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Liquor licenses to require cameras next year

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER – In light of a recent overturned liquor violation, the Board of Selectmen recently decided to make all liquor license holders install and maintain video cameras.

The change won't take effect for the licenses they renewed Nov. 9. Instead, they plan to start it sometime next spring or summer, to give them time to inform everyone and hold the required public hearings on it, which need to be done for each license separately. Webster has about 30 of them.

"It's been a little difficult with these businesses for Covid," Town Administrator Doug Willardson said while advocating for starting it for licenses in 2022. "I wouldn't want to throw an extra expense at them at this time."

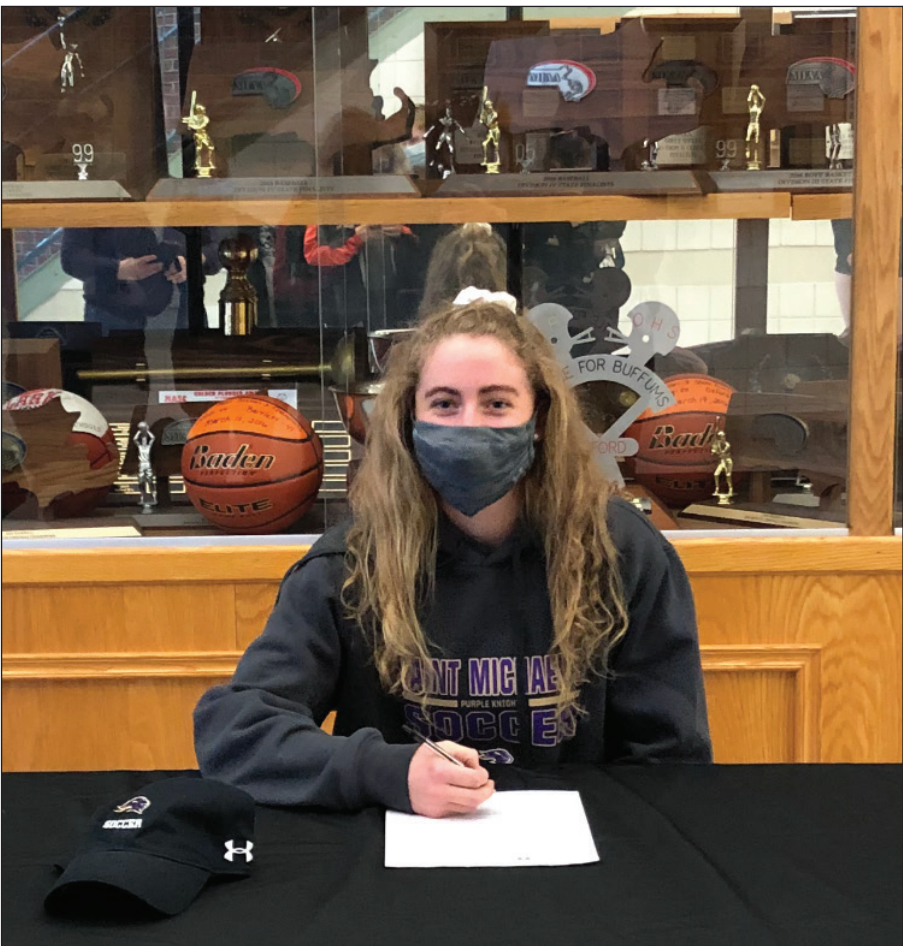
Chair Randy Becker, however, noted "anything could happen" in 14 months, and suggested starting next July, with hearings in March or April. To him, cameras would make licensees "more cautious and careful."

Willardson said he wasn't aware of other

towns having such a requirement, but Police Chief Michael Shaw noted cameras are already pretty common, and would benefit both the town and the licensees. If all of them have to do it, it's "fair," he observed.

What sparked this was a bar fight occurring on Dec 7, 2018 at the Polish American Citizens' Club (PACC) in which one man injured another with a thrown pool ball. The board's hearing on that incident, which ran over four nights between Jan 31 and April 29, 2019, con-

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SOCCKER STANDOUT SIGNED

Bernadette Lesieur from Oxford High School signed a letter of intent Nov. 12 to attend St. Michael's College to play women's soccer.

Donation to help Nichols Endowment Fund

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – Nichols College in Dudley has announced a \$2 million anonymous donation that will boost the school's endowment increasing a scholarship that assists both local students and numerous academic initiatives.

The \$2 million donation was provided to the school from a global financial services leader who has chosen to remain anonymous. The gift will serve to support the primary objective of the college's Bicentennial Campaign to raise funds for capital projects, endowments, and leadership education which has to date surpassed the \$45 million goals set three years ago. A new

goal has been set to raise \$20 million in additional funds to help increase the endowment and support scholarships, professorships and college programs.

Nichols College President Susan West Engelkemeyer, Ph.D. released a statement expressing gratitude for the gift thanking the anonymous donor for their generosity.

"This gift will advance our mission of transforming lives through expanded educational and experiential opportunities for our career focused students. It ensures our continued success as a college of choice for business and leadership education," President Engelkemeyer said.

Chair of the Nichols College Board of Trustees and member of the Class

of 1972 John H. Davis also expressed his gratitude for the gift calling it critical support for the endowment especially in a time of uncertainty in higher education.

"Most importantly, it will increase experiential opportunities for our students to give them a competitive edge," Davis said.

The \$2 million donation, along with other funds from the endowment, will assist with launching a business consulting center in addition to supporting a scholarship for students in the Southern Worcester County region. The \$2 million will also be utilized to augment the Student-Managed Investment Fund which was founded in 2019 through alumni donations.

Oxford sets tax rate

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD – As they have for many years, selectmen voted to set a single tax rate Nov. 10 for fiscal year 2021. All classes of property will be paying \$16.53 per \$1,000 value.

In the annual Tax Classification hearing, this time online but with nobody from the public in attendance, Assessor Chris Pupka summarized how the rate is calculated. Using the "largest class of property," the 3,706 parcels that are residential (79.78 percent of the total), he said his team needs to base their numbers on "arms-length sales" while excluding "a lot of family sales, hugs and kisses sales," which are often under \$1000. That left 121 sales, and the

law requires the assessed values to be between 90 and 110 percent of market value.

In practice, he said, it's usually a little lower (about 95 percent), so he has a little flexibility with the Commercial, Industrial and Personal Property (CIP) classes, which have to be within five points of residential. Calculating those classes is more challenging because they very rarely have enough sales to reach the 2 percent threshold or sometimes even the 10 sale minimum, so the town needs two years of data to do it.

Pupka said Oxford's total value this year is about \$1.54 billion.

"Often, people are confused that their tax bill can't go up more than 2.5 percent. That's not true,"

he said, noting that significant house repairs can easily cause a home's value to rise more than that.

What can't rise more than that is what the town collects in taxes. The FY 21 budget needs \$25,438,041, a figure that is \$15,425 below the Prop 2½ levy limit. That includes \$301,063 in new growth and \$422,426 in debt exclusions (for school projects in 2002 and 2012 and police renovations in 2008).

Pupka briefly discussed what would happen to rates if the board opted for a split rate, shifting the tax burden somewhat to the CIP classes. Every 15 cents of reduction in the residential rate causes a 58 cent hike in the

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St. Joseph students explore nature

WEBSTER — The recent warm weather was the perfect opportunity for St. Joseph School Pre-K 3-year-old instructor, Mrs. Alicia Maurer, to not only take her class outside for mask breaks, but for fun exploring during her Life Science Classes.

Mrs. Maurer and her teaching assistant, Mrs. Aurelia Kopec, could be seen leading the group of excited three-year-olds around the school and basilica grounds searching for colorful leaves, sticks, and acorns. Although they found many items to bring back to their classroom for further investigation and art projects, highlights

included finding grasshoppers jumping across the schoolyard and seeing the albino squirrel that resides on the school grounds.

St. Joseph School offers two, three, and five-day programs for three-year-old children. The programs are led by a team of early-childhood educators who create a warm

and nurturing environment. Within this environment, children learn and grow emotionally, spiritually, intellectually, physically, and socially. Through adventures such as nature walks, the children have the opportunity to explore the world around them and learn about God's creations.



