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Webster MCAS data suggests “next steps”

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER — The School Committee got a look at this year’s MCAS results, finding a “marked difference,” in Superintendent Ruthann Goguen’s words, between mainstream students and various subgroups.

Overall, she claimed, the scores were “pretty close to the state in a lot of areas.”

Grades 3 through 8 saw 2 percent exceeding expectations, 24 percent meeting them, 49 percent partly meeting them, and

24 percent not meeting them. By comparison, the state averages were 8 percent, 38 percent, 38 percent and 16 percent, respectively, Goguen said.

The marked difference she was referring to was seen in the English Learners and special education populations. According to graphs included in her presentation, the former, for example, had just 8 percent meeting English Language Arts expectation vs 41 percent of the district’s own general student population. The

latter’s numbers were 15 percent vs 44 percent, respectively.

“We look at this data just to tell us a little about next steps,” Goguen said, noting the state is not going put any districts into “underperforming” status or compare these numbers to previous years. Chief among those “next steps” are to reinforce professional development in various ways and to ensure “special education students are everybody’s students.”

“This sort of pattern goes on in each grade,”

she added.

To Lake Ave Principal Robin Parmley, part of the problem is that teachers couldn’t be “in everybody’s living room” during Covid’s remote-learning. To compensate, she sees the opportunity to “scaffold and do wrap-around support” going forward.

“We know what we need to focus on to support our students at all levels,” she said. “... I think we’re going to see some big changes over

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Dudley adding Fourth Precinct for elections

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – Dudley will be adding a fourth voting precinct before the next election due to the increase in population recorded by the most recent census.

Dudley Town Clerk Lori Smith appeared before the Board of Selectmen on Oct. 18 to discuss the re-precincting plan that will see Dudley’s population further split into four precincts instead of the current three. The change is required as

Dudley’s population has climbed to 11,921 compared to the previous census of around 11,690. The population jump means that several current precincts exceed limits of population for voting.

“Based on that figure they were looking at how

many voters would be in our existing three precincts, and it would put us over 4,000 in two out of the three and 4,000 is the cap,” Smith told selectmen. “What they’re requiring us to do is add an additional precinct. Basically, what they’ve done is taken mostly from precincts one and two to form this fourth precinct. Precinct three was our smallest precinct to begin with but there might be a

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Town Meeting OK’s roadwork, downtown design plans

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD – About 120 voters filled Oxford High’s auditorium to deal with a 13-article Town Meeting warrant that was largely development-related earlier this month.

The most important item, a plan to borrow \$5 million for road work, was sent to a future special election ballot (not the one already slated for Nov 16). It seeks a 15-year debt exclusion for three years of extra road repairs. A previous attempt to get three \$5 million outlays that would have done work on all town roads also passed Town Meeting, but failed at the ballot a couple years ago.

DPW Director Jared Duval said it would enable Oxford to improve its roads’ rating average to 72 from its current 62. If approved, it would add about 26 cents per \$1000 to each home’s property tax, or about \$62.17 per year for the average home (valued at \$240,900), he added.

The issue is that Oxford (like most towns) relies heavily on state Chapter 90 funds for road work. The town gets about \$500,000 a year, and has added about the same amount in local funds for the last several years, but that amount is barely enough to maintain roads at the same rating level, Duval said. Over time, it has resulted in a \$20 million backlog in repair work, and when roads deteriorate to a certain point “the cost goes up tremendously.”

Most Town Meeting voters agreed with the need, with Dave Cornacchioli pointing out that such work would be “growth” but there needs to be “a next phase after that” to keep road improvement going.

“We all know in this town how bad our roads are,” Joe DePasquale said.

Some, however, raised concerns about the extra tax impact on seniors and others with fixed incomes including DePasquale, who added its often “difficult” to pay all the various bills and who doesn’t “want to lose my home” over this. Others expressed concern over how to inform people, especially those not connected to social media.

To Timothy Moriarty, that raised the question of “how we can bring the cost of this stuff down.”

