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Bartlett students celebrate delayed graduation



Gus Steeves

Anna Asamoah collects her diploma, flanked by Principal Fran Thomas and Superintendent Ruthann Goguen.



Two new grads are caught in the middle of flipping their

BY GUS STEEVES

WEBSTER - A month after classes ended, Bartlett seniors got the chance to formally graduate last Saturday in a hot, sunny, well-spaced ceremony on the football

"This may not be the senior year we imag-

ined, but it's worth celebrating," noted School Committee Chair Kelly Seddiki.

Among other things, she pointed out this class has never seen peace and graduates in the middle of "a world health crisis," but observed, "Along the way, you showed great determination "



Some of the National Honor Society members who stood to be recognized early in the ceremony.

"Like soil, those challenges piled up on you and they could have buried you ... [but] today you have sprouted," she

Superintendent Ruthann Goguen agreed, saying the class "had to become activists,' and were therefore "in an incredibly powerful

position" to make future change.

"As a school community, we are counting on each of you to speak up," she added later. "... I believe you have the answers to things that adults do not."

Valedictorian

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State accounting glitch leaves Webster short \$1 million

BY GUS STEEVES

WEBSTER - In the routine process of closing out fiscal 2020's books, Webster found it was missing \$1 million.

That money hadn't gone anywhere. It simply never arrived.

At the most recent selectmen's meeting last week, Town Administrator Dog Willardson announced it, saying, "Hopefully, it's just a glitch on the state's

side. I have not heard of any other communities having state aid withheld in fiscal '20."

Last Friday, he emailed to say the Department of Revenue had confirmed his hunch, describing the problem as "an accounting glitch" and they'd be sending the money "ASAP."

Going into fiscal 2021, which began July 1, Willardson said the state has already agreed to give Webster the same amount of state aid it

gave for fiscal 2020. He described that as "a fairly positive sign, and helps [the town accountant]

and I sleep a little better.' Despite that, the state still has not approved a budget, although it did grant Webster \$25,000 to "develop parklets" – convert areas the size or a couple parking spaces into green space. The town is seeking a similar grant to build a pavilion for outdoor dining,

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Dudley health officials COVID diligence urge

BY JASON BLEAU CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY - While the town of Dudley has slowly begun to embrace some semblance of normalcy with the reopening of the town's beach, playground and, to a limited extent, town hall, the Board of Health is urging citizens to stay vigilant and to continue to use precautions to help curb the spread of

COVID-19. During a brief meeting on July 16, the first

in-person meeting of the members since the pandemic began, Health Agent Thomas Purcell said that while certain luxuries are returning, he does not believe Dudley is entering a new normal just yet. He also said that his office has been hard at work keeping businesses and citizens informed and updated on the reopening process and health regulations passed down from the state and federal gov-

ernment. "I like to believe we're

getting back to normalcy, but there's no such thing. We're doing a lot of complaint chasing. We have a few things that we have to do. The rules have changed. They've softened up a little bit on the supermarkets. They've taken the customer counting off the table now although the face mask policy (is still in place). They'd really like to turn the screws down a little bit and encourage even

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Nichols cancels fall athletics



CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY - With the COVID-19 pandemic continuing to impact the United States into the late summer with no signs of slowing down for the fall, Nichols College has made the decision to postpone all fall sports programs in accordance with the Commonwealth Coast Conference's own decision which was announced on July 17.

In a statement, Nichols College Director

Athletics Eric Gobiel said the decision came after careful consideration among college administrators and the Board of Directors of the conference who agreed that the unknowns posed by the ongoing national health crisis have made for unsafe conditions for athletes in the upcoming school year. "It is with great disap-

pointment that I must

announce that our fall

athletic programs (men's

and women's cross coun-

try, field hockey, football,

men's golf, men's and women's soccer, men's and women's tennis, and women's volleyball) must postpone intercollegiate competition for the 2020 season due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is our hope to be able to resume these seasons during the spring semester of 2021 but first need improved public health conditions and NCAA approval, which has yet to be determined," Gobiel said in his release.

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Dudley interested in Complete Street funding

CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY - The town of Dudley is showing interest in taking advantage of a grant opportunity to earn Complete Streets Funding from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

In late-summer 2019, Dudley Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda attended a training by the Mass DOT that he said was the first step in the requirements for the town to be eligible for grant funding through the Complete Streets program. According to the MASS DOT Web site, a "complete street" is one that provides safe and accessible options for all modes of travel including walking, biking and vehicles considers people of all

ages and abilities. Ruda said for Dudley this would include improvements that would make the town more accessible to pedestrians

"For Dudley, this means the construction and design funding to add sidewalks to improve the safety and visibility at intersections such as the one at Dippin' Donuts," Ruda said. "It means connecting Nichols College and Shepherd Hill with sidewalks and bike lanes, maybe all the way down to the center of town. It includes better traffic flow patterns around Stephens Mill, and it provides us with an overall transportation infrastructure plan into the future."

Ruda and Acting Town Planner William Scanlan have taken part in conference calls with the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission as well who have offered no-cost assistance to the town to position Dudley to receive the funding. Ruda said the next step is to send a letter of intent to the Mass DOT for the town to adopt a Complete Street Policy. Ruda made is clear to selectmen during s meeting on July 13 that the letter is simple one of intent, not the actual policy which would later be brought before the board and citizens for further approval. If the policy is then approved, the town would undergo site visits, surveys and public meetings to apply for the grant. Ruda said he feels confident Dudley can receive the funding and, based on the success of surrounding communities, says the town is overdue to apply for the grant.

"We're surrounded by towns that have successfully adopted this program and taken advantage of the funding. We just stand out like a bullseye as the only town that has never taken advantage of Complete Streets Grant funding. I think we need to go down this road and at least see what the potential is," said Ruda.

Selectmen didn't vote on sending a letter of intent choosing instead to request a copy of the letter for review at a future meeting. However, the board appeared open to the idea of utilizing the funding should Dudley be lucky enough to earn the grant. Board Chairman Kerry Cyganiewicz supported the idea of connecting Shepherd Hill and Nichols College.

"I cannot stress how many

people have asked me could we get sidewalks going from Shepherd Hill up to Nichols because of how many students run for track and cross country. That intersection there really isn't the best intersection, but where is the money going to come from? I think this is a really good idea," said Cyganiewicz.

Selectman John Marsi asked if the grant would come with any "strings attached" to which Ruda replied once a plan is adopted the town can't bring in the rest of the streets. They town must move forward with whatever plan they present. He called these guidelines "common sense." Selectmen are expected to further discuss the letter of intent before the end of the month.





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Durant provides budget update BY JASON BLEAU and Senate will break on July 31 at slam dunk for money to

BY JASON BLEAU CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – Selectmen in Dudley hosted a brief update from State Rep. Peter Durant on Monday July 13 continuing the lawmaker's annual tradition of updating the towns in the 6th Worcester District on the goings on of the House of Representatives on Beacon Hill.

Durant's 2020 update to the board featured insight into the status of the state's 2021 budget and how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted business on a state level. Speaking about funding, Rep. Durant said that it's still a waiting game to see what towns will receive in the new budget which has been on hold due to the unknowns associated with the ongoing health crisis and the federal government.

"Everybody is waiting for the 2021year budget from the state. We in the legislature are waiting for that as well. One of the things that's happening right now unfortunately, of course you're all aware that we're, depending on who you ask, between \$6 billion and \$8 billion in the hole right now on our budget. Since we only have about \$3 billion in our rainy-day fund that leaves us with an enormous gap even if we were to drain that fund, which we're probably not going to do. At this point, we are basically waiting to see what the federal government does to see if they're going to provide states with relief," Durant

Lawmakers have very little time to figure out the financial situation, or any other standing business, as the House and Senate will break on July 31 at which time no action items requiring a role call vote can be taken up. Informal sessions concerning minor bills will be held until the new session but barring any emergencies legislators can't put any "substantive bills" forward during that time. Durant said he wanted to approach the Dudley Selectmen with honesty and indicated that he does not believe the new budget will be ready before the end of the month.