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Cornerstone Bank holds annual food drive

Correction

ITEMS TO BE COLLECTED AT ALL LOCATIONS

REGION — Cornerstone Bank is hosting a food drive from now until Saturday, Nov. 21. All non-perishable food items will be donated to local food pantries throughout the community.

During the drive, customers and local residents are encouraged to drop off non-perishable food items at any of Cornerstone Bank's 12 branch locations.

Drop-off locations include:

- 2 Center Depot Rd., Charlton
- 1073 Main St., Holden
- 121 S. Main St., Leicester
- 93 Main St., Rutland
- 253-257 Main St., Southbridge
- 176 Main St., Spencer
- 72 W. Main St., Spencer
- 200 Charlton Rd., Sturbridge
- 968 Main St., Warren
- 86 Worcester Rd., Webster
- 230 Park Ave., Worcester
- 70 W. Boylston St., Worcester

“Our annual food drive is a great opportunity to help families in need during the holiday season,” said Cornerstone Bank President & Treasurer Todd M. Tallman. “Any donation helps and is greatly appreciated.”



About Cornerstone Bank
Cornerstone Bank is an independent, mutual savings bank serving the residents, businesses, and communities throughout Central Massachusetts from offices in Charlton, Holden, Leicester, Rutland, Southbridge, Spencer, Sturbridge, Warren, Webster, and Worcester along with a Loan Center

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DUDLEY — An article on the Pearle L. Crawford Library's reopening efforts published in last week's edition incorrectly spelled Library Director Drusilla Carter's first name as Drucilla.
The Webster Times deeply regrets any confusion that may have resulted from this unintentional error.

DUDLEY

POLICE LOG

DUDLEY — The Dudley Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of Nov. 6-13.

Lisa M. Harden, age 47, of Worcester was arrested on Nov. 6 in connection with an out of agency warrant.

Marissa M. Cournoyer, age 24, of North Oxford was arrested on Nov. 7 in connection with an out of agency warrant, and for a Marked Lanes Violation and Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle. Jonathan D. Sweeney, age 22, also of North Oxford, was arrested during the same motor vehicle stop for Possession of a Class E Drug and in connection with an out of agency warrant.

Edwin Burgos, age 27, and Mariah M. Adair, age 25, both of Dudley, were arrested on Nov. 10 in connection with warrants issued by the Dudley Police Department.

Nyla A. Jean Louis, age 18, of Boston was arrested on Nov. 12 for Vandalization of Property.

State takes additional steps to curb rise in COVID cases

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION – State officials have taken several additional measures in response to a steep rise in COVID-19 cases over the last three weeks.

Gov. Charlie Baker announced last week that a field hospital will be set up at the DCU Center in Worcester. With new COVID-19 cases rising throughout the state, officials are prepared for an influx of hospitalizations as winter looms.

The Worcester site, which will be built by the National Guard, is the first field hospital to open in the state since June.

“The Commonwealth continues to see an alarming rise in cases and hospitalizations for COVID-19, and we are acting now to expand hospital capacity,” **Baker said.** “All residents are urged to follow guidance to wear masks, stay home at night, and stop gathering. We are preparing our hospital system to add more beds and stand up our first field hospital to care for COVID-19 patients if these trends continue.”

If needed, the Worcester field hospital is expected to be available for patients in the first week of December. Additional locations can be added if conditions dictate a need.

State and health officials are also coordinating to prepare hospital staffs across the state for a wave of patients.

“Since day one of our response to this crisis, we have worked to ensure that our hospitals and healthcare providers have the resources they need to meet the acute health needs of our residents,” **said Massachusetts Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders.** “We are in a much better position to respond to what will be a difficult next few months.”

Statewide, COVID-19 hospitalizations since Labor Day have increased from 178 to 661. Several days last week saw new cases exceed 2,000.

If needed, the Worcester field hospital will provide approximately 240 additional beds to care for lower-risk COVID-19 patients, helping preserve the hospital system capacity for higher-risk patients.

The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency

(MEMA) will coordinate the logistics of the DCU Center field hospital, in close collaboration with health officials.

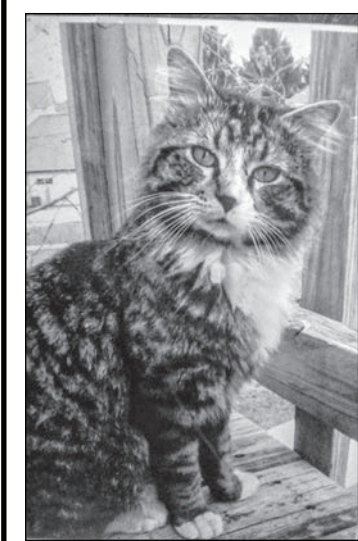
“The Commonwealth's forward planning is a direct result of lessons learned and our experience during the first wave of the pandemic,” **said MEMA Director Samantha Phillips.** “We hope that we won't need all of these overflow beds, but if we do, they'll be ready.”

The DCU Center was the first of five field hospitals constructed by the Commonwealth during the response to the springtime surge of COVID-19 cases. From early April until late May, when it was de-mobilized, the Worcester site served 161 patients.

Meanwhile, officials throughout the county and state continue to deal with COVID-19 flare-ups at all levels of the community. The East Brookfield District Court was closed for multiple days last week after a staff member tested positive for COVID-19.

Even the State House had to be heavily sanitized last week, after two officials tested positive for the virus. Privacy laws regarding medical information prevent the officials from being identified.

For more information about ongoing state efforts to combat COVID-19, visit www.mass.gov.



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WEBSTER POLICE LOG

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of Nov. 8-14.

Conner Ryan Schieber, age 22, of Webster was arrested on Nov. 8 for Intimidation of a Witness, Juror, Police Officer, or Court Official.

An adult male whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Nov. 10 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

Chad M. Purdy, age 42, of Webster was arrested on Nov. 11 for Possession of a Firearm Without an FID Card, Possession of Ammunition Without an FID Card, Unattended Ammunition, an Unattended Firearm, Receiving a Firearm with a Defaced Serial Number, two counts of Possession of a Class B Drug, and Receiving Stolen Property valued at less than \$1,200.

An adult male whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Nov. 11 for two counts of Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

Nyla A. Jean Louis, age 18, of Boston was arrested on Nov. 12 for Vandalization of Property.

Justin A. Cloutier, age 39, of Webster was arrested on Nov. 14 in connection with an out of agency warrant and for Possession of a Class C Drug.

An adult male whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Nov. 14 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

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Friday's Child



**Zayalani
Age 11**

Hi! My name is Zayalani and I am very kind.

Zayalani, who likes to be called Zaya, is an affectionate and easy-going girl of Puerto Rican descent. She can be shy with new people, but once she opens up, she can connect well with others. Zaya is said to possess a caring heart and has a strong desire to help others. Some of her favorite activities include arts and crafts, listening to music, spending time outdoors, and spending time with her foster family.

At school, Zaya is receiving extra support, both academically and emotionally. She does very well with one-on-one attention and also gets

along with her peers.

Legally freed for adoption, Zaya has the potential to thrive in a family that can provide her with nurturance and support. Her social worker believes that she will do well in a family with at least one mother and where she can be the only or youngest child in the home. Prospective families must be willing to help Zaya maintain her relationship with her sister and her biological father.

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

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

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Seven Hills Family Services receives grant

WORCESTER — Seven Hills Family Services, which operates a Family Resource Center in Sturbridge, has received a \$49,620 grant from The Health Foundation of Central Massachusetts to upgrade the AV equipment in one of its Family Support Center classrooms in order to record sessions, edit, translate, and post them on its website so that families who cannot attend the sessions can access them at their convenience.

The grant will also be used to purchase technology for Family Support Navigators to enhance integrated supports to families.

The grant was one of 14 Activation Fund grants recently awarded by the Foundation totaling almost \$700,000.

