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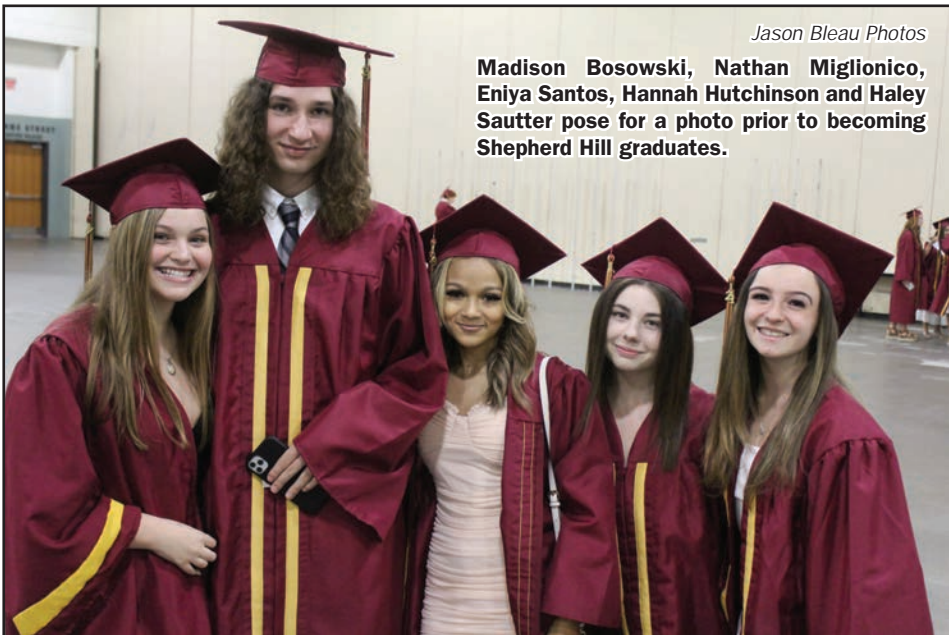
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Jason Bleau Photos

Madison Bosowski, Nathan Miglionico, Eniya Santos, Hannah Hutchinson and Haley Sautter pose for a photo prior to becoming Shepherd Hill graduates.

Shepherd Hill graduates Class of 2021

**BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT**

DUDLEY – The Shepherd Hill Regional High School Class of 2021 is certainly a special one. They endured a pandemic both as juniors and as graduating seniors experiencing numerous different learning formats ranging from online to

in-person and hybrid and experienced a year of cultural division on the national stage which will demand their input and participation as they enter their young adult years.

As the 272 members of the class prepared to take their walk across the stage on June 6 as the first, and potentially

only, Shepherd Hill graduating class to ever hold their ceremony in the main arena of the DCU Center in Worcester the knowledge of the world they lived in and the one they are entering as adults weighed heavily on everyone's mind bringing with it a sense

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Oxbow residents voice concerns about earth removal plan

**BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT**

OXFORD — Selectmen opened a weeks-delayed public hearing on an Oxbow Road earth removal project last week, drawing concerns from neighbors that it could have a negative impact on traffic, the road condition, groundwater flow and their wells, among other issues.

"Our road is in very bad disrepair. You can't even walk it," said Mike

Carrabba. "... There will nothing left of the road by the time they get halfway done."

In his estimation, even halfway means a lot of dirt hauled from the site. Saying he's been in construction since 1984, Carrabba calculated the roughly 75,000 cubic yards they're proposing to take would mean 3400-4700 truckloads using Oxbow and nearby Route 20.

The proponent's engi-

neer, Mikael Lassila of SJ Mullaney Engineering in Leominster, basically agreed with him. Lassila said the project will essentially pick up where a plan approved then rescinded in 2003 left off, with the goal of eliminating the 5.8-acre property's hillside and eventually turning it into three house lots. He said he did not think it has ledge that will require blasting.

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Dudley sees results of first phase of LRRP Study

**BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT**

DUDLEY – The Dudley Economic Development Committee was presented with the results of Phase 1 of the town's Local Rapid Recovery Plan (LRRP),

a program through the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission meant to help identify actions to help communities recover from losses from the pandemic.

Since mid-February,

the town has been working with the CMRPC to identify the potential for economic growth along West Main Street which was chosen as the focus of the study. The

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Local church helps relieve medical debt for New England families

**BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER**

WEBSTER – The Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church recently culminated its centennial celebration by giving back in a major way.

The church worked with the nonprofit organization, RIP Medical Debt, providing a donation of \$20,000 to the organization. The donation was then leveraged by RIP Medical Debt to wipe out approximately \$3.5 million of medical debt for 2,200 families.

In total, \$3,566,809 in medical debt was erased for the families, who mostly live in New England.

"We are in the midst of a two-year celebration for our church's 100th year anniversary, a celebration that has been extended due to COVID," said Fr. Luke Veronis, the church's priest for the past 17 years. "Especially after this year of the COVID pandemic, we wanted to reach out to families with the love of God in a concrete manner."

Established in 2014, RIP Medical Debt was founded by two former debt collection executives. Their nonprofit organization uses donations to buy large portfolios of medical debt at a fraction of its value, then forgive significant amounts of the debt.

In 2020, the organization abolished \$1.7 billion in debt for over 830,000 people.

Locally, the relief couldn't have come at a better time for many families, who have been struggling to support their loved ones over the past year-plus.

"I am a single parent raising my son with special needs. Life has hit us with some hard blows mentally, spiritually, and financially," said one parent. "Opening your letter to find that my medical debt has been paid in full, I will never forget. You have truly blessed our lives with your generosity."

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A PARADE OF FRIENDSHIP

Best Buddies students and their families participated in its Friendship Car Parade at the MAPFRE Insurance campus on Gore Road in Webster recently. Dozens of MAPFRE employees volunteered to help with logistics and provide overall support. Best Buddies works to enrich the lives of youths and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities through their Friendship program, Jobs program and Leadership Development program. In the left photo, volunteers cheer on Best Buddies parade participants. In the right photo, MAPFRE employees join CEO Jaime Tamayo and COO Jose Corral for a group picture. Pictured, left to right: Chad Stawiecki; Kathleen Mazurek; Jane Herrion; Jose Luis Bernal; Carmen Gargallo; CEO Jamie Tamayo; Sue Gryb; COO Jose Corral.

Shepherd Hill debuts new site for prospective freshmen

**BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT**

DUDLEY/CHARLTON – Leaders from within the Shepherd Hill community have debuted

a new project to help bridge the gap between high school and middle school for eighth graders preparing to move up to the regional high school. The Dudley-Charlton Leadership Committee is comprised of leaders from different grade levels within Shepherd Hill Regional High School seeking to make a difference for their fellow students. Previously known as the Superintendent Advisory Council, the group works with Superintendent Steven Lamarche to initiate projects with the betterment of students across the district in mind. During a meeting of the Dudley Charlton Regional School Committee on May 25, members of the group provided insight into their latest project, a website geared towards helping eighth graders better adapt to their lives in high school. Dudley-Charlton Leadership Committee Chair Henry Weiland

presented members of the school committee with a website they plan to add to the Shepherd Hill Regional High School's own webpage that provides insight for incoming students as to what opportunities await them at Shepherd Hill. "It's hard to transition to Shepherd Hill from the middle school, combining two towns. It's really a whole new experience for the incoming ninth graders," Weiland said during the presentation. "We wanted to provide information to the eighth graders not only to ease the transition but also to market Shepherd Hill. Over the last year there has been a greater push to private schools as they don't have to deal with local property taxes and Proposition 2 ½, so we want to market Shepherd Hill still as a place of opportunity and passion and that there's a lot going on and a lot of opportunities for students if they do choose Shepherd Hill." The Web site's theme is a puzzle with three different sections playing off of the idea of piecing together what Shepherd Hill has to offer. The first section, "Laying Out the Pieces," is an overview of the school complete with a detailed virtual tour. Committee member Cutter Beck presented this page, which he helped work on, as a way to introduce students to the layout or Shepherd Hill as a facility. "We put a lot of time in to making this tour the best that we could with the resources available," Beck said. "We hope that it's used by students coming up to Shepherd Hill so they can get a view of the land." The page also includes a look at what school schedules are like including how lunch periods are spaced out. The second page is titled "Finding Your Place," and is considered the main piece of the website. The page details clubs, sports, career path-

ways and other programs that students can get involved in complete with descriptions and contact details for all offerings to allow prospective students to get a head start of joining their favorite club or group. The third and final page on the site is called "The Bigger Picture," and showcases student life on campus complete with a video featuring highlights from the fall of 2019. "We really wanted to show what it was like to be a student at Shepherd Hill," Hendy Weiland said. School Committee members praised the website as an inspired new tool for the district to welcome in new students and present the pride that everyone has in being part of the Shepherd Hill Community. The Leadership Committee also had plans to present the site to members of the current eighth grade class prior to the close of the school year this month.



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Our next Your Teeth Matter is running on October 15 for National Dental Hygiene Month. Hope you'll join us.

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Individuals tend to learn about dental hygiene at an early age. On the recommendation of their children's pediatricians, parents may begin brushing their youngsters' teeth the moment the first tooth breaks through the gums. While proper dental hygiene is vital to oral health, it also can have a profound effect on the rest of the body.

According to the Mayo Clinic, poor oral health might contribute to various diseases and conditions. Periodontitis is a severe yet preventable gum infection that can lead to tooth loss if left untreated. But the threat of periodontitis doesn't end in the mouth. The American Academy of Periodontology notes there's a connection between periodontitis and several other diseases. While bacteria was long suspected to be the link between periodontitis and other diseases in the body, the AAP notes that recent research points to inflammation as the culprit that connects periodontitis with diseases such as diabetes and heart disease.

Diabetes
The AAP notes that people with diabetes are at increased risk for periodontal disease, speculating that diabetes patients' risk is higher because people with diabetes are more vulnerable to infections than those without diabetes. While that suggests periodontal disease is a byproduct of diabetes, the AAP notes that research points to the relationship being a two-way street. Periodontal disease may make it more difficult for people with diabetes to control their blood sugar, making dental hygiene an especially vital component of routine healthcare for people with diabetes.

Heart disease
The AAP notes that research indicates periodontal disease increases a person's risk for heart disease, with the inflammation caused by the former leading to the latter. People with existing heart conditions also may find that periodontal disease exacerbates those conditions. The Mayo Clinic notes that the link between heart disease and periodontal disease is not fully understood, but enough studies have been conducted for scientists to support the notion that the two are connected.

Can periodontal disease be prevented?
Periodontal disease is preventable. A daily dental hygiene regimen that includes brushing after meals, flossing at least once per day and swishing with mouthwash are some simple, healthy habits that can prevent periodontal disease. In addition, the AAP recommends that people at increased risk for periodontal disease, including the elderly and smokers, should discuss their risk with their dental professionals.

Dental hygiene can do more for individuals than produce a mouthful of pearly white teeth. In fact, people who prioritize dental hygiene may lower their risks for various diseases.

When can children brush their own teeth?