But he also noted the higher-tax range (\$11.68 per month for \$450,000 homes), saying, “I spend more than that at Dunkin Donuts every day, and I know you do, too.”

He urged town meeting passage to “let everyone else decide” at the ballot.

That project, however, is unrelated to another request for \$200,000 to fund the 25-percent design work of the proposed Main Street Corridor Improvement Project. It passed, but not without a voter requesting a recount.

In response, Moderator Russell Rheault said, “It’s not even close to half. We can see that from the [voting] cards.”

According to DPW Director Jared Duval, this is a “very preliminary” stage of the project, which will likely cost the town around \$700,000 total for engineering but make Oxford eligible for about \$7 million in federal Transportation Improvement Plan funds in several years.

“What is the big push for renovating this stretch of Main Street?” asked Chris Everett. “We voted it down at the last Town Meeting.”

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Rams play another close game with Shrewsbury



Nick Ethier

Shepherd Hill’s Alexander Siwik follows the blocking provided by teammates while carrying the ball.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

SHREWSBURY — “Every time Shepherd Hill and Shrewsbury meet each other, it’s always a battle, it’s always a tight game. I know [Shrewsbury head] Coach

[John] Aloisi said something earlier in the week that I saw...every time we meet it comes down to one or two things, and that’s what it is,” Shepherd Hill head football coach Dave Buchanan said after the Rams took on

Shrewsbury Friday evening, Oct. 22. “Tonight, a couple older guys go down and younger guys are stepping up, so we’re super excited to see that. At the same time, we’re still a pretty young team

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DUDLEY POLICE LOG

DUDLEY — The Dudley Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of Oct. 9-22.

Edward R. Beaudoin, age 47, of Dudley was taken in protective custody and subsequently arrested on Oct. 9 for Disorderly Conduct (subsequent offense), Disturbing the Peace (subsequent offense), Threatening to Commit a Crime, and Malicious Destruction of Property valued at less than \$1,200.

A 33-year-old male whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Oct. 11 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

Joseph Matthew Hellijas, age 27, of Webster was arrested on Oct. 14 for Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Failure to Yield at an Intersection, multiple counts of Possession of a Class B Drug (subsequent offense), and Intimidating a Witness, Juror, Police Officer, or Court Official.

A 29-year-old male from Dudley was taken into protective custody on Oct. 16 and subsequently charged with Disturbing the Peace, Disorderly Conduct (subsequent offense), and Resisting Arrest.

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\$346,000, 21 Lakeview Ave, Miranda, Marcelo, and Miranda, Fabiana, to Marshall, Jacob.
\$275,000, 217 W Main St, Ceppetelli, Ross A, to Buccico, Patrick, and Buccico, Theresa.

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\$535,000, 2 Cricket Dr, Marcinkus, Robert J, and Marcinkus, Dawn, to Collins, Paul M, and Panarelli, Angela M.
\$464,625, 3 Pine St, 3 Pine LLC, to Sahara RT LLC.
\$290,000, 12 Holly St, Borgeson, Eric H, and Borgeson, Melissa J, to Hassett, Barbara A.
\$262,500, 15 Old Dudley Rd, Troy, Susan J, to Troy, Matthew A.
\$223,000, 31 Plantation Rd #31, Drohan LT, and Drohan, Beverly S, to Paris, Briana M.
\$35,000, Bailey Rd, Huff Evelyn A Est, and Ball, Donald A, to Porter, Joseph L, and Porter, Jocelyne Y.

