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## School Committee hears report on Park Avenue return

BY GUS STEEVES  
CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER – At its last April meeting, the School Committee got a glowing report of the first month with Park Avenue Elementary students back to school, with Principal Robin Parmley describing them as “smiling and thrilled to be back.”

She praised students for being “extremely well-behaved and organized,” while noting staff had to “get shuffled up quite a bit to fill all the holes.”

Among other things, they’ve had to rearrange classrooms to fit a three-foot distance requirement, which has meant limiting them to 18 kids each, and finding enough space for lunches and breakfasts (which still require six feet). Furthermore, she said they had to devise 21 locations in the building to provide the necessary accommodations for various special education students.

“This has been a challenge for everybody, not least the children,” Chair Kelly Seddiki, who has a child at the school, observed while thanking the staff for their effort. “... Sharing space with each other makes such a big difference for them.”

She added she hopes the middle and high schools’ return goes as well.

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## Proposed ban on motorboats at Carbuncle heats up town meeting

BY GUS STEEVES  
CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD – Adding one sentence to a bylaw sparked more debate than anything else at this year's Annual Town Meeting May 5, including the town's \$40.8 million budget and \$1.7 million in capital spending.

The issue was a Conservation Commission proposal to eliminate gas- and diesel-fueled motorboats from using Carbuncle Pond (Article 18). Chair Paul Cunningham said the idea came about because the pond is a key recreational area, with its water coming only from springs/groundwater. That means it has almost nothing flowing through it, so any contamination “stays in Carbuncle Pond for a long period of time,” he said.

Although ConCom had originally included non-boat engines in its wording, that board removed them prior to Town Meeting based on citizen comments. However, voter Joel Masley moved to add them back in, making the ban include “any recreational vehicle,” but not ice augers or snowblowers people might use for winter ice fishing.

That proposal drew arguments from both sides. Opposing it, Mark Cady said it was “a moot issue” because state law already requires written permission to use ATVs or snowmobiles on someone else's property. He also wondered who'd enforce it considering, among other things, that it's legally state-owned.

Town Manager Jen Callahan noted the enforcement is elsewhere in the bylaw, but if not clearly designated, it defaults to the selectmen.

Charles Proctor cited a 1991 bylaw to assert that “Carbuncle Pond has significant restrictions already,” because all watercraft are limited to 5 horsepower and 5 mph.

By contrast, one supporter argued in favor of strong protections because “once it's ruined, we will never get it back.”

Town meeting voters ultimately supported Masley's amendment on a voice vote. Moderator Russell Rheault rejected a bid for a formal count by stating it was “obviously there was more than 50 percent” support. A second, also-uncounted vote approved the item as amended.

The town also approved \$50,000 to pave the pond's parking area and meet ADA requirements, on top of \$100,000 set aside in 2019.

Voters did ask several questions regarding other articles, particularly regarding the capital items in Article 17. There, they ultimately approved all of them.

First was \$500,000 in local funds to augment about \$500,000 in state Chapter 90 road-repair money. DPW Director Jared Duvall said his department planned to use most of it to repair and do drainage work on a “very rutted” stretch of Sutton Avenue (while saving a second part until next year). That'll cost around \$750,000. The rest of the funds will go toward one of two things: “shim and overlay” (also called “mill and overlay”) on “a few neighborhood streets” or drainage and paving of Rawson Avenue, he said.

The largest single capital item was a \$685,000 fire truck to replace two old ones (Rescue 1 and Engine 1). To one voter, that was problematic; he argued against it on the grounds that having two vehicles enabled them to go to a car accident while already at the scene of a fire,

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## Dudley finalizes 2022 budget

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – Dudley has finalized its proposed spending plan for the 2022 budget year as it prepares to head to the taxpayers at the annual town meeting next month.

Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda confirms that the plan being sent to voters is an increase over the current year's bud-

get, which was reduced last June and at the fall annual town meeting in October in part due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The proposal for 2022 shows a 6.1% increase that also reflects employees from several departments who were furloughed during the early stages of the pandemic and the first three months of the current fiscal year.

“The tax rate remained single rather than split, meaning that residential property owners pay the same as commercial property owners, and although overall property values increased by 7 percent, the tax rate actually decreased due to limitations imposed by the Commonwealth levy limit law, known as Prop 2.5 percent. That means that despite the increase

in overall property values, the average single family property tax bill decreases by \$214. The changes the town has made in its operating budget in FY21 and proposed for FY22 reflects both cuts in services and overall expenses,” Ruda explained. “According to the Town's recent bond rating affirmation, these

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## Shepherd Hill moves forward with senior celebrations

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY/CHARLTON – A year after the Class of 2020 was forced to forgo much of the pomp and circumstance of their final months as students at Shepherd Hill Regional High School, the district is working hard to make sure the Class of 2021 can

enjoy their senior festivities over the next month.

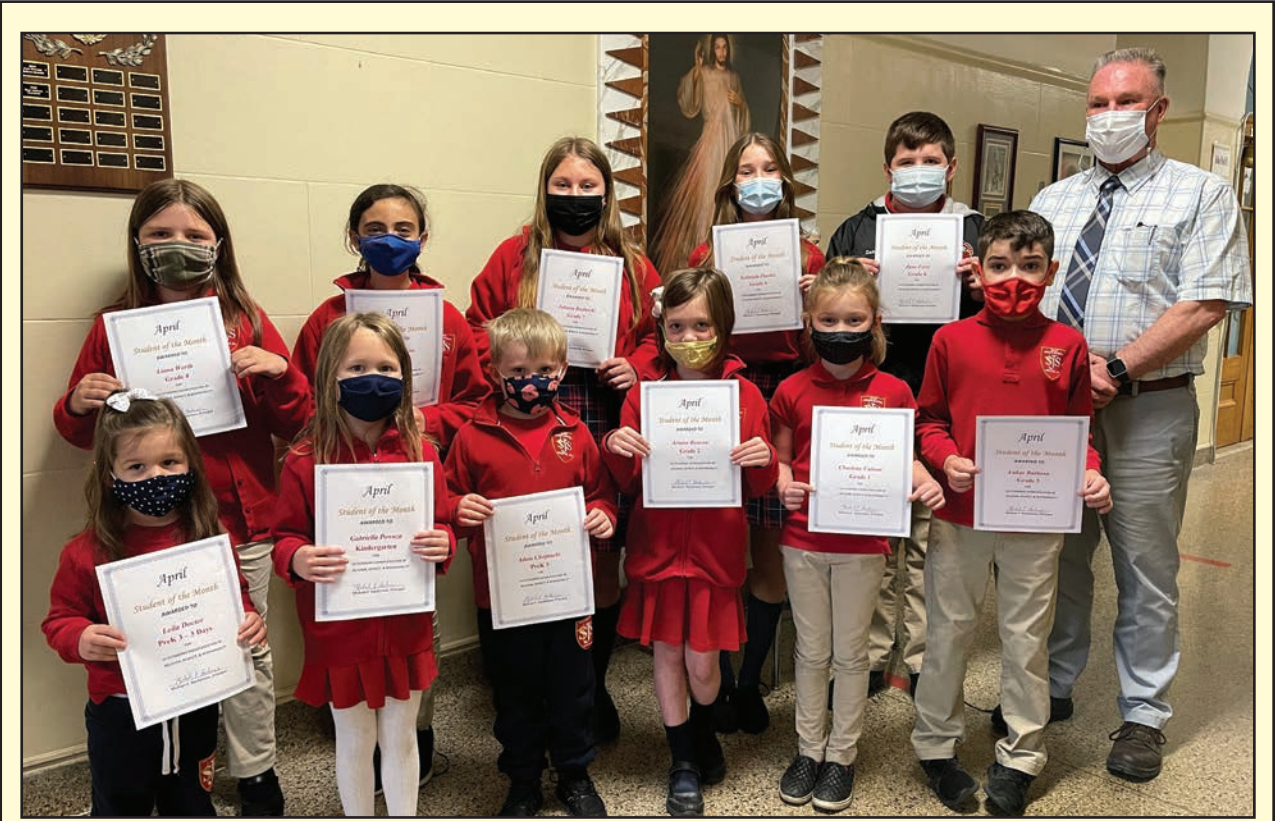
Shepherd Hill Principal William Chaplin provided an update on end-of-year activities during a meeting of the regional school committee in late April where he explains that prom, the senior banquet and graduation are all still on for the Class of 2021.

“None of this is easy. We've been thinking all year about how we could provide a high school experience through this pandemic lens. I think at this point in the year, we started looking at the seniors, and no way did we think we were going to be going through this with the Class of 2020, and I didn't think we would be

going through this with the Class of 2021, but we are,” Chaplin said.

The first event that will honor seniors this month is the senior banquet on May 21 at Mt. Wachusett, which Chaplin said has been working hard with the school district to make sure everyone can experi-

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## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following St. Joseph School students who were selected as April Students of the Month: Pre-K 3-year-old – 2 Day Program: Kamila Biela; Pre-K 3-year-old – 3 Day Program: Leila Doktor; Pre-K 4-year-old: Adam Chojnacki; Kindergarten: Gabriella Powaza; Grade 1: Charlotte Calnan; Grade 2: Ariana Benson; Grade 3: Lukas Barbosa; Grade 4: Leana Worth; Grade 5: Laura Ibrahim; Grade 6: Gabriela Planka; Grade 7: Juliana Rudnicki; Grade 8: Zane Ferri. Students are awarded Student of the Month for their outstanding exemplification of Religion, Respect, and Responsibility. Keep up the great work!




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# Lawmakers reintroduced BRAIN TRAIN Act



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Congressman James McGovern discusses the reintroduction of the BRAIN TRAIN Act.

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

BOSTON – Several lawmakers from the commonwealth of Massachusetts have joined an effort to bring high-performance rail projects to Western and Central Massachusetts with the goal of servicing unconnected or under-connected communities across the state. Senators Edward Markey and Elizabeth Warren, along with Congressman James McGovern, announced on May 5 that they are reintroducing the Building Rail Across Intercity Networks To Ride Around Interior of the Nation, or BRAIN TRAIN, Act which would authorize \$5 billion annually, a total of \$25 billion over five years, to invest in the transportation initiative. The Act has received endorsement from numerous state and national groups including the Natural

Resources Defense Council, the Rail Passengers Association, Transportation for America, Transportation for Massachusetts, and the Western Massachusetts Rail Coalition. In addition to the billions of dollars in funding, the Act would also instruct the Department of Transportation to evaluate applications for funding based on numerous factors including anticipated favorable impact on air or traffic congestion and the estimated ridership and potential rail service frequency. It also instructs the DOT to give preference to projects that will improve commuter rail operations, reduce greenhouse emission, and provide positive economic and employment impacts among other things. “Passenger rail is an essential ingredient for a healthy economy, a healthy environment, and a healthy workforce,” said Markey in a statement. “That’s why President Biden’s

American Jobs Plan rightfully calls for a massive expansion of rail across the United States. As we now flesh out the details and put together a comprehensive infrastructure package, we must ensure that we are building a passenger rail system that works for not just the megacities, but also for our Gateway Cities and the smaller communities too often left behind by the modern economy. We are reintroducing the BRAIN TRAIN Act to provide the focus and funding that will ensure every part of our Commonwealth is connected to the larger national rail network Congress is poised to create.” “I’m glad to join Sen. Markey and Congressman McGovern in reintroducing the BRAIN TRAIN Act which would help fund critical infrastructure projects here in Massachusetts and across the country,” added Warren. “By expanding transportation to smaller communities, we can provide residents with more access to public transit, connect people to jobs, and spur economic activity across the entire Commonwealth.” “We have a once-in-a-generation chance to cut through the gridlock in Washington and build a more thoughtful, accessible, and inclusive transportation network that empowers communities and passengers throughout Central and Western Massachusetts to have a say in shaping the future of this country,” said McGovern. “President Biden got it right when he announced the American Jobs Plan: he said we need to go big, we need to go bold, and we need to get it done so we can have an economy that gives everybody a chance to succeed. I’m proud to partner with Senators Markey and Warren to reintroduce this vital bill so we can ensure that as we work out the details of this infrastructure package, we build back not only better, but we build back in a way that ensures economic growth and opportunity is spread equitably throughout the Commonwealth.”