“Throughout Worcester County, there are many important health, education, and human service agencies and organizations, which, through the efforts of their dedicated staffs, are providing essential services to our most vulnerable populations,” said Francis M. Saba, Chairman of the Board of the Foundation. “The critical nature of their work has been heightened by the challenges of the current pandemic. Through our Foundation’s annual Activation Fund process, we are able to help support many of these agencies and organizations. In 2020, 66 letters of intent to participate in the application process for support from the Activation Fund were submitted. Of the 66 letters, many were from organizations that had never applied and others from both previous applicants and agencies that had not previously been invited to apply. The 66 letters in 2020 compare with 38 from 2019. Clearly the need for support has increased and is significant. After a thorough review of the letters and applications by our experienced and thoughtful Foundation staff, 14 projects with support of \$698,039 were funded. Five of the projects totaling \$271,000 were specifically funded in response to the pandemic. Our Foundation is pleased to continue to do our part in helping these agencies.”

The other grants awarded are:

Quinsigamond Community College (QCC) - \$70,790 to upgrade instructional equipment in QCC’s Radiologic Technology program to better prepare QCC students for their clinical rotations and entering the workforce.

Worcester Common Ground (WCG) - \$100,000 to install a rooftop greenhouse on an affordable housing project WCG is developing in Worcester which will allow residents to grow produce for themselves and their families.

NEADS World Class Service Dogs - \$50,000 for the construction of its Behavioral Check List space to test puppies to determine their eligibility to enter NEADS training programs as Service Dogs.

Living in Freedom Together (LIFT) - \$19,000 for the installation of sprinklers at its residential home for survivors of commercial sexual exploitation.

LUK, Inc. - \$50,000 to support telebehavioral health services for students in middle and high schools in Central Massachusetts.

Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center - \$60,000 for four dental chairs as part of its plans to expand its Milford site to include dental services, optometry and a 340B pharmacy.

Building Futures - \$49,998 for facility and technology upgrades to the Worcester Housing Authority’s Youth Center in Great Brook Valley, which provides youth ages 5-14 with tutoring and homework help.

Christopher House of Worcester - \$39,082 for a program to enhance the skills of its first line managers and train peer mentors with the goal of reducing the turnover rates of both nurses and CNAs.

Jeffrey’s House - \$23,772 for the installation of sprinklers in three sober living houses it operates in Fitchburg and for accessibility renovations in two of the houses.

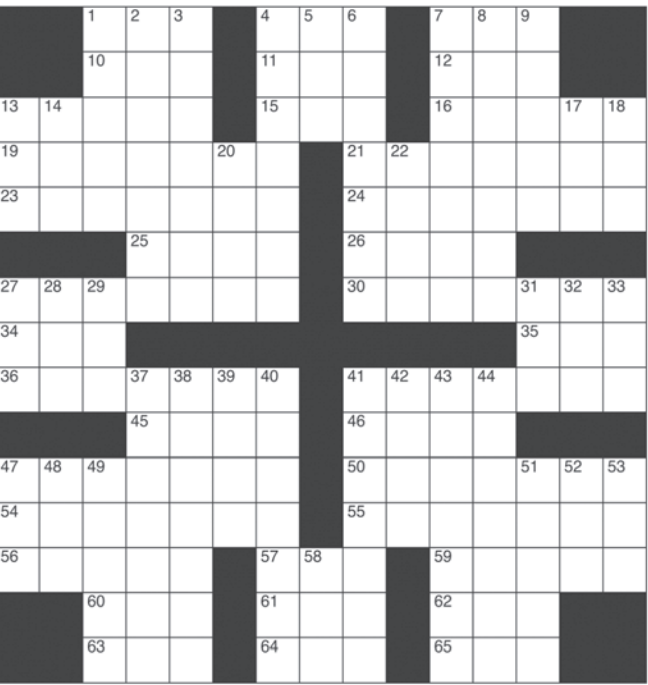
CENTRO - \$50,000 to hire a community health worker to assess the needs of people using its food pantry and refer them to other services CENTRO offers if they are eligible.

Genesis Club - \$40,000 to create a “virtual clubhouse” to enable Genesis Club to reach out to people recovering from mental illness who cannot access its physical location, allowing people to access clubhouse services remotely.

Open Sky Community Services - \$45,777 to expand telepsychiatry services in 33 of its group homes.

South Middlesex Opportunity Council - \$50,000 for the pre-development costs associated with converting the second floor of a building in Worcester into a 50-bed permanent emergency shelter facility.

The Foundation was established in 1999 with the proceeds from the sale of Central Massachusetts Health Care, Inc., a physician-initiated, not-for-profit HMO. The Foundation currently has assets of approximately \$79 million and has awarded grants totaling over \$45 million since it began its grantmaking in 2000. For further information about these grants or about the Foundation’s grantmaking programs and application process, please visit The Health Foundation’s website at www.hfcm.org or call (508) 438-0009.

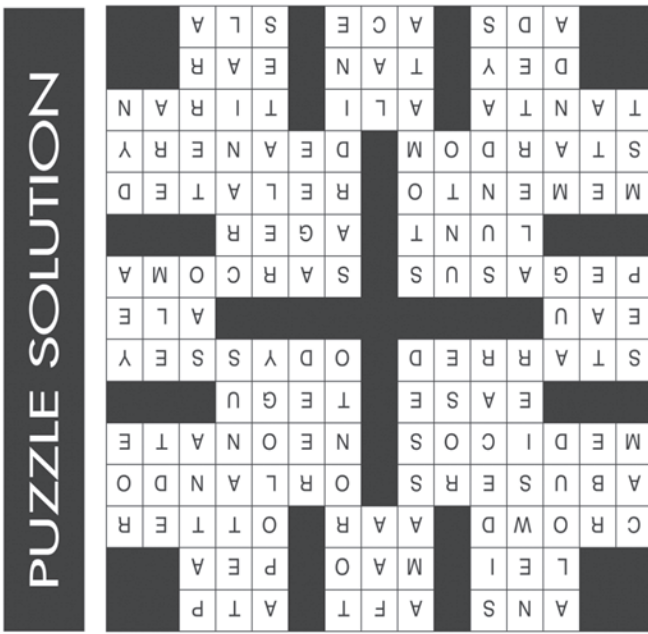


CLUES ACROSS

1. Autonomic nervous system
4. At or near the stern
7. Adenosine triphosphate
10. Polynesian garland of flowers
11. Chinese revolutionary
12. Green veggie
13. Large group
15. Swiss river
16. Semiaquatic mammal
19. Wrongdoers
21. Home to Disney World
23. Spanish doctors
24. Newborn child
25. Absence of difficulty
26. Large, stocky lizard
27. Earned top billing
30. A long wandering and eventful journey
34. Water (French)
35. Brew
36. Winged horse
41. A usually malignant tumor
45. Alfred __, American actor
46. Austrian river
47. A reminder of past events
50. Connected with
54. Status
55. Dean residence
56. Egyptian city
57. Boxing’s GOAT
59. Straits along the Red Sea
60. “The Partridge Family” actress Susan
61. Get some color
62. Facilitates hearing
63. Commercials
64. A team’s best pitcher
65. Patti Hearst’s captors

CLUES DOWN

1. Speak up
2. More informative
3. Where passengers sit
4. Gathered
5. Supervises flying
6. Home of the Blue Jays
7. Public statement of regret
8. Lockjaw
9. Indian city
13. Patriots’ Newton
14. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
17. Sun up in New York
18. Eggs in female fish
20. Stood up
22. NBA legend Willis
27. Calendar month (abbr.)
28. Exercise regimen __-bo
29. The 8th month (abbr.)
31. __ Paulo, city
32. Tall deciduous tree
33. Affirmative
37. Notified of danger
38. NFL game days
39. Archaic term for “to”
40. Plant pores
41. Canned fish
42. Phil __, former CIA
43. Connects with
44. Of the skull
47. Time zone (abbr.)
48. When you hope to get there
49. Hindu goddess
51. Land
52. Pitching stat
53. Field force unit
58. Lakers’ crosstown rivals



Webster resident honored by DAR

WEBSTER — Margaret Fournier of Webster has received the 2020 Daughters of the American Revolution, Women in the Arts Recognition Award from the National Society of the DAR. The award is given to people who have shown exceptional talent in the arts, and have been recognized by the community for contributions to American Arts and Culture.

