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Friday, April 2, 2021

Oxford native Yarno Nesta turns 100!

Yarno Nesta

World War II.

Yarno was married for 65 years to Connie and lost the love of his life in 2009; they had one child, John. Yarno has been a long-time resident of Pompano Beach, FL, though he decided to stay in Oxford after his annual summer visit, due to Covid-19. Yarno remains interested in politics, business, cooking (Spanakopeta) and playing card games with his family! Though he uses a walker, Yarno is very independent, engaging and astute at 100!

In celebration of his milestone, participants of the drive-by gathered at a nearby school and drove/walked a few blocks where Yarno resides with his son John, and daughter-in-law, Elaine. Many (roughly 30) who drove from afar, congregated outside the house that he built in 1957, taking in the festivities. Tears of joy and pride were felt by most!

The family extends their deepest gratitude to all who contributed in making Yarno's birthday special. This includes the Oxford Police Department, Oxford Town Manager, Jennifer Callahan and the Oxford Board of Selectman. A heartfelt presentation of a Certificate of Recognition, personally delivered by Selectman John Saad, was deeply moving for Yarno. And many thanks to Oxford High School Band and the Jr. ROTC program! Their presence and performances made the event festive and memorable. A tribute and award was presented to Yarno by a gold-striped chief petty officer; this also greatly touched his heart. Many veterans saluted their support as they passed by in cars, trucks and motorcycles. The Masonic Order sent a representative from Auburn, an organization near and dear to Yarno. More than 50 vehicles passed by, waving, honking and cheering in Yarno's honor, including family, friends and local community neighbors. This was truly a memorable day, commemorating Yarno, who continues to make a difference in the lives of so many.

OXFORD — The Nesta Family would like to thank the community for the outpouring of support that made Yarno's 100th drive-by Birthday celebration, held on Saturday, March 13, memorable!

Yarno was born in Oxford on March 9, 1921 to Albanian immigrants, the fourth of five children. A devoted family man, Yarno ran successful small businesses in town: Nesta's South End Store (Deli), Nesta's Bottled Liquors, and Nesta's Realty and was a fervent community supporter. Among his many commitments, Yarno was an active member of the Rotary Club, Masonic Order and Shriners' International. Yarno spearheaded a report which determined that Oxford was in need of a vocational school. This resulted in forming a district of six towns and the building of Southern Worcester County Vocational School (Bay Path). As committee chair of the site selection, Yarno was instrumental in locating and negotiating the land contract that was ultimately chosen. In addition, Yarno was a Commissioned Naval Officer, serving as a carrier pilot in the Pacific in

Shepherd Hill fields undergoing renovations

**BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT**

DUDLEY/CHARLTON – While the softball and baseball seasons might have been delayed in the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District, athletes and supporters will be welcomed by some upgrades to facilities when they return to action at Shepherd Hill Regional High School.

Thanks to the efforts of the district's booster club, both the softball and baseball complexes at the regional high school in Dudley have seen work done over the last year with further upgrades set to continue throughout 2021. Shepherd Hill Principal William Chaplin provided and update to the Dudley-Charlton Regional School Committee on March 24 where he detailed some of the changes underway.

“(The booster club) did a wonderful job of raising almost \$9,000 to help us with rehabbing primarily the baseball and softball field. We started right away, COVID hit and then we got delayed but we really started

doing some maintenance of the field using their money primarily for a really good fine mixture for the infield. For many years we didn't really put a lot of care into the field, very minimal. So, we're doing a lot of catch up right now,” Chaplin said.

In addition to adding new material to the infield, the district is also replacing the backstop at the softball field and building dugouts for softball players. The baseball field had previously received new dugouts courtesy of the wood shop at the high school however they did not have time to build for the softball field. The district has worked with 508 International, a local company from Charlton that spread and graded the material added to the fields. While the season has been pushed back to the end of April due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Chaplin is hoping that students and supporters will get to see the facility upgrades very soon.

“We're hoping that (the upgrades) are going to be there for the beginning of the season. If not, then

very shortly after the beginning of the season this year. The season is delayed this year. They're not starting until the end of April, so it gives us a little more time to get moving on that,” said Chaplin.

Athletic Director James Scanlon offered his own compliments to the district's booster club for their support but noted that this won't be the end for upgrades on the athletic fields. There's still plenty of work to do that the money raised won't be able to fund.

“These are great first steps. We are truly excited at the prospect of having fields that are more playable and certainly more visually appealing than they have been in years past,” Scanlon said. “This work doesn't necessarily address some of the significant core areas of concern with the field such as adequate drainage and irrigation. There is absolutely plenty of work to do over time at cost. There will be added cost in terms of maintenance to get our fields to that optimum level of performance.”

DMA seeking partnership for Fish Road operation

Courtesy Photo

Technology enables virtual Mystery Reader program at St. Joseph School

Courtesy

St. Joseph School Third Grade student, Jacob Marcuccio, poses for a photo with his mother, Katie Marcuccio, who was able to read to his class through the new Promethean technology.

WEBSTER — When returning to school this past September, St. Joseph School chose to place its Mystery Reader Program on hiatus due to the pandemic and necessary safety precautions. The program encouraged anyone with a close relationship to a student – parent, grandparent, sibling, or friend – to get more involved in the classroom by reading aloud their favorite book.

Since the Mystery Reader Program began in 2016, many family members have surprised

their students and shared their favorite books and life experiences as well. The students love having someone special in their classrooms! Therefore, as the 2021 National Read Across America Day approached, the

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A map showing the proposed location of a marijuana cultivation facility on Fish Road in Dudley.

**BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT**

DUDLEY – As DMA Holding continues its progress in bringing a marijuana retail and manufacturing business to Chase Avenue the company is seeking approval from the town to enter into a new agreement with the owners of 40 Fish Rd. to establish a marijuana cultivation operation that would stock the new shop.

Joseph Vallatico, a founding member of DMA which reached a host agreement with the town of Dudley in 2020, presented details on the proposed partnership to selectmen during a livestreamed meeting on March 22 where he explained that the company was approached by the owners of 40 Fish Rd. who wanted to offer the property as part of their operation. The three-to-four-acre site would house a 50,000 square foot greenhouse cultivation operation with its own cultivation license under

Fish Road, LLC with the output to be purchased under contract by DMA to supplement the company's own products at 35 Chase Avenue. DMA is currently working to open its retail operation first with its own cultivation operation to be built in the coming years.

David Lahar, a manager at DMA Holdings, made much of the presentation and said the proposal is a joint venture allowing for the development of high-quality cannabis products to allow DMA to get a head start on its retail operations while its own cultivation project is in the works.

“We're trying to grow product that is as close to what we will ultimately grow indoors at Chase Avenue so that we can then consume the product in DMA's retail establishments and sell it wholesale as well,” Lahar said.

Jon Androliewicz, the owner of the property on Fish Road, said they bought the parcel as it abuts and ongoing project. They later made and offer to DMA Holding to ensure the land was being used to its full potential.

“We realized in order to enhance our existing facility we needed to have three-phase power run to it and our existing accessway is through a deeded right of way which we can only travel down and maintain. We cannot install any infrastructure. So, we found this piece of property to be a good position to be able to install the three-phase eventually and also to have secondary access into the property,” Androliewicz said. “We find that the pros to this facility are that there's no real impact to any of the town water or municipal utilities like water and sewer. We're using wells on site. There's the cost of running the three-phase power up to the facility which helps us in the end get it to our next facility. It's also the town benefit with 30-plus jobs, hopefully, and the three percent to the town. We're going

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MUSIC AND MOVEMENT
First Friday of every month at 11:00AM
Join Deb Hudgins on Facebook for Music and Movement, one of our most popular programs! Nothing gets kids on their feet and having fun quite like songs, dance and silly stories, and Miss Deb has been
No Facebook account is needed for this free program. Just point your browser to <https://www.facebook.com/crawfordlibrary> to access the video.

SEED EXCHANGE
Throughout the month of April

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

GROWING A SUMMER SALAD WITH BLACKSTONE VALLEY
Thursday April 8 6:00PM-7:30PM
Is there anything better than a fresh summer salad? Join Blackstone Valley Veggie Gardens for this Zoom presentation where they will cover all the basics of growing your own lettuce, tomatoes, and cucumbers.
Free; registration required. Participants will be emailed a link to the Zoom meeting 24 hours before the event. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

EXPLODING SEED BALL CRAFT FOR KIDS
Tuesday April 20 (multiple sessions)
Want to have some fun while making the world a greener, more environmentally friendly place? Make exploding balls of seeds that are both fun to throw and an easy way to grow native wildflowers.

This activity will take place outside in the side parking lot. We will be roping off a safe area. We will have tables set up 6ft apart and only 5 children per session. We will be disinfecting between sessions.

This program is for ages 2-6. Free; registration is required. Sponsored by the Hugh W. and Harriet K. Crawford Endowment.

EARTH UP! NATURE TALES AND SONGS FOR THE PLANET
Thursday April 22 2:00PM-2:45PM
Celebrate Earth Day with Storyteller Diane's "Earth UP! Nature Tales and Songs for the Planet!" These interactive stories and songs are fun for the whole family and nature too, so join us and all of nature for this celebration of stories and songs about all the simple things we can do to help the planet.
Earth UP! Nature Tales and Songs for the Planet has participatory tales and songs like "Kate's Acorn." Kate wants to Save the World, but when she starts by saving a bunch of squirmey earthworms she helps a little acorn grow up strong. Before the story is done, the whole audience is acting out a trio of funny bugs as we learn just how important soil creatures are to the life of plants. This original story is complemented by "The Garden Song" by David Mallet accompanied by musical husband Tom Megan on guitar. In "The Tailor" the whole audience is invited to join in as we go on a recycling adventure with a very funny tailor! Diane's retelling of this classic Jewish folktale gives us ideas on ways we can recycle more and more things every day! Lots of fun- the whole audience is telling the story by the end.

About Diane Edgecomb: One of America's most beloved storytellers, Diane is known for transforming into the characters in her tales bringing stories to vibrant life. Whether live in the room or present to her audiences via her beautifully recorded videos and/or Zoom events, Diane's warmth and invitation to participate brings today's family audiences into the heart of the moment. Diane has been featured on NPR and is the winner of the ORACLE award for Storytelling Excellence in the Northeast as well as five Storytelling World awards.
Free; registration is required. Participants will receive a link to the Zoom meeting 24 hours before the event. Sponsored by the Hugh W. and Harriet K. Crawford Endowment.