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## Farmer’s Sidewalk Sale set for May 23

DUDLEY — Dudley-based non-profit Local 4 Life will be participating in the Farmer’s Sidewalk Sale on Sunday, May 23, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event takes place at the Rose Room, 4 East Main St., Webster. In addition to Local 4 Life, several farms will participate, including Walnut Lane Farm, Begrowco, Blackmoon Hollow Flower Farm, Window Box Farm, Riddlebrook Farm and Freelifing Farm. For more information, please contact Erin Anderson at elanderson1228@gmail.com.

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## TIANNA WELCOME NAMED HANNAH HARWOOD FUND SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

The Oxford Board of Selectmen have announced that Tianna Welcome is a recipient of the 2021 Hannah Harwood Fund Scholarship. The Hannah Harwood Fund Scholarship has provided aid to Oxford students pursuing degrees in medicine and allied health fields for many years. The Fund was established though the 1902 will of Charles Harwood in memory of his late mother, Hannah. The Board of Selectmen voted on Tianna Welcome as the recipient of the scholarship based on the following qualifications for the scholarship; the student must be a resident of Oxford and entering their undergraduate freshman year, enrolled in a field of medicine or allied health. Economic need and grade point average or class rank was considered in the decision. Congratulations, Tianna!

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**Oxford**  
\$65,000, Tully Rd, Fiske, Nancy, to Winzer-Canning, Mary.  
\$156,000, 74 Bacon St, 190 Main Street RT, and Morandi, Kris, to Valletta, Thomas J.

**Webster**  
\$146,500, 661 Main St, Williams, Shannon M, and Willias, Melissa D, to Lone Oak Entperprises LLC.

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# Dudley sees big returns on Drug Take Back Day

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – The Dudley Police Department held its annual biannual drug take back day on Saturday, April 24 turning over seven boxes of unused prescription drugs matching the intake from October of 2020.

The department traditionally holds two Drug Take Back Day events a year with the help of the DEA allowing for the anonymous

disposal of unused drug items which are taken away and incinerated at the end of the day. The events are an extension of the drug drop box that is available at the Dudley Police Department. The April event was the seventeenth Take Back Day held by the Dudley Police.

Chief Steve Wojnar said the turnout was incredible although the numbers weren't necessarily unexpected as the department was forced to cancel last April's event due to the COVID-19 pandemic and

the October event had an equally large turnout.

"We had a little over 45 people who showed up with a lot of stuff. We returned around seven boxes of product which is very similar to what we did in October. We didn't have one last spring, so we have almost a year's worth of prescriptions that have built up between our drug kiosk and what people brought in back in October," said the Chief. "We're very pleased that people are taking advantage of that

opportunity to get rid of all those things and dispose of them safely. It's a good community service to everybody that's out there. We also maintain a drug kiosk in our lobby that's there all day and all week so if anyone does have something to drop off, they don't have to wait until the next 'Take Back' day, they can drop them off there."

While it might seem simple to dispose of unused drugs by flushing them or throwing them in the trash, Chief

Wojnar said these aren't the safest methods of disposal. All the drugs returned during the Take Back Day are incinerated and kept out of the environment and the hands of those who shouldn't have access to them.

"This just helps keep them out of the ecosystem, so they don't get into the water supply or become harmful in any way like that. They need to be disposed of properly. Also, a lot of times medications that are just left around and unused

can be abused. It eliminates the risk of those medications being misused as well," the Chief said.

The next Drug Take Back Day is tentatively scheduled for this fall and for now the kiosk at the Dudley Police Department is always available. Chief Wojnar reminds citizens that no needles should be disposed of in the kiosk and that all drug drops are anonymous.

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### SEED EXCHANGE

Throughout the months of April and May  
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.

### UNDERSTANDING YOUR CAT

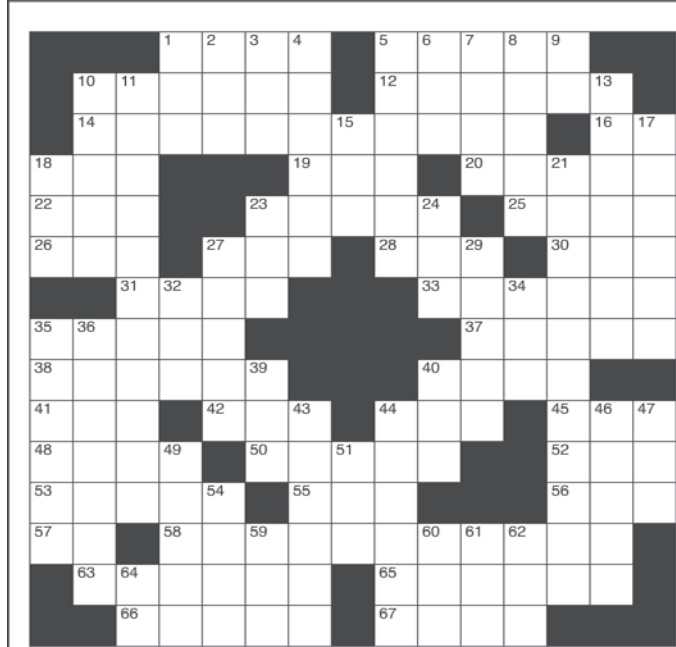
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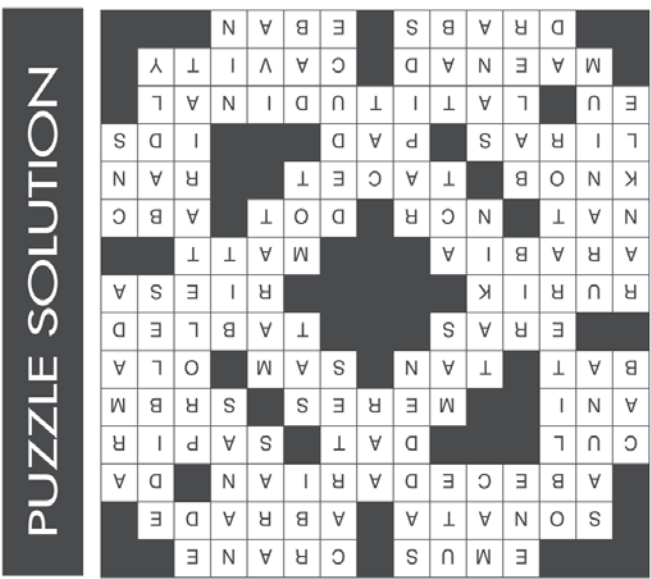


### CLUES ACROSS

1. Large, flightless birds
5. Lifts and moves heavy objects
10. Hyundai sedan
12. Wear away by erosion
14. Arranged alphabetically
16. Top prosecutor
18. \_\_\_-de-sac: Dead-end street
19. Digital audiotape
20. Linguistics pioneer
22. Singer DiFranco
23. Arms of the sea
25. Near-reach weapon (abbr.)
26. Ballplayer's accessory
27. You get one at the beach
28. U.S. founding father
30. W. Australia indigenous people
31. Amounts of time
33. Put on the shelf
35. Russian dynasty member
37. City along the Elbe River
38. A peninsula between the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf
40. Actor Damon
41. \_\_\_ King Cole, musician
42. Company that rings receipts
44. Scatter
45. Basics
48. Part of a door
50. Indicates silence
52. Moved quickly on foot
53. Monetary units
55. A place to crash
56. Many subconsciousnesses
57. Group of countries
58. About line of latitude
63. Female follower of Bacchus
65. A dentist can treat it
66. Dull brown fabrics
67. Int'l nonprofit

### CLUES DOWN

1. Midway between northeast and east
2. Partner to cheese
3. One from Utah
4. A way to move
5. Playing cards
6. Baseball stat
7. Long river in western Asia
8. Grandmothers
9. Entertainment legend Sullivan
10. Steam bath room
11. One who kills
13. Food
15. Swiss river
17. Fleet
18. Taxi
21. Working class
23. More (Spanish)
24. High schoolers' test
27. Heavily built goat antelope
29. Murdered in his bathtub
32. Tease good-naturedly
34. Morsel
35. Cause persistent resentment
36. A radioactive element
39. Perform in a play
40. Witty remark: Bon \_\_\_
43. A great place to kayak
44. Conclude by reasoning
46. In an unfavorable way
47. Complex of nerve tissues (abbr.)
49. Machine for making paper
51. Feline
54. Yugo's hatchback
59. Check
60. Press against lightly
61. Wind-pollinated plants
62. \_\_\_compoop
64. Commercial



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## DUDLEY WOMAN'S CLUB 'BLOOMS' THEIR TOWN HALL!

As their kickoff event, the Dudley Womans Club recently placed 110 "blooms" on the front lawn of the Dudley Town Hall. DWC members 'planting' the blooms were (left to right) Andrea Kane, DWC President, Committee members: Cindy Renaud, Diane Perry, Judy Joy, Nancy Vajcovec, Rhonda Duhamel, Lorri Ducharme. You too can bring a smile to participants and passersby alike and support the charitable giving projects of the DWC!!!! We will "Bloom" your friends, family or anyone you choose in Southern Worcester County or Northeastern Connecticut. 20 of these very vibrant Sunflower pinwheels will be placed by DWC members on the lawn of the chosen for \$20. Bloom as often or as many people as you'd like—more lawns means more smiles! An optional extra \$5 gets you a personal message delivered with the blooms. You can also remain anonymous. Placement of the flowers will be done by 7 p.m. (unless otherwise specified), remain on the lawns for two full days then be automatically removed. Placement of the flowers may be on a date and time of day you specify, or we will place them on the first available date. Purchasing the DWC 'insurance policy' for \$25 guarantees your yard will not be bloomed! To set up a Bloom or buy the insurance, go to <https://www.dudleywomensclub.org/blooming>.

## St. Andrew Bobola announces new Family Mass

DUDLEY — Saint Andrew Bobola Catholic Church at 54 West Main St. in Dudley will now celebrate Holy Mass on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for children and families.

The Mass will be short, not much longer than 30 minutes. The church seeks to provide a safe, welcoming environment where children and families can pray, worship God, learn, practice and witness their faith. Church pews are sanitized after each Mass. We practice safe social distancing with every other row blocked-off. Visitors to the church wear required facial coverings. For more info, please call the rectory at 508-943-5633. Please join us for this weekly family Mass as we thank God for all His blessings and give Him praise, honor and glory. God bless you and all your loved ones, and we look forward to seeing your family there.