Fournier has won many prizes from the Woodstock Fair for her crafts. Last year, at the 2019 Woodstock Fair, her bride doll from 1889 won First Prize for Dolls and First Place for Best Overall in Show. The bride dress had 6,000 white pearl beads, and It took her all winter to complete the project. She has also made a wedding party of the same 1889 period.

activities that include the Uxbridge Fife and Drum Corp and Historian of the Fournier and Langlois Family Reunions. She is a dedicated member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She is the Registrar of the Captain Job Knapp Chapter in Douglas, and has helped many women become members of the chapter. The members of the Captain Job Knapp Chapter were honored to submit her name for this year’s DAR Women in the Arts Recognition Award.

If you have an ancestor who served in the American Revolution you are eligible for membership. For more information on the DAR and help to apply for membership contact clavallee234@gmail.com.



Margaret Fournier

For more than 28 years, Mrs. Fournier has many interests and



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Bartholomew & Company opens Metro-West office with two new advisors

WORCESTER — Bartholomew & Company, a financial planning and wealth management firm with offices in Worcester, Chatham, and Bedford, Massachusetts, announces the opening of its newest branch office at 161 Worcester Rd., Suite 402, Framingham.

John Moran and Jennifer Moran, wealth advisors and vice presidents in Bartholomew & Company's Private Wealth Management division, will be the primary contacts at the new Metro-West branch with support and guidance from the Investment Management Department, advisors, and staff at Bartholomew & Company's Worcester headquarters.

John and Jen have

more than 60 years combined experience helping individuals and small business owners identify and reach their financial goals. John's experience includes positions at A.G. Edwards, E.F. Hutton, and his most recent six years at The Moran Group at Ameriprise Financial. John previously owned his own firm, Moran Financial, as an independent financial advisor. Jennifer's experience includes positions at two local financial firms before she joined Moran Financial, followed by The Moran Group at Ameriprise Financial.

Bartholomew & Company President & CEO, Thomas J. Bartholomew, AIF® said of the new branch office and advisors, "We are pleased be able to add a convenient new Metro-

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Snow days becoming remote learning days

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY/CHARLTON – Winter is upon us, and with that, school districts are planning for the possibility of poor weather and snow days that could further complicate a school year altered by the COVID-19 pandemic. In an effort to be proactive, the Dudley Charlton Regional School District has implemented a plan of action that will see snow days become at-home learning days.

During a meeting in late October, Superintendent Steven Lamarche discussed the district's plan of action for snow and weather-related closures revealing that the board had made the decision to voluntarily adjust its protocols to call for at-home learning rather than taking the customary snow days when students are unable to be at the building in person due to weather. This approach will allow the district to fulfill its commitments to a certain number of learning days per year preventing the district from extending the year further into June in 2021.

"Our current plan is to call a remote learning day for a weather-related closure unless we have a declared state of emergency or widespread power outages. Those are things we would have to monitor," said Lamarche.

School Committee chair Kenneth Laferriere agreed with the approach saying it would help the district remain committed to its obligation to the students by utilizing a format already employed to help work under the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I think it makes sense to do a remote day rather than having to make up a day. That's just my opinion. I think if we've got the ability to do it let's just keep the day and keep the school year moving along," Laferriere said. "I think it makes sense the way the administration is doing it."

Snow day closures are decided in the early morning hours through dis-

cussions with district personnel, law enforcement and local public works. Once a closure is determined the district reaches out to as many outlets as possible including news channels and on social media to inform parents of the situation.

Lamarche said they also want to think ahead and if a snow day or weather situation is anticipated they plan to work with teachers to keep them informed and prepared. "I think any day that we would contemplate some type of a closure for a weather event there needs to be some type of communication for what that day may look like," said Lamarche.



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THOMPSON, CT – Janice A. Ducharme, 68, died November 14, 2020 at her home after an illness. She was the daughter of the late Edward and Vivian (Kuszewski) Ducharme.
She is survived by her loving son, Jody Johnson, his wife Megan and their two sons Nicholas and Andrew. She also leaves nieces Julie and Jen Ducharme, her nephew Keith, her brother Kevin and her beloved cousin Deborah Shannon. Her brother Ronald J. Ducharme died in

Janice A. Ducharme, 68
1981 on her 24th birthday.
She was born in Webster, MA and graduated from Bartlett High School in Webster where she served as the class treasurer. She earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Nichols College in Dudley, MA in 1975 (she was the college's first female graduate). She moved to San Francisco and worked in corporate personnel for the next 8 years. After the death of her brother, she soon relocated back East and was a teacher of psychology, Shakespeare and English at Bartlett High School in Webster for 30 years, retiring in 2013.
She was blessed with such wonderful friends and former students. She loved

following the lives of her students and was so proud of each one of them! She was an avid Red Sox and Patriots fan. She often wrote poetry and loved snapping pictures of unique places.
A memorial Mass will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, November 21, in Saint Louis Church, 14 Lake Street, Webster. Current health guidelines will be in place and everyone is asked to wear a mask. Arrangements are under the direction of Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main Street, Webster, MA.
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Dudley voters thanked for support
of ambulance purchase

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – Election Day was a busy one for the town of Dudley with 76 percent, or 6,045 of the registered voters in town turning out to fill out a ballot. Although the main decision of the day was helping decide the new President of the United States, Dudley voters also had an important decision to make regarding their emergency response service casting an overwhelming vote of support in favor of funding a new ambulance.
Question 3 on the ballot asked Dudley residents whether or not they supported a debt exclusion for a \$260,000 ambulance replacing one of the aging vehicles in the fire department's fleet. Voters supported the measure in a 3,421 to 2,288 decision allowing the fire department to

go ahead with the purchase by adding the cost to the tax levy temporarily. The cost will be removed from the town's tax roll once the vehicle is paid off.
During a meeting of the Board of Selectmen on Nov. 9, both selectmen and the fire chief were grateful to the townsfolk for their support. Selectman Steve Sullivan offered his words of thanks which were echoed by his fellow board members throughout the meeting.
"It was gratifying to see the ambulance pass overwhelmingly. It's a vital frontline piece of equipment – I want to thank the people of Dudley for their wisdom and for their votes," said Sullivan.
Every selectman also complimented the voters for casting their votes with one of the largest voter turnouts in the town's history.
The support for the ambulance was

certainly appreciated by Fire Chief Dean Kochanowski who had worked with the town prior to the election to produce an informational video about the ambulance and help inform voters of the importance of the purchase. Chief Kochanowski kept his report to selectmen brief on Nov. 9 with a simple "thank you" to the voters and a statement reassuring the town that they will work hard to return the favor when called upon.
"I thank the citizens of Dudley for passing the ambulance. It was a much-needed piece of equipment. We couldn't effectively do our job with the ambulance that we had as it was ten years old so we are appreciative of the support of the citizens and in return we will continue to provide a top-notch service to the citizens of Dudley as we always have," said the chief.

Dudley feeling confident in grant applications

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – The town of Dudley is optimistic that they will receive funding from a pair of grants to help offset the costs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and with increased cybersecurity for the town.
Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda gave a brief update on two grant applications during the Board of Selectmen's Nov. 9 meeting where he expressed optimism that Dudley will indeed receive money through the CARE Act as well as the Community Compact Grant program to assist with town budgeting due

to loses from the COVID-19 pandemic and cybersecurity upgrades respectively.
Starting with the CARES Act, Ruda said he discussed the grant with the Department of Revenue prior to the Nov. 9 meeting and received assurance that Dudley currently qualifies for and is expected to receive a share of the funding. The CARES Act passes Congress in March and serves as a measure to help families, businesses and state and local governments offset the health and economic impacts of COVID-19.
"At this point we're in a really good position to receive our request through the CARES Act," Ruda told select-

men. "I spoke to DOR and it looks like we should be on track to get that full request."
Ruda did not elaborate on exactly how much the town requested through the program.
The second grant discussed during the meeting was a Community Compact Grant which would fund IT infrastructure improvements in Dudley for the current fiscal year. Cybersecurity has been a major focus for Ruda and the Board of Selectmen in recent years especially in the wake of a security breach in neighboring Charlton. Ruda expressed confidence that this grant will also make its way to Dudley, although it

could be in a smaller amount that initially anticipated.
"I'm cautiously optimistic. I had another conversation with the Department of Revenue this week and they were asking if a reduced amount of the request would be acceptable to the town. I take that as a positive indication that we should be in pretty good shape with that as well. That will take care of our cybersecurity upgrades and needs for the next 12 months hopefully," said Ruda.
As with the CARES Act request, Ruda did not specify exactly how much the town was seeking through the grant.



