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## School Committee discusses state funding changes

BY GUS STEEVES  
CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER — Budgetary issues were the main focus of the most recent School Committee meeting, as district leaders explored changes in what Webster will receive in Chapter 70 aid, special edu-

cation proposals, and related issues.

According to Business Manager Monique Pierangeli, the Governor's budget calls for a \$303.5 million increase in statewide school aid, of which Webster is slated to get about \$1.13 million more than last

year. The state's plan under the Student Opportunity Act passed in November, is to increase aid over seven years to address five key areas: employee benefits and fixed costs, special education, low income needs, English language learners, and guid-

ance-related areas.

She said the complex formula includes six factors: enrollment, wage adjustment, inflation, property values, income levels and municipal growth, with the last three going toward determining what the local share should be. Based on

those factors, Webster's total comes to about \$11.5 million, of which about \$6.37 million is effectively a "tax write-off." The town can deduct several things from its actual school support, including charter and

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### ALL SAINTS STUDENTS CELEBRATE MARTIN LUTHER KING'S LEGACY

Students from All Saints Academy were recognized on Monday, Jan. 20 at the 35th Annual Worcester County Community Breakfast honoring Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The fourth and fifth graders were selected as the winners of the 2020 MLK, Jr. Art Contest. The selected winners in both the essay and art contests were all from schools in the Worcester Diocese, and all had to reflect on an excerpt from a sermon of Dr. King's: "Not everybody can be famous, but everybody can be great, because greatness is determined by service." All Saints Academy's art teacher, Mrs. Beth Crowley and principal, Mrs. Joan Matys were also in attendance with students and their parents. When asked about the program, Mrs. Matys shared, "I am most proud of our students, and of Catholic education. Part of our mission is to teach children the importance of service and giving back to our society."



## Dudley officials approve first marijuana host agreement

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — The town of Dudley is one step closer to hosting its first marijuana business after selectmen approved the town's first host agreement at a meeting on Jan. 28.

After hosting a public hearing earlier in the month, the Board of Selectmen cast a unanimous vote, with Selectman John Marsi absent, approving a host agreement

for DMA Holdings LLC for an adult-use marijuana growing, processing and retail sales site at 35 and 37 Chase Ave., repurposing an old mill. The agreement is the same one presented in mid-January that included the maximum financial requirements and contributions available through such negotiations. Prior to the vote, Selectman Kerry Cyganiewicz said the agreement was the best they

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## Selectmen approve fire, police personnel changes

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — The Dudley Fire and Police Departments are both looking to expand their department staff over the next calendar year after selectmen expressed their support of personnel changes during a meeting on Jan. 27.

The Dudley fire department easily received approval to add a pair of new full time positions to the staff to bring the department to 24-hour operation. Chief Dean Kochanowski said he was able to rework his budget to accommodate

the changes without adding any new expenses to the town budget.

"Basically, what I'm doing is I'm taking the per diem line and moving it into some other lines to create two full time positions so that we can go to 24-hour staffing which is the model standard throughout the industry. In order to try and hold on to some good help and stay competitive we have to move in this direction," said the Chief.

Selectmen approved the changes unanimously. Chief

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## Residents raise concerns about Route 20 project

BY GUS STEEVES  
CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD — At last week's public forum on the Route 20 reconstruction project, several citizens raised concerns about its impact on certain neighborhoods, particularly Thayer Pond Village, Oak Drive, Bay Path Road and homes directly along the highway.

In general, residents sought an additional traffic light at Bay Path/Glenmere, requested changes to the traffic flow near Thayer in light of another proposed condo development nearby, and objected to the possibility of having new pull-off zones be too close to some homes and the fact dividing the highway makes it difficult for some homes to get trash and other services.

Before citizens could voice such issues, Design consultant Richard Kelley summarized the project and several changes since the public last saw it at the formal 25 percent hearing. It covers 3.2 miles from Richardson Corner Road to Route 12, a stretch he said really represents two distinct areas:



Gus Steeves Photo  
Design consultant Richard Kelley, right, helps a citizen understand details of the Route 20 project at the end of the forum.

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### VETERANS COUNCIL INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

Courtesy Photo

The Webster Dudley Veterans Council installed new officers on Jan. 8. Installing officer was Alfred Beland. Installed into office were Commander Victor Jankowski, Senior Vice Commander Ronald Prest, Junior Vice Commander Stephen Rogerson, Financial Secretary Robert Guenther, Adjutant Andrew Kozlowski, Meeting Chaplain Norman Deptula, Funeral Chaplain Joseph Sendrowski. The Webster Dudley Veterans Council coordinates all veteran activities such as the Parades, Military Honors at Funerals, as well as raising funds for the needy veterans, mentoring students on Military Issues. In addition, the Council also works to precipitate smooth relations with the VFW, DAV, American Legion and PAV.

# Deadline approaching for Woman's Club scholarships

DUDLEY — The deadline (Feb. 14) is fast approaching for DWC's four \$1,000 scholarships to be awarded to female residents of Dudley, Webster, and Charlton.

Three will be offered to graduating female senior students residing in the three towns. In addition, one scholarship will also be offered to a

non-traditional adult woman student returning to college or an accredited training program who resides in the towns of Dudley, Webster or Charlton or a DWC Member in good standing. (Non-traditional adult student for the purposes of this application is a female individual who has been separated from traditional education for several

semesters and is returning to school in 2020-2021.) Applications are available online on the DWC Web site: <http://dudleywomansclub.org/scholarships>.

All applications should be submitted via email by Feb. 14 to [dwcsholars@gmail.com](mailto:dwcsholars@gmail.com). The high school scholarship winners are not limited to SHRHS, BPRVHS, or Bartlett High School.

Any qualified students from any high school who reside in Dudley, Webster or Charlton are eligible. The Dudley Woman's Club's mission is public service, with an emphasis on literacy and learning. In our 12th year, the DWC is excited to be able to continue our scholarship award program!

## Seton Hall University names Melody Serrano to Dean's List

SOUTH ORANGE, N.J. — Seton Hall University is pleased to announce Melody Serrano of Webster has qualified for the Fall 2019 Dean's List.

After the close of every semester, undergraduate students completing all courses with a GPA of 3.4, with no grades lower than "C," qualify for the Dean's List.

As one of the nation's leading Catholic universities, Seton Hall has been showing the world what great minds can do since 1856. Home to over 10,000 undergraduate and graduate students and offering more than 90 rigorous majors, Seton Hall's academic excellence has been singled out for distinction by The Princeton Review, U.S. News & World Report and Bloomberg Businessweek.

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## Meghan Pratt of Dudley named to University of Scranton Dean's List

SCRANTON, Pa. — Meghan E. Pratt of Dudley was among more than 1,600 students named to The University of Scranton's Dean's List for the 2019 fall semester. The Dean's List recognizes students for academic excellence. A student must have a grade point average of 3.5 or better with a minimum number of credit hours during the semester to make the Dean's List.

Pratt is a senior counseling and human services major in the University's Panuska College of Professional Studies.

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## What if you find yourself "Suddenly in Command?"

MILFORD — Imagine you are out on the water when the boat's captain somehow is incapacitated or falls overboard and can't swim back to the boat. Are you prepared to take basic actions to get help, stop or start the engine and take the helm? A little knowledge could save lives and make you feel more comfortable boating when you're not generally at the helm.

Misfortunes can and do happen while on that fishing, diving, adventure, or party charter. Being out on your own boat with that significant other at the helm, or going out on a friends' pontoon boat can also turn to horror if the skipper is suddenly

out of commission.

Our local US Coast Guard Auxiliary Tri-State Flotilla, Massachusetts is offering a free course that is a boating safety primer for those not generally at the helm but would like to know what to do, to be better prepared.

The "Suddenly in Command" will be offered Wednesday, Feb. 26 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Milford High School, 31 West Fountain St., Milford.

Part of the Milford Community School Use Program, information and the registration process can be found in their catalog mailed to the surrounding community, by calling 508-478-1119, or online at <http://mcs.milford.ma.us>.

(click Online Registration, then on any one of the Adult Programs to open a dropdown listing Boating Activities including this course) Register for this special free course soon as space is limited. Participants under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a registered parent/guardian.

Additional USCGAux. information: [phil.uscgaux@verizon.net](mailto:phil.uscgaux@verizon.net) or (508) 478-3778.

Course and links: [http://wow.uscgaux.info/pe\\_class\\_flyer.php?unit=NAT&course=24619](http://wow.uscgaux.info/pe_class_flyer.php?unit=NAT&course=24619)

## Pet First Aid training offered in Webster

WEBSTER — Would you like to reduce your trips to the veterinarian? Want to know how to help your pet in an emergency? The Central Massachusetts Disaster Animal Response Team, Inc. ([www.cmdart.org](http://www.cmdart.org)) is hosting a Pet First Aid training, Sunday, Feb. 16 at the Webster Fire Department, 55 Thompson Rd., Webster, from 1:30 p.m. The course will cover Snout to Tail assessment, proper restraining of an animal in distress, CPR, rescue breathing choking management pet vital signs, insect bites/stings, heat and cold inju-

ries, making a Pet First Aid kit and more.

The cost of the course is \$65.00 per person which includes take home materials (20.00 value) of the Pet FA book, attendance certificates, emergency muzzle and stop bleeding kit. As well as giving you helpful instruction, the course will assist the animal disaster team with fund-raising for our trailer equipment.

The course instructor is from Pet Tech, a nationally known and respected program for PFA. Honor Blume, the instructor is from Sheffield Mass and has

been teaching the course for six years.

Register by contacting [training@cmdart.org](mailto:training@cmdart.org) and go to the CMDART Web site under training and sign up with a credit card. You may also mail in your registration to P.O. Box 1317, Douglas, MA 01516 at least two days prior to the event. Please do not contact the Fire Department about this course. Attendants should park on the north side of the fire station in order to not obstruct fire department business.

## Webster resident named to Nichols College President's List

DUDLEY — Nichols College congratulates Ryan Lathrop of Webster on being named to the President's List for the Fall semester of 2019.

To qualify for the President's List, students must maintain a GPA of 3.85 or higher.

Lathrop, an Accounting major, is the son of Nequel and Anthony Germano of Webster and Sheri and Brett Lathrop of Webster.

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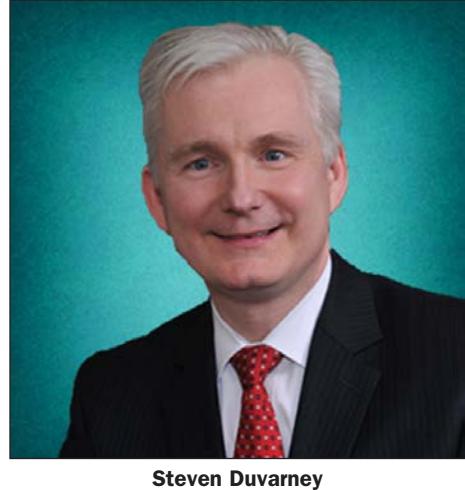
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# bankHometown elects board Chairman, Vice Chair



Steven Duvarney



Brian Galonek

**OXFORD** — At its recent annual meeting, the board of directors of bankHometown elected Steven H. Duvarney of Lancaster as chairman of the board and Brian E. Galonek of Sturbridge as vice chairman.

Mr. Duvarney joined the board of the Athol-Clinton Co-operative Bank in April 2007 and was chairman at the time of the bank's merger with bankHometown in 2011. He has been elected chairman of the bankHometown board of directors for a one-year term, and also will serve on the bank's Mortgage and Asset Liability Committees. Mr. Duvarney is the owner of Duvarney Jewelers, a third-generation, full-service jewelry store with locations in

Fitchburg and Clinton. Active in the jewelry trade, he is a director of the New England Guild of the American Gem Society and the New England Jewelers Association. He also serves on the board of the North Central Mass Chamber of Commerce and is president of The Fay Club in Fitchburg. Mr. Duvarney holds a Bachelor's degree in Management from the UMass Amherst Isenberg School of Management and resides in Lancaster.

Mr. Galonek was first appointed to the bankHometown board in 2008, and chaired the Audit/Budget Committee and the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) Committee before his election to a one-year term as vice chairman.

He is president and owner of All Star Incentive Marketing in Sturbridge, a leading national provider of employee engagement programs, and holds the designation of Certified Professional of Incentive Management (CPIM). Mr. Galonek earned a bachelor's degree in Marketing from the UMass Amherst Isenberg School of Management, and is active in the community, having served as a board member of both the Tantasqua Education Foundation and Tantasqua American Youth Football, and as president of Sturbridge Little League. Over the past 15 years, he has helped raise more than \$1.5 million for The Jimmy Fund and the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute through his membership on the board of the Cohassey Jimmy Fund Classic charity golf tournament as well as his participation in 10 Pan-Mass Challenge bike-a-thons. Mr. Galonek and his family live in Sturbridge.

In addition to their positions on the bankHometown board, both Mr. Duvarney and Mr. Galonek also have served as members of the board of directors of Hometown Financial Group, the mutual holding company for bankHometown.

About bankHometown and Hometown Financial Group bankHometown was founded in 1889 and is headquartered in Oxford, Massachusetts. The bank has \$1.0 billion in assets and 15 branches located throughout central Massachusetts

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and northeastern Connecticut. Through its sponsorship and charitable giving program, bankHometown and the Hometown Bank Community Foundation support non-profit organizations and causes throughout Worcester and Windham Counties. In 2019, the bank and foundation donated more than \$200,000 to over 100 organizations. For more information, visit bankhometown.com.

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## Local University of Rhode Island students named to Dean's List

**KINGSTON, R.I.** — The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce that more than 6,000 undergraduates have qualified for the fall 2019 Dean's List. The students represent nearly all of Rhode Island's cities and towns, all six New England states, New York and New Jersey, and many other states and nations.

To be included on the Dean's List, students must have completed 12 or more credits during a semester for letter grades with at least a 3.0 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 credits with a 3.0 quality point average. The list includes students who have not yet declared their majors as well as those from all of the University's undergrad-

uate academic colleges.

The following students from your area have been named to URI's fall 2019 Dean's List:

Shannon Bombardier of Webster  
Brian Burns of Dudley  
Kaylee Clark of Dudley  
Riley Collette of Webster  
Brianna Higgins of Oxford  
Alex Jankowski of Webster  
Kate LeBlanc of Oxford  
Carly Leighton of Webster  
Keanna Lewis of Dudley  
Megan Marrier of Webster  
Allie O'Brien of Dudley  
Ashlin Peters of Webster  
Jess Rachholz of Dudley  
Myles Wagner of Dudley  
Note: Students who qualified for the

Dean's List, but have restricted access to their information under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) guidelines, are not included on this public listing. Students may adjust these restrictions on eCampus.

The University of Rhode Island's pioneering research extends the University's influence well beyond its coastal borders, while its unique interdisciplinary courses provide its 16,800 undergraduate and graduate students with global opportunities in an intimate environment. In May 2019, more than 3,400 undergraduate and about 700 graduate degrees were awarded. The University now has more than 120,000 alumni worldwide.

## Community supports Boys & Girls Club transportation program

**DUDLEY** — As a service to the community, the Boys & Girls Club of Webster-Dudley is providing free transportation to the Club's after-school program for members who attend the Webster Public Schools. Thanks to the outpouring of support from local businesses and residents, the Club was able to raise the more than \$35,000 needed to pay for bus services. This ensures that families who have transportation issues can send their kids to the Club.

Generous donors include IPG Photonics, O'Connor & Company Insurance Agency Inc., Bank Hometown, Webco Chemical Corp., The Fels Family Foundation, Jay & Naomi Kunkel, Randy & Donna Becker, Ron & Barbara Fields, and Mike & Sharon O'Brien.

Board President Rob Bouchard stated, "The Club has had an increasingly challenging time meeting increasing transportation costs in past years. This is the second year we reached out to community members for this need and raised much-needed funding. We are so grateful for the community's investment in our life-saving youth programs."

## Endicott College announces local Dean's List students

**BEVERLY, Mass.** — Endicott College, the first college in the U.S. to require internships of its students, is pleased to announce its Fall 2019 Dean's List students. In order to qualify for the Dean's List, a student must obtain a minimum grade point average of 3.5, receive no letter grade below "C," have no withdrawal grades, and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits for the semester.

The following students have met these requirements:

Caitlin Burke of Dudley, daughter of Sean and Paula Burke

Victoria Sheehan, daughter of Brian and Donna Sheehan of Oxford

Cassidy Thorpe, daughter of Jeffrey and Jennifer Thorpe of Webster

About Endicott College  
Endicott College offers doctorate, master's, bachelor's, and associate degree programs at its campus on the scenic coast of Beverly, Mass., with additional sites in Boston, online, and at U.S. and international locations. Endicott remains true to its founding principle of integrating professional and liberal arts education with internship opportunities across disciplines. For more, visit endicott.edu.

## Le Moyne College names Alena Kimble to Dean's List

**SYRACUSE, N.Y.** — Alena Kimble, a Senior Environmental Science Systems major from Dudley, has been named to the Le Moyne College Dean's List for the Fall 2019 semester. To make the list, students must achieve a GPA of 3.5 or above.

Located in a suburban setting on a picturesque 160-acre campus in Syracuse, N.Y., Le Moyne College is one of only 28 Jesuit colleges and universities in the United States. Offering more than 30 majors, Le Moyne provides a values-based education that helps students explore their potential through academ-

ics, experience and service. In 2019, for the seventh consecutive year, Le Moyne was ranked by The Princeton Review as one of the nation's best institutions for undergraduate education, an honor achieved by only 15 percent of the colleges and universities in the nation. A Le Moyne education provides students with the intellectual skills necessary to succeed in the world and the will to use their abilities to promote a more just society.

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## Webster police log

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of Jan. 26 to Feb. 1.

Natasha Monteiro, age 33, of Webster was arrested on Jan. 26 on probable cause from another agency.

Phillip Smith, age 42, current address unknown, was arrested on Jan. 26 for Trafficking in Cocaine.

Eric M. Bernard, Jr., age 23, of Fall River was arrested on Jan. 26 in connection with an out of agency warrant.

An adult male from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Jan. 27 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member, Strangulation or Suffocation, and Vandalization of Property.

Mario B. Araujo, age 48, of Douglas was arrested on Jan. 27 in connection with probable cause from another agency.

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A juvenile, age 17, was arrested on Jan. 27 for Disorderly Conduct, Disturbing the Peace, and Destruction of Property valued at \$1,200 or less.

Warren Remi Desjardins, ae 44, of Worcester was arrested on Jan. 28 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol and Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle.

Rachel L. Belle, age 37, of Webster was arrested on Jan. 29 for Possession of a Class B Drug. Shauna M. Hubert, age 28, of Worcester was arrested during the same motor vehicle stop for a Marked Lanes Violation, Improper Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, and Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle.

Daniel L. Lanay, age 34, of Webster was arrested on Jan. 30 for Failing to Stop for Police, Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, and Failure to Stop or Yield.

Jacob A. Swiatlowski, age 32, of Webster was arrested on Jan. 30 for Possession of a Class A Drug and Possession of a Class B Drug.

Christopher L. King, age 53, of Worcester was arrested on Jan. 31 in connection with an out of agency warrant.

Robert O. Gagne, age 66, of Sutton was arrested on Jan. 31 for Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License (subsequent offense), Not being in Possession of a License, Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle, and in connection with a warrant.

Adam Sujdak, age 65, of Dudley was arrested on Jan. 31 for Disorderly Conduct, Assault & Battery on a Police Officer, Resisting Arrest, Interfering with a Firefighter, and Assault. Wieslawa Helena Sujdak, age 58, of Dudley was arrested during the same incident for Interfering with a Firefighter, Resisting Arrest, and Disorderly Conduct.

## Dudley police log

DUDLEY — The Dudley Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of Jan. 24-31.

A 39-year-old male from Dudley was taken into protective custody on Jan. 25.

Destiny J. Spencer, age 35, of Milford was arrested on Jan. 26 in connection with multiple out of agency warrants.

Phillip Smith, age 42, current address unknown, was arrested on Jan. 26 for Possession of a Class B Drug and Trafficking in Cocaine.

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Jacob A. Swiatlowski, age 32, of Webster was arrested on Jan. 30 for Possession of a Class A Drug and Possession of a Class B Drug.

## Baker-Polito administration announces \$8.1 million in Complete Streets funding awards

FITCHBURG — This week, Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito, Transportation Secretary and CEO Stephanie Pollack, and Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver joined Fitchburg Mayor Stephen DiNatale and other local lead-

ers in Fitchburg to announce the latest round of Complete Streets Funding Program awards, totaling \$8.1 million in funding to 24 communities. These awards will be used to fund local, multimodal infrastructure projects that improve

accessibility for bicyclists, pedestrians, public transit users, and people using other forms of transportation.

"The Complete Streets Program is one of the many ways our administration partners with cities and towns to improve their local transportation infrastructure," said Gov. Charlie Baker. "This latest round of funding will help ensure that local roadways provide accommodations for all modes of travel, and we were pleased to include additional funding for the Complete Streets Program in our administration's transportation bond bill to continue supporting this program."

"We are proud to continue supporting our municipal partners so they can achieve their transportation and economic development goals," said Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito. "These funding awards will enable communities across the Commonwealth to carry out projects that install new sidewalks, bicycle lanes, crosswalks and intersections for people to safely and easily reach the places they need to go."

A "Complete Street" is one that provides safe and accessible options for all travel modes and for all people, taking into account the ages and abilities of individuals. The Baker-Polito Administration has now awarded a total of 148 construction grants at \$46 million since creating the funding program for Complete Streets in February 2016.

The Baker-Polito Administration included \$20 million for the Complete Streets Program as part of the Administration's \$18 bil-

lion transportation bond bill. In July, the Administration filed "An Act Authorizing and Accelerating Transportation Investment," which will provide both resources and tools that will enable MassDOT and the MBTA to repair and modernize the state's transportation system faster, improving its reliability, sustainability and resiliency.

"Thanks to the leadership and support of Governor Baker and Lieutenant Governor Polito, MassDOT is continuing to partner with municipalities to increase connectivity and better enable residents and commuters to reach their jobs, homes, friends, families, and opportunities across the Commonwealth," said Transportation Secretary and CEO Stephanie Pollack. "The Complete Streets Program is a reflection of our commitment to ensuring that our roadways work for everyone and benefit people of all ages, abilities, and modes of travel."

"We appreciate the hard work of all those who are helping manage and implement this important funding program," said Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver. "We are continuing to receive positive feedback and support from the local communities that are benefiting from these awards and we look forward to seeing these projects carried out."

These Complete Streets funding awards are in addition to \$1.1 billion authorized by the Baker-Polito Administration in Chapter 90 local transportation funding for cities and towns since 2015. In addition, \$43 million has also been awarded through the Administration's Municipal

Small Bridge Program, which was announced in 2016 and allows municipalities to repair or replace their small bridges which are not eligible for federal funding.

"The Complete Streets Funding Program provides the necessary resources so that municipalities like Fitchburg can design and build infrastructure projects to benefit pedestrians, cyclists, and transit users," said Fitchburg Mayor Stephen DiNatale. "I would like to thank the Baker-Polito Administration and MassDOT for their support and confidence in Fitchburg's Application."

The Complete Streets Funding Program was launched on February 1, 2016. To date, 208 municipalities have approved policies and 173 (nearly 50%) have approved Prioritization Plans. Examples of projects that can be addressed through the program include improved street lighting, radar speed signage, intersection signalization, new multimodal paths and new signals at crosswalks.

The announcement regarding the Complete Streets Program provides funding to the following communities:

Webster — Commercial District Network Completion and Safety Improvement \$368,377 The project fills this important network gap from Paradis Lane to Thompson Road by constructing a new sidewalk, striping new crosswalks across Paradis Lane and installing pedestrian warning beacons.

## Area residents named to dean's list at Quinnipiac University

HAMDEN, Conn. — Morgan Gallegan of Dudley and Julia Trudeau of Webster were named to the dean's list for the Fall 2019 semester at Quinnipiac University. To qualify for the dean's list, students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 with no grade lower than C. Full-time students must complete at least 14 credits in a semester, with at least 12 credits that have been graded on a letter grade basis to be eligible. Part-time students must complete at least six credits during a semester.

