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Covid tops selectmen's agenda

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER – Covid dominated the selectmen's agenda Jan. 11 as Health Agent Jen Sullivan and Town Administrator Doug Willardson updated the town on local pandemic issues.

Because of Thanksgiving and Christmas, the number of cases in Webster has "exploded," with many of them at two long-term care facilities, Willardson said. Town wide, there were 30-40 per week in November, but that's exceeding 100 weekly now.

Brookside got 51 cases with seven deaths despite being diligent about mask and other PPE use and having had no cases before December, Sullivan said. Describing the situation as "sad" and "unfortunate," she noted the facility had an asymptomatic staff person test positive, but the results took four days to come back.

Willardson said the other site, which he declined to name, had 33 cases and four deaths.

In both cases, Sullivan said she talks to their nursing staff daily. The same is true of the schools, where some students have been testing positive. They're still in "hybrid" mode, but that "could change at any moment," she added. The schools have rapid tests and sports practices were still happening through last weekend, but the plan was to revisit the issue this week.

"You couldn't ask for a better staff over there. ... It's been a great collaborative with them," Sullivan said.

Regarding vaccination, they noted it has begun in town. Town emergency staff and workers at various long-term facilities who have received their first doses will get second by the end of January. Sullivan said CVS is handling the various facilities and plans to visit each site three times for scheduled shot appointments. She noted they're now working on "getting it out to group shelters and congregate places," with 48 people affiliated with them already vaccinated.

That prompted a concern from Chair Randy Becker, who noted the vaccination rate so far is about 65 percent. "Given the insidious nature of this spread," can it be required? he asked.

No was Sullivan's response. "It's completely voluntary right now" for staff and patients.

Vaccine supplies are coming through Harrington Hospital, which got a first shipment of about 1000 Pfizer doses and a subsequent shipment of Moderna's vaccine. Going forward, she noted, they're using just Moderna's version; they were slated to get 5000 vials of it on Jan. 15. As of Jan. 11, they were doing about 180 shots a day, with a goal of 500 a day in the next two weeks.

"We're actually above and ahead of everyone in Massachusetts because Harrington has been so wonderful," Sullivan said. "... I can't say enough good things about Harrington. They've been brilliant in my eyes."

Harrington covers most of the towns in southwestern Worcester County. Sullivan said Harrington, local health departments and the Central Mass Regional Planning Commission are now organizing three drive-

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School Committee finalizes reopening plan

BY JASON BLEAU
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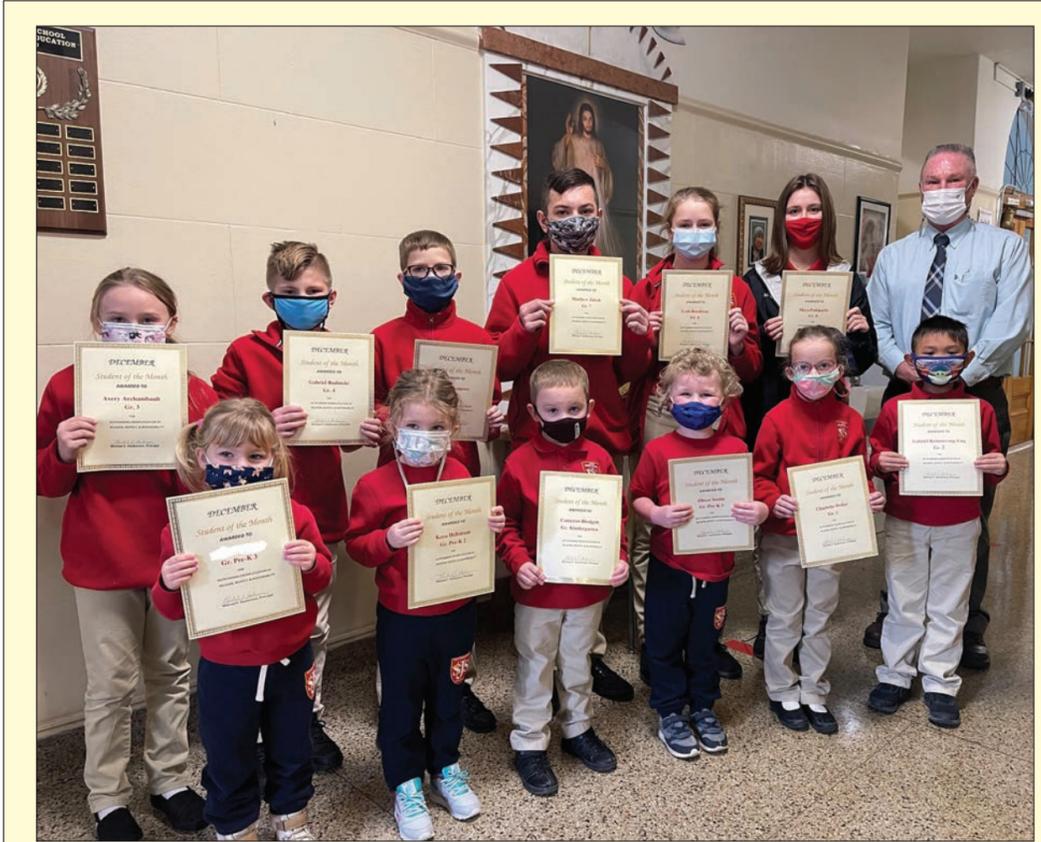
DUDLEY/CHARLTON – The future for the Dudley Charlton Regional School District under COVID protocol has been decided. After months of planning, discussion and debate the Regional School Committee finally laid out a plan for the remainder of the school year which will see several models enacted over the next several months easing students back into the classroom.

The Dudley Charlton School Committee met on the evening of Jan. 13, when Superintendent Steven Lamarche presented the models on the table for discussion and acknowledged that the decision made that night might not meet everyone's expectations, but that the process leading up to the meeting was arduous and focused on providing the best and safest experience for students in mind.

"We are trying to take everything into consideration. As I've expressed before we have all become students of public education in a COVID world. It has not been easy. It has not been the same anywhere you go. We're putting the effort in for the Dudley Charlton Regional School District. We want it to be the best education possible," Lamarche said.

Discussion lasted several hours as the School Committee debated which models to roll out and

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Courtesy

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following students who were selected as December Students of the Month at St. Joseph School in Webster: Pre-K 3-year-old – 2 Day Program: Kaya Hellstrom; Pre-K 4-year-old: Oliver Smith; Kindergarten: Cameron Blodgett; Grade 1: Charlotte Dollar; Grade 2: Gabriel Ketnouvong-Ung; Grade 3: Avery Archambault; Grade 4: Gabriel Rudnicki; Grade 5: Ryan Gruposso; Grade 6: Leah Boudreau; Grade 7: Matthew Zdrok; Grade 8: Maya Podskarbi. Students are awarded Student of the Month for their outstanding exemplification of Religion, Respect, and Responsibility. Keep up the great work!

Oxford church celebrates 300th year with steeple lighting

BY GUS STEEVES
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OXFORD – If you think a lot has happened in the past year, cast your eyes on the last 300.

That's what Oxford First Congregational Church is doing this year, kicking things off last weekend with a short outdoor ceremony for lighting their steeple. It plans a bigger weekend of celebration this summer, if Covid permits.

"We want to try and make the 300th year something special," Church Historian Todd Sauter said earlier last week. "It's not just a look at the past, but a springboard for what we want to be in the future."

To Rev. Karen Fournier, the goal is to "become more diverse, understanding that's not

our community demographics now" while maintaining the current "open and affirming" practices.

Part of that, she hopes, will be better outreach. Because of Covid, she's been broadcasting sermons online and seeing them garner nearly 1,000 viewers, some from out of state, alongside the 50 or so regular parishioners.

"The more we listen to those entering in, the better we'll be equipped to grow our community," she observed, noting some people want to "check it out without being seen."

Fournier admits she never expected to be a TV ministry when she came here in 2016 as co-pastor or took over full-time in

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Courtesy

Oxford's First Congregational Church launched its 300th anniversary celebration last weekend with a ceremony marking the lighting of its steeple.

Nichols adding new Sports Management, Real Estate concentrations

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT



DUDLEY – Nichols College is enhancing its sports management and real estate offerings by launching three new concentrations within in Business Administration degree program.

Starting in the fall of 2021 Nichols will offer three new concentrations, Sport Sales & Strategy, Sport Marketing & Content Creation, and Real Estate Management which will offer specialized training including hands-on learning and internships with professional sports organizations among other coursework. The college announced the new pro-

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School Committee sets timeline for superintendent search

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD – The School Committee set up its schedule for the superintendent search process recently, aiming to have a permanent replacement for interim Superintendent Kristine Nash in office July 1. Over the next couple of weeks, it will be seeking staff, parents and community members to serve on the search committee tasked with handling the process in conjunction with their consultant, NESDEC.

By a 3-2 vote, the board hired NESDEC Dec. 21, after interviewing representatives for them and the Mass Association of School Committees (MASC) earlier that month.

According to the minutes of that meeting, the two opposing votes came from Dave Cornacchioli and Chair Dan Coonan. Cornacchioli said he felt the board could handle the task itself with advice from MASC (which Oxford already pays

for) and didn't "need to employ either consultant." Coonan favored MASC, saying he felt NESDEC didn't show good understanding of the Open Meeting Law and public records needs. But he noted he'll be out of office by the time the process concludes, so he wanted those who are to have a consultant they could work with.

Newest member Corey Burke supported NESDEC, but said he didn't "feel strongly" either way. The other two members were pro-NESDEC, with September Forbes expressing concern MASC might "take on too many searches." Palmina Griffin said she likes the work MASC has done, but "feels the district can get more insight from working with an additional organization," those minutes state.

The schedule calls for NESDEC to do a community needs assessment between Jan. 15 and Feb. 5, hosting focus groups of parents, staff and others to develop the can-

didate profile. After the ads get published, the search committee will start application reviews around March 1, with interviews throughout March. Under the law, those preliminary interview rounds are held in executive session and will not be public record.

Finalists are due to be announced about March 25 and interviewed in public (probably via the internet) between March 31 and April 5. Afterward, the committee plans to visit their home districts, with final selection coming about May 10.

The board also voted unanimously to return the old Project Coffee building to town control. Coonan noted it has deteriorated to the point it is "not fit for any educational purpose."

Nash agreed, saying "It would not be a building I'd put students in at this time" and it would cost a significant sum to make it usable again. She noted the town manager told her the town will probably demolish it for

the same reason, but the town could renovate it for Town Hall office space if they think it's fiscally wise.

Business Manager Justin Leduc said the district budgets \$20,000 a year for that building despite vacating it in 2019. About \$8000 of that sum is for electricity, which includes heat set at minimum. He was already planning not to budget for it in the coming fiscal year, which starts in July.

Coonan said Oxford obtained the modular building used from another district in 1979, so he felt the district had gotten good use from it.

Cornacchioli agreed, saying, "The program has had great benefits long before I got there, while I was there, and after I left there." He said he'd like to see "some sort of recognition" of it being there for 40 years.

In other business, Nash told the board about state Education Commissioner Jeff Riley's plans for this year's MCAS testing,

which will be shorter and occur on changed dates.

"His main goal is to use it as a diagnostic, not [for] accountability," and provide help to districts partly based on the results, she said.

The issue is that many students have lost ground in their studies due to Covid, and the state hopes it will highlight "where the learning gaps may be." Riley's recent letter to districts noted he will not use it to identify any additional "underperforming" districts this year.

In November, the state collected "time on learning" data from grades 1, 4, 7 and 10 to see what impact the very varied approaches to remote, hybrid and in-school learning have had, and Riley used that to amend the requirements for the rest of the year. Nash said the average time in "live instruction" – defined as actually in class or with a teacher online – across the grades needs to be 35 hours for hybrid districts and 40 hours if all-remote.

Oxford now averages 43 hours.

She said Riley's calculations determined that 70 percent of districts won't need to make changes, 15 percent need only tweaks and the other 15 percent "will be radically having to change."

Nash also noted she expects to receive another round of Covid-related school aid in a couple of chunks over the next few months. But how much is uncertain; she said she was told to expect "three times" what Oxford received from last spring's CARES Act, but has also heard it could be just "three percent. That's a huge difference."

Either way, the money will be usable until 2023; districts can use it for new positions and "one-time costs," but not pay hikes.

Regarding Covid, Leduc also noted the district is currently analyzing airflow-related issues in the schools.

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Assumption, Holy Cross alumni lead development of virtual mental health museum

MILFORD — The National Museum of Mental Health Project, Inc. (NMMHP), a group initially formed in 2019,

has been incorporated as a not-for-profit organization with an expanded mission to develop virtual exhibits that transform

society's understanding of mental health.

The work of NMMHP founders Paul Piwko, a professor in the Grenon School of Business at Assumption University, and Alexandra Orlandi, a University alumna and Mental Health Specialist at McLean Hospital, initially focused on researching and publishing the benefits of mental health exhibitions. Prior to the pandemic, the display of mental health exhibitions in museums, airports, and malls was increasing. NMMHP now seeks to expand this trend from brick-and-mortar establishments to the internet at a time when museums are increasing their online visibility and the COVID-19 pandemic has created an unprecedented need for mental health resources.

Virtual museums sidestep the cost of physical buildings and dramatically increase visitor accessibility. Piwko compares the concept of a virtual museum to a "museum without walls" like GirlMuseum.org, an online museum dedicated to celebrating girlhood. Piwko states, "What Ashley Remer has done with GirlMuseum is what we seek to replicate. From her living room in New Zealand, financed by a few thousand dollars annually, she created one of the world's first virtual museums."

NMMHP exhibitions will promote mental health literacy by sharing personal narratives and expanding vocabulary. Orlandi says, "Learning about mental illness and wellness isn't just about reading textbooks, listening to lectures, or seeing a therapist. Learning is also observing and exploring." Exhibits will provide a unique space for visitors to experientially interact with content.

NMMHP is currently developing its first exhibition, I Get It, which will launch in 2021 on its website NMMHProject.org and via social media. The website was designed by Assumption alumna Kate Kruzick and launched via Wifi hotspot from the grounds of the Medfield State Hospital Cemetery – a place of early inspiration for the Project.

Although NMMHP seeks a national audience for its research and exhibitions, all founding board members are residents of the Worcester area. Piwko and board secretary Anne Walton are Milford residents, and Orlandi lives in Hudson. Piwko and Orlandi completed a research fellowship at Assumption about mental health exhibitions and have been published by numerous news outlets, including the Des Moines Register, the Omaha World-Herald, and the Worcester Telegram.