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# State officials announce key reopening dates

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
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REGION – State officials recently announced several key dates in the continued reopening of the economy.

With steady declines in weekly COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, the Baker-Polito Administration is advancing in Phase 4 of the state's reopening plan. Officials are also pleased with the progress of the vaccination program, which has made it far more difficult for the virus to spread.

Effective May 10, large venues such as arenas and ballparks were authorized to increase capacity to 25 percent. The Commonwealth has also greenlighted amusement parks, theme parks, and outdoor water parks to operate at 50-percent capacity. Prior to reopening, these venues must submit safety plans to the Department of Public Health.

Residents are also looking forward to getting back to group athletic events.

“Road races and other large outdoor amateur or professional group athletic events will be permitted to take place with staggered starts after submitting safety plans to a local board of health,” said Gov. Charlie Baker.

Youth and adult amateur sports tournaments

are once again allowed for moderate-risk and high-risk sports.

Beginning May 29, gathering limits will increase to 200 people indoors and 250 people outdoors for event venues, public settings, and private settings.

Subject to public health and vaccination data, the following venues will be able to reopen on May 29: street festivals, parades, and agricultural festivals. All events must reopen at 50-percent of their previous capacity.

Also permitted to reopen on May 29 are bars, beer gardens, breweries, wineries, and distilleries. A 90-minute limit will be imposed on each guest's stay, and no dance floors will be permitted to reopen.

On Aug. 1, the following industries are slated to reopen: dance clubs and nightclubs; saunas, hot tubs, and steam rooms at fitness centers and health clubs; indoor water parks; and ball pits.

Also on Aug. 1, capacity for all industries is expected to return to 100 percent. Pending approval from health officials, all gathering limits will be lifted.

Residents are reminded that all target dates are dependent on continued positive health trends. This includes declining COVID-19 numbers statewide through the spring and summer.

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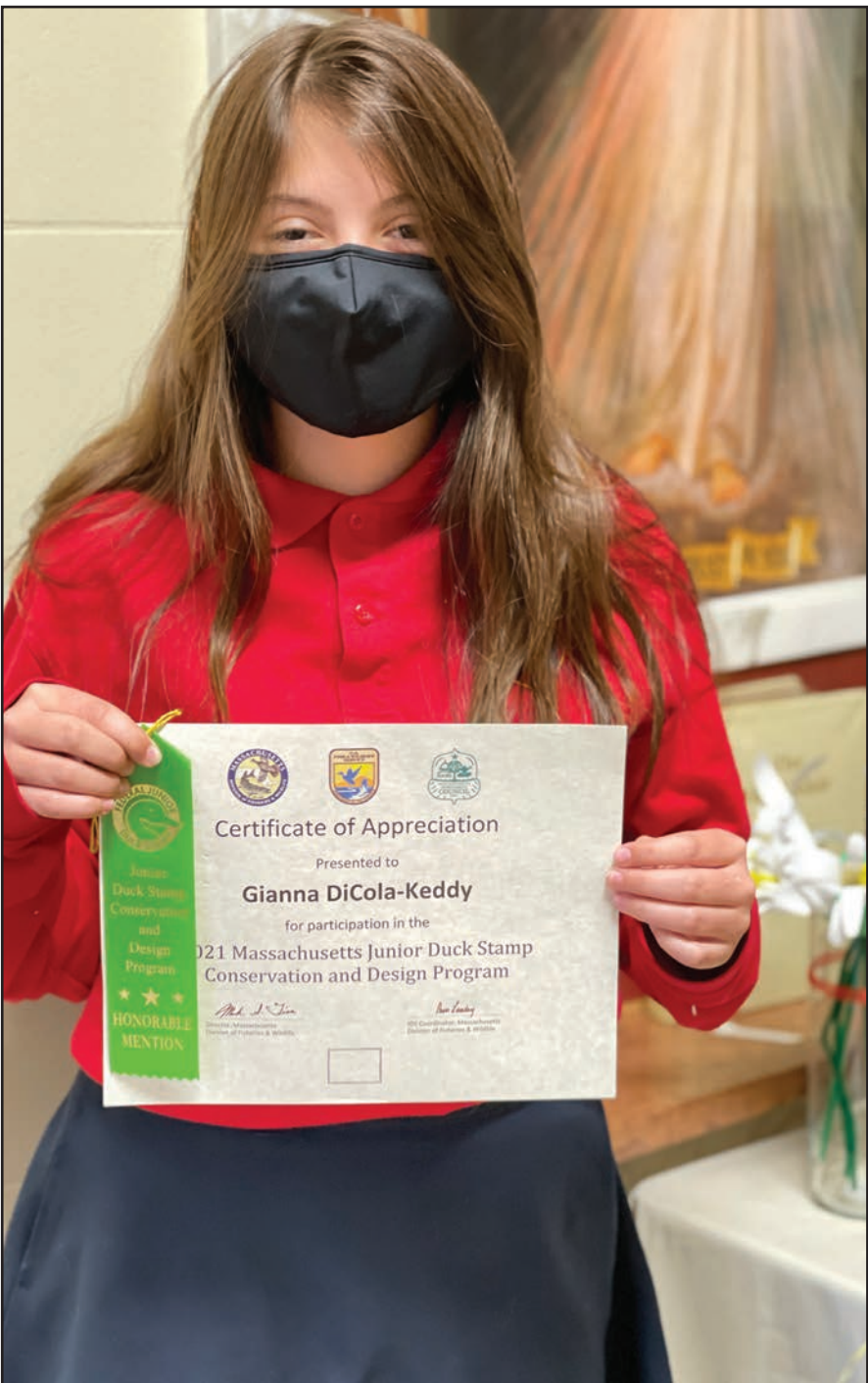
all eligible residents to schedule their vaccinations. This will help further combat the virus and allow industries to reopen sooner, officials said. If statistics trend positively earlier than expected, the August 1 date could be pushed up.

“Depending on vaccine distribution and public health data, the administration may consider reevaluating the August 1 date,” Baker said. “The Department of Public Health will also continue to issue guidance as needed.”

As the state continues to reopen, many residents are wondering when they will be able to say goodbye to masks. Although the state's order on face coverings was relaxed for some outdoor settings last month, residents should expect that masks will be sticking around for the foreseeable future.

“Face coverings will still be required at all times in indoor public places,” Baker said. “Face coverings will also continue to be required at all times at events, whether held indoors or outdoors, in a public space or private home, except for when eating or drinking.”

For more information about the state's COVID-19 regulations and target reopening dates, visit [www.mass.gov/reopening](http://www.mass.gov/reopening).



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## ST. JOSEPH STUDENT'S DUCK STAMP DESIGN EARNS HONORABLE MENTION

Congratulations to St. Joseph School seventh grade student Gianna DiCola-Keddy for receiving an Honorable Mention in the 2021 Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Contest. The contest is sponsored by MassWildlife and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The purpose of the statewide art contest is for students to understand the importance of preserving wetland habitats and artistically express their knowledge of the beauty, diversity, and interdependence of wildlife. Gianna's submission depicted two mallard ducks in flight. The watercolor image took almost four weeks for Gianna to complete. She began by sketching with pencils and then working in layers, completing the ducks first and then the background with watercolors. She was inspired by a close family member who is an outdoorsman. Congratulations, Gianna!

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# Assumption students present research during undergraduate symposium

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Katherine Gatto of Webster, a member of the Class of 2021, presented "Cahun and Moore and the Representation of Gender Fluidity." Katherine analyzed four black-and-white photographs by Claude Cahun and Marcel Moore that transcended societal norms during the 20th century. These photographs freed the artists from societal constraints and created art that challenged how society viewed gender as two separate entities instead of a spectrum.

Raymond Furgal of Oxford (01540), a member of the Class of 2021, presented "The Unusual Ventral Light Reflexes of Fairy Shrimp (Branchiopoda: Anostraca)." Raymond's presentation summarized the findings of the ventral light reflexes of crustaceans, in particular the fairy shrimp. Dorsal light reflexes are widespread in many aquatic animals, including crustaceans, and are behavioral responses to light in which the animal presents its dorsal surface towards a light source. Branchiopods, a group of crustaceans, are thought to predominantly use light cues for orientation. Fairy shrimp (Branchiopoda: Anostraca) are unusual because they generally swim with their ventral side upward, which correlates with the direction of light that is typical for temporary pond environments.

The University's Annual Undergraduate Symposium showcases the academic research and scholarly achievements of Assumption students working in collaboration with dedicated faculty mentors. The Undergraduate Symposium provides the campus community with the opportunity to gain a greater appreciation of and applaud the individual and collective accomplishments of the University's faculty and students.

"As an institution of Catholic liberal education, Assumption prioritizes involving students actively in the search for truth and beauty. The Undergraduate Symposium promotes a collaborative teaching model and faculty-student research opportunities, as well as helps foster intellectual development and professional growth," said Greg Weiner, Ph.D., provost and academic vice president. "These presentations, supported by faculty mentors and reviewed by their peers, showcase what students have learned and how that knowledge is applied to develop in-depth, thought-provoking research projects."

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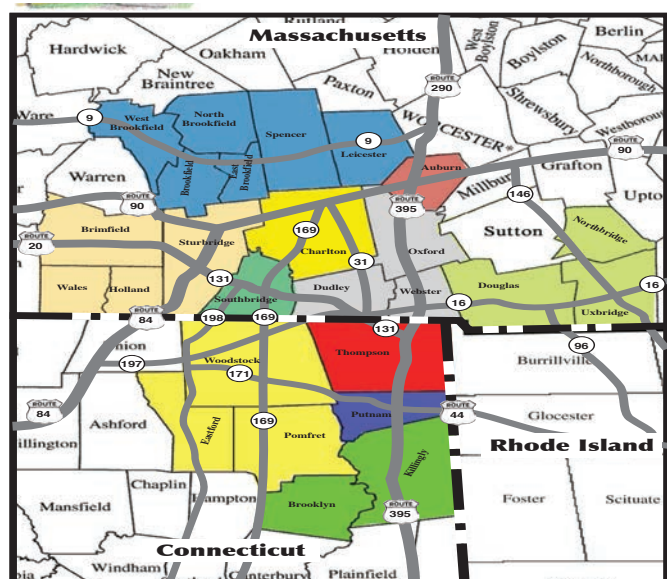
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EDITORIAL

# Equalizing access to education

It's that time of year when high school seniors are committing to colleges and making a plan for what will happen after graduation day. College tuition has become so incredibly unaffordable that many students are opting out or seeking a career in various trades, in which they stand to make more money than a classmate with a four-year degree — depending, of course, on which route they take.

Harvard University cost ten schillings per year in the early 1700's, which was equal to about a pair of shoes and two pairs of stockings. Interesting to note is that back then, most jobs did not require a degree, license or certification and laborers learned via apprenticeship. If the price of Harvard over time had risen at the same rate as prices generally equaled to the rate of inflation, tuition today would cost \$1,703 per year. However, that is not the case, and the current tuition at Harvard is upwards of \$67,580.