"We have not gotten any indication as to when the budget will be ready. I know that's putting an enormous strain on cities and towns all over the commonwealth, including those of mine in the 6th Worcester District and down here in Dudley. It's extremely difficult to make decisions when you don't know what's coming in from the state. I think it's prudent to expect at least a 20 percent cut. That's just me telling you that and I have no officially notification that will be the case," said Durant.

One big unknown for the budget is federal money. Rep. Durant said Ways and Means has been tight lipped about the budget until federal officials provide funding to the state.

"As you know, in Washington, they've been talking on it, but they haven't worked too fast on what they might push back down for the next stimulus package. Quite frankly there's a big push in congress to not give money to the states. Some of the theories say that if states were in that big of trouble and they couldn't plan then why do they have to rely on the federal government so there's a battle going on. It's not a

slam dunk for money to start flowing down," said Durant.

The Representative's update later moved to the expectations for the new school year. Rep. Duratn shared details he received from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education that schools could be looking at one of three possibilities for the fall, an online-only model, and fully in-school model or a hybrid model, as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to create struggles for school districts across the nation to balance learning with concern for student health.

In fact, the pandemic as a whole has created a stressful situation for all law-makers as Durant called it a primary concern for everyone in Boston.

"Many legislators were concerned that it would be very easy to just basically shut down and start this whole process all over again," said Durant. "There's a lot of talk about that and unfortunately, I'm sitting here, not being able to give you too many answers except to tell you that we're trying the best we can. We're trying to make sure that everybody's kept safe."

Rep. Durant and his colleagues are hoping that federal numbers are provided by the end of September, and he added that, since it's an election year, it's likely that Congress will want to act together to satisfy their constituents. For now, though, there are too many unknowns for lawmakers to provide simple answers and cities and towns will have to continue to wait for more information to determine the outlook for the next budget year.

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Local students named to UMass Amherst Dean's List

AMHERST — Below is a list of local students who were named to the dean's list at the University of Massachusetts Amherst for the spring 2020 semester.

In order to qualify, an undergraduate student must receive a 3.5 grade-point average or better on a four-point scale.

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Fawad Ghani
Kathryn Rose Horan
Althea Rae Houston
Liam Killian Loughlin
Melissa Rosado Miranda
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Anita Sokha Ren
Adam S Rivelli
Eric Anthony Stevens

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Megan Emma Candito
Tia Erlich
Avory L Gagnon
Shayna Lynne Kubilis
Benjamin James Lagasse
Jessica Marie Lorkiewicz
Lyndsay Michelle Makie
Julia Tailyn Podedworny
Owen Jonathan Simonis
Alexandra Victoria Sobczak
Lyndsey Marie Sweatland
Marco Hisham Zaky

Webster Adult Basic Education Linkages announces new class in response to COVID-19

WEBSTER — COVID-19 has wreaked havoc on households and individuals across the Commonwealth since March. As of April, the unemployment rates in Webster have soared to a whopping 19.3 percent, and that is only one percent less than what Southbridge is facing: 20.3 percent of the working population is currently unemployed. Both of these statistics surpassed the state average in April of

15.3 percent. Webster Adult Basic Education Linkages has since developed a class to help those individuals get back into the workforce.

Aside from the pandemic, employers nationwide have historically reported that approximately 40% of their workforce needs to strengthen their soft skills. This new class will focus on self-exploration, career readiness skills, preparing to enter the world of work, soft skills to get and keep a job, and job

search and retention. This class is specifically designed for those individuals seeking to re-enter the workforce, post pandemic, or those that are lacking work history. Upon completion of this class, students will improve their reading and writing skills, develop personal career plans, complete job search activities, and develop skills and understanding related to getting and keeping a job.

This class will be offered

at Bartlett High School on Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning September. Informational intake sessions for prospective students will be held on Aug. 6 at 5 p.m. and Aug. 11 at 5 p.m. at Bartlett High School, 52 Lake Parkway in Webster. Students only need to attend one intake session. For more information, please contact Webster Adult Basic Education Linkages at 508-949-8282 or websterabelinkages@webster-schools.org.

DUDLEY POLICE LOG

 \mbox{DUDLEY} — The Dudley Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of July 10-17.

A 38-year-old female from Naugatuck, Conn. was taken into protective custody

An adult female whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on July 13 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member, Breaking & Entering For Misdemeanor, and Disorderly Conduct.

Edward R. Beaudoin, age 45, of Dudley was arrested on July 15 in connection with multiple out of agency warrants.

WEBSTER POLICE LOG

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of July 5-11.

Angel Collazo, Jr., age 31, of South Boston was arrested on July 5 in connection with a warrant.

Natasha Moteiro, age 33, of Webster was arrested on July 8 on multiple counts of Assault & Battery and Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon.

Paulino Montero Crisostomo, age 21, of Worcester was arrested on July 8 in connection with a warrant.

Christopher T. Mullins, age 24, of Webster was arrested on July 9 for Trespassing.

Wayne S. Wilks, age 32, of Worcester was arrested on July 9 in connection with a warrant.

Justin Robert Boyle, age 23, of Spencer was arrested on July 10 for Unlicensed

Justin Robert Boyle, age 23, of Spencer was arrested on July 10 for Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Failure to Stop for Police, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, a Marked Lanes Violation, and Speeding at a Rate of Speed Greater Than was Reasonable and Proper.

Tony E. Viveiros, age 35, of Smithfield, R.I. was arrested on July 11 for Breaking & Entering during the Nighttime (a felony), Disorderly Conduct, Disturbing the Peace, Criminal Harassment, and two counts of Assault.

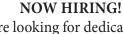


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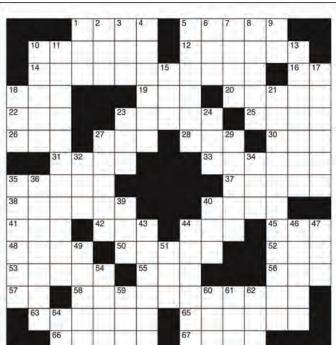


Dudley resident graduates from William James College

NEWTON — Allison Doherty of Dudley graduated with a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies in School Psychology from William James College.

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- 6. Index
- 7. Portuguese wine
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- 13. Able to be domesticated
- 17. Hosts film festival

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- 44. Peter's last name
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- 55. Run batted in

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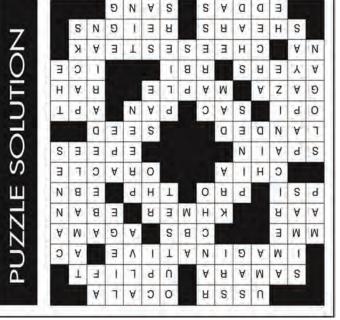
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 - political group 36. Tropical fruits
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 - 40. Car mechanics group
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 - 61. Cannister 62. Encourage
 - 64. The man



and the beginning of the next phase of your life," said William James College President Nicholas Covino in an email to the graduates. "Each of you is well-trained to bring relief and support to organizations and individuals who need your talents. We speak about the limited access to psychological services at all levels, your arrival on the scene changes that a bit.'

William James College has been celebrating graduates with virtual ceremonies this spring, and will hold a formal Commencement Ceremony on Sunday,

About William James College Founded in 1974, William James College is an independent, not-for-profit institution and a leader in educating the next generation of mental health professionals to support the growing and diverse needs of the mental health workforce. Integrating field work with academics, the College prepares students for careers as organizational leaders and behavioral health professionals who are committed to helping the underserved, multicultural populations, children and families, and veterans. William James College alumni can be found making an impact in a variety of settings, including schools, the courts, clinical care facilities, hospitals, the community and the workplace.

