the slack out of your line in case you get bit just when the bait hits the surface. If you leave the rod held high, the wind will make an arc out of your line and you'd lose control of the bait.

Still no bites? It could

be your bug repellent. Never handle bait after applying it as the scent will keep the fish away.

Tips to Track Trout
* Did you know Rainbow Trout favor 56 degree water? Find that temperature and you're sure to find the fish! If it's cold out, trout can typically be found on the surface of a lake. If it's hot out, they'll be deeper in the water.

*Remember, trout have tough mouths. Keep your hooks sharp - and use a number 4 hook for best results!

* Want to up your odds of trout for supper? When lake fishing, dip your crawler in the oil from a can of smoked oysters!

* Trying to tempt the best trout. Try this secret recipe from anglers: Combine two ounces of cod liver oil with 20 drops oil of anise. Mix well. Dip your bait in the mixture and string up the trout!

Bait and Catch: It's summertime and the fishin' is easy - if you use an old fashioned bait recipe. They're tried and true secret weapons from successful fishermen - but best of all, you can whip them up with ingredients from your kitchen cupboards!

*Anglers swear refrigerator biscuit dough is a great bait for trout. Just pull a raw biscuit apart and start reeling in the

"big one!"
*Even fish love spicy food, as this super lure recipe will attest. Mix together 8 ounce ground aniseed or fennel seed and two ounces ground allspice. Sprinkle 1/16th oz. oil of cloves over the above and mix. Store in tightly sealed jars for a few days while the odors blend. Put a drop on fish bait.

*If you're fishing with salmon eggs or worms, don't forget to add a miniature marshmallow to the hook to keep your bait buoyant!

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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 renown restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

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

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Local student makes dean's list at Connecticut College

NEW LONDON, Conn. — Reanna Kuzdzal, a member of the Class of 2021 from Webster, has been named to the dean's list for the 2020 spring semester.

Kuzdzal, who is pursuing a degree in Anthropology, received Dean's High Honors.

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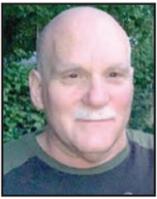


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OBITUARIES

Additional Obituaries,
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Kenneth A. Smith, 61



Kenneth A. Smith, 61, of Putnam, Ct., formerly of Douglas, Ma., passed away on June 9th, with his daughter by his side. Throughout his years, Kenny often put the welfare of others before his own, and even during his last days he never lost that quality.

He will be deeply missed by his loving partner Belinda Kacmarcik, his father Andrew Smith, his daughter Heather Jackman, and his son Matthew Smith and his wife Lana. Kenneth is also survived by three brothers, James, Mark, Andy and his wife Holly, his grandchildren Alexander Smith and Victoria Jackman, his great-grandchild Kolbi, nieces, nephews, friends and his beloved dog Eddie. He was predeceased by his mother Shirley.

Kenny spent many days outdoors

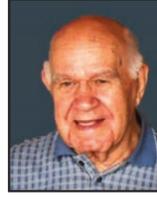
with his much-loved dog Cookie. He enjoyed fishing, a hobby that he preferred to share with his children, grandchildren and friends. Kenny's life was centered on his family, and at times he gave more of himself than he should have. He worked hard to provide for those he loved, and he understood that hard work was worth nothing if we don't take the time to be with each other. Kenny fulfilled many roles in his life; he was a caring son and brother, a devoted father and grandfather, and his absence will be felt by all who knew him.

A celebration of life will be held at a future date for family and close friends.

Private funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA.

A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may offer condolences or light a candle in remembrance of Kenneth.

Peter J. Vengryn, 90



DUDLEY – Peter J. Vengryn, 90, died Friday, June 5, 2020 in Brookside Rehab & Nursing Center, Webster after a period of declining health. He leaves his companion of over 25 years, Gloria Ferron;

nephews and nieces, great-nephews and great-nieces; 2 godchildren, Elizabeth Reyna, and Kristin Mayotte. He was preceded in death by his brother, John Vengryn, his sisters, Josephine Plante, Winifred Kiwak and Mary Zoschak and a nephew Raymond Zoschak who served in Vietnam.

He was born on August 21, 1929 in Dudley, a son of Joseph and Winifred (Walicki) Wegrzyn and was a lifelong resident. He graduated from Bartlett High School in Webster in 1948, where he was captain of the 1947 varsity football team.

He served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War.

Mr. Vengryn first worked at Pratt

Whitney in East Hartford as a machinist. Then, along with his best friend, he established his own company, Palmer Machine and Tool Co. in Palmer.