As a society, we stress the need for a solid, good education. Any job that pays a livable wage requires you to have a degree, however many students are not making much more than their counterparts who chose to enter the work force right out of high school. Really this depends on where you live and what you do.

The significant increase in college tuition has angered many parents and students. One has to wonder how a financial aid office at any given school comes up with the numbers for a student's financial aid package. In one recent example, a college in Massachusetts, cost \$73,000 per year. Yes, you read that right. A student with a single mother who makes in the ballpark of \$30,000 a year was offered \$13,000 in financial aid for the year. Does this school discriminate based on socioeconomics? One has to wonder. Are wealthy students somehow more special than their less fortunate counterparts?

Students who do make it through the four years will graduate with an exorbitant amount of debt, a bill they could potentially be paying well into old age.

Way back when, state universities were free, however did include a small fee. In the 1960's, social and legislative changes turned higher education into a business, hence the student loan debt crisis we see today.

Through some research, we discovered an interesting time line that laid out the path higher education has taken since its inception during Medieval times in Europe. Back then, few of these schools charged tuition and were supported by the government or a church, and areas of study were limited.

In 1796, Thomas Jefferson proposed an education system that was supported through taxes. He did this because he believed that for a government to truly work, that its people needed to be educated. As a result, in 1818, the government began subsidizing elementary schools and Jefferson used a \$15,000 grant to start the University of Virginia.

In the early 1800's, many colleges did not charge tuition; however, only the wealthy could afford the living expenses incurred during study. In 1810, students lived as simply as possible, keeping room and board rates extremely low, compared to today's living conditions.

In 1870, Harvard's tuition was \$150 per year, while Brown University was just \$75. This equals to about \$3,000 in today's terms. Again, only the wealthy could afford to attend.

A spike hit in 1920 when admissions doubled between then and 1930. The cost was about \$250 per year, with 20 percent of college aged Americans attending university.

The G.I. Bill was passed in 1944, but has since been modified.

In 1965, the Higher Education Act passed. This act helped provide financial assistance for those who needed it. In 1973, in today's dollars, an average year, at an average school cost just over \$9,000 and just over \$2,000 for an in state public school.

In 1972, only 49 percent of high school graduates went on to college. Back then, grants covered 80 percent of the costs. Today more and more students

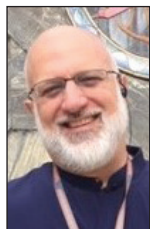
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# VIEWPOINT

## The victory of Christ

On one occasion Michelangelo, the great Renaissance artist, turned on his fellow artists in a spirit of indignation. He complained: "Why do you keep filling gallery after gallery with endless pictures of Christ in weakness, Christ on the Cross, of Christ hanging dead? Why do you concentrate on a passing episode as if it were the last work, as if the curtain dropped on Him with disaster and defeat? That dreadful scene lasted but a few hours. Instead, why not focus on His unending and eternal victory. The stone has rolled away! Christ is alive! Jesus reigns in triumph!"

Of course, the Cross is much more than "Christ in weakness." Christians make the sign of the cross, we wear crosses, and we identify with the Cross precisely because it is a symbol of divine strength, supreme love, and ultimate victory. Yet, Jesus was anything but weak. He revealed



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immense strength when He voluntarily accepted the path of suffering and death in order to display His unfathomable love for all humanity. He prayed before His Passion, "Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour?'" But for this purpose I came to this hour. Father, glorify Your Name." Christ understood that to glorify the name of the Father and reveal Divine Love to the world He would accept the Cross and even death itself.

Yet, we also need to remember, like Michelangelo noted, that the Cross is never the end of the story. We hear the angel proclaim, "Do not


be afraid. You seek Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here." Divine Light shines forth from the grave because death can never contain the Source of Life!

In the Orthodox Church, we hear beautiful hymns song on Holy Saturday which express Hades' despair when he received the crucified Jesus Christ in the tomb. He laments: "My power is swallowed up! The Good Shepherd was crucified but raised up Adam and all the fallen. All I ruled over is lost; all I was able to consume in my power, I have spewed out. The Crucified One has emptied the graves. The sway of death is no more!"

Let me repeat that! "The Crucified One has emptied the grave!"

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## First-time homebuyer? Follow these steps



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Is homeownership a goal of yours? It does offer some benefits, in addition to meeting your basic need for shelter. The equity you build in your home can be a valuable financial asset, and you may get to deduct your interest payments on your taxes. But if you're a first-time homebuyer, what steps should you take?

First, make sure the time is right for you in terms of your personal and financial situations. For example, are you fairly confident that your employment is stable and that your earnings won't decline? Of course, external events can also play a role in your decision. A recent study by Morning Consult and Edward Jones found that 12 percent of respondents postponed purchasing a house during the COVID-19 pandemic.

But if you're ready and eager for homeownership, consider the following moves:

Save for a down payment. The more money you put down for a home, the lower your monthly payments, although there's also a point at which overly large down payments can be financially unwise. However, if you can make a down payment of more than 20 percent of the purchase price, you can generally avoid having to pay for private mortgage insurance on top of your monthly payments. Also, as a first-time homebuyer, you might qualify for down payment assistance from your local or state housing authority or a nonprofit group.

Check your credit score. A higher credit score gives you a better chance for a lower interest rate. You can request a credit report from annualcreditreport.com, and you might be able to get a credit score for free from your bank. If you need to improve your score, you may want to delay your home purchase.

Learn how much you qualify for – and how much you should spend. Once you think you're ready to begin the home-purchasing process, you may want to contact a few lenders to determine the size of the mortgage for which you qualify. Be aware, though, that just because you can get a mortgage of a certain amount, does not necessarily mean that you should. You don't want to become "house poor" – that is, you don't want to spend so much on your house payments that you are cash strapped and can't afford to save for other goals, such as college for your children or a comfortable retirement. You may want to establish a budget for how much you can readily afford to pay for your mortgage each month – and try sticking to it before you buy the house. If you have extra savings, put it toward your down payment.

Prepare for unexpected costs. You can plan for your mortgage, utilities, taxes and insurance – but when you own a home, you'll always encounter unexpected costs. You may need to get a new furnace, repair your roof or face any number of other maintenance issues. To help prepare for these costs, try to build an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account. Without such a fund, you might be forced to dip into your long-term investments or take on added debt to pay for these unanticipated expenses.

Homeownership can be a rewarding experience – and the rewards will be even be greater when you've "done the numbers" and prepared yourself financially.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Return Jennifer Cournoyer to the Board of Health

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my support for Jennifer Cournoyer, who is a candidate for re-election to the Dudley Board of Health. I have known and worked with Jen for the past five years. During this time, I have witnessed first-hand her dedication to the community, ability to listen and advise and the skill with which she manages and collaborates on projects. She has proven time and again that she is dependable, always willing to go the extra mile and is a team player.

This past year with the COVID pandemic has been a challenge to us all, particularly for Jen as Chairperson of the Board of Health. Navigating through this uncharted territory required her to keep in close contact with CDC, MA Dept. of Public Health, Harrington Home Care, Town Administrator, Public Health Nurse, Dudley-Charlton Regional School District, and Nichols College, just to name a few, on the rapidly changing advisories and regulations. Throughout it all Jen has risen to the challenge and provided the necessary

knowledge and guidance on this fluid situation, spent countless hours attending trainings, webinars, and participated in weekly meetings with key Town and School Officials. She oversaw a team of four Board of Health assistants hired specifically to help with Covid related tasks and assisting residents with the COVID hotline for vaccinations and clinics. I truly admire the professionalism with which she had handled this stressful situation all while maintaining her sense of humor. In addition to these responsibilities, Jen took on additional responsibilities with her full-time position with the town assisting with zoom meetings and taking on several other offices during the furloughs, never complaining or saying no, a true testament to her work ethic and dedication to the Town of Dudley.

Please come out and vote for Jennifer Cournoyer for re-election to the Board of Health on Monday, June 14.

Respectfully,

LORI SMITH  
DUDLEY

### Proven experience matters

To the Editor:

My name is John Marsi and I am running for re-election to be your Dudley Selectman in the election to be held on Monday, June 14.

I have lived in Dudley for over 20 years, and I have two wonderful children in the Dudley/Charlton school system – Anthony is 17 and Jessica is 14 and we attend St. Anthony of Padua church. I earned my Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Massachusetts at Lowell. I have over 20 years of strong business management/operations/budgeting/process optimization background from my time in the wastewater treatment, enterprise software, and data and analytics industries. I currently hold a position as Senior Director of Operations at Acxiom. I have volunteered in Dudley for well over a decade. I was a Den Leader and Assistant Cubmaster with Cub Scouts Pack 274 and a member of the Dudley Finance, Appropriation and Advisory Committee (FAA). In 2012, the residents of Dudley voted for me to be their representative as Dudley Selectman. In my three terms, I have been chosen by my fellow board members to be Chairman twice and Vice Chairman five times. I have been a steady voice for moving Dudley forward in the most cost-effective manner possible.

I have three pillars of focus for Dudley. The first and most important is Public Safety. I strongly support our Police, Fire and Highway departments and work to ensure they are properly funded and equipped. Dudley residents deserve to feel safe and secure in their homes and businesses. I successfully pushed to move Dudley to 24/7 Career Firefighter/Paramedic coverage, something I am very proud of. Dudley residents can feel safe and secure knowing we have a highly trained staff ready to serve at a moment's notice. The next pillar is Economic Development. Economic development is the lifeblood of new revenue growth for Dudley. We need to ensure we create and maintain a business-friendly environment. I will

always support creative ways to bring new revenue into Dudley to support our operations and growth, and over the next few years Dudley will reap the rewards of those efforts. This will keep Dudley's tax rate fair, while allowing us to be a full-service town. The final pillar is Quality of Life. I feel very strongly that we need to support the activities and operations that make Dudley a great place to live and work. We need to ensure our seniors, Veterans, students, and all taxpayers receive the best services that Dudley can afford. I am a strong proponent of our Dudley Charlton Regional School District – it is a big reason people want to move to Dudley. I will always push for transparency in local government, and this was shown that during a global pandemic, the town delivered a vaccine clinic for its residents and posted weekly case rates to keep the residents informed.

My campaigns for Selectman have always been positive, issues-based and focused on ensuring Dudley is always moving forward with a focus on creative ideas and better management of the precious resources the town has. I have no axes to grind. I will continue to give back to my community by using my collaboration skills in working with my fellow board members, the town departments and our state legislative leaders to steer Dudley into the future and provide the highest possible value to the taxpayers.

I've said it before, and I'll say it again. I love Dudley, and I wouldn't want to live anywhere else. Please join me in making it an even better place to work, live and raise and educate a family. To learn more and receive updates, please like and share my John Marsi, Dudley Selectman Facebook page, @SelectmanMarsi.

As always, I humbly ask for your vote on Monday, June 14.

Thank you!