Frost announces funding for roads and bridges

BOSTON — Rep. Paul K. Frost (R-Auburn) is pleased to announce the Legislature has passed House Bill 4803, An Act financing improvements to municipal roads and bridges, for Fiscal Year 2021 in accordance with the Commonwealth's Chapter 90 program.

'Chapter 90" is a 100% reimbursable system providing funding assistance for cities and towns to carry out roadway construction, renovation, and improvement projects. It was established by the Legislature in 1973 and allocates according to a formula based on the weighted average of a community's population, employment, and total road miles. As passed in H.4803, the 7th Worcester District is set to receive the following funding:

\$611,723 for the Town of Auburn

\$624,115 for the Town of Charlton

\$424,242 for the Town of Millbury

\$510,422 for the Town of Oxford

Frost said, "This is critical state funding for our towns in this district and all communities across the Commonwealth to assist them with repairing and maintaining their local roads and bridges. Local roads are always a priority for residents and businesses within a community, and this state funding will bolster the resources municipalities are using to address them in the ever-challenging New England

The funding is part of a \$200 million statewide bond authorization that was unanimously approved by the House of Representatives on June 30. The Massachusetts Senate enacted H.4803 on July 2nd, and the bill is now on Governor Baker's desk to be signed into law.

Local students graduate from University of New Haven

WEST HAVEN, Conn. — Cory Goyette and Tora Wyman of Oxford and Ashley Sturgis of Webster received degrees from the University of New Haven in May.

Haven the University of New The University of New Haven is a private, co-educational university that was founded on the Yale campus in 1920.

Over the past 16 years, under the leadership of President

Steven H. Kaplan, the university has experienced significant growth — both in enrollment and in the expansion of the university's West Haven campus. Enrollment has increased by 60 percent to approximately 7,000 undergraduate and graduate students. In the last decade, the university, which has been recognized among the nation's top colleges by The Princeton

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Area residents named to Bridgewater Dean's List

BRIDGEWATER - The following area residents were named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Bridgewater State University:

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Chaya Lipman-Tessicini, the experience was less symbolic and more personal. Despite several instabilities – bouncing between buildings the first three years, seeing EEE and WNV scares "wipe out Friday night games" last year, then seeing closure for Covid-19, and being the first class to test the PARCC exam among them – she said high school allowed her to learn "who my true friends are."

At the same time, she also saw in herself "an unhealthy work ethic" in which she drove herself to get straight As out of fear of what others might think before realizing nobody was doing that but herself. In the end, she added, she came to "enjoy and truly appreciate the little things in life.

Her sister, Salutatorian Mia Lipman-Tessicini, kept it short, just thanking people off the cuff because she'd left her speech in the gym.

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stiffer enforcement," said Purcell.

He noted that many of the complaints they've received do involve people refusing or neglecting to wear masks. He has also begun to work with restaurants about expanding into their outdoor seating through preliminary inspections. The Board of Health is also working with the local schools, including Shepherd Hill and Nichols College, about reopening and are even in talks with the high school about the potential for a precession for graduates of the class of 2020 who saw their big day sidelined by the pandemic.

Board of Health Member Roberta Johnson confirmed during the meeting that six active COVID-19 cases were known in Dudley. That number rose to seven by July 18 according to the Dudley town website. However, she also explained that some of the patients had serology testing which can result in false positives. Even still, she and other board members joined Purcell is requesting continue diligence to keep Dudley's COVID-19 case count low.

We have a lot of guidance out there still. We updated our Board of Health webpage for some COVID teaching and we did some mosquito stuff on there too for EEE and West Nile. We all just have to make sure we don't put our guard down. The virus is still there. We still have to make sure we wear our masks or our facial coverings, wash our hands, practice social distancing. We see a lot of these partitions, but it's not either or. It's not mask or partition; it's both," Johnson

GLITCH

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Farmer's Market, and other uses on vacant land near Mama's Kitchen.

Covid-19 provided the "glitches" selectmen had to work around for other agenda items that night. Both involved locals seeking to do outdoor events.

The first, Sts. Constantine & Helen Church, wanted a one-day liquor license for its third-annual Gyro Fest and car show July 25. They got it, but because of the virus, the town is requiring a maximum of 100 people including staff on the property at any one time, with only 20-50 seated indoors. The selectmen also requested a police detail to monitor those numbers, and Police Chief Mike Shaw said he'd seek volunteers among his reserve officers.

The second, Indian Ranch, won't have events this year, with manager Suzette Raun saying "we've pushed our whole schedule to next year." Selectmen supported the change by altering the facility's normal permit to allow two pairs of back-to-back night events, which Webster has normally prohibited.

Raun said there'd be no change in the total number of night shows (six), since she normally books afternoons. The only change will allow her to have concerts July 23 and 24 and Aug. 26 and 27, 2021, to accommodate the touring schedule of the bands.

Because of the pandemic, Indian Ranch has been limited to a capacity of 100, far below its normal 3000. Looking at the overall Covid situation, she said she didn't understand "how you can ride in an enclosed airplane side-byside for six hours" but not do the same at an outdoor event. "It would have been easier if they just put us in Phase 4," she added.

Most of the remainder of the meeting involved the semi-annual police department update. Shaw noted the police are trying to fill four vacancies, two from retirements. To create a pool for future hires, they're hosting their first entry-level exam at Bartlett in September, and expect up to 120 people to attend.

He summarized events over the first six months of 2020, including various drug busts and parades, Covid preparations, Officer Donovan being named MADD Officer of the Year for 28 OUI arrests, the guilty plea of last year's kidnapping suspect, a man busted for "lewd acts on a swing set in front of a young girl and her sister," and the June 6 protest march, in which Shaw marched.

Regarding the latter, Shaw told the board "how proud I was with everybody who came out for the department." About 80 officers showed up from various towns, and the event went off peacefully. Afterward, Shaw himself got some criticism from right-wing online groups (including the RT website) for joining the protestors in laying down to object to police brutality. Local officials and the community backed his

"I can't say enough thank you to everybody in town for the support I've received and my department received," he added.

NICHOLS

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The CCC also released a statement saying that "unprecedented challenges" associated with the COVID-19 pandemic forced the board to make the tough decision for the benefit and health of all athletes involved.

"The goal of the Commonwealth Coast Conference has remained unchanged: to provide the safest possible environment for our students-athletes in all sports so that intercollegiate athletic competition may safely resume at the appropriate time," the statement read.

Even though fall sports are put on hold, the athletic department at Nichols will continue working with the CCC to develop guidelines on how to safely provide athletes with non-traditional practice seasons in the falls months when

students return to campus. As of this report there has been no confirmation of any further impact to campus life or programs for the upcoming fall semester as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Gobiel further explained in his statement that the decision will impact the start of winter athletics, including basketball and hockey, which are not expected to begin until the next calendar year at this time.

'When we see improved public health conditions and relevant NCAA guidance, we hope to begin competition for these programs as early as January 1, 2021. As we move through the semester, Nichols will also continue to re-evaluate our postponed programs to determine if they can be resumed in the winter/spring of 2021. We cannot express the significance of our disappointment at this time but look forward to seeing all of our Bison programs back on the fields, courts and ice soon," said Gobiel.

The outbreak of the novel coronavirus COVID-19 left no aspect of life untouched, and education was no exception. The short-term effects of stay-at-home measures were felt immediately by millions of students across the globe. But there will be long-term effects, too, and one of the first such long-term dominoes to fall was the relaxation of SAT requirements for aspiring college students. As stay-at-home measures lasted longer than many people initially anticipated, high school students learned that SAT and SAT subject tests were being canceled. The Princeton Review® noted in late May that the College Board added a new test date for September after the June tests were canceled. However, many schools have dropped the SAT and ACT requirement for fall 2021 admissions. The University of California, which includes nine different schools in its system, suspended the requirement for students applying for fall 2021 in early April, and many schools followed suit in the ensuing months. As prospective high school seniors prepare for their final year of high school and begin thinking about where they want to apply for college, they should work with their guidance counselors to determine just what is required of them during the admissions process.