His favorite hobby was constructing and operating miniature train sets. He enjoyed spending time on the computer. He maintained an annual garden for many years. He always had cats as pets. Having children around him made him smile. He was affectionately known as "Peter Wabbit."

Memorial calling hours were held on Thursday, June 18, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in the Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster. Private graveside services will be held at the convenience of the family. Donations in his name may be made to the Community Cat Connection, 89 Thompson Road, Webster, MA 01570.

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Donald C. Rhodes, 83



NASHUA- Donald C. Rhodes, 83, died peacefully Sunday, June 7, 2020, at his home surrounded by his loving family. He is the beloved husband of Lillian (Barrette) Rhodes with whom he shared

57 years of marriage.

Donald was born in Webster, Massachusetts on March 21, 1937 and was the son of the late Ralph and Clara (Sandness) Rhodes.

For 33 years, he was employed as a special technician for Southern New England Telephone until he retired.

In his free time, Donald was an avid golfer and on January 12, 2016, he shot a hole-in-one at his home course of Sweetwater Golf and Tennis Club, loved saltwater fishing, and enjoyed doing word searches. Donald stayed true to his Boston love and was a fan of the Red Sox and New England Patriots and always found the time to read the Boston Herald, his favorite newspaper. He was also a manager for youth sports and was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America. Above all, his most cherished time was spent with his family, especially time with his

grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, Lillian, he is survived by his son Brian Rhodes and his wife Mary of Nashua; his daughter Donna Cathcart of Wethersfield, CT; his four grandchildren, Kelsey Gould and her husband Cameron, Patrick Rhodes, and his wife Samantha, Kendall Cathcart, and Morgan Cathcart; his two great-granddaughters, Sophie and Zoe Rhodes. Donald is also survived by his brother Ronald Rhodes and his significant other Betty Prince of Auburndale, FL and his sister, Trudy Richmond and her husband James of Summerfield, FL; as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Due to current public health and safety concerns, funeral services for Donald will be limited to immediate family members and held privately. Arrangements entrusted to the care of ROCHETTE FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION SERVICES, 21 Kinsley Street, Nashua. To leave an online condolence, story, or message please visit www.ANCTIL-ROCHETTE.com

James J. LaRochelle, 60



NORTH GROSVENORDALE- James J. LaRochelle age 60 passed away Thursday morning, April 2, 2020, at the University of MA Healthcare Center Hospital, Worcester, MA. He leaves

his loving wife Laura J. Hackett, and a son Tyler Day both of North Grosvenordale. He also leaves his parents, Roland LaRochelle and Mary (Bachand) LaRochelle and a brother Roland LaRochelle and his wife Delores all of Southbridge, also a niece and her husband Amy and Patrick Reynolds of Dudley. He also leaves many brother and sister-in-laws that loved him dearly along with numerous friends. Jim lived in North Grosvenordale, Ct for the past 20 plus years.

James was the Head Maintenance Engineer for the Shaner Group in

Southbridge. Some of Jimmy's joys were his motorcycle, his two dogs Ruby and Tilly and his love for his family and home.

Please consider making a memorial contribution donations to the American Diabetes Foundation in honor of James.

Calling hours at the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster will be held Friday June 19, 2020 from 6 pm - 8 pm please follow the state mandated protocol by wearing a mask. A Mass of Christian burial will be held in St. Joseph's Church, North Grosvenordale, Ct Saturday June 20, 2020 at 10 am. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with funeral arrangements.

A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a message of comfort, share a fond memory, or light a candle in remembrance of James

Katherine M. Annese, 77



WEBSTER - Katherine M. (Delisio) Annese age 77 passed away Monday, April 13, 2020 at the Brookside Rehabilitation and Nursing. She was the wife of the late Joseph A. Annese

who passed away in 2002. She leaves five sons and their wives; Anthony L. Annese and AnneMarie of Webster, Joseph Annese and Jennifer of Thompson, CT, Christopher Annese and Kim of Douglas, Matthew Annese and Donna of Woodstock, CT and Michael Annese of Webster, also a daughter, Maria Brinkley and Daniel of N. Grosvenordale, CT, eight grandchildren; James, Vincent, Joseph, Daniel, Victoria, Tallia, Josephine and Michalyn. She also leaves a sister Theresa Delisio of Ohio she had a sister that predeceased her Dorothy Delisio of CA. Kathy also leaves many friends and former customers.

She was born in E. Lyme, CT daughter of the late Francis Delisio and Josephine (Gallo) Delisio and lived in

Webster most of her life. She was a member of the Webster Sons of Italy and the St. Louis League of Catholic Women. She enjoyed travel and quality time with her family. Her and her husband Joseph owned and operated the Webster Nursery starting in 1971 then opening Dudley Nursery in 1991. Their business comprised of wholesale as well as retail flowers. The retailed shrubs, plants of all type and did landscaping. They were one of the largest tulip and lily growers on the East Coast. They were well known through out New England. Joe and Kathy spearheaded the St. Louis annual festival for many years.

