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# Hybrid start “better than lots of us expected”

BY GUS STEEVES  
CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER – Starting hybrid schooling has featured “layers and different variations of frustration,” but has generally been successful so far, Superintendent Ruthann Goguen told the School Committee Nov. 24.

She noted the first week or so was “better than lots of us expected,” with most students complying with Covid-19 masking, distancing and other requirements. But she also noted some concerns at the high school.

“While the majority of our students are doing well with following these new safety guidelines, we do have some students who are not taking this seriously enough,” she wrote in her Nov. 19 newsletter to parents. “It is important that students understand that they must follow the safety guidelines of social distancing in school, even if their families are allowing them to hang out with their friends in closer

contact situations outside of school.”

In general, Goguen described the biggest change – that of teaching kids who are in class and remote at the same time – as being “a challenging feat I’m going to liken to running a game show.” So far, it’s working, with staff getting together everyday to “debrief” on whatever issues arose. Specifically, she praised teachers in grades 5 and 6 as having “mastered what their doing” and said she’s using them as a model for other teachers.

Overall, the district saw a notable drop in total enrollment, from 1,841 last October to 1,682 this October. Statewide, the drop has been 3.9 percent, with the biggest decline in pre-K and kindergarten. The state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education reported last week that those two age ranges have seen an 18 percent drop, as parents keep their youngest children home longer. Additionally,

“more students have opted for remote-only learning,” Goguen said.

The superintendent also noted the state is now looking at basing school aid on last year’s enrollment numbers, so as not to punish districts for Covid.

Back on Nov. 10, the Mass. Association of School Superintendents expressed concerns about efforts to promote in-person schooling, arguing that several issues “that are beyond a local community’s power to impact” first need to be addressed statewide. According to their website, they sought medical evidence “that less than six foot distance is safe” (because DESE guidelines say schools can open if they meet three foot guidelines; Webster opted for six feet), help with union contract negotiation issues, and allowing “significantly larger bus capacity.”

Webster Business

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**SPECIAL DELIVERY**

Last week, Papa Gino's delivered meals to the staff of Tri Valley Inc. in Webster. The donation was part of Papa Gino's Pizza My Heart program. Through the program, Papa Gino's seeks out community heroes and delivers them free pizza as a sign of appreciation for the work they do in their communities.

Courtesy

## Oxford receives dispensary payments

BY GUS STEEVES  
CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD – Selectmen recently learned cannabis can be quite profitable for the town, with Town Manager Jen Callahan announcing receipt of six-figure payments for this year.

Callahan said the Curaleaf adult-use store on Route 12 paid Oxford \$222,925.22, while renegotiating the medical-use added \$125,000 to that tab.

Three other cannabis projects are still coming down the pike. Haven Extracts, which provides oils and the like to other businesses, is close to opening. A cultivation site owned by BVO LLC just had its community outreach meeting, but hasn’t yet sent its host community agreement to the town; she noted she has seen “elements that I thought were very fair.” A proposal to build a retail shop called True Roots on Old Southbridge Road is in a similar phase, with the property having just changed hands, she added.

Callahan is also hoping to bring in some funds by auctioning seven tax-title properties in early January. She said she and the tax collector looked at “dozens and dozens of properties” to select these ones; at least two are buildings and the others will be lots. She

noted they’ll have perc tests and other information for that auction to indicate whether the lots are buildable.

Going forward, both of those areas will likely be influenced by the town’s latest hire: Tony Sousa, Oxford’s first planning and economic development director since 2010. That year, Planner Joe Zeneski became Town Manager; coincidentally, it’s also when Sousa began his career in the field. He served in Woburn and Everett before coming here.

“He comes with a great deal of experience,” Callahan said.

She undertook “a very competitive search” in large part because the Planning Board told her “loud and clear they need that additional support to help shape the community” and implement the Master Plan.

Chair Dennis Lamarche agreed, noting they’ve “had a tough go not having someone in your position” for years.

Sousa said he looks forward to working on that and applying various “best practices” to his new department’s work. He described Oxford as being “so warm and welcoming” and in “such a transformative stage.”

The board will revisit an issue that was once in the planner’s hands:

the backyard chicken bylaw. In October, Town Meeting voted to remove that from zoning control and put it into the selectmen’s permit arena. At the time, the permit was set at \$40, but John Saad more recently noted he felt that’s fair for the first time, but not as an annual renewal fee. Callahan said she’s waiting for the Attorney General to accept the bylaw change before bringing it back to the board to work out such details.

In other business, the board commended Robert Grzyb for donating time and materials to replace the Common flagpole and held off on appointing a committee to design repairs to the various veterans’ memorials (particularly the World War I monument) until Mike Daniels could attend. Regarding the latter, Callahan said she’d received a \$15,000 grant to do the work by next Memorial Day. Other recent grants included funds toward recreating the K9 program and to buy a camera.

Additionally, she announced the completion of fire/EMS negotiations, with a new contract to come forward soon, and the start of police negotiations in January.

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## Webster schools join rapid testing program

BY GUS STEEVES  
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WEBSTER – Webster will be among the 80 school districts participating in a new Covid rapid-testing program called BinaxNow.

According to documents at the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education’s website, the Abbott Pharmaceuticals program is supplying Massachusetts about two million 15-minute tests for use in people who are showing symptoms that might be Covid “within seven days of the onset of illness.” It works by getting a nasal swab, but is specifically not intended to “be used for broad scale asymptomatic testing in the school at this time.”

The protocol calls for those who test negative to be sent home anyway and encouraged to get a more sensitive PCR test, which requires a blood sample, within two days. If that’s

also negative, they can return to school.

“I think that will help us dramatically with mitigating the spread of Covid,” Superintendent Ruthann Goguen told the School Committee on Nov. 10, before DESE’s award announcement.

Test data will give Webster “a weekly snapshot of what’s going on,” she added.

Webster is one of many communities starting to see an increase in Covid cases (38 over two weeks at that time). Statewide, the highest rate of new cases has been in people under 18, but Goguen noted the schools have only seen five positive cases – four students and one staff. Webster has had to send 10 students and six staff home to quarantine because of potential contact with those cases.

DESE protocol calls for the test’s use whenever students or staff go to the school nurse with a long list of symptoms, includ-

ing fever, chills, difficulty breathing, and “new loss of taste or smell,” among others. This is “Phase 1,” intended for “any type of in-person instruction, such as full-in person, hybrid instructional models, or in-person services for high needs students.” Future phases may occur with expansion to other districts, it notes.

The test received Food & Drug Administration approval in August.

Regarding Webster’s shift to hybrid, which the committee approved Nov. 3 to start last week, goguen described it as “not as easy as turning a switch.” Among other things, it has required an almost constant juggling of bus routes, classroom spacing and staffing.

The committee’s vote to go to hybrid sparked a letter from 102 parents and staff objecting to the change, dated Nov. 10. As read by Chair Kelly Seddiki, the writers were

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## Empowering Women in Business Conference celebrates 10 years

BY JASON BLEAU  
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DUDLEY – Nichols College will continue a yearly tradition honoring a decade of empowering women despite the limits imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Dudley-based college announced in a press release that the school will host its 10th annual Empowering Women in Business (EWIB) Conference which was postponed from its original April date and will instead take place on Dec. 10. Each year, the conference helps give a voice and inspiration to female entrepreneurs, business owners, executives, and students providing resources and activities to empower them to succeed. The conference includes keynote speakers each year comprised of women who have found success

in a variety of business backgrounds.

The conference will be virtual for 2020, and will include the originally planned keynote speaker Valerie Weisler, the founding CEO of the Validation Project, a global youth empowerment organization that works with over 6,000 teenagers in 105 countries to turn passion into positive action through mentoring and social justice assignments. Her self-designed kindness curriculum is taught in nearly 1,000 schools. Across the world.

“Valerie has channeled her experience of being bullied into an international organization that helps thousands turn their struggles into their superpowers,” said Rachel Ferreira, director of the Institute for Women’s Leadership which was established by Nichols

College President Susan West Engelkemeyer in 2013. “What she has accomplished is beyond impressive, and her message will be a source of inspiration for this year’s EWIB participants.”

The 2020 Empowering Women in Business Conference will take place over Zoom from 12:30 until 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 10. Participants much register for the event at the cost of \$20 per person, \$10 for Nichols faculty, staff and alumni, or \$5 for Nichols students. Those interested in attending the virtual conference can visit [www.empowering-women.biz/](http://www.empowering-women.biz/).

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Valerie Weisler, the founding CEO of the Validation Project, will serve as the keynote speaker in the 10th annual Empowering Women in Business Conference which will be help virtually on Dec. 10.





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# How to support small businesses this holiday season

The holiday season is an important one for small businesses every year, and it figures to take on heightened im-

portance in 2020. The outbreak of the novel coronavirus COVID-19 in late 2019 and early 2020 hit small businesses especially hard, with many being forced to close their facilities to customers in an effort to prevent the virus from spreading.

Estimates regarding the effects of the COVID-19 outbreak on small businesses varied, but many small business owners were forced to let go employees as they confronted steep declines in revenue. A ZenBusiness survey of more than 1,000 small business founders, senior managers and decision makers found that 37 percent of small businesses that employ between 11 and 25 people were considering laying off more than one-fifth of their workforce.

As small businesses face difficult challenges, it's no surprise that many consumers want to support locally owned small businesses this holiday season. Such support not only can help small businesses, but

also can help to revitalize local communities.

- Shop online. Online shopping has traditionally been dominated by big box retailers. However, many small businesses increased their e-commerce capabilities to generate revenue. Shoppers concerned about shopping in person this holiday season should explore the delivery and curbside pickup options available at locally owned small businesses. Even businesses that have not traditionally been allowed to deliver, such as breweries and wineries, have been able to do so during the outbreak, giving consumers unlimited online shopping options.

- Purchase gift cards. Gift cards take the guesswork out of holiday shopping, and such cards are easily shipped or even emailed to loved ones. That's a significant benefit during the 2020 holiday season, when delivery times are expected to be lengthy. Gift cards to local businesses simplify holiday shopping, support small businesses and help shoppers avoid potential delivery delays.

- Share your experience. Word-of-mouth is vital to small businesses at



any time, and can be especially valuable as these companies try to overcome the challenges posed by the COVID-19 outbreak. Holiday shoppers can share their experiences with local businesses via social media. Share information about the lengths local small businesses have gone to in regard to safety measures, order fulfillment and their delivery and pickup efforts. Such sharing may compel neighbors and friends to follow your lead and provide vital support to local businesses in need this holiday season.

Small businesses are the backbone of many communities, and the holiday season provides a great opportunity to support such firms as they look to recover from a difficult year.

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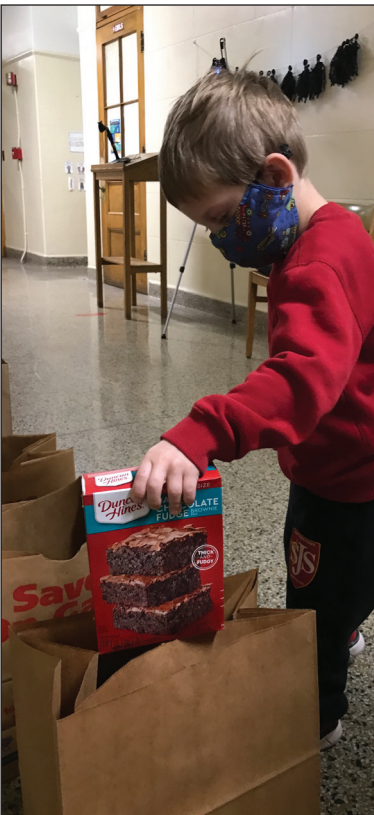
# St. Joseph students celebrate Thanksgiving

WEBSTER — On Monday, Nov. 23, the students, faculty, and staff of St. Joseph School continued their annual Thanksgiving traditions. As the students began the holiday week, they joined to give thanks for their many blessings and collect food for local families in need.

Each class was responsible for bringing in items that would complete a Thanksgiving dinner. Younger students, including the three pre-kindergarten classes, contributed brownie mixes for dessert, while older students donated stuffing mix, gravy, cranberry sauce, canned vegetables, and potatoes. Turkeys donated by the St. Joseph Basilica Knights of Columbus completed the meal. Although the entire student body could not gather in the school's corridors as they have in years past, the spirit of Thanksgiving was still felt throughout the building as students watched the LIVE Stream of the 6th Grade students leading the prayers. Following the service, students dropped

their donations into grocery bags that lined the first-floor hallway. The students collected enough food for 20 individual Thanksgiving meals.

Then, on Tuesday, Nov. 24, the St. Joseph School community gathered for their Annual Thanksgiving Feast. Although the meal had to be served over six lunch periods because the school could not come together as one group, it was still a time for the students to celebrate the holiday. Everyone enjoyed delicious homemade turkey, creamy mashed potatoes, and savory stuffing prepared by the St. Joseph School cafeteria staff. Although the COVID-19 pandemic has overshadowed this school year, the Thanksgiving holiday events at St. Joseph School have been very festive. The students are incredibly grateful for the opportunity to return to in-person learning and be with their classmates and teachers.



Courtesy  
**St. Joseph School Pre-K 4-year-old student, Isaac Nading, places his Thanksgiving donation of boxed brownie mix into a grocery bag. Isaac's donation will help to complete a full Thanksgiving Day meal that will be given to a family in need.**

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Due to the pandemic, this event has unfortunately been cancelled. However, all is not lost.