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

A CELEBRATION OF WOMEN

DUDLEY POLICE LOG

DUDLEY — The Dudley Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of March 19-26.
A 51-year-old female whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on March 19 for Violation of an Abuse Prevention Order.
Joshua E. Bullard, age 31, of Dudley was arrested on March 20 for Trafficking in Cocaine in an amount more than 36 grams but less than 100, Possession of a Class A Drug with Intent to Distribute, and Possession of a Class B Drug with Intent to Distribute (subsequent).

COMPOSERS
Thursday May 6 6:00PM-7:30PM

Historian Jeffrey Engel will highlight the lives and the music of several distinguished female composers/concert pianists who attained recognition and success during the nineteenth century in this Zoom program.
There have always been women composers. As far back as the seventh century BC, Sappho, the Greek lyric poetess, played her own accompaniments on the barbiton and the pektis. Throughout the twelfth century there were female troubadours and during the sixteenth, madrigal composers. Francesca Caccini (1587-1638) is thought to be the first woman to write an opera and Elisabeth-Claude Jacquet de la Guerre (1663-1729), the author of an early ballet. It is not until the end of the nineteenth century, however, that significantly more women begin to enjoy public performances of their music and become professional composers. Perhaps you've heard of Teresa Carreno, Sophie Menter and Clara Schumann?

Free; registration is required. Participants will receive a link to the Zoom meeting 24 hours before the event. Sponsored by the Hugh W. and Harriet K. Crawford Endowment.

REAL ESTATE

Dudley

\$450,000, 69 Dudley Oxford Rd, Orzechowski, Pawel, and Forance, Cecylia, to Valdez, Saba, and Lara, Dinorah.
\$430,300, 14 Noble St, Depot Road Charlton LLC, to Urella, Jerney P, and Urella, Alysa A.
\$325,000, 10 Glendale Dr, Alvarez, Gabriel J, and Garces-Alvarez, Paola, to Landry, John R, and Landry, Brittany M.
\$221,700, 56 New Boston Rd, Flynn, Leo S, and Flynn, Patricia L, to Quail, Owen, and Quail, Kayla L.
\$150,000, 2 Warsaw Ave #5, Allen, Conrad M, and Allen, Paula K, to Choice 1 Realty LLC.

Oxford

\$460,000, 7 Fox Run Dr, Robbins, Betsy G, to Haynes, Robert L.
\$367,000, 67 Lovett Rd, Hill, Douglas J, and Hill, Jean M, to Kalinowski, Katherine, and Languth, Timothy J.
\$348,500, 3 Stuart St, Reynolds, Caitrin, and Haynes, Robert, to Castillo, Julio./
\$316,500, 20 Marcam Village Rd #20, FNMA, to Pham, Vinh.
\$290,000, 63 Mcintyre Rd, Carpenter, Craig B, and Carpenter, June C, to Rojas-Alpas, Doris, and Arancibia, Keysi N

Webster

\$550,000, 28-28R Prospect St, Branagan, David J, to Hancock Holdings LLC.
\$550,000, 29 Prospect St, Branagan, David J, to Hancock Holdings LLC.
\$500,000, 7 Cedar Dr, Konig, Evan M, and Konig, Julie A, to Milan, Denys.
\$500,000, Birch Island Rd, Konig, Evan M, and Konig, Julie A, to Milan, Denys.
\$391,000, 10 Marilyn Dr, Ginsburg, Jamie A, and Ginsburg, Lisa M, to Recore, Jamielynn.
\$335,000, 367 Thompson Rd, Ochollah, Valery O, and Ochollah, Jessica A, to Hall, Rachel, and Hall, Lindsey.
\$310,000, 20 Whitcomb St, Kuznecki, Gregory, and Kuznecki, Anna, to Leon, Marien S.
\$300,000, 105 Lake St, Ropi, Stephen M, to Carrasco-Santana, Miguel, and Rodriguez, Yolianny C.
\$293,000, 11 Scenic Ave, M3 Innovations Inc, to Viger, Dale A.
\$286,000, 34 Whitcomb St, Grzyb, Robert A, to Burgos, Alexandra M.
\$260,000, 10 Hall St, Randall, Paul M, to Swantee, Douglas C, and Swantee, Ana M.
\$230,000, 129 Thompson Rd, Jones, Nicholas J, and Jones, Charlene A, to Colon, Nydia.



Dudley Woman's Club hosting April Sunshine Basket Raffle

DUDLEY — Our April Sunshine Basket is part of our ongoing effort to creatively raise money to support our scholarship program and other charitable undertakings during the absence of our usual fundraisers.
Our basket theme this month, "Rise and Shine, Sunshine," contains a hand painted wine glass, a framed photograph, a bottle of wine, pan protectors,, oven mitt, apron, pot holder and dish towels. Tickets will be available beginning April 1 via PayPal (10 entries for \$10) online on our Web site, Dudleywomansclub.org/sunshinebasketraffle. Individual tickets can also be purchased from any DWC member. Online sales will close at 3 p.m. on April 30, with the winner announced at 7 p.m. that day!

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Dudley selectmen support de-icer proposal

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – On March 22, the Dudley Board of Selectmen continued discussion concerning the possibility of changing Dudley’s strategy for treating roads during the winter season.

In February, Highway Superintendent Jeffrey Murray brought forth a proposal that would see Dudley invest in new equipment to transition to a liquid de-icer formula and reducing the use of sand and rock salt currently spread on the roads during winter storms. The change has been touted as not only more economically friendly, but more in line with environmental standards and expectations as well.

Murray returned to the board on March 22 to continue his presentation covering much of the same ground as the previous meeting. He reiterated that the cost would be lower and that most towns have begun to move away from a dependence on salt and sand in recent years.

“Traditional rock salt would be about \$28,000 per season assuming (twenty weather events). The combination of a salt brine and rock salt, pretreatment with the brine and then post treatment with the traditional rock salt, (would cost \$19,007),” Murray said. “Comparatively it’s about \$9,000 in savings comparing apples to apples and assuming the same efficiency.”

Murray used the twenty-event sample and the estimated 83-miles of roadway in Dudley throughout his presentation. He explained that two applications, one pre-treatment and a post-treatment, with treated salt would cost about \$43,500 per season. The liquid deicer on the other hand with a post-treatment with prewetted rock salt would cost around \$26,726 per season. Murray stressed that Storm Water Management Programs

from the EPA and DEP are also encouraging moves to these road treatment practices and a shift away from salt and sand mixes. He also answered concerns about spring cleanup.

“There are definite advantages as far as cleanup costs. What that number actually is, it’s kind of a moving target but certainly there would be somewhat less. If we’re putting down 1,500 tons of material on the roadways this season we have to assume that we’re going out and then recovering nearly that amount between basin cleaning and street sweeping. We hope that we can get as close to that as possible when we’re going out and performing those duties. We also have to report that for the storm water management program. It just puts us further in jeopardy of not being in compliance with those regulations by using a sand salt mix. Very few communities, if any, are still using that type of thing,” Murray said.

Murray also answered a question received by a citizen during the livestreamed meeting concerning if there would be any potential for added deterioration of the roadways by using the liquid deicer. He stated that this process uses less material and less salt and thus is considered more environmentally friendly and potentially less damaging to the roadway.

Several selectmen showed concern about making a rushed transition to the new system. Murray said that was an option being considered however he stressed that the town would need to purchase a pail of spreaders for the material. If the town only purchased one it could possibly be more expensive to purchase a second one if the pilot program proved effective. Among the other concerns posed by selectmen were Selectman Jason Johnson’s hesitation toward embracing what would be an 11-year payback plan and Selectman

Kerry Cyganiewicz’s feeling hesitant to move away from salt and sand completely considering himself “old fashioned”. Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda provided his input when asked about his opinions on the matter.

“I would hate to have to publicly hang my hat on something that’s going to cost money and maybe not work, but on the other hand I would hate to go out and not get enough equipment that can’t be returned and then try to get more of it the following year,” said Ruda. “I have a little bit of faith that the equipment is time tested and used on a very widespread basis and it doesn’t require Dudley to test it. It depends on what your measurement would be. It’s not like we’re inventing equipment. It’s out there and it works, and it works well. The complaints we usually get are the surrounding towns look way better than Dudley and it’s because they’re using this equipment.” Ruda also noted that the voters will likely have the last say on the proposal and its funding.

Selectman Steve Sullivan, who was one of the proponents of piloting the program before making a full shift to the deicer, said he felt that Murray had done his due diligence and that the board should respect that.

“We asked the superintendent to put it together and work with the administrator and his recommendation is going to be to try to get all of the equipment up front. I think that’s what we empower these gentlemen to do so I think we should attempt to follow their lead and figure out how we’re going to fund it,” said Sullivan.

Selectmen took a vote of support for the project “in concept” with selectmen Sullivan, Cyganiewicz, and John Marsi voting in favor of the motion and Selectman Johnson voting against it. Selectman Paul Joseph was not in attendance for the meeting.



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Health Foundation names Webster resident as Treasurer



Randall Becker

WORCESTER — The Board of The Health Foundation of Central Massachusetts recently elected these Directors to one-year terms as Officers.

The Board elected Timothy M. Bibaud, JD, as Chairman of the Board. The Board also elected these Officers and members of the Executive Committee: Randall V. Becker, CPA, MBA, as Treasurer; Barent W. Walsh, PhD, as Secretary; Gisela Velez, MD, MPH, as Assistant Secretary; Dennis M. Dimitri, MD; and Francis M. Saba, MHSA, as Immediate Past Chairman.

Others who continue to serve on the Board of Directors are: Alberto J. F. Cardelle, PhD, MPH; Alex Corrales, C-PHM; Sejal M. Daga, MD; J. Michael Grenon, CIMA; Christie L. Hager, JD, MPH; Carolyn S. Langer, MD, JD, MPH; and Carole M. Steen, MSA.

The Foundation was established in 1999 with the proceeds from the sale of Central Massachusetts Health Care,

Inc., a physician-initiated, not-for-profit HMO. The Foundation currently has assets of around \$90 million and has awarded grants totaling almost \$48 million to improve the health of those who live or work in Central Massachusetts. For further information about the Foundation’s grant programs, please visit The Health Foundation’s Web site at www.hfcm.org or call (508) 438-0009.

WEBSTER POLICE LOG

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of March 21-27.

Shawn M. Rock, age 45, of Webster was arrested on March 21 for Possession of a Class B Drug, Failure to Stop for Police, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended Registration, and Speeding at a rate Greater Than was Reasonable and Proper.

David E. Mott, age 37, of Webster was arrested on March 21 for Assault & Battery on a person age 60 or older and/or disabled, Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon against a person over the age of 60, and two counts of Vandalization of Property.

Jennifer Wood, age 19, of Webster was arrested on March 21 for Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle and a Motor Vehicle Lights Violation. Eloy Christopher Rosario, age 25, of Webster was arrested during the same incident in connection with a warrant.