Webster

\$1,150,000, 68 Bates Point Rd, Arlenora RT, and Johnson, Richard D, to Matte, Donna, and Matte, Marcel G.
\$590,000, 300 Killdeer Rd, Bartolomei, Thomas J, and Bartolomei, Elizabeth M, to Hopkins, Sharon, and Anderson, Brian.
\$560,000, 60 Lake St, Tri Properties Inc, to Murphy, Jeanette.
\$500,000, 24 Bates Point Rd, Ayotte, Jeanne L, to Williams, Ronald B, and Williams, Brenda D.
\$460,000, 15 Maynard Ave, Limark Realty LLC, to Bay State Inv Fund LLC.
\$449,900, 9 Riverside Dr, Valis, Susan P, to Montesinos, Johannis B, and Guerrero, Nancy.
\$423,000, 16 Negus St, ASM Ventures LLC, to Ofosu, Belinda.
\$420,000, 23 Emerald Ave, Piehl, Donald W, and Piehl, Carol S, to Harris, Ryan O.
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Good Shepherd Church to host Basket Festival

OXFORD — Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, 268 Main St., Oxford, will host a Basket Festival featuring baskets, raffles, a silent auction, and baked goods for sale Nov. 13 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Holy Trinity Church holding craft and vendor fair

WEBSTER — Holy Trinity Church, 68 Lake St. in Webster, will be holding a craft and vendor fair in the church hall on Saturday, Nov. 13 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.
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Momentum swings in Valley Tech’s favor as Howe and Mateo torch Minutemen



Jason McKay

Bay Path’s Jonathan Nussey attempts to catch a pass by the 40-yard line.

BY DEAN ST. LAURENT
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — A ground-and-pound approach employed by senior running backs Trey Howe and Josh Mateo — both scored three rushing touchdowns — of the Blackstone Valley Tech varsity football team worked wonders on Friday evening, Oct. 22 when the Beavers defeated Bay Path Regional, 55-14. The visitors also used a late second quarter touchdown as a momentum swing to erupt for a 21-point third quarter to put a once close game out of reach.

“It was huge because I didn’t think we played a very good first half,” expressed BVT (4-2) head coach Anthony Landini about his team’s touchdown with 32 seconds left in the first half. “Once again I have stressed it all year is our penalties, especially early. We are a very fiery, emotional team. They play physical, I

preach physicality, and sometimes it hurts us. They finish blocks and play until the whistle, but it is stuff that we should be able to clean up by now and I think we did that specifically in the third quarter.”

Despite the final score, Bay Path (3-4) did not go away easily. They battled adversity in the first half and always answered with a score of their own to keep pace with Valley Tech.

Down 21-7 with 7:30 left in the second quarter, the Minutemen were able to put together a beautiful 4 minute, 14 second drive, capped by a 1-yard strong run by junior back Casey Gallagher to make it a one-possession game, 21-14, with 3:16 left. A 26-yard one-handed catch by junior Jonathan Nussey and a 23-yard scamper by junior quarterback Anthony Catino highlighted the drive.

Moments after the Gallagher touchdown is what changed the course of the game. Bay Path decided to lay down an onside kick that failed and gave the Beavers appealing field position at Bay Path’s 43-yard line. BVT took advantage and capped a seven-play drive with a 1-yard TD plunge by Howe. This was Howe’s second touchdown of the game and he accounted for another in the second half.

“They were getting the ball to start the second half, so we were just trying to maximize our opportunities to have the ball in the first half and keep the ball out of their possession,” explained Bay Path head coach Cody Giampa regarding the onside kick. “I liked the call, it just didn’t work out for us.”

Coming out of halftime Blackstone Valley received the ball and quickly drove down the field and scored in just six plays when Mateo got loose for a 13-yard touchdown. This was his third score of the game. He also finished the contest with 13 carries for 222 yards and a circus catch interception.

Mateo switched from quarterback to running back after a hand injury, forcing him to play both sides of the ball with a cast on his left hand. The injury hap-

pened against Northbridge High in the Beavers’ season opener, but the senior has adjusted and made the most of his opportunities to contribute to his team.

“I am not going to lie,” stated Mateo. “This is the position I have been trying to play forever. I have been playing this position since second grade, so it was an easy little transition and I do what I can for my team. Be a dog out there.”

Although the transition was easy, there has been some adjusting the speedster has had to make to his game.

“Yeah, significantly, I usually carry the ball in my left hand, so it has been a big change having to run the ball with my right hand and not being able to switch with a stiff arm,” expressed Mateo. “Other than that, I have just had to adjust and start lowering my shoulder more being a smaller kid out here. I do what I can.”