Thanks to his long-standing connection with the Town Offices, as well as the Fire and Police Departments, Santa and his helpers have arranged to ride around the town for one night and spread some holiday cheer. They will be traveling on a Fire Truck, escorted by the Police. This is scheduled to take place (weather permitting) on Friday, Dec. 4 starting at 4:30 p.m. In the event of bad weather, the new date will be Saturday, Dec. 5.

The proposed route, and estimated times of the visit, is listed below. Check the list for your area. It is important to note the times proposed are estimates. The actual visits could be sooner or later, and the route may be altered without notice as well. Arrangements are underway to broadcast this event over social media and possibly track the route in live time. More information on this will be announced in the coming days. Due to the pandemic, people are asked not to gather in crowds, remember to social distance, and observe the other safety precautions. We thank you in advance for your

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6:20 p.m. Tobin Drive to Dudley Oxford Rd

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6:45 p.m. Lyons Rd  
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Knollwood Rd  
6:50 p.m. Cross West Main to Hall Rd

Dudley Hill Rd to Dudley Oxford Rd.

6:55 p.m. Ramshorn Rd  
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to West Main St

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8 p.m. Procession ends



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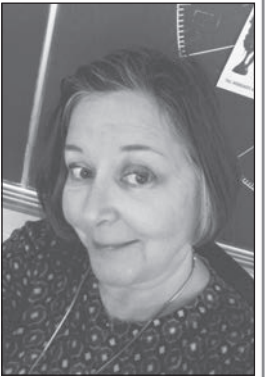
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# Dudley closing Town Hall, switching to drive through services

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DUDLEY – The town of Dudley will be walking back its reopening process due to the recent increase in positive COVID-19 cases throughout the commonwealth including closing the town hall and initiating a drive thru system for citizens to use for the immediate future.

Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda says that Dudley is reverting to a “by appointment only” approach to in-person town hall visitation in an attempt prioritize the safety of the public and town employees. Eight months into the pandemic that has reached a global scale Dudley and countless other communities find themselves reverting to prior safety measures due to a new spike in cases nationwide. As a result, Dudley is taking lessons learned from the previous shutdown and attempting to continue to serve citizens in new ways while maintaining its efforts to put public safety above all else. This will include a brand new element to the town hall’s services, a drive thru model which will see the town use a toll booth similar to the one found at the recycling center as an outdoor location for citizen to take care of their business with the town.

“The change to appointment-only and a drive thru model is almost as much about protecting local services from an unplanned closure due to a state directive, or a need to quarantine a group of employees that may have been exposed as it is about protecting the public against the spread of the virus. The mission has not changed; public health and services remain the focus,” Ruda said. “We have a plan that is a hybrid of what have become tested models to both protect the public health and public services. The plan includes the redesign of the Town’s website that will be much easier to maneuver for all members of the public. The redesign of the website will include the addition of E-Permitting Services and an overall better way to access routine services through virtual means.

We expect the roll-out of a redesigned website by the end of December and E-Permitting services in the spring. Wherever and whenever possible, virtual services will be publicized to reduce the need for in-person services, adding a measure of protection and convenience for residents and business owners.”

The drive thru will be added as of Dec. 14, the date the town hall is expected to close to the public once again and will see citizens pull up and speak to a representative who will be providing services. The booths will be equipped with heating mechanisms, data and phone equipment and will be monitored by a security camera. The booth will be staffed on Mondays from noon until 4 p.m., and Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. until noon. Ruda stated that the toll booth and its components were almost completely funded by the CARE Act. The drop box at the Dudley Police Station will remain accessible. If an in-person appointment is needed a reception desk will be stationary in the town hall for managing appointments which will be kept to fifteen minutes whenever possible. In-person meetings of all boards and commissions are also being suspended and reverting to digital meetings until the end of January.

“The town will return to a more normal format when it is safe and allowable. As it stands, we



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Signs on the Dudley Town Hall front entrance inform citizens of the impending change to appointment only practices on Dec. 14.

are and have remained under a federal state of emergency and state and local emergency declaration since March,” Ruda said adding that he feels Dudley as a whole is remaining diligent and is doing a fine job keeping the virus in check on a local level. “The fact of the matter is that people are wearing masks, they are practicing social distancing and are for the most part, doing their part following the program. We almost never see people entering a business unmasked and to date, have had no need to do anything more than remind and educate.”

## WEBSTER POLICE LOG

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests from Nov. 15-28.

Joshua Lewis Jefferson, age 36, of Webster was arrested on Nov. 15 for Assault, Furnishing Law Enforcement with False Identification, Carrying a Dangerous Weapon, Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License (subsequent offense), and in connection with a warrant.

Chantelle L. Goulet, age 24, of Worcester was arrested on Nov. 16 for Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License, Operating Under the Influence of Drugs, and Speeding in Violation of a Special Regulation.

Christopher L. Wells, age 52, of Webster was arrested on Nov. 17 in connection with multiple warrants.

Eliana E. Arzeno, age 23, of Southbridge was arrested on Nov., 18 for Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License and a Motor Vehicle Equipment Violation (Miscellaneous).

An adult male whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Nov. 19 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

Mark Kabundi, age 20, of Shrewsbury was arrested on Nov. 20 for multiple counts of drug possession. Kasim Mekedulu, age 20, of Worcester was arrested during the same incident in connection with a warrant.

William D. Tomolonius, age 36, of Webster was

arrested on Nov. 20 in connection with multiple warrants.

Messiah Darrien Amankwa, age 18, of Worcester was arrested on Nov. 20 in connection with a warrant.

Nicholas A. Liccardi, age 29, of Thompson, Conn. was arrested on Nov. 20 in connection with a warrant, and for Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License, a Number Plate Violation to Conceal Identification, operating an Unregistered Motor Vehicle, operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle, and Use of an Electronic Device While Operating.

An adult male whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Nov. 22 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member and multiple counts of drug possession.

Armando Ramos, age 31, of Oxford was arrested on Nov. 24 in connection with a warrant.

Robert H. Descheneau III, age 36, of Webster was arrested on Nov. 25 for Operating with a Suspended License and operating a vehicle with No Inspection Sticker.

Rommel N. Portante, age 23, of Webster was arrested on Nov. 26 in connection with a warrant and for Assault & Battery.

Paul J. Ondrasek, age 69, of Webster was arrested on Nov. 27 in connection with a warrant.

An adult male whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Nov. 28 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

## DUDLEY POLICE LOG

DUDLEY — The Dudley Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of Nov. 20-27.

Ashley Jean Caruso, age 30, of Dudley was arrested on Nov. 20 for Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License.

Albert Oliver Robillard, Jr., age 67, of Woodstock, Conn. was arrested on Nov. 22 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol and Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle.

## St. Andrew Bobola Holiday Polish Food Sale

DUDLEY — St. Andrew Bobola Church, 54 West Main St., Dudley is sponsoring a drive-thru Polish food sale for your holiday enjoyment on Saturday, Dec. 12 from 10 a.m. ‘til 2 p.m. Just drive up to the rear of the church! All food is pre-packaged and frozen! (No hot food will be served!)

We are offering homemade Cheese or Cabbage Pierogi (one dozen for \$18, half dozen for \$9), Kielbasa (Smoked, Grilled or Double Smoked) for \$12 per double-link package. Golabki (stuffed cabbage) at \$3 each are available in two or three per package. Kapusta/Bigos is available for \$10 per jar. Small Pierogi (limited amounts - Kapusta, Kapusta with mushrooms, cheese or potato filled) are on sale for \$7 per dozen, Blueberry or Strawberry Pierogi on sale for \$8 per dozen (smaller in size, not homemade). Strudel (prune, poppyseed or cherry cheese) are available for \$10 each. To order ahead any time, please call the rectory at 508-943-5633. Please swing by to pick up and enjoy some great Polish food for your Christmas festivities and help support our small church!

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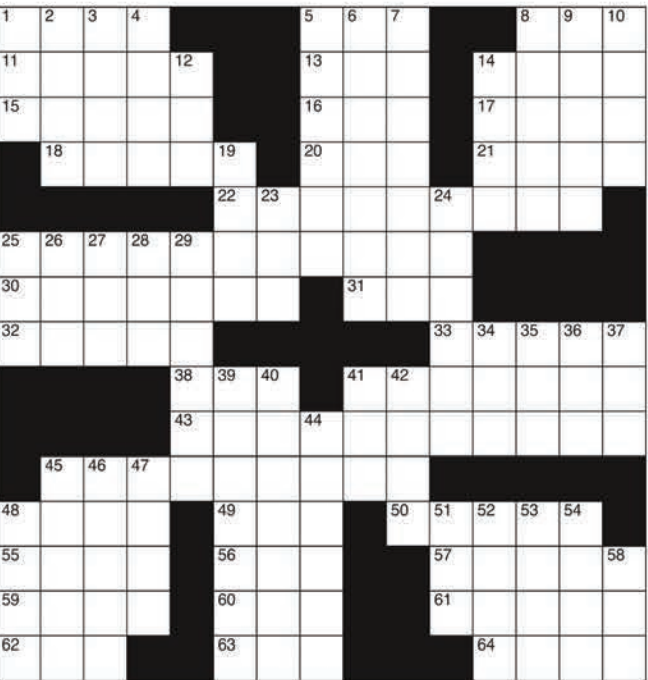
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### CLUES ACROSS

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5. \_\_\_ Caesar, comedian
8. Helps little firms
11. A way to censor
13. Expresses atomic and molecular weights
14. Chalcedony
15. Type of sword
16. A corporation’s first offer to sell stock to the public
17. Attired
18. A sequence of winding turns
20. Pal
21. Expresses pleasure
22. Amendable
25. Clear
30. A way to cut off
31. Indigenous Thai person
32. Pale brownish yellow color
33. Aquatic plants genus
38. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
41. Merchants
43. Fix a chair
45. Throws into disorganization
48. Famed German composer
49. Keyboard key
50. Oral polio vaccine developer
55. Partner to pain
56. Where golfers start
57. Jenny \_\_\_: weight loss program
59. Sailing dinghy
60. Suffix that forms adjectives
61. Speeds at which music is played
62. Body part
63. Fall back
64. Ancient Greek sophist

### CLUES DOWN

1. One point south of due east
2. Wings
3. One point south of southeast
4. The shirts on our backs
5. One who works on the seas
6. Select jury
7. Small intestines parts
8. Plant of the heath family
9. Extrasolar planet
10. Creates more of
12. Before
14. Forms over a cut
19. Runs down
23. Exercise regimen \_\_\_-bo
24. Unkeyed
25. Principle underlying the universe
26. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
27. Residue
28. Company that rings receipts
29. Rugged mountain range
34. Commercials
35. NY footballer
36. They \_\_\_
37. Soviet Socialist Republic
39. Poked holes in the ground
40. Pitchers
41. Your
42. Diana \_\_, singer
44. Important document for inventors
45. Bangladesh capital
46. Fluid that flows in the veins of Greek gods
47. Famed daguerreotype photographer
48. Where military personnel work
51. Play a role
52. La \_\_\_ Tar Pits, Hollywood
53. Unstressed-stressed
54. Type of palm tree
58. Judo garments



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### Oxford

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### Webster

\$550,000, 46 Bates Point Rd, Trainor, Michael L, to Trainor, Christopher J. \$380,000, 52 Cudworth Rd, Barrett-Goulet, Cathi L, and Goulet, Kenneth J, to 52 Cudworth Rd LLC. \$370,500, 28 Harris St, Faneuf, David J, to Wahome, Victor P. \$275,000, 9 Greystone Ave, Cady, Mark, to Rodriguez, Isabel M, and Ramos-Rodriguez, Valeria. \$225,000, 61 Whitcomb St, Gilman, Stacy A, and Gilman, Dawn, to Blackstone Vly Realty LLC. \$156,600, 256 N Main St, USA HUD, to Pianka, Jaroslaw.





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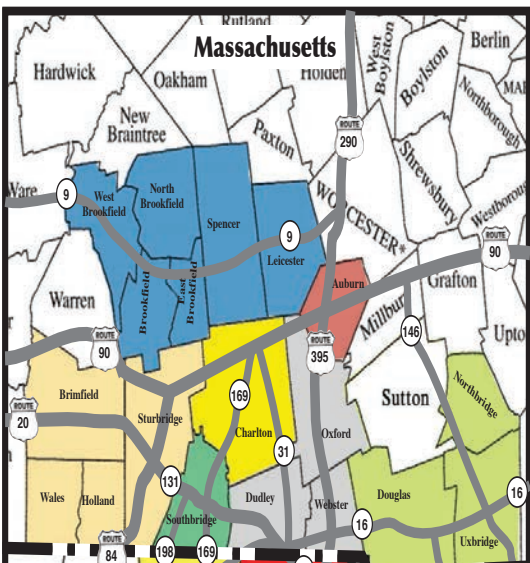
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# Economical Holiday Tips

Now that Thanksgiving is over, holiday decorating can begin in earnest! But if you think decking the halls means digging deep into your pockets, think again. Through the years this column has shared many economical ways to add a holiday touch to your surroundings during the yuletide season. With many budgets still tight, this year is an ideal time to review (and hopefully adopt) some of these quick and easy holiday ideas. Read on as this week’s column spotlights some festive favorites!