They presented their work to the New England Museum Association in 2018 and will be presenting at the 2021 Mental Health America Annual Conference.

In January 2020, prior to its formation as a nonprofit, NMMHP participated in the annual Nonprofit Careers Conference at College of the Holy Cross where a team of students developed fundraising strategies. The organization's connection to Holy Cross and the Worcester area deepened this past fall with the hiring of Communications Intern Emily Taylor, a junior at Holy Cross who is from Hopkinton.

Piwko says, "We take inspiration from the rich history and people of the Worcester area in impacting the national dialogue on mental health, such as nineteenth century reformer Dorothea Dix and mindfulness innovator Jon Kabat-Zinn. We feel our goals come from that same spirit."

The impact of the mental health exhibition trend has already been experienced locally. In 2019 the Worcester PopUp Museum hosted the first public unveiling of I Am More:

Massachusetts by artist Amy Kerr, whose exhibition is profiled on NMMHP's website.

More information about NMMHP and its plans for its inaugural exhibition I Get It is available at NMMHProject.org. Anyone seeking additional information or offering to volunteer or donate can contact the group by email at NMMHProject@gmail.com.

About the National Museum of Mental Health Project The National Museum of Mental Health Project, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that researches and creates exhibitions that transform society's attitudes about, and understanding of, mental health. Initially conceived as a clearinghouse for the sharing of mental health exhibitions and information about them, its formation as a nonprofit will enable the development of online exhibits that educate, interpret, advance dialogue, and develop literacy on the topic of mental health. For more information, visit NMMHProject.org.

WEBSTER POLICE LOG

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of Jan. 3-9.

Sean Yace-Leon, age 19, of Southbridge was arrested on Jan. 4 for Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle, a Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID, operating an Unregistered Motor Vehicle, and operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle.

Jason Daniel Plaza, age 47, of Webster was arrested on Jan. 4 for Trespassing, Criminal Harassment, and Disturbing the Peace.

Michael T. Warner, age 43, of Webster was arrested on Jan. 4 in connection with a warrant.

Louise M. Deliddo, age 52, of Webster was arrested on Jan. 4 for Operating Under the Influence of Drugs, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Failure to Stop or Yield, and multiple counts of drug possession.

Samantha A. Ramos, age 44, of Webster was arrested on Jan. 5 in connection with a warrant.

A 31-year-old female whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Jan. 5 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

Nicholas A. Gomes, age 51, of Springfield was arrested on Jan. 6 in connection with a warrant.

A 40-year-old male whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Jan. 6 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member, Intimidation of a Witness, Juror, Police Officer or Court Official, and in connection with a warrant.

Mark A. Desourdy, age 42, of Webster was arrested on Jan. 6 for Trafficking in 36 grams or more of Heroin, Morphine, or Opium and multiple counts of drug possession.

Lisa Michelle Murray, age 41, of Webster was arrested on Jan. 7 for Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Conspiracy to Violate Drug Law, and Distribution of a Class A Drug. Michael K. Cardinal, age 44, of Webster was arrested during the same incident for Conspiracy to Violate Drug Law, Distribution of a Class A Drug, and Possession of a Class A Drug with Intent to Distribute.

A 22-year-old male whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Jan. 9 for causing Malicious Damage to a Motor Vehicle and Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

Giovanni Thomas Carrasquillo, age 33, of Webster was arrested on Jan. 9 in connection with a warrant. A 27-year-old male was taken into protective custody during the same incident.

DUDLEY POLICE LOG

DUDLEY — The Dudley Police Department reported the following arrests from Jan. 11-15.

James Edward Brink, Jr., age 37, of Dudley was arrested on Jan. 12 in connection with an out of agency warrant.

Sam Nurakanovie, age 62, of Blackstone was arrested on Jan. 12 in connection with multiple out of agency warrants.

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Dudley ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan available for public review

DUDLEY — The Town of Dudley's ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan, developed by a team led by the Center for Living & Working, is available for public review on the Town's Web site, <http://www.dudleyma.gov/>. A summary presentation of the draft final plan's findings is scheduled as part of the Dudley Board of Selectmen's Jan. 25 meeting, set to start at 6:30 p.m., which will be held virtually. The meeting agenda and Web link for the virtual meeting are available on the Town's Web site, and the meeting will be broadcast on Dudley Cable Access TV. Community involvement is an important part of the planning process. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about the Town's obligations relat-

ed to ADA and about remaining obstacles to achieving full accessibility. Residents, especially those that identify as disabled, are encouraged to join the conversation as community feedback will help guide the final stages of the planning project.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a civil rights law that was enacted in 1990. The ADA gives civil rights protections to individuals with disabilities similar to those provided to individuals on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, age, and religion. It guarantees equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities in public accommodations, employment, transportation, State and local government services, and telecommunications. In accordance with

ADA Standards and requirements under the state building code, Dudley's ADA plan includes an assessment of policies and physical barriers to accessibility, including a review of municipally owned buildings and recreational properties.

Funding for the plan was provided through a FY 2019 Community Development Block Grant awarded to the Town of Dudley from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development. The Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) manages the grant and grant-funded projects on the Town's behalf. The grant is

also funding a study of public works infrastructure in selected Dudley neighborhoods.

Questions or comments regarding the plan should be directed to Michael Kennedy, ADA/ Access Advocacy Coordinator at the Center for Living & Working, (508) 755-1401 or mkenney@centerlw.org or Andrew Loew, Project Manager at CMRPC at (508) 459-3339 or aloew@cmrpc.org. Persons requesting special accommodations to participate in the virtual Board of Selectmen's meeting should contact Dudley's ADA Coordinator, Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda, at (508) 949-8030 or townadmin@dudleyma.gov in advance of the meeting date.

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Health Foundation announces the 2021 Activation Fund grant opportunity

WORCESTER — The Health Foundation of Central Massachusetts is pleased to invite grant applications for its Activation Fund in 2021. Letters of Intent are due April 29. The Activation Fund supports discrete, one-year projects in Central Massachusetts that demonstrate creative and innovative approaches to addressing community health concerns and that move an organization to its next level of capacity and effectiveness, which can be sustained beyond the term of the grant.

Activation Fund grants typically range from \$10,000 to \$100,000. Final decisions about 2021 Activation Fund grants will be made in September, with funding awards to be made in October. In 2020, fourteen grants were awarded, with an average grant of approximately \$50,000.

Those interested in applying for an Activation Fund grant should visit the Foundation website at www.hfcm.org and attend an online information session (registration required) for details including guidelines, deadlines, and examples of previous grants. In addition, interested parties are asked to email The Health Foundation staff at thfcmgrantadvisor@gmail.com by April 1, 2021 to discuss proposed project ideas before submitting a Letter of Intent.

The Foundation was established in 1999 with the proceeds from the sale of Central Massachusetts Health Care, Inc., a physician-initiated, not-for-profit HMO. The Foundation currently has assets of approximately \$80 million and has awarded grants totaling over \$47 million.

SALMON staff member named Massachusetts Senior Care Foundation Scholar

NORTHBRIDGE — Former Personal Care Assistant (PCA) at Whitney Place at Northbridge, Brooke Bowes, is a Massachusetts Senior Care 2020-2021 Foundation Scholar.

According to the Massachusetts Senior Care Foundation website, the prominent scholarships were offered to: "29 exceptional awardees...who will use their scholarships to further their professional development and leadership in the long-term care profession."

Bowes began working as a PCA at Whitney Place at Northbridge in late 2019 as part of a co-op offered through Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School in Charlton, Massachusetts.

"Through my participation in Bay Path's 'Explore' program, I quickly realized I enjoyed health tech," explains Bowes.

In her senior year, she was able to work and gain valuable experience before starting nursing school.

"I really loved working at Whitney Place," says Bowes. "It gave me the confidence to work on my own, identify and assess Residents' needs and better assist them."

Bowes continues, "The

Residents were my favorite aspect of the job—they really wanted to get to know me, and I found myself wanting to learn more about them too. They were extremely thoughtful, and some even recalled small details about me or my family."

Bowes shares that her co-workers and other staff members all supported each other in many ways, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It was very stressful at first," says Bowes, "but we did the best we could, and the experience taught me so much. As I move forward in my career, I know I want to be in geriatrics."

Bowes started the nursing program at Quinsigamond Community College in Worcester in fall 2020 and

is completing the "3 +1 Program," where she will earn her associate degree in nursing from Quinsigamond Community College, and then, her bachelor's in nursing from Worcester State University.

Bowes, a Dudley native, says, "The Mass Senior Care scholarship means a lot to me; it makes me feel accomplished and even more ready to pursue my nursing degree."

Bowes continues, "My supervisors at Whitney Place encouraged me to pursue the scholarship and even wrote my recommendation letters. I'm so grateful."

One of her supervisors, Assistant Director of Wellness and Sales, Jennifer Czado, says, "I am so excited for Brooke. This is won-

derful! I'm hoping she'll be back at Whitney Place in the future."

"I can't wait to continue my career in geriatric nursing," concludes Bowes. "The Residents I've worked with have all shown me love and have taught me how to fondly look back on memories and life experiences."

Since 1952, SALMON Health and Retirement has been serving Central Massachusetts. SALMON's Beaumont at Worcester community became the nation's first COVID-19 recovery center for seniors. To learn more about SALMON's continuum of care with services on multiple campuses and the way in which the organization is fighting COVID-19 head-on, visit www.SalmonHealth.com or call (508) 234-4769.

Kelsey Bates named to SNHU Dean's List

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire — Kelsey Bates of Oxford has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's fall 2020 Dean's List. Eligibility for the Dean's List requires that a student accumulate an academic grade point average (GPA) of 3.5-3.699 and earn 12 credits for the semester.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit institution with an 88-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 170,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH. Recognized as the "Most Innovative" regional university by U.S. News & World Report and one of the fastest-growing universities in the country, SNHU is committed to expanding access to high quality, affordable pathways that meet the needs of each learner. Learn more at www.snhu.edu.

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\$187,000, 23MasonRd, Applin, Daniel J, to TCPHomesInc.

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\$310,000, 37DudleyRd, USBankNA Tr, to Simpson, Michael D, and Simpson, Sarah L.
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\$356,000, 87MinebrookRd, Handzel, Janina, and Handzel, Franciszek J, to Meh, Jae.
\$327,000, 11PerryvilleRd, Dojan, Carl W, to Paredes, Roberto.
\$319,000, 103UpperGoreRd, Langill Rosemary T Est, and Kelliher, Brian E, to Guedes, Maria A, and Cardoso, Nilton F.
\$318,000, 25-RGenevieveLn, Vosburg, Eric R, and Wood, Shilo L, to Williams, Heather.
\$310,000, 50PolandSt, Oleszewski, David R, and Oleszewski, Nancy E, to Paulino, Sheila G.
\$286,000, 4HarvardSt, Shaw, Michael J, and Shaw, Diane M, to Leary, Robert C.
\$175,000, 25StefaniakAve #4, Onder, Suna, to Belanger, William E.
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\$158,000, 18AldrichSt, US Bank NA Tr, to Moura, Danny M, and Moura, Jorge A.



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Assumption students named to Dean's List

WORCESTER — Assumption University has announced those students named to the University's Dean's List for the fall 2020 semester. Students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 for a five-class, 15-credit semester to be included on the prestigious list, which is announced at the completion of the fall and spring semesters. Due to the pandemic, this fall semester was divided into two accelerated sev-

en-week terms. Local students include: Abigail Shaw of Oxford, Class of 2021; Hannah Yash of Webster, Class of 2021; Katherine Gatto of Webster, Class of 2022; Matthew MacKay of Dudley, Class of 2022; Bailey Brescia of Oxford, Class of 2023; Julie Dwyer of Webster, Class of 2023; Rebecca Jalbert of Oxford, Class of 2023; Brian James of

Webster, Class of 2023; Kelly Knutelski of Oxford, Class of 2023; Jaclyn Landry of Oxford, Class of 2023; Elizabeth Cormier of Webster, Class of 2024; Catherine Finamore of Webster, Class of 2024; Adam Ide of Dudley, Class of 2024. "This semester, our students faced unprecedented challenges due to the global pandemic," said Francesco C. Cesareo, Ph.D., president

of Assumption College. "Following a rapid transition to remote learning, students adapted to the new form of education delivery amid difficult circumstances. The Assumption community is proud of these students who, despite the distractions of the COVID-19 situation, were able to remain focused and maintain a commitment to their academic programs."

An Assumption education prepares students to succeed in a continuously changing world and for jobs that do not yet exist. Steeped in the liberal arts tradition, students studying at Assumption are exposed to a broad range of disciplines in the humanities, sciences, and social sciences as they explore fundamental

questions characteristic of the liberal arts, while also learning best practices and developing valuable communication and critical-thinking skills, traits sought after by employers in nearly every industry. A combination of classroom theory and hands-on learning through internships, participation in community service, or one of the more than 60 on-campus clubs and organizations help students develop into leaders who will make a difference in the communities in which they live and work.

For more information, visit assumption.edu.

Assumption University, founded in 1904 by the Augustinians of the Assumption, is New England's premier university for high-quality

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

Kaitlyn Curley named to the Fall 2020 Head of School Scholar Honors List at Pomfret School

POMFRET, Conn. — Kaitlyn Curley of Webster from the Class of 2022 was named to the Fall 2020 Head of School Scholar Honors list at Pomfret School. To achieve this level of distinction, Kaitlyn earned a grade point average of at least 4.00 and received no grade lower than an A-

Founded in 1894, Pomfret School is an independent college preparatory school for boarding and day students in grades 9 through 12. We also offer a postgraduate year. Set on 500 acres in the celebrated Last Green Valley of Northeastern Connecticut, our mission is to cultivate a healthy

interdependence of mind, body, and spirit in our students. We offer 8 academic disciplines, more than 100 elective courses, 25 athletic options, and numerous opportunities to participate in community outreach and service programs.

Grace Wenzel named to Gettysburg College Dean's Honor List

GETTYSBURG, Pa. — Grace Wenzel of Dudley has been placed on the Gettysburg College Dean's Honor list for outstanding academic achievement in the Spring 2020 semester.

Students with a quality point average of 3.60 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) for a semester's work are placed on the College's Dean's Honor List.

Founded in 1832, Gettysburg College is a

highly selective four-year residential college of liberal arts and sciences with a strong academic tradition that includes Rhodes Scholars, a Nobel laureate and other distinguished scholars among its alumni. The college enrolls 2,600 undergraduate students and is located on a 200-acre campus adjacent to the Gettysburg National Military Park in Pennsylvania.