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EDITORIAL

A story of inspiration for a sunny morning

Twenty-one-year-old Chris Nikic of Maitland, Fla. made history last Saturday when he became the first person in history with Down Syndrome to complete a full distance Ironman triathlon. Watching the video of Nikic crossing the finish line in Panama City, Fla., did not leave this writer with dry eyes. This was good news, in an otherwise chaotic news cycle.

As most people know, a full Ironman consists of a 2.4 mile swim, a 112 mile bike ride and a 26.2 mile run. The race, has a time cap of 17 hours. Nikic completed the race in 16:46:09.

Nikic had a few setbacks throughout the race, including two falls from his bike.

Special Olympics Florida President and CEO Sherry Wheelock released a statement. In it she said, “He’s become a hero to athletes, fans, and people across Florida and around the world. He’s an inspiration to all of us.”

Nikic is no stranger to triathlons and has been training since he was a teenager. Looking ahead he will strive to qualify for the 2022 Special Olympics USA Games.

In an Instagram post, Nikic wrote “Goal set and achieved. Time to set a new and bigger goal for 2021. Whatever it is, the strategy is the same. One percent better every day. Yes, I did the work, but I had angels helping me. God surrounded me with angels. Best part of all. New family and friends. All about awareness and inclusion. Awareness for Down Syndrome and Special Olympics. Inclusion for all of us with all of you.”

His proud father, Nik Nikic, released his own statement: “To Chris, this race was more than just a finish line and celebration of victory. Ironman has served as his platform to become one step closer to his goal of living a life of inclusion, normalcy, and leadership. It’s about being an example to other kids and families that face similar barriers, proving no dream or goal is too high,” he said.

Nikic completed the 2.4 mile swim (along with his coach Dan Grieb) in just under two hours. Just prior to getting on his bike to attack the 112 miles, he was bitten by fire ants. He forged ahead and finished the bike portion in 8:12:37. He then went on to finish the 26.2 mile run in 6:18:48.

Nikic’s father says that the mantra is to improve one percent each day. His coach, Grieb said in a statement, “I’m no longer surprised by what Chris can accomplish because I recognize who Chris is; a human being that has goals and dreams just like everyone else. He wants to make the path easier for those just like him and can follow his lead.”

He is now a Guinness World Record holder.

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The idolatry of politics

As we continue to deal with the contentious aftermath of our presidential election, I really want to challenge all of us to take a step back and look deeply and honestly at ourselves and our actions over these past weeks and months. Whether supporting the left or right, whether rejoicing with Biden or sympathizing with Trump, or simply agonizing over the sad reality of our broken country and its uncertain future with our divisive and angry spirit, as Christians we need to pause and reflect, and then deeply repent! We need to sincerely repent over the ways we’ve given in to fear and turned away from trusting in God. We need to soberly repent for allowing ourselves to fall into the many ways of worshiping and trusting in the idols of our society, idols we’ve created with our political leaders and even the idolatry of our ideologies!

Let me share three separate experiences that happened to me this past week which highlight the extreme actions we’ve given into, something I’ve honestly never experienced in my 26 years as a priest. First, one person told me that they can no longer be a part of our Church Family because they felt that their political agenda is not supported here. Think about this – they feel they can’t worship God in our beautiful community because of politics. I know we have committed Republicans and Democrats in our congregation, we have left-leaning and right-leaning ideologues, yet I believe we respect and love everyone equally. I don’t preach one side of politics from the pulpit and would never tell anyone how to vote. God has given you freedom and God has given you a brain. Yet this person felt they could no longer be a part of our church community because of political differences!

Then, a few days later, I received an email from someone who reads my daily meditation, and they wrote to tell me, among other things, “Fr Luke has sold out to the devil” because I didn’t agree with his political judgment. It’s one thing to vigorously disagree and debate with one another, but quite another to see our opponent as a co-worker with Satan, to arrogantly judge our brother or sister in Christ as a tool of the devil.

Finally, a friend I have known all my life, who I knew from my hometown church and who has been quite involved in the church throughout his life, wrote an email the other day that bluntly stated, “My love of this country far exceeds that of friends and acquaintances, so I am taking everyone from the opposite political party out of my address book & please feel free to do the same to me. There will not be any further communication of any kind between us after this message.” Imagine, such distorted patriotism and love of country which exceeds love of friends, even life-long friends!

What’s happening here?!? I must say that all these three instances deeply sadden me. How have we reached a point in our society where we no longer respect one another and no longer value friendships to the point of not ever wanting to communicate with someone anymore, simply because we have different political views? Why can’t we simply disagree while still remaining friends? Or vigorously debate with one another while still trying to listen to the other and hopefully discover common ground in our beliefs and in our desire for the good of our fellow human being?

What has happened to make us so arrogantly, self-righteously divided? Is it that we have unconsciously and carelessly fallen into extremes – where we think either you’re with me or against me, but we leave no room for middle ground for love and humility, for respect and empathetic understanding? Several months ago, I preached on this very danger of extremism from both the left and the right, and it seems that too many people are choosing to hide in these dark corners of radicalism.

Along with the danger of extremism, however, I think there is lurking within us another serious temptation and danger, and this is what I want to focus on today. I want us all to look at ourselves and reflect on where we’ve given into the grave sin of idolatry!

Now, when most people hear the term idolatry, they may think of some ancient pagan societies that wor-



BEYOND THE PEWS

By FR. LUKE A. VERONIS
SAINTS CONSTANTINE AND HELEN
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, WEBSTER

shipped many statues and gods. We may think about the Old Testament and the numerous times the Israelites turned away from the One True God and worshipped the foreign gods of their neighbors. Actually, do we realize that in Holy Scripture, idolatry is considered the greatest sin, even greater than murder and adultery, because it is a sin of turning away from the one true God?

Of course, when we warn about idolatry today, we most likely aren’t talking about worshipping other foreign gods. We can better understand idolatry in our contemporary setting by thinking of false religion and heretical ideologies. Tim Keller, in his book “Counterfeit Gods,” defines an idol as “anything more important to you than God, anything that absorbs your heart and imagination more than God, and anything that you seek to give you that only God can give.”

With that definition, how many idols do we have in our lives? Think of our obsession these past months during this political campaign, and the ultimate hope and fear we’ve placed in certain political figures and political parties, in various ideals like patriotism and country, in ideologies like capitalism or socialism.

Think about the disproportionate amount of time, money and passion we’ve put into this election over the past nine months. Our country spent \$14 billion on this election! And what about the ultimate and extreme hope and despair we’ve given to the results. How many people feel that our country or the world will be destroyed if their candidate or party lost, and others who feel that our politician alone can save the world as we know it. Such apocalyptic dreams point to idolatry! And I’m warning all of us, on both sides of the political spectrum, of this danger sin of idolatry.

Remember, even sincere desires and good intentions can become idols if we don’t stay vigilant and keep everything in a proper perspective. We love our families and yet, when we say “Family is the most important thing in the world” we’ve created an idol. We all want to be healthy but when we give in to the idea that “If you have your health, you have everything” we’ve given in to idolatry. And when we believe so passionately in one politician or one political way to the point that we want to break off our relationships with others simply because they hold on to another view, or when we lift up patriotism of our country as the highest virtue above love for one another, then we’ve created an idol out of our political views and out of our country.

Take note, when it comes to idolatry, the danger is not the idol itself but the relationship and attitude we have towards that idol. The danger is in us, it is in our perspective. The first commandment in the Ten Commandments is “I am the Lord your God and you shall have no other gods before me.” And the two greatest commandments are “to love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength” and “to love your neighbor as yourself.”