**Christmas Tree Preservative:** If your family loves decorating a real tree, but you hate the mess of fallen needles, and the fear of sparking branches - don’t despair! And don’t spend big bucks on commercial preservatives either. This recipe will save the tree, some money, and maybe even a few frayed nerves: Ingredients: one gallon water; one cup ammonium sulphate (available from garden supply store); two tablespoons borax (available from grocery or hardware store); a few aspirins or three tablespoons glycerin, or three tablespoons sugar. Instructions: Mix first three ingredients together well. Pour into a spray bottle. Spritz on tree and pour the remainder into the tree stand instead of in water. Saw off the bottom of the trunk, one to two inches and use a drill to bore

a narrow hole up through the middle of the trunk. Then fill the hole with cotton, and pack tightly. Put the base in warm water as soon as possible. Warm water will melt the sap, allowing the tree to drink more easily. Note: To prevent fallen needles, add one of these to the base: three tablespoons glycerin; three tablespoons sugar, or a few crushed aspirin.

**Wreath and Bough Treatment:** Here is a solution that can help retard a fire on your decorative wreath and boughs. It does not fireproof the fresh greens, so continue to use standard fire precautions. To make: Mix together five tablespoons Borax and four tablespoons Epsom salts in two quarts of water. Fill a spray bottle and spritz the tree or wreath completely, then allow to dry.

**Jack Frost Window Paint:** Remember when Jack Frost use to leave his artistic designs on the windows overnight? Few childhood delights compared to waking up to a snowy morning to a magical window frost! Thanks to double paned windows, Jack’s appearances are few and far between today. But with a little imagination, you can whip up some faux frost that’ll create a crystal ice painting on even the most insulated windows!

Ingredients: A few tablespoons of Epsom salts; one can flat beer; cotton balls. Instructions: Use a cotton ball to dab the mixture onto clean windows. Treat only the corners for a realistic look. As the mixture dries, it crystallizes.

**Christmas Tree Flocking:** Years ago, families used to gather on Christmas Eve to paint snow flocking on the branches of the holiday tree. Why not bring back the charming tradition of flocking the tree this year? With this recipe it’s easy and more fun than ever.

Ingredients: two thirds cup liquid starch; two cups soap flakes; two to four tbsp. water; blue food coloring. Instructions: Mix together the liquid starch and soap flakes in a bowl.

Add the water and beat with a rotary egg beater until the mixture becomes thick and stiff. Add the food coloring a drop at a time while beating, until the snow becomes an icy-white color. Mix together the liquid starch and soap flakes in a bowl. Add the water and beat with a rotary egg beater until the mixture becomes thick and stiff. Add the food coloring a drop at a time while beating, until the snow becomes an icy-white color.

**Recycle Tree Trims**  
No matter how carefully you choose your fresh tree, branches often have to be trimmed. The fragrant needles from pruned branches can be recycled into festive favors:

**Scented Sachets:** Balsam pine needles are the stuff pricey pine pillows are made of. String-tied muslin bags of pine needles are top sellers at gift shops. To whip up a festive balsam “pouch,” cut two rectangles of fabric from wool or flannel (old flannel shirt material is ideal). Depending upon how many needles you have, you can stuff small sachet pillows nice and tight with ground up needles, adding a drop of balsam essential oil for good measure. For finely ground needles, you will need a net or double flannel lining to prevent the grindings from escaping. To finish it off, use an elastic band to tie off the top. Wrap a festive ribbon around it and glue on a tiny pinecone or two.

**Pine Pillows:** If you don’t have an abundance of fallen needles, you can still capture the scent of balsam. Fill a cheesecloth or net pouch with the tips of Christmas tree branches. Add some polyfill stuffing, and sprinkle in a few drops of pine or balsam essential oil. Secure open end shut. Stuff the cheesecloth filled pouch into a travel size zippered pillowcase. Add polyfill as well as a few more drops of essential oil. Be sure to use enough stuffing so pillow is stuffed solid, yet still soft. Note: Balsam pillows and sachets have long been given as a gesture of friendship so they make the ideal hostess gift.

Pine Potpourri: Wish you could



TAKE THE HINT  
KAREN TRAINOR

retain that delightful pine scent of your Christmas tree? This homemade Pine Potpourri offers a fresh, evergreen scent any time of year! Mix together: ½ cup bayberry leaves; ½ cup snipped balsam needles ; ½ cup miniature pine cones; ½ cup rose hips; 2 tsp orrisroot; 2 drops pine-scented fixative or oil. Mix the bayberry, balsam, pine cones and rose hips in a large bowl. Add the orrisroot and fixative and stir gently. Store in a jar with a tight fitting lid. Note: To rejuvenate and extend your pine potpourri, try this economical trick: Put some ground corn cob material (sold as cellulose or litter material at the pet store) in a jar. Add several drops of essential oil, place lid on jar and shake. Shake the jar every day for about a week or so. Add it to your potpourri, to give it body and hold the scent.

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*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. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.*

## HYBRID

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Manager Monique Pierangeli noted she’s been juggling that last issue, so far successfully. With high school enrollment down, there are “no issues” with bus capacity for the middle or high schools, but one Park Avenue bus is listed as having an extra student. So far, though, the fact many parents are still driving their kids to school means no buses are actually full, even when defined by the very low Covid limit of 26, she said.

Those buses “have kept the windows down” to ensure air circulation, she added. But that has prompted some calls from parents as the weather gets colder. Pierangeli said she told the bus company to do half of the windows a couple inches open, and urged parents to ensure their kids “bundle up a little bit ... so it’s not that cold a ride.”

“Things have gone pretty well” overall, she said. “... Nobody expected this to go 100 perfect perfectly,” and she credited Goguen’s leadership for enabling the district to handle the issues that have arisen.

Goguen also noted Webster had joined the BinaxNow rapid testing program, but was still awaiting the state’s parental permission forms. She expects it to actually begin in December. Additionally, the school has a staff shortage program whereby principals will issue all-call messages to their students’ parents in the event they need to suddenly switch from in-school to remote for the day.

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## TESTING

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concerned recent survey data was “misrepresented,” various safety concerns were ignored, and people objecting to hybrid faced “insults” at the Nov. 3 meeting. In general, the writers supported the older plan of waiting until Webster was at least three weeks out of the “red” category – something Goguen said staff was generally “comfortable” with.

“It was never my intention to not allow someone to say what they wanted to, so I’m glad we got that out there,” Seddiki said after reading it for the record.

She was referring to a previous letter, which was summarized Nov. 3, but not read.

Later, teacher Sarah Cole asked the committee to put a discussion on how to make hybrid work well on their next agenda. Goguen urged her to bring it up with her principal, saying some of the issues have already been answered and the administration does want teacher feedback.

Business Manager Monique Pierangeli noted one of the more difficult issues has been bus route planning.

“I still have real concerns that our families may not realize they need bus passes [to ride],” she said Nov. 10.

Parents were asked to select whether they wanted to send their children

in for hybrid classes or keep them in remote school. But several have called seeking to switch “at the last minute,” Pierangeli noted. Although that can’t be changed for the grading term, she said she has had to shift 122 kids between classrooms and dozens among bus routes to meet social distancing limits and technology needs.

Such concerns prompted Seddiki to say “it’s an impossible situation we’re all trying to make the best of,” but some will still feel like they’re not being well-served.

The committee’s most recent meeting on Tuesday happened after this paper’s deadline.

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### EDITORIAL

# The keys to a happy holiday season

It’s official — the holiday season has arrived, with the first big one under our belts. Thanksgiving is the perfect segue into Christmas and Hanukkah. It’s when all of the fall decorations, and the dilapidated pumpkins get tossed and the candy canes and red and whites come out. Black Friday and Cyber Monday has passed, and now it’s time to put things into cruise control until the big day arrives.

When we were younger, the holidays were magical and fun for most of us, with a minimal amount of stress and an abundant amount of gifts to those fortunate enough to receive any. As we get older and have families of our own, holidays remain fun, as we pour that magic into making our own family’s holidays memorable.

Despite our current situation, holiday spirits remain high. Taking a drive around town, decorations are popping up every day. The night sky serves as the perfect backdrop for flashing holiday lights. Many people have started to decorate historically early, as a way to bring some sense of normalcy and positivity to others.

It may be difficult this season; however, try to do something creative to make someone’s holiday one they can remember, something they don’t expect. When you take the time to essentially play Santa Claus, the joy you get back is tenfold.

As for relieving stress, don’t put too many expectations onto yourself and respect your own limits. You don’t have to do everything, you can delegate. As for shopping, you can find just about anything online, even from local shops making gift buying easier. If shopping isn’t your thing, hand out gift cards with a handwritten letter.

Throughout the season, take in the lights and remember to take in the holiday spirit of those around you. Go for a walk in the snow and listen to how quiet everything is. Begin and end each day with something you find enjoyable. We find that watching holiday movies, eating sugar cookies, drinking hot chocolate and listening to holiday music really can be uplifting. “A Christmas Carol,” while a bit creepy at times, does put things into perspective. If you haven’t read the book in a while or watched the movie, now is the time.

No, things won’t look as they normally do this season. With that said, people throughout history have turned lemons into lemonade. This season it’s especially important to support local small businesses, many who now offer items online. Throughout this season, let’s all focus on lifting each other up as this pandemic eventually will take its place in history.

In the words of Hamilton Wright Mabie, “Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love.”

VIEWPOINT

# What shall we offer to Christ?

Following the fall of communism back in the early 1990s, there was a state-run orphanage where 100 boys and girls lived under squalid conditions. With the freedom of religion came the opportunity for the Church to be more involved in these state institutions, and to bring such children the joy and good news of Christmas. A priest and some of his parishioners happened to go to this orphanage and share the Christmas Story with all the children. He told them about the Virgin Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem finding no room in the inn. How the holy family found refuge in a cave, where the baby Jesus was born, and how they placed Him in a manger among the animals.

Throughout the story, many children and even the orphanage staff listened with amazement, probably for the first time ever to the Christmas story. Some sat on the edges of their stools, trying to grasp every word. Following the story, the priest instructed the children on how to make a little Nativity scene, with pieces of cardboard as a crude manger. Following instructions, the children tore pieces of napkin and carefully laid strips in the manger for straw. A doll-like baby was cut from other crude material, along with the figures of Joseph and Mary, the angels and shepherds.

The orphans busily assembled their Nativity scene as the priest walked among them to see if they needed any help. All went well until he noticed little six year old Dimitri. He had just finished his project, but as the priest looked at the little boy’s manger, he was surprised to see not one, but two babies in the manger. He thought the boy misunderstood the story and asked why there were two babies in the manger instead of just the Christ child. The little boy, however, began to repeat the story very seriously. For having heard the Christmas story only once, he related the happenings accurately - until he came to the part where the Virgin Mary placed the baby Jesus in the manger.

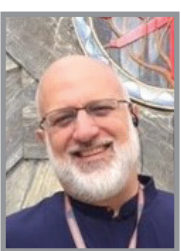
Then Dimitri began to ad-lib. He made up his own ending to the story as he said, “And when Saint Maria laid the baby in the manger, Jesus looked at me and asked me if I had a place to stay. I told him I have no mamma or papa, so I don’t have any place to stay. Then Jesus told me I could stay with Him. But I told him I couldn’t, because I didn’t have a gift to give him like the three great kings. Yet I wanted to stay with Jesus so much, so I thought about what I had that I could offer as a gift. I thought maybe if I kept him warm, that would be a good gift.

So, I asked Jesus, “If I keep you warm, will that be a good enough gift?” And Jesus told me, “If you keep me warm, that will be the best gift anybody could give me.”

“And I got into the manger, and then Jesus looked at me and he told me I could stay with Him for as long as I liked, and if I chose to stay with Him, He would live in me – forever!

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Christmas is often associated with gift-giving, and of course, the greatest gift during this holy season is the Gift



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that God offers to the world – the gift of God Himself! The Creator of the universe is not only the first and greatest Gift-Giver, but He also is the greatest Gift offered to all humanity!

Two important questions for us to reflect upon during the beginning of the Advent Season are: First, will we accept the gift that God offers to us in the depths of our hearts and lives? Will we not only remember and celebrate Christ being born in Bethlehem 2000 years ago, but will we make room in our busy and hectic lives, and allow Him to truly come and be born anew in the center of our lives? Second, if we accept this priceless gift from God, what will we offer back to Him in return as our own gift of gratitude? Little Dimitri offered his warmth and his love? What will we give to Christ?

Think about this – how many hours are we spending about what gifts we will buy for our family and friends. How many hours will we shop? Compare our shopping with how much time have we spent thinking about what we will offer to the One whose birthday it actually is?!? I hope that we can give Him more than an hour coming to Church to worship Him on Christmas? What gift is the greatest gift that God actually wants from us?

I remember the words of one of my dear old professors, Fr. Theodore Stylianopoulos, who told us students, “It costs nothing to become a Christian. But once you become one, it then costs you everything, it costs you your entire life!”

That’s a costly gift, for sure! It is actually priceless – to give one’s entire life to Christ! Yet this is the only gift that God wants. He desires for us to trust Him and to give Him our very being – to cultivate a worldview where He is at the center, where His Spirit living in us is our guiding force in life, and where His Word influences every action in our lives.