The win was Valley Tech’s fourth in a row and they look to build off this momentum heading into the last week of the season hoping for a playoff berth. The key to success has been trusting the process after two early losses expressed by Landini, but from Mateo’s eyes, it has been leading by example and getting the younger players ready.

“Especially with the two losses early we really needed to it up and get into the younger kids a little bit to have them mature and feed off the energy we bring every week to show what BVT is about. Get right back to Gillette where I was my freshman year,” he said.

Bay Path showed a lot of heart against a team that is led by a great group of seniors in Blackstone Valley. The Minutemen are a young team led by a junior core: Gallagher, Catino, Nussey and Lucas Welton. Gallagher scored in the contest and Catino connected with Nussy for a 5-yard strike in the end zone.

“We were proud of the way the kids battled, especially in the first half,” expressed Giampa. “BVT is one of the top programs in the area, and their offense, both personnel, and scheme present a lot of problems.”

It’s time again for Trunk or Treat!!

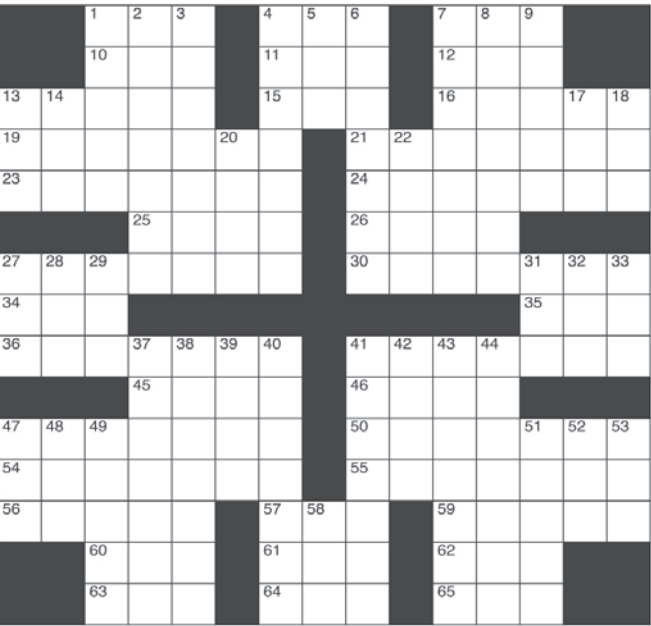


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Children and adults dressed up for Halloween at the Quinebaug Lodge parking lot Trunk or Treat event back in 2019.

SOUTHBRIDGE — It’s that time of year again when the Quinebaug Masonic Lodge Community Outreach Program holds one of its annual events. Children and adults alike dress up in their costumes to retrieve candy and treats from rows of cars all decorated for Halloween in the parking lot of Quinebaug Masonic Lodge in Southbridge.

This event will be on Saturday, Oct. 30 from noon to 5 p.m. at 339 Ashland Ave. in Southbridge. Come experience the excitement of the kids running to each vehicle and the passing cars beeping their horns as they drive by. Many lodge members and volunteer students from Nichols College offer their time and resource to put on this event for the kids in the surrounding communities. So come one come all to event sponsored by the Freemasons of Southbridge.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Pouch