About Quinnipiac University Quinnipiac is a private, coeducational, nonsectarian institution located 90 minutes north of New York City and two hours from Boston. The university enrolls 7,000 full-time undergraduate and 3,000 graduate and part-time students in 110 degree programs through its Schools of Business, Communications, Education, Engineering, Health Sciences, Law, Medicine, Nursing and the College of Arts and Sciences. Quinnipiac is recognized by U.S. News & World Report and Princeton Review's "The Best 385 Colleges." The Chronicle of Higher Education has named Quinnipiac among the Great Colleges to Work For(r). For more information, please visit [qu.edu](http://qu.edu). Connect with Quinnipiac on Facebook at [facebook.com/quinnipiacnews](https://facebook.com/quinnipiacnews) and follow Quinnipiac on Twitter @QuinnipiacU.

## Students named to University of Hartford Dean's List

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. — The University of Hartford is pleased to announce the following students have been named to the Dean's List for Fall 2019.

Ninamarie Ayala of Dudley  
Christopher Krajcik of Dudley  
Paige Richard of Dudley  
Sean Dupuis of Oxford  
Alexa Stinson of Webster

Spread across seven dynamic schools and colleges, the University of Hartford has been guiding the purpose and passion of students for over six decades. On our 350-acre campus alongside Connecticut's capital city, approximately 4,800 undergraduate and 2,000 graduate students representing all 50 states and 51 countries come together for a common purpose: to collaborate across different disciplines, diversify perspectives, and broaden worldviews. We're a four-year private university focused on advancing the public good through meaningful connections within our communities. Our unique approach to comprehensive education gives us the critical perspectives that lead to impactful change, regionally and beyond. With degree programs spanning the arts, humanities, business, engineering and technology, education, and health professions, we focus on doing the work that matters.



**PUZZLE SOLUTION**

# A busy summer ahead in Webster

**WEBSTER** — This summer will be a busy one for the Town of Webster, with several very significant projects planned for construction or in design phase. These projects have been years in the making and we are very excited that ground will be broken on many of these momentous projects. A big thanks to the many Town staff members that have tirelessly worked behind the scenes to make it a reality. Specifically, Carol Cyr, Office of Community Development Director; the Redevelopment Agency Board; Kenny Pizzetti, Highway Superintendent; Carole Marchand, Recreation Director; and Ann Morgan, Town Planner deserve a big shout out for their efforts.

## Veterans Memorial Beach

Last fall, the Town was awarded \$400,000 for improvements to Memorial Beach. Improvements are currently in the design phase, but will include a combination of renovations to the existing beach house, enhanced playground equipment, a water feature, trails, picnic tables and other amenities. We expect the

design to be completed in May and have construction begin in July (after the fireworks of course). Keep your eye out for future updates on this exciting project.

## Lake Parkway/Klebart Ave Roadway Reconstruction and Sidewalk Construction

Currently out to bid, Lake Parkway/Klebart Avenue will be reconstructed from Route 193 to Brandes Street. This project is being done in partnership with MassDOT as part of their Transportation Improvement Plan. The project will be a full-depth reclaim of the existing roadway and construction of sidewalks on both sides of the street. This is a very important stretch of roadway to ensure the safety of our children as both the High School and Middle School are located just off of this roadway.

## Eddy Street Roadway Reconstruction

In partnership with the Webster Redevelopment Agency, Eddy Street will also receive a full-depth reclaim roadway reconstruction—including sidewalks. The construction will be similar to the

reconstruction process that was recently done on Dresser Street. In addition to this, the Highway Department will overlay or crack seal several other roads this summer.

## French River Walk

In the next phase of this ongoing, transformational project, the main parking area along Davis Street will be reconstructed. The new parking lot will correlate with the most recent completed phase of the Riverwalk. This past fall, a gazebo and an overlook of the French River were completed extending the Riverwalk.

## East Main Street Sidewalks

We are currently in the process of designing sidewalks to be constructed along portions of East Main Street. Through a Complete Streets grant from the Commonwealth, the Town received \$368,000 for this project. Depending on the cost of the construction bid and other available funding, the project will begin near Burger King and hopefully extend to Park Ave. The proposed draft design can be found on the Town website and we welcome any comments. All of the proposed work

is planned to be constructed in the existing right-of-way and does not require any taking of abutter's property.

Our goal of this project is two-fold. First, the sidewalks will dramatically improve the safety for pedestrians in this our busiest commercial district. It will also improve traffic safety as driveway ingress and egress will be more defined. Second, we hope this project will beautify the area.

## Exit 2

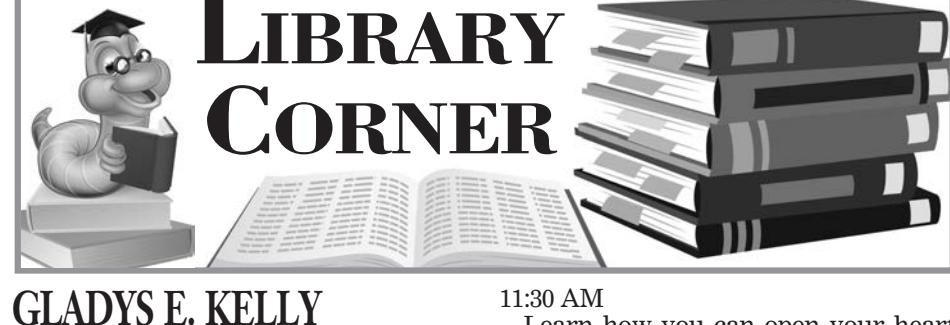
In another project in partnership with MassDOT's Transportation Improvement Plan, the on and off ramps of Exit 2 are being redesigned to improve safety and traffic flow. Anyone that has driven through Town knows this is a much-needed project. MassDOT recently completed the 25 percent design on the project. The Town is doing its best to push this project forward amongst the other MassDOT priorities.

## Town Hall

This past summer, the Town received a grant from the Massachusetts Historical

Commission to evaluate and provide plans for our historic Town Hall. The evaluation process was just recently completed. The study's priority projects are the cupola clock tower, slate roof, roofing membrane over the auditorium and repairs to the auditorium ceiling. The Town will be applying for a small grant to assist in the roof repairs from the Massachusetts Historical Commission and will be bidding out the project this spring.

These projects will enhance the quality of life for all Webster Residents. We ask for your patience this summer as some of these construction projects will coincide, but we are confident you will be pleased with the results. Additionally, if you have any thoughts or ideas on how we can continue to enhance the quality of life and beauty of the Town of Webster, please contact us at town.administrator@webster-ma.gov.



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## WEBSTER BOOK GROUP

Monday, February 24, 6:30 PM

Enjoy wonderful conversation and lively discussion about books that you help pick! February's selection is "The Murder List" by Hank Phillipi Ryan.

## PJ PLAY DAY

Wednesday, February 19, 10:00 AM

Enjoy story time with your favorite stuffed animal and come to the library in your PJ's.

Ages 3 and older are welcome.

## LEGO CLUB

Tuesdays, 5:30 – 6:30 PM

For ages 3 – 18 years. Come build and have fun. All supplies are provided and no sign up required.

## RAISE A READER

Wednesdays, 10:00 AM

Children ages 2 – 5 years and siblings with their parents/caregivers are invited to explore and engage through story time, free play, and activities. Registration is required at [scpartner.wixsite.com/mysite](http://scpartner.wixsite.com/mysite).

## CHILDRENS PAINTING GROUP

Mondays, 3:30 – 4:30 PM

Join us in the Children's Storytime Room to express your creativity! Paint and draw whatever you like. All supplies are provided. No sign-ups required.

## MOVIE NIGHT – "JUDY"

Thursday, February 20, 6:00 PM

This movie is a 2019 biographical drama about American singer and actress, Judy Garland.

## FOSTER CARE INFORMATION SESSION

Third Friday of every month, 10:00 –

## 11:30 AM

Learn how you can open your heart and home to a child in need. A representative from the Department of Children and Families will meet to discuss this wonderful program.

## GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN

Third Tuesday of the month, 6:30 PM

This is a great opportunity for Grandparents and other relatives who are raising grandchildren to meet and share their strengths, experiences, resources and questions with others. Speakers are welcome to share information about resources that may be available to families as well.

## CHILDREN'S STEAM PROGRAM

Thursday, February 7, 3:30 - 4:30 PM

The activity will include science, technology, engineering, art and math projects. STEAM activities foster children's curiosity, creativity, and learning as they try new skills and explore the world around them.

## CHILDREN'S MOVIE NIGHT- "THE LION KING"

Thursday, February 13, 4:00 PM

Come watch the 2019 version of the Walt Disney production while enjoying free popcorn.

## ANIME FILM SERIES,

Saturday, February 8, 11:30 AM

Come and watch an anime film on the big screen while enjoying free popcorn.

## MANGA DRAWING,

Saturday, February 22, 11:30 AM

Japanese cartooning style that teens love. They will create their own characters and learn to draw some they know. Find out what makes it MANGE with artist, Debra Banna! Recommended for ages 12 – 17. Space is limited and signups required.

## THEATER, ARTS AND MUSIC,

Tuesdays beginning thru February 25, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Class will involve improv, movement, staging, memorizing, voice, audience work and ends in a performance on

pledged \$20,000 to public charities to be paid out annually.

While the host agreement was approved with little debate, there have been concerns brought to the attention of selectmen concerning the addition of a marijuana business to the community. Selectman Paul Joseph said he wanted citizens to know that their concerns were heard but that the reality is marijuana is now legal in Massachusetts and the revenue will serve as a significance boost for the town.

"I want to point out to those citizens that still have their doubt that just like alcohol marijuana is now legal. It's not against the law. The opening of pot shops, although there's not a great deal of longevity in terms of record, there's no record that doing so effects the crime rate within that town," said Joseph. "This proposal does a lot of different things. It provides for use of a great building that has a history in town that the town will benefit from and it won't change the exterior of the building. Secondly, it's going to provide additional income for the town, perhaps significant, and third it's going to provide jobs for people in the town. Despite periodic opposition, in my opinion this is a no brainer."

February 25 at 7:00 PM. No experience required and open to ages 16 – 100. \$15 per session or \$75 for series.

## PAINT NIGHT WITH GREGORY MAICHACKI,

Thursday, February 27, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Come and paint your Georgia O'Keefe miracle flowers. Space is limited so please call to reserve your spot. Sponsored by the Webster Cultural Council.

## YOGA WITH JULIE

Saturdays, 9:30AM – 10:45AM

The practice of yoga on the mat helps us to be better yogis "off the mat" through breath, movement, and meditation. Bring a mat, two blocks and/or a yoga strap if you own them already. There will be some available on a first-come first-served basis. All levels are welcome.

\$10 drop in class or \$40 for 5 classes

## STORYTIME

Mondays and Tuesdays,

## 10:30 AM

An introduction to books and the library for your preschooler. Please just drop in, no registration required.

## NINTENDO SWITCH AND PLAYSTATION 4 GAME DAYS

Friday, February 14, 3:30 – 5:30 PM

Join us in playing video games in the Meeting Room.

## LITERACY VOLUNTEERS,

Tuesdays, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Volunteers are needed to provide one-on-one tutoring at no cost.

Tutoring in English language skills for adults whose native language is not English.

Tutoring in basic literacy skills for adults whose reading and writing ability levels are below the eighth grade level. Please contact Holly Christo during office hours if interested in volunteering.

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# Friday's Child



Ashlynn  
Age 11

Hi! My name is Ashlynn and I love to draw!

Ashlynn is a kind girl of Caucasian descent who likes to please and make others happy. She can start off shy with new people but warms up quickly. Ashlynn enjoys music, drawing, spending time with her friends, and swimming. She loves to spend time with her siblings and is very protective of her younger brothers. Ashlynn is in the 5th grade and has friends at school. She does well in class with extra supports.

Legally freed for adoption, Ashlynn will thrive in a home that can provide her with her own space and individualized attention. Her social worker is open to exploring homes

with a mother and a father or two mothers. Ashlynn will do best as the youngest or only child in a family. Ashlynn has four brothers and two sisters in Massachusetts, and it is extremely important that she maintains a relationship with them.

## 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](http://www.mareinc.org). The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have a permanent place to call HOME."



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## AGREEMENT

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could possibly receive.

"We got the maximum we can get out of this. We cannot get a penny more legally - we couldn't do any better," Cyganiewicz said.

Residents had the opportunity to voice their opinions on the project on several occasions. A host community outreach meeting was conducted in October of 2019 and a public hearing in January offered a chance for further input. The agreement allows for DMA Holdings to set up shop in 180,000-square-feet of space while maintaining the historical integrity of the mill which was built in 1864.

Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda told selectmen DMA Holdings requested no changes to the proposed agreement which included input from town council to complete. The agreement still requires DMA Holdings to undergo state and town zoning and licensing procedures before opening its doors. The five-year agreement will see DMA pay 3 percent of its gross annual sales to the town as a community impact fee. Other financial stipulations are included in the contract as well. DMA has also

# LEARNING

## Students of the Month

Courtesy Photos

Oxford Middle School congratulates the following students on being named Students of the Month for January. In grade 5: Anna Dolan (missing from photo), Grace Crouch, Kiley Paronto, Abigail Davis, and Henry LaMountain. In grade 6: Jesai Morales, Addisen Monsen, Brandon Peterson, Richard Livernois, and Christopher Dufresne. In grade 7: Sean Tyrrell, Gianna LaRose, Annie Maynard, John Sullivan, Bruna Paula, and Dylan Kasprzycki.



## *Eighth grader wins St. Joseph Spelling Bee*

WEBSTER — Eighth grade student, Daniel Gronek, won the St. Joseph School competition of the National Geographic Bee on Jan. 29 and a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship. Other finalists in the school Bee included: 2nd Place – Tessa McCabe, Grade 8; 3rd place – Rocco Rudnicki, Grade 6; and finalists Faustina Kohut and Brett McCarthy, Grade 5; Hannah Watson, Grade 6; Elizabeth Mahlert, Grade 7; and, Wiktoria Potem and Kai Lukasek, Grade 8. Gronek was also a finalist in 2019 and the school champion in 2018.

The school Bee, at which students answered questions on geography, was the first round in the 32nd annual National Geographic Bee, a geography competition designed to inspire and reward students' curiosity about the world.

Thousands of schools around the United States and in the five U.S. territories are participating in the 2020 National Geographic Bee. The school champions, including Daniel, will take a qualifying test; up to 100 of the top scorers on that test in each state will then be eligible to compete in their state Bee on March 27.

The National Geographic Society will provide an all-expense paid trip to

Washington, D.C. for state winners to participate in the Bee national championship rounds May 17-21. In 2019, the national champion received a \$25,000 college scholarship, \$1,000 in cash, a lifetime membership in the National Geographic Society, and a trip to the Galápagos Islands; second place received a \$10,000 college scholarship and \$1,000 in cash; third place received a \$5,000 college scholarship and \$1,000 in cash; and seven runners-up received \$1,000 in cash each.

This year marks the 32nd anniversary of the National Geographic Bee. The National Geographic Society developed the National Geographic Bee in 1989 in response to concern about the lack of geographic knowledge among young people in the United States. St. Joseph School has participated in the National Geographic Bee since its inception.

Courtesy Photo  
Pictured, left to right: Tessa McCabe, Daniel Gronek, Rocco Rudnicki, and St. Joseph School Principal Michael Hackenson



## Eastern student Silvia Cote of Webster makes Fall 2019 Dean's List

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. — Eastern Connecticut State University recently released its fall 2019 Dean's List for full-time and part-time students.

Among the students named to the list is full-time student Silvia Cote '22 of Webster, who majors in Criminology.

Recognition for the Dean's List is given at the end of each semester to matriculated students in good academic standing with a GPA of 3.50 or higher.

Eastern Connecticut State University is the state of Connecticut's public liberal arts university, serving 5,000 students annually at its Willimantic campus and satellite locations. In addition to attracting students from 162 of Connecticut's 169 towns, Eastern also draws students from 34 other states and 19 countries. A residential campus offering 41 majors and 65 minors, Eastern offers students a strong liberal art foundation grounded in an array of applied learning opportunities. Ranked among the top 30 public universities in the North Region by U.S. News and World Report in its 2019 Best Colleges ratings, Eastern has also been awarded "Green Campus" status by the Princeton Review 10 years in a row. For more information, visit [www.easternct.edu](http://www.easternct.edu).



Courtesy Photo

## WEBSTER STUDENT RECOGNIZED WITH SCHOLASTIC ART AWARD

Four Marianapolis students have recently been honored at the annual Connecticut Regional Scholastic Art Awards, including Lily Mueller of Webster, who won an honorable mention for her artwork "Euphoria" in the area of drawing & illustration. The Scholastic Art Awards is the largest juried student art competition in the state. Student artwork is juried by professional artists and university art faculty and is selected on merit for inclusion in a statewide art exhibition held at the Hartford Art School.

# Global warming is for real



Global warming is sure showing est polluter. The way we dispose of the nonbelievers that it is for real. The unbelievable weather conditions that we are now experiencing are sure nice to see, but the overall picture is not good for our planet. Ocean water temperatures continue to rise, which have some species of fish migrating into new England waters that we rarely see. On the positive side, seabass numbers are increasing annually as well as their size in our coastal waters, but at the same time fish that are native to our waters are moving out. Lobsters are also heading out to cooler waters.

The effects of climate change are staggering, and are sure to change the planet in a negative way for many years to come. We depend on our elected politicians to make sensible changes in the laws that will slow down the threat of global warming. Emissions from cars and factories are the larg-

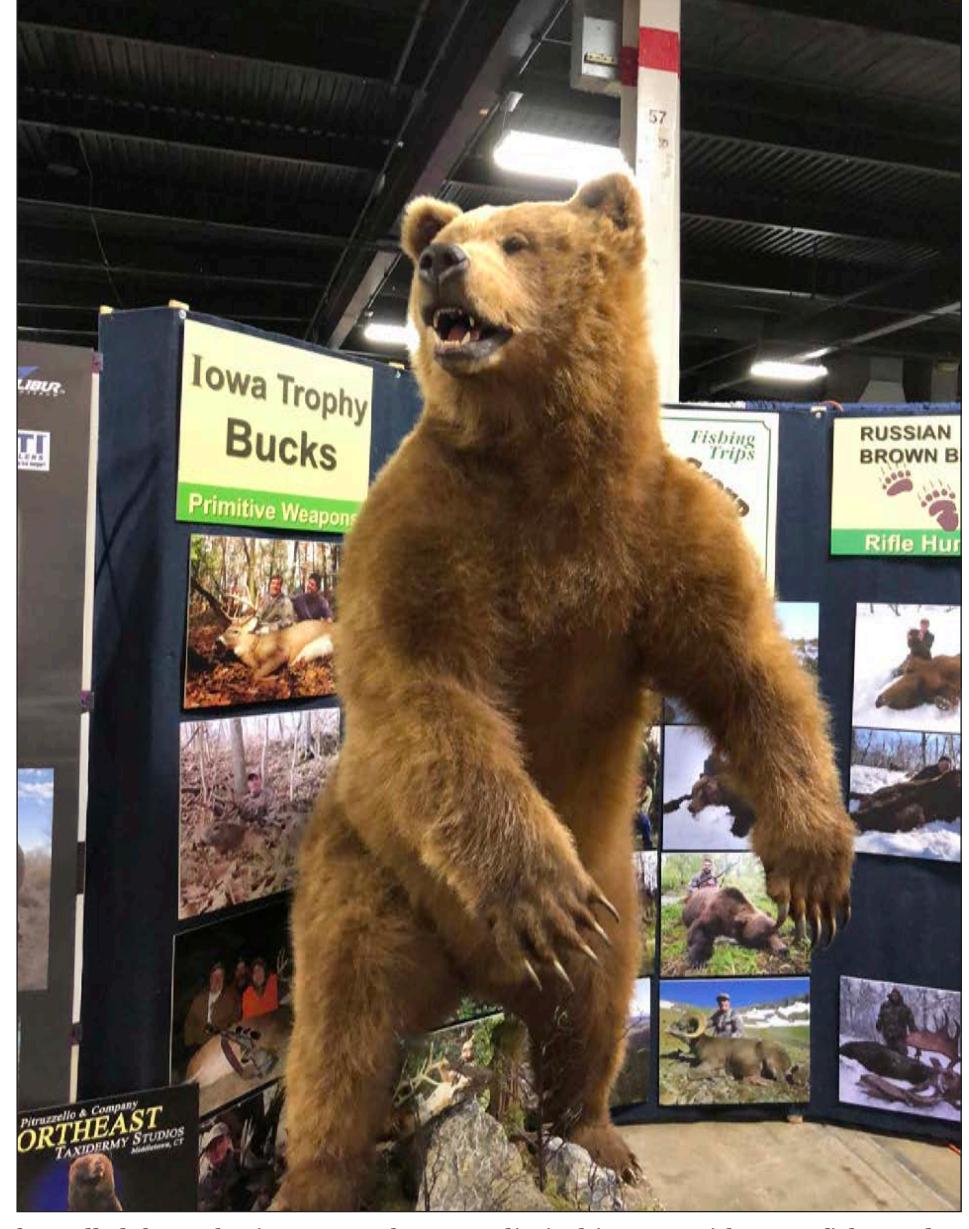
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est polluter. The way we dispose of our waste is another big problem. Hazardous waste is a serious threat to our planet.

Plastic bottles and bags need to be phased out and replaced with reusable bags. All plastic bottles need to have a nickel deposit on them including water bottles, detergent bottles, etc.! Tons of plastic end up in the ocean every year. Our fresh water lakes and ponds are becoming so polluted that eating fish from them could cause serious health risks. Lead in our drinking water supply in many states is unacceptable. I sure hope that we start cleaning up the mess that previous generations left behind, as well as our own continued dumping of waste today.

With all of the warm weather we are experiencing, ice fishing has been put on hold by most anglers. There are a few anglers taking the risk to fish on unsafe ice, but most sensible anglers are playing it safe. This past week, an 11 year old girl fell through thin ice locally, and was fortunate enough to



be pulled from the icy waters by rescue teams. Most fishing derby's have been canceled in the valley until further notice. Inviting anglers and their family's onto unsafe ice would be foolish and dangerous. If you want to go ice fishing bad enough, head North. Maine has plenty of ice. Start getting the fishing rods and reels ready! It is going to be an early spring, no matter what the groundhog predicts.

The Big "E" Sportsmen's show (OSEG) will open their doors on Feb. 21-23, and is the largest show in the Northeast. Doors open at noon on Thursday. Hunting and fishing guides from all over the United States will be on hand to take reservations for their upcoming seasons. Numerous seminars by hunting and fishing professionals will be held all three days. For a complete list of seminars and other activities, go to their Web site at osegsportsmen.com!

Striper fishermen are anxious to hear the final regulations on the 2020 striped bass season in Mass. & Rhode Island, which should be finalized by March. Big changes are expected to include a slot size

limit this year, with a one fish per day limit. Taking the big trophy size stripers could be off limits this year. The circle hook regulation required to fish for stripers with chunk or live bait, will not take effect until 2021.

This is the time of year for Rod & Gun Club membership renewals. Every year, members at some clubs forget to pay their annual dues. Do not let it happen to you! Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club started taking renewal memberships this past Sunday. The next three Sundays will be the last chance for renewals at Uxbridge starting at noon to 4 p.m. After that date, the club will start to take in members on the waiting list.

This week's picture shows Earnie Lavallee of Uxbridge in front of a huge mount at the Springfield show last year. The second picture shows another huge bear mount at the show. There is a lot to see and the kids will also enjoy the show, so take them along.

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

## Keep houseplants healthy while keeping pets safe



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You love them both – your pets and houseplants – but it can be challenging to safely raise them together in the same house. Reduce the risk by selecting pet-safe plants and safely managing houseplant pest problems.

Avoid problems by selecting plants suited to your home's growing conditions and gardening style. Then narrow the list further to plants that are non-toxic specifically to the type of pets you own. Consult with your veterinarian and visit the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) website for a list of pet-safe and toxic plants.

Create a list of all the plants you are growing. Include both common and botanical names for accurate identification. Do a bit of research on the care they need and their toxicity to your pets. If you suspect your pet has ingested a toxic plant, you'll have the proper plant name when contacting your veterinarian.