I want to challenge all of us to soberly and seriously think about what idols we’ve allowed to dominate our lives. I’m focusing especially today on the idols we’ve created in politics. Of course, in another sermon I could focus on the many other idols we worship – our narcissistic and egocentric worship of self, our worship of money and possessions, of consumerism and comfort, our obsession with entertainment and with our sex culture, our social media addiction among the many other addictions with which we struggle, and the list could go on.

Think about where do we spend our time, where do we spend our money, and what is always dominating our thinking and our passion? Reflect on these questions and they will reveal to you what your idols, or temptations of idolatry are. Be on guard and don’t allow anything, or anyone, even if you perceive it as a good and necessary thing, to take the place of God in our lives.

“I am the Lord your God and you shall have no other gods before me.” “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength” and “Love your neighbor as yourself.” When we strive to prioritize these commandments above all else, we protect ourselves from the many idols of the world!

Waiting is up to you



CHIEF’S CORNER

STEVE WOJNAR

Recently, I was asked a traffic signal question. “Right turns on red” are allowed at intersections, unless there is a sign prohibiting it. The person wondered if they are at one of these locations, where the turn is allowed, and they do not wish to proceed, do they have the option to simply wait for the green light? What should they do when the horns start honking from the cars behind them?

Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 89 Section 8 is the law allowing a right turn, or a left turn in the case of a one-way street, at a red traffic signal. Two very important provisions must be observed prior to this movement. First, the vehicle must come to a full and complete stop prior to the crosswalk or in the location where stopping is intended at the intersection. An example of this can be the stop line. Second, the driver preparing to turn, must yield the right of way to any vehicles or pedestrians traveling through the intersection as directed by the signals. If a driver feels it is unsafe to turn, they have the obligation to wait until such time as it is safe to do so. Should an accident occur, it will most often be the fault of the person making this turn on red.

In those intersections, where there is a sign prohibiting these turns, there is generally a good reason. At any intersection where signals are in place, studies have been conducted on the traffic conditions in that area. These will include vehicular and pedestrian volume, speeds, and crash data. Often, drivers may not pay attention to traffic or people approaching from multiple directions. Since drivers making these turns must yield until it is safe to do so, waiting is certainly an option. This is always an individual decision. Nothing can be done to avoid people “honking” horn when they substitute their judgment for that of others. We only hope people exercise patience and respect those who exercise additional precautions.

It is most important to remember traffic signals at busy intersections are in place due to the heavy vehicle and/or pedestrian traffic. When drivers disregard these signals, make prohibited turns, or fail to pay added attention, problems can occur. There are many dangers which can approach from seemingly all directions. The rush to save a few seconds of travel time can result in a crash or injuries.

Our department will be collecting Christmas gift donations for local families in need. This pandemic year has been particularly difficult on people. New, unwrapped toys and clothing can be brought to the Dudley Police Department at 71 West Main St. Of need in the past were gifts for children ages of 10 and up. Monetary donations and gift cards are also accepted. Checks should be made payable to the “Dudley Police Association” with a special note for the Holiday Drive. We thank everyone in advance for their outstanding support in the past and the continued generosity. Numerous local families have benefitted in the past. Anything you can give will help bring some happiness to those who would otherwise go without during this season.

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

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LEGALS

TOWN OF DUDLEY
Board of Selectmen

The Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, November 23, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. or shortly thereafter in Room 321A at the Dudley Municipal Complex Building, located at 71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA, regarding real estate tax classification. Selectmen will be asked by the Dudley Board of Assessors to select a residential factor which will determine the percentages of the tax burden to be borne by each class of properties in the town for FY2021. Written and oral comments will be accepted from the public during this meeting.
November 13, 2020
November 20, 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 Judy Reeks and Frederick W. Reeks, Jr. to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for Lendia, Inc., dated September 13, 2005 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 37340, Page 75 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Lendia, Inc. to CitiMortgage, Inc. dated May 14, 2012 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 49023, Page 306, and Assignment from CitiMortgage, Inc. to Pretium Mortgage Credit Partners I Loan Acquisition, LP dated December 1, 2015 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 54641, Page 86, and Assignment from Pretium Mortgage Credit Partners I Loan Acquisition, LP to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust dated December 21, 2015 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 54834, Page 88, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 4 Allen Avenue, Oxford, MA 01540 will be sold at a Public Auction at 12:00 PM on December 7, 2020, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: The land, with the buildings and improvements thereon, situated on Allen Avenue in the Town of Oxford, Worcester County, Massachusetts, and being shown as Lot #46 on a plan of land entitled: "Huguenot Tract", dated August 26, 1927, drawn by J. R. Kleindienst, Surveyor, which plan is recorded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 51, Plan 16, and to which plan reference is made for a more particular description. The premises is more particularly described in the Deed recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 21795, Page 340, to wit: The land in Oxford with buildings thereon bounded and described as follows: Being Lot #46 on plan of Huguenot Tract, dated August 26, 1927, drawn by J.R. Kleindienst, Surveyor, recorded in Worcester Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 51, Plan 16 and further described as follows: Beginning at the most northerly point of the tract herein conveyed, which point is also the most westerly corner of lot #45, as shown on said plan. Thence Southeasterly along said lot #45 a distance of 118 feet to a point on Allen Avenue; Thence Southwesterly by said Allen Avenue, 60 feet to lot #47 as shown on said plan; Thence Northwesterly along said lot #47, 122.7 feet to lot #43 as shown on said plan; Thence Northeasterly along said lot #43, 60.2 feet to the point of beginning. For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 21795, Page 340. The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession. Terms of the Sale: Cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price

payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. Other terms to be announced at the sale. Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust Korde & Associates, P.C. 900 Chelmsford Street Suite 3102 Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 Reeks, Judy and Frederick November 13, 2020 November 20, 2020 November 27, 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 Edison Sousa Novais and Cassia S.D. Novais to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for Mortgageit, Inc., dated June 7, 2007 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41286, Page 25 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage Wilmington Trust, National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as trustee for MFRA Trust 2014-2 is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc, as nominee for Mortgageit Inc Its successors and assigns to U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee for PROF-2012-S1 Holding Trust 1 dated October 10, 2013 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 51653, Page 307, and Assignment from U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for PROF-2012-S1 Holding Trust 1 to MFRA Trust 2014-2 dated January 23, 2015 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 53376, Page 36, and Corrective Assignment from U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for PROF-2012-S1 Holding Trust I to Wilmington Trust, National Association, not in its individual Capacity, but solely as trustee for MFRA Trust 2014-2 dated May 6, 2015 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 53702, Page 23, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 13 Konkell Avenue, Webster, MA 01570 will be sold at a Public Auction at 3:00 PM on December 14, 2020, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: Lot 42 , Konkell Avenue, Webster, Massachusetts being bounded and described as follows:

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

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

The above parcel is subject to Declaration of Restrictive Covents recorded at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 27037, Page 220.

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

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

A deed from Scott Meade and Suzanne Meade to Edison Sousa Novais to be recorded. For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41286, Page 23. The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession. Terms of the Sale: Cashier's or certi-

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO20P3129EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Douglas G Hull
Also known as:
Doug G Hull
Date of Death: 10/11/2020

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/01/2020.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 04, 2020

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
November 20, 2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Docket No. WO20P3110EA
Estate of:
Arthur Wagher
Date Of Death: December 1, 2017
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Michael Wagher of Thompson CT** a Will has been admitted to informal probate. **Michael Wagher of Thompson CT** 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 Petitioner.
November 20, 2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Worcester Probate
and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
Docket No. WO20O1462DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION AND MAILING
Andres Dejesus Jr.
vs.
Sheila Dejesus

To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.** You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:
Andres Dejesus Jr.
649 Walnut Street
Fall River, MA 02720
your answer, if any, on or before **01/19/2021.** If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court. WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 9, 2020

Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
November 20, 2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Docket No. 20P3068
Estate of:
Jennie K. Manthos
Date Of Death: October 30, 2019
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Leslie Manthos of Dudley MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate. 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 Petitioner.
November 20, 2020

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

Notice is hereby given by: School Street Towing 17-31 School Street, Webster MA 01570 pursuant to the provisions og G.L.c., Section 39A, that on: 5 Dec2020 at 9:00 AM at 17-31 School Street, Webster MA by private sale the following Motor Vehicle will be sold to satisfy the garagekeeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicle. Vehicle description: Year 2005 Make: BMW Model: 325i Registration#/State: Unregistered VIN: WBAVB-13576KX40362 Name and address of vehicle owner Mark Correla 123 Zeigler Street, Boston MA 02119 By Frank A Czechowski Jr. November 8, 2020. This notice has been given under the provisions of G.L.c. 255, Section 39A. November 20, 2020 November 27, 2020 December 4, 2020

All We Know Is Local



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Duval returns to run Oxford DPW

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD – People dealing with the DPW will find a familiar face at the helm, after the town hired former assistant director Jared Duval to replace Sean Divall as director. Duval formally starts Nov 30.