Yes, this is surely a demanding gift, and some of us may not be ready to give such a complete offering to the Lord. We may want to give Him some less costly gift – a little bit of our time, every once in a while; a little bit of our effort whenever we think about it; something that isn’t really too demanding or too disruptive in our lives. Yet, think about such a gift? Is it appropriate to offer only part of our selves, whenever it’s convenient? Is that the proper response to the priceless Gift that God offers to us at Christmas?

Of course, Christ will accept whatever we give as a beginning. Yet, for us to truly experience the treasure of our Christian Faith, we have to open up our hearts and lives completely. If we offer a limited or superficial offering to Jesus, our hearts will only be opened in the slightest way, and we will only be able to receive a superficial amount of the blessings He wants to give us. If, on the other hand, we open up our hearts in a more complete manner, this opening will allow God’s grace and love to flow into our hearts, to transform our lives in the most meaningful and beautiful way!

Dimitri gave of himself to the Christ child. He offered his warmth, his love, his life. What will we offer?

## Winter driving tips



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The fall and winter seasons are difficult times of the year for driving. The official start of winter is only a few short weeks away. With the clocks set back, it is often dark earlier in the day, and the sun is very low in the sky, especially during the morning and afternoon drive times. One way to add a measure of safety to driving is by using headlights. I was recently asked to remind drivers of the importance of using headlights when necessary.

The rules governing headlight use are contained in several sections of the law. Headlights (as well as taillights) are to be used on a motor vehicle “during the period from one half hour after sunset to one half hour before sunrise, and during any other period when visibility is reduced by atmospheric conditions so as to render dangerous further operation without lights being displayed.” Chapter 85 Section 15 of the General Laws requires both headlights and taillights to be used when, “visibility is reduced such that persons or vehicles on the roadway are not clearly discernible at a distance of 500 feet or when the vehicle’s windshield wipers are needed.” Although it is important to remember to activate lights when the wipers are used, the law covers other times of reduced visibility. A violation can result in a civil fine.

It is never a problem to use your headlights, even if it is not “required” at that time. Being seen is important toward crash prevention. Many newer vehicles are equipped with running headlights that are always activated during operation. While this is good, drivers must remember, if the conditions require compliance with the law, to activate the vehicle taillights as well. Expanded headlight use, especially at this time of the year, assists drivers to see other vehicles easier when atmospheric conditions are a factor. By using lights, there is a greater likelihood of your vehicle being noticed sooner. Your cooperation can result in safer driving habits and a reduction in accidents and injuries.

During the Coronavirus Pandemic, we continue to serve the people of Dudley and work with the community to improve the quality of life for everyone. We continue to ask for everyone’s assistance in following the health safety guidelines and recommendations. This is challenging for everyone and we thank you in advance for your cooperation. I continue to thank the men and women from my department for their continued dedicated service to the Town of Dudley during these trying times. Thanks also go out to the many Police Officers, Fire and Emergency Services members, public works, government and all other “essential” personnel for their continued hard work and service. We greatly appreciate the support we receive from our community.

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

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Ban nips

To the Editor:

I would like to bring to everyone’s attention many small things that are becoming a big problem in Dudley, namely the growing number of “nip” containers that litter the roadways and streets in town. These empty containers are non-returnable, and there is no monetary incentive for the purchaser or anyone else to recycle them. Made of plastic, they are not biodegradable and as a result will forever be a blight on the environment.

I frequently walk in the Hayden Pond Road, Pierpont Road and Mason Road Extension areas and estimate there are hundreds of these containers along the roadside. Yes, the fall leaves have covered some and winter storms will obscure this scourge in the coming weeks, but they will still be there in the spring along with those additions discarded during the winter.

The presence of these empty containers on the side of the road also speaks to the probability that the beverage they contained was consumed by someone while driving and the container discarded as the individual drove. Consuming these beverages while driving is a violation of open container laws and represents a danger to the citizens of Dudley.

As it seems unlikely that the behavior of those purchasing these items will change and there is no fail-safe way to bring about that change, I ask that the Town of Dudley ban the sale of “nips.” The only sensible way to eliminate this problem is to cut it off at the source.

This problem has been recognized by other communities in the Commonwealth. “Nips” are already banned in Chelsea and Falmouth and bans are being considered in Attleboro and Wareham. Other states have already taken steps to control the disposal of these containers. Sadly, Massachusetts has not yet done so. Let us please not wait for the state to act. NIP this problem now.

Thank you and be well,  
RICHARD CLARK  
DUDLEY



# Managing your retirement plan under a new employer

Your employer-sponsored retirement plan is a valuable asset. But sometimes things happen that can affect the status of your plan. So, for example, if you work for a hospital that changes ownership, and you have been participating in a 403(b), 457(b) or 401(k) retirement plan, what should you do with it now?

Basically, you have four options:

Cash out your plan. You can simply cash out your plan and take the money, but you'll have to pay taxes on it, and possibly penalties as well. So, unless you really need the funds and you have no other alternative, you may want to avoid liquidating your account.

Roll your account into your new employer's plan. If it's allowed, you can roll over your old 403(b), 457(b) or 401(k) plan into your new employer's plan. Before making this move, you'll want to look at the new plan's investment options (which should be numerous) and fees (which should be low). If you move the money directly to the new plan, you won't be taxed at the time of the transfer, and your funds can continue to grow tax-deferred.

Leave your plan with your old employer. If your account balance is above a certain level, you may be able to leave

your plan with your old employer's plan administrator. You won't be able to contribute any more money to the plan, but if you like the investment options you've chosen, keeping the money in your old plan might be a viable choice.

Move your account into a traditional IRA. One possible advantage to moving your 403(b), 457(b) or 401(k) into a traditional

IRA is you'll open up a world of new investment options, because you can fund your IRA with virtually any type of vehicle, including stocks, bonds, mutual funds, certificates of deposit (CDs) and exchange-traded funds. And if you already have a traditional IRA, you can combine the new funds with the old ones, making it easier to track your holdings. As is the case with leaving your money in your old employer's plan or transferring it to a new plan, you'll continue to benefit from tax-deferred growth. Keep in mind, though, that IRAs have costs, too, possibly

including transaction costs to buy or sell new investments. (One more thing to keep in mind: When you want to move a retirement plan to an IRA, you may want to make a direct rollover, so the old plan's administrator moves the money directly into the IRA, allowing you to avoid immediate taxes. If you were to make an indirect rollover, you'd get the money yourself, but your old employer would have to deduct 20% for federal taxes, and you'd have to deposit the entire balance, including the withholding, into your IRA within 60 days.)

Which of these choices is best for you? There's no one "right" answer for

everyone. You'll want to consider all the options and possibly consult with your tax advisor and financial professional. But do all you can to protect your retirement plan – you've worked hard to build it, and you'll need to rely on it to help you pay for your years as a retiree.

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# Holiday antique and auction news

Many holiday related stories have been featured in recent antique and auction news reports. Several Christmas related antiques recently brought strong prices at auction, according to the Antiques and Arts Weekly. A "red-robed Santa sitting in the gondola under a wicker dirigible with propellers on the side and holding his bag of toys" sold for \$7,800 at auction in November. "Santa in red robe riding a white fur nodding reindeer with orange decorative harness" went for \$13,200. "Santa riding a clockwork nodding donkey" with "a feather tree in one hand and the donkey outfitted in a vibrant harness" reached \$15,600. "Santa on nodding polar bear, 29 inches high with composition feet, hands and head with a mohair beard, the bear covered in rabbit fur" brought \$36,600. Antiques and the Arts reported that the Santa and polar bear seller is a member of the Golden Glow of Christmas Past

Collectors group (goldenglow.org).

A "German composition Santa on sleigh behind six reindeer, all on a wheeled platform measuring 35 inches long" sold for well above the \$1,500 estimate, according to the same Antiques and the Arts Weekly article. The auctioneer believed that two factors which contributed to strong bidding on this piece were that there were six reindeer, instead of the typical four, and that the reindeer were in different positions, instead of staring straight ahead as is typical. The antique Santa and reindeer toy sold for \$72,000 to a buyer in the United States.

A 46-year-old Army vet and his wife made an important discovery in a drawer of their newly purchased home in South Carolina, according to Fox Business. Fox Business writes that "the two cases (they found) contained 64 coins in total, including 46 gold \$5 liberty coins and 18 Morgan silver dollars. The

Liberty \$5 coins were minted between 1849 and 1907, while the Morgan silver dollar was coined between 1878 and 1904." The estimated value of the coins is \$25,000. Exemplifying the holiday spirit, the couple immediately returned them to the elderly couple who had sold them the house.

KSTP TV reported that the Santa Claus and Rudolph figures from the 1964 "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" TV special recently sold at auction. Prior to the auction, the New York Times reported that the figures were "constructed of wood, felted wool, leather and lead armature" and cost around \$5,000 each to make in 1964. The two figures were expected to sell for between \$150,000 and \$250,000, according to the New York Times article. KSTP reported that "the seller was Peter Lutrario, 65, of New York, who told The Associated Press before the auction that he thought he would never part with the dolls but wanted to be able to take care of his children and grandchildren with the money." The undisclosed buyer paid \$368,000, well above the estimates. The Lutrario family stockings will certainly be stuffed this Christmas.

We are cataloging die-cast toys for an online auction that will end in early 2021. This will be the first of multiple

toy auctions. Later auctions will feature rare antique toys from the 19th and 20th centuries. We will also be auctioning hundreds of paintings from the estate of Fay Moore. Moore is well known for her horse racing and other equestrian paintings. Additional auctions are also being planned. Please sign up for email updates on our website or follow us on Facebook for more information.

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# Grow frilly, bold and unique amaryllis indoors this winter



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**Sweet Nymph double amaryllis has layers of creamy white petals decorated with coral pink stripes.**

When squirrels are busy storing nuts for winter, it's time for gardeners to start gathering amaryllis bulbs to sustain them through the dreary months ahead. Ordering now will ensure you have lots of choices, so you can select an assortment of different flowers styles, colors, and bloom times.

The flowers of double amaryllis are packed full of petals and sure to brighten any day. Double King lives up to its name with three or more layers of brilliant red, velvety petals. Each bulb produces multiple flower stems, so you'll enjoy weeks of blossoms.

Sweet Nymph is another double and its softer coloring is equally beautiful. The flowers feature layers of creamy white petals with coral pink stripes and are sure to add a bit of romantic charm to your winter.

Add some energy to your indoor décor with amaryllis Dancing Queen (longfield-gardens.com). The bold eight-inch blooms are comprised of layers of ruffled snow-white petals with delicate scarlet-red stripes.

The flowers of Exotic Star have an unusual shape and color that have earned it lots of fans. The asymmetrical petals are parchment-white with narrow, garnet-red stripes and apple green highlights.

Bring in some fresh spring green color with amaryllis Evergreen. Pale chartreuse petals give it a fresh, modern look. Each bulb produces two stems with four to six flowers each. Enjoy them as a living bouquet or cut a few stems to display

in a vase.

Grow Ice Queen when looking to add elegance to your winter décor. Its enormous, frosty white flowers have lime green accents and combine nicely with evergreen boughs and holiday decorations. Plant the bulbs by early November to get flowers for the holidays.

Charisma is another variety that blooms in early winter. The two-tone petals have a unique ombre effect. Enjoy the changing colors this variety exhibits as it transforms from bud to fully open flower.

Amaryllis are long lasting cut flowers and the variety Picotee is no exception. Each of its pure white petals are outlined with a very thin red line. A lime-green center adds freshness. Beautiful displayed in a pot or in a vase.

Rosy Star is another eye-catching amaryllis with snowy white blossoms that are decorated with brush stroke highlights in three shades of pink. The apple green throat adds to this variety's elegance and appeal.

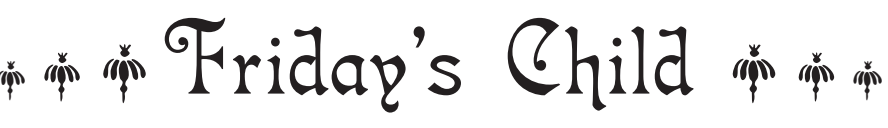
As more people discover the joy of growing amaryllis, flower breeders are busy introducing new cultivars. Gervase is a good example of these exciting new options. Each blossom is a little different, with ruby-red petals adorned with variable stripes and veining. You will have plenty of blooms to enjoy as large bulbs can produce twelve or more spectacular blossoms.


Maximize your enjoyment by growing your amaryllis where you can watch the daily transformation, from the first bud breaking through the soil until the flowers begin to unfurl.

Growing amaryllis indoors will keep you gardening all year round, no matter where you live. You'll enjoy the mood-boosting benefits and stress relief, and the colorful blossoms are sure to brighten your winter days.

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Chance and Keith are vivacious boys of African American descent. Chance is a kind-hearted and soft-spoken child. He is described as gentle yet playful by those who know him best. Chance loves physical play such as basketball, soccer, bike riding, and swimming. He loves Pokémon and Legos, too! Chance reports that he likes school, and his favorite subject is math.

Keith is a quiet, reserved young boy who is known to be a good friend. He is very athletic and enjoys sports and participating in activities outside. He also likes to read. Keith is a great advocate for himself and for his siblings. He has great relationships with his caretakers and he is able to make friends easily.