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OBITUARIES

Jeffrey D. Aldrich, 71



WEBSTER – Jeffrey D. Aldrich, 71, passed away on Wednesday, July 15, 2020. He was the loving husband of 38 years to Rose Milas Aldrich. Born in Westborough, MA,

he was the son of the late Kenneth and Marilyn Aldrich. He was predeceased by his brother, the late Keith Aldrich.

Jeff graduated from Westborough High School in Westboro, MA. He discovered his love for being an electrician while living in Vermont. Once he moved back to Massachusetts, he continued his education and became licensed. He was a M.A. licensed electrician from 1982 until 2009 as well as the Maintenance Director for Kindred Healthcare and other nursing homes in the area until his retirement in 2009.

He was an avid hunter in his younger years and loved to fish, particularly deep-sea fishing.

In addition to his wife, Jeff is survived by his son, Christian M. Aldrich; his daughter in-law, Sharon Landry; his granddaughter, Kayla Cook; his grandson, Jeffrey Daniel Aldrich; and his great-grandson, Timothy Hall-Cook; and great granddaughter, McKenna Gion.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Jeff's family from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, July 24, 2020, with a funeral home service to be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Valade Funeral Home and Crematory, 23 Main St., N. Grosvenordale.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 825 Brook St, Rocky Hill, CT 06067. For memorial guestbook visit www. GilmanAndValade.com.

Joel L. Taft, 78



Joel L. Taft, 78, of Wareham, MA, formerly of Webster, MA, Tiverton, RI and Fort Myers, FL died Tuesday, July 14 at Tobey Hospital after a brief illness. He leaves behind his beloved wife of

56 years, Ursula F. Taft (Bonczek), and his beloved daughter, Jill A. Taft. Joel's son Jacob S. Taft predeceased him in 2007.

Joel was born in Milford, MA on February 23, 1942 to Norman Mortimer Taft and Ruth Lapworth Taft and grew up in Grafton spending his childhood on the family homestead on George Hill Road with his grandparents, Rose and Arthur. After graduating from Grafton Junior-Senior High School, Joel joined the United States Marine Corps and was an active member of the Reserves from 1962 until his honorable discharge in September 1968. Joel held a life-long love of the Corps and was proud and honored to serve his country.

Joel and Ursula were married on June 6, 1964 and made their home together in Webster, MA. Joel earned an Associate Degree in Electrical Engineering and became a lineman with the Massachusetts Electric Co. Joel remained with the electric utility for his entire career, advancing from lineman upward through numerous management positions with Mass. Electric, Narragansett Electric and finally, National Grid. Joel retired from the National Grid Co., in 2003 after 43 years of loyal service.

In retirement, Joel and Ursula lived many happy years in Bristol and Tiverton, RI. Eventually, desiring some warm weather and sunshine, Joel and Ursula relocated to Florida, residing first in Miami and then finally, in Fort Myers. Joel enjoyed tending to his property with its many tropical plants, completing innumerable home-improvement projects and

enjoying time in the pool. Finally, recognizing the need in their later years to be nearer to their daughter Jill, Joel and Ursula relocated to Wareham, MA.

Joel loved Cape Cod, especially the austere

beauty of the sand dunes of North Truro and Provincetown along with the beaches of the outer Cape and Cape Cod Bay. The family enjoyed many summer vacations in these beautiful areas. Always an animal lover, Joel doted on his dogs Razz-Bear, Rosie-May, Nico and Maisey-May and took great joy in their companionship. Joel and his dogs Nico and Maisey were a familiar sight at the apartment complex where he and Ursula lived, and his friendly wave and kind words for all will be missed by his many neighbors.

In addition to his wife and daughter, Joel leaves his brothers Richard Dickinson and wife Marie of Clinton, MA, Norman Taft of Easthampton, MA and George Taft and wife Paula of Grafton, MA.

Joel will be cremated and the family will have a celebration of his life at a future time when it is safe for family and friends to gather, so we can laugh and love and reminisce about Joel in the manner deserving of a wonderful husband, father and friend. In the meantime, we will miss him greatly.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that any gifts in condolence of Joel's passing be made in his memory to the Massachusetts Maritime Academy Lady Buccaneer Scholarship Fund, Office of Advancement, 101 Academy Dr., Buzzards Bay, MA 02532 and/or the ASPCA, PO Box 96929, Washington, DC 20090-6929.

Arrangements by Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, Wareham. To leave a message of condolence visit: www.ccgfuneralhome.com

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Denise A. (Despin) Rurka, 64

Winchester, NH/Oxford, MA – Denise Ann (Despin) Rurka formerly of Oxford passed peacefully in the comfort of her home on Wednesday, July 1, 2020 surrounded by family.

She is survived by her husband, Michael of Winchester they would have celebrated their 45th Anniversary in August; a son Christopher (Heather) of NH; a daughter Louisa (Paul Martineau) of MA; four grandchildren: Jakob Rurka, Katelyn Rurka, Aurora Frenier, Emiliee Martineau.

She leaves five sisters: Lena Deter of TN, Donna Nalewajk and Debra Light both of CT, Diane Kenney of FL and Melissa Saad of MA a brother Stephen Despin of FL, her in-laws, many nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, cousins and many "adopted children" from town.

She was predeceased by her parents Edgar S. and Anita B. (Deschenes) Despin.

Born on May 15, 1956 she was raised in Oxford, MA and attended the Oxford Public Schools. Moving to New Hampshire in 1975 Denise began watching the neighborhood's children until her children began school, she started working in the special education department at Winchester Elementary School, as both a paraprofessional and one-on-one aide. She then worked at Monadnock HS and Hinsdale. She then opened her own home daycare later working at the Winchester Learning Center.

After her children completed their college educations, Denise went back

to school and graduated with her Bachelor's Degree in Early Education and was completing her Master's Degree when she became ill.

Known in town as Momma Rurka her love for children went beyond the classroom and many of her students and her children's friends grew up knowing her as a 2nd mother. Always available to talk to, confide in or just being there. Enjoying this role so much she co-led a Brownie Girl Scout Troop in Winchester for many years.

Besides the love of teaching and working with children, she loved to spend time with her family. Many weekends you would find her having sleepovers with her grandchildren, out with her sisters scrapbooking or watching her son and grandson race dirt bikes at the local track. She enjoyed family vacations including Virginia Beach, Myrtle Beach, Gatlinburg, TN, Cape Cod, camping, and her favorite, Florida especially Disney World and Universal Studios.

There are no calling hours or formal services. Denise always lived her life to the fullest and in order for others to do so in lieu of flowers the family requests you send donations in her memory to: American Cancer Society, PO Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123 or Home Healthcare Hospice, 312 Marlboro St. Keene, NH 03431.

All services are under the care of the Cheshire Family Funeral Home and Crematories, 46 South Winchester St., Swanzey, NY 03446 (www.chesirefamilyfh.com)

John "JB" Benoit, 70

WEBSTER, MA- John Benoit, 70, of 11 Black Point Road, died Monday, July 13, 2020, surrounded by his loving family at UMASS Memorial Medical Center. Born June 27, 1950 in Webster, he was the son of the late Ernest Benoit, Sr. and Lois (Baxendale) Benoit.

John grew up on the lake in Webster and was a veteran of the United States Army. He worked for Southbridge Public Schools as a custodian for over 20 years. John loved spending time at the beach. He was an avid sailor and was a longtime member of the Webster Lake Sailing Association. John's greatest joy in life was spending time with his children and grandchildren who will miss him greatly. He will be remembered for his unique sense of humor and his famous chocolate chip cookies.

John is survived by his children, Eric Benoit and his wife Melanie of Woodstock Valley, CT; and Valerie Imre of Dayville, CT; his brother, Ernest Benoit, Jr. and his wife Arlene of Webster, MA; his grandchildren, Jazmin Benoit, Katrina Imre and



Alex Imre; and several special nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his siblings, Rona Lussier, Ronald Benoit, Gary Benoit, and Debra Saad.