Parents quickly learn that their children go through a transition marked by a desire to be more independent. They're picking out their own mismatched clothes and no longer want any help when solving puzzles or complex toys. That newfound independence signals getting older and can be a healthy thing to nourish. But what happens when a youngster suddenly believes he or she is capable of brushing his or her teeth without assistance?

Parents wrestling with their kids' can-do attitude and if it's wise to allow them to brush their teeth unassisted can familiarize themselves with certain guidelines to determine their youngsters' readiness. According to Scripps Pediatric Dentistry & Orthodontics, most kids are at least six years old before they have developed the finesse and dexterity to handle a toothbrush in a manner that will effectively remove plaque. Dentists also may ask if the child can tie his or her own shoes, which can serve as a barometer of readiness to wield a toothbrush without assistance.

Pediatricians and pediatric dentists recommend that children visit a dentist as soon as a child's first tooth starts to appear. This also is when parents should begin to clean their children's teeth. As a child ages, the natural proclivity to want to take charge of brushing teeth takes hold. The child may not yet have the manual dexterity to brush alone, but parents can encourage the child to brush and then go over the teeth as a "double check." This helps foster independence while also ensuring teeth are fully cleaned.

Flossing may require even more dexterity than brushing, but it is essential for sloughing off plaque that accumulates between teeth and below the gum line, according to Parents magazine. Moms and dads can introduce their children to pre-threaded Y-shaped flossing tools, which are easier to handle than loose floss.

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St. Joseph School sends off Class of 2021



WEBSTER — On Saturday, June 5, the St. Joseph School Class of 2021 held their graduation ceremony following a special 1 p.m. Mass in St. Joseph Basilica.

Fourteen eighth grade students were recognized by their Home Room Teacher, Mary Ann Weaver. Each eighth grade student received a St. Joseph School Graduation Certificate, as well as recognition for their academic excellence and participation in clubs and organizations.

Alexandra Bergeron - End of Year Honor Roll – High Honors; Dale Boudreau -End of Year Honor Roll–High Honors, Certificate of Achievement in Literature & Mathematics, Student Council – Vice President, Altar Server, AAA Safety Patrol; Rylee Conlon – Graduation Certificate; Justin Dooner - End of Year Honor Roll - High Honors; Dominik Duby – Graduation Certificate; Zane Ferri – Graduation Certificate; Dominik Gielarowiec – End of Year Honor Roll – High Honors, Certificate of Achievement in Religion and Social Studies, Altar Server; Lauren Gingo – End of Year Honor Roll – High Honors; Nicholas Janeczek -End of Year Honor Roll–High Honors; Samantha Keller – End of Year Honor Roll – High Honors, Certificate of Achievement for Overall Academic Achievement, Student Council – President, AAA Safety Patrol; Krystian Kowalczyk – End of Year Honor Roll – High Honors, Altar Server; Elizabeth Mahlert – Graduation Certificate, Altar Server; Maya Podskarbi – End of Year Honor Roll – High Honors, Certificate of Achievement in Language Arts, Vocabulary, and Science, Student Council Grade 8 Representative, Children of Mary, Altar Server, AAA Safety Patrol; Dominic Lilley (In Absentia) Graduation Certificate

In addition, Headmaster, Rev. Grzegorz Chodkowski and Principal, Michael Hackenson distributed the following awards: Bishop Daniel P. Reilly Book Award - presented to the student who best exemplifies the Bishop’s motto, “In Kindness and in Truth” and who demonstrates qualities of duty, honor, sacrifice, and

A year of challenges culminates in celebration of achievement for Bryant graduate

SMITHFIELD, R.I. — At Bryant University’s 158th Commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 22, 840 graduates of the Class of 2021 and their families and guests gathered on campus to celebrate earning a Bryant degree. Michael Warren of Oxford graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Data Science degree in Data Science.

“There has probably never been a graduating class more deserving of a Commencement and celebration than the Class of 2021,” said Bryant President Ross Gittell, Ph.D. “You have earned your degree under extraordinary circumstances. You successfully responded to unprecedented challenges.”

About Bryant University

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accomplishment within the school community. The criteria for selection include displaying kindness and truth in everyday life, an enthusiasm for learning, and active involvement in service to the school, community, and church: Dale Boudreau; Josephine P. Nalewajk Christian Witness Award – a distinguished award presented to the student who exemplifies outstanding Christian qualities as well as notable service to the St. Joseph Community. The student’s name is also engraved on a plaque displayed in the school: Maya Podskarbi; Sister Mary Valenta Akalski Scholarship Award - given to students who will be continuing their education at a Catholic High School: Alexandra Bergeron, Rylee Conlon, Lauren Gingo, and Samantha Keller (Marianapolis Preparatory School), Krystian Kowalczyk and Dominic Lilley (St. Paul’s Junior/Senior High School); Arthur McLean Scholarship - presented to students who are continuing their education at Marianapolis Preparatory School: Alexandra Bergeron, Lauren Gingo, and Samantha Keller.

Finally, Athletic Director, Joey Boudreau presented the Coach “Reggie” Proulx Memorial Athletic Award. This award recognizes an eighth grade girl varsity basketball player for her dedication, sportsmanship, and commitment. St. Joseph School is proud to announce that the 2021 recipient is Maya Podskarbi. Her name will be engraved on the plaque and prominently displayed in the Richard A. Nowak Gymnasium. In addition, Mr. Boudreau

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announced the recipient of the Richard J. Skrocki Founders Athletic Award. The award is presented annually to an 8th grade boy varsity basketball player who also exhibits dedication, sportsmanship, and commitment on and off the basketball court. The 2021 recipient is Dale Boudreau. His name will also be engraved on the plaque and prominently displayed in the Richard A. Nowak Gymnasium. Congratulations, students!



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Essential Functions of Job:

- Food Inspections as established by the Board of Health at local food establishments and as needed for food borne illness complaints.
- **Septic Plan Review**
- Housing inspections on an as needed basis as established by the Board of Health.

Minimum Competencies:

- Thorough knowledge of all food safety regulations, serve safe requirements for food establishments and food inspection protocols.
- Thorough knowledge of SSC 105 CMR 410.000: Chapter II, Minimum Standards of Fitness for Human Habitation state sanitary code.

Experience/Other Requirements:

- Professional experience in food establishment and housing inspections
- Must possess a valid MA Driver's License Part-time, Minimum 10 hours weekly based on a \$22,000.00 yearly contract. Some evening hours and occasional Saturdays may be required.

The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by individuals assigned to this position. They are not intended to be an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties, and skills required.

Interested applicants should contact Jennifer Cournoyer: 508 949 8007 and submit resume and cover letter via email to sewerwater@dudleyma.gov with CC: selectaa@dudlema.gov. Resumes and Cover letters will be accepted on a rolling basis, and the position will remain posted until filled. For a complete job description, go to dudleyma.gov and click and select the Board of Health page.



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VFW INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

On Tuesday, May 11, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 654 representing the Towns of Webster and Dudley held their installation of Officers for the Fiscal Year 2022. VFW Post 654 celebrated its 100th Anniversary in late March 2021. The Post is named after the late Charles R. Guenther of Webster, who was killed in the performance of his duty during World War I with the US Army in the Field Artillery. He was awarded the Army Cross along with many other medals for his outstanding dedication to our country. Seated, left to right: Dick Norton, Vice Commander: Stephen Rogerson, Commander and Veterans Service Officer: Bob Guenther Quartermaster. Standing, left to right: Ron Prest, Trustee: Randy Snow, Trustee: John Blissell, Trustee: Kenny Kudzal, Chaplain: James Brinker, Past Commander of Post 654 who presided over the installation and the swearing of Officers..

Dudley native named to SRU dean’s list

SLIPPERY ROCK, Pa. — Slippery Rock University has announced its dean’s list for the spring 2021 semester. The dean’s list consists of SRU undergraduate students who earned an adjusted semester grade-point average of 3.5 or higher, based on a schedule of at least 12 newly attempted and earned credits.

Students on the dean’s list include Bridget Durward from Dudley.

Slippery Rock University, founded in 1889, is a member of Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education. The University is shaped by its normal school heritage and characterized by its commitment to intellectual development, leadership and civic responsibility. SRU provides students with a comprehensive learning experience that intentionally combines academic instruction with enhanced educational and learning opportunities that will help them succeed in their lives, professional careers and be engaged citizens.

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Iowa State University announces spring 2021 Dean’s List

AMES, Iowa — More than 10,500 Iowa State University students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the spring semester 2021 Dean’s List, including Kristina Melissa Chester of Webster.

Students named to the Dean’s List must have earned a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded coursework.

Local students named to Assumption University Dean’s List

WORCESTER — Assumption University has announced those students who have been named to the University’s Dean’s List for the spring 2021 semester. Students named to the Dean’s List must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 for a five-class, 15-credit semester to be included on the prestigious list, which is announced at the completion of the fall and spring semesters. Local students include:

Spencer Bodreau of Oxford, Class of 2021
Raymond Furgal of Oxford, Class of 2021
Katherine Gatto of Webster, Class of 2021
Abigail Shaw of Oxford, Class of 2021
Jack MacPherson of Oxford, Class of 2022
Bailey Brescia of Oxford, Class of 2023
Julie Dwyer of Webster, Class of 2023
Rebecca Jalbert of Oxford, Class of 2023
Brian James of Webster, Class of 2023
Kelly Knutelski of Oxford, Class of 2023
Jaclyn Landry of Oxford, Class of 2023
Adam Ide of Dudley, Class of 2024
Zachary Kraal of Oxford, Class of 2024

“These students demonstrated incredible resiliency amid the challenges posed by COVID-19 during the previous academic year and remained committed to their programs of study,” said Assumption University President Francesco C. Cesareo, Ph.D. “Assumption is proud of these students for excelling in the classroom as they immersed themselves in the University’s liberal arts curriculum, steeped in the Catholic intellec-

tual tradition, and their majors preparing them for meaningful lives and careers after graduation.”

Assumption University provides students with a comprehensive, Catholic liberal arts experience through curricular and co-curricular programs, including internship opportunities, recreational activities, and more than 60 on-campus clubs and organizations. An Assumption education forms graduates both intellectually and spiritually, inspiring wonder and purpose as they discover their vocation.

For more information, visit assumption.edu.

Assumption University, founded in 1904 by the Augustinians of the Assumption, is New England’s premier university for high-quality education, integrating career preparation and education of the whole person, drawing upon the best in the rich and centuries-long tradition of Catholic higher education. Assumption, located in Worcester, Massachusetts, seeks to provide students with a transformative education that forms graduates who possess critical intelligence, thoughtful citizenship, and compassionate service. The University offers 34 majors and 49 minors in the liberal arts, sciences, business, nursing and professional studies; as well as master’s and continuing education degrees and professional certificate programs. For more information about Assumption University, please visit www.assumption.edu.

Oxford Democrats to hold caucus

OXFORD — The Oxford Democratic Democratic Town Committee will host a virtual caucus of Oxford Democrats via Zoom on Saturday, June 19 at 10 a.m. The purpose of the caucus is to elect delegates and alternates to the Democratic State Convention on Sept. 25.

The meeting is open to the public, but only registered and pre-registered (ages 16-17) Oxford Democrats can be nominated or vote. Others are welcome to attend as observers. If you wish to attend or have questions, please contact Rick Hanauer at rhanauer@charter.net or 508-344-7018.