Match the pet-friendly plants you select to their preferred light conditions. An east- or west-facing window provides enough light for most indoor plants. Keep those that need



Melinda Myers Photo

Baby tears plant (*Soleirolia*) is safe for pets and should be grown in brighter light conditions.

brighter light within two feet of the window. Those that prefer lower light can be grown near a north-facing window or up to six feet back or off to the side of an east- or west-facing window.

For low light situations, consider cast iron plant, Lady palm, and parlor palm or add artificial lights when growing other pet-friendly plants in lower light situations.

Grow grape ivy, spider plants, baby tears (*Soleirolia*), *peperomias*, prayer plants, Boston ferns, ponytail palm, and hoyas in brighter locations. Save the brightest locations for Norfolk Island Pine, lipstick plant and haworthia.

Add some color to your indoor garden with popular flowering plants like African violet, Christmas cactus and moth orchid. These are also listed as non-toxic on the ASPCA Web site.

Water plants thoroughly as needed. Tropical plants prefer slightly moist soil, while cacti and succulents like it drier. Always pour off any excess water that collects in the saucer. Allowing plants to sit in water can increase the risk of disease and lead to root rot.

Regularly groom and wipe dust off the leaves of your indoor plants to help reduce the risk of insect damage. Remove spotted leaves when they appear and adjust watering. This is often enough to correct fungal disease problems.

When pest problems require control, always select pet-friendly options. Start with a strong blast of water

to dislodge pests like aphids and mites. Follow with an application of a lightweight horticulture oil such as Summit Year-Round Spray Oil (SummitResponsibleSolutions.com). This organic spray controls aphids, mites, immature whiteflies and all stages of scale and mealybugs.

And if those tiny fruit-fly-like gnats are too annoying to tolerate, consider treating the potting mix with a *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* product such as Summit Mosquito Bits labeled for controlling fungus gnat larvae. Just sprinkle it on the soil surface and this naturally occurring soil bacterium kills the fungus gnat larvae in the soil. It's an organic insecticide safe for people, pets and plants. No matter the product you select – organic, natural or synthetic – be sure to read and follow label directions.

Proper plant selection and maintenance can help keep your indoor plants healthy and pets safe from harm.

*Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally-syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Summit for her expertise to write this article. Myers' Web site is www.melindamyers.com.*

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## EDITORIAL

### *Keeping the coronavirus in perspective*

With the recent headlines surrounding the coronavirus outbreak, many Americans are petrified that they will somehow contract this disease that originated in China. Despite all the press being given to this new threat, however, the fact remains that many more Americans are likely to contract and die of the regular flu.

To date, the coronavirus has infected eight people in the country. Just this year alone, there have been roughly 19 million cases of the flu reported, resulting in 10,000 deaths. Across the globe, the flu takes roughly 650,000 lives per year, according to the World Health Organization. Compare that with the roughly 400 confirmed coronavirus fatalities to date, and it certainly puts the situation in perspective.

Doctors are telling those with concerns that if you have not traveled to Wuhan, China, or have not come into contact with an individual who has come from there, your chances of contracting the disease are extremely low.

So far this year, 68 children have passed away from complications stemming from standard influenza, including eight in the state of Tennessee. Many schools across the country have had to shut down, sterilize the facilities and give students time to recover.

Confirmed cases of the coronavirus in China number just over 14,000, resulting in 360 deaths as of our press deadline for this week's edition. Of the eight cases confirmed in the U.S., none have proved fatal. A 35 year old from Washington with a confirmed case of coronavirus did develop pneumonia, but has improved and is left with a mild cough.

Flu season is at its peak between December and February, and can take the lives of roughly 61,000 Americans each year. Medical professionals are quite rightly reminding people to be more concerned with flu prevention than the coronavirus — again, not to diminish its seriousness, but to be realistic about the magnitude of the threat it currently poses. While even one death is one too many, it is vital to avoid panic, and to remember that the overwhelming majority of those diagnosed with coronavirus, both in China and elsewhere, have been able to beat it back.

Vulnerable citizens are advised to get the flu shot; however, there are other ways to prevent the flu. Washing your hands regularly, avoiding those who are sick, covering your mouth when you cough, avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth as germs are spread easier this way and to clean and disinfect surfaces.



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# VIEWPOINT

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## Be still and know ...

### POSITIVELY SPEAKING

BY GARY W.  
MOORE

As regular readers of my column know, I'm being challenged in my life by a life-threatening health problem. A Neuroendocrine tumor is a rare affliction that is hard to diagnose by the average unexposed physician and medical facility. It is often identified with the late Apple founder and CEO, Steve Jobs, as this is the disease that took his life.

Luckily, my diagnosis was made and I'm hard at work with my insurance provider and family doctor to find the medical team/facility with expertise and experience to help me beat this affliction ... and beat it, I will.

I'll confess, that this health crisis challenges everything I've written and spoke of regarding the power of optimism. Yet it is my optimism, when I clear my mind, that helps me focus on the positive outcome that I believe I will achieve. My plan isn't to survive but to thrive.

I'll give you an occasional and short update now and then, but this health-obstacle will not dominate my column moving forward. I'll go into some detail today because of the overwhelming response and well-wishes from readers, friends and family since my diagnosis. Make no mistake about this ... I will die some day because of something, but it's not going to be this.

Of all the incredibly supportive communications I've received, there was one short and negative response to last week's column. The reader said ...

"I am a three-time cancer survivor and the premise you can will it away is insulting. It doesn't just take your life away: it takes everything."

I responded that she should read the column rather than just reacting to the headline. I don't believe you can 'will away' cancer or really anything. My point is always that optimism gives you a better chance of overcoming obstacles because an optimistic view gives you the courage to fight. If you pessimistically believe you cannot overcome, why would you go to the trouble of fighting?

There are more studies that I can count, verifying the powers of a positive mind in the treatment of disease. Believing in a positive outcome gives you the drive to have an increased focus on being part of the solution. With only 700 words available to me in this space, I won't take the time to diminish its seriousness, but to be realistic about the magnitude of the threat it currently poses. While even one death is one too many, it is vital to avoid panic, and to remember that the overwhelming majority of those diagnosed with coronavirus, both in China and elsewhere, have been able to beat it back.

Social Security can be one source of retirement income for you and your spouse. To maximize your benefits, you'll need to make some key decisions and be aware of some common myths.

- Myth 1: Always take Social Security early. You can file for Social Security benefits as early as 62, but you could get 25 to 30 percent more if you wait until your "full" retirement age (likely between 66 and 67). You can receive even more if you wait until 70, at which point your benefits will "max out." However, there's no right time to file for everyone — it depends on your situation, including factors such as your life expectancy, employment, financial need and spousal considerations.

- Myth 2: When you claim Social Security won't affect your spouse's benefits. This is not true. How much you receive in Social Security can affect your spouse's benefits while you are alive (spousal benefits) and after you've passed away (survivor's benefits). Your spouse could receive up to half of your retirement benefit, offset by his or her own benefit, so the longer you work before collecting Social Security, the greater the potential spousal benefits.

to list or footnote the studies, but if you go to the search engine of your choice, you will see countless studies by many of the most revered institutions in the world, showing the power of optimism on successful outcomes.

Once again, I'll say that there are some medical realities that optimism cannot overcome. And in the case of almost every illness, optimism alone will have little positive impact. The power of optimism comes into play in partnership with modern medicine. You don't have to really do any research other than asking your doctor. Optimism will always give you greater chances for success than pessimism.

Vince Lombardi was often quoted as saying, "Fatigue makes cowards of us all." I've learned over the last few weeks how true this is, as my mind works overtime with my diagnosis. When I'm rested, optimism is easy, but as fatigue sets in, my resistance to pessimism weakens. I'm finding two solutions. The first and obvious remedy is to get lots of rest. The second isn't as easy but even more powerful and that is to quiet your mind.

Depending upon your belief system or faith, you may look at this from different points of view. I've heard some say that only in silence your soul or inner self will speak to you. Others say that through a quiet mind you can only create the solutions you seek. All good and I believe true. My experience in life takes me to Psalm 46:10. "Be still and know that I am God." It is those moments where I can force all the thoughts and words that I allow into my head back out, that I hear the voice that provides direction, comfort and healing.

So enough on cancer. Next week we'll return to my mission of helping others lead a more optimistic life. I'll keep you posted, and prayers are appreciated, but again, I'm not focused on just surviving, I plan to overcome this and thrive.

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## How dark is too dark?



### CHIEF'S CORNER

STEVE WOJNAR

This past week, I was asked a question regarding tinted windows on motor vehicles. The person recently purchased a vehicle from out of state and found it would not pass the Massachusetts safety inspection due to dark window tinting. This had to be removed before it was able to pass. I was asked to explain the rules on this tinting of windows.

The rules pertaining to this subject are contained in Mass General Laws chapter 90 Section 9D. It is a rather lengthy law with several exemptions. Basically, it applies to "after-market" applications of signs, posters, stickers, tinting, shades, louvers, or similar devices which are on "the front windshield, and the side windows immediately adjacent to the right and left of the operator's seat." Anything not installed at the factory, under the appropriate federal regulations, must comply with this law. As for window tinting, it is allowed on vehicles if it has "not more than thirty-five per cent...light transmittance." The 35 percent tinting on windows is determined to be enough to reduce much of the solar glare. At the same, it enables clear vision from inside and outside of the passenger compartment. Inspection stations should be equipped with devices that can test window tinting to determine if it is legally permissible.

Numerous exemptions exist in the law which allow tinting, shades, or other materials. For example, a darker six-inch tint is allowed on the top of the front windshield if it does not impede with the driver's clear vision. Vehicles registered out of state are exempt. If some shading is necessary for medical purposes, a licensed physician can authorize it and the Registry can approve of the placement of an appropriate device. Several other exemptions apply. I would refer you to review the law to determine if any apply to your circumstance. A first offense violation of this law is a civil infraction with a penalty of up to \$250.

The main purpose of this law is to provide clear vision for drivers. Some tinting can be helpful in dealing with sunlight. Please review the law carefully before you add anything to the vehicle which may in some way impair your vision. Distractions should be limited as much as possible in order to reduce crashes and injuries.

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

## Be aware of Social Security myths



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For survivor benefits, your spouse would receive 100 percent of your benefit or his or her own, whichever is larger, so when you file affects how much your spouse would receive if you pass away early. In any case, you'll want to consult with the Social Security Administration about how much your spouse can receive, as his or her own benefits can also affect your decision-making.

• Myth 3: You can't work during retirement and collect Social Security. Yes, you can. But if you start receiving Social Security before your full retirement age (likely between 66 and 67), you can only earn up to \$18,240 in 2020 and still get your full benefits. Once you earn more than this, Social Security deducts \$1 from your benefits for every \$2 you earn. But during the year you reach full retirement age, you can earn up to \$48,600 without your benefits being withheld. If you exceed this amount, \$1 will be deducted for every \$3 you earn during the months before you attain your full retirement age. Social Security will increase your benefits when you do reach full retirement age to adjust for the previous

work-related withholdings. So, if you plan on working and receiving Social Security, it may not make sense to file if most of your benefits will be withheld. Once you reach full retirement age, you can earn any amount without losing your monthly benefits, although your benefits could still be taxed.

• Myth #4: Social Security will provide for all my needs in retirement. Social Security will provide about a third of pre-retirement income, on average, according to the Social Security Administration. Consequently, you'll probably still need other sources of retirement income because Social Security alone most likely won't be enough to meet your needs. So, throughout your working years, contribute as much as you can to your IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. Combining these income sources with Social Security can help improve your chances of enjoying the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned.

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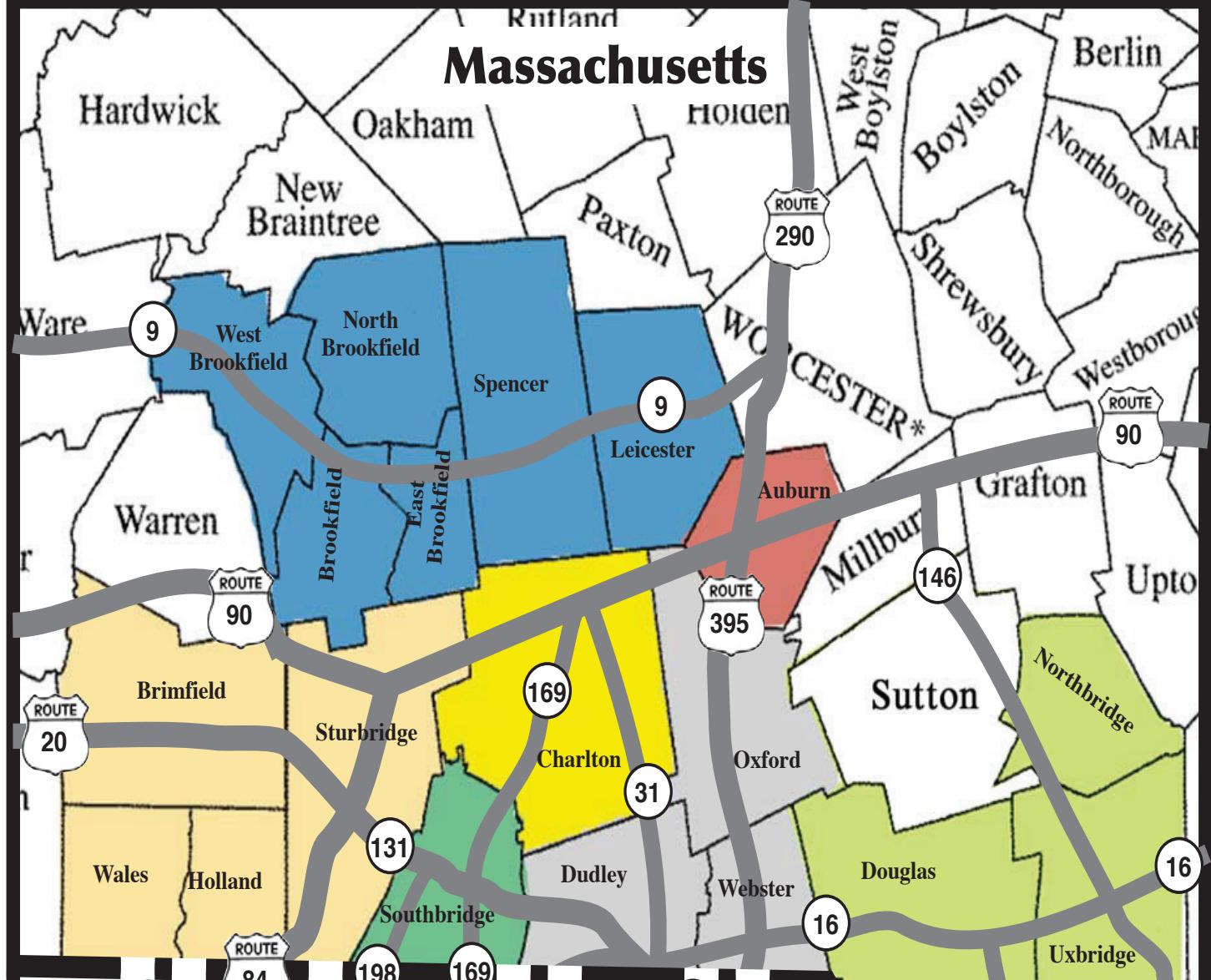
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# SPORTS

## Boucher's defense the difference for Indians over Oxford



Bartlett's Brandon Boucher draws contact with an Oxford defender while going in for a layup.



Oxford's Alex Duval rises up for his signature elevated jump shot.



Dylan Grandmaison of Bartlett gets fouled by an Oxford defender while shooting a layup.



Elijah Williams of Oxford makes a drive on Bartlett's Dylan Grandmaison.



Bartlett's Wilson Aybar has the time and space to shoot a left-side 3-pointer.

**BY KEN POWERS**  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD — Folks who didn't attend the Bartlett-Oxford boys' varsity basketball game, played Friday, Jan. 31 at Roger D. Bacon Gymnasium, will look at the final score and draw conclusions that may not be accurate.

Yes, Brandon Boucher's game-high 24 points did help the Indians defeat the Pirates 75-52, but it was Boucher's defense more than his offense that allowed Bartlett to win its 13th consecutive game and improve to 15-1 overall and 10-0 in Southern Worcester County League (SWCL) play.

In addition to the points he scored, and the five assists he recorded, the player the Indians and their fans call "Bouch" made nine steals in the game, six leading directly to fast-break layups by himself or one of his teammates.

"Bouch was all over the place tonight. We got a ton of steals off our press and Bouch was a big part of that," Bartlett head coach Tony Paranto said. "Brandon has very quick hands. We created a lot of things for ourselves with our defense and it led to some easy baskets for us down at the other end to extend the lead."

When asked about his night of thievery, Boucher flashed his trademark smile before answering.

"My defense typically gets my offense going and I feel like I turned my defensive effort up

a notch tonight because I was going against my good friend Alex," Boucher, a junior captain, said about being matched up against Alex Duval, Oxford's senior captain. "I like competing with Alex."

"I take pride in my defense and it felt really good to come in here and get the win," added Boucher, who felt like the Indians' tenacious defense — Oxford committed 21 turnovers in the game — was the perfect remedy for some early offensive woes. "Sometimes shots aren't going to fall, but that's when you have to work even harder on defense to get it done, to get the dub."

Bartlett led at all the stops — 16-10 after the first quarter, 37-24 at halftime and 51-32 after three — but Oxford stayed within a possession or two of the Indians' lead for the first 11 minutes.

"When we ran our press break right, because we knew they were going to press us, we were OK. But, at other times, we let their press affect us, which is what they want it to do," Pirates' head coach Dave Aldrich said. "The press is designed to make you play faster than you want to play. Once we started breaking the press consistently, they stopped pressing us."

Offensively Bartlett had two other double-digit scorers in the game — seniors Logan Paranto (16 points) and Wilson Aybar (12) — while sophomore Colin Minarik added

nine points and junior Dylan Grandmaison chipped in six. Currently Boucher, Paranto, Aybar and Grandmaison are averaging double figures in scoring while Minarik is within two points of having an average in double digits. For the game Bartlett connected on five of its 3-point shot attempts.

"That's a great facet of our team this year; it's hard for teams to beat us by just stopping any one of our starters," coach Paranto said. "Teams try to contain Bouch and Logan — because they're our go-to leading scorers — and Grandmaison, and Wilson and Colin Minarik can all go off at any time, too. It's a nice liberty to have as a coach."

Oxford (7-7 overall, 5-6 SWCL), which hit on six shots from beyond the 3-point arc, was led by Duval (22 points), fellow senior captain Elijah Williams (10) and another senior on the team, Justin "Bird" Freeland (8 points, two 3-pointers).

"We knew this was going to be a great game," said Aldrich, whose Pirates lost to Bartlett 60-49 back on Jan. 10. "We didn't quit, they just out-scraped us. We're young, but we'll get there. We're playing for this year, though. We want to get to 10 wins and make States."

"We've got to learn how to win; that's what's happening right now," Aldrich added.

# SPORTS

## Panthers pull away to beat Bartlett in fourth quarter



Mathew S. Plamondon photo

Bartlett's Cam Heenan plays tough defense on a driving Liv Pepin of David Prouty.



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Bartlett's Samantha Tremblay finds enough space to shoot against David Prouty's defense.



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Bartlett's Cam Heenan jumps above David Prouty defender Gabby Soter in order to take an inside shot.



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Brianna Ward of Bartlett looks for an open teammate to pass the ball to.

"It was a tight one," he said. "They did have a little bit more firepower and we're missing two of our better players. They just had more gas than us."

It didn't help the Indians' cause that juniors Kayla Berthiaume and Gabriela Piwowarczyk both fouled out on back-to-back possessions, Piwowarczyk's coming with 4:38 remaining and Bartlett still in it, down by eight points. From there, Prouty ended the game on a 15-4 run.

Nonetheless, the Indians have already improved from last year's 4-16 campaign, a sign of good things to come under the first-year Hampton.

"I've been told that they've probably won three or four games the last couple years. We're just trying to slowly change the culture around here," he explained. "We're putting things in [the game plan] that they're not used to doing, we're putting some high-intensity stuff that they're adjusting too, but it'll take some time. The majority of the team will be back next season."

Hampton was pleased with the scoring totals from sophomore Cam Heenan (19 points) and Berthiaume (11 points) but is looking for some complementary point producers.

"Those are our elite scorers on the team and we're looking for some other players to step up. We need those other ones to step up to capitalize," he said.

Piwowarczyk led the Indians in rebounding with 10 boards.



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Kayla Berthiaume of Bartlett drives through the lane before releasing a running shot.

By Nick Ethier  
Sports Staff Writer

WEBSTER — With the game on the line in the fourth quarter, the David Prouty Regional girls' varsity basketball team was looking for a player to step up when the Panthers took on Bartlett High on Wednesday, Jan. 29. Prouty held a 36-25 lead through three periods and the advantage was down to eight points (40-32) with five minutes to play.

Insert Liv Pepin.

The Panthers' freshman was the team's closer, scoring 12 of her game-high 22 points in the final frame as Prouty won a closer-than-the-final-score-indicated decision, 55-36.

"We needed Liv to step up in the fourth quarter and she realized it," said David Prouty head coach Johanna Annunziata. "Overall, they got the job done."

The Panthers relied on sophomore Gabby Soter early — the team's point guard scored 11 of her 19 points in the first half — before Bartlett's defense buckled down on her. That freed up Pepin, who finished the game much like her sister Brooke did last season as a senior.

"It's nice her being younger, getting her earlier than I got Brooke, she works so hard," the second-year Annunziata

said of Pepin.

Annunziata announced that Soter has helped Pepin throughout the season, an amazing achievement seeing as how she is only a sophomore.

"She plays a lot of AAU, she plays a lot in the offseason, and that's where her IQ comes from," Annunziata said of Soter. "She knows the game really well."

Annunziata called Soter the team's floor general and on-the-court leader.

"It's what your point guard should be. And she's such a good role model for Liv," said Annunziata.

The Panthers were able to out-rebound the Indians by a 37-25 margin, thanks in part to Jenna Petrucci. The sophomore not only scored 12 points but also pulled down 14 boards for the double-double.

"She's a big presence," Annunziata said of Petrucci, the Panthers' best interior player.

David Prouty is now 9-5 as the victory moves them a game away from qualifying for the Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament for the second straight season.

Bartlett is now 5-10, but head coach Kashawn Hampton acknowledged that the game was much closer than the eventual 19-point deficit.

# SPORTS

## Fighting for postseason berth, interior play lifts Pirates past Southbridge



Nick Ethier photos

Alexis Steiger of Oxford gathers in a pass while positioned in the paint.



Olivia Clarkson of Oxford backs down a Southbridge defender.



Oxford's Ciara Gendron drives into the lane on a pair of Southbridge defenders.



Oxford's Micaela Perry gets fouled on her drive toward the basket.



Isabella Rosario of Oxford stops in the lane to deliver a midrange jump shot.

BY NICK ETHIER  
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

OXFORD — With a decisive height advantage against Southbridge, the Oxford High girls' varsity basketball team was delivered two messages by head coach Joe Pietrzak before the two tangled on Thursday, Jan. 30. The first was to get the ball inside, and the second was to display strong defense.

Both instances occurred as the Pirates overwhelmed the Pioneers, 61-29.

Leading the charge in both regards for Oxford was junior Chloe Davis. Often unheralded, Davis had her moment to shine versus Southbridge, finishing with a double-double (12 points, 12 rebounds).

"The thing about Chloe is she truly works so hard in practice and to see her — to score the ball, too — it's confidence," said Pietrzak. "She's really learning a lot."

Davis knew that with the height advantage came more opportunity for her under the basket on both ends of the court.

"It's better to get it inside instead of just shoot," said Davis. "It's a better opportunity for the centers to start getting the ball and do the work down low."

Davis scored on five interior baskets,

plus two free throws, but she was more excited to speak about the "dirty work" that helped lead to victory.

"I'm not really a scorer much, I'm better at defense and rebounding and boxing out," she said. "I get excited to be able to get the rebounds."

Oxford outrebounded Southbridge in the game by a substantial margin, 58-28.