4. Cooling device

7. Corporate exec (abbr.)

10. Antidiuretic hormone

11. South American plant

12. Adult female bird

13. Type of snake

15. Soak in water

16. Emerge

19. Church tower

21. Having solidified from lava

23. Eye parts

24. Natural

25. Swiss river

26. Require to live

27. Obstruct

30. Immobile

34. Expression of satisfaction
35. Moved quickly

36. Popular cocktail

41. Dish detergent brand

45. Waxed finish

46. Kyrgyzstan mountain range

47. A place to get clean

50. Able to be rescued

54. Large, open grassland

55. Expressions for humorous effect

56. Hindu goddess

57. Beverage container

59. Long narrow hilltop

60. Sir (abbr.)

61. Data executive

62. Doctor of Education

63. Car mechanics group

64. Autonomic nervous system

65. “The Partridge Family” actress

CLUES DOWN

1. Cavalry-sword

2. Gland above the kidneys

3. Hat

4. Predict

5. A team’s best pitcher

6. Countries

7. Substitutions

8. Peruses again

9. Popular food

13. Reciprocal of a sine

14. Of or relating to the ears

17. ___ juris: Independent

18. Keyboard key

20. Fat from a pig

22. AC manufacturer

27. Organization of N. and S. American countries

28. 22nd star of a constellation

29. Scoundrel

31. A way to save money
32. Boy or young man

33. Midway between northeast and east

37. Egg-laying mammal

38. Salt of citric acid

39. Barbary sheep

40. Actress ___ de Mornay

41. Gambling hotspots

42. Wing-shaped

43. Basked in

44. Poison

47. Beats per minute

48. Macaws

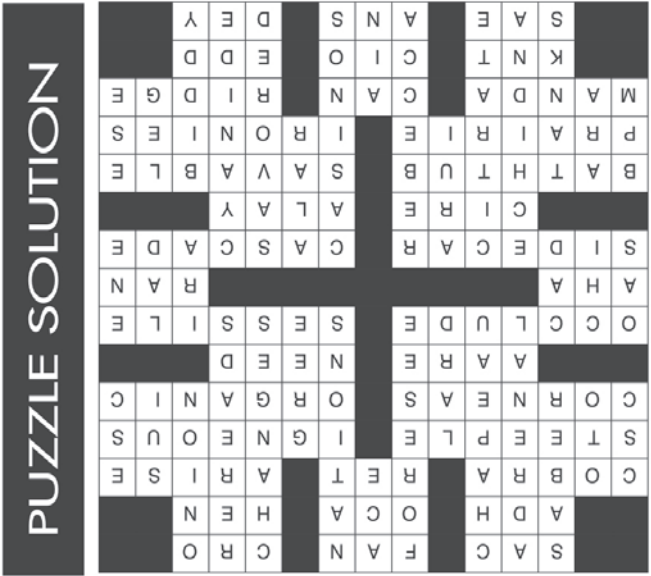
49. Military vehicles

51. Elderly woman

52. Body part

53. Midway between east and southeast

58. Forearm nerve (abbr.)



Mohegan Bowl fall leagues, week ending Oct. 24

Monday Men’s Business Single — Ryan Pelletier 171, Tim Labay 147, Dan Labay and Mike Marrier 139 Series — Ryan Pelletier 452, Tim Labay 376, Dan Labay and Mike Marrier 371 Series over average — Ryan Pelletier +80	Single — Roberta Zacek 118, Linda Bernier 114, Deb Gevry 110 Series — Linda Bernier 313, Lynne Smith 301, Noelle Gorski 300 Series over average — Linda Bernier +58	Therrien and Bill Sgariglia 124 Series — Bo Gauvin 358, Ryun Therrien 321, Angel Claudio 320 Series over average — Kyle Sgariglia +45
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Tuesday Chet’s Social Single — Ryan Pelletier 139, Joe Pranaitis 134, Dave Lamontagne 132, Karen Dupuis 109, June Carpenter 101, Patti Hurm 94 Series — Ryan Pelletier 354, Dave Lamontagne 352, Tom Smith 348, June Carpenter 287, Karen Dupuis 280, Diane Levesque 254 Series over average — Rick Marshall +45, Dakota Boulay +32	Thursday AM Coffee Single — Yvette Gauthier 121, Donna Lewandowski 109, Barbara Penniman 108 Series — Yvette Gauthier 303, Pat Blake 288, Donna Lewandowski 287 Series over average — Yvette Gauthier +72	
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WEBSTER POLICE LOG

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests from Oct. 4-23.

Mahlik Jeremiah Delille, age 24, of Webster was arrested on Oct. 4 on Probable Cause from Another Agency.