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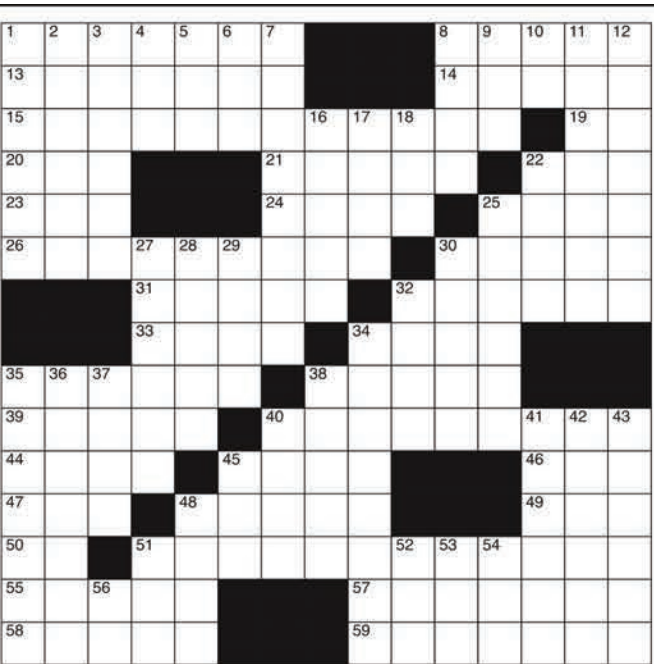
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8. Insurance giant

13. Small trace left behind

14. In a way, signals

15. The same letter or sound at the beginning

19. The Great Lakes State

20. Engage in a contest

21. Drinks served to celebrate a birth (Spanish)

22. Manpower

23. Undivided

24. Strong, magnetic metal

25. People of Tanzania

26. Sorts

30. Cop car accessory

31. Trade

32. Sullen and ill-tempered
33. Distinctive practices

34. Motor vehicles

35. Electrodes

38. Polish river

39. Human feet

40. Make very hot

44. Toppin and Kenobi are two

45. Blackbird

46. One point west of due south

47. Large beer

48. Third stomachs

49. Rare Korean family name

50. Hectoliter

51. Aquatic invertebrate

55. Where we live

57. Poked holes in

58. Partner to ways

59. __ Ann

CLUES DOWN

1. Expressions of approval

2. Replace the interior of

3. Not awake

4. Roman numeral 7

5. Sun up in New York

6. Institute legal proceedings against

7. Bugs homeowners don’t want

8. Maltese-Italian composer

9. Very long period of time

10. Touchdown

11. Agents of downfall

12. Complacently or inanely foolish

16. Argentina capital Buenos __

17. County in New Mexico

18. An electrically charged atom

22. New Zealand conifer

25. Type of brandy

27. Comments to the audience
28. Tears down

29. Gifts for the poor

30. More painful

32. Good friend

34. Lying in the same plane

35. Line in a polygon

36. Clouds of gas and dust

37. Norse god

38. Health care pro

40. Close tightly

41. One’s holdings

42. Became less intense

43. Wilco frontman

45. Woman (French)

48. Expresses delight

51. TV channel (abbr.)

52. Beverage

53. Unit of work or energy

54. Cleaning accessory

56. Dorm worker

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SUMMER READING KICKOFF EVENT: TAILS AND TALES WITH JUNGLE JIM

Monday June 21 3:00PM

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

LUNCH TIME STORY TIMES

Wednesdays at noon throughout the summer

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

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

6/23 Fish
6/30 Unicorns
7/7 Mermaids
7/14 Dragons
7/21 Animal Safari
7/28 Bubble Party

Free; registration required.

MAKE A BUG HOTEL

Friday June 25 - multiple sessions

A backyard habitat series for birds and pollinators! This program teaches participants the basics of backyard habitats. We will be making a bug hotel to hang in your yard!

This is for ages 6+. Limited to five participants per session.

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

MAKE A MAGIC WAND

Tuesday June 29 – multiple sessions

Come join us to make a magic wand! This is geared for ages 8-12. Limited to five participants per session.

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

ROCK PAINTING

Thursday July 1 – multiple sessions

Join us to paint your own rock! We will have some sample ideas you can copy or make your own idea!

Ages 8-14. Limited to five participants per session.

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

PLAYFUL ENGINEERS

Tuesday July 6 11:00AM

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

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

MERMAID KEYCHAINS

Friday July 9 – multiple sessions

Join us to make your own mermaid keychain using yarn and beads!

Ages 8-14. Limited to five participants per session.

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

DISSECT AN OWL PELLET

Monday July 12 – multiple sessions

Join us to dissect an owl pellet and see what bones we find and identify them.

Ages 5-12. Limited to five participants per session.

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

PAINT A BIRDHOUSE

Friday July 16 – multiple sessions

Join us to paint and decorate a pre-built birdhouse to attract birds to your yard.

Ages 5-12. Limited to five participants per session.

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

BURPEE AND RECORDS PETTING ZOO

Monday July 19 – multiple sessions

Register for a 25-minute session to meet and pet a variety of real animals.

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

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

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

ANIMAL MAGNETS/PENDANTS

Thursday July 22 (first half) & Monday July 26 (second half) – multiple sessions

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

This is for ages 8-12.

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

STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER

Thursday July 29 2:00PM-4:00PM

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

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

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

SUMMER READING ENDS

Friday, July 30 1:00PM-3:00PM

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

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

Adult Programming

Hatch-a-Chick – Month of June

The Library Lobby is now home to some very special friends for the month of June! Watch as 7 chicken eggs incubate throughout the month, then stop in or watch on Facebook Live as they hatch around June 21st. Don't miss seeing these adorable, fluffy chicks before they head back to the farm in early July!

Ukulele Strum-Along – June 10th, 5:30-7PM

Come and strum with other ukulele enthusiasts in a fun and relaxed atmosphere guided by Ukulele J, featuring the music of Johnny Cash! No previous uke experience required! Use your own ukulele, or borrow one, a limited number are available on a first-come first-serve basis. This program is held on the Library Lawn, so bring your own chair! Postponed in the event of inclement weather, please call in advance. Sponsored by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

Friends Book Sale – June 24th-26th

Visit the Library Community Meeting Room to browse the many books and other media the Friends of

the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library will have for sale! Hardcover books, DVDs, CDs and Puzzles will be \$1, paperbacks will be \$.50, or you can fill a bag full of books. The sale will be held from 10AM-8PM Thursday, 10AM-5PM Friday, and 10AM-1PM Saturday.

Adult Summer Reading – June 28th-August 20th

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

Dungeons and Dragons for Beginners – July 8th, 8:00PM

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

Children's and Young Adult Programming

Stuffed Animal Storytime with the Library Director, Sondra! - Wednesdays

in June: June 9th, 16th, and 23rd 10:00-10:45AM

All ages welcome! Held on the Library Lawn, weather permitting. Bring a blanket/chair and your plush friend for stories, songs and play. Masks are optional. Hosted by the Library Director, Sondra Murphy.

Summer Reading Kick-off Event with Davis Bates and Roger Tincknell - Monday, June 28th 10:30-11:30AM

The Gladys E. Kelly Public Library will be kicking off the 2021 Summer Reading Program with Parents' Choice Award winning performers Davis Bates and Roger Tinknell in a socially distanced, outdoor participatory performance of songs & stories for all ages! This lively concert includes songs about critters, nature, and environmental awareness, just so stories, creation myths and more! This performance is funded, in part, by a grant from the Webster Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the MA Cultural Council. Be sure not to miss

this wonderful family-oriented entertainment event!

Summer Reading 2021 - "Tails and Tales!" - June 28th-August 20th

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

Wiggles and Giggles! - Wednesday, June 30th 10:00-11:00AM

Come sing, dance, and make music with Lainey Hanlon! For children ages 2-5 and their parents/caregivers.

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Friday's Child



Zuleika
Age 13

Hi! My name is Zuleika and I want to be a singer when I grow up!

Zuleika is an active, intelligent, and inquisitive girl of Hispanic descent. Her favorite activities include playing with dolls, doing arts and crafts, singing, and dancing. She also enjoys imaginary play. In her current foster home, Zuleika is known to be friendly, mature, and a good helper. She also loves to play with the family dog. Zuleika hopes to be a singer when she grows up.

Zuleika enjoys going to school. While she sometimes needs prompting from adults to do her homework, she does well academically once she puts her mind to it.

Zuleika will do best in a family consisting of a male and female parent, two female parents, or a single female parent. Her social worker is open to families with no other children or with children who are older than Zuleika.

Zuleika is legally freed for adoption.**Who Can Adopt?**

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

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

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



Outdoor shows return to Dudley Hill



Tim tests his mike while “Mr. and Mrs. Blues” (Doug and Lynn) set up the table for the music.

DUDLEY – Last Saturday, about 50 people dusted off lawn chairs they might not have used in more than a year, planted them on the grass at Dudley Grange, and kicked off summer with the Blues Crew. As the sun set over Dudley Hill, toes tapped and heads bobbed to classics from the 1950s and ‘60s – rock ‘n’ roll, old-school country, doo-wop and more – mixed with a few quirky personal stories. As it wrapped up, the Providence-based family act noted the show would probably be their last, after 13 years, ending where it began – performing for a Grange.

Their last show will be the season’s first. On July 10 (raindate July 17), the Grange is hosting The Great Garage Band Reunion, which brings 60s and 70s funk, rock, R&B and blues (with six horns) to Dudley Hill. On August 7 (raindate August 14), Art Sandoli provides the tunes before the sun goes down, then Dino Tata leads a telescopic exploration of the universe, emphasizing the Perseids meteor shower. All shows are free and all-ages.



Dan Wright of Poulin Grain talks about raising backyard chickens.



Mary Santos and friend were among those who came to enjoy some summer tunes.



Doug Sr and Tim take lead on a song, with Jillian in the background.



The Blues Crew in action: Lynn handles the computer of pre-recorded tunes (and sang a couple) while, from left, Doug, Nathan, Jillian, Tim and Douglas Jr get into a groove.



Dudley Grange’s “Flora,” Karen Gillen, and Grange Master Lenny Beatty watch the Crew perform from the fringe of the crowd.



Nathan, Jillian and Tim in action during the part of the set that’s specifically a tribute to the Blues Brothers.



Doug Sr and Nathan moved out the nearest benches to give themselves some room to dance.



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EDITORIAL

United
we stand,
divided
we fall

In the 6th century B.C., Aesop shared a fable about the Lion and The Four Oxen. The story, if you have not heard it, goes like this:

A lion used to prowl around a field where four oxen dwelled. Several times he would try to eat them but whenever he approached the four oxen would back their tales up to each other with their bodies pointed outward in different directions. No matter what direction the lion approached, he was met by the horns of one of them and could do nothing. Finally, the oxen began quarreling amongst themselves and so each went off to a pasture of their own in a separate corner of the field. Then the lion attacked them one by one and soon made an end to all four.