JOHN MARSI  
DUDLEY



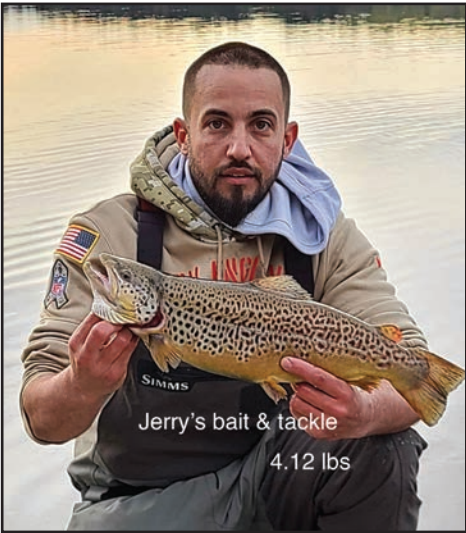
# A fisherman's paradise



Six-year-old Katelyn with her prize-winning derby fish at the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club.



Riley & Emma Palmer and Savannah Beals enjoyed their day at the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club last week. It seems as though most youngsters caught trout. They were not all monster trout, but the youngsters all had a good time.



Pete Walker with a four-and-a-half-pound brown trout caught at Ashland Reservoir last week.

Living in New England is a sportsman's paradise. The three seasons provide hunting & fishing opportunities that are hard to match anywhere in the country. We also rarely see violent storms like they encounter out West on a yearly basis. The big storms upset residents for years in other parts of the United States. A few windstorms that we encounter on an annual basis are nothing like those in other parts on the country. We have had a lot of wind lately, keeping charter boats and private fishing vessels tied up at the dock.

For those that brave the elements like rough seas, fishing has been very good. Cod and haddock fishing has been great on most days on the North Shore, but the three-to-four-hour boat ride to the fishing grounds eats up a lot of fishing time. The speed limit of 10 miles per hour on much of the North shore should be lifted soon. Reduced speed limits have been in effect for a couple of months because of the Right Whales that are residing in the local waters.

A local angler took his 30-foot boat out to Stellwagen Bank last week which took him slightly over 4 hours to get to his destination. He reported close to 40 commercial draggers in the area and decided to fish in 250 feet of water to stay away from the commercial fleet. They managed to catch their limits of 15 haddock, and one cod apiece. Reeling fish to the surface from that depth had an adverse effect on the survival of undersize fish. One angler reported that

the eyes of the fish were popping out of there head because of the pressure change. Cod also have their bladder pop, but most boat captains take a small needle which is inserted into the bladder, releasing the air before they are tossed back into the ocean. There are sure to die and become crab bait if simple precautions are not taken. Haddock are more likely to die trying to return to the bottom of the ocean.

What a waste of fish. Allowing anglers to catch and keep all cod and haddock up to 16 fish per day would sound a lot more sensible. With that many draggers working one area like Stellwagen, the fish population is sure to crash again after sportsmen were limited to catching haddock and cod for many years hoping to rebuild fish stocks. Numerous wolf fish were also caught and released, as they too are restricted species to retain.

Porgies are also starting to enter coastal waters which will soon be followed by striped bass. Unfortunately, stripers now have strict regulations on them allowing rod & reel anglers one fish daily and only stripers in the 28-inch to 36-inch length to be retained. It is known as the slot size. Again, this year, all striper fishing with bait., requires anglers to use circle hooks only. The circle hooks do help in hooking the fish



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in the mouth most of the time, but also cause a lot of misses when the bait is ingested and the hook pulls out.

Anglers need to remember not to set the hook but rather to just start reeling the fish in. It gives the hook the chance to pull into the mouth area and become set as the hook slowly turns and finds its mark. It does work, but many anglers like to set the hook themselves, ensuring a good hook up. Mass. fish biologists agree that a lot of released fish will die after being released, but still feel it is better to use circle hooks to minimize killing fish. Photo ops of large stripers before they are released, also need to be done in a matter of minutes to ensure the fishes survival.

Wild Turkey hunting has been great so far with many big toms being harvested locally. The birds became extremely vocal last week as the big toms go in search of a hen. Many hens are on their nest by now, so funding a new chick to hang around with is becoming harder to find. Turkey hunting ends on May 22 in Massachusetts!

The Singletary Rod & Gun Club will hold their annual Kids fishing Derby May 16 , this Sunday, starting at 8 a.m. The derby will end at 11 a.m. The club

pond was stocked with trout prior to the event. As the Pandemic continues on a downward trend, more and more events by area clubs are being planned, as well as monthly meetings are also being held at the club, thanks to all nurses, doctors and hospital personnel that put their lives on the line caring for the sick. Thank you!

Numerous clubs are now planning their annual field days, and the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club is planning an old fashion clambake July 17. Tickets are now on sale and are going fast. The club is open every weekend, or you can call to reserve your tickets.

More information on a new access road to Harrington's pool was received last week from a reliable source. The new road will be built with an access from the Uxbridge side. All plans are scrapped for any access off of Quaker Street! Please contact your state senators and state representatives to ensure that they are on board for building the new access road to this popular fishing and swimming hole. It is long overdue!

Katelyn Stacey was the winner in the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club fishing derby with an 18-inch rainbow trout. The six-year-old young lady was excited as this week's picture shows. Nice fish! More than 30 youngsters attended the event.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods bending!

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are heading off to school, leaving less grant money to go around. In 1975, the rates started to increase faster than inflation. Prior to the 1970s, tuition rates increased roughly two to three percent each year. In 2003, the cost went up 14 percent in just one year. In 1987, the rate for a public school saw a 44 percent change.

In the late 1990's, the debt was so bad that people put off weddings, having children and making other big lifetime decisions.

The year 2008 saw an increase of 439 percent since 1982, while income has only increased 147 percent. If things continue as they are in 2028, the cost will be \$340,800 for a private school education per year and \$95,000 for a public school.

Americans over the age of 60 currently owe more than \$86 billion in unpaid loans, and many of them are concerned that the government will garnish their Social Security, leaving them with nothing.

The proposed American Families Plan is slated to include, for those who wish, two years of free community college tuition. Expenses for books and supplies would be funded by the student. In our small rural communities, we see high school seniors who really want to go to college, but just can't afford it. Often times they are working part time jobs to help support their own families which is commendable. It is extremely difficult, especially in rural areas for high school students to save up enough money to afford even a community college.

Often times those students who do attempt to save thousands of dollars, have to do so by giving up after school activities such as soccer, band etc. If the cost of colleges hadn't increased so drastically, we wouldn't need to think twice about this.

Many parents who make just over minimum wage are drowning in debt after taking out Parent Plus loans, just to see to it that their children can get an education. Even trade schools are rising in cost.

A two-year tuition free community college (not universities — there's a difference) would be a great opportunity for any American wanting to get a jump start on their education, especially for those students who come from lower income households. Seniors who would never otherwise have had a chance at an education would now be offered one. Any opportunity for us to help educate our youth, especially those with the most need, is a good one.

Oftentimes, it's hard to empathize with people, until you put a face to it. If you think hard enough, you can easily think of an individual in your life who could have really benefited from an opportunity such as the one mentioned above.

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The sway of death is no more!" What appeared to be a victory for darkness and evil in the death of Christ actually became a triumph of goodness and life not only for Christ Himself but for all the generations before and after Him, including for you and me!

Think about this. After experiencing such harrowing days through the Passion of Christ – with His betrayal, His rejection by His own people, His humiliating treatment, His horrific torture and suffering, and His unimaginable death – it appeared that the darkness and evil of the world prevailed. The wonderful story of the Teacher and Miracle-worker from Nazareth seemed to come to a disgraceful end. Yet, when Jesus Christ willingly accepted the Cross and became a sacrificial lamb, taking upon Himself the sins of the entire world for the salvation of all the world, God revealed that He was always in control.

Christ's Resurrection proves that Divine Love is greater than the worst hatred and evil of the world. Divine Light will always shine brightly in any and all darkness. This is why followers of Jesus Christ live every day of our lives in the eternal joy of the Resurrection! This is what I want each of us to remember. In the midst of whatever struggles and uncertainties we face with darkness or disappointment or illness or sadness in the world or in our personal lives, never forget that Christ is Risen and His victory over darkness and death is something we all can participate in!

Never get discouraged by what we read daily in the headline news - news that appears so disturbing with the COVID numbers jumping to their highest level worldwide with the desperate situation in India, with ongoing stories of violence and death, with daily narratives of injustice and hatred, and never ending bad news that portrays the world as a place of gloom and darkness – we must never forget that Christ is Risen from the dead, trampling down

death by death and granting life to those in the tomb!

One of the most beautiful scenes in the Orthodox Church occurs on the night of Easter, when all the lights in the church are turned off. In the midst of utter darkness, the priest comes forward holding one candle, symbolizing the Light of Christ. One little candle lights up the entire darkened church. One solitary death on a cross changed the history of the world! The Good News we proclaim is to never give in to despair and never focus on the darkness or evil or death that surrounds us in the world. Instead remember that Christ is Risen and He invites each of us to become participants in His victory, to become partakers of His Divine Light, and then asks us to become light-bearers of hope and joy in the world at large.

Come receive the light from the Light that is never overtaken by night and glorify Christ who is risen from the dead! Christ is Risen!

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# OBITUARIES

## Henry L. ‘Sonny’ Koebke, 92



DUDLEY- Henry L. ‘Sonny’ Koebke, 92, passed away May 1, 2021 in the same home in which he was born on February 15, 1929, the son of the late Henry A. and May (Remhoff) Koebke. He leaves his wife of 71 years Virginia ‘Ginny’ (Pickard) Koebke, a son James Koebke and his wife Krisanne of Dudley, a daughter Anne French and her partner Andy Helgersen, five grandsons August, Curtis and Nolan Koebke and Holden and Lane French and his partner Morgan Donovan, a two sisters Evelyn Koebke Brown of N Haverhill, NH, Rachel Gallant and her husband Donald of Littleton, MA, many nieces and nephews and his late brother Robert Koebke and sister Hazel Sisco. Sonny was a Member of the Dudley Grange for over 50 years, Farm Bureau Member and Director for the Richmond Milk Co-Op in Richmond, VT for many years. Sonny was a lifelong Dairy Farmer on Walnut Lane Farm which has been in the Koebke Family since 1910. He wanted us to say that he was “Just and Old Farmer from Dudley” but he was

much more than that. He loved his family, lived honestly, worked hard every day along side his family and employees with no job being beneath him, helped his farming neighbors when help was needed, never spoke badly about anyone, always had a positive attitude and always made the most of each day living life to the fullest. He built a camp on the farm at Baker Pond to enjoy with his family every Summer and in his later years he enjoyed traveling with his sister Evelyn and built a camp in Charlestown, Maine to enjoy during his semi-retirement. His wishes were simple, therefore there will be no calling hours and funeral services are private. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Sonny and his family would like to thank all the Doctors and Nurses, Caregivers and Staff at UMass Medical Center for the compassionate care that he received during his journey with CMML Leukemia. In lieu of flowers, the family would like anyone who is able to donate their blood and/or platelets at UMass Medical Center, Worcester, MA or anywhere it’s available to do so – thanks to the generosity of people who donated, Dad/Grampy had an extra 2 ½ years with us and in the woods on the farm that he loved so much.