Funeral arrangements for John are private and have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory. Memorial donations may be made to Webster Lake Sailing Association, 4 Bates Point Rd, Webster, MA 01570. For memorial guestbook visit www. GilmanAndValade.com

Rose M. Manyak, 98

WEBSTER – Rose M. (Bartkiewicz) Manyak, 98, died Monday, July 13, 2020 in Christopher House of Worcester after an illness. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Stanislaus Obloczynski and by her second husband, Joseph Manyak.

She leaves many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews. She was predeceased by 4 sisters, Nellie Kondek, Sophie Kondek, Josephine Bartkiewicz and Mary Bartkiewicz, and by 3 brothers, John, Joseph and Frank Bartkiewicz.

She was born in Webster on November 12, 1921, a daughter of Martin and Caroline A. (Grych) Bartkiewicz. She lived in Douglas for many years returning to Webster after the death of her husband. Mrs. Manyak worked as a stitcher in the shoe manufacturing industry.

She is a member of Saint Andrew Bobola Church in Dudley and was a former parishioner of St. Denis Church in Douglas.

A memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, July 25, at 10:00 AM in Saint Andrew Bobola Church, 54 West Main Street, Dudley (please meet at the church). Burial will be in Saint Joseph Garden of Peace in Webster. There are no calling hours. Donations in her name may be made to St. Andrew Bobola Church, 54 West Main St., Dudley, MA 01571. Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster, MA.

How to manage low bandwidth during remote learning sessions

In the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak, many schools hastily transitioned from traditional in-person learning to remote learning. This transition posed new and unique challenges to educators as well as students and their parents.

One of the biggest challenges posed by remote learning was keeping students connected to their teachers and their classmates, not all of whom had readily available access to devices that could facilitate such connections. In recognition of that challenge, school systems worked to procure devices for students only to be confronted by another challenge: low bandwidth. According to Microsoft, bandwidth refers to the amount of data that can be transferred over an internet connection per second. Low bandwidth can compromise students' ability to stay connected to their virtual classrooms. In an effort to help students overcome that challenge, Microsoft offers the following tips on how educators, students and parents can manage low bandwidth during remote learning sessions.

 Reduce reliance on video during class sessions. Turning



video cameras off during live class sessions can help to overcome the challenges posed by low bandwidth, as live video is a key contributor to excessive use of bandwidth. If video must be used, encourage students to turn off their cameras when

they are not speaking.Use pre-recorded content.

Pre-recording content enables students to stream video over the internet, saving those with low bandwidth the hassle of downloading large video files to their computers. Microsoft recommends educators who pre-record content for their students to stream to instruct those students to use class time to complete assignments. Educators can make themselves available via chat to answer questions students may have about their assignments.

 Avoid video-based assignments. It can be difficult for students with low bandwidth to send very large files, such as videos. Educators can help students avoid that issue by not requiring them to submit videos as part of their assignments.

• Encourage students to sync files to their devices. Each device is different and each manufacturer has its own instructions on how to sync files to devices. But Microsoft notes that syncing files to a device allows students to read them offline, which is ideal for students with limited internet connectivity.

Low bandwidth poses a challenge for remote learners. Thankfully, there are ways to overcome low bandwidth so students can keep learning.



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EDITORIAL Music appreciation

Sometimes, we just need to take a break from the status quo, and talk about those little things in life that bring us joy — in this case, music. With the news ever changing, and so much uncertainty surrounding us, we can always rely on our stereo's volume buttons to lift us up. Research has proven that music is a mood booster and can shift our thoughts. We thought it would be fun to take a staff poll: What are your three favorite bands, and why?

Our Editor pulled all three of his right out of the 1960's. "The Rolling Stones, because their reputation isn't just hype, they really are the greatest rock and roll band in the world and have been for decades; Creedence Clearwater Revival, or CCR to those in the know because "I think they're the best band America ever produced and John Fogerty is criminally underrated as a musician"; and The Band. "All five of them were such ridiculously talented musicians and their first two albums changed the direction of popular music in America away from psychedelia and toward a more homegrown hybrid sound between rock and country. Not many bands can claim to have been that influential.'

Another staff member realized being able to choose just three would make for a tough task. First and foremost, though, is The Doors. Lead singer Jim Morrison and his bandmates pushed the envelope — sometimes to a jaw dropping degree during a time when pushing envelopes was extremely frowned upon. Morrison's dark poetry and lyrics mixed in with a pop sound for the time, has always been an intriguing hybrid to listen to. Ray Manzarek's keyboard sweetens the deal. When listening to old interviews, Giles said it is clear that Morrison was, in her father's words, "extremely intelligent, but not smart."

Next on the list is Janet Jackson. While this genre is far from that of The Doors, Janet is a triple threat. She can sing, dance and act. Her music offers something for every mood. You need to cheer up? There's a song for you. You feel down in the dumps? There's a song. Social injustice? There's a song. Jackson's dancing ability however may be her best talent. Her sharp moves and intricate style along with her enormous productions at her shows give her a top spot on this list.

Lastly, we have Led Zeppelin. The English rock band was formed in 1968 out of London. There's something about Robert Plant's voice that pulls us in and makes us want to pay attention. He goes from story teller to rock God in a flash. The lyrics of their discography pretty much cover any advice you need in life. There isn't one Led Zeppelin song you can listen to, where you won't find your foot tapping the floor, or your hand hitting your steering wheel in rhythm.

One of our reporters came back with Tom Waits as her first pick. "He's a wordsmith and broke musical ground." Waits has been described as focusing on the underbelly of society, using his gravelly voice, inspired by Bob Dylan and the folk music scene.

Next on Larcom's list was Australia's Nick Cave. "He's a story teller and has evolved his sound with

Last on her list was PJ Harvey.

"She is unapologetic with her lyr-

ics," said Larcom.

Harvey, hailing from England, began her musical career in 1988. Harvey is considered punk blues, indie rock and alternative rock.

Sports Editor Josh Spaulding had Garth Brooks at the top of his list.

"Name one song of his that is bad,"

Next was The Beatles, who "changed the world of music," said Spaulding. Last on his list was Taylor Swift. "I

know of nobody who has adjusted her career so successfully and continued to be loved by her fans.'

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

Great Grilling Tips

Summer is here and neighborhood back yards are filled with the aroma of foods barbequed to perfection! There's no doubt about it. outdoor cooking is one of the season's simple pleasures. From tossing a few hot dogs on the grill to cooking a full course supper, everyone seems to have their own trademark tricks to great grilling. Before you don your outdoor apron, keep in mind these BBQ tricks of the trade!

Try putting lemon peels in your grill next time you are grilling some chicken. It adds a super smell and a flavor essence to poultry.

When using a dry rub, always allow the meat to cook for approximately half of the total time before applying any basting sauce.

Marinating to flavor and tenderize before grilling? Tender cuts of beef only need a one or two hours of marinating for optimum flavor. Soak tougher cuts overnight to tenderize completely.

Never marinate in a metal bowl or pan as the acids that work to tenderize a meat can react with metal. Opt instead for glass or plastic bowls or zipper bags.

Did you know proper marinating can cut down on grilling time? Overnight marinating can reduce cooking time by up to 35%!

After marinating, be sure to pat the meat dry with paper towels so the cut cooks evenly on the grill.

As a rule of thumb, when you grill with charcoal, it takes about 30 minutes for coals to reach a medium temperature and become ash covered.

Did you know steaks

only after each side has browned to keep the cut tender? And for perfect steaks, turn when juices start bubbling on the uncooked side and grill second side of steak for less time than first.

Fat can be a good thing when it's on a juicy steak. When you trim off fat, leave a little bit of it on while the meat is cooking as it seals in the flavor and juices. Just slash fat on the edge of the meat in intervals to keep the meat from curling up.