The moral to Aesop's tale has become one of the most well known sayings of our time — United we stand, divided we fall. President Abraham Lincoln parroted the sentiment in his acceptance speech, during this same month in the year 1858: "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

As of late, it seems the division amongst the country and even in our small communities has grown deeper. What this Editor noticed, however, is that most well minded, kind, compassionate, intelligent people all want the same things. To be happy and successful. The arguments ensue, when people have different ideas on how to reach such a state of success in our government, and even in our own lives. When one person thinks we should reach A by doing x and y, and another thinks we should reach A by doing z, tempers flare. We want to remind you, that there is no reason to get heated when talking to a friend or colleague. Getting heated at a stranger is even more inappropriate. It's ok if someone disagrees with you. Remain calm.

What needs to unfold, is the ability to hear each other out with a listening ear. Where one person's experience ends, another's begins. Solutions always appear in that middle area, where compromises are made.

To be steadfast in your beliefs is important, but it's even more important to exercise some flexibility, that is where growth takes place. This is where we can learn from someone who doesn't think the same way we do. It does not make a person weak, when there is a mind shift. It makes them smart.

We're seeing a lot of arguing on social media, people publicly going back and forth, and the thread never ends with any real change being made. If you want to have a meaningful, productive conversation with someone online, take it to a private message, where the world isn't watching. In the public eye, we all can be defensive.

Now, there are extremists on both sides of any argument, in those cases, there's not much you can do. There are people who want to see things through one lens and one lens only. Fine, let them. You will also see ignorance and evil come flying out of the mouths of those you never thought capable, fine let them. Remember that the majority of the people in this country want to unify. It comes down to common sense. United we stand, divided we fall. That statement could not ring truer.

Be strong enough in character, where you are a leader, whether that be in your own community, at work or in your own family. Unity should always be the end goal. Therefore, if you see someone that disagrees with you, and you want to unify, have a conversation that will do just that.

Sometimes, try simply saying, "Hey the country is really divided right now, how can we start to unify on a small scale?" That question puts both people in a position to come up with a solution that works for everyone. Then the domino effect takes hold. Then unity happens, then change, then success.

"None of us is as smart, as all of us."
Ken Blanchard

VIEWPOINT

Why believe? Part 2

Why Believe and What we Believe? Last week, I began a four-part series, and in Part 1, I shared how all people from diverse cultures throughout history believed in something beyond themselves, beyond the here and now, beyond this material world. The world's religions don't agree in their perception or understanding of the Divine or on what is ultimate reality, but as diverse as history's people and cultures were, they all agree that there is something more than the secular, materialist worldview of the here and now. There is something greater than a secular worldview that minimizes and often ignores religious belief while it does not offer a complete picture of our entire reality.

In part 2 of this series of "Why Believe and What to Believe?" I turn to another commonality among the world's religions and the experiences of all peoples throughout every culture. Throughout history we have seen how all humanity strive to discover answers to the existential questions about the world we live in, about our experiences in life, and what is ultimate reality.

We humans are all created in the image and likeness of God and one of the divine characteristics we possess is our ability to reason and think. Unlike other animals in creation, we have an innate desire and passion to understand who we are, why we exist, and what this temporary life is all about? Where do we find answers to these foundational questions about life? What sources can help us wrestle with these existential issues?

It was precisely this desire to think and reason and know as well as to experience the Transcendent that led humanity to think beyond itself and to offer answers to these questions, to create a worldview that teaches us who we are and where we come from, and to show us the best way to live in this world. That's the foundation for religious belief.

Think about some of these questions and ask yourself where you will find answers to such questions in today's secular, materialistic society? What is the nature of the world and humanity? What is our purpose or meaning of life during our brief existence here on earth?

How do we comprehend an existence of merely 50, 80 or 100 years? What acts as the source of our greatest joys and bliss in life? How do we understand the problem of suffering and pain? What is the foundation of morality and from where comes our understanding of 'good' and 'evil'?

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How do we understand death and what happens after death?

Throughout history, we see humanity wrestling with these questions and seeking to find satisfactory answers. These questions have given birth to the world's religions. Today, however, many people are turning away from the answers that religion offers and are seeking answers solely from science, philosophy and psychology. Yet these fields of study, as much as they can teach us, don't offer a complete picture of reality and thus, their answers will leave us unsatisfied in our thirst to understand and learn how to live and find the most fulfilling meaning and purpose in life.

For this article, I want to focus on just one of the specific questions: "What is our purpose and the meaning of life during our brief existence here on earth? Why are we here and how are we to live during this short life?"

For many people, they may try to answer this question by asking other questions such as "What do I want in life? What should I be? What should I do with my life? What are my goals, my dreams, my desires?" The problem with these questions is that they are all egocentric – they begin with I, ME, MY.

What our Christian Faith teaches is that "Life does not begin with ME or YOU!" Life is about something greater than any individual or any egocentric desire. Life is about a God who created each one of us in the palm of His hand, created each of us in His image and likeness, instilled in us the Breath of Life, and then granted us the greatest gift and experience of life – LOVE. Thus, here is the answer to our question of "What is our purpose and meaning of life and why are we here?" Love is the ultimate purpose of life – to love and to be loved. We exist here on earth to experience and to share LOVE.

Jesus Christ summarized this purpose when He highlighted the two greatest commandments: To love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself. We were created out of a Trinity of Love; we are deeply and unconditionally loved by our Creator; and we are called to share this divine love with all the world. we need to NOT FOCUS ON OURSELVES and our own desires BUT TO FOCUS ON OUR CREATOR, on the One

who made us and understands us better than ourselves!

God existed before the world was created, before you and I or any other living entity ever existed. Jesus said, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, who is and who was and who is to come, the Lord Almighty." God, the Source of Love, is the beginning of everything! Therefore, if we want to discover what is the nature of the world and life, as well as what is the purpose of life, we begin in Him, not with ourselves; when we begin with the Creator we discover what true, divine LOVE is.

The ultimate purpose of life reveals to us who love is, what the Source of love is, how our identity is one of love and how when we realize who we are, we will naturally allow this innate, divine love to overflow from us to other people.

Jesus said, "I have come to give you life and to give it to you abundantly" (John 10:10). He was not referring to an abundant material life or a life solely of personal happiness. An abundant life is a life with an abundance of the fruit of love – joy, peace, hope, mercy and grace. When we discover this purpose of love, we discover deep and existential contentment and become joyful in all circumstances.

Let me conclude with these words from Holy Scripture: "Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even if she may forget you, I will never forget you. See, I have carved you in the palm of my hands." (Isaiah 49:15-16)

"I am your Creator. You were in my care even before you were born." (Isaiah 44:2)

"It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eyes on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone." (Ephesians 1:11)

Why believe and what should we believe? Well, our Faith offers answers to the existential questions of life, and one of the most important questions any of us can ever ask is "What is the nature of the world and humanity and why do we exist? What is the purpose of life?"

We discover the ultimate meaning and purpose of life when we make our Creator the reference point. And this Creator is Divine Love who created us out of love, who loves us unconditionally, and who calls us to share His love to the world around us.

Streets
are not
playgrounds



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The topic of using local streets for recreation was brought up to me recently. Now that most of the COVID restrictions have been lifted, people will be out and about doing a variety of activities. It is important to remember, vehicle travel is the primary purpose for most roads. Where possible, sidewalks are laid out for pedestrians. Obviously, there must be rules in place to provide safety for all travelers. I was asked to provide information on our local laws and to remind people of the dangers associated with improper conduct on streets.

As I mentioned, streets are designed for use by motor vehicles. Pedestrians, bicycles, skateboards, and other means of travel are generally restricted to the roadsides, sidewalks, and/or other authorized areas. Using the streets as a playground can be very dangerous and accidents can result. Dudley By-law Article 8 Section 5 prohibits various forms of game playing on Town streets. It states in part, "No person or persons shall in any of the public ways of the town throw stones, snowballs, sticks or other missiles, or kick a football or play at any game in which a ball is used, or engage in any other game or exercise, interfering with free, safe and convenient use of said street or highway by any persons traveling or passing along the same." Based on this, any game or act which disrupts traffic flow is not allowed.

The use of streets as a "playground" should be prohibited, especially by the parent or guardians of the children involved. Many dead end or lesser traveled streets, often cause people to take a more "relaxed" approach to these rules. Some may let their guard down and assume nothing will happen. This certainly is not the case. Vehicles can appear from anywhere. People in the streets may not be seen and items, such as skateboards, balls, bicycles, scooters, etc. in the road can be a hazard for drivers. Accidents or injuries can occur at any time when there is this unsafe mix of people and cars. Please make every effort to prevent these from occurring by engaging in activities in a safe manner.

The regular Memorial Day Ceremonies and the Parade were cancelled this year. Thanks go out to the local Veterans' organizations for taking the time to hold some brief but fitting remembrances in both Towns. This provided some appropriate recognition for the sacrifices made by the men and women of our armed forces. For those still seeking vaccination information, it can be found at www.dudleyma.gov or by calling 508-949-8036. Please continue moving forward with the "re-opening" of our state in a reasonable manner. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. This has been a challenging year plus for everyone. We, at the Dudley Police Department, greatly appreciate the support we receive from our community.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reflecting on freedom

To the Editor:

Looking back on this past Memorial Day weekend, I can't help but wonder what life would look like without the freedom that I've taken for granted my entire life.

As a junior in high school, my social media feed was filled with posts honoring our veterans as it is every year. Poetic statements and heart wrenching words of gratitude flooded nearly every Instagram story. But something almost unsettling crossed my mind as I spent time with my family this weekend attempting to reflect on the patriotic nature of our celebration. Yes, we take time during this weekend to express our gratitude towards those who heroically put their lives at stake for our freedom. Many even dread this weekend as it means mourning the loss of loved ones, but at one point during this past weekend, I took a moment to imagine how this country would be living if we were not free.

What if our heroes died in vain without resulting in victory? What if all those who we are remembering devoted their lives to a cause that never reaped any benefits? During this Memorial Day weekend, I not only took time to remember America's heroes, but all the people around the world who've lost loved ones to battles that couldn't be won. This may seem unpatriotic and pointless to some as the purpose of Memorial

Day is to remember the lives of those who have fought for the American cause, but I think that this form of remembrance is what makes America a great nation.

For my whole life, I have never had to worry about my leadership suppressing my basic freedoms, nor have I had to fear my government or authority. For this reason, I believe that remembering those who lack the freedoms that Americans take pride in gives rise to an even greater amount of gratitude generated towards our heroes. We live in the land of the free and the home of the brave, so I urge my fellow Americans to live the rest of this year in gratitude for the liberties you possess, but also remember that many of our brothers and sisters across the globe do not get to live such victorious and prideful lives.

Thank You,

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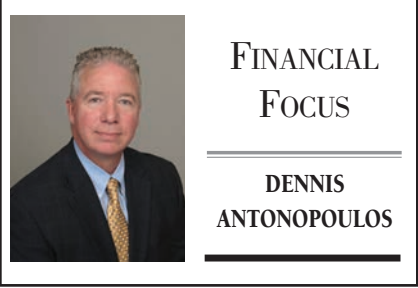
Even “singles” need estate plans

If you don't have a spouse or children, you might think you don't need to do much estate planning. But if you have any assets, any familial connections, any interest in supporting charitable groups – not to mention a desire to control your own future – you do need to establish an estate plan.