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Donna
Age 16

Hi! My name is Donna and I'm very athletic!

Donna is an athletic girl of Caucasian decent. She is incredibly articulate and insightful. Conversation comes easy to Donna. She also has the ability to let her sense of humor shine through in her conversations. Donna has a warm demeanor and is described as having the ability to "light up a room with her personality." She is very polite and always shows her caring nature towards others. Donna is very energetic and loves to participate in athletic activities, especially basketball, soccer, and working out. Aside from her activities and hobbies, she has a great love for all animals. She hopes to be a veterinarian one day so she can spend all her time around animals! Donna is also a BIG fan of Dominican food, music and good shoes. Donna is always appreciative of people who spend time with her. She loves connections with adults, they are very meaningful to her and she holds these relationships as very special. Regardless of her age, Donna is still wishing for a forever family to come into her life.

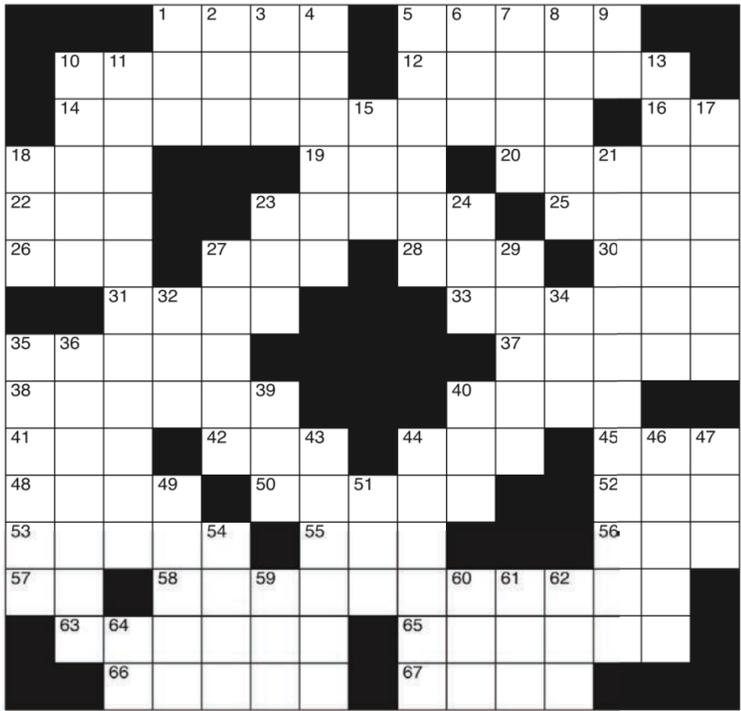
Donna is legally freed for adoption. She very much wants to be adopted. She welcomes the idea of moving out of state if it's the right family for her. Her social worker believes that a family with at least one female parent would be of benefit to Donna. Additionally, it is recommended that Donna be the only child in the home or the youngest child in a home with much older children. Donna responds well to nurturing behaviors and clear communication styles. The ideal family would encourage Donna's many aspirations, support her hobbies and positively influence her potential.

Who Can Adopt?

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

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

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

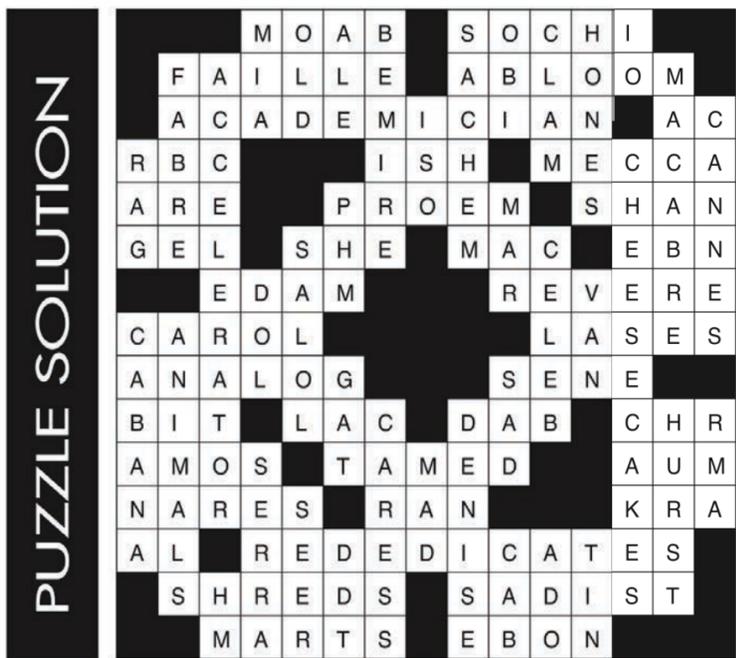


CLUES ACROSS

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| 1. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea | 38. Something that is comparable to another |
| 5. 2014 Winter Olympics host | 40. Monetary unit |
| 10. Soft fabric | 41. The cutting part of a drill |
| 12. Covered in flowers | 42. Resinlike substance secreted by certain insects |
| 14. Works at a college or university | 44. Touch lightly |
| 16. Keeps us cool | 45. Toyota SUV |
| 18. Corpuscle count (abbr.) | 48. ___ and Andy, TV show |
| 19. Similar | 50. Made less dangerous |
| 20. Birthplace of Muhammad | 52. Assets under management (abbr.) |
| 22. They ___ | 53. Nostrils |
| 23. Preamble to a book | 55. Moved quickly |
| 25. Southern China people | 56. Thai isthmus |
| 26. Hair product | 57. TV personality Roker |
| 27. The woman | 58. Honors anew |
| 28. Partner to cheese | 63. Rags |
| 30. One point north of due east | 65. One who obtains pleasure from inflicting pain or others |
| 31. Round Dutch cheese | 66. Marketplaces |
| 33. Be in awe of | 67. Dark brown or black |
| 35. Christmas song | |
| 37. Emits coherent radiation | |

CLUES DOWN

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| 1. Nowhere to be found (abbr.) | 29. Slang for famous person |
| 2. Not new | 32. Department of Labor |
| 3. Brew | 34. The A-team rode around in one |
| 4. Stain with mud | 35. Beach cabin |
| 5. Chief or leader | 36. Living things |
| 6. Luke Skywalker's mentor ___-Wan | 39. Gun (slang) |
| 7. Type of sauce | 40. Disconsolate |
| 8. Sharpens | 43. Stroke gently |
| 9. Priestess loved by Zeus | 44. Actress Richards |
| 10. Jean Henri ___, French entomologist | 46. "Cletus Hogg" actor |
| 11. Regulates supply of fuel | 47. Returned material authorization (abbr.) |
| 13. Disturbing and horrifying | 49. Brazilian mountain range |
| 15. Equal (prefix) | 51. Upset |
| 17. Hosts film festival | 54. One with supernatural insight |
| 18. Tattered piece of clothing | 59. Insecticide |
| 21. Rich desserts | 60. Taxi |
| 23. Unique motor (abbr.) | 61. "Much ___ about nothing" |
| 24. Disfigure | 62. Cannister |
| 27. Chemical substance | 64. Popular clothing retailer |



Nichols College students named to Fall 2020 Honors List

DUDLEY — Many hard-working students at Nichols College in Dudley, Mass., have achieved Dean's List or President's List honors during the fall 2020 semester.

The Dean's List and President's List give recognition to those students who achieve high grades during a single semester. In order to be included on the Dean's List, a student must have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 for at least 12 undergraduate credit-hours and must have received no grades below B- during the semester. Students whose semester grade point average is 3.85 or higher for at least 12 undergraduate credit-hours and no grades below B- will receive President's List honors.

Alejandra Arango of Dudley has achieved Dean's List honors.

Shawn Blanchard of Dudley has achieved Dean's List honors.

David Brooks of Webster has achieved President's List honors.

Bridget Canavan of Dudley has achieved President's List honors.

Zachary Candito of Webster has achieved President's List honors.

Eddy Carias-Chilin of Webster has achieved Dean's List honors.

Zachary Cournoyer of Dudley has achieved Dean's List honors.

Nicholas Czernicki of Webster has achieved Dean's List honors.

Tara Daniels of Webster has achieved President's List honors.

Madalyn Endriga of Dudley has achieved Dean's List honors.

Matthews Ferrao of Webster has achieved Dean's List honors.

Trevor Foley of Dudley has achieved President's List honors.

Nathan Gomez of Dudley has achieved Dean's List honors.

Jacob Greenough of Webster has achieved

President's List honors. Alexander Howe of Dudley has achieved President's List honors.

Abigail Karalus of Dudley has achieved Dean's List honors.

Taylor LaBouef of Oxford has achieved President's List honors.

Ryan Lathrop of Webster has achieved Dean's List honors.

Eric Lefebvre of Webster has achieved President's List honors.

Seth Livernois of Dudley has achieved President's List honors.

Bradley Mayotte of Dudley has achieved Dean's List honors.

Brandi Mercer of Webster has achieved Dean's List honors.

Michael Micciche of Oxford has achieved Dean's List honors.

Candice Nelson of Oxford has achieved Dean's List honors.

Sara Painchaud of Dudley has achieved President's List honors.

Victoria Palkon of

Dudley has achieved President's List honors.

Gabrielle Remy of Webster has achieved President's List honors.

Cassandra Rudnicki of Dudley has achieved President's List honors.

Anthony Sacco of Dudley has achieved Dean's List honors.

Albert Salonis of Dudley has achieved Dean's List honors.

Marianna Silverio of Webster has achieved President's List honors.

Riley Stawiecki of Webster has achieved President's List honors.

Sean Stockhaus of Webster has achieved President's List honors.

Mireya Tapia of Webster has achieved Dean's List honors.

William Tashjian of Dudley has achieved President's List honors.

Jaelyn Taylor of Dudley has achieved Dean's List honors.

Filip Virgili of Dudley has achieved President's List honors.

Christin Walcek of Webster has achieved President's List honors.

Joseph Wojnar of Webster has achieved President's List honors.

Shana Bandeleon of Dudley has achieved Dean's List honors.

Hanna Carrabba of North Oxford has achieved Dean's List honors.

Charles Hansen of Webster has achieved Dean's List honors.

Stephanie Lugo of Webster has achieved President's List honors.

Maria Mironidis of Oxford has achieved President's List honors.

Crystal Nelson of Oxford has achieved President's List honors.

Noah Plant of Oxford has achieved Dean's List honors.

Desiree Warren of Dudley has achieved Dean's List honors.

Brittany Warrington of Dudley has achieved Dean's List honors.

James Wolverson of

Webster has achieved Dean's List honors.

About Nichols College
Nichols College is a college of choice for business and leadership education as a result of its distinctive career-focused and leadership-based approaches to learning, both in and out of the classroom, and through impactful research and professional education. Students thrive in a learning and living environment that is supported by an experiential business curriculum and a strong liberal arts foundation aimed at transforming them into tomorrow's leaders. Nichols also offers master's degrees in business, leadership, accounting, and counterterrorism, as well as a range of certificate programs, to promote career advancement for today's professionals.

QCC announces Fall 2020 Dean and Merit Lists

W O R C E S T E R — Quinsigamond Community College has released its Fall 2020 Semester Dean and Merit Lists. A total of 577 students were named to the College's Dean's List and 953 students were named to the Merit List.

Students named to the Dean's List must have a Quality Point Average (QPA) of 3.5 or higher and have earned 12 or more credits in a given semester. Students named to the Merit List must have a QPA of 3.5 or higher and have earned 6 or more credits in a given semester, but fewer than 12 credits.

For more information, contact Josh Martin, Director of Institutional Communications at 508.854.7513 or jmartin@qcc.mass.edu.

QCC's Dean's List Fall 2020 Semester

Auburn: Kiara Almeyda, Casey Clouthier, Gracie Curtis, Samantha Deso, Aidan Foley, Kevin Forde, Rebecca Forrett, Lauren Francis, Dawson Gemme, Collin Hines, Luke LaBonte, Hailey Martell, Quinne Masiello, Benjamin Rackett, Xabrina Santiago, Meloney Thapa, Rheina Viruet, Makenzie Ward
Blackstone: Colin Johnson, Erin McDonald,

Cassidy Tellstone, Patricia Wozniak

Charlton: Elaine Bond, Alaina Chiminiello, Lauryn Dawson, Rebekah Diaz, Natasha Emco-Rollins, Kimberly Kreig, Paige Leite, Alexandria Macaruso, Collin Mulcahy, Jeffrey Pearlstein, Cassidy Robertson, Gabriel Varner

Fiskdale: Drew Darger, Warren Zelenak

Southbridge: Jamal Blyther, Rayann Carl, Jaime Fuentes, Jessica Harvey, Lizzette Hernandez, Melynda Marcano, Eridon Mehmeti, Christina Ruberti, Justin Santiago, Juan Velasco

Spencer: Dylan Connors, Judith Hickman, Nelmarie Irizarry, Jennifer Jarmulowicz, Ashley Leighton, Tonya Morrill, Kevin O'Rourke, Sofia Ocana, Kyle Paquette, Brian Payson, Jade Shultz, Josephine Tang, Dustin VanDyke

Sturbridge: Megan Curboy, Abigail Glazebrook, Jason Hastings, Bonnie Hensley, Alyssa Lalashius

Webster: Carolyn Almanzar Gutierrez, Anthony Barnardo, Abigail Biernacki, Katelyn DiTullio, Audrey Ducharme, Anna Israelian, Joshua

Kichar, Chime Lama, Antonia Lopez, Makenzie MacGregor, Anne Marie Markiewicz, Joe Ramos, Alicja Rogalski, Orion Walker

QCC's Merit List Fall 2020 Semester

Auburn: Zahraa Alshammari, Gabriella Amoros, Tatiana Baez, Michelina Balsavich, Dawn Bombard, Elizabeth Burch-Elder, Loni Camdzic, Chantal Champagne, Hannah Chapdelaine, Madison Cove, Kali Daniels, Adam Easty, Giselle Escobar-Alegria, Kirsten Farfan, Brian Lynch, Adrian Marin, Emma Martin, Indra Nagassar, Katelyn Pike, Abigail Randall, Haley Rivers, James Robertson, Alexis Rodney Chretien, Laura Ruzzoli, Matthew Seaman, Brian Smith, Lina Un, Jonathon Wambach, Cheryl Wheeler

Blackstone: Alexa Boyt, Kelly Buurma, Jill Johnson, Gabriella Piette, Justyne Tellstone, Jason Torrey

Charlton: Rasa Auskalnyte, Leslie Chaves, Riley French, Victoria Gaspar, Lucas Lanier, Karina Lareau, Caroline Lawson, Chase Mannila, Brianna Ramsden, Jennifer Vezina

Charlton Depot: Kayla

Simons Fiskdale: Alexis Carson

Southbridge: Amanda Alicea, Kendra Alicea, Anyelyn Alvarado, Kandy Alvarado, Karl Benkert, Jean Boucher, Gabriel Burrows, Monique Caissie, Phillip Cepeda, Sol Cruz, Lesliann DeLeon, Lisa Dennis, Ashley Deorsey-McNeaney, Breanna Filion, Maria Hernandez-Santos, Jennifer Lang, Courtney Menard, Devin Molina, Kyle Morrill, Erik Newton, Krystal Pagan, Matthew Porra, Kaidy Ramirez, Shantell Ritchotte, Kelsea Santa,

Austin Skarnes, Ashley Stevens, Kristopher Stevens

Spencer: Courtney Barry, Carley Burns, Draven Casey, Nicole Dayutis, Andrew De Klerk, Thomas Fuller, Melissa Groccia, Joseph Hamel, Gabriel Kankam, Shadia Kousi, Samantha Lackey, Kelly LeBeau, Rhiannon McIntyre, Danielle Provencher, Jennifer Reilly, Mark Robillard, Whitney Simonovitch, Leif Torres
Sturbridge: Colleen Blackmore, Norma Cignarella, Tiondra DeBoise, Megan Faford, Leandra Giguere, Nolan

Kingman, Mandy Koska, Alexander Starr

Webster: Julia Bileau, Danielle Cerasoli, Courtney Currier, Stephen Danso, Lynn Fellman, Kaylie Gendreau, Jill-Anne Godbout, Madeleine Grillo, Natalie Guzman, Timothy Hansen, Champayne Leshore, Kelly Marcoux, Nathan Phelps, Matthew Rakowski, Elena Ralph, Genesis Rodriguez, Sarah Mae San Agustín, Sara Soule, Brian Tvelia, Maria Verdejo, Hannah Waldron, Danielle Zecco

SNHU announces Fall 2020 President's List

M A N C H E S T E R , New Hampshire — It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the fall 2020 President's List.