Legally freed for adoption, Chance and Keith would like to grow up together in a permanent, loving family. The children have requested that their future family consists of a mother, father, and some pets. A family must be open to maintaining birth family contact through an Open Adoption Agreement. Both boys would benefit from continued visits with their older siblings.

**Who Can Adopt?**


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


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

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




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# OBITUARIES

## Joseph M. Grivalski, 58



**WEBSTER** – Joseph M. “Joe G.” Grivalski, 58, died Friday, November 27, 2020 at Harrington Healthcare at Hubbard after being stricken ill at home. He leaves a brother, Andrew J. Grivalski, Jr. of Uxbridge; a sister, Sandra L. Murphy Mancini of Putnam, CT; 3 nephews, Jeff and John Corbett and Eric Murphy; 3 nieces, Kelly Gaboury and Kerri Williams; 10 great-nephews and great-nieces; and his best friend and radio co-host, Derek Moison of Webster. He was born in Webster on August 23, 1962, a son of Andrew J. Grivalski, Sr. and Lillian M. (Laliberty) Grivalski and lived here most of his life. He graduated from Bay Path Regional Technical Vocational High School in

Charlton in 1980. Mr. Grivalski, popularly known as “Joe G.,” worked as an announcer at radio station Q100 FM and at WESO 970 AM, both in Southbridge, and more recently at WGFP 940 AM in Webster. He was the announcer at Indian Ranch summer country music shows for 25 years, introducing Johnny Cash in his first year. He knew many celebrities on a personal basis. He was also a disc jockey for parties and special events during his long career. He enjoyed traveling to Nashville, TN. A graveside service will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, December 4, in Saint Anthony’s Cemetery, Old Worcester Road. Visitation will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 PM Thursday, December 3, in Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main Street. Current health guidelines will be in place and everyone is expected to wear a mask. www.scanlonfs.com

## John R. Szeredy, 81



John R. Szeredy age 81 passed away Sunday Nov. 29, 2020. He leaves his beloved wife of 58 years, Joyce (Marcustre) Szeredy, a son Kevin Szeredy of Webster, a daughter, Kristine Fontaine and her husband Raymond of Webster, three grandchildren which he loved and adored, Nicholas, Ryan and Eric Fontaine. He was predeceased by a brother Joe Szeredy. He was born in Webster son of the late Joseph Szeredy and Anna (Milas) Szeredy. John was a US Army Veteran. He was employed for over 50 years at Quinsigamond College, initially as a professor and then in his later years as a career advisor, working until he was 80 years old. He really loved helping students, whether in the classroom or in the advising office. More than

anything he loved spending time with the family whether on vacation or at home, and often enjoyed taking all the boys out for their “special luncheons”. He loved the ocean and enjoyed fishing and clamming. He was an avid gardener and loved traveling, physical fitness and playing tennis. He was a teacher and role model to many. He lost his year-long battle with cancer and has been called home to join his family. A Mass of Christian burial will be held Wed., Dec. 9, 2020 at 11 am in St. Louis Church Webster, please go directly to church and follow protocol. Please omit flowers and donations may be made in his memory to the Webster-Dudley Veterans Council. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

## Josephine M. Kaczmarek, 96



**AUBURN** – Josephine M. “Jo” (Mroczek) Kaczmarek, 96, formerly of Dudley, died Saturday, November 21, 2020 at Brookdale Assisted Living, Auburn with her family at her side. Her husband of 71 years, Edmund F. “Stretch” Kaczmarek, died in 2018. She leaves a son, Michael E. Kaczmarek and his wife Rhoda of Webster; a daughter, Sallie K. Guskey and her husband Michael of North Grosvenordale, CT; 2 grandsons, Christopher M. Kaczmarek of Seattle, WA and Jacob C. Kaczmarek of Chicago, IL; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by 7 sisters, Hermina Madura, Adele Pakulski, Valencia Plasse, Charlotte Klekotka, Monica Goglinski, Tessie Surozenski and Theresa Makowski, and by 1 brother, Edmund Mroczek.. She was born on October 12, 1924 in Webster, the youngest child of Joseph and Leokadia (Bonczek) Mroczek and resided in Dudley most of her life. She graduated from Bartlett High School in Webster in 1942. Mrs. Kaczmarek had a 33-year banking career, starting as a teller at the former First National Bank of Webster

and retiring in 1988 as Assistant Vice President from the Bank of New England. She was a daily communicant of Saint Andrew Bobola Church in Dudley and a member of its Holy Rosary Sodality. She was a volunteer bookkeeper at the church for over 25 years. She enjoyed crossword puzzles, reading, cooking and baking. The family extends their sincere appreciation to all at Brookdale Eddy Pond East, Overlook Hospice Services and Worcester Home Care for the outstanding assistance, care and compassion they provided to Josephine. Her funeral will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, December 5, 2020 in Saint Andrew Bobola Church, 54 West Main St., Dudley. Burial will be in Saint Joseph Garden of Peace, Webster. The family will receive people before the Mass at 9:30 AM in the church. Donations in her name may be made to either Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN), 5817 Old Leeds Road, Irondale, AL 35210-0768, or to Saint Andrew Bobola Church Renovation Fund, 54 West Main Street, Dudley, MA 01571. Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster. www.websterfunerals.com

## Rita Leduc Dalimonte, 92



**WEBSTER**- Rita Leduc Dalimonte, 92, of Webster passed away in the comfort of her home on Saturday, November 28. Her husband of 48 years, August “Gus” Dalimonte passed away in 2002. “Mimi” was happiest when she was with all of her family cooking homemade pasta and spoiling her grandchildren. Her yearly trips to the Cape gave her great pleasure as she was with those she loved most. Rita loved a “good deal”, soaking up the sun with a good book, and waitressing at the Sturbridge Host in Banquets for many years. She will long be remembered as a hard working and loyal wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. Rita leaves her son Bruce and his wife Margo of Tennessee; her daughter and caregiver Karen Tetreault and

her husband Albert “Chic” Tetreault of Webster; her son-in-law Paul Mastrangelo of Rhode Island; her sister Paulette Plante and her husband Marshall of Southbridge; her granddaughters Maggie McLemore, Mallory Sliger, Abby and Karly Tetreault and Ally Mastrangelo; her grandsons Brett Tetreault and Marc Mastrangelo; 5 great granddaughters as well as many nieces and nephews. Rita was preceded in death by her daughter Kim Dalimonte Mastrangelo and her brothers Edward Leduc and Paul Ethier. Due to Covid 19 restrictions, burial will be at the convenience of the family. The ROBERT J MILLER FUNERAL HOME and LAKE CHAPEL, 366 School St is assisting the family with the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Rita Catholic School, The Kim Dalimonte Mastrangelo Scholarship Fund, 1008 Maple Drive, Webster, NY 14580.

## Emily M. Misiaszek, 97



**DUDLEY** – Emily M. (Szkutak) Misiaszek, 97, died Saturday, November 28., 2020 in Overlook Hospice, Charlton. Her husband of 60 years, Theodore F. Misiaszek, died in 2011. She leaves 2 daughters, Patricia A. Fournier and her husband Paul of Webster, and Mary A. Kolodziejczak and her husband David of Dudley; 4 grandchildren, Michael Kolodziejczak and his wife Jenn of Dudley, Jeffrey J. Fournier and his wife Lauren of Millbury, Sarah M. DeRoy and her husband Steve of Douglas, and Kristin M. Schimke and her husband Shane of Leicester; 6 great-granddaughters, Kristyn, Emily, Kalie, Lily, Ashley and Autumn; many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her 5 brothers, Albert, Edward, Walter, Theodore and Anthony Szkutak, and by her 2 sisters, Mary Hulboj and Josephine Yurick. She was born in Poland on August 10,

1923, the daughter of Jozef and Bernice (Czapiga) Szkutak and lived in Dudley the majority of her life. Mrs. Misiaszek was an inspector in the calendar towel department at Stevens Linen Associates for over 25 years before retiring in 1988. She was a communicant of Saint Andrew Bobola Church and a member of its Holy Rosary Sodality. She enjoyed sewing, cooking and baking. Her funeral was held Thursday, December 3, from the Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster, with a Mass at 10:00 AM in Saint Andrew Bobola Church, 54 West Main Street. Burial will be in Saint Joseph Garden of Peace. Visitation was held on Wednesday, December 2, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM in the funeral home. Current health guidelines will be in place and everyone is required to wear a mask. Donations in her name may be made to either St. Andrew Bobola Church, 54 West Main Street, Dudley, MA 01571 or to Overlook Hospice Care, 88 Masonic Hill Road, Charlton, MA 01507. www.websterfunerals.com

## Ernest G. Gatzke, 79



**WEBSTER** – Ernest G. “Ernie” Gatzke, 79, died Wednesday, November 25, 2020 in Saint Vincent Hospital, Worcester after a brief illness. He leaves his wife of 59 years, Virginia M. “Ginger” (Cournoyer) Gatzke; 2 daughters, Robin M. Gatzke-

Begreen and her husband Paul of Scottsdale, AZ, and Susan J. Borski and her companion Christy Atsales of Danielson, CT; 4 grandchildren, Jason Borski, James Borski and his wife Melissa, Brittany Gould and Christian Gould; a great-granddaughter Alexys; a brother, Robert F. “Bob” Gatzke and his wife Kathleen of Webster; a sister, Patricia Toukonen of Gainesville, FL; many nephews and nieces. Ernie’s sister Joan “Shirley” Gatzke died in 2006. Born at home in Webster on July 3, 1941, the son of Ernest R. and Mary (Bialy) Gatzke, Ernie lived here all his life. He graduated from Bartlett High Trade School in 1959. After working 25 years as a machine operator at Webster Lens Company, Ernie became a forklift operator for Cranston Print Works Company for another 25 years, retiring in 2007. Instrumental in the founding of the Webster Lassie League, and a commissioner for many years, Ernie had a profound influence on the young lives of girls in town when there were few available sporting activities. Ernie loved railroads and had model trains at home that he would display at various railroad shows. He was a longtime member of the Worcester Railroad Club. He enjoyed volunteering as a conductor for the Old Colony Newport Railroad in Newport, RI and once was a conductor on the Polar Express from Worcester to Woonsocket. Ernie’s funeral will be held Monday, December 7, from Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main Street, with a Mass at 10:00 AM in Saint Louis Church, 14 Lake Street. Visiting hours will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 PM Sunday, December 6, in the funeral home. Current health guidelines will be in place and everyone is asked to wear a mask. A member of Saint Louis Church, donations in Ernie’s name may be made to either Saint Louis Church Endowment Fund, 15 Lake Street, Webster, MA 01570 or to Saint Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. www.scanlonfs.com

## Sophie M. Laporte, 102



**WEBSTER**- Sophie M. (Sandecki) Laporte age 102 passed away Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at Lanessa Extended Care. She was the wife of the late Reginald Laporte who died in 1970. She leaves a daughter, Regina J. Kondek and her husband Bernard of Webster, sons Ronald Laporte and his wife Cindy of SC and Francis Laporte of Cape Cod; four grandchildren and six great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She was born in Webster daughter of the late William Sandeck and Josephine (Wejek) Sandeck and lived here all her life; She was predeceased by four sisters. Sophie worked for many years for Webster Lens; She was deeply loved by her family and never

missed any gathering whether it was a holiday, birthday, or school event she was always there with a big smile on her face; she will be missed, but always in our hearts. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 10:00 AM in St. Louis Church, 15 Lake Street Webster, MA with burial in Calvary Cemetery, Dudley. Please go directly to church and please be sure to follow all current health guidelines. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution to the St. Jude Children’s Hospital. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle

## Louise E Lavallee, 93

Louise Lavallee of Holly Hill, Florida passed away at the age of 93 on May 24, 2020 at the Stuart F. Meyer Hospice House in Palm Coast, FL. She is the daughter of the late Joseph and Hattie Resner of Webster, MA. She attended Bartlett High School, Worked at American Optical, B&W, Iandolies Store, and was a den mother for the scouts of Sacred Heart Cub Scouts, and lived in Webster, MA until 1984 when she and Henry moved to Florida. She loved to cook, make jigsaw puzzles and crochet. She is the widow of the late Henry

Lavallee (1994) and leaves a son Alan A. Lavallee of Holly Hill, a granddaughter Dawn Lavallee of Southbridge, Ma. and a daughter-in-law Suzanne Lavallee of Thompson, Ct. She also leaves four sister-in-laws, Carol Lavallee, Jeannette Lavallee, Frances Lavallee & Doris Sidebottom, all of Webster, Ma. She was predeceased by a son Leonard Lavallee (2014) and a brother William Resner.(1985). She will be missed by family members and friends. Because of the Covid virus and distance, arrangements were private.

# LEGALS

**(SEAL)**  
**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT**  
**20 SM 001826 ORDER OF NOTICE**  
TO:  
Susan B. LaRose  
And to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (*et seq*): Citizens Bank, N.A. f/k/a RBS Citizens, N.A. s/b/m Citizens Bank of Massachusetts s/b/m Medford Savings Bank claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Webster, numbered 76 Old Douglas Road, given by Susan B. LaRose to Medford Savings Bank, dated February 7, 2002, and recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 25949, Page 211, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant’s/Defendants’ Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **January 04, 2021** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the grounds of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on **November 23, 2020**.  
Attest:  
Deborah J. Patterson  
Recorder  
December 4, 2020

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# LEGALS

**LEGAL NOTICE  
TOWN OF DUDLEY  
DUDLEY ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
JUNE 22, 2020  
WARRANT ARTICLES  
#10, 11, 13, 14, 15, AND 20  
(GENERAL)**

Warrant Articles #10, 11, 13, 14, 15, and 20 of the Annual Town Meeting held on June 22, 2020 has received approval from the Attorney General's Office on October 27, 2020. The entire text of this by-law is posted in the following four places in accordance with G.L.c. 40 § 32: Dudley Municipal Complex, Pearle Crawford Memorial Library, Town of Dudley website and Cable Access Channel.