## Richard K. Rowe, 78

NORTH OXFORD – Richard K. Rowe, 78, of Main Street, died Saturday, May 8, 2021, at UMass Memorial Medical Center – University Campus in Worcester. He is survived by two sisters, Carol Condrate of South Carolina and Nancy Condrate of Charlton; nephews, nieces, great nephews, and great nieces. He was born in Worcester, son of the late Richard A. and Rita M. (Archambeault) Rowe, and lived in Worcester before moving to North Oxford in 1955. He graduated from Oxford High School in 1962. Mr. Rowe worked for the L. Hardy Company in Worcester for 37 years,

retiring in 2003. He was a member of St. Ann’s Church in North Oxford and a 3rd degree member of the Knights of Columbus Council 4241 in Oxford. A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 14, 2021, at St. Ann’s Church, 652 Main St., North Oxford. Burial will follow at St. Roch’s Cemetery in Oxford. A calling hour will be held on Friday from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford, prior to the Mass. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Ann’s Church, P.O. Box 488, North Oxford, MA 01537.

## Clifford M. Penniman



Clifford M. Penniman died after a lengthy illness May 3, 2021 at his home in Dudley, Massachusetts, with his family by his side. He was born in Webster, Massachusetts to the late Harry and Essie (Morris) Penniman. He is survived by his wife of 59 years Mary (Collins) Penniman; a daughter, Diane Begreen and her partner, Richard Dubois; twin sons, Mark Penniman and his wife Rhonda, John Penniman and his partner, Rebecca Poirier; seven grandchildren: Matthew, Andrew, Ryan, David, Jaclyn, Nicole and Justin; along with three great-grandchildren; Cliff is survived by three siblings: Harry Penniman and his wife Barbara, Martha Harrington, and Edward Penniman and his wife

Ruth. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Brian, and his sisters Evelyn Anderson, Carol Mason, and Susan Archambeault. He was a strong and independent man who worked very hard to provide for his family, as an owner of Andy’s Package Store and Penn’s Market in Worcester Massachusetts. He lived a long and fulfilling life; he loved RV’ing and wintering in Florida; he loved woodworking and gardening; but most of all he loved his family. The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude to Emily, Kandis, Lora and Chaplain Ted for their support and care throughout his illness. In accordance with Cliff’s wishes there will be no funeral ceremony. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel 33 Schofield Ave.Dudley is assisting the family [www.bartelfuneralhome.com](http://www.bartelfuneralhome.com)

## Earl Burrows, 85

WEBSTER- Earl Burrows, 85, passed away April 30, 2021 at Brookside Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center after a brief illness. His wife, Barbara M. (Denio) Burrows passed away October 27, 2000. He leaves behind his daughter, Lori wife of Don Joubert of Webster a grand-daughter, Ashley Linkevich of Worcester and 2 sisters; Beatrice Hubert and Brenda Moison both of Rhode Island Earl was predeceased by a son Earl, his father Ear and step mother Emily, 2 brothers; Frank and Clarence, and son-in-law Alan Linkevich and his companion, Mary Camacho. He was born in Woonsocket, R.I. November 12, 1935 served in the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Army being honorably discharged. Earl worked at the former Greeting Card Co. in Webster as a shipper/receiver, then worked at the former Webster Spring Co. in Oxford and retired from

Leggett & Pratt Co. He loved being with people and volunteered with MEALS ON Wheels and the Oxford Senior Center. Calling hours for Earl were Thursday, May 6, 2021 from 5-8pm at The ROBERT J. MILLER FUNERAL HOME and LAKE CHAPEL, 366 School St., Webster, burial will be private in North Cemetery in Oxford with Military Honors. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Brookside Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center, Activities Department, 11 Pontiac Ave., Webster, MA. 01570, Who had given Earl many hours of entertainment. To Leave a message of condolence, please visit: [RJMillerfunerals.net](http://RJMillerfunerals.net)



# DIY Repairs on Vintage Finds

Brimfield Flea market time is right around the corner, and despite the fact that only a few fields are expected to open due to COVID restrictions, eager shoppers itching to get back in the antiques game are prepped to snap up bargains at the famous shows as well as at area yard sales. While good deals on vintage wares are exciting finds, chances are many old items will need a little TLC before being put into active duty.

To usher in a new season of flea markets, tag sales and estate auctions, this week’s column will review a roundup some of my favorite tricks to transform your (not so perfect) bargains into fantastic finds!

\*\*\* Marble repairs can break the budget, but this do-it-yourself tip does the trick for a lot less! Small cracks in marble can be hidden with a mixture of wax and chalk dust. Melt a candle the color of the marble, blend in chalk dust to give it body and apply to the crack carefully with a paintbrush.

\*\*\* Aged linens are lovely, but are often found with stains. Take a tip from housewives of the past to keep vintage textiles terrific: To remove rust stains from old linens the chemical free way, simply rub lemon juice and salt directly on the stain and hang in the sun to dry. For stubborn stains on sturdy linens, boil them in a pot of hot water to which a little eco friendly powdered laundry detergent has been added. Let cook for about twenty minutes. Hang out in the sun to dry. If the stain is not gone, try leaving linens out for subsequent sunny days until stain has faded.

\*\*\* If your less than perfect porcelain or glass piece needs repair, the following chemical free glue often yields great results: You’ll need: two packets (½ ounce) unflavored gelatin; two tablespoons cold water; three tablespoons skim milk. To do: In a

small bowl, sprinkle gelatin over cold water. Set aside to gel. Heat milk to boiling point and mix into softened gelatin. Stir until gelatin is dissolved. Apply a thin layer of warm glue to edges of glass, being sure to align break. Press firmly and apply masking tape over fix. Then prop the piece in a box filled with sand for support until completely dry, or tape and clamp the item to ensure a tight adhesion.

\*\*\* Old wicker is gorgeous, but it isn’t always without its splits and breaks. Here is the easiest way to repair old wicker: For breaks that require the two pieces to be fused: Coat each half of the break with Elmer’s glue, applying glue to area around break points. . Cover wicker on both sides with wax paper and clamp the broken piece between boards overnight. If the break requires further strength, it can be further reinforced by weaving wire through the surrounding wicker to secure. Wicker splits can be repaired in the same manner.

\*\*\* Was that antique mirror a deal because of its peeling silver? Before you dish out big bucks to resilver the glass, try “foiling” the eye by taping pieces of aluminum foil to the backs of the offending spots. Or, if you can’t live with a tinfoil patch, completely remove silver from the back of the old mirror with a razor blade. Have a new mirror cut to fit the size of your frame and attach it to the frame behind the old glass. Voila! You have the look of the old glass with a nice clear view!

\*\*\* Retro liquor decanters are fabulous finds, but the alcohol they once held will often leave dark stains. What do to? Treat it with an organic acid such as citric acid, white vinegar or a mixture of one tablespoon of salt to a quarter of a pint of vinegar. Leave in the glass or decanter for 24 hours, shaking occa-



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sionally, then rinse and dry thoroughly. If stains are still there, repeat the process although tough stains may never completely be removed.

\*\*\* To save serious cash on commercial wax wood restorers, check your shoe shine kit. Lackluster wood finishes on mahogany or cherry furniture or frames can be instantly renewed with a coat of cordovan color wax shoe polish.

\*\*\* Black and brown sponge on type shoe polish are also great touch up tools for old wrought iron pieces.

\*\*\* Swinging sixties plastic furniture and accessories are hot collectibles. But many of the vintage pieces on the market are well used - and scratched up! The good news is, you can sometimes hide surface scratches on plastic simply by applying a good coat of car wax.

\*\*\* Want to spruce up silverplate cutlery without hash chemicals? Try the old fashioned tin foil technique to remove silver. It’s quick and easy, especially if you have several pieces to clean. Fold a thick piece of tin foil and place it in the kitchen sink to cover the entire bottom. Add the tarnished silverware and fill sink with boiling or very hot tap water to fully cover the pieces. For each quart of water add one teaspoon each of salt and baking soda. Soak the silver for several minutes until the tarnish is gone. Remove silver, rinse and buff dry with a soft cloth. Note: Homemade methods may leave a dull white luster on pieces or damage them. Don’t polish valuable or enameled silver this way and always test a few pieces first.

\*\*\* If the veneer is bubbled on your vintage furniture piece, place a piece of stiff cardboard on the wood and press with an iron set at medium heat. Press until you the heat softens the glue and you can feel the wood give a bit. Then press down and weight the area until the glue has redried.

\* Vintage trunks are affordable finds, but they often come with a musty odor from basement storage. Here’s a quick fix: Simply sprinkle some powdered cat litter box deodorizer generously in the trunk. Close it up and let it sit for a week. Better yet, after you’ve mowed the lawn, toss some grass clippings inside and close the lid. Stir the grass each day for a week. The chlorophyll from the grass will absorb the smell!

\* Old games and boxes sometimes still wear their original price tags written in permanent marker. Try wetting a Mr. Clean Eraser and carefully rubbing away the ink. This works well on glossy finishes. Be careful, if you start wearing away the paper, stop. Or try removing marker on washable surfaces with hair spray. Spray on and immediately wipe off. Repeat as necessary.

\*\*\* Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered

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

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

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

# Vacation care for container gardens

Planning a few long weekends or a vacation may have you rethinking your garden plans. Don’t let time away from home stop you from growing flowers and vegetables in containers.

Irrigation systems with timers and self-watering pots are options to make container gardening and vacation care easier. You may, however, just be looking for ways to adapt your existing container gardening care while on vacation.

Find a plant sitter and take time to provide needed plant care instruc-



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MELINDA MYERS

tions. It can be difficult, but you may be able to convince the person stopping by to feed the cat to water your plants. Move containers to a shady spot to extend the time between watering. Make sure the hose is handy. The easier the task, the more likely it will be done, and your plants will survive. Sweeten the deal by offering to share

the harvest or return the favor when they leave town.

Create your own self-watering system with a 5-gallon bucket and strips of absorbent material like cotton fabric strips or rope to serve as wicks. Place the bucket amongst your containers. Run the fabric wick from the 5-gallon bucket into the drainage holes of your containers. As the soil dries the water will move from the water-filled bucket into the container moistening the soil. Use long wicks that reach and rest on the bottom of the bucket. Add a lid with holes for the wicks

to slow evaporation.

Use an individual setup to create a water reservoir for each container. Set each pot on its own enclosed water filled container. Cut holes in the lid of the water filled container and run wicks into the drainage holes of the pot.

Test whatever system you create before leaving on vacation. You want to make sure everything is in place and working.

For short trips consider using a wine bottle or two-liter soda bottle. They can be used alone

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# The crossing from poor country to here

I always try to make sure my column has a point to it. I want to share a life lesson and encourage readers to live an optimistic and positive life. As for this column, I really don't know what the point is, other than I'm missing my mom and dad now ... and decided to write about them. I hope you'll allow me just this once.

May I?

My dad grew up in the coal mining area of deep southern Illinois. If you asked my dad what nationality we were, he'd usually laugh, then respond, "Hillbilly." My mom was from Sands Springs, Oklahoma. When asked the same question, Mom would say, "Okie."

As such, they lived their newly married years bringing their culture with them to their new northern Illinois home. I remember early in my life, eating lots of squirrel, rabbit, and catfish. I remember a neighbor asking my dad

in disbelief about eating squirrel, to which he answered, "When you catch a squirrel, it's like being given a free chicken."

I look back and realize two things. 1. It was part of my parents' culture, and 2. It was an economic issue. My mom would fry squirrel just like chicken and it was delicious. I loved it. The rabbit was usually made into a soup or stew and the catfish fried in cornmeal.