The Pirates led throughout, but the Pioneers put forth a strong first quarter. Southbridge trailed by eight points (16-8) at period's end, but they were making plays and creating shots — it's just that the shots weren't falling.

The second quarter was a different story, though. Oxford scored all 12 points in the frame, again oftentimes getting the ball down low for easy baskets.

"In the second quarter they got away from what they were doing in the first quarter — as far as the passing, cutting, just being on the same page on the offensive sets — they just started going one-on-one, which I don't want. The wheels just fell off," said Southbridge head coach Elvin Rodriguez, as the Pioneers trailed 28-8 at the break. "The first quarter was great. We didn't score a lot, but we were just missing shots. I was happy with it."

Midway through the third quarter

Oxford had accumulated 13 more points — all of which came in the paint or at the free throw line — and they totaled 21 points in the frame to the Pioneers' 11 to lead 49-19 with a quarter to go.

The Pirates then had a feel-good moment with 6:30 to play in the fourth when senior co-captain Hannah Volpe subbed into the game for her first action of the season. Volpe tore her left ACL on July 10 in a summer league contest.

"As a coach, my heart broke for her this summer. I was at the game watching from the stands," said Pietrzak. "She told me from the beginning, 'Coach, I'm going to get back.' As you could see tonight, she's clearly not 100 percent but mentally she's been to everything. She comes to every practice, she does her physical therapy — she's just worked so hard to get back."

And Volpe made the most of her three-plus minutes of game action, connecting on a deep jump shot from the left corner and also pulling down a rebound.

"Once I found out I tore my ACL I was devastated," said Volpe, who went in for surgery on Aug. 14 and was glad to finally get back out on the court. "It felt really good. I was nervous because it was my first time out there, but it felt so good when I scored."

Sophomore Olivia Clarkson (13

points), senior Isabella Rosario (9 points), freshman Carly Cornacchioli (6 points, 12 rebounds) and freshman Alexis Steiger (6 points, 9 rebounds) also contributed immensely for Oxford, who improved to 8-8.

The Pirates, who began the year 0-5, must win at least two of their final four regular season games to finish 10-10 and qualify for the Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament for a fifth straight season.

"I think for us, coming from where we came from and believing in what we're doing and working to get better every day, to now be on the cusp of it is exciting for us, all of us," said Pietrzak.

"It is exciting after going 0-5 to 8-8. We'll get [to the playoffs], the energy will be up," mentioned Davis.

"I want it really badly because we've worked really hard from going 0-5 and then bringing our record back," added Volpe.

Southbridge, meanwhile, remained winless on the season. Spirits remain high, though, according to Rodriguez.

"They're upbeat, they understand [that it's a rebuilding year], they know what we're going through. They know they'll be back next season," he said of his senior-less squad.

Junior Ashanti Morales-Rivers scored a game-high 20 points for the Pioneers, including four 3-pointers.

# SPORTS

## *Shepherd Hill gives good fight against undefeated Wachusett*

DUDLEY — At halftime against the undefeated Wachusett Regional girls' varsity basketball team on Friday, Jan. 31, two-win Shepherd Hill Regional may have trailed by 16 points (28-12), but head coach Maura Hackenson called that a solid performance.

"It felt like 28-20," she explained. "We had a game plan in place and played well defensively. It was a moral victory."

The Mountaineers pulled away in the second half, however, outscoring The Hill in the third quarter 22-6 and in the final frame 11-9 to win a 61-27 decision.

Belle Lanpher (18) and Cate King (11) were double-digit point producers for Wachusett.

Shepherd Hill (12-2) picked up points from Grace Nellis (9), Triniti Sughrue (6), Paula Barbale (5), Emma Lanpher (3), Emery Mullen (2) and Sydney Fitzgerald (2).



Shepherd Hill's Emery Mullen catches a pass through a bunch of traffic.

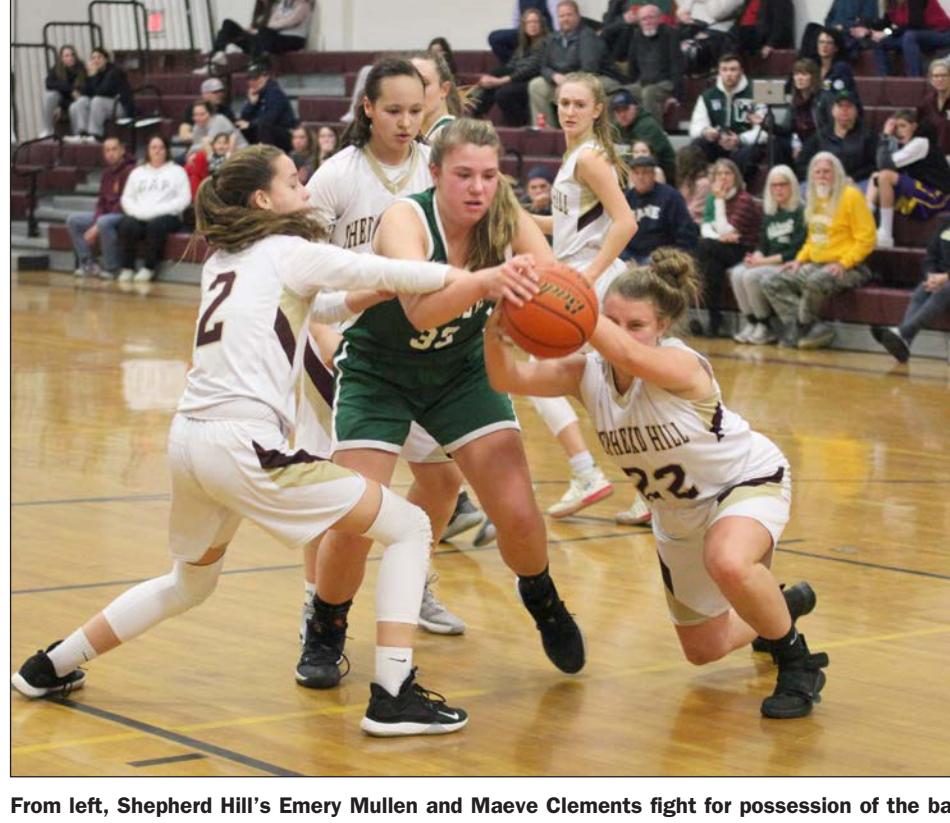


Nick Ethier photos

Shepherd Hill's Megan Burdett fights to get off her shot against Wachusett's Cat Davis.



Triniti Sughrue of Shepherd Hill gets underneath the basket while Wachusett's Lindsay Isaacs defends.



From left, Shepherd Hill's Emery Mullen and Maeve Clements fight for possession of the ball against Wachusett's Lizzy Majersky.

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Single — Division 1: Robin Altieri 174, Joanne LaBonte 173  
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Series — Division 1: Natalie Wood 483, Joanne LaBonte 441  
Division 2: Chris Wilbur 434, Evelyn Rivera 388

Tuesday Chet's Social  
Single — Steve Poissant 133, Ryan Pelletier 132, Tom Smith 126, Judith Aho 121, Brenda Mayer 114, Erin Van



Dam 109  
Series — Tom Smith and Steve Poissant 349, Ryan Pelletier 344, Judith Aho 317, Marsha Kallgren 290, Erin Van Dam 288  
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Series — Kris Russell 316, Lynne Smith 310, Monique Pierangeli 304  
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Summit Tenpin  
Single — Division 1: Bob Hanville 218, Mark Nichols 208, Nick Wood 207  
Division 2: Mike Jarvis 179, Laura Payne 173, Dave Curby 169  
Series — Division 1: Nat Wood 589, Bob Hanville 582, Ann Hebert 556  
Division 2: Laura Payne 496, Donald Altieri Sr. 467, Mike Jarvis 461

Thursday AM Coffee  
Single — Millie Wonoski 110, Tammy Moran 109, Joan Wentworth 106

Series — Tammy Moran 306, Joan Wentworth 285, Betty Lefort 283  
Series over average — Joan Wentworth +48

Thursday Men's Industrial  
Single — Sandor Bosci and Joe Pranaitis 138, Tim Labay 133  
Series — Sandor Bosci 356, Jeff Therrien 346, Tim Labay 344  
Series over average — Jeff Therrien +52

Thursday Mixed Tenpin  
Single — Tony Chausse 165, Joe Costa 155, Bob Bourget 150, Ann Hebert 200, Lori Ziodrowski 190, Carol Chausse 179  
Series — Tony Chausse 438, Bob Bourget 411, Tim Johnson 401, Ann Hebert 511, Carol Chausse 466, Lori Ziodrowski 396

# SPORTS

## *Fast-paced action favors Beavers, who outlast Bay Path*



Bay Path's Ben LaPointe searches for an open player on the court.

BY KEN POWERS  
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

CHARLTON — The Blackstone Valley Tech (BVT) boys' varsity basketball team may have lost the 3-point shooting contest in its game with Bay Path Regional on Tuesday, Jan. 28, but the Beavers still managed to defeat the Minutemen 91-75 in a game where the teams combined to make 23 shots from beyond the arc.

Bay Path, by the way, easily captured the three-point

contest, hitting 17 long-range jumpers while BVT was "only" able to connect on six of its attempts from distance.

The Beavers, who improved to 6-5 overall and 5-1 in Colonial Athletic League play, were led by the three-headed monster that is junior Shea Finnegan and sophomores Josh Mateo and John Furno. Mateo finished with a game-high 27 points (one 3-pointer), while Finnegan checked in with 26 points and three 3s. Furno added nine points to the win-

ning cause to go along with a game-high 23 rebounds.

In a game that, at times, looked more like an indoor track meet, BVT started quickly, opening leads of 11-6 and 22-17 before finishing the first quarter with a 27-22 advantage. Just when one thought the pace of the game couldn't get any faster, Valley Tech slammed its offense into another gear, the result of which was a 46-36 halftime lead.

"In the first quarter we did shoot well, however we did not



Cam Hafner of Bay Path is wide open and eyes the basket before launching a 3-pointer.

defend well," explained Brew Cupid, BVT's second-year head coach. "The message going into the second quarter was to increase our pace of play because we knew coming into this game that Bay Path is a team that enjoys shooting 3-pointers; that's how they want to play."

"But, as is the case with any shooter, if you're having to defend speed on the other end of the floor, speed kills," Cupid added. "If you have to defend speed it doesn't matter how great a shooter you are, when your mind tells you you're fatigued, your body slows down and you start to miss shots. So, our defensive approach after the first quarter was to play faster on offense."

That concept was fine with Mateo, who scored 20 points in the first half, and Finnegan, who scored 21 points in the second half.

"We played a little sloppy in our last few games, so we came into this game wanting to get back to playing basketball the way it's supposed to be played — fast, strong and physical," Mateo said. "That's the way we've been playing for most of the year."

Finnegan credited Mateo for his offensive pyrotechnics in the second half.

"The first half started a little slow for me, but in the second half Josh found me for some open shots and that helped me get back in my groove," Finnegan said. "Basketball is really all about mental toughness. If you miss a shot, you can't get down on yourself. That's where my teammates really help my game; they're always bringing me up and keeping me up."

When either team missed shots, it seemed like Furno was there to snatch the ball out of the air. He was simply a rebounding machine, grabbing seemingly every uncontested

rebound as well as several contested ones.

"Rebounding is all about effort, and I'm all about effort," the 6-foot-4, 240-pound Furno said. "I like crashing the boards and being as tough as I can be underneath the basket. I've played that way my whole life and it's worked, so why change it?"

The Beavers continued to push the tempo of the game in the third quarter and led 68-53 as play headed to the final period. BVT led by as many as 24 points, 90-66, with three minutes remaining in the game, which is when both teams liberally subbed in their reserves.

Cam Hafner led Bay Path, pouring in a team-high 26 points and hitting four 3-pointers. Dylan Cotton added 17 points and Jomar Torres 16 points. Cotton and Torres each drained five treys.

"We're very young, but these kids can play," Bay Path head coach Al Greenough said. "I know our record is 2-10 but every single game that we've had this year — except the first one, at Bartlett where we just weren't ready to play — we've been right there, in the game. We've lost a lot of games in the fourth quarter that have been tied with a minute to go or two minutes to go."

"But being young and inexperienced, sometimes what comes with that is not being able to make that big play to win the game and get your team to the next level. That's what my team is learning right now, the hard way, with losses," Greenough added. "The development this team has shown through the course of this year is actually ahead of where I thought they'd be. I'm excited about this team going forward, but we need to play better defense as a team. We're giving up too many points. We're scoring a lot, but we're giving up too many."



Anthony Barbale of Bay Path lets go of a 3-pointer versus Blackstone Valley Tech.

### SPORTS BRIEFS

#### Webster Little League baseball registration now open

Webster Little League spring baseball registration is now open online at WebsterLittleLeague.com for boys and girls ages 5-14 (age on Aug. 31). Multi-player discounts are now offered as well. Final day to register is Feb. 29.

More information is available online and during the registration process. Don't forget to sign up for coaching and volunteer opportunities when registering — especially Tee-Ball and Coach-Pitch parents.

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#### Bartlett High School announces Hall of Fame inductees

The Bartlett High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee is pleased to announce the Inductees of the 2020 Inductions:

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Paulina Ucher Comer, Class of 2006  
Bryana Poulin, Class of 2011  
Rocco DiStefano, Class of 2012  
Nicholas Kobel, Class of 2012

Arthur Kruger, Contributor  
1995 Girls Tennis Team

The Induction Ceremony will be held Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Raceway Restaurant and Golf Club in Thompson, Conn. at 6 p.m. Further information regarding the ceremony will be announced at a later date. The Committee will be hosting a Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 13 at the Raceway Golf Club in Thompson at 1 p.m. For more information regarding the induction or golf tournament, please contact Athletic Director Anthony Paranto at 508-943-8552 Ext. 34028 or visit our website at www.bhsathletichof.org.

#### Dudley Little League to host Trivia Night

Dudley Little League will host Trivia Night at Drafter's Sports Cafe

in Dudley on Saturday, Feb. 8. The entry is \$50 per team with a max of six players on a team. A cash prize will be determined based on the number of teams entered. Registration starts at 6:30 p.m., trivia begins at 7. Come eat, drink and tease your brain — all to benefit Dudley Little League.

#### Dudley Charlton Women's Basketball to hold pickup games

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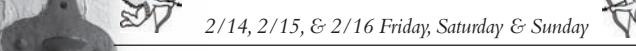


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Contact Jim Julian at the Casaubon Senior Center Monday, Wednesday, or Friday 9-10 a.m. or call (774) 922-4049 or e-mail jimtrips@yahoo.com.

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Sept. 16 - 18 - The Hamptons w/ Conway. Three day trip w/4 meals, guided tour of the "Rich and Famous,"

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## SELECTMEN

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Kochanowski said the changes won't go into effect until July 1, the start of the next fiscal year, and that the new hires won't be named until likely September or October to accommodate training schedules and requirements.

On the police side Chief Steve Wojnar also sought two new positions, one that would involve the pro-

motion of an internal candidate and a second that would add a new individual to the force. In 2020, Chief Wojnar wants to promote an officer to a detective position while calendar year 2021 would see the addition of a lieutenant to the force.

"I'm predicting the budget going forward to next year, if I'm adding a new (lieutenant) position, I'm looking at roughly 7 percent as an overall increase. If I wasn't adding a new position it was going to be around 4 to 5 percent," Chief Wojnar said.

The chief broke down numbers for selectmen pre-

senting a projected \$899,844 budget including contractual obligations and the new position to accommodate the addition of a lieutenant. The new position itself would cost an added \$45,613. The chief said he is examining grant opportunities to help offset the cost. After some clarification of projected costs and figures selectmen unanimously approved the request. Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda also made a public statement supporting the personnel changes for both departments.

# Flower Power: Legends and Lore of Blooms

With Valentine's Day around the corner, this week's column will focus on the symbolism of flowers. From romance to luck, flowers have long played a role in our everyday lives and according to folklore, perhaps even our futures. Read on for a review of the old fashioned legends and lore of beautiful blooms!

\*\* The "magical" power of blooms is legendary, as the following superstitions suggest:

Romance:

Daisies: Perhaps the most familiar floral "predictor" of love is the daisy. Plucking off petals one by one while reciting "He (or she) loves me, he loves me not," has long served as an amusing indicator of required love.

Bachelor Buttons: Folklore may explain how these bright blue and purple cornflowers earned their name. Legend has it that young suitors would place freshly picked flowers in their pocket while courting. If the "bachelor buttons" remained fresh and unwilted for the duration, it was a sure sign the relationship is on a steady course of success!

Roses: Romantic lore claims rose petals helped young ladies of earlier eras choose between two or more suitors. Writing the name of each prospective husband the petals and tossing them to the wind, it is said the last petal to hit the ground holds the name of the one she shall marry.

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Luck:  
Primrose Etc.: Superstition has it that bouquets of flowers should always contain an odd number of blooms, lest bad luck be lured. This belief especially applies to primroses, as the English believed the flowers should be only be brought into the house in groups of 13 to ensure good fortune.

Daffies: Perky yellow daffodils can be an instant mood booster, but according to Welsh folklore the flower can also bring wealth. It is said the first person who spots a spring daffodil will be rewarded with prosperity throughout the year!

Roses: To bring good luck into a home in days of yore, rose leaves were tossed into the fireplace flame.

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Health and Well Being:

White Flowers: White blooms are beautiful, but they can carry a melancholy message, according to age old folklore. Think twice before you send a bouquet of white flowers to a sick friend in the hospital as legend claims whites with a strong fragrance can worsen a sickness or even bring on death! Ditto for white flowers that show signs of wilting. And never pair white and red flowers in a bouquet for a sick person, as the combination is said to bring bad luck.

Day Lilies: These bright orange flowers, common to the New England landscape, were considered a lucky health charm when worn. It was believed wearing a lily would lighten one's worries and lessen distress.

Poppies: While wearing a poppy in the lapel on Veteran's day has long been a tradition to honor those who served and died for their country, poppies were also worn in the belief they help dispel worries and anxiety.

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Valentine's Day: What does your gift of roses mean?

Roses, which are steeped in sentimental tradition, are the top choice for Valentine's Day bouquets. The "language of flowers" can be traced back to the Victorian Era when the number



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and color of flowers were used to express love and to signify a romantic message.

Number of Roses:  
\*A single rose means "I love you" and symbolizes unwavering devotion

\*Two roses intertwined can act as a marriage proposal."

\*A half dozen roses in a bouquet mean "to love and cherish." Six roses signify a need to be

\*Eleven roses confirm the recipient is truly and deeply loved. Thirteen roses indicate a secret admirer

\*One dozen roses is a declaration of true love.

Color of Roses:

Red: Passion, Desire, love  
Dark Red: Beauty and perfection  
Pink: Romance and happiness  
White: Innocence and purity  
Yellow: Friendship and joy  
Coral/Salmon: Desire  
Purple: Devotion and enchantment  
Red and Yellow mix: Falling in love  
White and Red: Unity, endless love

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Beneficial Blossoms  
"Flower Power" takes on new meaning when you understand fresh flowers have the capacity to alter our energy and emotions. Why not take the benefits of the flower garden one step further and plant specifically to improve both body and soul?

\*Roses: No flower is more sentimental than the romantic rose. And it's no wonder. The scent of roses evokes nostalgia, which can recall happy memories from the past.

\*Violets: Research shows violets enhance learning speed by 17%, and also improve concentration when used in study rooms.

\*Lilies: Need an energy boost? The scent of Lily has been proven to increase wakefulness and help you stay alert.

\*Lavender: Want to relax? Plant lavender. The scent of lavender prompts calmness. It's well known that studies report that the smell of lavender triggers alpha waves in the part of the brain associated with a relaxed state.

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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 E-mail KDRR@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.*

## COMMITTEE

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school choice costs, services the town itself provides (like accounting), health and other insurance, and plowing. Taking those into account, Pierangeli said the state expects Webster to provide \$5.1 million, thus making the minimum budget about \$20.02 million.

The preliminary school proposal seeks \$22.63 million, which is an increase of 3.75 percent over last year. According to the draft budget on the district website, most of that increase (\$532,338) is for additional staff: four full teachers (grades 4, 7 and 8), two special education teachers, two paraprofessionals, one counselor, one nurse assistant

(shared by the middle and high schools), and several part-time increases (some to full time) in various areas.

As that list suggests, the special education department is getting several of the new people, mostly at Park Ave Elementary, Kathleen Baris said. They're seeing a hike in the number of incoming kids needing support at the lowest grades, including four move-ins needing applied behavioral analysis. But she said it's "pretty typical for the early childhood referrals to be high." The district saw 124 new special ed referrals last year and has 86 in process now; the most common issue is a communication disability of some type.

Although the state couldn't tell her how it was calculated, Pierangeli said the state determined Webster's "sta-

tus quo" aid increase would have been about \$200,000 without the November legal changes.

At the same time, the district's food service program is now getting audited under new federal regulations covering a wide range of areas, Director Ellen Nylen said. She said she just finished drafting the corrective action plan to address the auditors' concerns, which included such things as how Webster counts what's a reimbursable meal, identifying eligible categories, food safety, maintaining it as a non-profit account, and meeting "significant changes" in proper food quantities. Several of them focused on the Breakfast in the Classroom program, "which is what we expected," she added.

"It is extremely comprehensive. It is

the nitty-gritty of federal regulations," she said. For example, the auditors determined the apples Webster uses (and gets from the state's suppliers en masse, just like other towns) are not big enough to qualify now.

"On a positive note, audits do bring us an opportunity to look at our practices," Superintendent Ruthann Petruno-Goguen said. "...On a positive note, Breakfast in the Classroom is a wonderful program we have in all three schools. We just learned how to implement it better. ... Audits don't look at those extra-special things that go above and beyond."

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## ROUTE 20

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the "very rural" area west of Route 56, and a "bedroom community" east of there. It carries around 26,000 cars per day, "a lot to ask of a roadway that is only 11-foot travel lanes and no formal shoulders," he said.

While that lane width won't change, the project calls for making the now-temporary median barrier permanent (in some parts, concrete, in others an island), adding shoulder pull-off zones for breakdowns and emergency vehicles in several key areas, four-foot shoulders for better drainage, new "shared use paths" for pedestrians and bikes east of 56, bridge work at French and Little rivers, adding traffic lights at Oxbow Road, and "U-turn bulbs" in a couple areas. It also includes a 42-acre conservation parcel for environmental mitigation and extension of water/sewer lines west to the Oxford town line, but there's no plan to connect that to the existing

Charlton line, which ends farther west. He noted MDOT is also working with the WRTA to make areas safe enough for buses to pick up passengers along that stretch.

According to Massachusetts Department of Transportation Operations Engineer Thomas Emerick, the project has been scaled down. Then it was tagged at \$75 million-plus, but a "value-engineering review" cut \$15-20 million in ways he said won't harm safety "while reducing impact to residents and the environment." The biggest of those changes was simplifying the intersection at 56 from the original proposal that was more cloverleaf-like.

Kelley noted they plan to seek permits and hold the final design hearing this fall, bid it in late 2021, and start construction in 2022.

According to State Rep. Paul Frost, that's actually shorter than originally envisioned, largely because of MDOT's willingness to work with the towns and people.

"Until a few years ago, this project would have been broken into two phases," with the first starting around 2025 and the second 2030 or later, but now it'll be done at once over three construction years.

Saying he supports the changes, he noted "there are a lot of advocates out there who have been very passionate about seeing this project done."

Several of them spoke up Wednesday. Ron Gagner of Oxford specifically objected to the widening putting the road "right next to my house," and said he didn't think bicycles should be on Route 20 at all. To him, the pulloffs "will destroy a residential area totally."

For Lauren Baxter, the big issue is that even the temporary barrier has increased emergency response times to her Oak Drive neighborhood and has reduced property values there. She was one of those citing a difficulty in getting trash collection.

For Wendy Garrigus, adding a Bay Path/Glenmere light

will help take traffic, including trucks, off her side street. Right now, she said, trucks from nearby Helgerson's cannot go onto Route 20; they have to take side roads to Richardson Corner, and she also sees summer weekend driver driving "hell bent for election" on Route 20. A light, even if flashing, will slow that down, while it's now too dangerous to cross or walk dogs in the area.