Eligibility for the President's List requires that a student accumulate an academic grade point average (GPA) of 3.7-4.0 and earn 12 credits for the semester.

Tristan Pietz of Dudley Madeline Tomlin of

Oxford Makayla Norton of Dudley

Skylar Pietz of Dudley
Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit institution with an 88-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 170,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate pro-

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through vaccination sites for that region for when it becomes open to the general public later this spring.

With “upwards of 50-60,000 people” in that area, Becker observed, “there’s got to be a very, very critical plan in place to handle that in short

order.” While some doctors will get the vaccine too, many do not have the cold-storage capacity necessary for the Pfizer version, he noted.

Sullivan sad they’re working on that issue, too.

In other business, the board met jointly with the Library Trustees to appoint Donna Becker to fill a trustee vacancy until May’s elec-

tion. Becker was one of two candidates who’d expressed interest in the post, the other being Cindy Nagle. Selectmen voted for her unanimously (3-0, with the chairman recusing himself), while the trustees split 3-2 in her favor.

Willardson later noted he received 13 candidates for the Library Director’s job to replace Amanda Grenier, who died unex-

pectedly at home last year. “I’m pleasantly surprised. There are some very good candidates,” he said, noting the final interviews will be in late January after initial reviews by him and the trustees.

Also, he reported that he’s seeking developers for a privately-owned lot beside Long Subaru as a partnership with the owner. To him, “the

most perfect development” there would be a hotel, which would give Webster both property and lodging taxes.

Willardson said Webster just received a \$36,000 winter shared streets grant, which will be used to erect lights and flashing crosswalk signs at three or four locations along Main Street. Becker noted a similar sign near St Louis

Church has been a big improvement. “Someone was killed there a number of years ago” because drivers “fly” down that street in both directions, he said.

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July 2018, and doesn’t do anything different other than make a few minor wording changes. “What we present [online] is what we’d present if you were there live,” she said.

“It’s interesting how the pandemic forced us to look at things from a technology level that will help us,” Sauter added.

He hopes it will “make us stronger in the long run.”

Indeed, the Congregational Church has seen numerous changes since it came to these shores with the Pilgrims and Puritans in the 1600s. Now often seen as one of the nation’s more liberal denominations as part of the United Church of Christ, it was anything but that in the beginning.

Religion scholar Karen Armstrong has noted

early Puritanism had a lot in common with Wahhabi Islam, which was born about the same time and for similar reasons. Both grew out of a minority’s opposition to the cultural trends of the day, seeing themselves as representing a return to “true religion” and an effort to purify their faith. In Puritanism’s case, that had roots in the ideology of John Calvin, who preached a rather rigid form of Christianity in opposition to what he saw as a corrupt Catholic and Anglican churches of the day.

When they landed here, they brought their goal of trying to build themselves a “shining city on the hill,” and made Congregationalism their de facto state religion. Among other things, they were known for opposing music other than singing Psalms, outlawing holidays including Christmas, driving out

and sometimes killing minority believers, but also for promoting literacy.

Within that structure, each congregation was semi-independent, electing its own leaders (at the time, only land-owning men) and with church politics greatly overlapping community politics. Out of that grew the New England Town Meeting system, which eventually shed the religious elements and broadened the voting franchise to every citizen over 18.

In Oxford, Congregationalism actually took a while to arrive. The first church here was associated with the French Huguenot settlement of the 1600s, but that community was abandoned in the upheavals surrounding King Philip’s War. A second round of settlers founded Oxford as we know it in 1713, but it took seven more years for

them to meet the era’s threshold of having a Congregational pastor to claim legal existence as a town.

To Sauter, that first pastor, John Campbell, has always been “fascinating.” Originally a Presbyterian, he came to the colony as a “political exile” from Scotland “because he chose the wrong side” in the conflicts over the throne. To escape, he found his way to “a tiny little farming settlement,” where his education and noble background gave him a ton of influence. Campbell ended up as Oxford’s main counselor, judge, doctor and teacher, among other things, during his 40 years as pastor.

“Being the first female pastor, [Fournier] is required to serve 40 years, too,” he joked.

Among a fairly long list of other famous folks associated with the church, he

also particularly likes Dr Elliot Joslin, founder of Boston’s Joslin Diabetes Center. The church still uses a baptismal font donated by his family about a century ago, and the center recently asked for photos of it.

“Despite going on the great fame and prestige, he never forgot his church,” Sauter said.

Slowly shedding their Puritanism, the Congregationalists became key players in several of the social change movements of the 1800s, including abolitionism, temperance and women’s suffrage, Sauter said. Oxford’s church joined the UCC in 1957, although some Congregationalist groups opted for two other more conservative organizations: the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches and the Conservative Congregational Christian

Conference, according to Wikipedia.

Today, Oxford has at least a dozen religious groups of various kinds. Most of them would have been considered heretical in the 1600s.

Over the years, Sauter said, many things “could easily have affected the church to its ruin,” including wars and previous pandemics. “The church has been through this type of thing before. ... The church’s deep past was a comfort” to many members.

“We feel blessed to be able to celebrate this moment in the midst of everything that’s going on,” Sauter said. “The steeple project is a wonderful sign of good things to come that are very much beyond what goes on within the walls of the church.”

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NICHOLS

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grams in a Jan. 13 press release where Dean of Academy Affairs Mauri Peltó, Ph.D said these new courses will prepare students of in demand careers within sports management and the real estate market.

“These new concentrations are driven by industry demand, but also by the interests and passions of students who want to increase their skills and channel those passions into targeted careers,” said Peltó. “Nichols can offer them distinctive opportunities and access to a faculty and alumni network who are successful in both fields. The success of these alumni underscores the value Nichols can offer.”

Both sports-related concentrations were created partially in response to the project 8.9 percent growth in sports careers through 2026.

Sports Sales & Strategy will prepare students for sales and relationship building as part of a sales team within the sports world while the Sport Marketing & Content Creation will enhance students understanding and capabilities in brand management and social media engagement. Both programs will require internships according to Brittany Jacobs, Ph.D., chair of Sports Management at Nichols but will also include substantial classroom and hands-on work.

“These opportunities prepare students for a seamless transition into sport sales or marketing careers upon graduation and provide an ‘test-classroom’ where students can practice skills and develop competencies,” said Jacobs.

In the real estate program, the new concentration on real estate management will prepare students for careers in resi-

dential and commercial sales and leasing including appraisal, consulting, property management, mortgage lending and beyond.

“There are many diverse and intertwined real estate career paths that build on and complement each other, offering growth and the opportunity to have experience in several different aspects of the industry,” said Maryann Conrad, chair of hospitality management and director of the real estate management concentration at Nichols College. “The real estate industry is never boring, ever challenging, and always changing. This new concentration will give students an edge with real estate knowledge, licensure preparation, and practical experience.”

Details about all three programs as well as admissions information is available on the Nichols College Web site.

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when and if any changes needed to be made to the plans. Their final votes solidified the plan to roll out a series of models starting with “Model A” on Jan. 25. This will maintain the framework of the current plan in place for the district but will add three and a half hours of live instruction on Wednesdays. The model will maintain the

use of cohorts with certain groups of students attending in-person classes on different days while Wednesday will remain remote learning across the board.

On March 15, the district will skip ahead to “Model C.” This model will create five fully in-person morning half-days for all cohorts. Students for all schools will be dismissed during lunch and continue their education remote-

ly in the afternoon. Wednesdays will be the exception with only the morning in-person learning taking place. Finally, the district plans to move to “Model D” on May 3. This returns the district to the traditional full-day in-person education with lunch at the school bringing students back to a more normal school day. The reopening plan also includes professional development days in January and April.

Testing leftover seeds for viability

The beginning of a new year finds many gardeners preparing for the growing season ahead. Clearing space to start seeds indoors, inventorying seeds and supplies, and ordering seeds, plants, and more are usually part of the process.

While organizing, you may uncover seeds from past seasons. Do not discard these just yet. When seeds are stored properly, many can last from one to five years or more.

Seeds stored in a cool location like the refrigerator in an airtight container maintain their viability best. But even those stored in less-than-ideal conditions may surprise you. Older seeds may still sprout once they pass their average life expectancy, but you are likely to see a reduction in the success rate.

The type of seed also influences how long seeds can be stored and remain viable. Start by checking the expiration date on the seed packet. Onions, parsley, and parsnip seeds usually last one year. Corn, okra, and peppers two years; beans and peas for three years; tomatoes, turnips, beets, chard, and watermelon four years; and Brussels sprouts, cabbage, muskmelons, radishes, and spinach last for five years.

The same principles apply to saved flower seeds. Marigold and zinnia seeds can maintain good viability for two to five years; ageratum, nasturtium, sunflowers, and yarrow for three to five years; monarda four years, and calendula for four to six years.

But the longer you grow plants, the more likely you are to push the limits. This often results in unexpected success or valuable insight for future gardening endeavors.

When in doubt use this quick-and-



Melinda Myers

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easy test to see if your seeds will sprout. Place ten seeds on a damp paper towel. Roll up the towel with seeds inside, place in a plastic bag and store in a warm location.

After a week or so, unwrap the paper towel and check the seeds for sprouting. If nothing has happened, rewrap the seeds and wait a few more days.

If all the seeds have sprouted, you have 100% germination and can plant the seeds as recommended on the package. If only half the seeds sprout, for example, you will need to plant the seeds twice as close together to compensate for the lower germination rate.

The sprouted seeds can be planted indoors or out depending on the time of year, available space, and your climate.

If none of the seeds sprout, consider breaking out the glue and getting the family involved in turning these leftover seeds into works of art. Select a variety of sizes, shapes, and colors to create your masterpiece on wood or heavyweight card stock. Large seeds like beans, peas and corn are easy for crafters of all ages to handle. Use tweezers for finer seeds that add detail and texture to your creation.

Testing seeds now can help you save money when placing your seed order. You can focus your planting budget on new seeds and supplement with your existing inventory.

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EDITORIAL

Take your Vitamin D

Recent studies have suggested that Vitamin D is one way to build our immune systems against inflammation and viruses, including COVID-19. During summer months, it's easy to get our daily dose by eating fresh fruit and vegetables and by spending more time outdoors. However, with winter brings a challenge with shorter days and the ability to absorb the much needed vitamin.

During a trek to the top of a mountain last week, we met a doctor who went on to explain how, during winter months, the Vitamin D the sun gives off does not radiate to the levels high enough for our bodies to absorb it. He suggested taking Vitamin D supplements until about April, advice he takes himself. We can also find vitamin D in oily fish, mushrooms and certain dairy products.

Individuals who live in the Northeast during winter at higher latitudes are at higher risk of having a deficiency in the vitamin. Experts say adults should get at least 600 IU per day of Vitamin D.

It was during the 1980's when it was discovered that our immune cells had receptors for Vitamin D, and that it played a crucial role in the gastrointestinal tract. Experts suggest that the more vitamin D in your system, the less likely you will suffer from inflammatory bowel disease or Crohn's disease. Lung and gut health was also improved. Vitamin D offers aid to the gut by keeping the micro-biome healthy.

Of course, with all things, do not go overboard. It is recommended that individuals do not take more than 4,000IU per day to avoid any toxic side effects. Vitamin D aids in calcium absorption, so if those levels spike, calcium levels may spike, affecting the kidney. As with all things, always check with your doctor before taking any supplements.

On another note, this winter seems to be flying by for some of us. The holidays seem to have come and gone in a flash. We are just two weeks away from what many call the longest month of the winter, the dreaded February. Usually temperatures drop well below zero, and stay there for far too long. However, we find that if you embrace these winter months, enjoy your snowy walks and hot cocoa you might actually find yourself missing these chilly, refreshing days when the extreme heat hits this summer.

VIEWPOINT

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

Distractions

Distractions.

How many of us find ourselves distracted? By our phones? Social media? 24/7 Political News? Never-ending sports? Constant distractions all around us. Distractions that don't allow time to sit in silence, reflect or meditate, or even focus in prayer.

It's fascinating to read something that St. John of Kronstadt, an early 20th century Russian saint, wrote more than 100 years ago. He noted, "A strange illness has appeared in our days — the passion for distractions. Never before was there such a desire for distractions; people have forgotten how to lead a serious life for the good of others; they have no spiritual life and are bored. They exchange the profound content of a spiritual life for distractions! What madness! We must re-introduce into life its lost meaning and give back to the people the knowledge of the true purpose of life."