Esther B. Aldarawcheh, age 46, of Putnam, Conn. was arrested on March 22 for Possession of a Class B Drug.

Jefferson Joseph Mitchell, age 38, of Worcester was arrested on March 23 in connection with a warrant.

Ruben Virust-Stevens, age 30, of Dudley was arrested on March 24 in connection with a warrant.

Micah John Belle, age 40, of Webster was arrested on March 26 in connection with multiple warrants.

William James Ivett, age 36, of Webster was arrested on March 26 for Assault & Battery.

Sheila M. Parslow, age 40, of Webster was arrested on March 27 for Receiving Stolen Property valued at more than \$1,200, Use of a Motor Vehicle Without Authority, and in connection with a warrant.



Office Assistant Position

Solair Recreation League in Woodstock CT has one or two hourly positions for an office assistant. This position involves greeting guests, accepting payments, scheduling reservations, working with our office manager to help with paperwork, mailings, etc. The successful candidate should be able to work with limited supervision, have a working knowledge of personal computers (Windows 10, familiar with MS Word), and good customer service skills. We will work with the successful candidate on a fixed schedule which will include weekends. Up to 38 hours per week are available. Training will be provided for our scheduling and reservations software. Weekend hours are required.

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Saturday, April 24, 2021, 10 AM

(Preview at 9 AM) Please note that the auction is being held at:
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48 Smithfield Road, Spencer MA 01562

We will be selling tractors, farm/landscape equipment, and all types of Agriculture-related items, as well as any tools and construction-related items that are consigned at public auction. If you are seriously in the market for items of this type, or you have something you want to sell and are motivated to do so, this will be an excellent opportunity!

Consignment Contacts:
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Donald Raucher: donraucher@comcast.net – 413-537-3177
Please contact us as early as possible with larger items to get maximum exposure.

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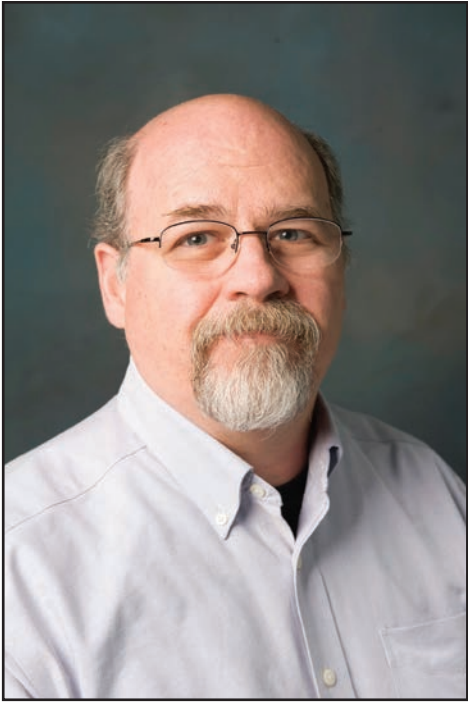
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Oxford’s Robert Kersting to retire from Westfield State



Robert Kersting

WESTFIELD — Westfield State University’s Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert Kersting, Ph.D., of Oxford, has announced his retirement, effective

June 30. Dr. Kersting has served in his current interim post since July 2020. In addition to a year of service at the cabinet level representing the Division of Academic Affairs, Bob also served as a long-time professor in Westfield State University’s Department of Social Work and as founding director of the University’s Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) and Master of Social Work (MSW) programs.

“Dr. Kersting’s longstanding impact and commitment to the University has made an immeasurable mark on the success of our current and former students, as well as the social services profession in Massachusetts and throughout New England,” said Westfield State University Interim President Roy H. Saigo, Ph.D.

According to Dr. Saigo, Dr. Kersting’s work as chief academic officer over the last year in planning for the University’s upcoming New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE) accreditation, as well as ongoing enhancements to the University’s student engagement, achievement, and retention measures have been appreciated.

“Professor Kersting’s ingenuity nearly 25 years ago inspired Westfield State’s current highly-enrolled social work undergraduate and graduate degree programs,” said Saigo, who explained that today, about 40 and 100 students graduate annually from its BSW and MSW programs, respectively.

In 1996, social work was a concentration in the social sciences major and was housed in the Department of Sociology and Social Science. The academic major became its own department in the early 2000s.

Throughout his tenure, Kersting also provided valuable contributions to critical committees during his nearly 25 years at Westfield State. These include the Academic Policy Committee, Graduate Education Council, Science Center Building Steering Committee, Special Committee on University Planning, Campus Technology Committee, Institutional Diversity Advisory Committee, and the 2016-17 Provost Search Committee, among others.

Prior to Westfield State, he taught at Bridgewater State College, Eastern

Connecticut State University, and Rutgers University’s Graduate School of Social Work. Beyond his teaching experience, Kersting was a practicing social worker for 15 years.

Kersting’s national professional affiliations include service on the Council for Social Work Education’s (CSWE) Commission on Education Policy and the National Association of Social Work Massachusetts Chapter Board of Directors. He also serves as an accreditation site visitor for CSWE. His current areas of interest include social work practice with individuals and families, critical thinking, gerontology, and HIV/AIDS.

Kersting holds a Ph.D. in social work from Rutgers University in New Jersey, a Master of Social Work from Fordham University in New York, and a Bachelor of Arts in psychology, sociology, and social work from Hope College in Michigan. He resides with his family in Oxford, Mass.

Information will be forthcoming from the University regarding its plans for his successor for the provost and vice president for academic affairs role.

Sacarrappa bids opened

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD – The long-awaited Sacarrappa Road bridge project took a key step forward last week, as DPW Director Jared Duval opened 10 bids for the work.

They came from firms all over the map of Massachusett and Rhode Island, and ranged from

\$926,752 to \$1,495,025. The “apparent low bidder” was Kenefick Corp. of Quincy, although a contract offer will still depend on reference checks, among other things. The advertisement stated, “The Town of Oxford reserves the right to waive any informality, to accept or reject, in whole or in part any or all bids received, and to award the contract to any of the contractors bidding on the work or take whatever other action may be deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.”

According to state law, valid bids could only come from firms either on the state’s “prequalified” list in the relevant construction area (bridges and culverts, in this case) or its “waiver” list. Kenefick is on the latter. Two bidders were not on either list, so they were rejected.

According to the state’s Corporations Database, Kenefick was registered in September 2008 and lists just one person as holding all relevant corporate offices – Barry McCabe. Its Articles of Incorporation say only that it engages in “heavy highway construction” with no details. Its most recent annual report, for 2018 filed in May 2019, phrases that as “heavy civil.” They had not filed reports for 2019 or 2020 as of last weekend.

A Web search found news reports from the Quincy Patriot Ledger stating that Kenefick completed a Swansea dam repair project in 2016 “on time and under budget.” A 2018 story in the Athol Daily News covered the fact the Attorney General ruled against Kenefick’s protest challenging the rejection of its low bid for another dam project over a discrepancy in its numbers.

That’s essentially what the Sacarrappa project is – a dam that wants to be a bridge, or vice versa.

“The work includes but is not limited to: removal of the existing field stone structure, circa 1800, and replacement with a precast concrete box culvert,” the project page on the DPW’s website states. “Construction of cast-in-place concrete retaining walls with masonry

formliner, full-depth reconstruction of Sacarrappa Road in the vicinity of the bridge crossing (approx. 400 feet), and installation of new guiderail and bridge rail.” Beyond that, it states the goals as “Restore timely, convenient access to Sutton Ave by way of a soundly engineered, durable & long-lasting structure that suits all purposes given the uniqueness of the project site – i.e. dam, bridge, & culvert.”

The project is estimated to take this summer to complete, and was initially estimated at \$950,000. The town set aside \$800,000 for the work a couple years ago, but has been dealing with repeated delays in state permitting from the departments of Environmental Protection and Dam Safety.

The bridge has been closed for years due to damage from flooding, turning the street into two long dead ends. About three years ago, that closure complicated emergency response to a nearby fire in which a woman died.

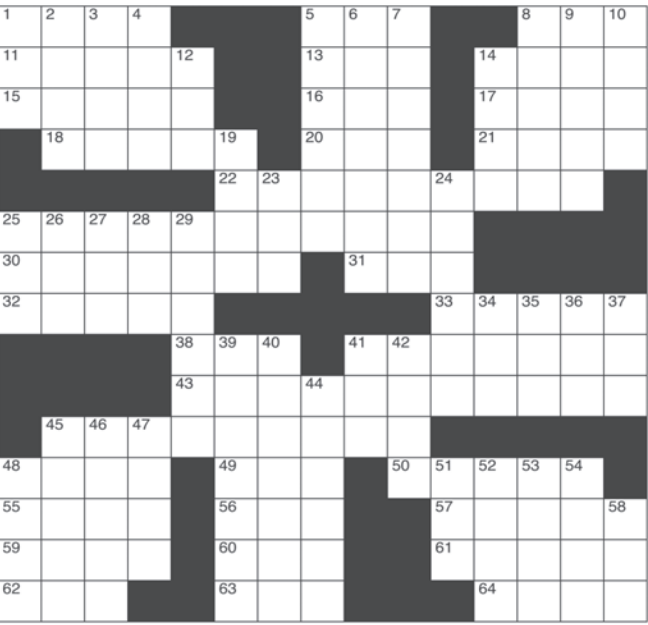
“We’ve gone through many design iterations,” previous DPW Director Sean Divoll told the selectmen in August 2019, noting it “has been quite the challenge to get it to work within the budget considerations we have.”

Specifically, he said then, the town tried to work out a way to both replace the bridge and straighten out the hairpin curve leading into it from one side, but that “became fairly clear to us it’ll cost more money.” That means the straightening idea was shelved for potential future use, while the project to rebuild the bridge as close to its historical appearance will go forward.

Divoll said the underlying problem came from the fact the sluiceway going through the bridge was designed decades ago to be intentionally small so it could power a mill that once sat on the site. It served that purpose well, but during heavy rain, it’s too narrow to handle the flow and water tends to spill over the bridge itself, eroding the structure.

The new sluiceway, he added, “looks a lot like the structure there now, but it increases the safety by quite a factor.”