Art Annamorati agreed, saying he's seen about 12 accidents there in five years. All but one involved people turning right into or out of the highway, in part because people "are doing 70 mph" along that stretch.

A couple Thayer Pond residents noted they're planning to repave their driveway soon, and are concerned the project could tear that up. One, Pete Mancuso, also noted "left-hand turns out there are a nightmare" already, and right turns are often difficult, especially at rush hour. He foresees that getting worse with as the nearby 300-condo project gets built and

occupied.

Oxford Planning Board member Norman LeBlanc said his panel is working with the condo developer, Eastland, to add a light on Route 56 where their driveway will be and a lane parallel to Route 20 to make access safer. He urged MDOT to include the necessary infrastructure now to avoid "having to wait 10 years after we get all this [new] traffic."

Charlton's Rob Lemansky objected to several of the "cost-saving" changes, saying he'd rather see the lanes be 12 feet wide, in part because of truck traffic, and restore the "waiting lane" for turns at Route 56. Objecting to additional lights in other places, he said they should look at Route 9 in Natick, where people have gotten used to having to drive a little farther to lights for U-turns.

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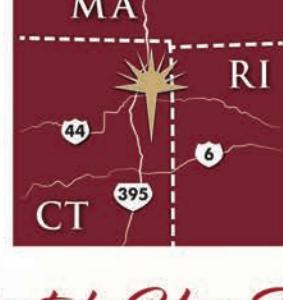
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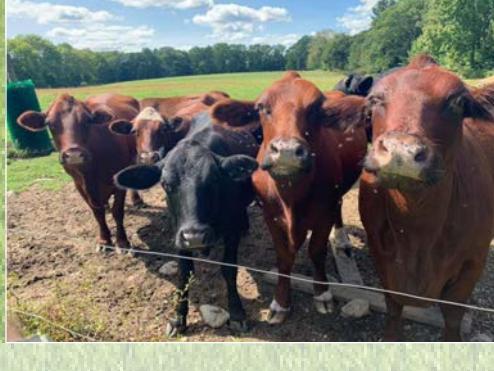


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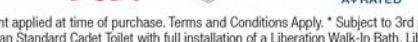
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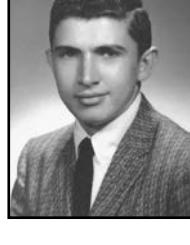


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# OBITUARIES

## André J. Bourbeau, 77



WEBSTER-André J. Bourbeau, 77, died Thursday, January 30, 2020, at Hope Hospice and Palliative Care in Providence. He is survived by his children Dennis Bourbeau and his wife Catherine

MacLeod of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, Edward Bourbeau and his wife Shellie of Philadelphia, Nicole Bradley and her husband Sidney of Southbridge, and Lisa Ulery and her husband James of Ellington, CT, 4 grandchildren Noelle Bourbeau, Matthew Ulery, Remy Bourbeau, and Gabrielle Bourbeau. He also leaves 3 sisters Charlotte McGlinchy of Brooklyn, CT, Lorette Richer of Brimfield, and Aline Pennino of Paxton, many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother

Laurent L. Bourbeau, Jr., who died in 2010. He was born in Southbridge, son of the late Laurent, Sr., and Alice H. (Whitton) Bourbeau and lived in Webster for several years. He graduated from Tantasqua Regional High School in 1960, and also received his BA in History. He was an US Air Force veteran serving from 1964-68.

He retired from the Home Depot in Oxford, where he worked for 20 years. André enjoyed history, horticulture, fishing, and was an avid reader.

Calling hours were Sunday, February 2, 2020, at Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA 01550 from 1-3PM. Burial will be private. [www.sansoucyfuneral.com](http://www.sansoucyfuneral.com)



## Brian D. Kopas, 62

DUDLEY - Brian D. Kopas, 62, suddenly passed away on Thursday January 23, 2020; He is survived by his nephew David Kopas and his wife Monique and a grandniece Ariel Kopas, as well as many cousins, relatives and dear friends; he was predeceased by his brother Russell Kopas. He also leaves his beloved cats "Pretty" and "Trouble".

Brian was born in Webster on October 28, 1957, son of the late Charles F. and Barbara (Korch) Kopas; he graduated from Bartlett High School and worked at Cranston Printworks for many years. Brian was a car enthusiast who, in his younger years, was especially known for his sports cars; he was a kind and gentle soul befriending many people in Dudley and Webster while out running his daily errands.

## Joseph L Raymond Jr., 63



KILLINGLY - It is with great sadness that the family of Joseph Louis Raymond Jr. announce his passing at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam, CT on January 28, 2020 at the age of 63.

Joseph was predeceased by his wife, Donna; his son, Robert; his father, Joseph; his mother, Dorothy; his sister, Linda Guerin; and his sister, Susan Carlson.

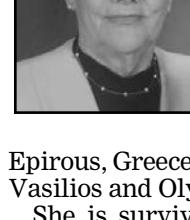
Joseph was the loving husband of Donna for 27 years until her death. He talked about her to everyone he came in contact with and always mentioned how much he missed her. They were married on August 31, 1991 at Whipple's Chapel in Ballouville, CT.

Joseph will be fondly remembered by his 2 sisters: Donna and Donald LaPlume of Barefoot Bay, FL and Karyn Raymond of Oxford, MA. He will also be missed by his nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Joseph was born in Worcester, MA on January 9, 1957. He attended schools in Worcester, MA. He was employed many years at National Envelope in Worcester, MA where he met his soulmate, Donna.

Joseph had a great sense of humor

## Hariklia (Claire) Milius, 86



WEBSTER - Hariklia (Claire) Milius, 86, died Monday, February 3, 2020 at UMass Memorial Medical Center with her family at her side. Hariklia was born June 13, 1933 in Vorio Epirous, Greece. She is the daughter of Vasilios and Olympia Karayannis.

She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Demetrios Milius, her two children Christos Milius of Webster, MA, Celia Milius of Shrewsbury, MA, her beloved grandson Haralambos and his wife Georgia, her great grandson Christos of Nicosia Cyprus, and her sister Alexandra Besbea of Kalamata, Greece.

She was a member of Saints

## Lionel A. Lussier, 91

Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church and the Philoptochos Society. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She adored her family and loved spending time with them. Claire always said, that the love of family is unconditional love.

The funeral was held 10:00 AM on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at Saints Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Webster. Burial will be at Mount Zion Cemetery, Webster.

Calling hours were held at the church at 35 Lake Parkway, Webster on Wednesday, February 5 from 5PM to 8 PM, with a Trisagion prayer service at 7:30 PM.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Saints Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church. [www.bartelfuneralhome.com](http://www.bartelfuneralhome.com)



## Arlene E. Pariseau

WEBSTER - Arlene E. (Columbus) Pariseau, died Wednesday, January 29, 2020, at Brookside Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center in Webster. She was predeceased by her husband of 37 years, William L. Pariseau who died in 1980. She is survived by three children, Sandra L. Pariseau of Putnam, CT, Ronald D. Pariseau and his wife Linda Sulkazi of Pomfret Center, CT, and David L. Pariseau and his wife Karen of Florida; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nephews and nieces. She was predeceased by eight brothers and sister, including Evelyn Conti and Claire Nicholson. She was born in Oxford on August 26, 1922, daughter of the late Paul and Mabel (Leman) Columbus, and lived in Oxford and Dudley before moving to Webster 67 years ago. She graduated from Oxford High School in 1941.

Mrs. Pariseau worked at Angelo

Fabrics and Greeting Service in Webster for many years prior to retirement. She was a member of the United Church of Christ in Webster. She was a member of the Gold Star Wives of America, and will be remembered as a kind woman who was loved by everyone.

The family would like to thank the Staff at Brookside in Webster and Ascend Hospice for their exceptional care and compassion.

A private graveside service will be held at St. Roch's Cemetery in Oxford. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Gold Star Wives, 200 N. Glebe Rd., Room 435, Arlington, VA 22203-3755, or to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements.

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## Chester "Chet" Kroll, 79



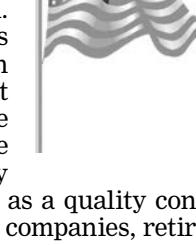
DUDLEY - Chester "Chet" Kroll passed away at age 79 on January 31, 2020 in his home surrounded by his family.

He leaves his wife of 56 years, Carol A. (Pawlak) Kroll; a daughter, Dr. Sherry

Kroll and her husband Richard Paul of Pomfret, CT; a son, Chester Allen Kroll and his wife Jennifer of Mukwonego, WI; a granddaughter, Erica Martin; 3 grandsons, Nathan and Zachary Kroll and Christopher Martin; a step-granddaughter, Saga Pappas and her husband Marc; 2 great-granddaughters, Hadley and Millie Pappas; a brother, Stanley "Butch" Kroll, Jr. and his wife Jacqueline of Dudley; 2 sisters, Evelyn Robinson of Florida and Shirley Magoon of Webster; several nephews and nieces.

He was born in Webster on March 24, 1940, the oldest of the 4 children of Stanley B. Kroll, Sr. and Rita V. (Perrault) Kroll. He graduated from Saint Louis High School in 1958. He earned an Associates Degree from Springfield Technical Institute and later completed courses at Clark University in Worcester.

He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1958 to 1962 during



## Joyce D. Sentence, 77



OXFORD - Joyce D. Sentence, 77, died Wednesday, January 29, 2020, at Harrington Memorial Hospital in Southbridge after a long illness. She was predeceased by her husband of 54 years, Warren W. Sentence

Sr. of Oxford who died in 2017; and her brother, Gene Zabinski who died in 2019. She is survived by her son, Warren W. Sentence Jr. and his wife Susan of Harwich; and several nephews and nieces.

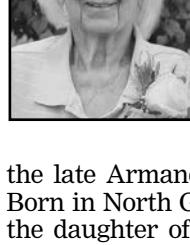
ews and nieces. She was born in Worcester, daughter of the late Roger C. and Julia D. (Kovaleski) Zabinski, and lived in Oxford for 35 years. She graduated from St. Mary's High School in Worcester.

Mrs. Sentence was a secretary for an insurance adjusting agency for several years, eventually becoming a licensed realtor. She enjoyed arts and crafts, sewing, and making decorations.

Services will be private. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements.

[paradisfuneralhome.com](http://paradisfuneralhome.com)

## Julienne M. Provost, 95



THOMPSON - Julienne Marie (M andeville) Provost, 95, formerly of Wagner Rd., died Sunday morning, February 2, 2020, at Westview Healthcare. She was the loving wife of the late Armand "Normand" Provost. Born in North Grosvenordale, she was the daughter of the late Narcisse and Yvonne (Beaulac) Mandeville.

Julienne attended St. Joseph's School through her first year of high school. She met Normand while he was working as an usher at the Bradley Playhouse, and they were married on September 3, 1945. Their married spanned over 73 years.

Julienne's family deeply loved her, and she always enjoyed holiday gatherings and family events. She enjoyed flower gardening, crocheting, and embroidery. She along with her husband were lifelong members of the Worcester County Beekeepers Association where they received many awards. Julienne was a member of Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church in North Grosvenordale.

Julienne is survived by her children, Paul Provost of Thompson, Wayne Provost and his wife Jane of Oxford, MA. Craig Provost and his wife Annette of N. Grosvenordale, Darlene Tretheway of N. Grosvenordale, and Joyce Biernacki and her husband Bob

of N. Grosvenordale; twelve grandchildren, Tammy Brissette and her husband Scott of Thompson, Brian Provost and his wife Jody of Webster, MA, Holly Provost of Charlton, MA, David Provost of Oxford, MA, Kevin Provost of Webster, MA, Amy Provost of Utica, NY, Sarah Tretheway of N. Grosvenordale, Nathan Tretheway of N. Grosvenordale, Joel Tretheway and his wife Akanksha of Putnam, Jesse Tretheway and his wife Amber of Dayville, Lauren Biernacki of Ann Arbor, MI, Ryan Biernacki and his wife Shawna of Moosup; fourteen great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; a brother, Norman Mandeville of Hendersonville, NC, a sister, Henriette Cartier of Riverside, CA; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a son Sgt. David Provost, a son in law David Tretheway, a daughter in law, Deborah Provost, and three sisters and brother in laws, Jeanne and Edward Semensky, Theresa and Bill Richer, and Lorraine and Romeo Beausoleil.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Julienne's family from 9:00a.m. to 10:30a.m. on Saturday February 8, 2020 in the Valade Funeral Home and Crematory, 23 Main St., N. Grosvenordale, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. in St. Joseph Church, 18 Main St., N. Grosvenordale, CT. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery. For memorial guestbook visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

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# OBITUARIES

## Marcia Rae Tripp, 72



**SOUTHBRIDGE -** Marcia Rae (Whitten) Tripp, 72, of Southbridge, passed away quietly after a series of health issues on Sunday, January 26, 2020 at St. Vincent's Hospital. Marcia was born in Presque Isle, Maine on November 29, 1947. She was the daughter of Iola (Merrithew) Whitten and Carl A. Whitten. She was an avid crafter and a great cook, but she was known throughout the neighborhood for her exceptional baking. Marcia loved helping others, she was a caretaker, working with residents of Matulaitis Nursing Home for 17 years as a Nurse's Aide and she was known to all as "the neighborhood mom", always making room at her table for whoever showed up. She was a devoted volunteer lending a hand to many organizations and causes. While living in North Grosvenordale, she was a regular volunteer at TEEG, helping in the food pantry, crafting with clients in Parent Education classes, and driving clients to their various appointments. Her dedication to important causes and spirit of volunteerism instilled a sense of community service in all of her children.

Marcia is survived by her husband

## Robert A. Givner, 69



**NORTH OXFORD/UXBRIDGE -** Robert A. Givner, 69, of Pleasant Street in North Oxford, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, February 1, 2020. He is survived by his wife of 46 years,

Gloria M. (Jacques) Givner of North Oxford; two sons, Bryan J. Givner Sr. and his wife Eva of Oxford, and David M. Givner and his wife Diane of North Andover; his sister, Janice A. Fallows of Newburyport; and seven grandchildren, Bryan Jr., Lily, Calvin, Rose, Simon, Sadie, and Sawyer. He was predeceased by a sister, Patricia A. Kordas who died in 2012. He was born in Boston, son of the late Everett J. and Patricia R. (Showstead) Givner, and lived most of his life in Uxbridge before moving to North Oxford 15 years ago. He graduated from Uxbridge High

Robert Tripp, Sr. and her four sons Daniel Bennett, Carl and Elizabeth (LaPorte) Bennett, Robert Tripp, Jr. and Timothy Tripp. She also leaves three sisters, Melinda (Whitten) Albert and Roberta (Whitten) Judd, both of Sherman, Connecticut, Rachel (Whitten) Hughes of Hastings, Florida, five nieces and nephews, Shawn, Bryan, Melanie, Krystal and Coralyne and five grandchildren, Austin, Aubree Jean and August Bennett and Timothy and Braiden Tripp. She was predeceased by her brother Carl J. Whitten, her Mother and Father, Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Whitten, and son, Damien Tripp.

A memorial service will be held at TEEG, 15 Thatcher Road, North Grosvenor Dale, Connecticut on Sunday, February 9th 2020, from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to TEEG, 15 Thatcher Road, North Grosvenor Dale, Connecticut 06255.

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](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you may post a message of comfort or light a candle in remembrance of Marcia

School in 1969 and received a bachelor's degree from Bentley College in 1973.

Mr. Givner was an accountant for Bernat Yarns in Uxbridge for many years, retiring in 1994. He was a former member of St. Mary's Church in Uxbridge. He was an avid sports fan, loved puzzles, walking, reading, and vacationing in Maine. Most of all, he loved spending time with his grandchildren and attending their events.

A funeral will be held on Friday, February 7, 2020, from Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford, followed by a Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Roch's Church, 332 Main St., Oxford. Burial will follow at North Cemetery in Oxford. Calling hours were Thursday, February 6, 2020, from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241-7005. [paradisfuneralhome.com](http://paradisfuneralhome.com)

## Roseann Monaco, 89



**DUDLEY -** Roseann (Mangan) Monaco, 89 died Tuesday, January 28th at home surrounded by her loving family.

She leaves her children; son, William (Bill) Monaco of Dudley; two daughters, Darlene Marcucci and her

husband Mario Marcucci of Southbridge; Lisa Monaco of Chepachet, Rhode Island; Thirteen

grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Predeceased by her husband, of 55 years Thomas J. Monaco Sr. and Sons, Thomas J. Monaco Jr. and Paul Monaco. Mother, Isabelle (Mangan) Brown; Father, William Mangan, Stepfather Otis Brown and brother William Mangan.

Born in Norwich, Connecticut, and raised in Quinebaug, Connecticut. Roseann graduated from

Tourtellotte High School. Upon completing high school, she worked at the American Optical

Company while attending nursing

school at the Memorial Hospital in Worcester where she

graduated as a Registered Nurse. Roseann retired from Harrington Hospital as Vice President of

Nursing after over 40 years of service. During her tenure, she received numerous awards to include a state citation of merit from the Governor of Massachusetts and recognized by the Providence

House for outstanding service to the elderly to mention a couple.

Roseann enjoyed spending time with the grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was an

avid Red Sox fan and reader. Roseann enjoyed playing bingo with her children at her home in Florida.

A funeral was held Saturday, February 1st from Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel, 33 Schofield

Avenue, Dudley, with a mass at 10AM in St. Stephens Church, corner of route 197 & 131, Quinebaug, Connecticut. Calling hours were held on Friday, January 31st from 4PM to 7PM at the funeral home. [www.bartelfuneralhom.com](http://www.bartelfuneralhom.com)



## Marjorie E. Larson, 91

**S P E N C E R -** Marjorie E. (Hultberg) Larson, 91, died peacefully Wednesday, January 29, surrounded by her loving family in Care One Millbury.

She was the wife of John Larson, Sr. who died in 2012. She leaves her son John Larson, Jr. of Spencer, her daughters Doris M. Larson of Spencer, Joyce C. Thebeau and her husband Leo of Spencer, and Pamela A. Larson of Worcester, a brother Edward Hultberg and his wife Merle of Southbridge, grandchildren; Michelle Troy of N.Brookfield, Cherie Thebeau of Enfield, CT., Christopher Thebeau of Oxford, Melissa Violette of Spencer, Scott Whitcomb of Leicester and Jodie Krueger of Spencer, 16 great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She is

predeceased by brothers George and Clement Hultberg and sisters Olive and Grace Hultberg.

Born in Worcester, she was the daughter of George E. and Olive (Johnson) Hultberg. Marjorie's whole life was her family!

The family would like to thank the staff at Care One Millbury for their compassionate care of Marjorie throughout her extended stay and Ascend Hospice in her final days.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, Feb. 1 at 10:30 a.m. in the J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer. Burial will follow in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton. A calling hour preceded the service on Saturday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Care One Millbury Patient Activities Account, 312 Millbury Ave., Millbury, MA 01527. [www.morinfuneralhomes.com](http://www.morinfuneralhomes.com)

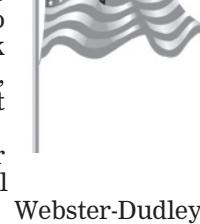
## Mark H. Roukat, 61

friend and neighbor.

Private funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA.

Please consider making a memorial contribution to the Webster-Dudley Veteran's Council in Honor of Mark.

A guest book is available at [www.shaw-majercik.com](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you may post a message of comfort, or light a candle in remembrance of Mark.



## Ronald H. Benson



**R O C H D A L E / DUDLEY -** Ronald H. Benson, of Dudley, MA, formerly of Rockdale, MA, passed away peacefully on January 16th, 2020. Ron was predeceased by his wife of close to 60 years, Nancy, his

parents, Barbara and Harry Benson, and his brother, Roger C. Benson. He is survived by his son Michael R. Benson, two grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and his second family, Christina Remuck, who he lived with and was lovingly cared for by in recent years until his passing.

Ron was born in Worcester. He worked as a licensed electrician and owned and operated Benson Electric. His life passion was working the prop-

erty and farm, Circle B. Ranch, he owned with his wife. For many years he raised llamas and showed them at state fairs throughout the Northeast winning numerous awards. Ron also enjoyed his 27 years as a volunteer fireman with the Leicester Fire Department. Ron was a very gifted woodworker. He enjoyed carving and whittling beautiful wooden signs, cars and figurines which he gave to his family and friends.

There are no calling hours, and burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider making memorial donations in Ronald's name to the Leicester Fire Department or charity of your choice.

Condolences may be left at [www.sansoucyfuneral.com](http://www.sansoucyfuneral.com) or mailed to the family c/o Kristen Benson at 6120 Gaspe Lane, Cicero NY 13039.



## William B. Molloy Sr, 84

working with heavy equipment.

Please consider making a memorial contribution to the American Legion Post 2, 450 South Barre Rd. Barre, MA 01005 in honor of William.

Private 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](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you may post a message of comfort, share a fond memory, or light a candle in remembrance of William.

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# CALENDAR

## Thursday, February 13

**DUDLEY WOMAN'S CLUB:** On February 13, 2020 the Dudley Woman's Club will hold its sixth annual "Stew & the Story of Giving" meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Senior Center at The Dudley Municipal Complex, West Main St. Dudley. A special evening awaits as we welcome representatives from many of the charities we support to share savory stews and their stories of giving. Members willing to bring a stew/soup/bread/dessert/paper goods/etc. are asked to send an email to DudleyWomansClub@gmail.com. Members/guests are also asked to voluntarily bring clean, ready to wear, gently used contemporary women's business attire, jewelry or accessories for donation to Dress For Success. The Dudley Woman's Club is open to all women from Dudley and surrounding towns, and we welcome your attendance. Join us for this fun and warm evening, be our guest and discover what our Woman's Club is all about. For more information please send an email to DudleyWomansClub@gmail.com, contact Andrea at 508-868-7110 or visit our Web site: http://DudleyWomansClub.org.

## Saturday, February 15

**ROAST TURKEY DINNER:** The First Congregational Church of Dudley, 135 Center Rd. is having a Roast Turkey Dinner on Feb. 15. Come and enjoy food and fellowship with friends and neighbors. The menu will include: Roast Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Stuffing, Turnip, Butternut Squash, Cranberry Sauce, Apple Nobly Cake. Servings will be at 5 and 6:15 p.m. Adults: \$12.00. Preteens: \$6. Children five and under free. Handicapped accessible. For reservations, call 508-943-7320. When prompted, press \*2. Leave the time of the seating you want, your name, telephone # and the number in your party. Call backs will only be made if there is a question about your reservation. We look forward to seeing you!

Monday, February 17

**WEBSTER LODGE A.F. & A.M.:** Webster Lodge A.F. & A. M. next regular meeting is Monday, Feb. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Building, 27 Brandes St., Webster. All members of Webster Lodge are urged to attend. Any man interested in Freemasonry is welcomed. Freemasonry is part of a rich tradition of men striving to improve both their own lives, and the lives of

others. We believe that the search for knowledge is the most noble pursuit there is. Webster Lodge, 162 years strong in 2020, is the oldest active fraternal organization in the Webster/Dudley area. For more information, please visit <http://massfreemasonry.org>.

## Saturday, February 22

**TROOP 273 ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER:** 5:30 p.m., St. Anthony of Padua Chruch, 22 Dudley Hill Rd., Dudley. \$10 per ticket (children five and under are free). Come join us for a delicious spaghetti dinner served by the best waiters in town! Take-out also available.

## ONGOING EVENTS & INFORMATION

**COMMUNITY MEALS:** Blessed Backpack Brigade Community Fellowship Meal served from 5-6 p.m. American Legion Hall, 9 Houghton St., Webster. Please note there is no handicapped access, but we will have volunteers to provide you with assistance. Free hot meals to anyone in need. Everyone is welcome. Join us for great food, fellowship, and fun! For more information, or to donate or sponsor a meal, call Lauri Joseph 774-230-8988. Blessed Backpack Brigade Community Fellowship Meals are served the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at the American Legion on Houghton Street, Webster.

**ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT:** The Webster Alzheimer's Support Group meets the second Monday of each month at Webster Manor, 745 School St., from 6-8 p.m. Anyone in the area who feels they are in need of help, doesn't know what to do, or is a caregiver for someone with Alzheimer's, is invited to attend and express their concerns regarding the care for their loved one. The members of the group will discuss the ways, means, and the help you will need as your loved one progresses in this disease.