The "passion for distraction." Imagine what St. John would say today if he thought people were getting distracted 100 years ago! How much more are his words a serious warning and challenge for us today about distractions:

People have forgotten how to lead a serious life for the good of others;

they get bored and have no spiritual life; they exchange the depth of a serious spiritual life for superficial distractions

they have to re-discover the meaning of life

Can we lay aside our phones and turn away from social media long enough to reflect on this? Distractions are pulling us away not only from God, but also from one another. Distractions have become obstacles to even hearing God knock on the door of our hearts, because distractions fill our minds and hearts constantly with noise. Here's one example. How many of us can sit in silence for ten minutes, without looking at our phone, without listening to music or talking with one another, without any noise? How many of us can sit peacefully meditating or reflecting in silence? Not many adults, no less our youth who have been raised with iphones in their hands. Too quickly we get bored and find the need for some type of distraction to fill the silence. Our ability to sit in silence has been one of the biggest victims of all these distractions, and yet, it is precisely in silence that we

come to know God. As the Psalmist noted, "Be still and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10)

We can learn something about distractions in the story where Jesus meets the tax-collector Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus was a first century Jew working for the dreaded Romans. He was the chief tax-collector in the wealthy region of Jericho. He obviously didn't care much for his own people, or even his own reputation. His main distractions came from his worldly concerns for riches and power.

Even when Zacchaeus heard that the popular, itinerant preacher, Jesus of Nazareth, was passing through Jericho and felt compelled to catch a glimpse of him, he faced other distractions. He probably never thought he would meet the man, but he simply wanted to see him. Was it the popularity of Jesus that intrigued him, or did he hear something unsettling in his teachings? Whatever it was, something pulled Zacchaeus to seek after Christ.

Yet, if Zacchaeus' desire was superficial, it would have quickly waned because there were many factors distracting him from his main pursuit. There was a huge crowd which left little room for Zacchaeus to see Christ. Zacchaeus himself was a short man who could not see over any crowd, and this crowd would have been quite hostile to him since they despised the tax-collector.

Zacchaeus' strong desire to see Jesus, however, overcame the distractions hindering him. Thus, this grown man decided to run ahead of the crowd and climb up into a sycamore tree just to catch a glimpse of Christ. This adult did something a little child would do. No distraction could pull Zacchaeus away from his central goal to see Jesus.

When we learn to push aside distractions, and make room for encountering God, miraculous change can happen! And this is exactly what the story reveals.

As Jesus walks by the sycamore tree, Zacchaeus gets a clear look at Jesus, but more importantly, our Lord gets a clear look at Zacchaeus. And the Lord surprises everyone, including the tax-collector, when he calls

out, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down from that tree, for I am coming to your house today."

Everyone was shocked at this unexpected event. Zacchaeus the despised, hated traitor and tax-collector who only wanted to catch a glimpse of Jesus, suddenly is welcoming him into his house. The scandalized crowd can't believe this holy prophet would enter the house of such a terrible sinner. Yet this is the miracle that can happen when we push aside distractions and make room for encountering God!

Christ comes, and our life is never the same. Zacchaeus welcomes Jesus into his house and responds to Him as a radically new man: "Lord I'm going to give half of my goods to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will restore it fourfold."

When we meet Jesus, truly encounter Him in our lives, radical change will inevitably come. We cannot meet Jesus and not be changed. We cannot hear his words of eternal life and not allow them to inspire and direct our lives. We cannot encounter Christ and not discover the deepest meaning of life!

Yet, the question we all have to ask ourselves is whether we have truly met Christ? Have we ever come face to face with Him, or have we allowed the distractions of our lives keep us away, keep us at a distance from Him?

Have the constant distractions of life, from looking down at our phones constantly, to living our lives according to what social media says, to filling our lives with the nonsense and superficiality of the world kept us from even hearing Jesus knocking at the door of our heart? "I stand at the door and knock. The one who hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and dine with him, and him with me." (Rev 3:20) Will we hear the voice and the knock of Christ in our lives?

Distractions! St John of Kronstadt warned us. Distractions have led people to forget how to lead a serious life for the good of others; distractions have led us to be bored with the true spiritual life, and distractions have made us lose the understanding of what the ultimate meaning of life is all about!

Beware of distractions and learn to make room in our full lives to encounter the living God!



BEYOND THE PEWS

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Be alert for deer this time of year



CHIEF'S CORNER

STEVE WOJNAR

Dudley is typical of most Central Massachusetts small towns with its combination of rural, residential, and business districts. This mix offers a driver the opportunity to be exposed to some unique circumstances while on the roads. We obviously have a variety of wildlife moving around the

area. Instances of deer strikes by motor vehicles occur quite often, especially at this time of the year. I wanted to make people aware of this important issue and offer some information to avoid crashes.

The National Highway Safety Administration (NHTSA) conducted a study concerning the increasing dangers from deer-related vehicle accidents. These crashes have consistently risen over the years due to increasing deer populations and destruction of their habitat. Given the fact that Dudley has many open fields and wooded areas along many miles of road, the possibility of these incidents occurring increases. Anyone who has experienced these situations understands how dangerous these encounters can be. Deer often run out into traffic without hesitation. They are large animals and a collision can cause a great deal of damage as well as injuries to occupants.

Many resources provide explanations and tips for dealing with these situations. "The Culture of Safety" indicates most of these incidents will occur at dusk or early evening. Deer have tendencies to travel in packs, so if you see one, there is a high likelihood more are nearby. Pay attention to deer warning signs along highways in other prominent areas, as those locations have been determined to be places of frequent contact. In rural areas, be sure to visually scan fields or wooded places while driving to become aware of these animals.

Injuries and serious damage can occur when drivers swerve to avoid animals. The recommendation is to avoid major evasive maneuvers that can cause a serious crash. Often, it may be your best bet to strike the deer, or other animal for that matter, as opposed to colliding with a tree, an oncoming vehicle, or rolling your car over. These situations are always determined case by case. Encounters of this nature are unexpected. It is critical to be aware of your surroundings, watch your speed, and drive defensively.

As the pandemic continues and cases rise, we ask everyone to stay safe and continue to take the necessary precautions to protect yourselves. The work of the Town Officials, particularly our Administrator and most importantly, the Board of Health officials, is greatly appreciated. The rules regarding this virus seem to change constantly, and more pressure is placed on local governments to respond, all with limited resources. We continue to serve the people of Dudley and work with the community to improve the quality of life for everyone. I thank the men and women from my department for their continued dedicated service to the Town during these trying times. Thanks also go out to the many Police Officers, Fire and Emergency Services members, public works, health care, government 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. Opinions expressed in this weekly column are those of Chief Wojnar only and unless clearly noted, do not reflect the ideas or opinions of any other organization or citizen.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks to the United Way

To the Editor:

Tri-Valley, Inc. would like to express sincere thanks to the United Way of South Central Massachusetts (UWSCM) for funding that helps bring Meals on Wheels to area seniors experiencing food insecurity. Malnutrition and food insecurity among older adults is a growing problem that can be helped by the delivery of meals to homebound seniors.

Now and throughout the pandemic, Tri-Valley has continued to deliver Meals on Wheels using procedures allowing for safe deliveries. We greatly appreciate the funds from the UWSCM

that have allowed us to reach out to more seniors in the towns of Charlton, Dudley, Southbridge, Sturbridge and Webster. UWSCM funded programs include Tri-Valley's Nutrition Program as well as 21 other agencies whose services improve the quality of life for people in our local communities.

Tri-Valley, Inc. is proud to be a United Way agency — thank you, UWSCM!

LISA PRINCE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
TRI-VALLEY, INC.

Criticism out of context serves no purpose

To the Editor:

In his letter to the editor printed in the Jan. 15 issue of the Webster Times, Bruce Larsson of Dudley appears to misunderstand the position of the Dudley Democratic Town Committee, and we would like to correct the record.

Our committee did not in any way call into question the Webster Times' editorial decision to run an article that we disagreed with. As Mr. Larsson states, this is healthy dialogue and why we need a free press.

What is not constructive, however, is to quote our letter out of context. Our letter expressed views about the roots of the current polarization of our nation. Mr. Larsson chose to interpret that as an assault on free speech. Sadly, Mr. Larsson proved our point. We can have constructive dialogue with one another only when we are being truthful and are willing to listen.

DUDLEY DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE

Pre-retirees: Plan now for health care costs

If you're close to retirement, you'll have several financial issues to consider. But you'll want to pay attention to one of the most important of these issues: health care costs. How can you prepare yourself for these expenses? First, get an early start on estimating health care costs. More than two-thirds of those planning to retire in the next 10 years say they have no idea what their health and long-term care costs will be in retirement, according to the Edward Jones/Age Wave Four Pillars of the New Retirement study. And some people don't worry much about these costs, which may be considerable, thinking that Medicare will pay for

most of them.

While Medicare does cover many medical expenses, it also has its own costs. You probably won't pay a premium for Part A (inpatient/hospital coverage), since you likely had this cost deducted from your paycheck when you were working. But if you are hospitalized, you'll have to pay deductibles and coinsurance (the percentage of costs you pay after you've paid your deductible). Part B (doctor's visits) requires a premium, deducted from your Social Security checks, and you must pay an out-of-pocket deductible. After you meet this deductible for the year, you typically pay 20% of the Medicare-approved amount for most doctor's



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services. And when you enroll in Part D (prescription drug plan), you will likely also have to pay a monthly premium, an annual deductible and coinsurance or copays.

To help pay for the Medicare deductible, coinsurance and copayments, you may want to get supplemental insurance, known as Medigap. Premiums for Medigap vary, depending on the plan you choose.

As an alternative to original Medicare,

you could select Medicare Advantage (sometimes called Part C). Medicare Advantage plans are offered by private companies approved by Medicare, but the benefits and costs vary by plan. These plans generally will incorporate Medicare Parts A and B and will provide additional medical coverage, such as prescription drugs.

When you incorporate all the above, the annual out-of-pocket costs for traditional medical expenses likely will be about \$4,500 to \$6,500 per year, per person – not insignificant, but certainly a number that can be addressed by careful planning.

But there's one more expense to keep in mind: long-term care. The average cost of a private room in a nursing home is more than \$100,000 per year, according to the insurance company Genworth. And Medicare typically pays few of these expenses.

Clearly, between regular medical costs associated with Medicare or those not covered by it, and costs resulting from the possible need for long-term care, your health care bills can mount. To meet these costs, you need to plan ahead – and take action.

For example, it's essential that you incorporate health care expenses into your overall financial strategy. You can also work with a financial professional to run some

"what-if" analyses to see if your strategy would be derailed by a potential long-term care stay. And the professional you work with may be able to suggest specific protection vehicles that can help you meet the costs of long-term care.

The best time to prepare for your health care costs during retirement is well before you retire. So, if you haven't already started, now is the time to do so. When it comes to paying for health care, the fewer surprises, the better.

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Just when you thought the ice was ready...



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Just when we think we are going to have safe ice, Mother Nature decides to take it all away with a good rainstorm and mild temperatures. With only five weeks left for making safe ice locally, ice fishing is going to be another short season. Trying some fishing on the Cape ponds with Rod & reel is a good way to get out & do some fishing. Some of the ponds that are a short drive from the valley include Hamblin Pond, Cliff Pond, and Mashpee Pond. They are heavily stocked with trout in the spring & fall.

Hamblin Pond is a favorite of mine, and has provided some great

trout fishing all season long. Fishing at the beach area at Hamblin, is the best, and launching a small boat or Kayak is easy. Be sure to wear your life preserver if you are fishing from a boat. The beach area has a slow shallow draft, and wearing a good pair of waders can have you right into some impressive trout, which consist mainly of Rainbow & Brook trout. Shiners and grubs are the ideal bait for catching trout, not to forget the Power Bait line.

Massachusetts Wildlife recently signed a conservation restriction in the towns of Shutesbury, Pelham, & Leverett. The 2,038-acre parcel of property will ensure that the land will be open to the public, for all outdoor activities for many years to come. The land is known as the Walter Cowls Jones Working Forest.



The latest report on the Massachusetts 2020 deer harvest for 2020, came close to breaking the 2018 deer harvest record, with archers again having the highest number of deer harvested. The numbers are as follows: Youth deer hunt 120, Paraplegic hunt 2, Archery 6,552, Shotgun 4,855, Primitive arms, 2,802, for a state total of 14,331. The numbers are preliminary, and could change a bit.

Unfortunately, the cross-bow bill did not pass again last year.

This writer reported on the planned increase in the saltwater fishing license for 2022 in Mass. & raising the free license to 70 years old. Increases in the regular hunting and fishing license are also on the table for 2022. I understand that there will be a virtual meeting for license holders on zoom or some other

site, for those that may have any comments on the planned increases in the coming weeks. Stay Tuned!

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club membership chairperson Janice Neitz has set up a Venmo account for membership renewal this year because of the pandemic. You can e-mail her at uxbmembership@gmail.com if you have any questions. The club has also set out new application forms at the club that can be picked up any day. They need to be filled out and mailed or brought to the club with your check. Your 2021 membership can be picked up the following week.

The pond Chairman, Ed Gervis, reported that the pond will be stocked with trout this Friday. Depending on the ice condition of the pond, fishing may or may not start the same day. Be sure to check the

signs at the pond that show the pond is open or closed. Stay off of unsafe ice! Many clubs in the valley will not be stocking there pond this year because of unsafe ice. The spring derbys are still being planned!

Steelhead fishing in upstate New York was a bit slow, but started to pick up this week, according to Fat Nancy's Tackle Shop in Pulaski, N.Y. You need to be in top physical shape to do any type of fishing at this time of year, especially fishing on the Salmon River. For those that can make a trip to New York to fish for Steel Head, the rewards are great. This week's picture shows local legend, Dan Southwick with a nice steel head caught on an earlier trip.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Readers Reveal their Favorite Tips and Tricks

The holidays are over and we're all looking forward to a better 2021! Meanwhile, readers took time out this month to share their favorite ideas to make life a little easier! Read on for the latest round of hints from readers:

Some like it hot; some, not so much. This reader's quick and easy flavor fix gets it just right:

If you like ketchup or hot sauce on your eggs or any other dish, but find the ketchup too mild or the hot sauce too spicy try mixing them together for the perfect combo!

Annie Wuelfing
East Brookfield, MA

This space saving tip repurposes a kitchen tool in the bathroom:

I have a hint for the paper. I actually use this one and want to pass it along.

In the bathroom, to hold the spare toilet paper rolls for future use, I use a kitchen paper towel roll holder. I find that three rolls of toilet paper can be stored on this smaller version of the larger stand up one that many people use.