Cooking for a crowd? To ensure even grilling, meats should be placed about three quarters of an inch apart on the grill rack.

When cooking steaks on the grill don't season the meat until each side has browned. This helps keep the cut tender.

Try this chef's tip for perfect steaks on the grill: Turn when juices start bubbling on uncooked side and grill second side of steak for less time than first.

ing veggies with coarse salt before cooking on the grill will extract extra water from the vegetables, improving their flavors?

Did you know season-

Pork often comes out dry when you cook it on the grill. Keep it juicy by rubbing it with a little oil or marinating liquid to keep it moist.

For best results cook pork on direct heat to seal the juices. Then finish it with indirect heat to ensure the center is completely cooked. Just be sure to preheat the grill so it will seal in the juices quickly.

Grilled fish has fabulous flavor! If you're cooking it in an aluminum foil packet, first spray spray to prevent sticking.

Does your fish dry out and break up when you cook it on the grill? Brush it with lemon juice while cooking to keep it moist.

Is shish kabob on the menu? When cooking, be sure to leave a small space between the food threaded on the skewer to allow the heat to penetrate the food evenly.

Don't forget to soak wooden skewers in water for at least a half hour before placing on the grill. As an extra measure wrap a sheet of tinfoil on the ends prevent scorching.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

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

What should you do with an inheritance?



FINANCIAL Focus

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If you were to inherit a large sum of money, what would you do with it?

The question may not be hypothetical, especially if you are in the millennial, Gen X or Gen Z demographic groups. That's because the baby boomers - often referred to as the richest generation in history – are poised to transfer some \$30 trillion in assets over the next few decades, according to the consulting firm Accenture.

Of course, this is a "macro" figure, and everyone's situation is different. Furthermore, since baby boomers are living longer, more active lives, the total amount passed on may end up being considerably less than the estimate. Nonetheless, vou may well receive a medium-to-large inheritance someday, and when that day arrives, vou'll need to decide how best to use your newfound wealth.

Your first move may be to do nothing at all. Generally speaking, you have enough time to decide how to handle the various elements of an inheritance, although if you are inheriting an investment vehicle such as an IRA or a 401(k) plan, you will eventually have to make some decisions about liquidation or withdrawals. (And since these accounts may carry tax obligations, it's a good idea to consult with your tax advisor fairly soon after you receive your inheritance.) But if a big part of your inheritance simply consists of cash parked in a bank account, there's nothing wrong with moving the money into a cash management account at a financial services company until you decide what to do with it.

However, after some time has passed, vou may want to put your inheritance to good use. If you're already working with a financial advisor, you might want to get some guidance on how to use your new assets to strengthen your existing investment strategy. Do you have any gaps in certain areas? Can you use the money to help diversify your holdings? Diversification can't guarantee profits or protect against all losses, but it can help reduce the impact of volatility on your portfolio.

And, of course, if your inheritance is large enough, it may permit you to "max out" on your IRA for years to come, and possibly free you to have even more of your salary deferred into your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement account. Plus, you could use the money for other long-term goals, such as funding a tax-advantaged 529 college savings plan for your children.

You also might use part of your inheritance to donate to the charitable organizations you support. Due to recent changes in tax laws that caused many people to stop itemizing their deductions, charitable groups are in more need of support than ever.

And last, but certainly not least, take this opportunity to review your goals. Is your inheritance large enough for you to adjust your planned retirement age? And if that age may indeed change, what about your other plans for retirement? Will vou now be free to travel more or pursue other hobbies? Will you even need to modify the way you invest for your new reality, possibly by taking a less aggressive approach? Again, a financial professional can help you answer these questions.

Someone thought enough of you to leave you a valuable inheritance - so use it wisely.

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Character is revealed in the toughest of times

unprecedented uncharted times. A pandemic has seized our world, while social unrest and violence has swept into our major cities. Add to it all that it's an election year and everything that is happening has become politicized. It appears that the nation has never been more divided. It has put us on the edge and I'm witnessing people I know speaking and acting in ways I would have otherwise never imagined. How we respond to what's happening in our world is as important as the events themselves.

Respond to circumstances rather than react-

There is a difference. A response is thoughtful while a reaction is often "knee jerk" in nature. A response is measured, while a reaction is often the first thing that comes to mind and is usually emotional. When we calmly respond, it often disarms and relaxes others to do the same. Reactions are what we see playing out on our streets and in social

Relax. Take a breath. The world is not coming to an end. The truth is that cable news, and reactions to it, are playing out on social media and encouraging us to believe otherwise. Don't believe it. As bad as you may believe things are today, tomorrow the sun will



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rise and a new day will begin. Yes, take a breath and relax. A new day is coming.

Like the streets, Facebook can be dangerous territory. You may not get physically hit by a brick, but you can certainly suffer the loss of friendships and incite anger that dominates your life.

I rarely post anything on social media that is controversial. I use Facebook and other apps to keep up with friends and family, post my columns and news about my books. I'm a very casual social media user.

I've been following the Covid-19 issues with intense interest. The great mask debate rages on. For every medical professional that says masks are not helpful, there seems to be twenty-five that say they work. I ran across a picture that showed how the virus is spread and how masks can help. The best data I can find say that masks can reduce the spread of the virus by up to 65%. Nothings perfect. Certainly not a mask, but a 65 percent reduction is significant. We teach our kids to cough and sneeze

into their arms. It's also

not perfect but better than coughing into the open. If true, isn't a mask better than nothing?

So, I posted the graphic and commented, "I think this makes sense." I didn't expect the firestorm that quickly followed. The first comment from a friend began, "You of all people should know better ..." (an example of a reaction rather than a response). Then came the numerous comments about "constitutional rights" and the idea that the pandemic is actually a "plan-demic" and a government conspiracy.

A friend of mine who is a Doctor of 35 years posted a comment about the effectiveness of masks and a young nurse offensively offered him her nursing books, as if he was totally uninformed and she had all the answers. It devolved quickly into a raging

I chose to respond rather than react. Trust me, I could have easily let my emotions rage but instead, I just deleted the post and went on with my day.

Yes, I was bothered and hurt by a few of the comments. But more than anything I watched in wonderment as rational and smart people so openly and purposefully began attacking others who disagreed. My response was to delete the posting and stop giving space for oth-

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Great fishing a few hours away



Lake Ontario fishing for brown trout and King Salmon is providing some excellent fishing for anglers that do not mind traveling a few miles. A call to Charter boat Capt. Jimmy of "Ace Charters" was excited to share some good news about the fantastic fishing that is available on the lake. This week's picture shows a real impressive brown

trout caught aboard his charter boat, along with King Salmon shown in the second picture. If you have never fished Lake Ontario for browns and salmon you need to go! It is as close to Alaska fishing as you can get, and it cost a lot less. It will be a great family trip or with

just a few friends. To book a charter call 1-413-346-7675 or go to his Web site at acecharters36@gmail.com for more information.

Because of Covid-19, tight regulations have also been implemented on charter boat Captains this year. Ace Charters has everything on board to keep you safe ,and he and his crew are ready to help you catch a fish of a life time. Trolling with downriggers will get your lures down to the fish, which is around 100 to 150 feet at this time of year. Many recent trips have had anglers limiting out on browns, lake trout and Salmon. Late July and all of August provides some great salmon fishing on the lake. Give them a call at 1-413-346-7675 or go to their Web site at Acecharters.com!

Salmon fishing on the Salmon River in Pulaski, N.Y. will start to heat up in another few weeks when the waters start to cool, and the migration of salmon start their return to spawn. It can be a lot of fun, but the ultimate satisfaction of catching a big King Salmon is on the lake, away from the crowds.