**NUMISMATICS:** Looking for a new hobby? Come learn about the hobby of Coin Collecting. Or maybe you are an old time collector. Our club, the Nipmuc Coin Club, has both. We learn from each other through our monthly guest speakers, show and tell presentations, monthly coin auctions and free attendance prizes. Our group loves to share

their knowledge with each other. Each month we have a simple dinner with dessert and refreshments just prior to our meeting, which allows us time to socialize too. Fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Oxford Senior Center located at 323 Main St., the building directly behind Oxford Town Hall. For information contact Dick Lisi at (508) 410-1332 or lisirichard15@yahoo.com.

**HELP FOR HELPERS:** Do you have a family member struggling with addiction or alcoholism? You are not alone. Join Families Helping Families Support Group. Meetings at Dudley Senior Center every first and third Monday of the month, 6:30-8 p.m. We spend so much time with our addicted loved one, that we become victims ourselves. Join us. It's informal, confidential, with tough love advice from the heart, sharing of resources, hope and hugs.

**HOLISTIC HEALTH:** Chair Yoga and so much more every Tuesday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at The First Congregational Church, 135 Center Road, Dudley (please park and enter through the right side basement entrance). Class Fee: \$5/class voluntary contribution (Cancer patients always free). Proceeds donated to the First Congregational Church of Dudley. Instructor: Joanne LaLiberte, Holistic Health practitioner..

**KNOWING KNITTERS:** Come join the Drop In Knitting Group from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday evenings and 10 a.m. to noon on Fridays at the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library, Schofield Avenue, Dudley. All ages and levels, from beginner to expert, are welcome. For more information, call Mary Kunkel at (508) 943-8107.

**GOT FOOD?** The Bread of Life Food Pantry, Calvary Assembly of God, located at 105 Southbridge Road, is open Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon and Thursdays from 5 to 7 p.m. They are closed on holidays. They can be reached at 508-949-3711.

**SUPPORT:** The Cancer Support Group meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on the second Monday of every month in the Boardroom on the 4th floor at Harrington Hospital, 100 South Street, Southbridge. Call (508) 764-2400 for more information.

**POKEMON CLUB:** Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Pearle L. Crawford Library, 40 Schofield Ave., Dudley. Pokemon fans! Kids ages seven to 14 are welcome. Bring your Pokemon cards! No registration required.

tion required. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call 949-8021.

**STORY TIMES:** Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. for ages 1-3; Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. for ages 3-5, Pearle L. Crawford Library, 40 Schofield Ave., Dudley. Join Ms. Pam in the Story & Craft Room for songs, stories and crafts! No registration required. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call 949-8021.

**LEGO CLUB:** Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Pearle L. Crawford Library, 40 Schofield Ave., Dudley. Drop in. Build and play! Recommended for ages five and up. No registration required. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

**KNIT & CROCHET @ THE PEARLE:** Thursdays 5:30-7:30 p.m. and Fridays 10 a.m.-noon, Pearle L. Crawford Library, 40 Schofield Ave., Dudley. Knitters, crocheters and all other fiber artists are welcome. No registration required.

**CHAIR YOGA — WINTER SESSION:** Wednesdays, Jan. 16-Feb. 20, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Pearle L. Crawford Library, 40 Schofield Ave., Dudley. Chair yoga modifies some of the basic poses to make them more accommodating for those who need to gain or maintain strength from a seated, more stable position. Dress comfortably. No registration required. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

**SUPPORT GROUP — OPENING THE WORD PEER RECOVERY CENTER:** Are you feeling helpless, alone, confused or angry? Opening the Word Peer Recovery Center's mission is to provide support and resources to those suffering from addiction and their loved ones. Our newest endeavor is a support group for the family and friends of those suffering from this disease. It is a family and friends illness. The meeting is not affiliated with any other group. It is designed to provide an informal forum for those who are suffering where they can share experiences in a safe, anonymous and supportive place. The gatherings are on Thursday evenings from 7 to 8 p.m. at Opening the Word Peer Recovery Center, 10 Mechanic Street, Webster. If you have any questions, feel free to call Mark at 774-482-6013. We hope to see you there.

LUNCH

**FEBRUARY 2020**  
 Bartlett High School

Self Service Line:  
 Salad Bar Monday – Friday  
 Cold Sandwich Meal Monday – Friday  
 Yogurt Parfait Meal Tuesday and Thursday

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>3</b> Grilled Hot Dog Baked Beans Onion Rings Sandwich: Ham & Cheddar Wow Butter & Jelly *V- Black Bean Burger	<b>4</b> Baked Chicken Tenders Roasted Red Potatoes Dinner Roll & Butter Sandwich: Ham & Cheddar Wow Butter & Jelly *V- Black Bean Burger	<b>5</b> Half Day Professional Development No School Lunch	<b>6</b> Buffalo Chicken Flatbread Chips Fresh Veggie Cup Sandwich: Ham & Cheddar Wow Butter & Jelly *V- Black Bean Burger	<b>7</b> French Bread Pizza Cheese or Pepperoni Garden Salad Bread Stick Sandwich: Ham & Cheddar Wow Butter & Jelly
<b>10</b> Spicy Chicken Patty Sandwich Curly Fries Steamed Corn Sandwich: Turkey Ranch BLT Wrap Wow Butter & Jelly *V- Black Bean Burger	<b>11</b> Waffles Choice of Toppings Hash Brown Potatoes Sausage Links Sandwich: Turkey Ranch BLT Wrap Wow Butter & Jelly	<b>12</b> Spaghetti & Meatballs Garden Salad Garlic Bread Sandwich: Turkey Ranch BLT Wrap Wow Butter & Jelly	<b>13</b> Baked Potato Bar Choice of Meat & Toppings Dinner Roll & Butter Sandwich: Turkey Ranch BLT Wrap Wow Butter & Jelly	<b>14</b> Papa Gino's Pizza Garden Salad Bread Stick Sandwich: Turkey Ranch BLT Wrap Wow Butter & Jelly
<b>17</b> Presidents Day Holiday No School	<b>18</b> Winter Break	<b>19</b> Winter Break	<b>20</b> Winter Break	<b>21</b> Winter Break
<b>24</b> Hamburger or Cheeseburger Seasoned Potato Wedges Sandwich: Italian Sub Wow Butter & Jelly *V- Black Bean Burger	<b>25</b> French Toast Sticks Choice of Toppings Hash Brown Potatoes Sausage Links Sandwich: Italian Sub Wow Butter & Jelly	<b>26</b> Mandarin Orange Chicken and Rice Bowl Stir Fried Mixed Vegetables Sandwich: Italian Sub Wow Butter & Jelly	<b>27</b> Nacho Bar Choice of Meat & Toppings Corn & Black Bean Salad Sandwich: Italian Sub Wow Butter & Jelly	<b>28</b> Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Chips Fresh Veggie Cup Sandwich: Italian Sub Wow Butter & Jelly
<b>ALL MEALS SERVED WITH FRESH FRUIT AND 8 OZ. MILK</b>				
<i>*Please ask about vegetarian and non-pork options. We will do our best to accommodate your request*</i>				

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<b>FEBRUARY 2020</b>				
Webster Middle School				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Steamed Hot Dog Vegetarian Baked Beans Veggie Cup: Carrots/Red Pepper Strips Hummus or Ranch Dip Sandwich: Ham & Cheese	Pancakes Sausage Links Hash Brown Potatoes Sandwich: Ham & Cheese	Half Day Professional Development No School Lunch	Chicken Alfredo Pasta Texas Toast Steamed Corn Sandwich: Ham & Cheese	Personal Pizza: Cheese or Pepperoni Garden Salad Dinner Roll Sandwich: Ham & Cheese
Spicy Chicken Patty Sandwich Potato Wedges Green Peas Sandwich: Wow Butter & Jelly	Chicken Fajita Wrap Rice & Beans Roasted Carrots Sandwich: Wow Butter & Jelly	Sausage Egg & Cheese Breakfast Croissant Sandwich Sausage Links Hash Brown Potatoes Sandwich: Wow Butter & Jelly	Boneless Chicken Wings Roasted Red Potatoes Vegetarian Baked Beans Sandwich: Wow Butter & Jelly	Personal Pizza: Cheese or Bacon Garden Salad Dinner Roll Sandwich: Wow Butter & Jelly
Presidents Day Holiday No School	Winter Break	Winter Break	Winter Break	Winter Break
Hamburger or Cheeseburger Potato Wedges Carrots/Red Pepper Strips Hummus or Ranch Dip Sandwich: Turkey & Cheese	Mandarin Orange Chicken & Rice Bowl Mixed Vegetables Sandwich: Turkey & Cheese	Baked Potato Bar w/Chili, Shredded Cheese and Toppings Bread Stick Sandwich: Turkey & Cheese	Baked Chicken Drumsticks Macaroni & Cheese Green Peas Dinner Roll Sandwich: Turkey & Cheese	Personal Pizza: Cheese or Buffalo Chicken Garden Salad Dinner Roll Sandwich: Turkey & Cheese

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 **LUNCH**      **FEBRUARY 2020**      **Breakfast in the Classroom**  
Monday - Friday

Park Avenue Elementary

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Steamed Hot Dog Vegetarian Baked Beans Carrot & Celery Cup Sandwich: Wow Butter & Jelly	Rotini Pasta w/Meat Sauce Steamed Green Beans Dinner Roll & Butter Sandwich: Wow Butter & Jelly	Half Day Professional Development No School Lunch	Polar Pack Lunchable Cheese & Crackers Pepperoni Baby Carrots & Ranch Cup Sandwich: Wow Butter & Jelly	Cheesy Pizza Bites Marinara Cup Garden Salad Sandwich: Wow Butter & Jelly
Chicken Patty Sandwich Oven Baked Fries Sandwich: Cheese Wrap	Chili Cheese Nachos Sweet Corn Sandwich: Cheese Wrap	Mini Cinnamon Rolls Hash Brown Potatoes Sausage Links Applesauce Sandwich: Cheese Wrap	Shepherds Pie Texas Toast Sandwich: Cheese Wrap	Mozzarella Sticks Marinara Cup Homemade Cornbread Garden Salad Sandwich: Cheese Wrap
Presidents Day Holiday No School	Winter Break	Winter Break	Winter Break	Winter Break
BBQ Rib Sandwich Seasoned Potato Wedges Sandwich: Wow Butter & Fluff	Chicken Nuggets BBQ Sauce Sweet Corn Dinner Roll & Butter Sandwich: Wow Butter & Fluff	Pancakes Hash Brown Potatoes Sausage Links Applesauce Sandwich: Wow Butter & Fluff	Italian Sub Sandwich Baby Carrots w/Ranch Chips Sandwich: Wow Butter & Fluff	Cheesy Pizza Bites Marinara Cup Garden Salad Sandwich: Wow Butter & Fluff

ALL MEALS SERVED WITH FRUIT or 100% FRUIT JUICE AND 8 OZ. MILK

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**MILLBURY – WATERFRONT!** Ramshorn Lake! 51 Davis Rd! Beautifully Landscaped & Private 1.22 Acres w/500' on the Water! One of Ramshorn's Premier Properties "Roylege"! Sprawling 3,117' French Country Villa w/Panoramic Water Views from this Perfect Peninsula! Stonewalled Gated Entry, Long Private Drive to its Stately Appearance! Sprawling Stone & Slate 6+ Rm Masterpiece! Light Abounds! Cathedral & Tray Ceilings w/Skylights! Unique Country Kitchen! Formal Dining Rm! Fplc Great Rm! Lake Facing Spacious Master Suite w/Everything You'd Expect! 3 Comfortable Bdrooms! 3 Full Bathrooms! C'Air Garages – 1 & 2 Car Detached Garages! Reward Yourself! **\$999,000.00**

**AUBURN** – 16 Lorna Dr! 7 Rm Split Entry Ready for the Next Owner! Located on a Cul-de-sac! Many Recent Updates! Windows 2006! Roof 2010! Siding 2016! Water Heater, Garage Door & Opener 2017! Driveway & Deck 2018! Applianced Oak Cabinet Kit w/Tile Floor! Dining Rm! Spacious Liv Rm! Master Bdrm w/Hrdwds! 3 Comfortable Bdrooms Total! Full Bath! Finished Lower Level Fireplace Fan Rm w/Custom Bar, Recessed Lighting & 2nd Bath! Screened-In Porch to a Private Yard w/New Pressure Treated Deck is Ready for Entertaining! Nicely Landscaped! 1 Car Garage! Shed! Ideal Commuter Location! **\$325,000.00**

**WEBSTER LAKE** – 9 Pebble Beach Rd! Middle Pond – Winter Cove! Private Peninsula Protected from the Storm – Safe Harbor! Custom 3,179' 8 Rm Contemp Ready for Your Immediate Enjoyment! Grand Entry Foyer! Ideal Open Plan w/Sky Lighted Cathedral Ceilings, Tall Windows & Hrdwd Firs! Beautiful Applianced Custom Granite Kit w/Center Isl! Formal Din, Fireplace Liv Rm w/Water/Estuary Views! 1st Flr Laundry! Second Floor Master Suite, Ideal Full Bath, Huge Walk-in Closet! 3 Bdrooms Total! 2 Full & 2 Half Baths! Walk-out Lower Level Fireplace Fan Rm! Buderus Oil Heat! C'Air! Oversized 2 Car Garage! **\$779,900.00**

**OXFORD** – 27 Rocky Hill Rd! Move Right Into this 6 Rm Ranch! Bright, Fresh Kitchen! Dining Rm! 20' Living Rm! 3 Comfortable Bedrms! Nice Bathrm! Deck w/Awning! All the work has been Done! Roof, Siding, Windows, Insulation, Gas Furnace, Gas Hot Water Heater, AC, Front Porch Windows, Door, Living Rm Floor, Skylights, Kitchen, Bath & Dining Rm Floors! 2 Bedrm's Wall to Wall Carpeting & the Interior Freshly Painted 10/2019! Quick Closing Possible! **\$269,900.00**

**WEBSTER** – 27 N. Main St! 3 Family! 5/3 Rms! 3/3/1 Bedrms! 1st Flr w/Eat-in Ls! Rm! 3 Bedrms! Updated Bathrm! 2nd Flr w/Kit & Din Area! Liv Rm! 3 Bedrms! Updated Bath! 3rd Flr w/Eat-in Kit! Liv Rm! Bdrm! Full Bath! Long Term Tenants! Sep Utilities! Vinyl Sided! Laundry Hook Ups! Freshly Painted Hallways! **\$249,900.00**

**DUDLEY** – 9 Nellies Way! TOBIN FARM ESTATES! 10 Rm Colonial Set on 1.2 Acres! Applianced Dine-in Granite Kit! 3 Season Sun Rm off Kit! Din Rm, 2 Story Fam Rm w/Pellet Stove, Bdrm, Full Bath w/Laundry & Gleaming Hrdwds Round Out 1st Flr! 2nd Flr Features an Open Balcony to the Liv Rm! Plenty of Space for an Office, Playroom or Reading Area, Use Your Imagination! Master Bath w/Tray Ceiling & 3 Closets! Master Bath w/Dual Sinks, Shower, Whirlpool Tub & Makeup Counter! 2 Additional Bdrooms & Full Bath! Huge Finished Walk-out Lower Level Perfect for Entertaining! Wet Bar w/Wine Cooler & Fridge! Half Bath w/Tile Flr! Irrigation! Shed! JD Riding Mower! Don't Miss Out! **\$469,900.00**

**DUDLEY** – 7 – 9 West Street! Brick 4 Family plus a 2 Family! Side by Side! All with 5 Rooms and 2 Bedrooms! Gas Heat! All Separate Utilities! 2 Car Detached Garage! The 4 Family with Beautiful Natural Woodwork! All Apartments are Empty and Work is Needed in Several Apartments! Excellent Potential! Will be a Good Investment for the Right One! **\$399,900.00**

**WEBSTER** – 9 Lake Parkway! Extremely Conveniently Located just off Exit 1 of 355! Loads of Potential! 6+ Rm Cape! Applianced Kit! Din & Ls! Rm! 3 Bedrms! 2nd Flr w/Kit & Din Area! 3 Bedrms! Updated Bathrm! 1st Flr Master w/Full Bath & Walk-in Closet! 1st Flr Master w/Full Bath & Walk-in Closet! 2nd Flr Full Bath! Lower Level Game Room! Utility/Storage Rm! 16x21 Deck! Garage Under! Save on Your Electric Your Bills, 2015 Solar Panels! Level yard w/Shed! Call now! **\$169,900.00**

**THOMPSON** – 299 Quaddick Rd! Custom Cedar Log Home! 5.47 Acres! Stone Wall! Entry! 700' Driveway! Nestled in the Woods! 6 Rms of Cedar! Granite Kit! Cathedral Ceilings w/Skylights! Hrdwds! Stone Fplc! 1st Flr Master w/Full Bath & Walk-in Closet! 2nd Flr Full Bath! Long Term Tenants! Sep Utilities! Vinyl Sided! Laundry Hook Ups! Freshly Painted Hallways! **\$399,900.00**

**DUDLEY** – 94 Tracy Road! 7 Rm 4 Bdrom Colonial On 1.24 Acres! Privacy! Many Upgrades! Hrdwds Throughout! Fplc! Liv Rm w/Recessed Lights! Formal Dining Rm! Eat-in Kit in Updated 2015! Cherry Cabinets, Granite Counters, Center Isl & SS Appliances! Sunroom w/Skylights, Hrdwds & Slider to Deck! 1st Flr 1/2 Bath w/Laundry! Master Bdrm w/Bible Closet & Full Bath w/Linen Closet! 2nd Flr Full Bath! Lower Level Game Rm/Office! Utility/Storage Rm! 16x21 Deck! Garage Under! Save on Your Electric Your Bills, 2015 Solar Panels! Level yard w/Shed! Call now! **\$349,000.00**

**WEBSTER LAKE** – 250 Kildeer Island Rd! North Pond's Sandy Shore! 9 Rm Ranch in Meticulous Condition! Absolutely Beautiful 100' Waterfront Lot! Stainless Applianced Kitchen w/Cherry Cabinets, Granite Counters, Hrdwd Floor & Dining Area w/Slider to Deck! Formal Dining Rm w/Hrdwds! Front to Back Living Room Overlooking the Lake w/Cathedral Ceiling, Custom Built Cabinets, Gas Fplc & Hrdwds! 1st Flr Lake Facing Master Bdrm w/Slider to the Deck & Access to the Screened Hot Tub, w/Walk-in Closet, Full Bath w/Whirlpool Tub, Separate Shower & Commode Closet! 1/2 Bath & Separate Laundry Rm Nearby! Walk-out Lower Level w/Full Kitchen, 22' Lake Facing Family Rm w/Sliders to the Patio/Lake! 2 Lake Facing Bdrooms w/Sliders to the Patio/Lake! Full Bath! Oversized 2 Car Garage! LP Gas Heat/Hydro Air! Generator! Private Boat Ramp! Docks! Don't Delay! **\$910,000.00**

**WEBSTER LAKE** – 50 West Point Rd! Kildeer Island! 4,700' Entertainers Dream! Magnificent Sunsets! Built 2016, Has It All! 2 Story Foyer! Granite Kit w/Center Isl, Dble Oven, High End Appliances & Walk-in Pantry! Din Rm w/Wet Bar, Sliders to 14x30' Deck! Bright & Airy Liv Rm w/Lake Views, Custom Built Cabinets, Gas Fplc! 1/2 Bath + Laundry! An ELEVATOR to Service All 3 Floors! Upstairs leads to 3 Spacious Bdrooms each w/Private Baths! Master w/Tray Ceiling, Walk-in Closet + Private Balcony! Master Bath, Soaker Tub & Large Tile Shower! Walk-up Attic w/Expansion Possibilities! Lower Level w/Full Kit, 1/2 Bath, Lake Facing Fam Rm, Media/Exercise Rm + Lake Facing Bdrm w/Fplc & Private Bath! Slides to Patio! 13 Zones! Oversized 2 Car Garage! Loaded w/Quality & Detail! **\$1,175,100.00**

**WEBSTER LAKE** – 50 Union Point Rd! Panoramic Views of Middle Pond – South Facing – Tons of Sun! Principal Residence or as a Second Home this 6+ Rm Gambl Colonial will be Ready for You! You'll Appreciate its Easy Access and Taken Back by the Ever Changing Lake Vista! Featuring Applianced Kitchen w/Island, Dining Area, Lake Facing Fireplaced Living Rm with Custom Cabinetry, All with Hardwood Floors! Ideal Lake Facing 3 Seas-on-Water w/Floor & Anderson Sliders All Around! 3 Second Floor Bedrms! Spacious Lake Facing Master w/Cathedral Ceiling & 2 Sliders to its Private Deck! 2 Full Baths! Central Air! Composite Decks & Flag Stone Patio for Your Enjoyment! 7,405' Lot with 50' on the Water! Sorry, Closing not before 9/10/2019! **\$624,900.00**

**WEBSTER LAKE** – 68 Poland St! Western Exposure – Spectacular Sunsets! 75' Waterfront w/Expansive Views! 6 Rm Yr Rd Ranch! Ideal 2nd Home! Renovate or Enjoy As Is! Open Flr Plan! Applianced Cabinet Packed Kit Lake Facing Din & Liv Rm w/Water Views! Sliders to Screen Enclosed Porch! Master w/Ceiling Fan & Dble Closet! 2nd Bdrm w/Dble Closet! Full Bath off Hall! Finished Walk-out Lower Level w/25' Fam Rm w/Door to Lakeside Patio, Bdrm, Full Bath & Utility/Storage Rm! 3 Bdrooms, 2 Baths Total! Oil Heat! Covered Entry Ramp & Electric Chair Lift! Shed! Dock! Summer Will Be Back – Don't Delay! **\$499,900.00**

**WEBSTER LAKE** – 61 Townfarm Rd! Charming 7 Rm Cape Set 1.9 Acres! This 3 Bdrm Home Completely Renovated 2015! Updates Include - Roof, Windows, Siding, Kitchen, 2 Bath, Furnace, Electric Panel, Well, Septic, Driveway & More! Ideal Open Flr Plan! Cabinet Packed Granite Kit w/Ss Appliances! 1st Flr w/Beautiful Hrdwds! Fplc! Liv Rm! 1st Flr Master Bdrm! Office or 4th Bdrm! Custom Tiled Bath w/Laundry! Upstairs 2 Spacious Bdrooms w/Hrdwds & 2nd Full Bath! Large Paver Patio! Shed! Gorgeous Views! **\$299,900.00**

**SUTTON** – LAKE SINGLESTORY WATERFRONT! 5 West Sutton Rd! 8 Rm Cape! 3 Bedrooms! Screen House at Waters Edge! Gradual Access to the Water! Well Maintained! Kit, Formal Dining Rm! Spacious Fireplace Living Rm! Den! Sun Rm! Updated Windows! Brand New Off-Wall Hybrid Hot Water System & New Septic Just Installed! Quick Closing! **\$449,000.00**

**WEBSTER LAKE** – 68 W Point Rd! Western Exposure – Spectacular Sunsets! Waterfront w/Expansive Views! 6 Rm Yr Rd Ranch! Ideal 2nd Home! Renovate or Enjoy As Is! Open Flr Plan! Applianced Cabinet Packed Kit Lake Facing Din & Liv Rm w/Water Views! Sliders to Screen Enclosed Porch! Master w/Ceiling Fan & Dble Closet! 2nd Bdrm w/Dble Closet! Full Bath off Hall! Finished Walk-out Lower Level w/25' Fam Rm w/Door to Lakeside Patio, Bdrm, Full Bath & Utility/Storage Rm! 3 Bdrooms, 2 Baths Total! Oil Heat! Covered Entry Ramp & Electric Chair Lift! Shed! Dock! Summer Will Be Back – Don't Delay! **\$499,900.00**

**WEBSTER LAKE** – 61 Beacon Park! 1,280' Custom WATERFRONT Townhouse, Ideal End Corner Unit w/Panoramic Lake Views! Overlooks Lakeside Pool & Sandy Beach! From the Private Entry this Unit is Like No Other! Being Sold Fully Furnished & Appointed! 1st Flr w/Beautiful Maple Hrdwds! SS Applianced Silestone Kit! Recessed Lighting! 2 Bdrooms! Master Bath! 2.5 Tile Baths! Recent A/C & Heat! Garage! **\$369,900.00**

**CHARLTON – GLEN ECHO LAKE**! 3 Sunset Dr! Western Exposure = Beautiful Sunsets! Fantastic 105' Waterfront! Ideal 15,941' Gently Sloping Lot! Comfortable 9 Rm Ranch! Stainless Appliance Eat-in in Granite Kit! Din Rm w/Hrdwd Flr! Lake Facing Liv Rm w/Panoramic Water Views! 4 Bdrooms, 3 Lake Facing including the Spacious Master! Full Bath! Enjoy the Sun Rm w/Lake Views! 32' Walk-out Lower Level w/Fplc Fam Rm w/Wet Bar & Convenient Bath! Nicely Landscaped Front & Back! Lake Level Deck, Dock & Rear Shed! Benefited by Town Sewer! Start Packing! **\$499,900.00**

**CHARLTON** – 105' WATERFRONT! Baker Pond! 63 Lincoln Pt Rd! East Facing = Fantastic Sunrises! Custom 9 Rm Colonial! Beautiful 1/2 Acre Lot w/Lawn to Water's Edge! 2 Story Foyer! Natural Woodwork! Open Flr Plan! Applianced Granite Kit w/lss, Recessed Lights, Tile Flr & Water View! Din Area w/Slider to Deck! Sunken Fplc! Liv Rm w/Hrdwd Flr & Water Views! Din Rm w/Hrdwd Flr! 2nd Flr w/Pedestal Sink! 2nd Flr w/4 Bdrooms, 3 w/Water Views! Master w/Cathedral, French Dr to Balcony, Bath w/Separate Tub/Shower, Walk-in Closet & Laundry! Hall Bath! 3.5 Baths Total! Finished Walk-out Lower Level w/31' Fam Rm! Full Bath! Full Bath & Laundry! Includes NEW A/C SPLITS SYSTEM! Enjoy Outside from the Farmer's Porch, Deck, Patio, Screened Porch or Dock! 2 Car Garage! Full Recreational Use! **\$524,900.00**

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WEBSTER - 68 POLAND ST

4 BEDROOM COLONIAL! 2600 SQ FT , 2 FULL BATHS, 2 FIREPLACES, 2 CAR GARAGE, ABOVE GROUND POOL, 1ST FLOOR BEDROOM, UPDATES INCLUDE - RECENT WINDOWS, ROOF, UPSTAIRS BATH, FHG GAS HEATING SYSTEM!!!