The smaller version provides just enough storage for future rolls and is small enough to be hidden out of the way.

MC
Sturbridge, MA

Want perfect pasta? This reader's technique perfects "al dente" and saves energy in the process:

Here is an energy-saving hint with pasta: Bring the salted water for the pasta to a full boil, add pasta and stirring gently, boil 1 to 2 minutes only. Turn off the burner, cover the pot and leave on the burner for 2-3 minutes lon-



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ger than the usual pasta cooking time. Test pasta; if needed, recover and leave an additional 1-2 minutes.

2nd pasta hint: before draining pasta always save a half cup or so of the pasta cooking water. If added to your pasta recipe near the end of cooking, the pasta water will make the sauce silkier and sauce will adhere to the pasta better. With pasta casseroles, it can also be used to loosen up any leftovers in the pan for later use!

Virginia Brousseau
Wilmington CT

Old fashioned Mason

jars are back in active duty with a myriad of new uses, and this reader shares her favs:

It seems someone else had shared about the tops from parmesan cheese fitting Mason jars, boy do they ever, pint and quart size alike, the fit.

My new use that works great is for ice tea for adults! Paper straws (no plastic) or pasta large noodle straws fit in the sprinkle side opening. Straws stay upright and larger flip/pour side of the lid once affixed to your beverage jar for the day, opens so you can refill easily. Just pour in more tea, soda, fruit juice etc. with very little or no touching! Each person opens their own flip-side for a refill!

Color code the straws, one color per person, or add those wine glass charms with a ribbon or pipe cleaner to the outside of your Mason Drink Glass!!!

Also, heavy enough and flip-pour side large enough opening to add ice by hand or hold beneath the ice dispenser if you have one!

Quart size Mason jars are heavy and stay upright on your stove top when cooking chili, soup or other messy dish-

es. It's the perfect place to stow a ladle or large spoon. It stays upright, collects drips into the jar and is easy to locate.

Mason jars are cheap at hardware stores, etc., work like a charm and clean up in a dishwasher – one more way they are COVID sanitize friendly!

Here are a couple of other tips:

The top of vegetable oil bottle equals one tablespoon. It sanitary to use it as a measure right into pan and reseal the bottle.

My trick each year putting the Christmas Tree and lights away: I have elongate spools or winders and I always wind the non-plug end onto the winder first. Note the very first bulb in the string (end away from the plug) is the "blinker" the set comes with. I plug the string in to test in one more time before winding the remainder on, with the plug last left exposed. Makes next year easy, plug in and test before stringing the whole tree and if one is burnt out or knocked loose, the blinker bulb moved over one at a time lets me test and repair a strand before placing on the tree.

Viola Bramel
Northbridge, MA

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

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.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We are entitled to our own opinions, but not our own facts

To the Editor:

I don't mean to belabor the point, but since I was one of the letter writers criticized by Bruce Larsson in the Jan. 15 edition of the Webster Times, I feel compelled to respond.

Contrary to what Mr. Larsson said, I was not criticizing the Times for publishing an opinion I disagreed with. (Lord knows that happens with frustrating frequency.) I agree with him that peaceful dissent is the lifeblood of democracy.

Rather, my criticism was for publishing an article brimming with obvious untruths that should have been obvious to any editor — or writer for that matter — exercising professional due dili-

gence. Sure, publish the opinions. But when they're based on unsupportable claims and outright lies that have been the subject of disclaimers from every credible news source in the world, you have an obligation to somehow inform your readers of that fact. Otherwise, you merely perpetuate the hornets' nest of mis information, conspiracy theories and outlandish presumptions that already course through our society. I can only cite the late Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan's oft-repeated observation that we're all entitled to our own opinions, but not to our own facts.

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OBITUARIES

Lanna N. Dziedzic, 70



WEBSTER – Lanna N. (Doros) Dziedzic, 70, died Monday, January 11, 2021 at home in the presence of her loving family after a long fight with declining health.

She leaves her loving husband of 43 years, George P. Dziedzic; 2 sons, Scott N. Dziedzic and his wife Ashleigh, and Timothy M. Dziedzic and his wife, all of Webster; Her grandson Charles George Dziedzic, the newest light of her life; 4 brothers., Theodore Doros of Fairfax, VA, Lonnie Doros of Bolton, CT, Ronnie Doros of Woodstock, CT and William Doros of Shrewsbury; 2 sisters, Karen Doros of Webster and Mary Papageorge of Putnam, CT; many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brother Johnnie Doros.

She was born on August 27, 1950 in Douglas, WY, the oldest daughter of Theodore and Nancy (DeWitt) Doros. She moved to this area as a child, and graduated from Bartlett High School in 1968.

Mrs. Dziedzic was a nurse's aide at the former Oakwood Rehab & Nursing Center. Once her boys were born, she devoted her time to her family and to homeschooling her sons.

She truly loved the Lord and was a member of the First Baptist Church. She enjoyed crocheting and attending painting classes with her husband and friends.

Lanna was truly full of love, and showed it to everyone no matter how long she had known them. She always had a friendly greeting, even if you were a stranger. She displayed her warmth towards everyone even until her final moments. She was lovingly cared for by George and Scott in her final years.

The family would like to thank the doctors and nurses at Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston, especially the pulmonary team.

Services will be held privately. Donations in her name may be made to Overlook Hospice, 88 Masonic Hill Road, Charlton, MA 01507. Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street.

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Carol Ann Spitz, 72



WEBSTER - Carol Ann (LaFountain) Spitz, 72, of Webster, died on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at Harrington Hospital after complications from COVID-19.

She is survived by her son and caregiver George F. Spitz and his wife Shannon (White) Spitz of Webster, two daughters Bonnie (Ceppetelli) Pacher and her husband Keith of Queensbury, New York and Dawn Ceppetelli and her partner Dennis Laws of Woodstock, Connecticut, two sisters, Dorothy Franek of Fort Meyers, Florida, Marilyn Robinson of Webster, and a brother, Ronald "Bud" LaFountain of Newberg, Oregon. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Ryan and Victoria Spitz, Corey Pacher, Richard Denis III, and Jaymie Simonis as well as great-grandchildren, many nephews and nieces, and her cocker spaniel Snowy. She was predeceased by her parents Francis "Buster" and Theresa (Bonneau) LaFountain, her husband of 42 years, Elias P. Spitz, who passed in 2017, her brothers Bernard LaFountain and Francis "Skip" LaFountain, and a grandson Scott Simonis. Mrs. Spitz was born in Webster, MA, the youngest of six, and was a lifelong resident of the Webster-Dudley area. She attended Bartlett High School

and Worcester State College graduating with a Bachelor's degree in nursing. She was a registered nurse and worked for more than twenty-five years at Hubbard Regional Hospital. She took great pride in caring for her patients and was often the accompanying life-flight helicopter nurse for the critically ill. She rarely missed a shift, including during the Blizzard of '78 when the Army National Guard picked her up for work in a military vehicle. She also worked at Oakwood Rehabilitation, Masonic Home and was the assistant director of nursing at Lanessa Extended Care for a time. She was a parishioner of St. Louis Church. Her grandchildren held a special place in her heart and she truly enjoyed spending time with them and attending their school functions and athletic events. She liked to garden, read, birdwatch and play board games, especially Yahtzee and Scrabble. She also enjoyed vacationing in Old Orchard Beach and Lake George with her family. Her funeral will be held on Friday, January 22, with a Memorial Mass at 10:00 AM in Saint Louis Church, 14 Lake Street (please meet at church). Burial will be private. Current health guidelines will be in place and everyone is required to wear a mask. Memorial donations in her name may be made to St. Louis Church, 15 Lake Street, Webster, Ma, 01570. www.scanlonfs.net

Chester (Czeslovas) V. Sinkis, 90



NORTH OXFORD - Chester (Czeslovas) V. Sinkis, age 90 passed away on December 23, 2020 from complications related to pneumonia at his home in No. Oxford, MA with a family member by his side. He was born

in Sakiai, Lithuania on October 14, 1930.

He leaves his sons Stephen Sinkis of E. Brookfield, Mark Sinkis and wife Carol of No. Oxford, Chester Sinkis of Brookfield, and David C. Sinkis of Terrell, TX (formerly N. Oxford, MA) who passed away in 2013, and his daughters Debra Wyszynski and husband Konrad of Oxford, Donna Korp and husband Arthur of Worcester, Cathy Laskowski and husband Benjamin of Webster, Barbara (Bonnie) Harden and husband John of Dudley, Laurie Baarda and husband Richard of Webster and Kim Brassard of Leominster, and his grandchildren Michael Wyszynski who passed away in 1997, Justin Wyszynski, Kristin Santerre, Meagan Brousseau, Stevie Sinkis, Chelsea Korp, Tiffany Rivera, Matthew Laskowski, Brian Harden, Kevin Harden, Nicole Baarda, Danielle Baarda, Lindsey Baarda, Jacklyn Los, Davie Sinkis, Dean Brassard, Mandy Brassard, and 16 great grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 68 years Barbara L. (Petit) Sinkis, his parents Kunigunda (Pinkus) and Gustaf Sinkis, his brothers Algirdas Sinkis of Oxford, MA and Benas Sinkis of Auburn, MA, his mother-in-law and father-in-law Archie and Lois (Hartley) Petit of Worcester, and brother-in-laws Phillip, Robert and Allen Petit, sister-in-laws Marie and Carleen Petit and leaves his sister-in-laws Shirley Sinkis of Oxford, Deborah Sinkis of Auburn and Eileen and Paula Petit of Worcester and his brother-in-law Richard Petit of Auburn. He also leaves many nieces, nephews, other relatives and loving friends.

On January 1, 1950 Chester, his mother and two younger brother arrived at Ellis Island, NY on the General C H Muir ship. They left Lithuania with just two suitcases in their possession with hopes of starting a better life in America. The next day they moved to Worcester, MA and he proudly accepted his first job on that day. While living in Worcester he met his loving wife Barbara and they married on July 4, 1953. He proudly accomplished his goal of becoming a US citizen on June 6, 1969 and on this date he changed his first

name to from Czeslovas to Chester.

He had numerous jobs throughout his career, at Crompton Knowles and Dapol Plastic he was a machinist, was a truck driver for Narragansett Beer and Atlas Distributing and was a member of the Teamsters Local Union 170. He also enjoyed bartending and cooking for events at the Texas Club, the Singletary Rod and Gun and Maironis Park. After retiring he and Barbara enjoyed many years camping at Lake Dean campground spending time with family and friends, having cookouts, sitting by the campfire listening to music, and sitting by the beach. Then they relocated to No. Fort Myers FL, and enjoyed several years making new friends, enjoyed senior activities and having family visit them there. They moved back home to Oxford where they have enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

His children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and relatives were his pride and joy. He enjoyed cooking, family cookouts, listening to music, spending time at the lake and ocean, loved dancing and going to events that had Polka music.

When restrictions for larger gatherings are lifted, there will be a private burial service for Chester and Barbara and also a Celebration of Life luncheon for family and friends. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Dudley Tri Valley Elder Care Services and Meals on Wheels services at https://www.trivalleyinc.org/.

To all of the staff at Tri Valley and Independent Home Care, especially the PCA staff, housekeepers and volunteers that delivered the Meals on Wheels for my father, our family thanks you for your support and loving compassionate services. Our family would also like to express our gratitude and appreciation to Terri Mannila and her staff Donna McGrath, MaryEllen Emmy and especially Monica Lawson. We cannot thank you enough for the loving compassionate care you provided to our father. He received the most loving care on a daily basis which helped improved the quality of his life until his last day. Chester adored these ladies and would always thank them and tell them how beautiful they are.

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 offer condolences or light a candle in remembrance of Chester.

Jeanne M. Patenaude, 94



WEBSTER – Jeanne M. (Murphy) Patenaude, 94, died Tuesday, January 12, 2021 in Saint Vincent Hospital, Worcester with family at her side. Her husband of 67 years, J. Edward Patenaude, died in 2018.

She leaves 4 children, Jean Augusto and her husband Fernando of Somerset, Michelle Jervis and her husband Bob of Charlton, Joel Patenaude and his wife Judy Hoffstein of Montclair, NJ, and Kathryn Vincent and her husband Michael of Raleigh, NC; 10 grandchildren, Jenny and Sarah Augusto, Elisabeth Peixoto, Zachary and Ryan Stevens, Nicholas, Cameron and Alexander Vincent, and Sophie and David Patenaude; and 3 great-grandchildren, Mia, Olivia and Everley. She was looking forward to the birth of her fourth great-grandchild in April. Her 11th grandchild, Alexander Patenaude, died in 2017. She was born on January 28, 1926 in the Jamaica Plain section of Boston, the only daughter of Eugene and Alice (Harbort) Murphy and moved to Webster in 1931. She graduated from Saint Louis High

School in 1944 and completed the course of study at Saint Vincent Hospital School of Nursing. She lived in Webster before moving to Overlook Rehabilitation Center in Charlton last August. A registered nurse, Mrs. Patenaude worked at Hubbard District Hospital and at various doctor's offices before she retired. For the 67 years of their marriage she and her devoted husband Ed were fixtures in Webster. Jeanne valued humility and displayed pleasure and a quiet grace as Ed worked the crowd. She was a communicant of Saint Louis Church. Her funeral Mass was held Wednesday, January 20 11:00 AM in Saint Louis Church, 14 Lake Street, Webster. Current health guidelines will be observed and everyone must wear a mask properly, covering nose and mouth.

Burial will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery. According to her wishes there will be no visitation. The family feels so very grateful to have had Jeanne in their lives and asks that all who knew her perform an act of kindness to those individuals, or a donation to those organizations, for which they are grateful.

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Edward J. Denette, 85



Edward J. Denette, 85, of Uxbridge, died December 15, 2020 at Milford Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn, his daughter Susan Denette of Marlborough, MA,

and granddaughters Allyson and Meaghan Waddell; and his son Allen Denette and his wife Ann of Springfield, VA, and granddaughter Nan Denette. He was preceded by his parents, Edward and Antionette

(Patenaude) Denette.

Edward and Carolyn had a home on Killdeer Island, Webster for over 30 years. Upon Ed's retirement after 35 years with New England Power Service Company, they moved to Uxbridge, MA. Ed enjoyed his years on Webster lake and was a loyal Patriots and Red Sox fan.

A funeral mass will be held at a later date at Sacred Heart of Jesus church. Funeral arrangements are being directed by Bartel Funeral Home, 33 Schofield Ave, Dudley, MA. bartelfuneralhome.com.