Attest:  
Lori A. Smith,  
Dudley Town Clerk  
December 4, 2020

**LEGAL NOTICE  
MORTGAGEE'S SALE  
OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Edilson Sousa Novais and Cassia S.D. Novais to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for Mortgageit, Inc., dated June 7, 2007 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41286, Page 25 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage Wilmington Trust, National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as trustee for MFRA Trust 2014-2 is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc, as nominee for Mortgageit Inc Its successors and assigns to U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee for PROF-2012-S1 Holding Trust 1 dated October 10, 2013 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 51653, Page 307, and Assignment from U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for PROF-2012-S1 Holding Trust 1 to MFRA Trust 2014-2 dated January 23, 2015 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 53376, Page 36, and Corrective Assignment from U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for PROF-2012-S1 Holding Trust I to Wilmington Trust, National Association, not in its individual Capacity, but solely as trustee for MFRA Trust 2014-2 dated May 6, 2015 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 53702, Page 23, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 13 Konkell Avenue, Webster, MA 01570 will be sold at a Public Auction at 3:00 PM on December 14, 2020, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: Lot 42 , Konkell Avenue, Webster, Massachusetts being bound- ed and described as follows:

Lot 42 on a Plan of Land entitled "Sunny Shores, Webster, Massachusetts" dated November 7, 2002, recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 792, Plan 72, Owned by: Sunny Shores, Inc., Old Worcester Road, Webster, Massachusetts, Prepared for: C.J.P. Realty Trust 31 Charlton Road, Dudley, Massachusetts. Prepared by: Bouley Brothers, Inc., Land Surveyors, 75 Hammond Street, P.O. Box 2215, Worcester, Massachusetts 01613

Lot 42 contains 18,965.69 square feet according to said plan.

TheaboveparcelissubjecttoDeclaration of Restrictive Covents recorded at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 27037, Page 220.

Said lot conveyed subject to a drainage easement and any all other easements, restrictions and convenants as shown on said plan.

For Title reference see Deed recorde in the Worcester Registry of Deeds as Book 32257 Page 247.

A deed from Scott Meade and Suzanne Meade to Edilson Sousa Novais to be recorded.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41286, Page 23.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.  
Terms of the Sale: Cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this

requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Wilmington Trust, National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as trustee for MFRA Trust 2014-2  
Korde & Associates, P.C.  
900 Chelmsford Street  
Suite 3102  
Lowell, MA 01851  
(978) 256-1500  
Novais, Edilson Sousa, 18-032516  
November 20, 2020  
November 27, 2020  
December 4, 2020

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

Notice is hereby given by: School Street Towing 17-31 School Street, Webster MA 01570 pursuant to the provisions og G.L.c., Section 39A, that on: 5 Dec2020 at 9:00 AM at 17-31 School Street, Webster MA by private sale the following Motor Vehicle will be sold to satisfy the garagekeeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicle.

Vehicle description: Year 2005 Make: BMW Model: 325i Registration#/ State: Unregistered VIN: WBAVb-13576KX40362

Name and address of vehicle owner Mark Correla 123 Zeigler Street, Boston MA 02119

By Frank A Czechowski Jr.  
November 8, 2020.  
This notice has been given under the provisions of G.L.c. 255, Section 39A.  
November 20, 2020  
November 27, 2020  
December 4, 2020

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S  
SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Robert F. Clinton, Sylvia M. Clinton to Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a subsidiary of IndyMac Bank, F.S.B., dated May 24, 2007 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41234, Page 317 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Financial Freedom Acquisition LLC, recorded on October 5, 2009, in Book No. 44930, at Page 291  
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Financial Freedom Acquisition LLC to Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust, recorded on July 11, 2019, in Book No. 60687, at Page 70 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 PM on December 18, 2020, on the mortgaged premises located at 150 Lake Street, Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT:  
The property at 150 Lake Street, Webster MA more particularly described as follows:

TRACT I  
BEGINNING at the northwesterly corner thereof on the southerly side of Lake Street and at the northwesterly corner of Lot 8 on a plan herein after referred to, which point is 350 feet more or less easterly from land now or formerly of one DeForest;  
THENCE southwesterly by said Lot 8 now or formerly of Joseph P. Love 130 feet to a stake at the northwesterly corner of Lot 16 on said plan;  
THENCE southeasterly by Lot 16 a distance of 65 feet to the northwesterly corner of Lot 15 on said plan;  
THENCE northeasterly by Lot 10 on said plan 130 feet to Lake Street;  
THENCE northwesterly to the point of beginning  
BEING LOT 9 on said plan.

TRACT II  
Beginning at the northwesterly corner thereof on the southerly side of Lake Street and at the westerly corner of Lot 9;  
THENCE southwesterly 130 feet by said Lot 9 to a stake at the northwesterly corner of Lot 15 on said plan;  
THENCE southwesterly 65 feet by said Lot 15 to Beacon Street (so-called) as shown on said plan;  
THENCE northeasterly by said Beacon Street 130 feet to said Lake Street;  
THENCE northwesterly by said Lake Street 65 feet to the point of beginning.  
Being shown as Lot 10 on said plan.

Said Lots 9 and 10 are shown on a plan of land entitled "Lakeside Park" drawn by John A. Wakefield Engineer, and dated 1988.

Said plan is recorded at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds. For Grantor's title see Deed recorded in Book 28385, Page 338.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 28385, Page 338.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax liens, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:  
A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT SERIES I TRUST  
Present holder of said mortgage  
By its Attorneys,  
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.  
150 California St.  
Newton, MA 02458  
(617)558-0500  
17202  
November 20, 2020  
November 27, 2020  
December 4, 2020

**Town of Webster  
Demolition Request for Quote**

The Town is soliciting quotes for removal and disposal of structures and debris located at 168 Chase Avenue, Webster, MA. Award will be based on the lowest overall price. Estimated cost us under \$70,000.00 for both base bid and alternate #1. For complete bid advertisement and demolition agreement please go to www.webster-ma.gov  
December 4, 2020

**TOWN OF WEBSTER  
NOTICE TO BIDDERS,  
INCLUDING SUB-BIDDERS  
PHASE 1A - EXTERIOR CUPOLA  
AND PARAPET REPAIRS  
TOWN OF  
WEBSTER, MASSACHUSETTS**

The Town of Webster, Massachusetts invites sealed proposals from Contractors for the Phase 1A Exterior Cupola and Parapet Repairs project, Town of Webster, Massachusetts. The work includes but is not limited to repairs to EPDM roof and parapet including through-wall flashings, and wood repair and painting of the cupola. The estimated cost of the work is \$550,000  
Plans, specifications and other Contract Documents may be obtained Wednesday, November 25, 2020, 12:00 P.M., online at www.Projectdog.com. Enter the Project Code 841034 in the project locator box and select "Acquire Documents" to download documents.  
December 4, 2020

**Town of Webster  
Demolition Request for Quote**

The Town is soliciting quotes for removal and disposal of structures and debris located at 124 High Street, Webster, MA. Award will be based on the lowest overall price. Estimated cost us under \$70,000.00 for both base bid and alternate #1. For complete bid advertisement and demolition agreement please go to www.webster-ma.gov  
December 4, 2020

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Worcester Probate  
and Family Court  
225 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608  
(508) 831-2200  
Docket No. WO20C0374CA  
CITATION ON PETITION TO  
CHANGE NAME  
In the matter of:**

**Jewin Gabe Mendoza Fournier**  
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Jewin Gabe Mendoza Fournier of Webster MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Jewin Gabe**

**Mendoza Fournier  
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 12/22/2020. 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: November 18, 2020  
Stephanie K. Fattman  
Register of Probate  
December 4, 2020

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Worcester Probate and Family Court  
225 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608  
(508) 831-2200  
Docket No. WO20P3272EA  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION  
Estate of:  
John Richard Pariseau  
Date of Death: 01/20/2020**

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

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/22/2020.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**  
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.  
**WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: November 20, 2020

Stephanie K. Fattman,  
Register of Probate

December 4, 2020

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OF MASSACHUSETTS  
LAND COURT  
DEPARTMENT OF THE  
TRIAL COURT  
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ORDER OF NOTICE**

TO: **Scott Roseen, Kristine Roseen** and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. App. § 3901 (*et seq*):  
**DLJ Mortgage Capital, Inc.** claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Dudley, numbered 11 Dalessandro Avenue a/k/a 11 D'Alessandro Avenue, given by Scott Roseen and Karen Roseen to Household Finance Corporation II, dated April 1, 2003, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 29550, Page 155, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before 1/4/2021 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of this Court on 11/20/2020.

Attest:  
Deborah J. Patterson  
Recorder  
December 4, 2020



# Library welcomes patrons back

DUDLEY — The Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library reopened its doors on Nov. 23 and welcomed the first members of the public back into the building since March. “The library may look a little different than our patrons remember,” said library director Drusilla Carter, “but we’re excited to welcome people back.”

Some of the

changes include signage reminding patrons to wear masks and socially distance while they are in the building, meeting rooms closed, and much of the furniture where patrons are used to settling in to read or browse gone or taped off so it cannot be used. It’s all part of the library’s effort to find a balance between allowing people back into the building and limiting their possible exposure to the coronavirus. Computers, some of which are out of service to encourage social distancing, are now available for just thirty minutes, and patrons will find disinfecting wipes near them to wipe down the space when they are finished printing or checking email.

The children’s department also looks a little different, with the many toys and reading nooks now cleared away. Youth Services Librarian Lida Carroll

said she is looking forward to having children back in the library, even if they won’t be able to settle in for an afternoon of playtime, and even if story time remains virtual for now.

“We’re asking families to come in, find their books, and then take them home to read since we need to limit the number of people in the department at one time,” said Carroll.

Signs on the doors limit the space to two families at a time, and the circulation desk in the children’s room will remain closed for now, so families will need to bring their items to the main desk to check out.

The library staff is committed to keeping the library safe, so you’ll see them periodically making the rounds and disinfecting surfaces throughout the building. The library will close half an hour earlier than usual so the staff can do a

thorough cleaning before they leave for the night. And the staff knows that some patrons would still prefer not coming into the building, so they will continue to offer curbside pickup during all of the hours that the library is open.

“We may not be able to provide the full range of programming and services that we used to,” said Carter, “but we’re glad to be able to allow people back into the building again so we can help patrons in person.”

And she reminds the community that they can find many resources including databases and homework help for students, downloadable audio and e-books, and of course the library’s catalog at <http://www.crawfordlibrary.org>.

For more information on library hours and services, you can visit their Web site or call 508-949-8021.

## St. Joseph students mark the beginning of Advent



St. Joseph School students stand on the altar of the Basilica and surround the Advent wreath that they built on the First Sunday of Advent. Seventh Grade instructor, Mrs. Karen Lefebvre, St. Joseph Basilica Pastor, Rev. Grzegorz Chodkowski, and Campus Minister Marianapolis Preparatory School, Rev. Allen Alexander, are also pictured with the students.

WEBSTER — On Sunday, Nov. 29, the first Sunday of Advent, St. Joseph School Seventh Grade students joined together in the annual building of the Advent Wreath.

Advent is the period of four Sundays and weeks before Christmas. The word Advent means ‘Coming’ in Latin and

refers to the coming of Jesus into the world. Catholics use Advent to prepare and remember Christmas’s real meaning, and the Advent wreath is part of this tradition. The circular garland of the wreath’s evergreen branches represents eternity, while the five candles represent the coming of the

light of Christ into the world. Seventh Grade teacher Mrs. Karen Lefebvre organizes the special Advent Wreath building ceremony each year. It’s always an emotional event to see the students enter the darkened Basilica to the song, “Christ Be Our Light!”

## Tri-Valley, Inc. Meals on Wheels, Subaru share the love this holiday season

REGION — Tri-Valley’s Nutrition Program is proud to announce that it will be participating in the 2020 Subaru Share the Love Event as a member of Meals on Wheels America – one of four national Share the Love charitable partners supported through the campaign. From Nov. 19 through Jan. 4, Subaru of America will donate \$250 for every new Subaru vehicle purchased or leased to the customer’s choice of participating charities.

According to Elisabeth Prince, Executive Director of Tri-Valley, Inc., “we have seen a dramatic increase in the number of requests for Meals on Wheels due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The support we receive from Subaru through Share the Love will help us to meet this increased demand.”

Participating Meals on Wheels America members, like Tri-Valley, Inc., will receive a share of the donation raised by Subaru in their state. Tri-Valley has partnered with Long Subaru in Webster to raise awareness for the popular year-end sales and giving event, and drive support for Meals on Wheels.