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Now and __
5. Israeli city __ Aviv
8. Indicates near
11. Minneapolis suburb
13. Large Australian flightless bird
14. Fine-grained earth
15. Plant genus that includes water caltrop
16. Peacock network
17. TV writer Dunham
18. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
20. They __
21. Muslim ruler title
22. Position given in respect of
25. Explaining further
30. Measuring instrument
31. Romanian monetary unit
32. Council of __, 1545-1563
33. Savory jelly made with meat stock
38. Journalist Tarbell
41. Most suspenseful
43. Festivity
45. Animal embryos
48. Fertility god
49. Medical patients’ choice (abbr.)
50. Type of sword
55. Competition
56. Bird of the cuckoo family
57. Afflicted in mind or body
59. Engineering organization
60. Beverage receptacle
61. Spiritual leader
62. Doctor of Education
63. Where golfers begin
64. Impudence

CLUES DOWN

1. Vietnamese offensive
2. Fast mammal
3. Oh goodness!
4. The back of one’s neck
5. One who lives in another’s property
6. Involve deeply
7. Alfalfa
8. Tropical tree resin
9. Sudden fear
10. Jewish religious month
12. Veterans battleground
14. Musical symbol
19. German river
23. Paddle
24. Lizard
25. Shock treatment
26. The common gibbon
27. Brew
28. Usually has a lid
29. Lenses in optical instruments
34. Time zone in Samoa (abbr.)
35. Wrinkled dog: Shar __
36. Denotes equal
37. TV network for children
39. Take the value away from
40. Female graduates
41. Don’t know when yet
42. “__ tú”: Spanish song
44. “Seinfeld” character
45. Bleated
46. Entwined
47. Away from wind
48. Soft creamy white cheese
51. Swiss river
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53. Actor Idris
54. They resist authority (slang)
58. Speak ill of



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Dudley Little League preps for new season

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – While fans won’t be able to participate in a yearly pastime for the second year in a row, it appears local children will at least get to take part in the great American pastime for 2021.

The Dudley Little League is on track to bring baseball back to the region with registration concluding at the end of March for a season that is slated to begin this spring a year after the previous season was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, while Dudley’s aspiring baseball stars

will be able to take the field this year the complimenting parade event has sadly been canceled.

Dudley Little League President Dan Colella made the unfortunate announcement during a meeting with the Board of Selectmen on March 22, where he expressed high hopes that by 2022

the tradition of marching down the streets of Dudley towards a new season will return.

“I’ve had a lengthy discussion with our safety officer and some other members of the Dudley Little League Board. We’ve determined that parade day is probably too big to do this year given the logistics that we’ve gotten from the Board of Health and some of the requirements that we’d have to follow,” Colella said adding that the Shepherd Hill

Marching Band would also not be able to attend due to COVID concerns. “I think we’re going to focus our efforts more on putting a safe and solid season in the books and maybe revisit parade day for our fall 2021 season and perhaps our spring 2022 season instead.”

While selectmen were disappointed in the news everyone understood that circumstances are still not conducive to large public events like a parade. That didn’t stop several

selectmen, including John Marsi, from expressing reassurance that the parade will return in the near future.

“It’s one of my favorite days of the year. I’m sad to hear that. I always look forward to supporting the kids,” Marsi said.

Information concerning the upcoming Dudley Little League season can be found by visiting dudleylittleleague.com or the league page on Facebook and Twitter.

Katherine Gatto of Webster inducted into International Psychology Honor Society

WORCESTER — Assumption’s Department of Psychology has announced that Katherine Gatto, of Webster, has become a member of Psi Chi, the International Honor Society in Psychology. Gatto, Class of 2022, was inducted into the honor society during the 2020-21 academic year.

“Assumption students inducted into the Psi Chi honor society are chosen for their outstanding academic achievements and a commitment to further exploring and contributing to the field of psychology,” said Assistant Professor of Psychology Karen Lionello-DeNolf, Ph.D., who along with Assistant Professor of Psychology Leamarie Gordon, Ph.D., serve as advisors of the honor society. “We are honored to induct some of Assumption’s top psychology majors and minors, including Katherine, who has demonstrated a dedication to the core values of the University in pursuit of a life of meaning.”

Psi Chi was founded with the purpose of encouraging, stimulating, and maintaining excellence in scholarship, and advancing the science of psychology. Membership is open to graduate and undergraduates, of sophomore, junior, or senior academic standing, who major or minor in psychology. Inductees must have completed nine semester hours of psychology courses, rank in the top 35 percent of their class, and have a minimum grade point average of 3.25. Members of Psi Chi have the opportunity to submit scholarly articles to the Psi Chi Journal of Psychological Research, apply for research grants, and attend and present at regional and national conferences.

For more information on Assumption, visit www.assumption.edu.

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Webster Water Department
to Sample for PFAS

The Webster Water Department will be sampling the drinking water for a family of chemicals called per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) that have been detected in some public water supplies in Massachusetts and across the nation. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection developed a new drinking water standard for six PFAS compounds and is requiring all public water suppliers in the state to test for PFAS. PFAS are a family of chemicals used for nonstick, stain-resistant and water-proof coatings, are in numerous consumer products, industrial uses, and firefighting foams. Manufacturing of certain PFAS was discontinued in the U.S. decades ago, but they may still be used in imported products. PFAS are resilient and do not degrade easily. As a result, as these products are disposed of the PFAS compounds leach into the environment and potentially find their way to food and drinking water sources. Scientists are still learning about the health effects of exposures to mixtures of PFAS. Research is still being conducted to assess the potential effects on the development of fetuses and infants, the thyroid, the liver, kidneys, hormone levels and the immune system, as well as whether a cancer risk exists for people exposed to levels well above the drinking water standard. The Water Department has created a webpage with PFAS information that can be found on the bottom of the Town’s website.
www.webster-ma.gov

Friday’s Child



Aylin
Age 12

Legally freed for adoption, Aylin is very much looking forward to becoming part of a loving family. Her social worker feels that she will do best in a family with two mothers, a mother and a father, or a single mother. Aylin will do well as an only child or with siblings that are older than her. She should be the youngest in the home, if possible. A family for Aylin must support her relationship with her younger sister, as well as help her visit with her biological mother twice a year, as specified in an Open Adoption Agreement.

Hi! My name is Aylin
and I like to joke around!

Aylin is a girl of Hispanic descent with a great sense of humor who loves to draw. Those who meet Aylin immediately note her big smile, and it is clear that she takes pride in her appearance. Aylin enjoys working on craft projects, playing outside, riding her bike, and watching television. Aylin likes school and forms friendships well with additional support. She currently receives extra supports in class for social and emotional needs.

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

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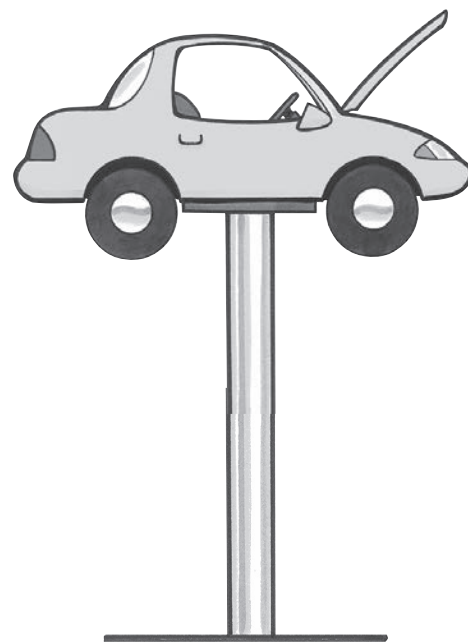
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EDITORIAL

Springtime legends

The first day of spring just passed us by on March 20. Now that we are over the hump and into the rainy, sunny, snowy, muddy bit we thought we would share some fun myths surrounding this blooming time of year.

The first story begins with Persephone and Demeter. Persephone was the goddess of spring and holds the most well known story of the season to date. Persephone is the daughter of Demeter, the goddess of agriculture and Zeus, the king of the gods. Persephone married Hades who kept her hidden against her will. Demeter set off to find her daughter and for every minute she was lost, not a crop would grow. Zeus then ordered his daughter to remain in the underworld for half of the year because she ate all of the fruit (pomegranate seeds), the other half of the year she spent with her mother. The idea is that every time Persephone goes into the underworld, winter arrives and the crops die, when she is with her mother, crops bloom.

According to Cherokee legend, the reason trees lose their leaves in the fall is because of the communication between animals and humans. Apparently, animals were able to communicate with humans and the world was utopian. Every year the birds would fly south for the winter. During one particular year, a sparrow who was injured was not able to fly south, he sent his flock ahead without him so the would not freeze, meanwhile he sought shelter. The bird flew to an old Oak tree and was told that he could not seek shelter in its branches, the same thing happened with every tree the bird visited until he was finally granted permission to stay in a pine tree. The pine tree, not popular with the others because of its hard, sharp leaves welcomed the little bird. The sparrow was forever grateful.

The sparrow survived the winter and welcomed his family home during the warmer months. Because the other trees, turned on the Sparrow during a most vulnerable time, the creator cursed their leaves to die during the winter except for the pine tree.

The Shinto Sun Goddess and Bringer of Light, Amaterasu, according to legend, is in control of the sun's movement to insure rice and other crops will grow. This goddess is well known for her ability to spin satin. Her fame caused her brother Susanoo, the god of storms, to become extremely jealous. The angry deity destroyed his sister's weaving loom and wrecked her rice fields. The rampage caused one of Amaterasu's closest friends to parish, as a result she locked herself inside a mountain resulting in the disappearance of light. Because of this, crops would not grow. Uzme, the goddess of laughter traveled to the mountain where Amaterasu was hiding. She placed a shiny necklace on a tree, then began to dance causing the other gods to laugh. When Amaterasu heard the laughter she peeked out of her cave and slowly began to walk towards the necklace. At this, Uzme had the cave blocked and light was restored to the world.

Some actual facts concerning the spring season are as follows; in 1582, if Pope Gregory XIII would not have established the Gregorian calendar, then every 128 years, the vernal equinox would have come a full calendar day earlier, which would put Easter in the middle of winter.

The famous myth about being able to balance an egg on its end on the spring equinox is not true. Attempting to balance an egg on its end is no easier on the spring equinox than on any other day.

During the springtime, birds are louder as they sing to attract mates and to warn enemies to steer clear.

The term "spring fever" refers to the psychological and physiological symptoms that go along with the arrival of spring, which include, daydreaming and restlessness. Over the years, scientists surmise the cause in the hormone shift could be due to the increase in sunlight and increased physical activity.


VIEWPOINT

The good news of Christ's resurrection

In my first year as a missionary priest in Albania in the early 1990s, my wife and I spent our first Holy Week and Easter in several villages that hadn't celebrated Easter for 26 years. In fact, all these churches had either been closed or destroyed and people had been persecuted for expressing their faith in any way. What an unforgettable Holy Week we experienced, traveling from village to village, offering liturgical services, sharing and preaching out the Good News of Jesus Christ, while encountering the remains of militant atheism.