Luis Colon, age 53, of Webster was arrested on Oct. 5 for Operating a Motor Vehicle after License Revoked as HTO and operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle.

Corey George Drapeau, age 28, of Oxford was arrested on Oct. 5 in connection with a warrant.

Thomas Archameault, age 30, of Dudley was arrested on Oct. 6 for Conspiracy to Violate Drug Law and multiple counts of Possession of a Class B Drug. Michael S. Freeman, age 30, of Oxford was arrested during the same incident for Possession of a Class A Drug with Intent to Distribute and Conspiracy to Violate Drug Law.

Jeffery A. Sprague, age 40, of Leicester was arrested on Oct. 7 in connection with a warrant issued by the Dudley Police Department.

Two juveniles, ages 16 and 17, were arrested on Oct. 7 for Reckless Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Disturbing the Peace, and multiple counts of Vandalization of Property.

Kimberly A. McCallumbelanger, age 54, of Shrewsbury was arrested on Oct. 9 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol (second offense), Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, and Speeding at a Rate of Speed Greater Than was Reasonable and Proper.

A 47-year-old male from Dudley was taken into protective custody and subsequently charged on Oct. 9 for Disorderly Conduct (subsequent offense), Disturbing the Peace (subsequent offense), Threatening to Commit a Crime, and Malicious Destruction of Property valued at less than \$1,200.

A 25-year-old female from Webster was taken into protective custody on Oct. 11 and subsequently charged with Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Unsafe Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Leaving the Scene of Property Damage, a Marked Lanes Violation, Possession of an Open Container of Alcohol in a Motor Vehicle, and Wanton Destruction of Property valued at more than \$1,200.

A 33-year-old male from Dudley whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Oct. 11 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

A 26-year-old male from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Oct. 12 on multiple counts of Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

A 45-year-old male from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Oct. 12 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

A 44-year-old male from Webster was arrested on Oct. 14 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member and Intimidating a Witness, Juror, Police Officer, or Court Official.

Justin Stacy, age 26, of Johnston, R.I. was arrested on Oct. 14 in connection with a warrant.

A juvenile, age 16, was issued a summons in lieu of arrest on Oct. 15 for Assault & Battery. Maria D. Rivera, age 57,

of Webster was arrested during the same incident for Withholding Evidence from a Criminal Proceeding, Interfering with a Police Officer, and multiple counts of Vandalization of Property.

A second juvenile, age 16, was issued a summons in lieu of arrest during this incident for Use of a Motor Vehicle Without Authority, Assault with a Dangerous Weapon, Assault & Battery, and Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle.

An 18-year-old male from Webster was also issued a summons in lieu of arrest during this incident for multiple counts of Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon, Assault with a Dangerous Weapon, Assault & Battery, Possession of Ammunition Without an FID Card, and for leaving Ammunition Unattended.

A 24-year-old male from Worcester whose name has been withheld from publication was issued a summons in lieu of arrest on Oct. 15 on multiple counts of Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

A 27-year-old female from Webster was arrested during the same incident for Assault on a Family or Household Member and Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon.

Heather I. Tekut, age 32, of Webster was arrested on Oct. 15 in connection with multiple warrants.

A 31-year-old male from Webster was taken into protective custody on Oct. 15 and subsequently charged with Disturbing the Peace (subsequent offense).

A 29-year-old male from Dudley was taken into protective custody on Oct. 16 and subsequently charged with Disturbing the Peace, Disorderly Conduct (subsequent offense), and Resisting Arrest.

Lisa A. Sinkis, age 52, of N. Brookfield was arrested on Oct. 17 for Failure to Stop or Yield, Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, and Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle.

Francisco J. Garcia, age 33, of Webster was arrested on Oct. 17 in connection with multiple warrants.

Stephen R. Rosenson, age 53, of Webster was arrested on Oct. 18 for Operating a Motor Vehicle after License Revoked as HTO, a Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID, operating an Unregistered Motor Vehicle, and Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol (fourth or greater offense).

Bruce Anthony Barton, age 34, of Webster was arrested on Oct. 18 in connection with multiple warrants.