Divall took a new job running the DPW in Marlboro last month after 13 years in Oxford. Duval served as Oxford’s civil engineer from 2015-18 before going to Brookline.

“I’m very excited to be back,” Duval told the Nov 10 selectmen’s meeting, thanking them and manager Jen Callahan “for the opportunity to serve this community again.”

The welcome was mutual, with Selectman Meghan Troiano noting she was “glad to see your name on the other end of the email” when Callahan announced who she’d chosen. Because of Divall’s long tenure,

Callahan said she included DPW staff in the interviewing process.

“It was a wise choice,” John Saad agreed. “We had the opportunity to experience what Jared can do.”

Shortly before Divall left Oct. 9, he said he saw “a bright future ahead” for Oxford and found it “not easy to leave.” But Marlboro was “an unbelievable opportunity, both personally and professionally,” to manage a much larger department with infrastructure similar to what he started with as a consulting engineer.

In Oxford, Divall said his “greatest achievement” was helping “move this department forward.” He noted that he “didn’t even have a desk” when he started, and was happy to have been able to “people in the right spots to modernize management.”

Regarding projects, the one that stood out most to him was the

sewer expansion down Harwood Street to serve IPG in 2012. That was difficult, partly because it required negotiating agreements with both Dudley and Webster, getting a MassWorks grant, and had other constraints. But he was proud it enabled the firm to roughly double its workforce. The one thing Divall said he wished he could have done was to consolidate trash and recycling, which he felt would have reduced cost.

“I had the privilege of getting to lead a great team” in Oxford, Divall said then.

Duval worked under him for a while, and Callahan said she found Duval “very passionate about public works. We did try to keep him here.”

“We’re looking forward to a bunch of good things,” added Cheryll Leblanc.

Gus Steeves can be reached at gus.steeves2@gmail.com.

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CIP rate, he said.

In other business, the board had some discussion, but took no action on, a Mike Daniels proposal to create a written code of conduct for board members.

Daniels said he looked into the concept because there’s “no guiding policy regarding how we operate as a board.” He noted the idea “is not meant to target anybody,” and he has no specific issues with other selectmen.

“None of it is something we don’t do already,” he said. “I just thought it’d be good to put it in writing and hold ourselves accountable to it.”

Others, however, were particularly concerned about a section that would require all contact between board members and department heads go through the manager. Meghan Troiano said she compared it to existing bylaws, the charter and the manager’s contract and found “discrepancies and inconsistencies with the terminology and duties” that led her to oppose it.

John Saad agreed, saying he feels most of it is already governed by eth-

ics laws and would treat selectmen like “kindergarten students.” Among other things, he said, having such a policy would have made it difficult to get the information necessary to get prior managers to resign.

“I don’t want to be hand-tied or handcuffed in any way,” he said.

By contrast, chair Dennis Lamarche said he felt “there are times when this board is disrespectful” and termed this idea as “a great starting point.” But he accused the others of being unwilling to consider it.

Lamarche and Daniels tried to have the idea “tabled” to a future meeting so more research could be done. The other three voted against that, but they did not technically reject the proposal itself, so the idea is still in limbo.

The board also revisited the still-barking issue of Ruby the dangerous dog. This time, however, a new incident was reported by owner Kim Parker herself.

On Oct 20, Parker had Ruby in her own yard, double-leashed and muzzled, when the dog lunged at a person walking a col-

lie nearby and “bumped” the dog, Animal Control Officer Kelly Flynn said. Flynn does not know who the other person was, and there were no injuries.

“Due to her physical limitations, [Parker] does not feel comfortable taking Ruby outside the fenced-in area,” Flynn said, noting she agrees.

At Parker’s request, the new plan calls for contacting Animal Control for assistance any time Ruby needs to leave the property. The dog cannot leave the fenced yard otherwise.

“I’d like to have her at home with whatever years she still has,” Parker added.

The selectmen also decided to waive “first refusal” rights on a Chapter 61 property off Charton Street. The land, about 38 acres owned by David Goodall, is mostly forested and could be “a good addition” to town lands if Oxford had the Community Preservation Act, Town Manager Jen Callahan said. But since it does not, the Planning Board and Conservation Commission both recommended waiving the rights.

Gus Steeves can be reached at gus.steeves2@gmail.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Generosity of the Janet Malser Humanities Trust is appreciated

To the Editor:

On behalf of two ministries of the St. Roch Church in Oxford, we express our deepest appreciation for the support of the Janet Malser Humanities Trust during the 2020 grant cycle. These two ministries are the St. Roch Cemetery Committee and the St. Vincent de Paul ministry.

The Cemetery Committee manages the operation and maintenance of the cemetery, located on Federal Hill Road in Oxford. In the past, it has relied heavily upon a large base of volunteer support for regular maintenance and spring/fall clean-up activities. The generous grant provided by the Trust will allow it to accomplish a number of needed beautification and restoration projects such as general refurbishing of the cemetery area, new entrance signage and enhancement of areas of the cemetery that have not been possible in prior years due to restricted funding from traditional sources.

The St Vincent de Paul ministry of St. Roch (SVDP) provides a wide range of financial support for necessary living expenses to needy Oxford resi-

dents (individuals and families) on a non-denominational basis. Typical living expenses eligible for SVDP support includes costs for heating oil/propane, electricity, rent, gas, food and water/trash expenses. In most categories the level of support has cap maximums, is paid directly to the provider of the services and not the applicant, and is reviewed on a case by case basis. In the past, the vast majority of support has been provided to Oxford residents who are not members of the St Roch parish. The Malser Trust grant helps to support individual donations made by St Roch parishioners to help support the essential living expenses of the needy.

The generous support of these two ministries by the Janet Malser Humanities Trust is deeply appreciated, especially during this pandemic period.

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LICENSES

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cluded with selectmen voting to suspend PACC’s license for 10 days for “serving alcohol to an intoxicated person” and “permitting a disorder, disturbance or illegality” on the premises.

But the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) overturned the board’s decision on appeal this September. Its decision states the “professional and credible” police officers did not actually see the subject get served and failed to provide evidence that “the patron’s intoxication was apparent at the time he was served by the defendant.” Although it agreed the police observed signs of intoxication and a breathalyzer test showed high alcohol levels afterward, “Without sufficient evidence, the Commission must resist the temptation to reason backwards to find a person was manifestly intoxicated” when PACC served them. It ordered the board to reverse its decision and find no violation occurred, which selectmen did at their previous meeting.

“I was kind of surprised,” Shaw said. “That’s the same prima facie evidence we’ve

always presented, and we’ve never had a problem before.”

Becker noted PACC did have a video system, but it had broken down and police were unable to get video of the night in question. He said the board should also make maintaining such systems and keeping video for a certain length of time be conditions on all licenses. While cameras themselves are relatively inexpensive, Earl Gabor noted storing the video “might cost a little money.”

“We need to build it into the licenses, so we don’t have to have a public hearing in years 2, 3 and 4,” Becker said, but noted they should also “get through Covid” before starting it.

Afterward, the selectmen nearly unanimously approved renewing a long list of liquor, car dealership and other licenses. (The only ones that weren’t 5-0 were three from which Becker had to recuse himself; they passed 4-0.)

In other business, the board met jointly with the Housing Authority to fill two vacancies on that board. One of them went to Peter Luchina, who would have been up for re-election last spring but, for some reason, the Housing Authority was

left off the ballot. The other seat went to Bill Herra, after both boards interviewed Herra, Rhea Parker and Colleen Anderson. Herra and Parker are both Golden Heights residents, and Parker ran for a seat last year, while Anderson works for the Authority.