I realize many of you are grossed out while a few may have some of the same early memories. When you were born into the Great Depression as both of my parents were, I think you ate what was available and were grateful.

Today, I look at my kids, nieces and nephews and realize they'll be shocked to believe their dad and uncle ate squirrel ... and I did. Mom breaded the squirrel and fried it like chicken in an old cast iron skillet. After removing the squirrel,



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she'd make a milk gravy that we'd pour over the squirrel and fried potatoes. It was delicious.

I guess if tuna can be labeled "Chicken of the Sea," squirrel can be labeled "Chicken of the Tree's." And I'd choose fried squirrel over tuna anytime.

My mom and dad are both gone but their lives and culture still course through our veins. I was born in Kankakee County, but I still feel as though the little coal mining town of Sesser, Illinois is home. There is a world of difference between where I live now in a growing suburban area, but when back in Sesser, I'm immediately transported back, unconsciously using the dialect and accent of the area.

While on a book tour a few years ago, the route took me near Sand Springs, Oklahoma and I stopped at the family cemetery to see my two oldest brothers. Once again, even though I had not been there in forty years, it immediately felt like home in ways my real birthplace never has.

The older I get, the more I yearn to relive my early days. To be scrambling up and down the streets of Sesser. To run past Caesar Marlow's Bar and hear the voice inside yell, "Hey, aren't you Gene Moore's boy?" I'd stop and walk in. Someone would buy me a kiddie cocktail and start telling me stories about my dad and his baseball career. Getting up before the sun with my grandfather to go to the barn and get a bucket of coal for the furnace was an early morning joy. And yes, eating squirrel. The son of a Hillbilly and Okie is who I am, and I could not be prouder.

Our family prospered in an adopted life in the

suburban north and our cuisine changed along with it. One thing that never changed was country music on the week-ends and WSM Radio and the Grand Ole Opry on Saturday nights.

I moved to Chicago and received a degree in music education. And for a while, I turned my nose up to the music of my youth, but now it's back in my life and I love it. The food and music are permanent threads in the fabric of our family. Over Memorial Day weekend when we all get together, just open your car window and follow the sounds of Merle Haggard, George Jones, Ray Price and Dwight Yoakum ... and point your nose to the smell of Barbecue Ribs. There you'll find the kids and grandkids of a Hillbilly and Okie, celebrating our family and heritage ... without the squirrel.

My mom and dad were far from perfect people. At times, I think I may have been unfairly critical of their lives and par-

enting skills. The truth is they loved us and did the best they knew how. I was never hungry or without clothes. Their children all turned out well and successful. Their grand kids and great grand kids are wonderful. I'd say all-in-all mom and dad raised a successful family. They never left us and always loved us. I wish they were here so I could thank them.

As the saying goes, "What is remembered, lives." I guess I not only want my parents remembered in our family, but I also wanted you to know them too.

And besides ... no one could fry squirrel like my mom.

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](http://www.garywmoore.com).

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or combined with commercial products to help regulate the flow. Just punch a hole in the soil and insert a water filled wine or soda bottle. With cap in place, punch 10 holes in the bottom of the plastic bottle before filling with water and setting in the soil. Evaluate and test how many bottles you need per pot and how long they can sustain your plants.

Increase the watering-holding ability of your potting mix with a product like Wild Valley Farms' wool pellets ([wildvalleyfarms.com](http://wildvalleyfarms.com)). This organic soil additive made from wool waste holds up to 20 percent of its weight in water. It releases water as needed, so you do not have to water as often.

Further reduce the need to water by growing more drought tolerant plants. Zinnias, lantana, sunflowers, and succulents look beautiful and tolerate drier soil conditions.

A beautiful and productive container garden does not have to stop you from enjoying a long weekend or vacation out of town. Make plans for your container gardens as you plan your next trip.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow



Melinda Myers

Water or wine bottles can be combined with commercial products to help regulate the flow of water to container gardens while away on vacation.

Anything" DVD series and the nationally-syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Wild Valley Farms for her expertise to write this article. Myers' Web site is [www.MelindaMyers.com](http://www.MelindaMyers.com).

## WEBSTER POLICE LOG

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of May 2-8.

Tracy M. Benoit, age 41, of Dudley was arrested on May 3 in connection with a warrant.

Joshua S. Chenier, age 26, of Webster was arrested on May 4 for Possession of a Class B Drug.

Daniel C. Thunberg, age 53, of Webster; Jose Ramos, age 30, of Webster; Jairo Castillo, age 37, of Willimantic, Conn.; and Valentina Lanou, age 52, of Webster were arrested on May 4 for Conspiracy to Violate Drug Law and multiple counts of Possession of a Class B Drug with intent to distribute.

Carlos A. Valdes, age 46, of Webster was arrested on May 5 for Resisting Arrest, Disorderly Conduct, Disturbing the Peace, Daytime Felony Breaking & Entering, Larceny From a Building, and Destruction of Property valued at more than \$1,200.

Radames A. Morales, age 34, of Webster was arrested on May 6 for Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License and in connection with a warrant.

Kendra Foxx Ritter, age 32, of Worcester was arrested on May 7 for Disorderly Conduct, Disturbing the Peace, Resisting Arrest, and in connection with multiple warrants.

Ethan Joe Rosa, age 20, of Webster was arrested on May 8 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, and Destruction of Property valued at more than \$1,200.



# News, really close to home

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## LEGALS

### Town of Webster Legal Posting

Articles 5 and 13 of the October 19, 2020 Annual Town Meeting received positive votes at the Annual Town Meeting and approvals from the Attorney General's Office.

Article 5 deals with prohibition of engine compression brakes within the limits of the Town of Webster.

Article 13 deals with administration changes in Chapter 636 of the Wetlands Protection Bylaws.

Complete copies of the Town meeting votes and the approved bylaws are available in the Town Clerk's Office.

Robert T. Craver  
Webster Town Clerk

May 7, 2021

### NOTICE OF SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLE UNDER G.L.C. 255, SECTION 39A

Notice is hereby given by: ACP Collision 135 Federal Hill Rd., Oxford MA 01540 pursuant to the provisions of G.L.c., Section 39A, that on: June 14, 2021, at 9:00am at 135 Federal Hill Rd, Oxford, MA 01540 by private sale the following Motor Vehicle will be sold to satisfy the garage keeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicle.

Vehicle description: Year 2009 Acura TL Registration#/State: Unregistered VIN: 19UUA86509A024842

Name and address of vehicle owner: Workers Credit Union 319 North Main St., Leominster, MA 01453

By Carlo Perez.

This notice has been given under the provisions of G.L.c. 255, Section 39A.

May 15, 2021  
May 22, 2021  
May 29, 2021

### A.C. 92A Commonwealth of Massachusetts 21E0023PP

### Worcester, ss. Probate Court

To Gary Corporeale of Douglas in the County of Worcester and to all persons interested. A petition has been presented to said Court by Diane St. George of Englewood in the State of Florida representing that she hold as tenant in common undivided part or share of certain land lying in Douglas in said County Worcester and briefly described as follows:

The land in the village of East Douglas in said Town of Douglas with the buildings and improvements thereon situated on the northerly side of Gilboa Street and bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING in the center on said Gilboa Street at the S. W. corner of the premises at a point South of the end of a bank wall, it being the Southeast corner of land formerly of Frank X. Rinfrette;

THENCE N. 2° W. 164 feet by said wall to a stake and stones east of said wall;

THENCE N. 85° E. 91 feet to a stake and stones at land now of one Albert Senecal;

TEHNCE S. 2° E. 164 feet to the center of said street opposite a stake and stones on the Northerly line of said street;

THENCE S. 85° W. in the center line of said street 91 feet to the point of beginning.

Subject to the rights of the public in said highway and subject to the provision for the maintenance of a fence recited in the deed of Amable Tousignant to Desiry Therrien, if the same applies, said deed being dated April 17, 1923 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 2303 Page 195.

Being the same premises conveyed in deed dated March 4, 1994 and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 16127 Page 266.

Setting forth that her desires that – all – the aforementioned described part – of said land may be sold in private sale for not less than \$375,000.00 dollars, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which th Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Worcester before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the first day of June 2021, the return date of this citation.

Witness, LEILAH A. KEAMY, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-ninth day of April 2021.

Stephanie K. Fattman  
Register of Probate

May 14, 2021  
May 21, 2021  
May 28, 2021

### King of East Douglas MA

requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

**Violet MacKenzie King**

### 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 05/18/2021. 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: April 20, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman  
Register of Probate

May 24, 2021

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given by Bonnette's Automotive, Inc., 456 Main St., Oxford, MA 01540 pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.255, Section 39A, that on 06/04/21 @ 5:00PM at: Bonnette's Automotive, Inc 456 Main Street Oxford, MA 01540

The following motor vehicle will be sold at a private sale to satisfy the Garage Keeper's Lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicle.

Description of vehicle: Vehicle: VIN# 1C6RR7FG3JS182008, 2018 RAM 1500 P/U, NO REGISTRATION

Owner: Tyler Martinelli, 65 Worcester Rd Apt 69, Charlton, MA 01507

This notice has been given under the provisions of G.L. c255, Section 39A

May 14, 2021  
May 21, 2021  
May 28, 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. WO21C0147CA CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME In the matter of: Aaron MacKenzie King

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Aaron MacKenzie**



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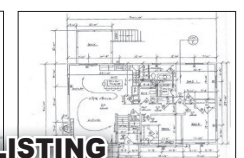
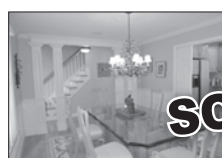
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**WEBSTER LAKE** - 11 Bay View Rd! One of the Lake's Premier Properties! 9,822' of Real Nice Set on .68 Acres of Park Like Grounds with 297' Waterfront! Over \$4 Million Spent! Nothing was Spared! 18 Spacious Rooms! 5 Water View Bedrooms, 4 with their Own Bathrooms! 5.5 Bathrooms Total! Brazilian Cherry Hardwood Floors, Grand & Spiral Stairways! Elevator from the Ground Floor up 3 to the Master Suite! In-door Resistance Swimming Pool, Hot Tub & Bathroom with Steam Shower just off the Mirrored Exercise Room! Billiard Room! Media Room with Custom Cabinetry & Wet Bar! Fantastic Center Island Granite Kitchen with Viking Gas Range, Sub-Zero Refrigerator, 16' Butler's Pantry & Breakfast Bar! Open Floor Plan! Dining Area, Family Room with Cherry Entertainment Center & Wet Bar! Open Formal Dining Room, Fireplace Living Room & Atrium! Library with Private Deck! Waterfront Master Suite with Private Office, Bedroom with Triple Glass Door to its Private Deck with Panoramic Lake Views, 3 Walk-in Closets, Lake View Bathroom with Huge Multi-Head Shower, Whirlpool Tub, Double Vanity Sinks & Separate Commode/Bidet/Pedestal Sink Area! 16 Zones of Updated Geothermal Heat & Air Conditioning - 30 Tons! Recessed Lighting & Sprinkler System Through Out! 3 Car Heated Garage! Full House Generator! Slate Roof! All Decks & Railings Brazilian Ipe Hardwood! Copper Gutters & Downspouts! It's Time to Reward Yourself! **\$2,249,900.00**

**WEBSTER** - 35 Everett Ave! 2 FAMILY GREAT INVESTMENT! 44 Rms, 27 Bdrms, 1/1 Baths! Family Home Lovingly Cared For! Quiet Residential Area! Set on a 11,000' Level Lot! Great Yard! Updates include Roof, Boiler, Electrical, Gutters, Porch, Sewer Lines, Insulation in Attic, Basement and Exterior Walls by Mass Save! Replacement Windows & Doors! Hardwood Floors or Workshop! **\$224,900.00**

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# of Homes Sold	13	13	►
Avg Days on Market	23	36	▲
Month Supply Inv.	1.00	.44	▼

WEBSTER			
	April 2020	April 2021	Trend
Median Price	\$258,500	\$342,500	▲
Market Volume	\$2,856,325	\$6,070,650	▲
# of Homes Sold	15	10	▼
Avg Days on Market	53	21	▼
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### PARK AVE

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Park Avenue returned to full in-person classes April 5, and older students did so at the end of April. Officially, the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education wanted grades 6-8 to do it April 28, with high schools returning May 17. Failure to do so without a waiver would make the district liable for making up the “missed structured learning time ... during this school year, into the summer or into the next school year, if necessary,” according to the DESE guidance document of April 27.