Frances C. Jyringi, 98

WEBSTER – Frances C. (Kaczinski) Jyringi, 98, passed away peacefully in her sleep at the Harrington Memorial Hospital on Monday January 11, 2021.

Frances is survived by her son Ronald N. Jyringi and her grandson Neal S. Jyringi of Webster; she was predeceased by her husband Nilo A. Jyringi and her grandson Erik L. Jyringi; she was also predeceased by two brothers and one sister.

Frances was born in Webster, MA on November 10, 1922 and lived here all her life; she worked for the American Optical Company in Southbridge for

many years prior to her retirement and was a member of the Quarter Century Club.

A graveside service will be held on Thursday January 14, 2021 at 1:00 pm in Mt. Zion Cemetery in Webster.

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 offer condolences or light a candle in remembrance of Frances.

Francis A. "Frank" Socha, 81



WEBSTER - Francis A. "Frank" Socha, 81, of Webster, passed away peacefully due to complications of Covid 19 on Wednesday, January 13, 2021, at UMass Memorial Hospital in Worcester. He was a resident of Brookside Rehab Center in Webster since August 1, 2020.

Francis leaves his wife of 59 years, Beatrice (Pion) Socha; one son, Edward Socha Sr. and his partner Tammy Frigo of N. Brookfield; three daughters, Elizabeth Rekowski and her partner Dr. Charles Steinberg of Northbridge; LuAnn Quaiel and her husband Michael of Blue Ridge, GA; and Catherine Rathbun and her husband Herb of N. Grosvenordale, CT. Francis also leaves grandchildren Edward Socha Jr., Samantha Rekowski, Stephanie Vega and her husband Izzicke, Patrick Quaiel and his wife Emily, Claudia Rathbun, Mia Socha, and Will Rathbun as well as his great grandchildren, Ayla Flores, and Mila and Penelope Vega. Francis also leaves his sisters Dorothy Jezierski and her husband Robert and Joan Milson and her husband Robert; a brother Edward Socha and his wife Cindy; and many nieces and nephews. Francis was pre-deceased by a brother, Anthony Socha.

Francis was born in Webster, son of the late Joseph and Gladys (Chmielewski) Socha and lived in Webster all his life. A graduate of Saint Louis High School, 1957, "Bevo" starred in basketball, where he was known for his hook-shot. Francis was a printer, retiring from DNS Financial

Printing. He enjoyed Foxwoods, Polish food, ice fishing, the Yankees, UConn Girls Basketball and the holidays with his family. He enjoyed playing pitch at Sacred Heart Parish and at the American Legion Post 184. In his earlier years, he enjoyed taking his family to Webster Lake especially on Sunday afternoons and tailgating at the Patriots games with his friends. Additionally, Frank was known for his dedication as a Little League coach of the Orioles in Webster and was an umpire for many years of the Men's Jack Benny Softball Leagues, both in Webster and Oxford.

Francis was a communicant of Sacred Heart Parish of Jesus, an honorary member of the Webster Booster Athletic Club, life member of the PACC, a golden member of TSKK, and a member of the League of Sacred Heart.

A Mass of Christian burial, open to the public with established social distancing (mask required), will be held on his birthday, Saturday, February 6, 2021 at 11:00am in Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 16 East Main Street, Webster, MA. Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, there will be no calling hours. Please meet at the church. Burial will be private and at a later date.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street, Webster. Francis' family requests that flowers be omitted and that donations in his memory be made to St. Vincent de Paul, c/o Sacred Heart Parish, 18 East Main Street, Webster, MA 01570 or to a charity of one's choice. A guest book where you may offer condolences or light a candle in remembrance of Francis is available at www.shaw-majercik.com

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OBITUARIES

Lorraine M. Kujawski, 91



WEBSTER - Lorraine M. (Kozlowski) Kujawski age 91 passed away Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at the UMass Memorial Medical Center in Worcester.; She was the wife of the late

Leon S. (Casey) Kujawski Jr. who died in 2001.

Lorraine leaves her daughter, Jane L. Place, two sons, Paul Kujawski and his wife Paulette, Jan F. Kujawski and his wife Renee. Lorraine also leaves grandchildren and their spouses Steven and Kristine, Michael and Kim, Mathew and Tracy Place, Timothy and Genna, Jonathan and Monika Kujawski, great grandchildren, Christopher and Makayla Place; She also leaves her faithful companion and dog Molly. Lorraine was predeceased by her son-in-law James L. Place, her brothers Anthony, Bernard, Chester and John Kozlowski and her sisters Stasia Bousch and Sophie Belanger.

Lorraine was born in Webster daughter of the late Stanislaw Kozlowski and Josephine (Korenkiewicz) Kozlowski living in Webster all her life. Lorraine was a registered nurse working at Harrington Hospital and Hubbard Regional. In her spare time, Lorraine was dedicated to helping

her husband and brother-in-law at the Harris Street Market in Webster; She was a member of the St. Joseph's Women's Club, and a former member of the Sacred Heart Society. She enjoyed cooking, shopping, eating out and an occasional trip to Foxwoods; Her greatest joy was time spent with her loving and dedicated family.

A private Mass of Christian Burial for the immediate family will be held in St. Joseph's Basilica, Webster followed by committal in St. Joseph Garden of Peace, Webster. The Calling hours will also be private per the request of the family due to the Covid-19 pandemic. A Memorial Mass, which will be open to the public, will be scheduled and announced at a later date. The family wishes to extend their utmost appreciation to Dr. Richard Palken and the staff at Memorial Hospital, especially Nurse Phil.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA. Lorraine's family requests that flowers be omitted and that donations in her memory be made to the Webster EMS or to a charity of one's choice.

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

Olga Pappas, 95



WEBSTER - Olga Pappas passed away peacefully on December 25, 2020 at the age of 95. Born on Sept. 26, 1925, she was the daughter of Alex and Christina Pappas and lived in Webster all her life. Besides

her parents, she had 3 brothers who passed before her, Vasil Pappas, Peter Pappas and Charles Pappas, Sr. She is survived by her sister Mary Baxter. Olga attended Bartlett High School and worked in the family market, Park 'N' Shop until she was in her early 40's. Along the way she earned an Associate Degree from Quinsigamond Community College in 1971, a Bachelor of Science Degree in General Studies from Clark University in 1974, a Master of Arts in Rehabilitation Counseling from Assumption College in 1977, and a Masters of Business Administration from Nichols College in 1981. She taught high school business for 33 years, mostly at Bartlett High, where she opened a school store where students could get a hands-on approach to marketing and retail sales. Olga was very active in local organizations and town boards and won the "Woman of the Year"

award for her service in 2000. She loved people and good times and, for many years, she played cards twice a week with 2 separate groups. Olga also had a special place in her heart for dogs. She had several over the years and each one was "sweet as pie" and "spoiled rotten." A special thank you to the good people at the Southern Worcester County VNA for all their dedicated work that allows elderly people to remain in their own homes. In particular, thank you to her 2 personal caregivers who watched over her until her dying day, making her safe and happy. We owe you more than you'll ever know. Thank you to her niece Barbara who came at all hours as needed. Thank you to the EMT workers who arrived within minutes on Christmas morning. And one last thank you to neighbor Ray who checked on Olga from time to time, walked her dog Buddy when she couldn't, shoveled snow, and was a good caring friend to an old woman down the street. Thank you to Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home for making these final wishes come true. Donations may be made to either Care Central VNA & Hospice, PO Box 368, or to Webster Emergency Services, 67 Thompson Road, both in Webster, MA 01570. www.websterfunerals.com

Sandra C. Benoit, 76



WEBSTER - Sandra C. (Leake/Butler) Benoit, 76, of Webster, passed away on Sunday, January 10, 2021, at UMass Memorial Hospital from complications of COVID-19. She was predeceased by her

graduated from Commerce High School in Worcester in 1962.

Sandra was the office manager at Stearns Electric for 12 years, retiring in 2011. Previously, she worked for Millbrook Distribution and C&R Tire, and worked in nursing homes in the area when she was younger. She enjoyed traveling, shopping, and reading.

In 2014, Sandra was part of a six-person kidney exchange program at the UMass Campus in Worcester with thanks to her granddaughter Kaitlyn's husband Dan donating one of his kidneys' in the exchange so she could receive a kidney.

She will be remembered as a kind, sweet, loving person who found joy in giving. She was a great listener and was happiest in her life when she was helping others. Her family was most important to her and she loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Due to COVID restrictions, a private graveside service at North Cemetery in Oxford will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to UMass Memorial Healthcare, Office of Philanthropy, c/o Organ Transplant Program, 365 Plantation St., Biotech One, Worcester, MA 01605. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements.

husband of 14 years, Alphonse J. Benoit who died on December 16, 2020; and her first husband, William H. Butler who died in 1987. She is survived by two children, John Butler and his wife Sue of Eagle River, AK, and Deborah Stearns and her husband Alan of Oxford; three stepsons, Raymond Benoit and his spouse Steven Randolph of Brothell, WA, Roger Benoit of Las Vegas, NV, and Kenneth Benoit of Las Vegas, NV; five grandchildren, Ryan Butler and his wife Jasmine, Kevin Stearns and his wife Amanda, Christopher Butler and his wife Jessie, Kaitlyn Phelan and her husband Dan, and Joshua Butler; five great-grandchildren, Alaia, Kaitlyn, Colton, and twins Keegan and Emma; several beloved cousins, sister-laws, nieces, nephews, and best friends. She was predeceased by a sister, Linda R. Leake; and two brothers, John M. Leake and Frank E. Leake. She was born in Worcester, daughter of the late Francis C. and Ruth O. (Guditz) Leake, and lived most of her life in Oxford before moving to Webster 14 years ago. She

Pauline M. Sears, 78



WEBSTER - Pauline M. (Baril) Sears, 78, died Sunday, January 17, 2021 in Brookside Rehab & Nursing Center. Her husband Robert Sears died in 2016.

She leaves 2 sons, Mark Fortier and his wife Linda of Charlton, and William Hallaman and his wife Kristin of Webster; a daughter, Donna Rosa, also of Webster; 12 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; a sister, Lucille Kasputis of Auburn; nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her son Robert Fortier and by her brother Clifford Baril.

She was born in Spencer on April 28, 1942, a daughter of Arthur and

Flora (Collins) Baril and graduated from Spencer High School. She lived in Worcester for many years before moving to Southbridge in 2002. She moved to Brookside Rehab in 2019.

Mrs. Sears worked as a nurse's assistant at The Greenery Nursing Home and also at Providence House, both in Worcester, for over 25 years.

A graveside service will be held at Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours. Donations in her name may be made to the Alzheimer's Support Network, PO Box 839, Southbridge, MA 01550. Arrangements are under the direction of Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main St., Webster.

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Reach across the aisle in the spirit of Lincoln

I don't think I'll find many that will disagree that our nation is in turmoil. From an election that a large minority of our friends and neighbors feel was stolen, to an assault on our nation's Capital, the concern about what will come next is eerie.

There has never been a more important moment than now for both sides, red and blue, liberal and conservative, to consider the attitude and wisdom of Abraham Lincoln ...

"With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds..."

We are on a dangerous path, only a few steps away from a point of no return. Let's not take those last few steps.

Can it begin now, with us?

We need a peaceful transfer of power without any hitches and we need a new administration that enters office in the spirit of Abraham Lincoln.

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Yes, our nation is wounded. Anything less than this attitude carries the potential of lighting a powder keg. It's a matter of choice at this moment. President-Elect Joe Biden can calm his supporters and move forward with malice towards none and with charity for all. Extremists on the side of the left are using words like, 'purge' and 'punishment' when talking about those on the right who supported President Trump. Make no mistake about it, President Trump has acted like a petulant child in the weeks leading up to the attack on our Capital. His careless words were and are dangerous.

I implore us all, red or blue, liberal or conservative, to abandon the violent and angry rhetoric and come together as friends and neighbors. We may see the world differently ... but we are still friends and neighbors.



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I was taught a valuable lesson by my former, Pastor, Dr. Dan Boone. I was CEO who was at odds with a business competitor. We both attended the same church and the aggressive businessman within me was screaming, "Go in for the kill" and I easily could have. I had a clear advantage, and I could have ended my competitor's business. Over lunch. My pastor said, "Oh. I'm wondering if you'd do me a favor."

I assured him that I would. He then told me of a local business that was in trouble and asked, "Will you pray for Tom and Mary? (not real names) "There business is in trouble and a failure will cause them to lose everything." He was of course talking about my competitor.

I gave my word and prayed for them daily. My attitude changed.

I found a way that my success would not cause their failure. I have never regretted the decision to back off. My prayers for a competitor created compassion and an invaluable realization.

Life isn't a zero-sum game. For one side to win the other doesn't have to lose. I'll admit that I didn't vote for President-Elect Joe Biden, but now he's first on my daily prayer list.

Even if you were a candidate, your success in life didn't depend on this election. Your personal happiness wasn't destroyed or created by who won or lost. Your happiness is a choice. If you are angry and miserable, it is because you chose to be so.

I happened upon a delightful movie on Netflix this week. "Full Count" is a story of a young athlete's success that was unfairly stolen from him and how he deals with his future. After many twists and turns he comes to a life changing realization. "Life isn't going to make you happy. Your happiness is going to make your life." Lots of wisdom

in those words.

So, what's my point? The election is over. On January 20, 2021, a new administration will take office. Let us stop being Biden or Trump supporters and be supporters of our country and each other. For those of you who pray, I'm asking you to join me in praying for peace and unity.

First, let's pray for the health of our new President and administration, let's pray for wisdom to move our country successfully forward and for compassion for, and from, our new leadership.

Let's also pray for President Trump and his supporters. Pray that he will come to terms with his loss and move forward the rest of his life using his influence for the good of all. I pray he takes a lesson from the example set by former President Jimmy Carter.

If you're not a praying person, set aside what anger you feel for your fellow citizens. Extend kind thoughts and words for all regardless of which candidate they supported. If your candidate won, rejoice ... but please

do not think of revenge or getting even. If your candidate lost, pray for the success of the new administration.

Do not allow your joy to turn into vindictiveness nor let your disappointment turn to violence. We can do better ... and will.

Only our adversaries benefit by our division and failure, while the entire world benefits from the unity and success of the United States of America. Don't allow the actions of extremists on either side to extinguish the beacon of democracy.

Will you join me in prayer and positive words and actions?

May God continue to bless the United States of America.