“Meals on Wheels America is proud to partner with Subaru of America for the 13th consecutive year to enable more seniors to live with independence and dignity,” said Ellie Hollander, President and CEO, Meals on Wheels America. “Since 2008, the Subaru Share the Love Event has helped deliver more than 2.3 million meals and friendly visits to vulnerable seniors nationwide. We’re enormously grateful to Subaru and its retailers for their long-standing commitment to Meals on Wheels and the millions of seniors who depend on it for nourishment and companionship.”

Over the last 12 years, Subaru of America and its participating retailers have donated more than \$176 million to its charity partners. This year’s Subaru Share the Love Event is on track to bring that total to over \$200 million, proving there’s no limit to the amount of love we can all share.

By purchasing or leasing a new Subaru during the Subaru Share the Love Event and selecting Meals on Wheels as your charity of choice, you can help deliver nutritious meals and other important services to seniors in your community.

For more information, visit [www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org/sharethelove](http://www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org/sharethelove).

About Tri-Valley, Inc.  
Tri-Valley is a private, non-prof-

it agency. The agency receives funding from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the Executive Office of Elder Affairs and from the Federal government, under the Older American’s Act, processed through the Central Mass Agency on Aging. Funds are also received from other public and private sources. All donations are welcome and memorials may be established. For more information about services or volunteer opportunities, please call Tri-Valley at 508-949-6640 or go to [www.trivalleyinc.org](http://www.trivalleyinc.org).

About Meals on Wheels America  
Meals on Wheels America is the leadership organization supporting the more than 5,000 community-based programs across the country that are dedicated to addressing senior isolation and hunger. This network serves virtually every community in America and, along with more than two million staff and volunteers, delivers the nutritious meals, friendly visits and safety checks that enable America’s seniors to live nourished lives with independence and dignity. By providing funding, leadership, education, research and advocacy support, Meals on Wheels America empowers its local member programs to strengthen their communities, one senior at a time. For more information, or to find a Meals on Wheels provider near you, visit [www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org](http://www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org).

About Subaru of America, Inc.  
Subaru of America, Inc. (SOA) is a wholly owned subsidiary of Subaru Corporation of Japan. Headquartered at a zero-landfill office in Camden, N.J., the company markets and distributes Subaru vehicles, parts and accessories through a network of more than 630 retailers across the United States. All Subaru products are manufactured in zero-landfill production plants and Subaru of Indiana Automotive, Inc. is the only U.S. automobile production plant to be designated a backyard wildlife habitat by the National Wildlife Federation. SOA is guided by the Subaru Love Promise, which is the company’s vision to show love and respect to everyone, and to support its communities and customers nationwide. Over the past 20 years, SOA has donated more than \$165 million to causes the Subaru family cares about, and its employees have logged more than 40,000 volunteer hours. As a company, Subaru believes it is important to do its part in making a positive impact in the world because it is the right thing to do.

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## BOOKLOVERS GOURMET ANNOUNCES DECEMBER ART SHOW

“Dreamy Landscapes,” featuring photography by Michael Belinski, will be on display and for sale Dece. 1-31 at Booklovers’ Gourmet, 72 East Main St., Webster. The show consists of landscape and cityscape images that bring the viewer into the scene to experience the surreal moments that were captured in Michael’s images. Work may be viewed in person following all safety protocols during regular business hours: Monday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday-Wednesday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday & Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 508-949-6232 for more information. Visit [www.mabproduction.com](http://www.mabproduction.com) to view more of his work online.

## WEBSTER MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

WEBSTER — Webster Middle School has released its honor roll for the first quarter of the 2020-2021 school year.

### 5th Grade

High Honors: Chase Anthony, Brian Bui, Noah Cole, Holly Dailey, Kyrah Gingo, Brooke Kasprzak, Isabella Leatham-Wright, Jacob Macomber, Amelia Magorian, Jordan Miller, Jariel Morales-Diaz, Ava Reed, Angela Sarfo, Don Ta, Lauren Young

### Honors:

Jaesean Atkins, Nyameri Barjolo, Addam Bergeron, Julia Bukowski, Derek Campos, Naryanne Cassemiro, Jowell Cedeno, Xzavier Charest, Dejanay Darby, Madisyn Derie, Natalia DosSantos, Emanuel Feliciano Rodriguez, Calee Gardner, Lily Gatsogiannis, Kyle Kampersal, Hayleigh Mahlert, Raider Newton, Darius Nixon, Giavanna Orsi, Julian Papierski, Madalynn Paradis, Julius Rivera, Brandon Rivernider, Alexander Santiago, Olivia Shelburne, Giovan Torres, Julia Urato, Elijah Washington, Evan Willis, Aidan Zurawski

### 6th Grade

High Honors: Anais Alamo-Abad, Jared Archambault, Janine Baclagan, Vincent Balducci, Brett Beltzer, Alexandria Blanchard, Isaiah Centeio, Trinity Crompton, Brianna Dwomoah, Elias Erraihani, Brooke Fuller,

Brayden Greene, Libby Kokoszka, Benjamin Labbe, Abigail Lavallee, Isaiah Lipman, Megan Milligan, Jillian Moran, Natalie Napierata, Keren Napoli, Adian Ortiz, Mayli Pedersen, Nickolas Piwowarczyk, A’nayahlee Rojas, Trevor Rose, Isabella Sepulveda, Brady Smith, Michael Stawiecki, Brady Weeks, Tyler Whiting, Julia Williams, Olivia Williams, Jazzelle Wolverson, Payton Ziemski

### Honors:

James Belanger, Brendan Bell, Hillary Campoverde, Caden Case, Gabriella Cintron Melendez, Cornell Collins, Daysha Collins, Saul Colon, Madisyn Crawford, Alexander Croteau, Camden DeCarolis, Nathan Drew, Ava Erkoc, Hailey Ferrara, Leland Fisher, Samantha Fleck, Cameron Hast, Abena Kwarteng, Sangey Lama, Anjeliz Mercado, Morgan Minor, Jeremiah Njoroge Kyla Pierre, Irelyn Pottle, Devin Robinson, Sonsearae Sawyer, Jaidarae Smith, Lily Starr, Lilybelle Trotter, Rileigh Trudell, Cassidy White, Sterling Whitney, Calvin Wormley, Jackson Young, Logan Young

### 7th Grade

High Honors: Jacob Archambault, David Batancur, Angelica Padilla, Michael Turcotte, Esmeralda Velez  
Honors: Destiny Acevedo, Nicholas Albright, Kenneth Arpin, Nathan Chenevert,

Nathan Cole, Jake Day, Niel Duszlak, Jayla Fowler, Rylee Fulmine, Alexander Haynes, Ashley Heath, Tyler Heath, Cassie Kotomski, Nia Laforest, Mariah Pereira, Julian Requena, Alysha Rosario-Green, John Smart, Sienna Stawiecki, Arianna Watson, Destiny Acevedo, Nicholas Albright,

### 8th Grade

High Honors: Rima Al-Dulaimi, Adrianna Burdick, Jayden Casey, Emma DeRoche, Ella Doering, Joshua Furtado, Kira Gillette, Abigail Haynes, Samaya Mulbah, Maya Ortiz, Rafael Trivino

### Honors:

Gabriella Baker, Faith Binney, Savannah Bjork, Aiden Castillo, Hope Cooper, Ayden Do, Colin Farraher, Arianna Figueroa, Sydney Fuller, Kaycee Gayewski, Taryn Gerber, Charlotte Hast, Ayden Heenan, Justin Ilarraza, Kayah Jadcak, Leah Johnson, Makenzie Lavallee, Lexani Lewis, Jacob Morello, Dakota Ouellette, Carmen Pantoja, Willis Perreault, Leximee Phanthavong, Adam Phillips, Melany Rebeiro, Lilianna Rockwood, Corey Scovil, Aysel Silva-Nieves, Alexis Specter, Annika Stockhaus, Gabriella Troy, Adam Urato, Isabella Vasconcelos, Dakota Vaudreuil, Amelia White, Cayden Young



# Man’s best friend

Dogs are man’s best friend. My life without my two dogs, Twig & Molly, would not be as enjoyable if I did not have them around. A daily walk with them at a local Rod & Gun club helps keep them in shape. The walks are good for this writer also, although I still am slightly overweight because of my eating habits. The dogs wake me up as soon as the light breaks. Molly is first! She quickly jumps in my bed and walk’s up my stomach until her face is right over mine. One long lick on my face and I am out of bed. Twig is next although she does not jump in my bed like Molly.

Taking the dogs out to the back yard, often requires a good grip on their leashes because of the high population of rabbits in the back yard. Molly occasionally digs out a spot under the fence to go hunting alone in the woods. A quick blast on the whistle brings her back to the gate in short time. It is nice to see the rabbit population making a comeback in the valley area, but Molly needs to be made aware of the dangers lurking in the woods. The two dogs are inseparable, and remain protective of each other. Coyotes, Fishercat & Bobcat pose a real threat to domestic dogs and cats, and their populations are increasing every year.

Every year, families plan on purchasing a dog for Christmas, and it is often the wrong time of year to do so. It is a hectic time to bring in a puppy, and often brings more work keeping the dog safe in its new environment. Maybe this year could be different because of the pandemic. Many parents are working from home, away from the stresses of everyday life, especially for the next three months or so.

A new dog in the family could be just the right move this year, as long as you can afford one, as it can become very costly if they need to be brought to a veterinarian. It is a 10-to-15-year commitment to insure a happy & healthy life to the new puppy. Be sure to select the proper breed for you and your family, and never ever purchase a puppy from a pet store. You need to insist on seeing both parents of the pup and also get references. Every pup is cute when they are young and looking at a litter of pups is sometimes overwhelming. Take your time and do your homework. Temperament of the adult dogs is extremely important. What you see is what you will get!

Choosing a dog from an animal shelter is a big risk. Not knowing where the dog came from, how it was treated, etc. needs to be carefully thought over before making a decision. There have been many great dogs purchased at dog shelters, but it is a big gamble. They all



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need a second chance and adoption of a family pet or hunting dog is the way to go for some families. Good Luck!

Deer hunting opened for shotgun this past Monday under less-than-ideal conditions, with a rainstorm brewing late afternoon and Tuesday. Archers had a great season deer hunting this year and the harvest could well surpass last year’s record-breaking season. Many big bucks sporting large antlers have been reported by a local processing shop, and other reports from sporting goods stores with deer in the 200-pound-plus range is not uncommon. It will be interesting to hear the final results of the archery deer harvest in the coming weeks from MFW.

Fortunately, deer hunters in the valley do not need to travel to Petersham to do some deer hunting. In my younger years, we needed to travel a bit to get a shot at a deer. There was a line of cars a couple of miles long on opening day, carrying hunters to the areas around Petersham and surrounding towns. It was a lot of fun back then even though we never brought home the venison like we do today. We are so fortunate to have such a healthy deer herd in our back yard.

A local angler, Fernando Puglesa, landed a 36-inch Northern Pike in a local river in Whitinsville this past weekend. The fish was released back into the river to fight another, day but not before the angler took a couple of pictures. The fish did not have much girth, as this week’s picture shows.



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Duck hunters locally have reported on the lack of mallards this year. There are plenty of wood ducks, but the absence of mallards was a bit disappointing to many local waterfowl hunters. Goose and duck hunting closed Nov. 28, and will reopen Dec. 14. The next season will hopefully get better, as lakes and ponds freeze up. It is a dangerous time for duck hunting for both man & dog, especially on the coast. Wind & freezing temperatures make for great waterfowl

hunting, but extreme caution needs to be practiced at all times. More on this next week!

What was the organization on the Meadow Pond called The Sea Scouts back in the ‘50s? Stay tuned in next week.

Stay safe, wear a mask and practice social distancing!

Take a Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending.

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On Monday, Nov. 21, the Dudley veterans’ office was the grateful recipient of 25 food baskets for Thanksgiving with all the fixings. This looked like it was going to be a tough year for veterans until the generosity of the Day Kimball Healthcare Surgical Group led by several very caring and unselfish individuals joined together to make sure that the veterans in our area had a bountiful holiday meal. We are all thankful to be associated with such compassionate people – in more ways than one.

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**SIDES** *(choice of one)*

Fresh Mashed Potatoes

Rice Pilaf

Oven Roasted Potatoes

**~ AND ~**

**SIDES** *(choice of one)*

Fresh Butternut Squash

Baked Broccoli & Cauliflower Au Gratin, Roasted Candied Carrots, Seasoned Green Beans

Buttered Corn

**~ AND ~**

**DESERTS** *(choice of one)*

Pumpkin Cream Pie

Mixed Fruit Pie

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Pumpkin Pie

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Baked Ham with pineapple sauce 39.95 ~

Roast Stuffed Pork with gravy 39.95

Baked Lobster Stuffed Haddock Casserole 74.95

Mashed Potatoes-Oven

Roasted-Rice Pilaf 21.95 each

Green Bean~Butternut Squash~Candied Carrots ~ Buttered Corn 21.95 each

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**ALL ORDERS MUST BE PRE-PAID BEFORE PICK-UP**

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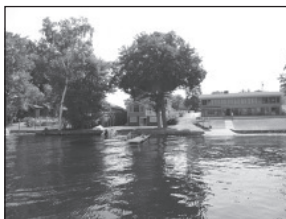
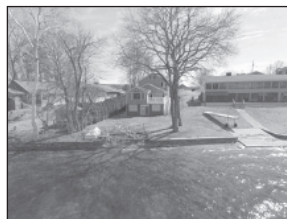
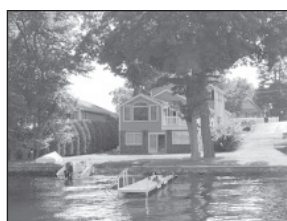


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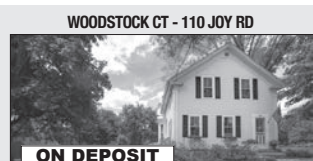
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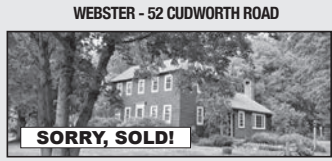
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# Feeling groovy

The opening lyrics to Simon and Garfunkel's hit song, Feeling Groovy, are "Slow down, you move too fast." Lately, I've found this to be sound advice.