On Easter night, we held services in one of the few large, surviving churches. This church was packed with several hundred people at midnight, many coming into a church out of curiosity for the first time in a generation. Some casually entered the church, lighting their cigarettes from the candles while smoking in the church. Other carelessly chatted and talked as if they were in a bazaar, oblivious of all that was going on around them. Most had little to no understanding of what was going on in the church service. Yet, we realized this was the beginning of trying to start a mission, to introduce to a religiously ignorant population the Good News about Jesus Christ and His miraculous resurrection.

During this week, one of my students shared with me a conversation between his parents, when they watched on television the film "Jesus of Nazareth," which depicts the life of Jesus. My student has a father from a traditional Orthodox Christian background and a mother from a Muslim family. The Muslim mother was



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extremely touched by the life of Christ, especially when Jesus resurrected from the death, and asked her son, "Is that really true? Did Jesus actually rise from the dead?" But before my student could give an answer, his atheistic father sarcastically laughed, "That's all a fairy tale, a myth. Simply a story for children to believe. Who has ever heard of someone rising from the dead? Ridiculous!"

That same week on Easter Sunday, I had a very similar situation, when I went to someone's house who had just died, to offer the Prayers for the dead. I decided to share a few words about the hope we have in Christ's Resurrection, especially since it was Easter Day. As I proclaimed "Christ is Risen!" the 60 year old son of the dead person scoffed at my words and sarcastically replied, "Don't tell us such fairy tales. We know these stories are the opium of the people, as Karl Marx stated."

I simply responded, "You may believe whatever you want, and someone resurrecting from the dead absolutely appears ridiculous, yet for us Orthodox Christians, here lies the foundation of our faith. God became a human being in the person of Jesus Christ, willingly accepted and experienced death, and then conquered death itself through His own death! Christ rose from the dead to show death cannot contain Him! And anyone who chooses to follow Jesus Christ and His way of life, chooses to participate in this victory

over death! Thus, we Christians can live life in a manner where we no longer fear death. Because Christ is Risen, we live every day with a joyous, spirit filled with hope and light!"

Yet, I realized that here lies the fundamental question for each person who celebrate Christ's Resurrection and the great Feast of Holy Pascha. Do we choose to believe and truly participate in the joy, power and ultimate restoration of Christ's Resurrection, or will we ignore this life-changing reality as simply some myth or fairy tale??? Does the Resurrection of Christ affect our worldview of life and how we live life? Will the forgiveness and mercy, will the love and hope, the victory that radiates from the Risen Lord Jesus be the spirit which we carry throughout our lives? The choice is ours! And the choice we make determines how we relate with everything else in our lives!

I realized quickly that this Good News of Christ's Resurrection is the center of what I tried to proclaim as a missionary in foreign lands but also what I try to offer as an Orthodox priest in 21st century America. Christianity and the Church have offered much good to the world, from schools to hospitals to social care and movements that have changed society and positively touched the lives of millions of people throughout history. Yet, the greatest gift, above all other contributions of the Church is that of Jesus Christ and the Good News of hope He gives in the face of evil, darkness and death itself.

The resurrection is
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Matt Greenberg also deserves our gratitude

To the Editor:
It was reassuring to read in your March 26 edition that school lunches will continue to be available free to all students through the remainder of the school year. Mr. Richard Mathieu, Dudley-Charlton Regional School District Director of Finance and Operations, and his entire department are to be commended for keeping this program ongoing.

However, with any successful program comes the commitment and hard work of many others. The article

failed to mention the work done by Matt Greenberg, the Director of Food Services for the Dudley-Charlton School District and his staff of dedicated cafeteria workers. The planning of the meals, making sure each fulfills the nutritional requirements by the state, the cooking, packaging and distribution on a daily basis should not go unrecognized.

Every parent and student that receives a daily meal owes Matt and his people a debt of gratitude.

BOB PARMENTER
DUDLEY

Need Not Apply

To the Editor:

When my Irish ancestors arrived on these shores, they were greeted by help wanted signs with the bottom line "No Irish Need Apply." Earlier this month, Sen. Tammy Duckworth (D-Illinois) and her colleague Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-Hawaii), created their own 21st century version of the old help wanted sign.

Enlightened "woke" Sen. Duckworth, a member of the highest legislative branch of the federal government, let it be known that she "... will vote for racial minorities..." She went on to say that she will vote for LGBTQ candi-

dates, but not anyone else. In other words, Sen. Tammy Duckworth, joined by Sen. Mazie Hirono, has vowed to vote no on any "non-diversity nominees" until Asian Americans are named to high-level positions in the Biden administration.

If you happen to be a straight, white male, you need not apply. Wait a second — isn't President Biden white, straight and male? And if you happen to be Irish, and this sounds like deja vu, that's just too bad.

These two "critical race theory" demagogues require only one qualification of those seeking employment with the

Take care when transporting outdoor equipment



CHIEF'S CORNER
STEVE WOJNAR

The return of some warmer weather (finally), combined with the ease on many COVID-19 restrictions, means people will once again be traveling for vacations and recreation. Some who wish to transport bicycles, grills, or other equipment outside their vehicles often use a rack or stand attached to the

rear bumper. It is important to understand the rules surrounding the use of these devices.

Often bicycle racks or stands mounted on a trailer hitch, are positioned over or around the rear number plate. Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 90 Section 6 is the law which outlines the display of number plates. It states in part, "number plates shall be kept clean with the numbers legible and shall not be obscured in any manner by the installation of any device obscuring said numbers, and during the period when the vehicle or trailer is required to display lights the rear register number shall be illuminated so as to be plainly visible at a distance of sixty feet." This law requires all number plates to be visible. It particularly prohibits the installation of any device which can obscure the numbers. Any bicycle rack or other type of carrier must be positioned in such a way to not interfere with the display of the license plate. It is also important to remember this law applies to both the front and rear plates of the vehicle. A violation of this section can result in a \$35 civil infraction.

This law ensures vehicles traveling on the roads can be properly identified. It is important to keep the plate clearly visible when installing any device. If the use of a storage rack on the rear of the vehicle blocks the number plate, you should seek an alternative. Roof devices maybe an option. In addition, some of these rear mounting racks may have a license plate holder or a type of extension to allow you to re-locate your license plate temporarily. These alternatives can allow you to transport larger items and keep you in compliance with the law.

As the pandemic continues, we ask everyone to stay safe and continue to take the necessary precautions to protect yourselves. For those eligible, vaccination information can find it at www.dudleyma.gov or by calling 508-949-8036. We continue to serve the people of Dudley and work with the community to improve the quality of life for everyone. I thank the men and women from my department for their continued dedicated service to the Town during these trying times. Thanks also go out to the many Police Officers, Fire and Emergency Services members, public works, health care, government officials, and all other "essential" personnel for their continued hard work and service. Hopefully, the end of this pandemic is in sight. We 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.

To the Editor:
As I read Gus Steeves' report on the new Oxford budget, I came to the realization that being totally out of touch with the people you serve is not exclusive to Washington, D.C.

I would like to ask Town Manager Callahan which way she drives into town — does she not see the small businesses who have been decimated over

the past year? Not to mention the ones that had to close.

I find it troubling that her budget proposal seeks to expand government through newly created positions, increasing spending across the board. Nowhere did I see any budget reductions, or attempts to save our taxpayer money.

You would have had to have slept

through the hardships COVID imposed on the citizens of Oxford, financial and otherwise, or perhaps, as I wonder, be so out of touch as to ask the people of Oxford to pay more this coming year. We deserve better.

MATT JODOIN
OXFORD


Will investors change behavior after the pandemic?

The COVID-19 pandemic may end up changing our lives in some significant ways. To cite one example, it's likely we'll see a lot more people continue to work remotely, now that they've seen the effectiveness of tools such as videoconferencing. Education, too, may be forever changed in some ways. Perhaps just as important, though, is how many people may now think more about the future – including how they invest.

If you work with a financial professional, you may have connected with this individual over the past several months through a videoconferencing platform, rather than in person. Some people like this arrangement because it offers more scheduling

flexibility and eliminates the time and effort of traveling to and from an appointment. Others, however, still prefer face-to-face contact and look forward to when such arrangements will again be practical and safe for everyone involved. But if you're in the first group – that is, you prefer videoconferencing – you may now wish to use this communication method in the future, at least some of the time.

But beyond the physical aspects of your investing experience, you may now be looking at some changes in your investment strategy brought on, or at least suggested, by your reactions to the pandemic.



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For example, many people – especially, but not exclusively, those whose employment was affected by the pandemic – found that they were coming up short in the area of liquidity. They didn't have enough easily accessible savings to provide them with the cash they needed to meet their expenses until their employment situations stabilized. Consequently, some individuals were forced to dip into their long-term investments,

such as their 401(k)s and IRAs. Generally speaking, this type of move is not ideal – these accounts are designed for retirement, so, the more you tap into them early, the less you'll have available when you do retire. Furthermore, your withdrawals will likely be taxable, and, depending on your age, may also be subject to penalties.

If you were affected by this liquidity crunch, you can take steps now to avoid its recurrence. Your best move may be to build an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the funds held in a separate, highly accessible account of cash or cash equivalents. Of course, given your

regular expenses, it may take some time to build such an amount, but if you can commit yourself to putting away a certain amount of money each month, you will make progress. Even having a few hundred dollars in an emergency fund can help create more financial stability.

Apart from this new appreciation for short-term liquidity, though, the foundation for your overall financial future should remain essentially the same. In addition to building your emergency fund, you should still contribute what you can afford to your IRA, 401(k) and other retirement plans. If you have children you want to send to college, you might still explore college-funding vehicles such as a 529


plan. Higher education will still be expensive, even with an expansion in online learning programs.

Post-pandemic life may contain some differences, along with many similarities to life before. But it will always be a smart move to create a long-term financial strategy tailored to your individual needs, goals and risk tolerance.

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Stocking the waters

Stocking trucks from Massachusetts Fish & Wildlife are busy stocking trout in many ponds and streams throughout the state. Wallum Lake in Douglas was included in the latest stocking of trout, but Rhode Island will not be stocking trout at the pristine lake until a later date, because of Covid pandemic. The state of Rhode Island's normal opening day of the second Saturday in April has been moved ahead to April 7, throughout the state. The reason being that they are hoping to keep large crowds from gathering at trout stocking sites. It is obvious that Massachusetts



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and Rhode Island do not work together when it comes to managing the lake! One stocks the lake with trout, and the other does not!