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

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OXFORD - 115 CHARLTON ROAD



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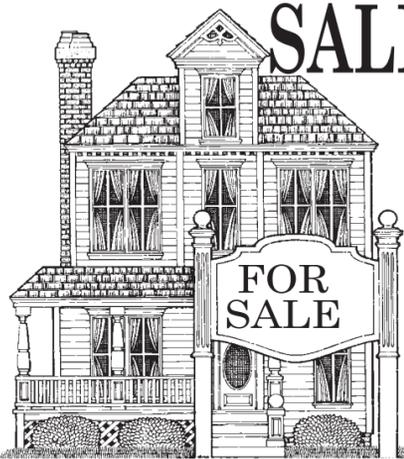
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Quinsigamond Nursing graduates hold virtual pinning ceremonies

W O R C E S T E R — Amid the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic, Quinsigamond Community College graduated 85 nursing students during two virtual nurse graduation pinning ceremonies held in late December.

Due to the pandemic, 51 evening program graduates and 34-day program graduates sent recordings of their loved ones pinning them in the safety of their own homes. The pinnings were captured in a video by the College and aired on Dec. 18 and 23. Pinning ceremonies have become an important part of nursing

graduations, dating back as far as the 1800s. "Our nursing students have made an indelible impression on our healthcare system during this pandemic," said QCC President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D. "Now 85 new graduates will stand alongside their nursing colleagues and help care

and protect our community. The challenges healthcare workers face from the COVID-19 virus have not deterred these amazing graduates from their dreams of fulfilling their calls to duty." "While we could not be there in person to honor the graduates, we

were fortunate we were able to recognize their determination, grit and persistence that has gotten them where they are today," determination, grit and persistence that have gotten them where they are today," said the College's Dean of Healthcare, Pat Schmoel. "We know they will make

a valuable contribution to our healthcare system." For more information about QCC, contact Josh Martin, Director of Institutional Communications at 508-854-7513 or jmartin@qcc.mass.edu.



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DA offers grants for safe post-prom & graduation activities

REGION – Worcester County District Attorney Joseph Early, Jr., is helping local students end the school year safely.

Worcester County high schools are invited to apply for mini-grants to support safe after-prom and post-graduation

activities for students. These events offer drug-free and alcohol-free alternatives to high-risk activities with no supervision.

Recognizing that students have gone through a long, challenging year due to COVID-19, DA

Early understands that kids will be eager to head out and celebrate their accomplishments this spring. As vaccinations ramp up and events resume across the state, Early's team wants to make sure all students enjoy themselves safely

in the "new normal."

"Grants will be given to schools to support existing events, or to assist schools in establishing a new event," read a statement released by Early's office. "While none of us know what the status of school activities will

be in the spring, we are cautiously optimistic and accepting applications for funding requests."

The grants are funded by the Massachusetts Office of Victim Assistance Drunk Driving Trust Fund. The applications for funding

requests are due by Feb. 12.

For more information about the grant opportunity, contact Ellen Miller at ellen.miller@mass.gov. You can also reach her by calling 774-317-2159.

LEGALS

TOWN OF DUDLEY Notice to Bidders

The Town of Dudley is requesting bids for the following construction material items and services for various departments for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

ITEM #1 – All grades of medium curing asphalt and emulsion type asphalt
ITEM #2 – Bituminous concrete, at plant
ITEM #2A – Bituminous concrete, in place

ITEM #3 - Gravel and washed screened sand at owner's pit and delivered
ITEM #4 – Screen stone at owner's pit and delivered

ITEM #5 – Tree Trimming and Removal
ITEM #6 – Corrugated pipe, steel and aluminum, delivered to highway garage
ITEM #7 – Corrugated pipe, polyethylene delivered to highway garage
ITEM #8 – Cold Planing
ITEM #9 – Stone Sealing
ITEM # 10 – Pavement Striping

Bidders in Item 2A and Item 9 must be pre-qualified and a Certificate of Approval from MassDOT, Highway Division and all materials must conform to Mass Highway Specifications.

Bids will be received by the Chief Procurement Officer, Dudley Municipal Complex, 71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA 01571 until 10:00am on February 3, 2021. Bids may be submitted by USPS, UPS or FedEx as well as electronically by sending them to selectaa@dudley-ma.gov. Any bid submitted electronically shall be sealed until said day and time and will be opened at a virtual bid opening by livestreaming and recorded on the town's website. Any bidder who would like to be invited should call the Selectmen's office at (508)949-8001 for meeting id and password. All envelopes must be sealed and marked "Bid" and appropriate "ITEM #"

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indicated. The Town of Dudley brings to the attention of bidders, Chapter 149, sections 26D and 27D of the Massachusetts General Laws concerning minimum wage rates where applicable. All bids must be in compliance with all Massachusetts General Laws. Specifications available by calling the Selectmen's office at (508)-949-8001 Monday-Thursday between 9:00am and 4:00pm, Friday from 9:00am to 1:00pm or by email at selectaa@dudley-ma.gov. Specific questions may be addressed to Jeff Murray, Highway Superintendent at (508) 949-8020.

The Town reserves the right to reject any bids/proposals if deemed in the best interest of the Town.

Jonathan Ruda
Town Administrator
Chief Procurement Officer
Town of Dudley
January 15, 2021
January 22, 2021

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 5 Fifth Avenue, Webster, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Elite Rivers LLC to Sun West Mortgage Company, Inc., said mortgage dated March 14, 2019, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 60150 at Page 115, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on **February 8, 2021 at 10:00 AM Local Time** upon the all and singular premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land with the buildings thereon of every nature and description and all privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, situated on the easterly side of Fifth Avenue in Webster, County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts and being Parcel on Plan of Property owned by Telesphore Leboeuf, dated October 11, 1945 and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a spike on the easterly line of said Fifth Avenue, one hundred twenty (120) feet southerly by the southerly line of Negus Street at land now or formerly of Henry Carey ;

THENCE N. 73 degrees 24' E., sixty-one and twenty-four hundredths (61.24) feet by land now or formerly of said Carey to an iron pipe;

THENCE EASTERLY with an included

angle of 178 degrees 46' 30" a distance of ninety-seven and eight-tenths (97.8) feet by land of Lilian I. McQuaid and land of the Roman Catholic Bishop to a spike;

THENCE SOUTHERLY forty-five (45) feet by land of said Bishop to a stake; THENCE S. 83 degrees w. one hundred sixty-one and seven-tenths (161.7) feet by remaining land of Telesphore Leboeuf, now or formerly, to a spike on the easterly line of said Fifth Avenue;

THENCE NORTHERLY with an included angle of 90 degrees 11 ' a distance of twenty-three (23) feet to the point of beginning.

Also the land with the buildings thereon of every nature and description and all privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, being a certain triangular tract of land in said Webster on the easterly side of Fifth Avenue, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a spike on the easterly line of said Fifth Avenue at land of grantor;

THENCE N. 70° 15' E., sixty-one and twenty-four (61.24) feet by land of grantor to an iron pipe;

THENCE Westerly with an interior angle of 12° 14' 30", a distance of sixty and forty-nine hundredths (60.49) feet by land of Francis E. Cassidy, Temp. Gad., now or formerly to an iron pipe on the easterly line of said Fifth Avenue;

THENCE SOUTHERLY with an interior angle of 87° 10' 30", a distance of thirteen (13) feet by said Fifth Avenue to the point of beginning.

Property commonly known as: 5 Fifth Ave, Webster, MA 01570

The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title, see deed dated, and recorded in Book 60150 at Page 111 with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds. TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described. FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within sixty (60) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

BENDETT & MCHUGH, PC
270 Farmington Avenue
Farmington, CT 06032
Attorney for Sun West Mortgage Company, Inc.
Present Holder of the Mortgage
(860) 677-2868

January 15, 2021
January 22, 2021
January 29, 2021

Notice is hereby given by Precision Auto Rebuilders, Inc., 243 W Main St Dudley MA 01571 pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.255, Section 39 A that on February 5, 2021 @ 5PM at: Precision Auto Rebuilders, Inc., 243 W Main St Dudley MA 01571 the following motor vehicle will be sold at a private sale to satisfy the garage keeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges and expenses of notices of said vehicle:

Vehicle: VIN# 5NPE24AF3GH360516; 2012 Hyundai Sonata

Owner: Casie Morse, 48B Windbrook Rd, Auburn MA 01501

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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. W020P3580EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Monica B. Bell
Date of Death: 11/21/2019

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **John M. Bell, Jr. of Newburyport MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **John M. Bell, Jr. of Newburyport MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **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 02/09/2021**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUJPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUJPC 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: January 11, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate

January 22, 2021

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 Susan B. Larose to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as nominee for Sherwood Mortgage Group, Inc., dated January 30, 2006 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 38334, Page 206 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association fka The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. as successor to JP Morgan Chase Bank, National Association, as Trustee for Residential Asset Mortgage Products, Inc., GMACM Home Equity Loan Trust 2006-HE1 is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS) solely as nominee for Sherwood Mortgage Group, Inc. its successors and/or assigns to The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association fka The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. as successor to JP Morgan Chase Bank, National Association, as Trustee for Residential Asset Mortgage Products, Inc., GMACM Home Equity Loan Trust 2006-HE1 dated November 5, 2015 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 54567, Page 1, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 76 Old Douglas Road, Webster, MA 01570 will be sold at a Public Auction at 4:00 PM on February 16, 2021, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land with the buildings thereon in Webster, situated on the southerly side of Old Douglas Road, being shown as Lot #13 on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Webster, Massachusetts, surveyed for Finecamp K.O.A., Inc." dated September 4, 1986 by Para Land Surveying, Inc., recorded with Worcester Registry of Deeds in Book 565 Plan 19. Being the same premises conveyed to the herein named grantor(s) by deed recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 12386, Page 1.

For mortgagor's title also see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 10992, Page 115.

The property will be sold subject to the redemption rights in favor of the Internal Revenue Service by virtue of the tax lien recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 58731, Page 43.

The property will be sold subject to a first mortgage in the principal sum of \$135,000.00 given to Medford Savings Bank dated February 7, 2002 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 25949, Page 211.

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.

The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association fka The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. as successor to JP Morgan Chase Bank, National Association, as Trustee for Residential Asset Mortgage Products, Inc., GMACM Home Equity Loan Trust 2006-HE1 Korde & Associates, P.C. 900 Chelmsford Street Suite 3102 Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 Larose, Susan B., 17-030004 January 22, 2021 January 29, 2021 February 5, 2021

Notification to Abutters Under the Mass Wetlands Protection Act

In accordance with the second paragraph of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40, you are hereby notified of the following:

A. The name of the applicant is RAMP-CO CONST

B. The applicant has filed a Notice of Intent with the Conservation Commission of Dudley under the wetland protection act (General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40).

C. The address where the work is proposed is 10 Ardlock Place

D. The activity consists of re-establishment of a parking lot and site cleanup.

E. Copies of the filing may be examined at the Conservation Commission Office, by appointment. For more information, call 508-949-8011

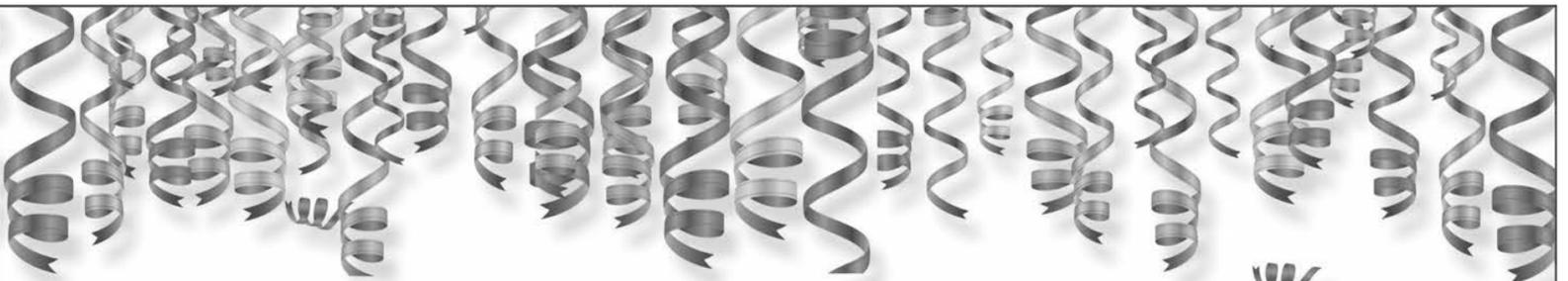
The meeting date is to be set for January 27, 2021 at 6 PM. The meeting details will be posted on the agenda issued by the commission.

F. Copies of the application may be obtained from the Conservation Commission by calling 508-949-8011 during the hours Mon through Thurs 9-4.

G. Information regarding the date, time and place of the public hearing may be obtained from the Conservation Commission Office by calling 508-949-8011 during normal business hours. NOTE: Notice of the public hearing, including its date, time, and place, will be published at least five (5) days in advance in your local newspaper.

NOTE: Notice of the public hearing, including its date, time and place will be posted in the Town Hall not less than forty-eight (48) hours in advance.

January 15, 2021



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Dudley-Charlton Education Foundation announces 12th Annual Appeal

REGION — The Dudley-Charlton Education Foundation (DCEF) is pleased to announce the launch our 12th annual appeal with a \$2,500 donation from Cornerstone Bank. Cornerstone Bank has supported DCEF annually since our inception.

Each year, the DCEF awards grants to educators in our district to fund the implementation of creative and exciting ideas that enhance the school experience for our students. Although the classroom and school year look different this year, the need still exists and all funds contributed to the DCEF are used to support education in the community.

Previous donations have made a significant impact across all 7 schools in the past 11 years funding 118 grants and more than \$300,000 for fresh and creative ventures in the classroom.

Please consider investing in the future of the Dudley-Charlton Regional School district students by supporting our 12th Annual Appeal which is running through March 31. Donations may be made securely, on-line at: www.dcedfoundation.org or by sending a check to: DCEF, PO Box 92, Dudley, MA 01571.

On behalf of the thousands of students impacted, and the teachers who facilitate these learning opportunities, thank you for your support!

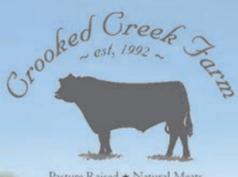



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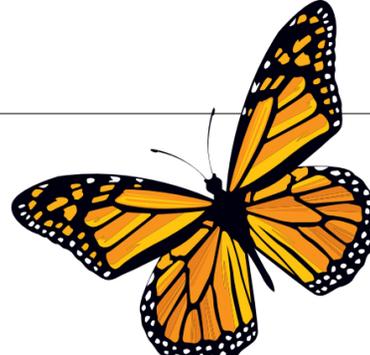
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