Arlene and I built three homes and an office building in our life together. We enjoyed each experience and wouldn't trade the time we spent together in creating these homes and spaces.

Today, I'm sitting in my daughter and son-in-law's kitchen. It's beautiful ... a work of art. The cabinets are white. The light fixtures are large clear globes. The floors are white marble.

As I sit here watching my daughter clean the globes, I said, "Are you sure you want these? They'll be a nightmare to keep clean."

"You say that about everything lately. You walk through our new home pointing out how much work or money it's



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going to be to maintain," she responded.

I was embarrassed and surprised by my comments, but she's right. I didn't realize how much time and experience has changed me. I don't think I'm being negative, but practical.

In the past, maintenance, whether in time or expense never crossed my mind. We liked what we liked and created our visions of home and workspace together. My daughters' new kitchen is gorgeous, but all I've been seeing is how much work it will be to keep it clean. When did I change ... and why?

Evolving priorities.

I've decided I only want

to spend my time left on earth in four areas.

1. I want to spend more time talking with and listening to God.
2. I want to be with my family and close friends.
3. I want to focus on writing this column and my new books, and,
4. I want to chase Arlene around the house.

Anything else isn't important and takes my time and attention away from what is.

I don't want to clean the house, mow the grass, or shovel the snow. I've spent the last forty plus years maintaining homes and spent the last twenty-six years working in and for an even larger home and forty acres ... and for what? All it did was burn my time, energy, and resources, while keeping me from doing things that are more important and fulfilling. I now have clarity. I see what is important in my life and that's where my focus should be.

Time changes our priorities. I can remember my foolishness in believing my choices of automobile and size of home was representative of how important I was or how happy I could be. I couldn't have been more wrong. If I could go back and live my life again with my priorities of today, I believe I'd been a better employer, husband, and parent. I believe I'd live life with less stress. Maybe I wouldn't have cancer.

And I've slowed down. Not because of age or health, but because I see life differently. Energy is in shorter supply today and it forces me to think of the most useful way to spend it. And when I'm in a hurry, so much of life passes as a blur. I don't want to miss the important things as they pass. And besides, speeding is getting to the end as fast as you can. The end is not someplace I'm in a hurry to be.

When we are young, we believe we are immortal. The things we have ... time, money, loved ones, a good job, good health ... we assume we'll have forever. Yet in a blink of an eye, one or all of what we have can be gone. As time passes, we learn how fragile life is. It changes our perspective and fine tunes our focus. Time and experience teach us that the possessions in life that we eagerly collect on our search for meaning, are meaningless.

Legacy.

What will we leave behind? For Arlene and me, it's great children and grandchildren with their priorities in order. Are they all there yet? Of course not. They have not lived enough life yet, but I'm confident the building blocks are there to help them.

For me, I'll leave behind my written words. Some will disappear as wasted gibberish,

while others may hang around as useful life lessons. I hope something I've shared will help others live an optimistic and happier life.

And this may surprise you, but I find that I am grateful for cancer. There is nothing like facing the end to sharpen your senses and realize what is important and what is not.

For me, Faith, family (and dear friends), and legacy are what's important. Anything else is a distraction.

Are your priorities in line?

What's important to you?

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# Celebrate safely this holiday season

LOCAL SERVPRO FIRE RESTORATION SPECIALIST SAYS USE COMMON SENSE AND CAUTION TO HELP CONTROL RISK OF HOLIDAY SEASON HOME FIRES

WHITINSVILLE — In a year when large holiday gatherings may not be possible, fire damage restoration specialist Don McKendall of SERVPRO of Southern Worcester County says a focus on family decorating traditions and more intimate celebrations may take on extra significance.

“It’s as important to keep safety top of mind with a small family gathering as it is with a large holiday party,” says McKendall. “We all enjoy bringing the glow of the holiday season to our homes with Christmas trees or menorahs and candlelight, but these statistics from the U.S. Fire Administration<sup>1</sup> show how easy it is for home

decorating to turn into a home disaster.”

The top three days for home candle fires are Christmas Day, New Year’s Day and New Year’s Eve.

More than half of the home decoration fires in December are started by candles.

A heat source too close to the Christmas tree causes one in every four winter fires.

On average, one of every 52 reported home Christmas tree fires resulted in death.

In addition to exercising caution with candles and heat sources, it is important to follow manufacturers’ guidelines for holiday lighting, says

McKendall.

“According to the National Fire Protection Association, electrical distribution or lighting equipment was involved in 44 percent of home Christmas tree fires.<sup>2</sup> Though Christmas tree fires may not be common, they can be devastating to more than the house itself. They can destroy irreplaceable photos, mementos, and family heirlooms and even cost lives,” says McKendall. “To help keep your holidays bright and your home and family safe, use common sense with candles and tree placement, and follow these important home decorating guidelines<sup>3</sup>.”

Only use decorations that are flame-retardant or not flammable.

Check holiday lights each year for frayed wires or excessive wear.

Don’t link more than three strands of holiday lights.

“In a year when so many of the things we take for granted have changed, we know people will still come together – in person or virtually – to celebrate family and holiday traditions,” says McKendall. “Stay safe’ has become a common expression in the context of public health, but this holiday season, we urge all Whitinsville-area home and business owners to think about ‘staying safe’ in their homes as they prepare for and enjoy the holiday season.”

SERVPRO is an industry leader and provider of fire and water cleanup and restoration services. For more fire prevention and fire safety tips and information about fire and water damage restoration services, please visit [www.servpro.com](http://www.servpro.com). For more information on SERVPRO of Southern Worcester County, please contact Don McKendall at (508) 234-3399 or [Don@servpromckendall.com](mailto:Don@servpromckendall.com).

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## ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

WEBSTER — St. Joseph School has released its honor roll for the first quarter of the 2020-2021 school year.

Grade 8

High Honors: Dale Boudreau, Justin Dooner, Dominik Gielarowicz, Samantha Keller, Nicholas Janeczek, Maya Podskarbi

Honors: Alexandra Bergeron, Lauren Gingo, Krystian Kowalczyk

Credit: Dominic Lilley, Elizabeth Mahlert

Grade 7

High Honors: Andrew Bergeron, Philopateer Basha, Paul Mankarios, Adam Podgorny

Honors: Juliana Rudnicki, Treyton Dery, Alexandra Parafinowicz, Gianna DiCola-Keddy, Hannah Watson, Brady McNair, Rocco Rudnicki, Matthew Obrycki, Maeva Sullivan, Aleksandra Kurowski, Bradley McCarthy, Connor Czechowski

Credit: Matthew Zdrok

Grade 6

High Honors: Leah Boudreau, Aiden Muchiru, Marcus Muchiru, Gabriela

Pianka, Natalie Smith, Kaelyn Lechiara, Bella Calnan, Vanessa Zeglen

Honors: Marissa Grieco, Gianna Rosario, Vanessa Cieszynski

Credit: Brett McCarthy, Jacob Perry, Bobbi Enman, George Khalif, Ike Rudnicki

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High Honors: Claire Calnan, Molly Hachigian, Alisson (AJ) Perron, Colton Haase, Jack Keller, Laura Ibrahim, Alvin Montreuil

Honors: Emily Macko, Ella Parslow, Ryan Gruppiso, Max Podgorny, Kaiden Plocher

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BY JASON BLEAU  
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DUDLEY – A change in leadership has been set for Dudley’s highway department with the naming of both a new superintendent and foreman during the Board of Selectmen’s Nov. 23 meeting while honoring outgoing superintendent Vincent Polletta.

Polletta officially ended 43 years of service to the community in 2020, 33 of which were with the highway department after previously serving with the fire department for his first ten years with the towns. His tenure included fifteen years serving both departments and 25 years total with the fire department. Polletta ascended to Highway Superintendent in 2018 after the retirement of Daniel Gion. As part of his retirement celebration Polletta was presented with a special plaque from selectmen honoring his time with the highway department.

Selectmen spoke very highly of Polletta’s time with the town calling him “self-motivated,” “hard working,” and “Jack of all trades” who played a key role in helping maintain and even build on the high standards of the department.

Prior to honoring Polletta, the Board of Selectmen officially announced his successor after an extensive interview process. Jeffrey Murray was hired to lead the Highway Department as its new Superintendent after applying for the job during the second round of interviews and impressing selectmen with his resume and extensive skill set. Selectmen also commended him as a worthy pair of “fresh eyes” to see the department into the future.

Finally, selectmen brought in a familiar face to serve as the new Foreman for the

Highway Department. Stanley Golinski III, who had been serving as interim foreman, was permanently appointed to the position. Selectmen said Golinski was also a promising candidate for the Superintendent position and were happy to see him remain with the department in a position he has already proven he can handle honorably and effectively.

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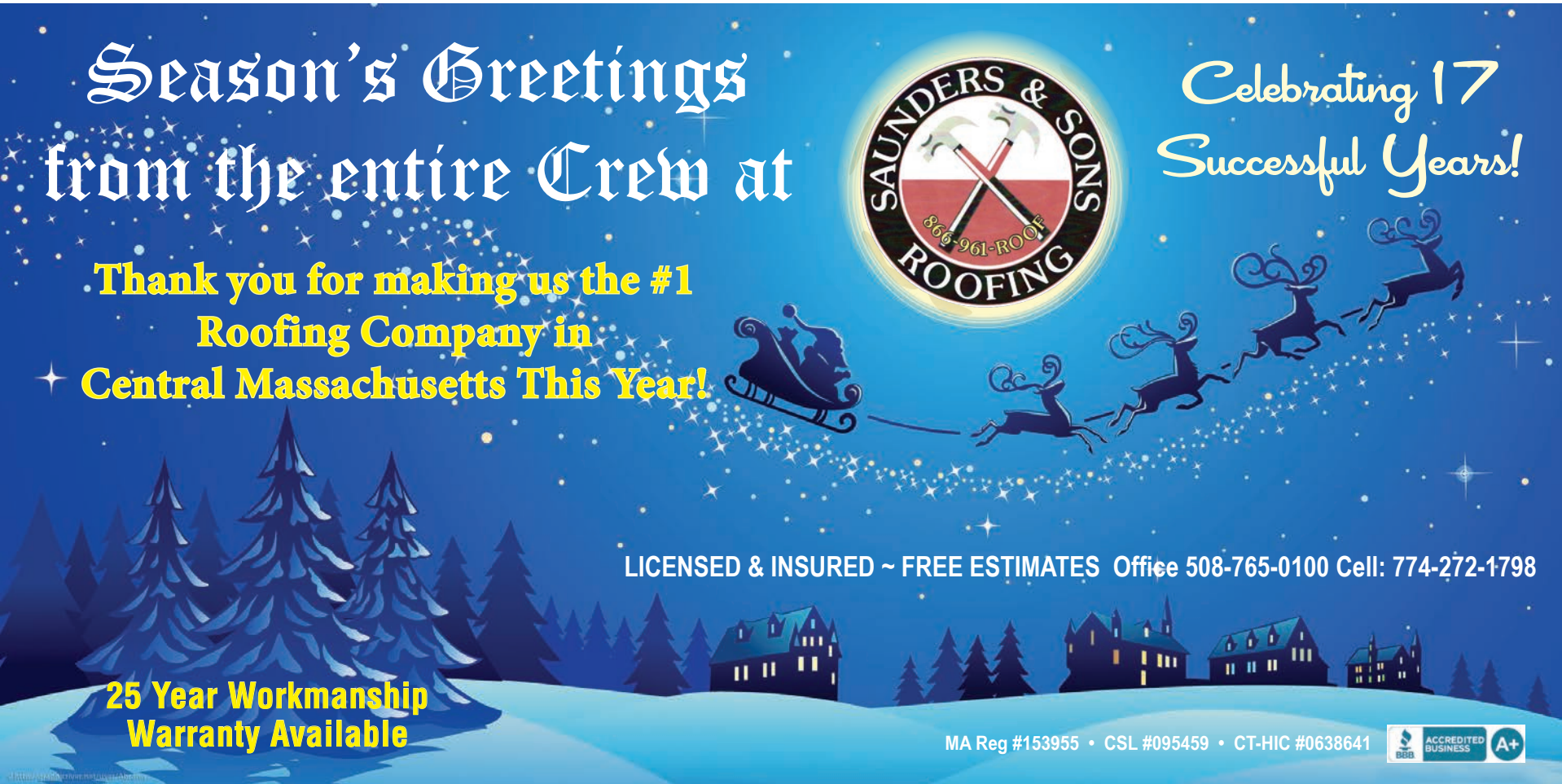
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