Block Island has been giving up some impressive stripers with numerous fish in the 40-to-50-pound range. Unfortunately, all of them need to be released immediately because of the slot

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limit size this year. No gaffs are allowed on any striper, and need to be netted before the hook can be removed, which is sometimes hard to do. Keeping hands and fingers away from the gills and gill plate will help to ensure their survival after they are

released. Fluke fishing and seabass fishing has been up and down, but for the most part reports have been good again for this time of year. Plenty of bluefish around in both Mass. and Rhode Island. The limit on bluefish was reduced from 10 fish to three fish this year, in both Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The charter boat C-Devil out of Galilee RI. reported a 450-pound Thresher Shark being caught last week. Some small bluefin have been reported offshore last week also.

My brother Ken and his son Mark had a great day of fishing on Webster Lake catching numerous smallmouth bass, a 19-inch rainbow trout and a 15-inch calico bass. All of the fish were caught on large fly's trolled in deep water using copper line to get the fly's down to the fish. Fishing with copper wire needs a bit of practice before you master the art of catching fish without getting hooked up on the bottom. Using a fish finder, and constantly monitoring the depth of the water is the key. They had to fish for more than two hours before finding the fish in a deep hole.

The 100-degree temperatures this past weekend sure let us know that summer dog days are here. Water temperatures are very warm which has sent most fish into deeper holes especially in fresh

water. Jerry Gareri also reported on a great week of bass fishing in Maine, but even there the fish are deep.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them **Rods Bending!**

Tips to help your landscape beat the heat

Summer has arrived and for many so has the heat. High temperatures and dry conditions often lead to watering bans. This is not only hard on gardeners but also our gardens and lawns. Fortunately, there are ways to help plants thrive despite stressful growing conditions.

Adjust landscape care based on the weather conditions, each plant's tolerance level and your gardening goals. Enlist these low maintenance, eco-friendly strategies to help keep your landscape looking its best throughout the summer months.

Water plants thoroughly to promote deep drought- and pest-resistant roots. Wait until the top few inches of soil are crumbly and moist or footprints remain in the lawn before watering again.

Avoid light, frequent watering that encourages shallow roots. Shallow roots are less able to tolerate drought and more susceptible to disease and insect problems.

Water early in the day when possible to minimize water lost to evaporation. Avoid late evening watering that leaves foliage wet going into the night. This can increase the risk of disease.

Spread a two- to three-inch layer of shredded leaves, evergreen needles,

GARDEN MOMENTS MELINDA **MYERS**

mulch over the soil in garden beds and around trees and shrubs. Mulchingwill conserve moisture, keep roots cool and moist, and suppress weeds. As the organic mulch decomposes, it adds nutrients and

shredded bark

organic matter to the soil. All these benefits stem from one maintenance

Mow lawns high and often, removing no more than one third the total height of the grass. Taller grass produces deeper roots, making the lawn more drought tolerant and more resistant to insects, disease, and other environmental stresses.

Leave the grass clippings on the lawn. They add nitrogen, organic matter, and moisture to the soil. One season of clippings is equal to one fertilizer application. Every time you mow you are improving the soil and fertilizing the

Sharpen your mower blades to save time by boosting efficiency. And speaking of savings, your mower will consume 22 percent less fuel and your lawn will use up to 30% less water when your mower blades are sharp.

Use a low nitrogen, slow release fertilizer if your lawn and garden plants need a nutrient boost. These types of

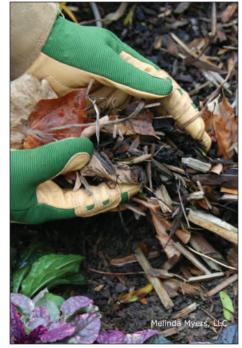
fertilizers release small amounts of nutrients over an extended period of time. The low level of nitrogen reduces the risk of damaging your already heatstressed plants.

Remove weeds from garden beds and borders as soon as they appear. These "plants out of place" steal water and nutrients from your desirable garden plants. Plus, they can harbor insects and diseases that are harmful to your garden plants. Removing them before they flower and set seed means you will have hundreds of less weeds to pull next

Provide stressed plants with a bit of shade from the hot afternoon sun. Containers can be moved to a more suitable spot during heat waves. Add a bit of temporary shade to garden plants that are struggling to survive in the blazing hot sun. A strategically placed chair, lattice or umbrella may be all that is needed. As temperatures drop you can move plants back in place and remove the temporary shade.

Use the shade to your advantage as well. Garden in the shady spots whenever possible or use a pop-up canopy to provide shade when needed. Always drink plenty of water, use sunscreen, and work during the cooler morning and evening hours.

Then take some time to enjoy your handiwork. Look at the progress that has been made as you sit back, relax, and enjoy your favorite beverage.



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How families can cook together as they confront COVID-19

Families are spending more time at home than ever before. Stay-at-home guidelines have led many parents to expand their culinary horizons, and time in the kitchen can be made more enjoyable by getting the whole family involved.

As stay-at-home measures continued throughout spring, boredom was a common complaint among people of all ages. Families sticking out social distancing together

can confront that boredom by working together to prepare delicious, homecooked meals. The following are some simple ways to get the whole family involved when the time comes to get dinner on the table.

· Include young children. Younger children may not be able to cut, dice or chop, but that does not mean they can't participate in nightly cooking sessions. Kids can stir, pour and, perhaps Education Program at Purdue University notes that helping to prepare food can help children feel like they're part of the family and even encourage them to make healthy choices. Each of those things can benefit children in the short- and long-term. Older kids can take on more responsibility when preparing meals, and teenagers can even

most importantly, shake. their own if they so prefer. The Extension Nutrition tackle entire meals on

Rotate the responsibility for choosing dishes. The family chef may be accustomed to choosing meals. But with stay-athome measures in place and restrictions only slowly lifting, sharing that responsibility can be a great way to make everyone more excited about mealtime. Parents can still choose the majority of meals, but let kids choose one or two meals per week. To prevent kids from always opting for less healthy fare like macaroni and cheese or pizza, establish certain rules. For example, note that

each meal must include at least one fruit or vegetable, relaxing these rules as you see fit. This is a great way to teach kids about nutrition while also showing them how less nutritious fare like pizza can be made healthier by replacing toppings like pepperoni with freshly cut vegetables.

· Expand your operation. In-person baking sessions with grandparents and large Sunday dinners with extended family members may not be possible in the era of social distancing. However, such traditions need not be abandoned entirely.

Utilize video conferencing apps like Zoom to prepare foods together, with each family member whipping up their own meal or dessert. Items can then safely be dropped off at each other's homes. Go the extra mile by keeping the video conference going as everyone sits down to indulge in a tasty meal.

Cooking together can be a great family-friendly pastime as adults and children look for ways to spend quality time together while stay-at-home measures remain in place or are gradually relaxed.



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ers to react in anger and immaturity. Once the post was gone, everything on my page normalized and I assume everyone else went on with their day.

I'm not smarter or better than anyone else, I just choose to respond rather than react. I choose to be positive and not add fuel to the fire of negativity. Some do the same thing, while the majority do not. To react or respond is a choice we make, just as being positive or negative, or pessimistic or optimistic. These choices determine our success and quality of our lives. And yes,

these choices determine our happiness.

Last week, I said I'd never met a successful pessimist. I'll add to it this week by saying I've also never met a happy pessimist.

Want to avoid losing friends? Choose to respond rather than react. Want to be happy? Choose to become an optimist.

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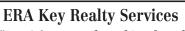






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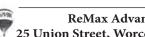
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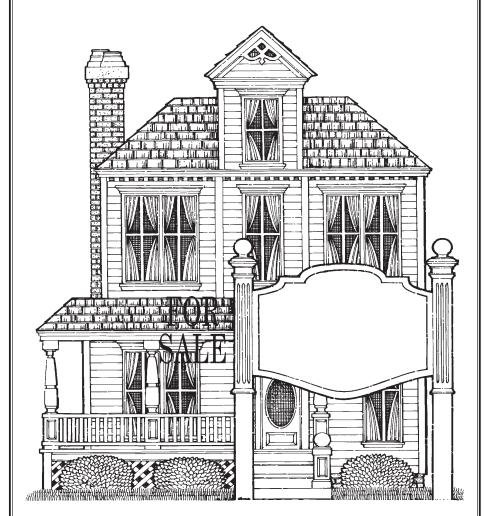
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Tips for effective remote learning



An increased reliance on virtual home instruction has many students rethinking their organizational strategies and daily school schedules. Learning at home is different from being in a traditional classroom environment, but with some effective strategies, students can persevere without missing a beat.