“With this timeline, DESE aims to steadily increase the number of students learning in-person for the remainder of the school year,” the document adds. “The plan unfolds in phases, allowing us to assess implementation and health indicators before moving to the next phase.”

Superintendent Ruthann Goguen noted other recent guidance requires remote students to have visual confirmation of their attendance, and the district is contacting families whose students don’t participate in such “check-ins.”

“We’ve definitely been promoting having students have their cameras on, but some of the older students do not,” she said.

As of May 10, the state Department of Public Health’s Covid Dashboard showed 4071 confirmed new Covid cases statewide in the student age ranges (5-19), with the highest proportion (1753) in the high school group. But that figure is still notably lower than the 2969 cases diagnosed in the age 20-29 group, the state’s highest category.

Webster has seen 1849 total cases since Covid began early last year, with 49 in the past two weeks. But the Dashboard doesn’t break those local numbers down by age range.

DESE’s Covid page, however, shows Webster did not report any new cases within the schools (student or staff) to DESE between April 29 and May 5. Statewide, it lists 604 reported cases among students and 65 among staff statewide during that timeframe, but estimates those occurred while about 690,000 students and 135,000 staff were in school.

Statewide, 17,330 confirmed deaths have been attributed to Covid-19 since last spring out of 653,190 cases — a 2.6 percent death rate if calculated from case numbers, or approximately a 0.24 percent death rate if calculated for the entire population of about 7.1 million.

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### MEETING

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for example.

Fire Chief Laurent McDonald said Oxford can currently handle two ambulance calls or one fire call at a time, and would do what they already often do under such circumstances – call mutual aid. To him, that’s faster than waiting for call firefighters to arrive, which can take 20 minutes.

Many departments have been trying to

### BUDGET

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changes coupled with unanticipated federal aid, resulted in positive operating results for Dudley in 2020-the first surplus since 2016. Based on current year to date estimations, the town anticipates breakeven to positive operating results, as previous cuts continue to provide ongoing savings, and continued federal funding.”

While the 2022 budget season is somewhat of a return to normal as vaccinations and re-openings allow for a slow exit from the pandemic norm, Ruda said there were still challenges to overcome when putting together the new spending plan. While last year the focus as on maintaining the status quo for the current fiscal year, 2022 takes a similar approach but with new factors that need to be taken into consideration on both the revenue and expense sides of the budget. In many ways the 2022 budget season is a transition period from COVID normal to business as usual.

“The economy just prior to the March 2020 pandemic-related shutdowns was very positive, and the town was well-positioned to move forward with three significant projects that are now back-

consolidate equipment as much as possible, and this one truck can “accomplish both missions,” he added.

Most of the items were lumped under the \$1.7 million coming from Free Cash. The biggest were \$570,000 for the building improvement fund, \$565,000 for Leicester Street bridge work, and \$146,000 to replace the police dispatch console.

Regarding the latter, Police Chief Tony Saad said the current console came from the old station and is “all outdated equipment.” When one console failed, they

on-track but were delayed for almost an entire year due to the pandemic,” said Ruda. “Action on several important grant applications was delayed, albeit now back-on-track. Smaller revenue sources such as permitting, and licensing fees were reduced. On the expense side, contractual obligations had to be met for the workforce, unemployment expenses were incurred. The fire department had a career firefighter transitioning from a three-year, fully funded salary and benefit grant status to regular, operationally funded status. Police expenses increased to coincide with contractual obligations to include the Quinn Bill and overtime line item. In the Treasurer/Collector’s Office, delays in Tax Title work due to the pandemic will reflect an increased line item for FY22 and County Retirement assessments rose by over \$120,000. Finally, the school district requested an increase of 4.8 percent, reflective of the annual assessment and the request to restore the approximately \$170,000 decrease that the district offered to the Town of Dudley last year.”

Speaking of the education budget, Dudley, as well as neighboring Charlton, have been in constant communication with the regional school district through

had to hunt online to find a replacement part, he said.

In the general budget, the major sections included \$18.76 million for schools, \$7.68 million for retirement and insurance, \$3.37 million for DPW, \$2.75 million for Police, \$1.92 million for EMS/Fire, \$1.5 million for Bay Path, \$1.36 million to pay down debt, and \$1.1 million for the finance department.

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public meetings and committee gatherings. The Finance, Appropriations and Advisory Committee has voted to send a 4.8 percent increase in the education spending plan to the town meeting for voters to consider which Ruda said is in line with town expectations.

“The budget will require a \$163,339 transfer from the Town’s stabilization account and reflects and overall, \$429,759 increase to \$8,880,840 assessment over last year, totaling \$9,310,599 budgeted for FY22 (for education). In FY21 the district’s requested assessment was \$9,109,427, before it reduced its request in response to the pandemic to \$8,880,840, the figure of \$9,310,599 would generally be in line with where with the Town of Dudley’s assessment would need to be in FY22. In perspective, with a municipal General Fund budget request in FY21 of \$9,568,528.44, and a recommended budget in FY22 of \$9,733,272.44, both the municipal and district recommendations reflect roughly a \$200,000 each increase over FY21 projected amounts,” said Ruda.

Voters will have a say on the general government and education spending plans during the annual town meeting set for May 24 at 7 p.m. at the Shepherd Hill Regional High School.

### SENIORS

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ence the festivities even with the 150-person limit still in place. The solution is holding two different ceremonies on the same night to allow for social distancing but also fair access for those looking to celebrate their student’s achievements.

“Initially, we were only going to do one senior banquet that evening, but we’ve broken it up into two. We’re going to work it into two events with a middle where people can sign up to go to two different two-hour events with a couple of hours in the middle where Wachusett would come in and clean. That really opened up the numbers so really anybody who wants to attend that senior banquet will be allowed under the conditions that we set forth,” said Chaplin.

Next up on May 27 is senior prom, which Chaplin admitted was initially called off. However, after receiving push-back, the school decided to make prom work choosing a new venue with indoor and outdoor space, the recently opened Polar Park in Worcester. Finally, graduation will take place on Sunday, June 6 at 4 p.m. at the DCU Center, but will be starkly different from the previous ceremonies that had been held in the convention center. For 2021, the ceremony moves to the main venue, with each graduate getting four tickets for guests who will be organized in “pods” to maintain social distancing during the ceremony. Principal Chaplin said if all goes well the Class of 2021 will have plenty to remember from their final months at Shepherd Hill even if they still have to work around the ongoing pandemic.

“We’re going to follow all the guide-

lines...Many seniors are getting vaccinated, which is wonderful. They’re getting appointments and getting in there. We’re still going to work on pool testing as well before those events and then move on from there,” said Chaplin. “The bottom line is we’re trying to do the best that we can with the situation that we have following the guidelines and really trying to create that experience for our Class of 2021 and really celebrate them and recognize them.”

The district is also working on the logistics for a senior parade similar to the event held in 2020 that honored seniors in place of a physical graduation gathering. That event would act more as a kickoff to the graduation season in 2021. Other senior activities in the works including possible a senior pep rally or barbecue outdoors and a drive-in style movie on the hill.



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Submit application letter, resume and standard Town application form, available at [www.spencerma.gov](http://www.spencerma.gov) to Town of Spencer, Human Resources Department, 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA 01562. Open until filled. Reviews begin immediately. Subject to Union Rules and Regulations.

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Job descriptions and applications are available for pick up at the Spencer Housing Authority office, 13 McDonald Street, Spencer, MA 01562. (508) 885-3904 daily from 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

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## Oxford native earns promotion at Northeastern



**Linda Kowalcky**

BOSTON — Northeastern University congratulates Professor Linda Kowalcky, who will take on the role of Associate Director for the School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs on July 1.

The Associate Director provides strategic and operational support to the Director, as well as acting as a liaison and champion of the school's program directors, faculty, and students. The role requires both tremendous insight into and oversight of the school's curricular offerings, program design, and student support.

The position is an ideal fit for Professor Kowalcky, a 1978 graduate of Oxford High School who brings years of experience serving in senior government positions at the intersection of policy and academia. Before coming to SPPUA, she served as liaison to higher education for former Boston Mayor Thomas Menino, with responsibility for higher education policy, city-university partnerships, and campus planning for the 34 colleges and universities in Boston. She also served as senior staff in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Currently, Kowalcky teaches public policy and public administration and provides thorough support for students seeking extracurricular and co-op opportunities, including managing the school's internship programs.

Prior to Kowalcky, Professor Christopher Bosso served as the Associate Director since summer 2018. He was also the program director for the Master's of Public Administration (MPA) and Master's of Public Policy (MPP) programs, roles which will also transition to the Kowalcky in July. With gratitude and appreciation for Bosso's years of service and insight, we recognize all his contributions in shaping the school, recruiting and supporting students, and developing our diverse academic offerings.



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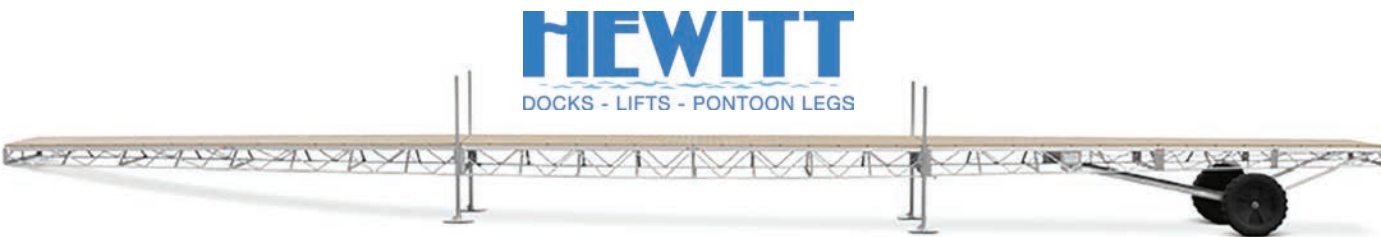


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