**\$339,000.**

SEE YOU ON SATURDAY!

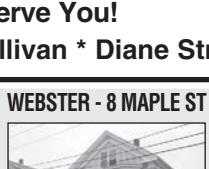
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WEBSTER - 5 SURREY LN



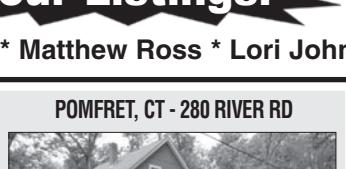
BRAND NEW TO MARKET Welcome Home! RARE FIND!! Gently Used 5 Bdrom Colonial, or 4 Bedrm & Game Rm! 2 Story Foyer! Natural Woodwork! Open Flr Plan! Applianced Granite Kit w/lss, Recessed Lights, Tile Flr & Water View! Din Area w/Slider to Deck! Sunken Fplc! Liv Rm w/Hrdwd Flr & Water Views! Master w/Cathedral, French Dr to Balcony, Bath w/Separate Tub/Shower, Walk-in Closet & Laundry! Hall Bath! 3.5 Baths Total! Finished Walk-out Lower Level w/31' Fam Rm! Full Bath! Full Bath & Laundry! Includes NEW A/C SPLITS SYSTEM! Enjoy Outside from the Farmer's Porch, Deck, Patio, Screened Porch or Dock! 2 Car Garage! Full Recreational Use! **\$499,000.**

WEBSTER - 8 MAPLE ST



Updated 2 Family - Vinyl Siding - 1st Floor! 6 Roms, 3 bedrooms. 1 Full Bath, open Kitchen. Fully Applianced. Washer & Dryer included. New Carpeting. Hardwood Floors. 2nd Floor - 1 Full Bath Hardwood Floors, New carpeting. Each Apartment has 1,200+ sq ft plus. Oil Heat - 2 New Oil Tanks. Full parking. Town Water & Sewer. 3rd Story Unfinished. Great Commuter Location. **\$237,500.**

POMFRET, CT - 280 RIVER RD



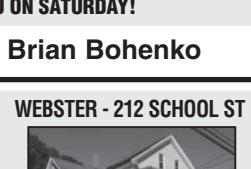
Motivated Seller! Cape that has been completely remodeled!, 3 Br, 1 bath; 1.7 acres. New kitchen cabinets w/granite counters and center island. New electrical/plumbing. Large Gambreel Post & Beam. 2 bay garage w/lot. New septic. **NEW PRICE \$244,900**

WEBSTER - 14 HIGHCREST #4



Ready to move in! 2 bedroom 1 1/2 bath condo. Large bedrooms with large full bath master bedroom private access. Skylight Hallway, extra large living area with private dining! Access to private deck via sliders, fully applianced kitchen, loads of counter space, tons of storage. Full finished basement, brand new heat and ac system. **\$134,900.**

WEBSTER - 212 SCHOOL ST



Large 4 Family! 3 car garage! Off street parking. 2 bedrooms each unit! Walk-up attic with a lot of potential! Solar panels!! Fully



# LEGALS

(SEAL)

**COMMONWEALTH  
OF MASSACHUSETTS  
LAND COURT  
DEPARTMENT OF  
THE TRIAL COURT  
20 SM 000294  
ORDER OF NOTICE**

To:  
Laurence Shuman a/k/a Laurence M. Shuman  
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (et seq):  
NewRez LLC f/k/a New Penn Financial, LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing  
claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Oxford, numbered 23 Thayer Pond Drive a/k/a 23-8 Thayer Pond Drive, Unit No. 23-8, of the Thayer Pond Village Condominium, given by Laurence Shuman to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagor, acting solely as a nominee for Mortgage Financial, Inc., dated January 15, 2015, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 53272, Page 329, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before March 9, 2020 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on January 21, 2020.

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson  
Recorder  
20-036622/FC01  
February 7, 2020

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Worcester Probate and Family  
Court  
225 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608  
(508) 831-2200**

**Docket No. WO20P0245EA  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

**Estate of:**

Bonnie R Violette

**Date of Death: 07/09/2005**

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

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 2/25/2020**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

**WITNESS**, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 27, 2020

Stephanie K. Fattman,  
Register of Probate  
February 7, 2020

(SEAL)

**COMMONWEALTH  
OF MASSACHUSETTS  
LAND COURT  
DEPARTMENT OF  
THE TRIAL COURT  
20 SM 000030  
ORDER OF NOTICE**

TO:

**Laura A. Bass a/k/a Laura Bass**

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (et seq)

**MTGLQ Investors, L.P.**

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Oxford, numbered 140 Old Webster Road, given by **Laura A. Bass to "MERS", Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a separate corporation that is acting solely as nominee for "Lender", RBMG, Inc. and its successors and assigns**, dated January 14, 2003, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 28713, Page 377, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the **active** military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property **on that basis**, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before March 2, 2020 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on January 15, 2020  
Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson  
Recorder  
February 7, 2020

**Gary Paul Gajewski  
Date Of Death: August 5, 2019  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Michael Gajewski of Webster, MA**

**Michael Gajewski of Webster, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the petitioners.

February 7, 2020

**TOWN OF DUDLEY  
PUBLIC HEARING**

The Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 24, 2020 at 6:35pm at the Dudley Municipal Complex, 71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA in Room 321A. The purpose of this hearing: To act on the application for a Change of Alteration of Premises for J&J Blue, Inc. d/b/a Sinner's Pub located at 6 Chase Ave., Dudley, MA 01571

Anyone wishing to be heard on this matter should appear at the date and time specified or submit their concerns in writing.

Jonathan Ruda, Chairman  
February 7, 2020

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Worcester Division  
Docket No. WO20P0118EA  
Estate of:**

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# HERE & THERE → Local Events, Arts, and Entertainment Listings



**"THE LAKE IN WINTER" EVENT.**

2:30: Ken Ethier: Presentation on Ice harvesting  
East Brookfield Town Hall  
3:30: Bonfire, Music, Skating and S'mores with DJ and concessions. Lake Lashaway Town Beach  
FREE -snacks for sale

**PETTY LARCENY**

9pm-12am  
308 Lakeside  
308 East Main Street  
East Brookfield, MA 01515 774-449-8333

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9**

**6AM - 2PM FISHING DERBY -**  
Details to come! See Facebook  
@EB100th or tinyurl.com/EB100th!

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14**

**OPEN HOUSE**  
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/RR/Art Guild/  
Boy Scouts) 108 School Street FREE 1:00-3:00

**TUESDAY, MARCH 24**

RE-ENACTMENT of signing of town bill and  
unveiling of Anniversary Quilt  
Senior Center, Pleasant Street. 6:30pm FREE

**SATURDAY, APRIL 4,**

**ROARIN' TWENTIES DANCE**  
at Sturbridge Host Hotel \$35, 5:00pm  
Tickets @EventBrite.com or at the library

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11,**

**OPEN HOUSE**  
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)  
108 School Street, East Brookfield 1:00-3:00.  
FREE

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18,**

**HISTORICAL TALK - Ed Lonergan -**  
The First and Second Settlements  
East Brookfield Town Hall 9:30 FREE

**TOWN WIDE CLEAN-UP DAY**

Meet at East Brookfield Town Hall 9:00

**SATURDAY, MAY 2,**

**EAST BROOKFIELD NATURE WALKS**  
at Pelletier Woods  
Howe Street, East Brookfield 2:00. FREE

**SATURDAY, MAY 9,**

**OPEN HOUSE**  
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR).  
108 School Street, East Brookfield. 1:20-3:00 FREE

**SATURDAY, MAY 16,**

**7K RUN AND FUN WALK**  
Timberyard Brewery, East Brookfield  
10:00am. \$30.00 adults, \$15.00 kids

**SATURDAY, MAY 30**

**HISTORICAL TALK -**  
Ed Lonergan - Murder in the Brookfields  
(Spooner / Newton Murders)  
East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

**SATURDAY, JUNE 6**

**HISTORY & DESSERT**  
at Podunk Chapel, East Brookfield  
2:00 & 3:30 seatings. \$5.00 pp

**FRIDAY, JUNE 12**

**COAST GUARD BAND**  
East Brookfield Elementary School, 7:00 FREE

**SATURDAY, JUNE 13**

**OPEN HOUSE**  
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)  
108 School Street, East Brookfield 1:00-3:00.  
FREE

**SATURDAY, JUNE 20,**

**OPEN HOUSE**  
at Camp Frank A. Day (archery, boating, basketball,  
mini golf, lunch) Rain Date: June 21. 125 South

**MONDAY, JULY 6**

**SUMMER READING KICK OFF -**  
EB Library - continues for five weeks.  
East Brookfield Town Hall. FREE

**SATURDAY JULY 25**

**HISTORICAL TALK - Heather Gablaski -**  
East Brookfield: 100 Years a Town  
East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

**SATURDAY, JULY 11**

**INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION**  
Parade & Fireworks  
Connie Mack Field East Brookfield

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 8**

**OPEN HOUSE**  
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)  
108 School Street, East Brookfield,  
1:00-3:00. FREE

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

**PARADE AND FAMILY FUN EVENT!**  
Route 9, East Brookfield,  
9:30 -7:00. FREE. Rain date Sept 13

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10**

**OPEN HOUSE**  
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)  
108 School Street, East Brookfield, 1:00-3:00.  
FREE

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 3:30**

**BUS AND CEMETERY TOUR,**  
ending in dinner at Podunk Chapel.  
Meet at East Brookfield Town Hall.  
\$15-\$20.00 pp

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

**HISTORICAL TALK - Guy Morin- Central**  
Massachusetts during the Revolution  
East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

**OPEN HOUSE**  
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)  
108 School Street, East Brookfield, 1:00-3:00.  
FREE

**HISTORICAL TALK -**  
Ken and Tina Ethier - "Trolley Talk"  
East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12**

**OPEN HOUSE**  
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)  
108 School Street, East Brookfield, 1:00-3:00.  
FREE

**ONGOING**

**MARIACHI BAND**

First Thursday of the month  
5-8 p.m.

**MEXICALI MEXICAN GRILL**  
Webster location  
41 Worcester Rd., Webster,  
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**TRIVIA SATURDAY NIGHTS**

7:00 p.m. register 7:30 p.m. start up  
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**HEXMARK TAVERN**  
AT SALEM CROSS INN  
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# LEGALS

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

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Carl W. Phillips and Karen K. Phillips to Fleet Mortgage Corp., dated October 30, 1998 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 20601, Page 144, subsequently assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by Washington Mutual Bank f/k/a Washington Mutual Bank, FA successor by merger to Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc. successor by merger to Fleet Mortgage Corp. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 40673, Page 372 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 2:00 PM on February 14, 2020 at 27 George Street, Dudley, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

the land xx with the buildings thereon, being lots #5, #6, #7, and #9 on Plan of Brandon Heights Dudley, Massachusetts dated April 22, 1905, drawn by B. A. Wakefield, C.E., and being part of the premises described in a deed from William H. Tracy to Athanas Vasil Natsis et ux dated March 6, 1936 and recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 2663, Page 259 and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the junction of the easterly line of Sixth Avenue and the southerly line of Tracy Court;

THENCE southerly by the easterly line of Sixth Avenue a distance of approximately 200 feet;

THENCE easterly by lot #11 a distance of approximately 100 feet, more or less, to lot #10;

THENCE northerly by lot #10 and lot #8 a distance of 82 feet;

THENCE westerly by Lot #3 and #4 a distance of approximately 60 feet to the southeasterly corner of lot #5;

THENCE northerly by lot #4 a distance of 100 feet to the southerly line of Tracy Street;

THENCE westerly by the southerly line of Tracy Street a distance of 90 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning. The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney's fees and costs.

#### TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.

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

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

Present Holder of said Mortgage,

By Its Attorneys,

ORLANS PC

PO Box 540540

Waltham, MA 02454

Phone: (781) 790-7800

19-008559

January 24, 2020

January 31, 2020

February 7, 2020

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

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Lisa A. Labelle to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Home Point Financial Corporation, dated December 9, 2016 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 56440, Page 335, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Mortgage Electronic Registration

Systems, Inc. as Nominee for Home Point Financial Corporation to Home Point Financial Corporation, recorded on December 22, 2017, in Book No. 58229, at Page 26

for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 PM on February 25, 2020, on the mortgaged premises located at 12 Buffum Dam Road, Oxford, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT:

The Land with the buildings thereon situated in Oxford, Worcester County, Massachusetts and being shown as Lot No. 1 on Plan dated September 19, 1986, prepared by Zingarelli Associates and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 565, Plan 18.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 56440, Page 333.

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

#### TERMS OF SALE:

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

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

### HOME POINT FINANCIAL CORPORATION

Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,

HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.

150 California St.

Newton, MA 02458

(617)558-0500

11603

January 24, 2020

January 31, 2020

February 7, 2020

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

Premises: 157 Baker Pond Road, Dudley, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Magdalena Pater to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for Quicken Loans Inc. and now held by Quicken Loans Inc., said mortgage dated February 22, 2012, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 48636 at Page 344, as affected by Loan Modification Agreement dated December 5, 2013 and recorded with said Deeds in Book 52407 at Page 393, as affected by an Assignment of Mortgage dated March 11, 2015, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 53519 at Page 100, as affected by FHA Home Affordable Modification Agreement dated April 17, 2015 and recorded with said Deeds in Book 53622, Page 372, and further affected by FHA Home Affordable Modification Agreement dated September 8, 2016, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 56202, Page 28, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on February 14, 2020, at 10:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

THE LAND IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, COUNTY OF WORCESTER, TOWN OF DUDLEY, LOCATED ON THE WESTERLY SIDE OF BAKER POND ROAD, AND BEING LOT 3R AS SHOWN ON A CERTAIN PLAN ENTITLED 'PROPERTY SURVEY OWNERS KRIS KAY L.L.C. LOCATED BAKER POND ROAD DUDLEY, MA,' DATED 11/28/00 PREPARED BY JALBERT ENGINEERING, INC. AND RECORDED AT THE WORCESTER REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN PLAN BOOK 764, PLAN 54, AND IS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEASTERLY CORNER OF THE LOT TO BE DESCRIBED SAID POINT

BEING THE NORTHEASTERLY COMER OF LOT #2R;  
THENCE N. 25 DEGREES 18' 28" E. ALONG THE WESTERLY SIDE LINE OF BAKER POND ROAD, FOR A DISTANCE OF 106.69 FEET TO A POINT;

THENCE N. 26 DEGREES 45' 38" E. ALONG THE WESTERLY SIDE LINE OF BAKER POND ROAD, FOR A DISTANCE OF 56.31 FEET TO A POINT;

THENCE N. 39 DEGREES 37' 38" E. ALONG THE WESTERLY SIDELINE OF BAKER POND ROAD, FOR A DISTANCE OF 62.62 FEET TO A POINT;

THENCE N. 32 DEGREES 21' 35" E. ALONG THE WESTERLY SIDE LINE OF BAKER POND ROAD, FOR A DISTANCE OF 87.31 FEET TO A POINT;

THENCE N. 32 DEGREES 34' 21" E. ALONG THE WESTERLY SIDE LINE OF BAKER POND ROAD, FOR A DISTANCE OF 125.61 FEET TO A POINT;

THENCE N. 39 DEGREES SO' 45' E. ALONG THE WESTERLY SIDE LINE OF BAKER POND ROAD, FOR A DISTANCE OF 45.27 FEET TO A POINT AT THE TOWN LINE OF THE TOWNS OF DUDLEY AND CHARLTON;

THENCE S. 80 DEGREES 21' 56" W. ALONG A STONEWALL AND THE SAID TOWN LINE, FOR A DISTANCE OF 488.69 FEET TO A POINT;

THENCE S. 24 DEGREES 03' 00" W. ALONG LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF RICHARD DUMOUCHEL, JR. AND ROBIN WILGA, FOR A DISTANCE OF 231.30 FEET TO A POINT;

THENCE S. 70 DEGREES 07' SO' E. ALONG LOT 2R AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAN FOR A DISTANCE OF 342.18 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

THE ABOVE DESCRIBED LOT CONTAINS 2.84 ACRES.

SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT TO NEW ENGLAND POWER COMPANY DATED JULY 29, 1952 AND RECORD IN BOOK 3443 PAGE 353 AND ELECTRIC EASEMENT AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAN.

SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH THE BENEFIT OF A DRIVEWAY EASEMENT OVER LOT #2R AS RECITED IN AN AGREEMENT DATED 06/07/01 AND RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NO. 80519

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated January 31, 2012, and recorded in Book 48636 at Page 340 with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, as affected, if at all, by Order of Conditions recorded with said Deeds in Book 60741 at page 96.

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.

TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, 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 forty five (45) days after the date of sale. Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Marinosci Law Group, P.C.

275 West Natick Road, Suite 500

Warwick, RI 02886

Attorney for Quicken Loans Inc.

Present Holder of the Mortgage

Telephone: (401) 234-9200

MLG File No.: 15-03420

January 24, 2020

January 31, 2020

February 7, 2020

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

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Danny A. Roy and Laurie L. Roy to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for Homecoming Financial Network, Inc., dated September 27, 2005 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 37484, Page 38 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for the RMAC Trust, Series 2016-CTT is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Homecomings

Financial Network, Inc., its successors and assigns to GMAC Mortgage, LLC dated March 27, 2012 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 48749, Page 160, and Assignment from GMAC Mortgage, LLC to Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC dated December 31, 2014 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 53258, Page 95, and Assignment from Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC to New Penn Financial, LLC DBA Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing dated January 11,

2019 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 59953, Page 158, and Assignment from NewRez LLC, F/K/A New Penn Financial, LLC, D/B/A Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for the RMAC Trust, Series 2016-CTT dated August 27, 2019 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 61341, Page 310, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 89 Main Street, Oxford, MA 01540 will be sold at a Public Auction at 11:00 AM on February 20, 2020, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land in the Town of Oxford, County of Worcester, Commonwealth of Massachusetts on the westerly side of South Main Street Route 12 owned by Mose P. Antonian and

Margaret M. Antonian and shown as Lot 1 on a plan by Albert L. Fitzback R.L.S. and dated December 13, 1978 bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pipe on the westerly side line of South Main Street at the northeasterly corner of the Lot to be described; said iron pipe being S. 18 degrees 00' 00" W. and 30730 feet from a Massachusetts highway bound opposite station 323+66.58 of the 1933 alteration;

Thence S. 18 degrees 00' 00" W. along the westerly side line of South Main Street for a distance of 143.00 feet to a point;

Thence N. 87 degrees 15' 21" W. along a split rail fence and along land now or formerly of Alfred L. Mathurin et ux for a distance of 145.34 feet to an iron rod;

Thence N. 17 degrees 53' 39" E along the easterly line of Lot 2 as shown on said plan for a distance of 110.29 feet to an iron rod;

Thence N. 81 degrees 11' 31" E. along a chain link fence and along land of Michael S. Reilly and land of Neil E. Sutherland and Florence D. Sutherland for a distance of 157.33 feet to the point of beginning.

The above described lot contains 17,776 square feet.

Shown on a Plan in Plan Book 460, Plan 37.

For Title, See deed in Book 27238, Page 53.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 27238, Page 53.

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: Cash, 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 in cash or 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.

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# LEGALS

## **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 Timothy J. Hamlin to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagor, as nominee for Pacific Union Financial, LLC, its successors and assigns, dated January 31, 2018 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 58395, Page 141 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage Nationstar Mortgage LLC successor by merger to Pacific Union Financial, LLC is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Pacific Union Financial, LLC, its successors and assigns to Pacific Union Financial LLC dated September 21, 2018 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 59443, Page 206, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 17 Thayer Pond Drive, Unit No. 5 a/k/a Unit No. 17-5, of the Thayer Pond Village Condominium, North Oxford, MA 01537 will be sold at a Public Auction at 11:00 AM on February 28, 2020, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

Unit No. 17-5 (the "Unit") in Thayer Pond Village Condominium, created by Master Deed dated September 28, 1983 and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 7930 Page 203 as amended in accordance with M.G.L. c. 183A. The mailing address of said Unit is 17 Thayer Pond Drive, Unit 17-5, Oxford, MA. Said Unit is laid out as shown on a plan, to which is affixed to a verified statement in the form prescribed by M.G.L. c. 183A, Section 9, and which plan is a copy of a portion of the plans filed with an amendment to the Master Deed.

The Unit is conveyed together with:

- An undivided interest of .7179% in the common areas and facilities described in the Thayer Pond Village Condominium Master deed. In the event that, and at such time as a subsequent Phase or Phases are added to the condominium by amendment of the master deed, the undivided interest of the Unit in the common areas and facilities shall be and become that specified in any Amended Exhibit B recorded at such time;
- An appurtenant easement for the exclusive use of Parking Space No. 98 as described in the Thayer Pond Village Condominium Master Deed and shown on the Plan of Land recorded therewith;
- An appurtenant easement for the exclusive use of Storage Locker No. 17-5 as described in the Thayer Pond Village Condominium Master Deed;
- The benefit of, and subject to, all easements, rights, observations, restrictions, agreements and provisions contained in said Master deed the Declaration of Trust creating the Thayer Pond Village Condominium and the By-Laws contained therein, dated September 28, 1983 and recorded with said deeds in Book 7930 Page 261, as the same may be amended of record, and the Rules and Regulations from time to time promulgated thereunder, all of which are hereby incorporated by reference and constitute covenants running with the land and are and shall remain binding upon any person or persons claiming through or under them.

Subject to and with the benefit of the provisions of said General Laws, Chapter 183A as now in force and as from time to time amended, and subject also to (a) municipal taxes attributable to such Unit and common areas and facilities, assessed as of the current tax year and that are not yet due and payable, which the Grantee, by accepting this Unit Deed, assume and agrees to pay, (b) building and zoning laws; and (c) those encumbrances set forth or referred to in Exhibit A of the Master Deed.