STICK TO A **SCHEDULE**

Many students are successful because they follow a schedule. The Center for Social and Emotional Foundations of Early Learning says that routines and schedules are important because they influence a child's emotional and cognitive development. Children feel secure with schedules, which may help them

recognize what's expected of them.

When learning at home, students should strive to maintain as consistent a schedule as possible, including bedtimes, wake times, hours devoted to learning, and time to get outside or engage in downtime activities.

CONNECT LIVE IF POSSIBLE

There are many free tools and resources available that enable teachers to provide live video lessons or to record them so students can watch them later. Similarly, social networking apps and virtual meeting programs enable students to connect digitally. This can be helpful for collaborative learning assignments or just to see a familiar face.

STICK TO TOOLS THAT WORK

Once students find apps or systems that work, they should stick with them, offers Khan Academy, an educational tutoring resource. There are many factors outside of one's control during virtual instruction, but maintaining consistency with tools and schedules is one way to feel more confident and secure.

CHECK STUDENT ACCOUNTS FREQUENTLY

Just like students, teachers may be

learning as they go in regard to remote learning strategies. Students should be sure to check school email accounts or other places where teachers post assignments a few times per day so that they stay on top of all assignments and are aware of due dates.

REACH OUT TO INSTRUCTORS

Allegheny College suggests students contact their teachers if they are unsure of how to participate in remote learning environments. Ask questions about assignments, get clarification on key topics and be sure to tune into any remote chats or virtual "office hours."

STAY IN TOUCH WITH GUIDANCE, IF NEEDED

Remote learning is a new experience for many students, and there may be certain struggles or road blocks. It can be easy to grow frustrated with equipment failures or lack of in-person interaction. Schools employ qualified therapists and guidance counselors who are just a click, call or email away if issues need to be talked through. Students should utilize all resources made available to them.

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Submit resume and standard Town application (available at www.spencerma.gov) to Town of Spencer, Town Administrator's Office, 157 Main Street, Spencer MA 01562. Subject to Union Rules and Regulation, EEO Employer.

Light Equipment Operator (LEO):

Town of Spencer seeks applicants to fill the Light Equipment Operator position in the Highway Department. This position is responsible for the operation of light equipment, snowplows, motorized and non-motorized hand tools. The work involves repair and maintenance of highway infrastructure including but not limited to roads, sidewalks, stormwater systems and street signs, vegetation control, snow plowing and sanding, maintenance of parks, cemeteries, and grounds. This highly responsible position is subject to emergency call-ins to respond to emergencies. High School diploma or GED plus a Mass CDL Class B are required, additional license and certifications beneficial. The willingness to be trained and increase skills and licensing is required to succeed in this position. Pay for this position ranges from \$20.95/hr. to \$25.03/hr. and includes a generous benefits package including clothing allowance, continuing education, and license cost reimbursement.

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Donata Gago in Room 321A on Thursday August 6th 2020 at 7:00

TO HEAR THE APPLICANT'S RE-QUEST FOR

Special Permit per section 2.02.01 Change, Extension or Alteration of the Town of Dudley Zoning By-Laws 61 Eagle Drive Dudley MA Extension to a pre-existing deck.

A quorum of the Board/Committee will be physically present at the hearing location, and the hearing will be live broadcast on Dudley Cable Access Television, Channel 192.

However, pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §20, and the Governor's Executive Orders imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, members of the public or other persons or representatives with matters appearing on the hearing notice/agenda who wish to be physically present for this public hearing must observe the following requirements:

1. In accordance with existing requirements imposed by the Governor, hearing rooms will be limited in terms of the total number of persons that may be physically present at the same time, including Board/Committee members and staff Satellite rooms will be available for overflow, and the hearing will be broadcast in real time in those satellite rooms.

2. Persons who wish to participate in any particular matter on the hearing agenda will be asked to wait in a satellite room until that agenda item is reached, at which point attendees will be rotated between the main hearing room and the satellite room(s), as appropriate

3. Social distancing must be maintained in both the main hearing room and in satellite rooms. Face masks or coverings will be required in accordance with Governor Baker's May 1, 2020 COV/0-19 Order No. 31, "Order Requiring Face Coverings in Public Places Where Social Distancing is Not Possible." A copy of that order can be found at

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4. Failure to comply with these requirements may lead to an attendee's removal from the hearing.

In lieu of in-person attendance, persons with matters appearing on a hearing agenda may request that theil attendance be by virtual means. Such request should be directed to Jennifer Cournoyer 508-949-8007 or watersewer@dudleyma.gov no more than 72 hours (not counting Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays) in advance, so that appropriate arrangements can be

Covering Clerk for ZBA FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK: DATE: 7/7/20 TIME: 10:20AM Lori Smith

July 17, 2020 July 24, 2020

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

Docket No. WO19P1414GD **NOTICE AND ORDER:** Petition for Appointment of **Guardian of a Minor** In the interests of Michaela Fitzpatrick of Douglas, MA Minor NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED **PARTIES**

1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 05/01/2019 by Joseph E. Fitzpatrick of Douglas, MA Janine Fitzpatrick of Douglas, MA will be held 08/27/2020 08:30 AM

Guardianship of Minor Hearing Located Worcester Probate and Family Court, 225 Main Street, Worcester, MA 01608

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

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

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

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

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

THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for legal advice. Date: May 20, 2020

Stephanie K. Fattman Register of Probate

July 24, 2020

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. WO20P1829EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR Estate of:

Marjorie J. Anderson Date of Death: 01/20/2018

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Dean Anderson of Grafton MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other

relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that Dean Anderson of Grafton MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administra-

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 08/04/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court. Date: July 10, 2020

Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate July 24, 2020

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. WO20P1828EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION **Estate of:**

Paul D. Anderson Date of Death: 03/12/2020 To all interested persons:

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

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TO HEAR THE APPLICANT'S RE-QUEST FOR

Special Permit/Variance for a minimum side setback from 30ft to 15 ft looking for a 15ft special permit/ variance for placement of a swimming pool.

Due to restrictions from COVID-19 please see the complete Public Hearing at www.dudleyma.gov or at the Town Hall for additional information. July 24, 2020

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

225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 Docket No. WO20P1737GD **NOTICE AND ORDER: Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor** In the interests of Valeria Ellison Moreno

of **Dudley MA** Minor

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED **PARTIES** 1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a

Petition for Appointment of Guardian of

a Minor filed on 06/25/2020 by Valeria Ellison Moreno of Dudley, MA will be held 08/07/2020 09:00 AM **Guardianship of Minor Hearing**

Located CR 9, Worcester Probate and Family Court, 225 Main Street, Worcester, MA 01608 2. Response to Petition: You may re-

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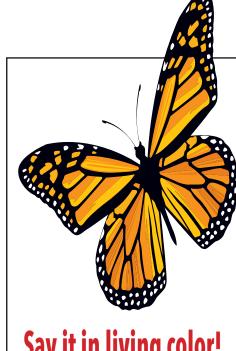
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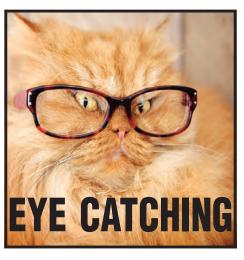


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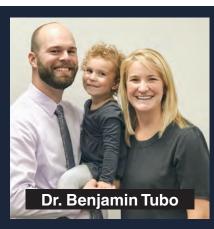
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