In evaluating your needs for this type of planning, let's start with what might happen if you die intestate – that is, without a last will and testament. In this scenario, your assets will likely have to go through the probate process, which means they'll be distributed by the court according to your state's intestate succession laws, essentially without

regard to your wishes. Even if you don't have children yourself, you may have nephews or nieces, or even children of cousins or friends, to whom you would like to leave some of your assets, which can include not just money but also cars, collectibles, family memorabilia and so on. But if everything you own goes through probate, there's no guarantee that these individuals will end up with what you wanted them to have.

If you want to leave something to family members or close friends, you will need to indicate this in your last will and testament or other estate planning documents. But you also may want



to provide support to one or more charitable organizations. Of course, you can simply name these charities in your will, but there may be options that could provide you with more benefits.

One such possibility is a charitable remainder trust. Under this arrangement, you'd transfer appreciated assets – such as stocks, mutual funds or other securities – into an irrevocable trust. The trustee, whom you've named – in fact, you could

serve as trustee yourself – can then sell the assets at full market value, avoiding the capital gains taxes you'd have to pay if you sold them yourself, outside a trust. Plus, if you itemize, you may be able to claim a charitable deduction on your taxes. With the proceeds, the trust can purchase income-producing assets and provide you with an income stream for the rest of your life. Upon your death, the remaining trust assets will go the charities you've named.

Aside from family members and charitable groups, there's a third entity that's central to your estate plans: yourself. Everyone should

make arrangements to protect their interests, but, in the absence of an immediate family, you need to be especially vigilant about your financial and health care decisions. And that's why, as part of your estate planning, you may want to include these two documents: durable power of attorney and a health care proxy.

A durable power of attorney lets you name someone to manage your finances should you become incapacitated. This arrangement is especially important for anyone who doesn't have a spouse to step in. And if you become incapacitated, your health care proxy – also known as a health care surrogate or medical power of

attorney – lets you name another person to legally make health care decisions for you if you can't do so yourself.

Estate planning moves can be complex, so you'll need help from a legal professional and possibly your tax and financial advisors. You may not have an immediate family, but you still need to take steps to protect your legacy.

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In search of porgies



Nine-year-old Leah Varney fishing with her dad Matt at the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club last week.

As fishing heats up on the saltwater, anglers are catching a lot of fish on most fishing trips, either on a charter or on a private vessel. Striper fishing has been very good on the Providence River until my brother and myself made a trip last week. Reports were good prior to our fishing trip last Wednesday, launching just above the Bold Point boat ramp. It was a beautiful day with light winds. The sun was just coming up, and the tide was going out for a few more hours. Striper fishing is crazy, and you never know when they are going to be feeding or just become lazy, making for a slow day of fishing. The heavy rain prior to our trip cooled the water down by a few degrees. That is all it takes sometimes.

To make a long story short, we fished for four hours without spotting a single (porgy) baitfish. Unable to catch some

fresh for bait, we had us settle for trolling large rebels which produced a single hit, but was lost halfway in. We watched numerous anglers land stripers using porgies, but most were undersize and had to be released. This week, I talked to the owner of Archie's Bait Shop in Providence, R.I., and he revealed the following information. The day we were there, everyone that was looking for the porgies to snag for live bait had a very hard time locating them. The stripers were not driving the baitfish to the top, and when they stay near the bottom, they are hard to snag.

Tides make all the difference in stimulating the stripers to feed, and sometimes, it is the incoming or outgoing tides that are best. Stripers do not like the sun, and are often slow in there feeding habits, especially in shallow

water. It is not always the case, but more often than not, I find it is the norm, at least for me. Last week, when we were on the Providence River, we fished in four to six feet of water hoping to find some bass and bluefish feeding near the top. In the past, many fish would swirl near the top as the boat approached. That is the time to use surface poppers. Anyway, we had no luck and decided that we had enough, and headed for home.

As we passed the area that has a few windmills on the south shoreline, I noticed a half dozen boats fishing close to it. Slowing the motor to get a better look at what was going on, my hunch was right. A school of baitfish were on top, and anglers were snagging them. We quickly grabbed our rods equipped with snagging hooks and were pleasantly surprised at the dozen of bait fish we snagged in 10 or 15 minutes.

"If only we could have had some of these earlier," I remarked to my brother.

The tide had just changed, and the porgies were driven to the top by feeding fish below, but not many anglers were catching fish, and of those that were, the stripers were small with most being released.

It was now 11 a.m., and I had had enough fishing. It was time to head for home and catch a nice nap. I used to fish both tides in my younger years, but now one is enough. It is just nice to go fishing at age 82 with my brother Ken and talk about the good old days. "Just wait till next week, when we return to try our luck again on the Providence River!" Vengeance is sweet. The following week, Archie's Bait & Tackle shop in Providence reported on a couple of anglers catching up to 14 stripers in the Providence River which all were released but one, because they were



An unidentified angler fishing for bass in his Kayak last Saturday, at the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club.

too big!

Anglers continue to catch some nice seabass and scup in Massachusetts! Oops! Last week's report stated that Massachusetts was closed to seabass when, in fact, they are open and Rhode Island is closed until the 24th of June, opening with a three fish limit. Just another senior moment. Anglers should always check their abstracts for fish limits and regulations. It is crazy that both states cannot agree on season dates and limits!

Numerous kayaks were observed in the Providence River, and are a very common sighting of these seaworthy fishing watercraft. I sure wish they were around in my younger years. Some are equipped with a small electric motor, while others are powered with foot pedals, or the old fashion paddles. Standing up in the kayaks are also easy for the younger generation, but not for me! Whatever your preference is for fishing, getting out there and enjoying the great outdoors will keep you young and healthy, and the rewards of catching a striper to bring home for the table is like icing on the cake. Grab your fishing rod and your family and go fishing!

June 5-6 is Massachusetts freshwater free fishing weekend. Take advantage of the free fishing weekend, and you may just get hooked on fishing.

This week's picture shows nine-year-old Leah Varney, fishing with her dad Matt at the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club last Saturday. They had caught one trout, and were given two more by another member fishing at the pond, giving them enough trout for the supper table. The second picture shows an unidentified member in their Kayak, fishing for bass at the Uxbridge pond. The quiet and peaceful surroundings was sure relaxing, away from the crazy, dangerous world around us.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hoping to return to School Committee

To the Editor:

My name is Cathleen Carmignani. I am asking the voters of Dudley for their vote to re-elect me to the Dudley Charlton Regional School Committee. I have served these past three years, and would be honored to continue to serve our community.

My educational background and work history has provided me with a myriad of experiences to bring to this role. I graduated from WPI with a BS in Actuarial Mathematics. In addition, I hold two masters' degrees, one in Educational Psychology and the other in Educational Administration. Beyond my degrees, I have completed 12 graduate math credits, earned SEI endorsement, completed 15 PDPs in Special Education.

I have worked as an educator for 23 years, serving as a middle school 1:1 Special Education aide, middle and high school guidance counselor, high school math teacher including 5 years as the Mathematics Department Chair. In addition, I hold certifications in K-12 Guidance, 5-12 Mathematics teacher and K-12 Principal/Assistant Principal. I am currently an Assistant Principal at Algonquin Regional High School in Northborough. This position provides me with an educational perspective that is greatly needed on our School Committee. I am current with Regional budget matters, School Law, DESE regulations and mandates as well as abreast of current social and emotional needs of our students.

I have always felt a deep sense of service to my community. As a senior in high school, I was a member of the State's Student Advisory Committee and sat on my School Committee in Lynn as the student representative. Since moving to Dudley after meeting my husband, I have been involved with the Recreation Committee, elected as a Library Trustee, coached Dudley Youth Basketball and ran as a write-in candidate for the School Committee when I felt there was a need.

In my time in this position, I have served as Vice Chair of the Superintendent Search Committee as well as being selected to serve as the liaison to the Special Education Parents Advisory Committee (SEPAC). Currently, I am a member of the Budget

and Finance Committee as well as Teaching and Learning.

My tenure as a School Committee member has been one of growth and perspective taking. This past year was no exception. The pandemic brought us decisions that no board has ever had to make. With each decision that came in front of me, I made sure to have all students' needs paramount whether it be their educational, social-emotional or basic food needs. As we enter next school year, it will be more important than ever to have someone in this position with the experience to look at our educational data and provide strategies to remediate for educational needs. This is exactly what I do in my current job.

I would appreciate your vote on Monday, June 14 for Cathleen Carmignani for Dudley Charlton Regional School Committee.

Thank you,

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OBITUARIES

Aline A. Duval, 92



WEBSTER – Aline A. (Bellerose) Duval, 92, died May 25, 2021 in St. Paul, Minnesota, after a period of declining health. She was preceded in death by husband Donald, to whom she was married for 67 years, and sons Roger and René.

She leaves a daughter, Elise (Paul) Werger of Minnesota; daughter-in-law, Karen Duval of Colorado; grandchildren Heather (Chris) Abatelli and Bryan (Jennifer) Duval of Colorado, Evangeline Werger, Maria Werger and Magdalena Werger of Minnesota; great-grandchildren Karalyn Abatelli, Kady Duval, and Tyler Abatelli of Colorado; sisters Jeannette (Nelson) Lamothe of Florida and Elaine (Paul) Story of Connecticut, and a brother, René Dugas, Jr. of Connecticut.

She was born on January 1, 1929 in Webster, daughter of Horace and Alexandrina (Dugas) Bellerose, and

graduated from Saint Anne School's commercial course. She was a homemaker, hand-painted professional photographs for her uncle, René Dugas, Sr. and worked as the assistant manager of Putnam Gift Shop before retiring in 1985. She was a lifelong member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish and belonged to the Ladies of Saint Anne and the Circle of Charity. She enjoyed cooking, music, sewing, dancing, and the French language. She moved to the Overlook in Charlton in 2017 and to Minnesota in 2019.

Her funeral was held Friday, June 4, from Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main Street, with a Mass at 9:30 A.M. in Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 16 East Main Street. Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery. Visitation was held from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. Thursday, June 3, in the funeral home. Current health guidelines will be followed. Donations in her name may be made to Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, 18 East Main Street, Webster, MA 01570 or to the Oxford Ecumenical Food Shelf, 4 Maple Street, Oxford, MA 01540.

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Hugh W. Crawford, Jr.



Hugh W. (Buzz) Crawford, Jr. passed away on May 26, 2021 in Fort Myers, FL. Born in 1923, he was the son of Hugh Wadsworth and Pearle Longley Crawford. A graduate of Bartlett High School, he matriculated to Tufts University where he joined Theta Delta Chi. Buzz served as an Ensign in the United States Naval Reserve during World War II.

His wife of 71 years, Harriet Kimberly Crawford, predeceased him in 2016. He also leaves their children Laura Crawford Pepin (Larry) of Springfield, VT; Caroline Ayres (Steve) of Centerville, MA; Johanna Rakauskas (Rick) of Wakefield, RI, Jane Crawford (Fred Parsons) of Fort Myers, FL, as well as four grandchildren (Kimberly Rakauskas, Ryan Rakauskas, Abigail Trayers and Rebecca Ayres), three great grandchildren, and nieces and nephews. Two sisters, Nancy Waite of Dudley, MA and Julia Lanman of Lexington, MA and a grandson, Errol Pepin, preceded him in death.