There were some questions about potential conflicts of having a resident on the board, but Authority Chair David Dupont noted some communities have multiple residents and the state encourages it. “No one can advocate for a tenant better than a tenant himself,” he said.

Additionally, selectmen approved a host community agreement with Boathouse Store LLC to open a retail cannabis dispensary in the same building as Hazard Marine, 4 Town Forest Road. Town Meeting approved it in October.

The firm’s attorney Nick Adamopoulos said this is the company’s second license in Massachusetts. It plans to file its provisional license application with the state by the end of November, and hopes to receive it by January, then go through the town’s Planning Board process, he said.

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LEGALS

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

premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT:

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TRACT II Beginning at the northwesterly corner thereof on the southerly side of Lake Street and at the westerly corner of Lot 9; THENCE southwesterly 130 feet by said Lot 9 to a stake at the northwesterly corner of Lot 15 on said plan; THENCE southwesterly 65 feet by said

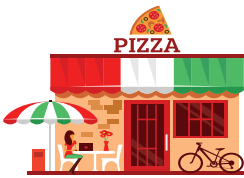
Lot 15 to Beacon Street (so-called) as shown on said plan; THENCE northeasterly by said Beacon Street 130 feet to said Lake Street; THENCE northwesterly by said Lake Street 65 feet to the point of beginning. Being shown as Lot 10 on said plan. Said Lots 9 and 10 are shown on a plan of land entitled “Lakeside Park” drawn by John A. Wakefield Engineer, and dated 1988.

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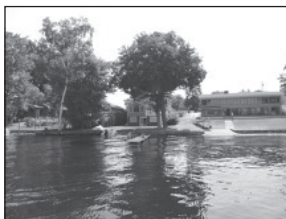
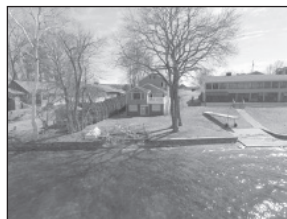
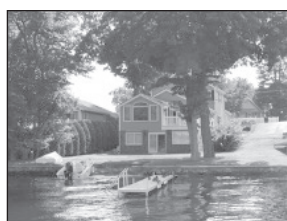


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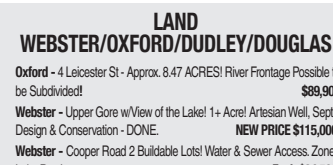
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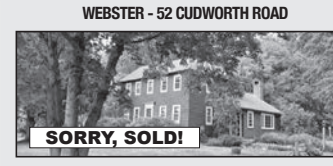
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Sheriff's Office launches winter coat drive

WORCESTER — As you can imagine, the need for a warm winter jacket is greater than ever. The pandemic has created challenges for many.

To help those most in need in our community, Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis is proud to announce our partnership with Dr. Moses Dixon, Executive Director of Central Massachusetts Agency on Aging, for this year's Sheriff's Office Annual Winter Coat Drive.

Together, the Worcester County Sheriff's Office and Central Mass

Agency on Aging are determined to continue the tradition of holding one of New England's largest Winter Coat Drives. Unlike years past, collection boxes for pre-owned jacket donations cannot be placed in the community due to COVID. This year, we are solely relying on community grants, monetary gifts and new coat donations. Today, we are proud to report we are now up to more than 1,100 new winter jackets to help families, children and seniors in need throughout Worcester County. We are hoping with increased media expo-

sure and circulation, we will be able to secure more coat donations which will help so many during the cold winter months.

To assist with this effort, both Sheriff Lew and Dr. Dixon are available for any media opportunities/ interviews which will significantly help this cause during this incredibly challenging year.

We appreciate and value our extraordinary friends in the press, who have always helped us in this mission.

Winter coats will be distributed the first week in December to charitable

organizations throughout Worcester County, including but not limited to: Abby's House, LIFT, Hector Reyes House, St. John's Food for the Poor, Webster-Dudley Food Share, Gardner CAC, Alyssa's Place of Gardner, Spanish American Center of Leominster, Restoration Recovery Center of Fitchburg, Our Father's House of Fitchburg, Women's Recovery Program of Leominster, St. Anne's Human Services of Shrewsbury, Rutland Food Pantry and various senior centers throughout Worcester County.



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Market Volume	\$3,975,800	\$4,601,900	▲	Market Volume	\$4,351,152	\$4,303,802	▼
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David J. Chapin, Jr. named to Nichols College advisory board

DUDLEY — David J. Chapin Jr., of Cambridge has been appointed to the Nichols College Board of Advisors.

Chapin is a financial advisor at Morgan Stanley Wealth Management. In his role, he provides personalized financial strategies to help clients maintain and grow their wealth. Services of expertise include 401(k) rollovers, wealth planning, alternative investments and retirement planning.

Prior to joining Morgan Stanley in 2017, Chapin worked at TD Wealth Management, starting as a financial services representative and after a year promoted to private client specialist. He began his career as a personal banker at Bank of America while studying at Nichols College.

Chapin earned an Associate in Science Degree in Business Administration from Quinsigamond Community College in 2012 and a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration with a finance focus from Nichols College in 2014.

Chapin hopes to positively influence current students in his new role as Board of Advisor member by sharing lessons of resiliency, flexibility and entrepreneurship, while encouraging students to make bold moves to reach their goals.

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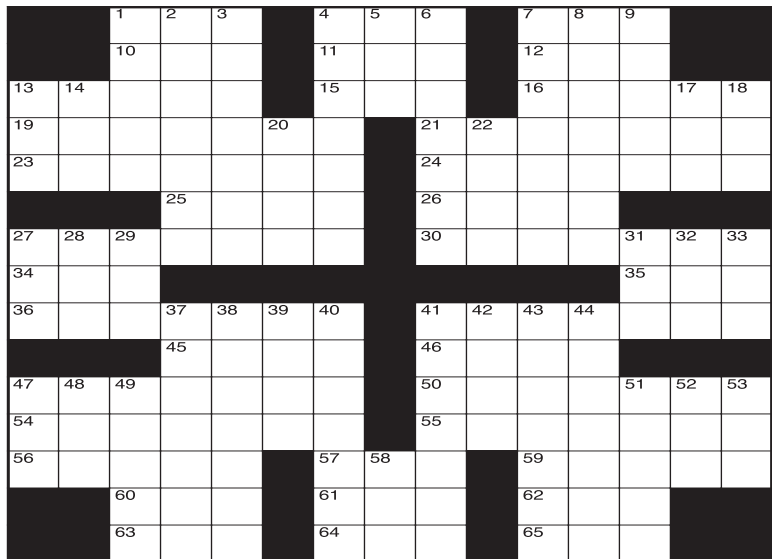
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24. Newborn child
25. Absence of difficulty
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36. Winged horse
41. A usually malignant tumor
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50. Connected with
54. Status
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9. Indian city
13. Patriots' Newton
14. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
17. Sun up in New York
18. Eggs in female fish
20. Stood up
22. NBA legend Willis
27. Calendar month (abbr.)
28. Exercise regimen __-bo
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32. Tall deciduous tree
33. Affirmative
37. Notified of danger
38. NFL game days
39. Archaic term for "to"
40. Plant pores
41. Canned fish
42. Phil __, former CIA
43. Connects with
44. Of the skull
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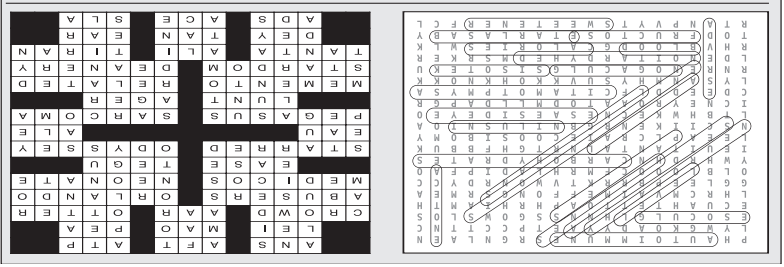
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