There are no calling hours. A Mass of Christian burial will be held Friday, June 19, 2020 at 11 am at St. Louis Church, Lake St., Webster, MA and burial in Calvery Cemetery, Dudley, MA. Please omit flowers and donations be made to the Tri-Valley Elder Services, 10 Mill St., Webster, MA. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

Joyce M. Perreault, 82

DANIELSON – Joyce M. (Hermans) Perreault, 82, wife of the late Robert G. Perreault, passed away on Saturday May 30, 2020 at the Westview Nursing Home.

Joyce was born in Worcester, MA on May 4, 1938, daughter of the late Alfred C. and Anna (Carney) Hermas. Upon completing her education, Joyce worked for several offices and after thirty-one years of service, retired from working at the Killingly School Cafeteria in 2001 to spend as much time as possible with her family. Joyce's devout faith in God, her love for children, and animals was outstanding.

Joyce is survived by her son Michael R. Perreault of Killingly; her daughter Sheila Millette and her husband Mark; her granddaughters Sarah Millette Julie Slover, and her husband Jeremy; her grandsons Jaylen, John, and Hunter Slover; she also leaves many nieces, nephews, and longtime

friends; she was predeceased by her baby daughter Denise Ann; her sister Virginia and her brother-in-law Samuel Piacenza, and her brother Donald Hermans, along with many loved ones.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Friday July 24, 2020 at 10:00 at St. James Church, 12 Franklin Street Danielson, CT followed by burial at the Holy Cross Cemetery, Maple Street Danielson, CT.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution to the St. Jude Research Hospital in honor of Joyce.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA.

A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may offer condolences or light a candle in remembrance of Joyce.

Jeanne Marcinczyk, 88



WEBSTER- Mrs. Jeanne (Lebouef) Marcinczyk, 88, of Webster, passed away on June 2, 2020 at Harrington Memorial Hospital in Southbridge.

She leaves her daughter, Chris Marcinczyk and Barbara Osimo of Quinebaug, CT. Her granddaughter, Jess Ward and her partner Creig Charron of Webster, grandsons, Matthew Marcinczyk of Webster and Patrick Sleighter of Quinebaug, CT. She also leaves great grandchildren, Amber Ward and her partner Taylor Gomes of Seabrook, NH, Brittany Ward and her partner Chans Squires of Oxford, Jacob Ward and his partner Natalie Martins of Leicester and Paige Ward. Brothers, Emile Lebouef of Tennessee and Raymond Lebouef and his wife Cecile of North Carolina. She also leaves many nieces and nephews.

Jeanne was predeceased by her husband Henry, Sr. in 2016 and her son Henry, Jr. in 2014, brothers Paul, Louis, Richard and Gerald Lebouef, and her sisters, Marguerite Lebouef, Pauline Lebouef, Doris Lafleur, Lorraine Stawiecki, Yvette Grenier and Judy Bachand.

She was born in Webster, the daughter of Rudolph and Florida (Blanchard) Lebouef. She attended St. Ann's School in Webster. Jeanne worked at various shoe manufacturers in the Webster/Dudley area over the years and retired

from Webster Manor Nursing as a CNA in 1991.

The family would like to thank everyone that offered friendship and kindness to Jeanne over the last few years. Special thanks to her caregivers and friends Marie Dionne, Michael Jette, Christine Muga, Stephanie McDaniel, Tracie Gonzales, Rebekah Wilson, David and Sally Carlson, Tara and Tom Devish, Missy and Eric Hughes, Dennis Anderson, Mark Kempinski, and all the doctors, nurses and staff at Summit Elder Care in Webster, and the staff at Southbridge Rehab.

Jeanne was a kind and giving soul, loved by everyone she met. Doing for others as often as she could is what made her most happy. Random acts of kindness were a way of life for her, nothing would give her more joy than if everyone would do one or two in her memory.

Also, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jeanne's memory to the Webster Animal Shelter, 350 Main St, Webster or the Community Cat Connection, 298 Thompson Rd., Webster, MA. 01570.

A burial service for Jeanne and her husband Henry will be held at St. Joseph Garden of Peace Cemetery in Webster at a later date.

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

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

Michael R. Kelley, 65

SPENCER- Michael R. Kelley, 65, passed away June 10, 2020 at UMass/Memorial Hospital, University Campus in Worcester.