Wallum Lake has had very low angler turnout over the past 10 years or so. Back in the day, I would agree with their thinking, as hundreds of anglers gathered to the site for opening day of trout fishing. In my 80-plus years of fishing, I never have seen Wallum Lake not open on the second Saturday of April and feel, as many anglers do, that Rhode Island is a bit foolish in their change of opening day of trout fishing at Wallum, and all of Rhode Island trout stocked waters, because of Covid. Fishing is the safest sport when it comes to social distancing, and anglers fishing from boats are even safer. At a time when Rhode Island and Massachusetts are relaxing some of their restrictions on bars, restaurants and fitness centers, restrictions on fishermen enjoying a day on the water with friends and family seem a bit harsh. It is totally unnecessary. Remember that the daily creel limit for trout at Wallum is five fish.

The pandemic has taken a toll on a lot of activities for outdoorsmen and women this year, and people are becoming sick and tired of wearing masks. As the Secretary of the 200 sportsmen's club stated in his latest report to the club "I cannot tell if they are sticking their tongue out at me!"


Wild turkey hunting will open in Mass. on April 26 in zones 1-13, and from the looks of things, the birds are not in short supply. This past weekend, I was driving in Bellingham and had to stop for more than 20 turkeys to cross. They marched by in single file taking their sweet time. A couple of irate, impatient drivers started to blow their horn, but I held my ground. I was afraid that one of them would try to pass and wipe out a few, but they waited till they all crossed. The Massachusetts youth turkey hunt will be held April 24. If you know a youngster that would like to hunt a wild turkey, make his or her day and take them out. The experience of watching a youngster 12-17 years of age harvest their first turkey, will be a rewarding experience for both of you. They are our future hunters. Be sure to read all regulations prior to hunting. More on turkey hunting next week.

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun club had more than 60 shooters at the 3-D archery shoot last weekend. Although the weatherman predicted rain for the event, the morning remained dry and

allowed the archers to enjoy a great day on the archery course. A full breakfast was enjoyed by most in attendance. Numerous youngsters were also in attendance and enjoyed shooting on the course. The club is also holding an Easter egg hunt this Saturday for members and their families. A free breakfast will be served for all youngsters in attendance. Please call the club and register if you are planning to attend. The club members fishing derby is April 10, and the kid's derby is May 8.

Local sportsmen are anxiously awaiting the results of their input into the license and permit increases that were proposed recently for 2022 by MFW. Many were hoping for some bargaining room on the increases, and also make crossbows legal to anyone that wants to hunt with one, as well as making Sunday hunting on private property for bow hunters legal. Many neighboring states already have a crossbow regulation that allows any legally licensed hunter to use one, and Sunday hunting on private property for bow hunters needs to become law. Fishing license sales have soared by 10 percent in most states in 2021.

This past week, I received the book "A Dog Called Perth" in the mail from an anonymous reader or acquaintance. I am not a big book reader, but I had to read it because it was about a beagle that was purchased by a well-to-do couple, that should never have purchased it. As most of my readers know, I inherited a 13-inch beagle from my wife when



A spotted salamander that was picked up by a reader in a road and released into nearby cover.

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central to everything we believe! It is the essential claim that differentiates Jesus from all other leaders of world religions. Jesus Christ rose from the dead – unlike Moses, Buddha, Muhammed, or any other leader of a world religion - and through this resurrection, Christ destroyed the power of death for us all!

Think for a moment. Death is the greatest fear for countless people. We live in a world that tries to flat-out deny death, or at best tries to ignore it as if death is a horrible ending to life. We Christians, however, see death from a different perspective than the rest of the world. We live in the hope of the resurrection!

Saint Paul bluntly states, "I consider that the sufferings of this present time (including death) are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us! ... Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye. For the trumpet will sound and the dead will be raised imperishable. For this perishable body must put on immortality. Remember, death has been swallowed up in victory! O Death, where is your victory? O Death, where is your sting?"

Christ is Risen! And death is defeated! Christ is Risen! And fear is vanquished!

Christ is Risen! And suffering will not remain forever!

Christ is Risen! And the doors of paradise are opened for all who believe!

Christ is Risen! And Satan and all forces of evil will not prevail!

Back in the 2nd century, a Roman historian, Aristides, wrote to one of his friends about this new religion, Christianity, and specifically about their strange attitude toward death. He marveled, "If any righteous person among the Christians dies, they rejoice and offer thanks to God, and they escort the body with songs and thanksgiving as if the dead person was setting out from this place to a better place."

The early Christians understood the resurrection and therefore rejoiced and gave thanks in the face of death. Saint John Chrysostom compared the non-Christian view of death with the Christian perspective by saying, "When a loved one dies, the unbeliever sees a dead body, but the Christian sees a body asleep. The unbeliever says the body has gone. We Christians agree, but we remember where he has gone - to the same place that Saints Peter and Paul and all the saints abide. We remember that he will rise, not with tears of dismay, but with splendor and glory in paradise!"

Thus, on this glorious feast of Easter, let us not listen to the voices of society that try to ridicule and reject the resurrection as some myth. Instead, let us rejoice in hope! Christ is Risen and He offers new life to all the world! We no longer fear anything, even death itself! Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!



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This week's picture shows Rene Boucher with a five-pound rainbow trout taken at the Auburn Sportsmen's club recently. Nice fish

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Jack Kramarz, 76



DUDLEY – Jack Kramarz, 76, passed peacefully on March 22nd in Webster, MA. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn (Braczyk) Kramarz; his daughters, Theresa A. Leford (Laurence) of Hiddenite, NC and Patricia Laros (Jeff Keefe) of Oakdale, CT; his sons, Ross D. Becker and Craig V. Becker (Laura) both of Madison, CT; 5 grandchildren, Tabitha Dabkowski, Kristina Jandreau, Shaun Lareau, and Cameron and Nathan Becker; 2 great-granddaughters, Vivienne Dabkowski and Amelyia Lareau; many family and friends.

Jack was born in Woonsocket, RI and raised in Whitinsville, MA. He has been a resident of Dudley, MA for 40 years. He graduated from Northbridge High School in 1962, Worcester State University in 1966, and earned graduate degrees from Framingham State and Anna Maria College. He taught

math and science at Northborough Middle School, retiring after 36 years. He loved music, especially Polkas, and even led his own orchestra where he played lead alto saxophone. He served his community donating his time to the Dudley Charlton Regional School Committee and The Dudley Zoning Board. He and his wife Marilyn traveled extensively, and Jack loved spending his winters in North Port, Florida.

A memorial Mass will be held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 in Saint Anthony of Padua Church, 24 Dudley Hill Road. Burial is private. The family will receive relatives and friends from 9:30 AM until the time of Mass in the church. Donations can be made in Jack’s name to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s Research. www.michaeljfox.org. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster. www.websterfunerals.com

Aurore D. “Ora” Ozaniak



WEBSTER - Aurore D. “Ora” (Tetreault) Ozaniak of Webster, MA was born September 21, 1938 during the historic hurricane of that year. She lost her long battle with Alzheimer’s on March 25, 2021.

She is finally at peace and resting in the comfort of her Heavenly Father. She lived life always with a smile and enjoyed the love of family and friends. She leaves her two daughters, Joanne Haggerty and her husband Kevin of Putnam, CT, and Janice Jankowski and her husband John “Yanek” of Dudley; her grandchildren whom she loved dearly and were very precious to her, Anne-Marie Barnett and her husband Brian of Dudley, John Jankowski of Dudley, and Alex Haggerty of Putnam, CT (she was a very proud grandmother and mimi); her brother, Theodore “Ted” Tetreault and his wife Mary of Southbridge, MA, her sister, Jeannette Shippee of Killingly, CT, her brothers-in-law Adam Ozaniak of Webster and Richard Roy and his wife Ruth of Woodstock, CT, her sisters-in-law Karen Duquette of Putnam, Evelyn Preston of Putnam and Jeanette Girard of Putnam; and many nieces and nephews. She was pre-deceased by her mother, Dorothy (Benoit) Tetreault and her father, Theodore Tetreault. She was married to Francis Roy of Grosvenordale, CT for 20 years until his death in 1980. She was then married to Stephen P. Ozaniak for 32 years until his passing in 2016.

Mrs. Ozaniak worked for many years at Bentley Shoe in Dudley, MA and then was a receptionist at Commerce Insurance Company in Webster until she retired. Ora gave countless hours serving others in need and was always in church giving thanks for all her blessings and praying for others. If you were a family member or friend, you can rest assured that you had many prayers said for you. She loved family gatherings and getting together with friends. She always loved angels and now has eternal rest with them. We have no doubt that she will be watching over all the family and friends that she held so close to her heart. The family would like to extend their sincere thanks to “Laura’s Guardian Angels”, especially Michele Nelson, Gina Allain, and Ashley Decker, who took special care of her so she could enjoy her final years at home. She loved them dearly. The gentle compassion of the caregivers of Care Central VNA and Hospice in the last 6 weeks is also greatly appreciated. Her funeral was held Tuesday, March 30th, from Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main Street, with a Mass at 10:00 AM in Saint Anthony of Padua Church, 24 Dudley Hill Road, Dudley. Burial was in Saint Anthony Cemetery, Webster. Visiting hours were held Monday, March 29th, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM in the funeral home. Current health guidelines will be in place and all are required to wear a mask. Donations in her name may be made to the Webster-Dudley Food Share, Inc., 4 Church St., Webster, MA 01570. <http://www.scanlonfs.com>

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“You ain’t nuthin but a hot dog?” Those are fighting words in ChiTown!

For the love of the dog ...

My parents were both small town kids. My mom from Sand Springs, Oklahoma and dad from Sesser, Illinois. Their move to the far south suburbs of Chicago in 1953 to find work must have been a culture shock of great magnitude.

So, I was born and raised within the gravitational pull of the Windy City on beautiful Lake Michigan. To my brother, sisters, and I, our many trips into what was at the time, the second largest city in America, seeing the Chicago skyline as it appeared and grew on the horizon was like driving to the magical city of Oz. Breathtaking.

I’ve written of my love of Chicago pizza and the Chicago Cubs. Somehow, I’ve skipped over my passion for the best hot dogs in the universe ... Vienna

Beef, served Chicago Style.

I can hear the collective gasps of my friends and neighbors on the East coast. “Vienna what?” They’ll ask, then claim, “Nathan’s is the best dog around.” And rest assured, I love Nathan’s. But there is just something special ... familiar ... a Chicago Style Vienna Beef dog is my comfort food.

What is “Chicago Style” and where did it begin?

The Vienna Beef website offers this historical beginning ...

“The Chicago Style hot dog got its start from street cart hot dog vendors during the hard times of the Great Depression. Money was scarce, but business was booming for these entrepreneurs who offered a delicious hot meal on a



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bun for only a nickel. The famous Chicago Style Hot Dog was born!”

The style itself is extremely specific and no deviation is allowed. Make a small addition, omission, or change of any kind and you have committed sacrilege. It’s Chicago way or the high-way. I’ll try to describe it for you without drooling all over my keyboard.