Title reference deed recorded here-with.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 58395, Page 138.

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: Cash, 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 accep-

tance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or 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.

Nationstar Mortgage LLC successor by merger to Pacific Union Financial, LLC

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Hamlin, Timothy J., 19-035768

January 31, 2020

February 7, 2020

February 14, 2020

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

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Lee S. Prescott and Erin F. Prescott to Wilmington Finance, a division of AIG Federal Savings Bank dated November 1, 2004, recorded at the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 34976, Page 277; said mortgage was then assigned to CIT Group/Consumer Finance, Inc. by virtue of an assignment dated November 8, 2004, and recorded in Book 40728, Page 236; and further assigned by CIT Loan Corporation, formerly known as the CIT Group/Consumer Finance Inc. to The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee for CIT Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-1 by virtue of an assignment dated December 27, 2018, and recorded in Book 60005, Page 206; of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at PUBLIC AUCTION at 02:00 PM on March 3, 2020, on the mortgaged premises. This property has the address of 3 Upper Gore Road, Webster, MA 01570. The entire mortgaged premises, all and singular, the premises as described in said mortgage: A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon of every nature and description and all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, situated in Town of Webster, County of Worcester, Commonwealth of Massachusetts on the northerly side of Upper Gore Road, and being a portion of Lot 29 as shown on Plan entitled "Subdivision Plan of Gore Gables" owned by Pauline Konkel, Trustee, Webster, Massachusetts and dated September 25, 1962, recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 270, Plan 36 bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at an iron pipe in the northerly side line of Upper Gore road at the southwest corner of the herein granted premises; THENCE northeasterly by land formerly of Smith 210 feet to a stake; THENCE southeasterly with an included angle of 90° a distance of 90 feet to an iron pipe; THENCE southwesterly with an included angle of 90° a distance of 71.62 feet to an iron pipe; THENCE southeasterly with an exterior angle of 90° a distance 50 feet to an iron pipe; THENCE southwesterly with an included angle of 90° by Lot 27 and 28, a distance of 130.98 feet to a stake in the northerly side line of the Upper Gore Road; THENCE northwesterly by the northerly side line of the Upper Gore Road, a distance of 137.70 feet to the point of beginning; the angle between the first and last mentioned courses being 87° 05'. Subject to and with the benefit of rights, restrictions, easements, and reservations of record, so far as now in force and applicable. For title reference, see deed dated December 9, 2003 and recorded with the Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Book 32412, Page 372. Subject to and with the benefit of easements, reservations, restrictions, and taking of record, if any, insofar as the same are now in force and applicable. In the event of any typographical error set forth herein in the legal description of the premises, the description as set forth and contained in the mortgage shall control by reference. Together with all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property and all easements, rights, appurtenances, rents, royalties, mineral, oil and gas rights and profits, water rights and stock and all fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property. All replacements and additions shall also be covered by this sale. Terms of Sale: Said premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and assessments, tax sales, tax titles and other municipal liens and water or sewer liens and State or County transfer fees, if any there are, and TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00)

in cashier's or certified check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of the sale as a deposit and the balance in cashier's or certified check will be due in thirty (30) days, at the offices of Doonan, Graves & Longoria, LLC ("DG&L"), time being of the essence. The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone the sale to a later date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date. The premises is to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, leases, tenancies, and rights of possession, building and zoning laws, encumbrances, condominium liens, if any and all other claim in the nature of liens, if any there be. In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the property by foreclosure deed to the second highest bidder, providing that said second highest bidder shall deposit with the Mortgagee's attorneys, the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein. If the second highest bidder declines to purchase the within described property, the Mortgagee reserves the right to purchase the within described property at the amount bid by the second highest bidder. The foreclosure deed and the consideration paid by the successful bidder shall be held in escrow by DG&L, (hereinafter called the "Escrow Agent") until the deed shall be released from escrow to the successful bidder at the same time as the consideration is released to the Mortgagee, whereupon all obligations of the Escrow Agent shall be deemed to have been properly fulfilled and the Escrow Agent shall be discharged. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale. Dated: January 27, 2020 The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee for CIT Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-1

By its Attorney DOONAN, GRAVES & LONGORIA, LLC, 100 Cummings Center, Suite 225D, Beverly, MA 01915 (978) 921-2670 www.dgandl.com 55585 (PREScott) 02/07/20, 02/14/20, 02/21/20  
February 7, 2020  
February 14, 2020  
February 21, 2020

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

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by James M. O'Kelley and Ginny R. O'Kelley to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., dated September 24, 2009 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 44891, Page 315 as affected by a Loan Modification recorded on January 28, 2014 in Said Registry of Deeds at Book 51982, Page 302 as affected by a Loan Modification recorded on August 24, 2015 in Said Registry of Deeds at Book 54197, Page 29 as affected by a Loan Modification recorded on June 8, 2017 in Said Registry of Deeds at Book 57230, Page 338 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 AM on February 21, 2020 at 9 Francis Drive, Dudley, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land in Dudley, Worcester County, Massachusetts, with the building thereon, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a pin at the northeasterly corner of Lot #135, as shown on the hereinabove mentioned plan, seventy-five (75) feet northerly along the west side of Francis Drive;

THENCE at right angles, one hundred twenty (120) feet, westerly;

THENCE at right angles, seventy-five (75) feet, southerly;

THENCE at right angles, one hundred twenty (120) feet easterly to the point of beginning,

Being Lot #136 as shown on a Plan of Alton Acres Addition, owned by Dudley Hill Realty Co., Inc., J.R. Kleindienst, Engr. and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 234, Plan 41.

Being the same premise conveyed to the mortgagors by deed dated September 2, 2009 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 44891, Page 313.

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney's fees and costs.

TERMS OF SALE:  
A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before

the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.

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

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.

Present Holder of said Mortgage,

By Its Attorneys,

ORLANS PC

PO Box 540540

Waltham, MA 02454

Phone: (781) 790-7800

18-012121

January 31, 2020

February 7, 2020

February 14, 2020

### **COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT**

### **DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT**

Docket Number: 19 SM 005812

### **ORDER OF NOTICE**

TO: Sean T. Madore

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq)

### **Freedom Mortgage Corporation**

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Webster, numbered 19 Upper Gore Road, given by Sean T. Madore to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Residential Mortgage Services, Inc., dated January 11, 2019, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 59930, Page 213, has filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Service-members Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at

**Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before March 2, 2020 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on January 24, 2020

Deborah J. Patterson

Recorder

February 7, 2020

### **Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court**

### **Probate and Family Court**

### **Worcester Division**

Docket No. WO20P0005EA

### **Estate of:**

Paul J. Rock

Date Of Death: November 03, 2019

### **INFORMAL PROBATE**

### **PUBLICATION NOTICE**

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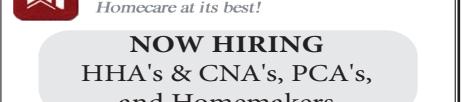
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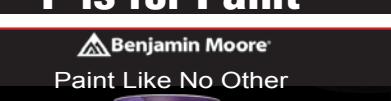
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# VALENTINE'S DAY

## *Tips for buying jewelry this Valentine's Day*

Valentine's Day is rife with tradition. Couples may have their own unique traditions, but others, like Valentine's Day date nights, are widely popular.

One Valentine's Day tradition many couples embrace is the exchange of gifts. Shoppers might not need much advice when purchasing heart-shaped boxes of chocolates or flowers for their sweethearts. However, when shopping for jewelry, Valentine's Day celebrants may feel as though they're in over their heads. The following tips, courtesy of the Better Business Bureau®, can help shoppers as they navigate the potentially confusing process of buying jewelry.

### DIAMONDS

The BBB notes that diamonds' value is based on color, cut, clarity, and carat. Often referred to as the "4 Cs," this criteria refers to the grade of the color (color), the way the diamond is finished (cut), how flawless the diamond is (clarity), and its weight (carat). When shopping for diamonds, the BBB advises



asking jewelers if they have the most up-to-date testing equipment, which makes it easier for them to distinguish between diamonds and lab-created gemstones. That's important, as lab-created gemstones resemble diamonds and may not be detectable if jewelers are

using testing equipment designed to identify cubic zirconia.

### COLORED GEMSTONES

Colored gemstones are very popular, and the BBB notes that various new stone treatments have been developed to

improve their appearance and durability. However, the BBB also notes that such treatments may adversely affect the value of the gem and necessitate special care in order to maintain the gem's appearance. When shopping for colored gemstones, ask the jeweler if

an item has been treated and if there's any special maintenance required. Imitation or assembled stones may look like natural stones, so shoppers should ask if a stone is natural, synthetic or imitation before purchasing anything.

### GOLD

When used alone, the word gold implies an item is all gold or 24 karat gold. But the BBB notes that gold is naturally soft and, as a result, is typically mixed with other metals to improve its hardness and durability. The karat-quality marking indicates what proportion of gold is mixed with other metals. For example, the most common mark for gold jewelry is 18K of 750, which signifies an item is 75 percent gold. Lower-karat gold jewelry may include copper, silver, zinc, or other metals. Consumers should ask about these alloys and determine if the item's ultimate recipient is allergic to certain metals or if he or she has a high acid content in their bodies. People with high acid content in their bodies may have their jewelry turn black as a result.

Buying jewelry can be intimidating. However, jewelry buyers can work with their jewelers to find a beautiful piece their sweethearts will be proud to wear this Valentine's Day. More information on buying jewelry can be found at [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org).

## *Red gemstones for your sweetheart*

The world is awash in red come Valentine's Day. Red is considered a passionate and warming color, which is why it often is tied to the emotions of love and desire. Red also symbolizes heat, longing and strength. In some cultures, red is viewed as good luck and used to ward off bad spirits.

Gift givers who want to embrace red hues even further during Valentine's Day can dote on their sweethearts with red-colored precious and semi-precious gemstone jewelry. Rubies may come to mind, but there are quite a few stones that offer rosy appeal.

- Agate: Red and red-banded agate can be attractive stones. They are a translucent variety of microcrystalline quartz. These stones have a smooth sheen and are relatively durable.

- Garnet: Garnets tend to be a darker red

than rubies and are not very expensive stones. They're easy to find and can be beautiful in jewelry. Garnets are somewhat soft, so they can be scratched or damaged easily, necessitating caution with their handling.

- Red topaz: Like other stones, topaz comes in different shades. Red is one of the hues. Durability, being plentiful and possessing a vibrant luster make red topaz ideal in all types of jewelry.

- Red zircon: Pure red zircon stones are unique. Zircon is one of the oldest known minerals on Earth, so zircon stones in varying colors have been around for quite some time. Zircon is quite hard, so it can be worn daily, making it an ideal stone for rings.

- Ruby: Rubies are often expensive and highly sought after gemstones. Natural, untreated rubies are very rare. They are made of corundum and

are the red versions of sapphires. Rubies are hard and durable and will hold up to daily wear.

- Spinel: Much like fool's gold looks like gold, spinel resembles a ruby so much that it is often mistaken. This stone often has high levels of clarity and a high refractive index.

- Tourmaline: This is another stone that comes in all different colors of the rainbow, including red. It has a pinkish-red hue, and may be called rubellite. Rubellite is commonly cut into long shapes, but it can be made into many common jewelry styles and faceted to maximize the reflection of light.

Red gemstones may be the perfect fit for Valentine's Day. Always work with trusted jewelers to find quality, authentic stones that will retain their value.

## *Jewelry buyers' guide*



*Jewelry is a common gift for Valentine's Day. Customers should know before they buy to get the best value.*

You can't buy love, but on Valentine's Day those in love certainly like to treat the special people in their lives to some lavish tokens of affection. According to the National Retail Federation's Valentine's Day Consumer Spending Survey, Americans spend an estimated \$19 billion on gifts, flowers, dinners, and more come Valentine's Day.

In addition to chocolates and flowers, jewelry is a popular Valentine's Day gift. Since jewelry is often a personal taste, much like a fragrance, it can be challenging to find the perfect item. With so many different styles, colors and pieces, it's no surprise that so many jewelry shoppers feel overwhelmed. Some expert advice can make the process go more smoothly and ensure you're getting the best value for your money.

The Federal Trade Commission suggests thinking before you shop. Since jewelry is a major purchase, shop-

pers should first establish a budget. Consider the gift recipient's style and look at other jewelry he or she wears. The more informed you are before visiting the jewelry stores, the easier it will be to find a piece he or she will like and one that you can afford.

Take the time to become educated about diamonds and other gemstones. Diamonds' value is based on four criteria: color, cut, clarity, and carat (often referred to as "The 4 Cs"). Color ranges from the diamond being nearly white to graded down to yellow. The cut is the way the stone is fashioned. Clarity informs consumers if the stone is flawless or has specs or scratches inside of it. Carat refers to the weight of the diamond.

Diamonds and gemstones can form naturally or be manufactured in laboratories. Lab-created gemstones may look like natural gemstones but be of lesser value.

Shop around and get referrals for reputa-

ble jewelry stores. You can consult the Better Business Bureau to see if any complaints have been lodged about a particular store. Many consumers are most comfortable purchasing jewelry made in-store so they can verify the merchandise and retailer.

Check for the appropriate markings on gold, silver and platinum jewelry that indicate their authenticity. Make sure the jeweler will include certification or a grading report with the jewelry and your receipt.

No matter how much research you do, realize that there's a chance the jewelry you purchase will not prove the perfect fit. So make sure you understand the store's return policy and if there is a charge to have rings or other items resized.

Jewelry is a classic Valentine's Day gift. With the right approach, shoppers can make the process of buying jewelry a lot less intimidating.



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## Top gifts for your valentine

Valentine's Day is an opportunity to show the ones you love just how much you care about them. This is achieved through various gestures, including giving heartfelt gifts.

Research from Business Insider found that 51 percent of Americans now celebrate Valentine's Day. While a recent poll from Insights West found that although many Canadians view Valentine's Day as overly commercial, 75 percent still plan on celebrating it. People are still spending big bucks on making Valentine's Day special. The National Retail Federation indicates Americans spent more than \$20.7 billion on the holiday in 2019 and forecasters predict similar spending in 2020.

Every Valentine's Day, certain gifts emerge as the most popular. While certain gifts are common, there are ways to make them seem fresh and exciting. Here are some ideas for Valentine's Day gifting.

### FLOWERS

The National Retail Federation estimates that people spend around \$2 billion on flowers for



gifts. While roses are much sought after, thinking outside the bouquet can produce unique results. Choose different blooms, perhaps a loved one's favorite flower or something regional. Potted plants also will last longer than cut flowers, giving them more staying power. Skip bouquets in favor of table

centerpieces, which can be eye-catching.

### JEWELRY

Gifting jewelry can be tricky because it is such a personal gift that must tie into a sweetheart's style. It may be tempting to go with something large and flashy or full

of diamonds, but a better option is to take inventory of what your loved one wears on a daily basis and try to mimic the size and scope in your gift. Other thoughtful jewelry gifts include understated pendant necklaces or bracelets engraved with key dates or the names of their children. Colored gemstones in lieu of dia-

monds also may be a striking choice.

### ENTERTAINMENT

Dinner and a movie is a classic date night, but on Valentine's Day restaurants and theaters may be overcrowded and only offer limited menus. An alternative can be to

arrange for a gourmet meal to be delivered and wrap up a new streaming movie/TV device already primed with a subscription to his or her favorite streaming service. Then all you need to do is snuggle on the sofa for a romantic night in.

### CHOCOLATES AND CANDY

Roughly \$1.8 billion is spent on candy each Valentine's Day, says the National Retail Federation. A box of chocolates certainly can fit the bill, but other options abound. Perhaps a sweetheart has a favorite candy that recalls his or her childhood or prefers a chocolate maker from his or her hometown. Purchase those items to add a bit of nostalgia. Make the holiday magical by setting up a candy bar right at home, where your sweetheart can pick and choose from candies displayed in eye-catching bowls and canisters. Another novel idea is to use candy molds to make your own sweet treats.

Thoughtful Valentine's Day gifts can make the day even more special for sweethearts.

## How did "XO" come to symbolize kisses and hugs?



Love letters are a great way for couples to express their affection and devotion to each other. The sentiments expressed in love letters are as unique as the couples who write them. However, love let-

ters often contain one particular turn of phrase regardless of their authors.

When signing a love letter, it's customary for writers to include at least one "XO" near their names. "XO" is widely

recognized as symbolic of wishing "hugs and kisses" to a letter's intended recipient. This tradition is such an ingrained part of romantic letter writing that few may stop to pause and wonder just how the letters

"XO" came to symbolize hugs and kisses.

The origins of "XO" are not definitively known, though many historians note that signing letters with "X" dates back to the Middle Ages. Few people could read and write in the Middle Ages, but signing "X" did not require either of those abilities. Christianity played a big part in many people's lives during the Middle Ages, and "X" was seen as a representation of the Christian cross. So when people signed "X" on legal documents, they were essentially stating the contents of the document were true in the name of Jesus Christ.

While Jesus Christ's teachings are rooted in showing compassion for one's fellow man, signing a letter with "X" did not symbolize love in the Middle Ages. In fact, that development did not come about until much later. The Oxford English Dictionary attributes the first use of "X" to symbolize love and/or kisses in a letter to English naturalist Gilbert White. However, some historians debate the accuracy of that attribution, saying White's use of the letter "X" in

his letter was likely meant to convey blessings on the letter's recipient.

Researcher Stephen Goranson found many uses of the letter "X" to convey love and/or kisses in or after the 1880s, so it's very likely that this was the first time that including the letter "X" at the end of a letter took on the meaning so many people give it now.

As for "O" symbolizing hugs, even less is known about how that came about. The late American writer Leo Rosten, whose writings included 1968's "The Joys of Yiddish," suggested that including "O" at the end of a letter might have a similar origin story to "X." Rosten theorized that "O" was used by Jewish immigrants who did not want to sign a document with "X," which they, like the people in the Middle Ages, interpreted as symbolic of the Christian cross.

Exactly when "O" was paired with "X" and came to symbolize hugs is unknown, though various historians suggest the two were not paired until the latter half of the 20th century.

## 8 sweets for your sweetheart



Cannoli: These Italian pastries orig-

inated on the island of Sicily. They consist of tube-shaped fried pastry dough filled with a ricotta cheese-based cream.

4. Cheesecake: Cheesecake often is made with a crust of crushed cookies, graham crackers or sponge cake. A thick layer of batter made from sour cream, cream cheese, eggs, and sugar is cooked into a semi-soft consistency. Some cheesecakes are light and fluffy, while others are dense and decadent.

5. Chocolate truffles: Not to be mistaken for their fungi cousins, chocolate truffles are made by forming balls out of chocolate ganache (made from heavy cream and melted chocolate), and rolling them in cocoa powder.

6. Cream puffs: These tasty morsels are made from a French choux pastry dough filled with a moist filling of sweet cream or custard.

7. Napoleon: The French offer a layered dessert, and it comes by way of mille feuille, also known as a Napoleon pastry. Puff pastry dough sandwiches vanilla custard or cream in various layers.

8. Tiramisu: Meaning "pick me up," tiramisu is the Italian take on a layered dessert made from ladyfingers cookies dipped in coffee and a whipped mixture of mascarpone cheese and cream, topped with cocoa.

Dessert and other sweets are often a part of Valentine's Day celebrations.

Few things can elicit "oohs and aahs" on Valentine's Day as much as decadent desserts. Sweets and romance seem tailor-made for each other. That's why heart-shaped boxes of chocolate and other sweets are snatched up in droves and handed out like, well, candies, come February 14.

According to Nielsen Product Insider, Valentine's Day chocolate sales reached nearly \$11 billion in 2018, and candy generated \$695 billion in sales. In terms of baked goods, the top-selling items sold during Valentine's Day included dipped/covered treats, message cookies, iced cookies, cupcakes, and two- to five-count doughnuts. Wine, chocolate and strawberries also are very popular Valentine's treats.

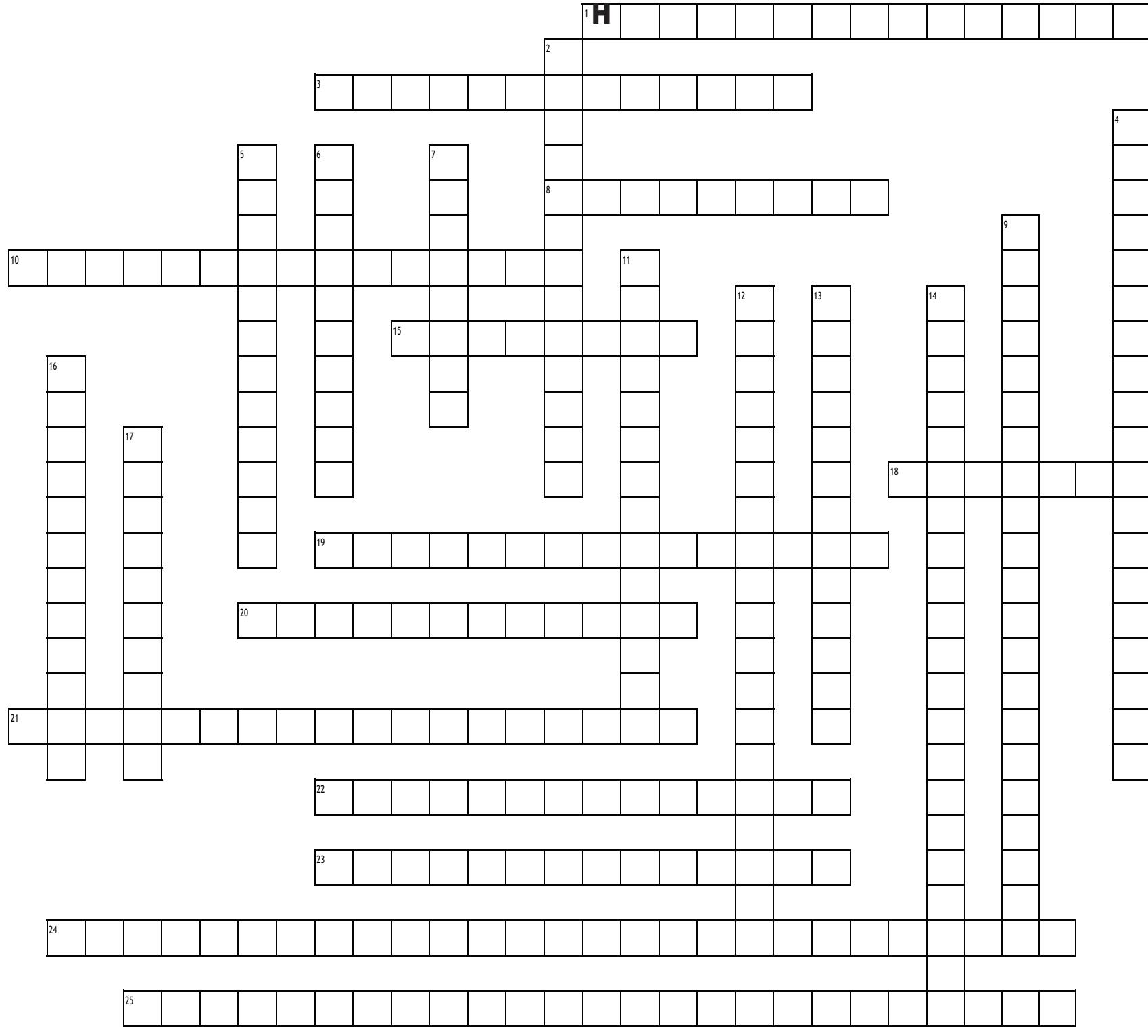
Those pondering giving something sweet this year can consider the following desserts.

1. Bananas Foster: This treat is made from bananas and vanilla ice cream. A sauce made from butter, brown sugar, cinnamon, dark rum, and banana liqueur is placed over the cooked bananas and ignited like a flambé to create a caramelized dessert.

2. Black forest cake: This chocolate cake marries layers of chocolate sponge cake with a rich cherry filling. It is based on the German dessert, schwarzwalder kirschtorte. Whipped cream often tops off this rich cake.

3. Cannoli: These Italian pastries orig-

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