Buzz enjoyed a successful career in the textile industry as President and CEO of the Stevens Linen Company in Dudley, MA. While he was best known as the inventor of the calendar towel, he was most proud of establishing the first Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) among New England textile manufacturers for all personnel. He was inducted to the American Textile Hall of Fame in 2010 in recognition of

his innovative approach to developing unique yarns woven into decorative fabrics that became known as “the Stevens look”.

He served as a Trustee of the American Textile History Museum, Nichols Academy and Sturbridge Village, and was on the Textile Advisory Board at UMass-Dartmouth, MA.

In the Webster-Dudley community, Buzz was associated with the Webster Five Cents Savings Bank for fifty years before retiring as Chairman of the Board in 1995. He was also a Director of the Webster-Dudley United Way and the Hubbard Regional Hospital, as well as Treasurer of the Church of the Reconciliation in Webster. Buzz was recognized “Man of the Year” by the Webster-Dudley-Oxford Chamber of Commerce in 1972.

In addition to his dedication to business and community service, he was an avid sailor and man of the sea enjoying a lifetime of pleasure racing and cruising the New England and eastern US coastal waters.

There are no calling hours, and a memorial service will be at the discretion of the family. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Pearle L. Crawford Library, 40 Schofield Avenue, Dudley, MA 01571, of which he was the major benefactor.

The ROBERT J. MILLER FUNERAL HOME and LAKE CHAPEL, 366 School St., Webster is honored to be directing local arrangements.

To leave an online condolence, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net

Edward W. Mickelson, 83



DUDLEY - Edward W. Mickelson, 83, passed away May 19, 2021 at Webster Manor Rehabilitation Healthcare Center in Webster.

He was the husband of the late Dianne R. (Belcher) Mickelson who died March 4, 2012.

He leaves behind a daughter, Shelly L. Chalue and her husband Bob of Dudley, 3 sons, John and his companion Karen Sitkowski of Dudley, Edward and his companion Cher, and Daniel of Turners Falls, 5 grandchildren, Kristi Jones, Ashley Fasshauser, Tyler Chalue, Linndsay Markiewicz and Steven Sylvester and a Great grandchild, Kamryn Fasshauser, which were the light of his life as well as many nieces and nephews.

After graduation he joined the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War and was honorably discharged. He was a member of the Marine Corps League, Chairman of the Dudley Housing at

Joshua Place, enjoyed cars, the ocean, vacations and planes, which he also had a pilots license.

He was born in Worcester June 24, 1937 son of the late Helen Mickelson and was also predeceased by a Joel.

Ed worked for many years as a driver and freight broker for Carolina Freight Company and then drove for Ritchie Bus Company.

Ed's Funeral Service was Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 10 AM in the ROBERT J. MILLER FUNERAL HOME and LAKE CHAPEL, 366 School St., Webster, followed by burial with Military Honors provided by the Webster-Dudley Veterans Council at Waldron Cemetery in Dudley.

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Please consider a contribution to any C.O.P.D. charity of one's choice instead of flowers.



Edward J. Timilty, 79



WEBSTER – Edward J. Timilty, 79, passed away peacefully at home with his loving family by his side on Monday May 31, 2021.

Edward was born in Boston, MA on October 6, 1941, son of the late Edward J. Timilty Sr and Alice (Wilson) Timilty. Edward worked at the Gavett Wire Company in West Brookfield as a master electrician for many years prior to his retirement; he also served honorably in the United States Navy. Edward enjoyed boating and fishing; he was also a fan of the Celtics and the Bruins.

Edward is survived by his wife Elaine (Garceau) Timilty; his sons Edward Timilty III of Maine, Kevin Miller of

Rutland and Kenneth Miller of Sturbridge; his daughter Darlene Rodman of FL; his brother Robert Timilty of Quincy; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild; he was predeceased by his son Bryan Timilty and his brother Richard Timilty.

Private funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home.

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



James (Jim) Ernest Rose, 73



James (Jim) Ernest Rose, 73, passed away way too soon on June 3, 2021 with his daughters by his side in Massachusetts. He was born December 14, 1947 in Putnam, CT to James V. Rose and Beatrice (Joly) Rose. Jim is survived by Jim Santi, a brother only discovered later in life; two loving daughters, Dawn (Rose) Hellwig and Suzanne (Rose) Schneider; and 4 heartbroken grandchildren whom he adored, Ethan Hellwig, Elliot Hellwig, Anja Schneider, and Max Schneider. He was predeceased by his wife and one true love, Suzanne (Wolfburg) Rose. Jim graduated in 1967 from Ellis Tech in Danielson, CT. Jim began his career working for his grandfather, Ernest Joly. In 1971 Jim went out on his own to build a

successful contracting business, Rose Construction. Jim retired in 2017 with adventurous boating plans to cruise The Great Loop. Jim's interests included enduro racing, sailing, windsurfing, and camping with his family and friends. More recently, he enjoyed spending time alongside his daughters and grandchildren at the home he built for family gatherings on Webster Lake. Activities that fulfilled him included boating, tubing, and slow cruising the perimeter of the lake. A memorial service for Jim will be held on Friday June 18, 2021 from 4-7 PM at Tillinghast Funeral Home 433 Main Street Danielson, CT 06239. Please omit flowers at this time. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jim's memory to Ellis Technical High School 613 Upper Maple Street Danielson, CT 06239 Attn. Michelle Murray. tillinghastfh.com



WEBSTER – Joseph W. “Joe” Piniarski, 72, died Wednesday, May 26, 2021 after being stricken ill at home.

He leaves his wife of 49 years, Patricia B. (LaPlante) Piniarski; a son, William J. Piniarski and his wife Jennifer of St. Augustine, FL; a daughter, Lori J. Piniarski of Webster; 5 grandchildren, Hailey and Ridley Piniarski, and Noah, Samuel and Hope Ceppetelli; a brother, Michael E. Piniarski and his wife Kathleen of North Grosvenordale, CT; nephews and nieces; and his beloved golden retriever Champ. His twin brothers, John and Joseph Piniarski, died in 1945.

He was born in Webster on December 10, 1948, the son of Michael P. and Mary (Kos) Piniarski and was a lifelong resident. He graduated from Bartlett High School in 1966 and from Nichols College with a Bachelor's Degree in Business in

1970. He later became a certified public accountant.

He owned and operated Joseph W. Piniarski, CPA in Webster and more recently in Oxford. He was the auditor for many different businesses and groups.

Mr. Piniarski was a director and former president of the Webster First Federal Credit Union. He served on the board of the Webster EMS for 18 years and on the Board of Directors of Hubbard Regional Hospital. He was a longtime member and past treasurer of the former Webster-Dudley Rotary Club. He enjoyed golfing and playing the guitar.

Funeral arrangements are private. Donations in his name may be made to the Shriner's Hospital for Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104. Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster.

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Valuable philosophy of an old coal miner

On May 31, 1975 at 1:15 p.m., I was sitting with my friend Rob at the Sunshine Tap in Traer, Iowa, eating a hamburger, fries and washing it down with a Pepsi. I was wearing cut off blue jeans, an old white t-shirt with Cavaliers Drum & Bugle Corps emblazoned across my chest, and sandals.

Around the corner and across the street in Taylor Park, there was a hundred or so people beginning to gather for a wedding that was set to begin at two o'clock ... a mere 45 minutes later.

The bride's father was nervous and pacing in his tux. With each passing moment he'd check his watch, look out across the park, and mumble something inaudible.

I asked for the check,

paid the tab, then Rob and I began our short walk to the park.

As we crossed the street, I saw the father of the bride rushing towards us. "I can't believe this!" He growled as he approached. "I didn't think you were going to show."

I looked at Rob. "Doesn't it begin at two o'clock?" I asked.

"Where's your tux?" He demanded with increasing anger.

"In the car. I'll get dressed now." I quickly walked away to my 1972 green Pinto and dressed outside the car. I was half amused and half intimidated, but at two o'clock sharp, I was there as promised and waiting at the altar for Arlene.

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GARY W.
MOORE

That was over 46 years ago, and we are still married. Her dad grew to forgive my casual approach to the beginning of my life with his daughter, thankfully. Fast forward forty-six years ...

Three grown children, two grand kids, and a life together has passed before the blink of our eyes. How can this be? Where does the time go?

Aging and a bad health diagnosis has me pondering what this life is all about. I keep coming up with this ...

"Life is about who we love, who loves us

in return, and what we build together."

What else is there? An accumulation of stuff? Accomplishments? Money? It all seems so important at the time but as time passes and we look back on it all, it's meaningless. Who we love, who loves us in return and the life we build together is everything.

I believe too many marriages begin without commitment. "If it doesn't work out, there's always divorce," I heard a bride say a few years ago. Yes, it's easy to give up and move on. It's harder to stick with it, push through the problems and make it work. And yes, I understand there are some relationships that cannot be fixed and it's necessary to move on from violence and abuse,

along with a few other reasons, but I believe most divorces are premature and often unnecessary.

My grandfather was a coal miner. He had a saying, "Stick and stay and make it pay." I asked him what it meant, and he said, "Young men often quit after their first day or two in the mine. Fear of a shaft collapse or just the sickening experience of breathing the thick black dust often cause them to quit. Stick and stay was the advice the old timers would give."

I realize that advice is applicable to almost everything in life, including marriage. If you loved each other enough to get married, love each other enough to stick with it and make it work. Don't give up.

Our marriage has been far from perfect, but we stuck with each other. We committed to building a life and family together. We smoothed out the rough edges over time. Mistakes were made, worked out and we learned from them and here we are forty-six years later, married, and happy.

Maybe life really is only about who we love, who loves us in return and what we build together. And you know what? I think it's more than enough.

Gary W. Moore is a freelance columnist, speaker, and author of three books including the award-winning, critically acclaimed, "Playing with the Enemy." Follow Gary on Twitter @GaryWMoore721 and at www.garywmoore.com.

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A Roundup of Timely Tips for Summer

The “lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer” will soon be here - if you know some tricks of the trade to make your warm weather activities less of a hassle! The following timely tips are a roundup of seasonal hints geared toward carefree summer-time living.

Yard & Garden Tips:
*Citronella candles can be costly! Make your own economical citronella candles to protect your patio or deck from insects by drilling a one inch hole near the wick of an ordinary thick candle. Fill the hole with citronella, cover with melted wax and pocket the savings!

*Tis the season of poison ivy! If you find some of the pesky plant in your yard, here's an environmentally safe way to bid the stop the poisonous pest in its tracks. Mix together three pounds of regular table salt with a gallon of soapy water. Spray the solution directly on the plant's leaves and stems.

It works for mere pennies a treatment.

*Bug repellents are costly, but not if you cut out the fluff and buy the active ingredient in expensive commercial formulas. The Center for Disease Control recommends “Repel” as a safe and effective mosquito repellent. Before you run out to buy a pricy pump bottle of the stuff, stock up on its main ingredient, lemon eucalyptus - and save a bundle!