This delicacy begins with a Vienna all beef hot dog mounted upon a poppy seed bun. Then add bright yellow mustard (yes, the color and shade do matter). Chopped onions, Vienna brand bright green relish (same color as the Chicago River on St. Patrick’s Day), two

Italian pickled sport peppers (hot Serrano), two wedges (not chopped) of tomato, a long slice or wedge (no fancy wavy or crinkle cut) of kosher/deli dill pickle, topped off by celery salt sprinkled the length of the bun. The most important admonishment is no ketchup! You can have ketchup with your fries, but you are required to keep it at least twelve inches from the sacred dog. There’s no room for deviation here.

I see dogs as I travel claiming to be Chicago, but the slightest modification disqualifies it’s claim. I was in St. Louis and a dog stand advertised Chicago Style but made two critical errors. Chopped tomato and jalapeño slices instead of sport peppers. The dog was destroyed ... dead to me. I mean really ... is it the Mona Lisa with a different smile? Is it the Magnificent Mile without

Big John standing at the end? Some things in life require a purity about them ... a tradition ... knowing my dad was the first in our family to taste one and I was next. I introduced the exact same dog to my Iowa wife (she’s still struggling with the idea of eating a hot dog at all). I introduced them to my kids and now to Caleb and Noah. I find satisfaction in the fact every dog, regardless of generation had the same aroma, look, texture and taste. I find joy and comfort in the consistent continuation of this Chicago tradition. It’s food, it’s a delicacy, it’s tradition and it’s artful beauty on a bun.

There are some things in life so perfect they should never change. To do so could roll our very planet off its access and destroy life on earth as we know it. If you’ve tasted the delicacy that is Chicago Style, no expla-

nation is needed. If not, no explanation is possible. For those in this group, you have the recipe. Give it a try. Your taste buds will be forever changed. The integrity of the construction of a Chicago Style Hot Dog is one of the few food items with this power.

As for me, I’ll take two dogs, “Chicago Style!”

(I awoke this morning after a dream of being outside of Wrigley waiting to get in with Caleb and Noah. We were all eating Chicago Style Hot Dogs. I got out of bed and what popped out of my head? A Chicago Style column!)

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.

Care for spring flowering bulbs

Bright yellow daffodils, colorful tulips and fragrant hyacinths brighten our spring gardens. Give them the care they need to extend their spring display and keep them coming back for years.

Hybrid tulips and hyacinths are short-lived stars of the spring garden. They bloom profusely the first spring, but the number of flowers decline each year. You may want to treat these like annuals, carefully removing them from the garden to avoid damaging any remaining plants. Toss these in the compost pile and start planning for their replacements. It is a great opportunity to try something new and freshen the look of your spring garden. If you are looking for a permanent replacement, consider using species tulips that are less floriferous but return each year.

Add a few years to the life of hybrid tulips and daffodils and get the most from all your long-lived spring flowering bulbs with proper care. Water spring gardens thoroughly whenever the top few inches of soil are crumbly and just slightly moist. Spring rains often take care of this task, but when they don’t it is easy to forget to provide spring gardens with the water they need. Providing the right amount of water when needed will keep your bulbs looking their best.

Bulbs often receive sufficient nutrients at the time of planting or when the other plants in the garden are fertil-



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ized. Apply fertilizer to established bulb plantings, if needed, as the leaves begin to emerge from the soil. Use a low nitrogen, slow-release fertilizer to encourage slow steady growth. Follow the label directions so you apply the recommended amount for the area you are fertilizing.

Remove spent flowers on tulips and hyacinths you plan to keep so the energy is directed back into the bulbs instead of setting seeds. Do the same if you want to improve the appearance of daffodils. Leave allium seed heads in place to extend their beautiful contribution to the garden. Remove these before they drop their seeds if you want to limit the number of seedlings sprouting in next year’s garden. The same is true for grape hyacinths and squills. The only reason to remove their faded flowers is to slow down the spread.

Leave the leaves on your bulbs until they naturally yellow and dry. The leaves produce energy needed for beautiful blooms next spring. The longer you leave the leaves intact, the more energy and better bloom for next season.

Hide the declining bulb leaves by planting annuals between the bulbs. Or add perennial flowers that return each year for a more permanent solution. As the bulbs decline, the perennials will grow and mask the declining foliage. Try mixing spring flowering



Melinda Myers
Providing proper care to tulips and other spring flowering bulbs will extend your enjoyment and keep them coming back for years.

perennials for double the impact or combine with summer and fall bloomers to extend the floral show.

Take some pictures of your spring bulb display and make notes of the areas where you want to add some color. Then order early for the best selection and to make sure you are ready for bulb planting season next fall.

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

QCC student named New Century Workforce Pathway Scholar

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College student Vincent Strzelecki, of North Oxford, has been named a 2021 New Century Workforce Pathway Scholar and will receive a \$1,250 scholarship.

Only one New Century Workforce Pathway Scholar was selected from each state. Over 2,000 students were nominated from more than 1,200 college campuses across the country. Students were evaluated on academic achievement, leadership, service, and significant endeavors. Mr. Strzelecki received the highest score in Massachusetts.

“I’m proud to congratulate Vincent for this great accomplishment. He is an example of the many QCC students who enter the workforce with the high-caliber skill sets they need to be successful,” said QCC President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D.

“Computer scientists like Vincent are helping to transform our world, which is especially evident today, as the pandemic has shown just how much we rely on technology to live our day-to-day lives.”

This national scholarship is the first of its kind to support students at associate degree-granting institutions who plan to enter the workforce after completion of a degree or certificate. The program is sponsored by The Coca-Cola Foundation and the Phi Theta Kappa Honor (PTK) Society.

Mr. Strzelecki is a member of QCC’s PTK Alpha Theta Zeta Chapter, and is currently completing his Computer Science-Transfer Associate Degree. His goal after graduating is to become a video game software engineer for a well-known video game developer.

“I want to create a future where anyone can play video games, beyond

any barriers of wealth, mental capacity, and coordination,” he said.

“We congratulate Vincent for receiving this prestigious scholarship, and we are honored to partner with The Coca-Cola Foundation to recognize his outstanding achievements,” said PTK’s President and CEO Dr. Lynn Tincher-Ladner. “Scholarship programs like this are integral for creating opportunities for students to succeed as they prepare to enter the workforce and for putting college completion within reach.”

The New Century Workforce Pathway Scholars will be recognized in the fall.

For more information about QCC, contact Josh Martin, Director of Institutional Communications at 508-854-7513 or jmartin@qcc.mass.edu.

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to prepare the pad site for this and go with them in a joint venture.”

A draft host agreement was proposed in line with the agreement reached with DMA in 2020 including a 3-percent-per-year contribution of gross sales but a smaller share

able contribution of \$10,000-per-year on top of the 3 percent. The area on Fish Road is fully zoned for the operation and wouldn’t require action at a town meeting. Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda said he would be working with the town planner to draft a host agreement for a future meeting.

In order to continue

its outreach to the public concerning its operations DMA Holdings has scheduled an outreach meeting concerning the Fish Road proposal to be held at 6 p.m. at 35-37 Chase Ave. on Wednesday, April 7. This meeting will allow the public to ask questions and air any concerns about the operation in a socially distanced gathering.

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school administration and teaching staff were determined to find a way to incorporate the guest readers back into their lessons.

Fortunately, due to a successful GivingTuesday fundraising event, the school recently purchased ten new 65-inch Promethean interactive displays and installed one in each classroom. The new technology was the perfect solution for inviting guests back into the classrooms! At first glance,

the Promethean displays look like large screen televisions. However, they give the teachers the capability of doing much more than showing videos. During lessons, teachers can interact with shared screens increasing student collaboration and participation. Also, the Promethean displays allow for easy access to Google Classroom – which is utilized at St. Joseph School to help students and teachers organize their work and improve communication. So, as most businesses have done during the COVID-19 crisis, the school also turned to a

video conferencing service – Google Meets – to finalize their plans. Then, many parents and grandparents were able to surprise their students with guest appearances to encourage a love of reading! Some guests dressed in costumes while reading Dr. Seuss’s books, while others shared stories about famous landmarks or favorite artists. All the guests greeted the students with big smiles and great stories. It was undoubtedly a unique and fun way to have families be involved in the classrooms once again!



LEGALS

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Webster School Committee has proposed an operating budget for FY2022. A Public Hearing will be held remotely on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 6:30 pm via Zoom. The link can be found at the districts Website (www.webster-schools.org) 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Copies of the budget and supporting documentation can be found immediately on the Webster Public Schools website at www.webster-schools.org: Office of Business and Finance. Hard copies may also be obtained at the Webster Public School Administration Offices, 77 Poland Street, Webster, MA 01570.

March 26, 2021
April 2, 2021

Town Meeting

Warrant Article # 12 of the Special Town Meeting held on October 19, 2020 has received approval from the Attorney General’s Office on February 25, 2021. The entire text of this by-law is posted in the following five places in accordance with G.L.c. 40 § 32: Dudley Municipal Complex, Pearle Crawford Memorial Library, Mason Road School, Dudley District Court House and Shepherd Hill High School.

Attest: Lori A. Smith, Dudley Town Clerk
March 26, 2021
April 2, 2021

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**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
21 SM 000291
ORDER OF NOTICE**

TO:
Charles D. Corkran; Linda J. Corkran
And to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (*et seq*):
LoanCare, LLC
claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Dudley, numbered 3 George Street f/k/a 6 George Street, given by Charles D. Corkran and Linda J. Corkran to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for 1-800-East-West Mortgage Company, dated November 30, 2007, and recorded at Worcester County

(Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 42154, Page 145, and now held by the plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant’s/ Defendants’ Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **April 26, 2021** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the grounds of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on **March 15, 2021**.

Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
April 2, 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. WO21C0091CA
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
In the matter of:
Marissa Ann Gemma**

A **Petition to Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **Marissa Ann Gemma of Dudley MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Marissa Ann Lindgren**

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 04/20/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 17, 2021
Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
April 2, 2021

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to Mass General Laws Chapter 105A, the contents of the following space: D77 (Laura McNeeley) located at 144 Schofield Avenue, Dudley, MA will be sold to satisfy the owners lien of Storage Plus. Sale date is Wednesday, April 14, 2021 @ 3:30pm. Inspection between 3:00 and 3:30pm on April 14, 2021. All goods must be purchased by cash as is, and must be removed within 48 hours of sale. Owner has the right to bid to protect his lien and to withdraw any unit upon settlement by the obligated party up for sale. For further information or to make an appointment, call (508)949-8818 or (413)245-4388. Thank you,
Liz Pettit
Owner
April 2, 2021
April 9, 2021

Public Hearing

A Public Hearing will be held by the Dudley Conservation Commission at the Municipal Complex, 71 West Main St., at 6:00 p.m. on April 21, 2021, to consider a Notice of Intent for Verde Organica LLC for the property located at 35-37 Chase Ave. for parking area improvements. This is a Public Hearing under the requirements of G.L. CH. 131 §40, as amended. Plans are available at the Dudley Conservation office on Mondays and Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. For more information, call 508-949-8011.
April 2, 2021

Public Meeting

A public meeting will be held by the Dudley Conservation Commission at the Municipal Complex, 71 West Main St., at 6:15 p.m. on April 21, 2021, to consider a Request for Determination of Applicability for DJT Properties LLC for the property located at 40 Fish Rd. for the status of two agricultural ponds. This is a Public Meeting under the requirements of G.L. CH. 131 §40, as amended. Plans are available at the Dudley Conservation office on Mondays and Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. For more information, call 508-949-8011.
April 2, 2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
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**Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO21P0922EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Gary A Greene
Date of Death: 02/20/2021**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Michael A Greene of 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 **Michael A Greene of Oxford MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/20/2021.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 19, 2021
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
April 2, 2021

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ON DEPOSIT

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Webster Lake - 100 Lakeside Ave



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Lake Shirley - 647 Reservoir Rd



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8 tips for dyeing Easter eggs



Coloring eggs is a beloved Easter tradition. Eggs long have been symbols of fertility and rebirth, making them fitting icons for spring. One story links eggs to Easter as well. According to some religious schol-

ars, Mary Magdalene, the woman who was the first person to see Jesus Christ after His resurrection, was holding a plain egg in her hand while waiting for the emperor to share the good news. The emperor then told

her that Jesus' resurrection was as improbable as that egg suddenly blushing. The egg then turned red. Dyeing eggs is an entertaining activity, but one that also may have some religious signifi-

cance. Many families will color eggs this Easter, and these guidelines can make the process go smoothly. • Wait until just before coloring to hard-boil eggs. Good Housekeeping recommends boiling

eggs for 11 minutes for a hard boil. Do not chill the eggs afterward; warm eggs absorb color more effectively for more vivid results. • Egg dye can stain furniture, clothing or tablecloths. Therefore, dress in clothing that you're not worried about staining. Also, cover work surfaces with an old tablecloth and newspapers to soak up any spills. • Make a drying rack to ensure that eggs will dry evenly. This can be a rimmed cookie sheet lined with layers of paper towels to absorb any excess dye that runs off the eggs. Or push pins into thick foam board and place the eggs on top to allow air to circulate. • Consider using glass bowls or ceramic mugs to house the colored dye solutions. These vessels are more sturdy than plastic cups, and less likely to be overturned by eager young hands. • Scissor-style tongs are ideal tools for retrieving eggs from the dye. Eggs tend to slide off the spoons or wire rings provided in kits, leading to splashing and kids dunk-

ing their fingers in to grab eggs. • Stir dyeing cups often to guarantee consistent color. • Use electrical tape to make patterns on Easter eggs. Dip the eggs and let dry. Afterwards, remove the tape to reveal the designs. • If food coloring-based dyes seem too messy, use watercolor paint sets and allow everyone to get creative. While some people may want to use Easter eggs for recipes later on, it may be safer to boil up a fresh batch of eggs for that purpose, even if it seems wasteful. According to Emily Rubin, RD, LDN of the Thomas Jefferson University Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, "hard-boiled eggs should be refrigerated within two hours of cooking and discarded if left out for more than two hours at room temperature." Chances are it may take two hours or more for children to find hard-boiled eggs hidden by the Easter bunny.

Make your own chocolate Easter bunnies

The Easter bunny is a tradition that has been passed down for centuries. Symbolizing fertility and wealth, the Easter bunny became a holiday standard in Germany during the 16th century. The custom of chocolate eggs came along centuries after the Easter bunny, originating in the 19th century in France and Germany. As Easter celebrations evolved, chocolate eggs were not the only delicacy; chocolate Easter bunnies also were shared and enjoyed. While there are scores of mass-produced chocolate bunnies available for purchase, and many local chocolatiers also make Easter bunnies and other sweet treats, families may want to try making their own chocolate Easter bunnies this year. This can be a family-friendly activity that

favors togetherness with the promise of a sweet reward. 1. The first step to creating chocolate Easter bunnies is to select the type of chocolate you prefer. Bunnies can be made from white chocolate, milk chocolate, dark chocolate, or even a combination for a marbled effect. Chocolate melts, chips or chocolate couverture are widely available at specialty chocolate and food shops or craft supply stores, according to DoItYourself.com. This simplifies the bunny-making process. Some retailers also may sell bunny-making kits that pair the chocolate melts with the mold in one box for ultimate convenience. 2. Craft stores also have aisles devoted to culinary crafts. Browse to find an Easter bunny mold. Some may sell solid chocolate

bunnies or hollow varieties. Choose molds in the desired size, as bunny molds may be large or small. 3. Follow directions to melt chocolate successfully. Some chocolates can be slowly melted in the microwave. A double-boiler method, in which the chocolate is melted in a bowl placed above a pan with boiling water, can help the chocolate melt consistently and prevent it from burning. 4. Pour the chocolate into the mold and gently tap the mold so that it displaces air bubbles and helps the chocolate settle evenly into the design. Allow the chocolate to set up in the refrigerator. If your mold is hollow, you can seal the two halves of the bunny with a little melted chocolate on the seam.



Creativity can be unleashed when making homemade chocolate bunnies. Experiment with adding a few drops of peppermint oil or orange liqueur to customize the flavor. Before

sealing hollow bunnies, place peanut butter or raspberry jam inside for a tasty surprise. Use colored candy melts to add colorful eyes or cheeks or to tint the inside of the bunny ears.

For an even more festive effect, seal a lollipop stick in a chocolate bunny and use it to secure the Easter bunny to the top of a cake.

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with the two churches in mid October of 2020. With COVID-19, Church of the Reconciliation has not been able to be open for in person services, but has been having zoom services. Zion Lutheran has been open for in person services, but only a small number of parishioners are allowed in the building per state regulations, so Zion has also been having zoom services. In an attempt to be “church

better together,” the two churches have decided to celebrate Easter together. The Easter service will be held at Zion Lutheran. A small number of people will be allowed to be inside the church while the rest of those attending will be in the parking lot.

In addition to having mass together, the two churches have also chosen the Mampong Babies Home in Ghana as their

joint Almsgiving for the Lenten season. The Mampong Babies Home is an orphanage that provides care and nutrition to newborn babies and children until they are about four years old. It costs approximately \$1500 per year to raise one baby from birth to age four. The home takes in babies whose mothers died at childbirth or shortly afterwards or who were born to men-

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Mampong Babies Home has really inspired the parishioners at Church of the Reconciliation and Zion Lutheran to help. If anyone is interested in donating to the Babies Home, a check can be mailed to Church of the Reconciliation, 21 North Main St., Webster, MA 01570. Be sure to write “babies home” on the memo line.

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This Praying Indian Town and 11 others were established by Reverend John Eliot, a Roxbury minister bent on Christianizing the Indians in what would one day be called Massachusetts. Major Daniel Gookin, Eliot's loyal associate, aided in the missionary work with the Indians. The praying town was located on what would be known as The Great Trail.

The Great Trail of the Indians extended from what is now Boston to Hartford on the Connecticut River. Three places, notable in Indian Life, were controls for the trail that would become the Connecticut Path. There were salt-water inlets and beaches of the Boston Bay, the central fresh-water lake at Webster known as Chaubunagungamaug, and the falls and long rapids on the Connecticut River at Windsor.

The northern Narrows was part of the Indian Trail. There, a short and easy ford way and low lying peninsula (Killdeer) facilitated the crossing to or from the Douglas Forest. Years later the paths of the pioneers crossed at that Narrows before roads were laid out around the lake.

Known today as Lake Chargoggagoggmanchaugogoggchaubunagunagamaug, it was a Lake of the Great Spirit in Indian mythology. A neutral gathering place (not belonging to any one tribe), and the abode of the Great Spirit as well as the souls of the deceased, the lake was a hunting, fishing and nutting preserve (as was the nearby Douglas Woods).

So sacred was the lake, no wigwams were built by any tribe along its shores. An exception occurred in 1672 with the establishment at the head of the lake (the northern end) of Chabanakongkomum (spellings vary), an Indian-praying town.

There is an ancient plan in the Massachusetts Archives which clearly indicates the site of the praying Indian town at the northern end of the lake, marked "old forte." The Leaven's report (Vol. 3) states that the town was at the top of the hill called Yellow Barn Hill. The fort was at the "left" of the yellow barn & pound which were once on the hill's top (in the 19th century). It appears this was the land where Eliot had established his praying town of Chaubunagungamaug.

An old fort is shown in the middle of the plans. These forts were built by the praying indians who still enjoyed the indulgence of the white settlers. The only evidence of the old fort was a flattened hill above what was Cranston Print Works. However, the hill seems to have been excavated to make way for I-395.

For perhaps 100 years (or more) the general area spreading over to the shores of Webster Lake at Beacon Park (and now Memorial Beach) had been called "Eliot's Shore." Many have assumed it was named for Reverend John Eliot.

The above map shows the Old Fort north of the lake in the Mine Brook area. It also identifies Eliot's Praying Place at an area on the Lake that is now Beacon Park-Memorial Beach.

The Webster Historical Commission is in the process of restoring the sign back to its original condition. The Commission will also be looking to relocate the sign in the coming months. With a suitable site approved by the State the tercentenary sign may finally be located in an area that can be accessible for all to see and visit in an appropriate setting. The preferred site appears to be the Memorial Beach area, which is currently being given a beautiful face lift under the direction of Carole Marchand, Recreation Director.

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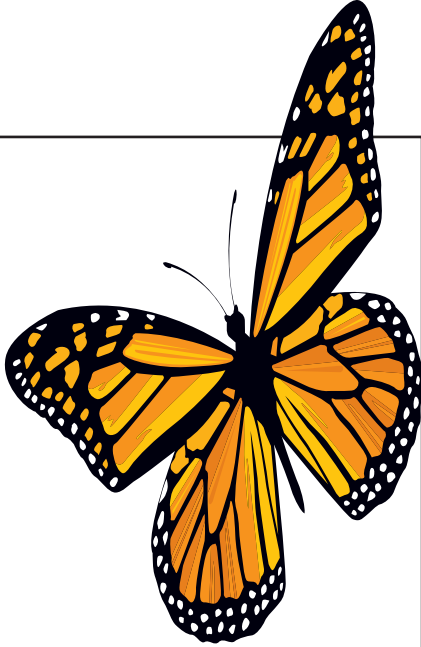
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