He leaves 2 daughters, Jessica L. Kelley of Charlton and Melissa M. Kelley of Holland, 2 grandchildren, Cameron and Caleb Kelley, and a sister, Linda Patano of New Mexico.

Michael was born in Waltham, January 20, 1955 son of the late Walter R. and Germaine (Poirier) Kelley and graduated from Waltham High School. He was a self-employed mechanic for

many years and was very mechanically savvy. He enjoyed fishing and his motorcycle, but especially enjoyed being with his grandchildren.

Funeral services will be private and at the convenience of the family.

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Lois A. Dion, 71



DOUGLAS – Lois A. (Hamilton) Dion, 71, of Ridge Trail, died Monday, June 1, 2020, in her home in Fort Myers, FL. She is survived by her fiancé and companion of over 25 years, John Menard; John's sons,

Brandon Menard and wife Katie of Tracy, CA, and Jesse Menard and his girlfriend Emily Byram, all of Douglas; and John's grandson River of Tracy, CA.

Lois is also survived by her daughter, Sherri Dion of Fort Myers, FL; her grandson, Dominic Desimone of Douglas; four sisters, Myrtle Bacon and her husband Roger of Oxford, Judy LaBonte and her husband Leo of Oxford, Norma Parker and her husband Arnie of Webster, and Jane Faucher and her husband Neil of Sebastian, FL; her brother, Jack Hamilton and his wife Maryann of Oxford; her brother-in-law, Raymond Casey of Oxford; and many nephews and nieces. She was predeceased by a daughter, Sheila Dion DeSimone; and a sister, Joyce Casey.

Lois was born in Worcester on August 13, 1948, daughter of the late Bernard

and Myrtle (Crosby) Hamilton, and graduated from Oxford High School in 1966.

Lois was a graduate of Leo's Beauty School in Worcester and practiced hairdressing for a number of years. She was happily retired after having worked for UMASS in patient accounts as a biller for over 30 years. She loved a beautiful day at the beach, especially Fort Myers Beach where she and John had come to spend their winters. She loved decorating, watching "her" HGTV shows, and looked forward to get-togethers with her siblings. She was a very proud grandmother and looked forward to seeing Dominic graduate from college and begin his life journey.

Lois was very thankful for her supportive family, especially during her hospitalizations of the past couple of years.

Depending on the COVID-19 gathering restrictions in Massachusetts, the family hopes to have a memorial service and celebration of life on her birthday, August 13th, 2020. Details will be announced at a later date.

Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements. paradisfuneralhome.com

Phyllis L. Stevens, 90



DUDLEY – Phyllis L. (Buxton) Stevens, 90, of Dudley-Southbridge Road, died Thursday, June 11, 2020, at Harrington Memorial Hospital in Southbridge. She was predeceased by her husband, Clifford

H. Stevens who died in 2005. She is survived by several nephews and nieces, Steven Buxton and his wife Karen of New Hampshire, Dana Buxton of New Hampshire, Christine Cloukey and her husband Michael of Pepperell, Lynn Loughton and her husband John of Orange, and Karen Holt of Rhode Island; several great nephews and nieces, and many friends. She was predeceased by two brothers, Herbert Buxton of Athol who died in 2008, and Fred Buxton of Pennsylvania who died in 1995; her sister-in-law, Marion Buxton of Athol who died in 2014; and her nephew, Peter Buxton of Orange

who died in 1979. She was born in Westboro, daughter of the late Henry and Dorothy (Crawford) Buxton, and lived in Oxford and Charlton before moving to Dudley in 1960. She graduated from Oxford High School in 1947.

Mrs. Stevens owned and operated Stevens Farm in Dudley with her husband for over 40 years. She was a member of the Draft Horse Association of America, the Worcester County Farm Bureau, and a former member of Agway, Inc. She attended Tri-State Baptist Church in North Grosvenordale.

After cremation, Phyllis will be laid to rest with her husband at North Cemetery in Oxford. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Tri-State Baptist Church, 386 Quinebaug Rd., North Grosvenordale, CT 06255. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements.

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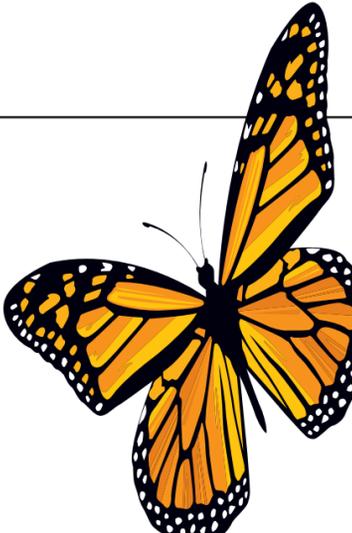
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