*Who wants to spend money on a new garden hose? Extend your leaky hose to the end of the season this way: Insert a toothpick into the hole, just penetrating the hose wall. Cut off the toothpick flush with the surface of the hose. Wrap the hose with duct tape that covers the toothpick plus two inches on each side of the repair. As the water flows through the hose, the toothpick will swell and fill up the hole and making a tight seal.***



TAKE THE HINT

KAREN TRAINOR

Produce Pointers:
*Bananas give off a gas called ethylene. If you want to speed up the ripening of other fruits place them next to your bananas.

*When green grapes have a yellow tinge to them they are at their sweetest.

*Never store tomatoes in the refrigerator. Besides losing their nutritional value, they will also lose their flavor. Store tomatoes above 55F.

*Washing produce is a necessary chore, but you can save money if you whip up this homemade version of the pricey commercial brand for pennies: In a spray bottle, mix two tablespoons of baking soda with one

cup of water. If you want add a tablespoon of lemon juice. Spray veggies, let sit for a few minutes and rinse!

* To make a homemade “fruit fresh” clone, dissolve two vitamin C tablets in a large bowl of water. Dunk in the fruits or vegetables to keep them fresher longer.***

Vacation Tricks:
*Going on vacation? You can keep your house plants watered for up to a month by watering the plant well and then placing it (pot and all) in a clear plastic bag. Tie it securely on the top and bottom. Place the plant in northern light. When you return, simply untie the top and let the plant adjust to room air for a day or two before removing the plastic completely. Or, if you have several smaller plants, simply place a thick, wet towel in the bottom of the bathtub and place pots on top of the towel for the duration. The plants should remain moist for about a week.

*Planning a road trip? Make up economical freezer packs to keep cooler foods chilled while you're on the road. Mix one part rubbing alcohol with two parts water & freeze in a gallon size ziplock bag. The bag will be pliable enough to conform to soda cans, fruits or other cooler items. Just re-freeze and use over and over again. This same formula made up in a smaller batch also works great as an icebag to sooth injuries. Just be sure to put a damp cloth between the skin and the icepack to prevent frostbite.

*Always toss several ziplock storage bags in your luggage. They can be used to stow wet swimsuits, dirty socks, sandy seashells, and have dozens more impromptu vacation uses! When you pack, toss a tablespoon or so of baking soda into a large ziplock bag to prevent wet bathing suits from getting mildew on the trip home.***

Win Dinner for Two
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 cours 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 publications? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint!, c/o Stonebridge Press, P.O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550. Or e-mail kdr@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by **Leonard J. Melanson** to **Citizens Bank of Massachusetts** dated September 30, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Book 40070, Page 173 and assigned as follows: from Citizens Bank, N.A. F/K/A RBS Citizens, N.A F/K/A Citizens Bank, N.A. S/B/M to Citizens Bank of Massachusetts to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Trustee for Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust A, dated October 03, 2016, recorded or filed at Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Book: 56752, Page: 174. Assignment from Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Trustee for Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust A to Elizon Master Participation Trust I, U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Owner Trustee, dated June 04, 2020 recorded or filed at Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Book: 62663, Page: 11 of which mortgage **Elizon Master Participation Trust I, U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Owner Trustee** is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at **11:00 AM on June 18, 2021** at 61 Poland Street, Webster 01570, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage:

TO WIT:
A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED AT LOT 2, POLAND STREET, WEBSTER, WORCESTER COONTY, MASSACHUSETTS, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOT 2 ON A PLAN OF LAND ENTITLED PLAN OF LAND IN WEBSTER, MASSACHUSETTS PREPARED BY B&R SURVEY, INC. DATED APRIL 7, 2005 AND RECORDED IN THE WORCESTER DISTRICT REGISTRY OP DEEDS ON MAY 16, 2005 IN PLAN BOOK 825, PLAN 92 CONTAINING 16, 022 SQUARE FEET MORE OR LESS. BEING THE SAME PREMISES CONVEYED TO PATRIOT HOMES, INC. BY DEED OF NEAL STEVENS AND ELIZABETH M. STEVENS FKA ELIZABETH M. MALINOWSKI DATED MAY 26, 2005, AND RECORDED WITH THE WORCESTER DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN BOOK 36971, PAGE 200. BEING ALL OF THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY CONVEYED TO LEONARD J. MELANSON FROM PATRIOT HOMES, INC. BY DEED DATED 01/31/2006 AND RECORDED 02/01/06 IN BOOK 38320, PAGE 372 IN THE LAND RECORDS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other munic-

ipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:
A deposit of **FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) DOLLARS** by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at **Braucher & Amann, PLLC, 764 Chestnut Street, Manchester, NH 03104, Tel (603)-486-1530**, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

Elizon Master Participation Trust I, U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Owner Trustee
Present holder of said mortgage.
By its attorneys,
Martha L. Davidson, Esq
Braucher & Amann, PLLC,
764 Chestnut Street, Manchester, NH 03104, Tel (603)- 486-1530
May 28, 2021
June 4, 2021
June 11, 2021

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ALBANY INDEX NO. 900346-18
Plaintiff designates ALBANY as the place of trial situs of the real property
SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS
Mortgaged Premises:
72 CORDELL ROAD
SCHENECTADY, NY 12304
Section: 16.6
Block: 2
Lot: 31
REVERSE MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
MELINDA A. DODGE AS EXECUTOR AND AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID M. HARRELL; MATTHEW HARRELL, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID M. HARRELL; MELINDA HERRELL A/K/A MINDI HERRELL, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID M. HARRELL; THOMAS HERRELL, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID M. HARRELL; M.B. AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID M. HARRELL; L. D. AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID M. HARRELL; MICHAEL M. BIEGER AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID M.

HARRELL; DOLORES C. HADDAD AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID M. HARRELL; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID M. HARRELL, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID C. HARRELL; any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID C. HARRELL; any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA – INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; “JOHN DOE #1” through “JOHN DOE #12,” the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, Defendants.
To the above named Defendants

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York) in the event the United States of America is made a party defendant, the time to answer for the said United States of America shall not expire until (60) days after service of the Summons; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT
THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$225,000.00 and interest, recorded on July 23, 2014, at Liber 6842 Page 409, of the Public Records of ALBANY County, New York, covering premises known as 72 CORDELL ROAD SCHENECTADY, NY 12304.
The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. ALBANY County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county.

NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action.
YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.
RAS BORISKIN, LLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
HEDVA D. HAVIV, ESQ.
900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310
Westbury, NY 11590
516-280-7675
May 28, 2021
June 4, 2021
June 11, 2021
June 18, 2021

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. WO21P1803EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Dorothy Jasukonis
Date of Death: 04/26/2021

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/29/2021.**

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 26, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
June 11, 2021

Town of Webster
Legal Posting
Articles 6 and 12 of the October 19, 2020 Annual Town Meeting received positive votes at the Annual Town Meeting and approvals from the Attorney General's Office.
Article 6 deals with, Marijuana Retailers Limitation, within the limits of the Town of Webster.
Article 13 deals with Temporary Repairs of Private Ways.
Complete copies of the Town meeting votes and the approved bylaws are available in the Town Clerk's Office.
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June 4, 2021
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The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
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Docket No. WO21C0216CA
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
In the matter of:
Theresa Marie Addis
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Theresa Marie Addis** of **Dudley MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:
Theresa Marie Verret-Segerson
IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/29/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 26, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
June 11, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608

(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO21P0373EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Sylvia Teresa Connor
Date of Death: 09/14/2017

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/22/2021.**

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 24, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
June 11, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO21P1775EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Dorothy Johnson
Date of Death: 08/18/2020

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Patricia A. Johnson** of **Oxford MA** and **Tracy L. Stevenson** of **North Oxford MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Patricia A. Johnson** of **Oxford MA** and **Tracy L. Stevenson** of **North Oxford MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

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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 06/22/2021.**

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Date: May 27, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
June 11, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Docket No. WO21P1800EA
Estate of:
Harold R. Reece
Date Of Death: April 1, 2021
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Joy M. Reece** of **Oxford, MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate
Joy M. Reece of **Oxford, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
June 11, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO21C0186CA
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
In the matter of:
Marcus Antony Aurelius Robbins
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Marcus Antony Aurelius Robbins** of **Shrewsbury MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:
Marcus Antony Aurelius
IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/22/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 25, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
June 11, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO21C0215CA
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
In the matter of:
Alicja Sielewicz-Lis

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Marcus Antony Alicja Sielewicz-Lis** of **Webster MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:
Alicja Sielewicz

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 26, 2021

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June 11, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
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Docket No. WO21P1840EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Dianne E Smith
Date of Death: 04/05/2021

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

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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 06/29/2021.**

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Date: May 28, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
June 11, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
Docket No. WO21P1851GD
NOTICE AND ORDER: Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor
In the interests of
Natalie Marie Stinehart
of Dudley, MA
Minor
NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on **05/28/2021** by **Holly C Poirier** of **Dudley, MA** will be held **06/30/2021 09:00 AM Guardian-ship of Minor Hearing**
Located: **Magistrate Via Zoom 160 280 6833 or Call 646-828-7666**
2. Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:
File the original with the Court; and
Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.
3. Counsel for the Minor: The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.
4. Counsel for Parents: If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.
5. Presence of the Minor at Hearing: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.


THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for legal advice.
Date: May 28, 2021

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# of Homes Sold	16	21	▲
Avg Days on Market	20	19	▼
Month Supply Inv.	.8	.49	▼


WEBSTER

Median Price	\$279,500	\$298,500	▲
Market Volume	\$2,766,000	\$6,044,200	▲
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Plan your outdoor activities when mosquitoes are less active. Females are the ones looking for a blood meal and are most active at dusk and dawn when looking for warmth and food.

Screened-in porches add a layer of protection but only when they are intact and properly sealed. The same applies to your home. Check screens and seals around doors and windows to help keep these pests from entering your home.

Use bug lights in light fixtures by entryways and in outdoor entertainment spaces. These emit yellow light that is not as attractive to mosquitoes and other insects. Bug lights will not eliminate every unwanted insect but will reduce the number visiting your lights at night and finding their way into your home.



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Enhance the ambience and reduce mosquito issues when entertaining outdoors. Use a fan to create a cooler space and keep these weak flyers away. Provide fragrant subtle lighting with citronella oil and scented candles. Scatter them throughout the area and within a few feet of the guests for short-term relief.

Reduce the overall mosquito population in your yard by eliminating their breeding grounds. Empty water that collects in items left outside. Change the water in your birdbath at least weekly or whenever you water your container gardens. Add a bubbler or pump to keep water moving in fountains and ponds so mosquito larvae cannot survive.

Toss an organic mosquito control like Mosquito

Dunks and Bits (Summit Responsible Solutions.com) in your rain barrel, pond, or other water feature. Mosquito Bits quickly knock down the mosquito larval population, while the Mosquito Dunks provide 30 days of control. The active ingredient is *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis*, a naturally occurring soil bacterium that kills the mosquito larvae but is safe for children, fish, pets, beneficial insects, and wildlife.

Keep your landscape looking its best by managing weeds and grooming neglected gardens. This eliminates some of the resting spaces for hungry adult mosquitoes.

Always protect yourself whenever outdoors. Cover as much of your skin as possible with loose fitting, light colored clothing. Mosquitoes are less attracted to the lighter colors and cannot readily reach your skin through loose clothing. Further protect yourself by using a personal repellent approved by the EPA. For those looking for DEET-free options, the Center for Disease



Melinda Myers

Scatter citronella oil and candles throughout outdoor entertainment areas and within a few feet of guests for short-term relief from mosquitoes.

Control and Prevention has approved products with the active ingredient picaridin, IR3535, and the synthetic oil of lemon and eucalyptus. Check the label for a list of active ingredients and safety recommendations when shopping for mosquito repellents. Avoid products that contain both sunscreen and insect repellent since you need to apply sunscreen more often than the repell-

ent. Spending more time outdoors is good for our mind, body, and spirit. Using a combination of mosquito-managing tactics will allow you to enjoy and benefit from your time outdoors. Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything"*

DVD series and the nationally-syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by Summit for her expertise to write this article. Myers' Web site is www.melindamyers.com.



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of optimism, but also an urgency to be the change they want to see in the world around them.

Several speakers took the stage over the course of the evening's festivities with most of them putting a focus on the perseverance of the graduates to push through the ever-changing landscape of the COVID-19 pandemic and asking them to continue that resilience into their adult years.

Kenneth Laferriere, a Shepherd Hill graduate from the Class of 2002 and the chair of the district's School Committee, commended the class for everything they've endured and feels that the Class of 2021 is more prepared than any before them to take on everything the world has to offer.

"Words cannot adequately describe the events of our world these past 15 months. As we reflect on all that has happened this past year it gives us all great pride to see our graduates here today. We are all thankful to be here with you. That moment alone deserves some recognition," Laferriere said. "The challenges brought about due to the worldwide pandemic were second to none. The ever-changing plans throughout the year kept everyone on their toes, most especially you, our students. The trials and tribulations this year will only make you stronger."

Later in the evening student speaker Henry Weiland gave a student perspective of what impact the pandemic and the changing culture of the world has left on the

graduates. He spoke of wanting to leave behind a more inclusive environment for the incoming students and to inspire them to do the same as they progress through their high school years.

An advocate for social change, even starting a club at Shepherd Hill to help inspire his fellow students, Weiland said the Class of 2021 learned from the challenges of the pandemic and everything that came with it on the larger world stage.

"Though we never obtained the idyllicism that is the promise of the normal senior year, we learned far greater than any normalcy could ever teach us that strength lies in the resolve of the whole. That even though our world can come crashing down as we know it, as long as we endure together in common bonds, hope and solidarity that there will be an optimum future. For as much as COVID took from us we gained maturity and courage that will indeed transcend anything we lost," Weiland said. "Above all, COVID taught us all that we must seize the world and truly make it our own because, frankly put, we never know what tomorrow will hold. Therefore, there must come a time when we are honest with ourselves and the matrix for which we endure for it is not enough to let our lives pass by without making it our own."

Class Valedictorian Serena Veilleux joked that her speech would be shorter than her fellow speakers, but her words of wisdom to the graduating class were no less poignant. She praised the myriad of teachers who have made a difference in the lives of graduates



Graduates Nick Whitley and Robert Cruz prepare for Shepherd Hill's 2021 graduation.



Aimon Shaw and Sam Gevry prepare to walk the stage.

over their four years noting that every student had at least one educator who truly helped them grow as individuals. Most of all though she wanted her fellow graduates to understand that their mistakes will not define them, it's the memories and accomplishments that will live forever.

"I think I speak for all of us when I say our high

school experience wasn't what we expected it to be, but in spite of all the difficulties we faced we made it and we should be proud," Veilleux said. "It's (the memories) that I am thankful for, and it's moments like these that are going to stick in our memories. Not the grades we got on the silly mistakes that we made."

With that the Class



The Class of 2021 Officers (from left) President Cutter Beck, Vice President David Aquaah-Mensah, Treasurer Henry Weiland and Secretary Michaela Cluett.



The Shepherd Hill Class of 2021 marches into the DCU Center Arena.



Class of 2021 Valedictorian Serena Veilleux gives her speech to her fellow graduates.

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area included shops and properties between the Dunkin’ Donuts and Dippin’ Donuts that anchor the corridor. Kerrie Salwa from the CMRPC presented the finding to the EDC on May 25 explaining that this is just the start of a longer process to help Dudley facilitate economic growth post-pandemic.

“Through this data col-

lection analysis, we will be able to hopefully come up with five short-, medium- and long-term recovery goals, what they are calling projects, that will be hopefully put together by (the town) and CMRPC together, with members of the community,” Salwa said.

With the conclusion of Phase 1 the town is now entering Phase 2 with plans to complete Phase 3 by mid-August.

The first phase saw the CMRPC examine what

businesses are along West Main Street, the demographics, and what changes or additions big or small could help promote positive traffic and growth along Dudley’s busiest corridor. The study also included a business survey that, unfortunately, only one business chose to take part in resulting in what Salwa considered some interesting feedback.

“The feedback that we did get from the survey was pretty interesting.

Close to ‘very important’ were more cultural events, activities to bring people into the district, more opportunities for outdoor dining and selling, recruitment of additional businesses, and implementing marketing strategies for the commercial district,” said Salwa.

The lack of participation from businesses was particularly concerning to members of the EDC who wanted to see more participation from busi-

nesses in future phases of the process. Committee member PJ Boggio believed increasing business engagement should be a priority.

“I think that’s where we need to spend some capital is just in getting people invested,” Boggio said. “I don’t think anyone expects that they’re going to wake up one day and the street front is going to be different in front of them, but we all need to rally around the idea of revitalize Main

Street or something that gets people thinking about it and wanting to engage. That’s when they come out to the meetings and that’s when we can get their ideas.”

The EDC discussed reaching out to businesses to be a part of the discussion as early as a June 8 meeting. They also recommended that Salwa bring forward a list of her suggestions for investments and priorities the committee to examine at future meetings.

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ty, compassion, and love.”

Another resident recently arrived home and found a letter announcing the church’s actions toward paying off medical debt. The resident underwent a surgical procedure in 2011 that led to multiple medical complications for the next four years. Despite having health insurance, the resident struggled with high co-payments. Now a registered nurse,

the resident is looking forward to moving on to the next chapter.

Similar success stories have unfolded throughout the area, delivering hope for residents who were previously crushed by debt.

For church officials, the mission of giving also represents how far the Webster church has come in a short time. Back in 2005, the church was in sharp decline, but members have since rallied and discovered creative

ways to expand through service and community involvement.

The church’s most recent community contribution demonstrates the passion of its members to keep giving back and providing relief.

“Medical debt often ruins the credit scores of families and makes life difficult for them in various ways,” Veronis said. “This debt creates terrible stress that increases anxiety for countless families. What a pleasant surprise

and blessing to have this debt paid off by someone you don’t know, but who wants to express God’s love to them in a concrete manner.”


Added Veronis, “We hope that the action of our church will inspire not only other faith communities, but also individuals, to do something similar.”

The church community has also found plenty of other ways to give back. Prior to the pandemic, the

church ran the Living Bread Luncheon, a free meal offered to the larger Webster community on the first Saturday of every month. Between 70-90 people, mostly elderly, would come and enjoy a meal and the hospitality of the church. The church also sent more than 100 volunteers to Tijuana, Mexico,

on nine occasions to build homes for struggling families.

Additionally, the church kicked off its 100th anniversary celebration back in November 2019, when \$30,000 was given to parishioners for the purpose of helping others in need.



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The project is being proposed by S&K Development.

Although the permit, if approved, will be good for five years, he said actual earth removal rate will depend on the market for the dirt, and he indicated they already plan to seek a second permit at some point.

Coincidentally, a representative of Mass Department of Transportation who came to the selectmen about another issue said he expects “a lot of that dirt might end up in this [Route 20] construction project,” because the state tries to find sources that are as close as possible.

Carrabba and several other residents were especially concerned that changing the topography in their area might cause water problems. He said water naturally leaches out of that land most of the year, but it “runs through layers of different materials,” so it doesn’t cause problems now.

“I think it’s a bad idea to take that much material out,” Carrabba said, adding, “... I guarantee it’ll ruin the rest of the road.”

Jennifer King noted she recently spent \$12,000 to replace her well because arsenic contaminated it, and she doesn’t want to see that happen again. Regarding traffic, she said there are children, chickens and others on the road, but no sidewalks, so there’s “zero room for error.”

Marc Walker agreed,

saying people already “can’t navigate it safely.” Instead of removing tons of earth, he said, “The lot’s big enough you can push some dirt around. Maybe not get three houses, but maybe two.”

Afterward, Walker forwarded a letter he’d sent to the selectmen reiterating and expanding on the neighbors’ concerns, expressing new ones about how the hearing was being conducted, and citing things they believed the selectmen misstated. In one example, they referred to one’s characterization of the land as “an eyesore” by writing, “Besides the dilapidated trailer, at a drive-by its mostly wooded and overgrown, and we see lots of wildlife, including deer and fox, making appearances throughout the property.”

Additionally, the letter hints at neighbors’ belief there is ledge on that property, requiring “extremely loud equipment used to break up large rock boulders and ledge, which will impact quality of life. ... Were this to pass, it would negatively impact not only the abutting residents, but those at the beginning of the road and into Charlton, who would also have to deal with the excessive noise, disruptions and diesel smell for many years to come.”

Lassila said the effect on wells depends on “the hydrology of the underground strata,” which he did not study, but he said the project’s end needs to have the same quantity of drainage to avoid “flooding out” the road or neighbors.

DPW Director Jared Duvall said such projects

don’t typically get such studies, but his department will look into the well issue and could require a study as a permit condition. Several selectmen agreed, with Meghan Troiano noting DPW’s recommended conditions already addressed the residents’ concerns except the well issue.

Cheryll Leblanc, the one who said she thought they’d be “improving an eyesore,” also agreed residents have “great points.” She said she wants “continuing dialog with the residents” to address the concerns.


“At the end of the day, we’d like to see that property improved upon,” she said.

Michael Daniels asked about many of the same things neighbors had, in part because he is one. He was specifically concerned about the impact of slow trucks pulling out into fast Route 20 traffic and where the redirected water would go.

The board had previously voted to invoke the “rule of necessity” to let him participate because John Saad has been sick for some time and special permits require at least four votes to pass. At that time, Daniels said he felt he could “remain impartial” because he has no financial interest in the project.

Somewhat confusingly, the board voted to close the hearing after taking residents’ comments (before even asking their own questions), but later voted to continue it to June 15.

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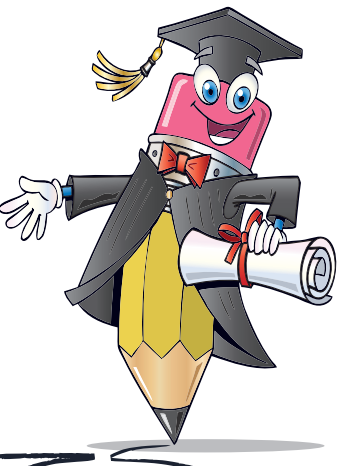
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