A 29-year-old male from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Oct. 18 for Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon, Assault with a Dangerous Weapon, Assault & Battery on a Child with Injury, and multiple counts of Assault & Battery and Strangulation of Suffocation.

Nicolas A. Damato, age 32, of Dorchester was arrested on Oct. 18 on Probable Cause from Another Agency.

Ryan T. Christina, age 33, of Dudley was arrested on Oct. 22 for Resisting Arrest, in connection with a warrant, Possession of a Class A Drug with Intent to Distribute, and Possession of a Class B Drug with Intent to Distribute.

Victor Israel Burgos Perez, age 34, of Webster was arrested on Oct. 23 in connection with a warrant.

A 31-year-old male from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Oct. 23 for Disorderly Conduct, Disturbing the Peace, Assault & Battery on a Police Officer, Threatening to Commit a Crime, and multiple counts of Assault on a Family or Household Member.

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Book Discussion Group – November 15th 11th 6:30PM

The Gladys E. Kelly Public Library Adult Book Discussion Group meets at 6:30 pm. New members are always welcome! Next month's book discussion will be on Monday, November 15th at 6:30PM the meeting will take place via Zoom, and will be about the book The Other Einstein by Marie Benedict. Stop by the library, or reach out by phone to 508-949-3880, or by email to ehale@cwmar.s.org for inquiries.

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Fall into Reading at the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library – October 11th through December 20th

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Songs and Stories Storytime – Wednesdays at 10AM

Join Miss Emily Wednesday mornings at 10am (starting Sept. 1st!) to read books, sing songs, and do rhyme games. Meet other children and caregivers at this community event. After stories, catch up with other community members over a simple craft. This Storytime is best for children 0-5, but all ages are welcome!

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STEAM Kids – Thursdays from 3:30-4:30PM

Join Miss Emily in a weekly STEAM event. That is... Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics! Each week there will be a new project to tackle from slime making and cata-



Courtesy

On Sunday, Oct. 24, the St. Joseph School community gathered for one of their favorite events: Trunk or Treat! The event was organized by the SJS Home and School Association (HSA). The group aims to direct and coordinate parental support for St. Joseph School through educational activities, religious and social functions. Blessed with a sunny day and unseasonably warm weather, teachers, students, and parents gathered for fellowship and fun in the schoolyard. Students in Grades Pre-K – Grade 8 were encouraged to attend and were not disappointed when they arrived. The schoolyard was filled with over forty skillfully decorated vehicles that created a festive and spooky atmosphere. In addition, the drivers of those vehicles distributed lots of candy and treats to the "Trunk or Treaters." Thank you to Chairpersons Jennifer Barbosa, Megan Belanger, and Kristen Krajcik for organizing the event. The event was canceled last year due to the pandemic, so the HSA worked diligently to provide a safe and fun event. Students and families are already making plans for next year's "trunks." St. Joseph School would also like to thank Price Chopper Supermarkets for supporting the event.

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Start with a Phalaenopsis, moth orchid, that is best suited to the home environment making it the easiest to grow. Purchase a healthy plant with green leaves, a few open flowers, lots of buds on a firm green flower stem and no signs of neglect.

Provide your orchid with proper care, similar to that of an African violet, for the best results. Water thoroughly with room temperature tap water just as the planting mix is beginning to dry. This is usually once a week in most indoor gardens. Pour off any excess water that collects in the saucer to prevent root rot.

Grow your moth orchid in a bright location near an east-, west- or slightly shaded south-facing window. Plants do best when they receive 12 to 14 hours of bright light. Give plants growing in low light locations a boost with artificial light. Keep lights 4 to 10 inches above the plants. Placing the plants on a reflective surface helps bounce light back up

into the lower parts of the plant. Look for one of the many economical, energy efficient and attractive options for sale. Keep the lights on for 14 to 16 hours if this is the only light the plant receives. You can reduce the time to five or six hours for plants receiving natural light.

Boost the humidity around your orchid while creating a beautiful display by placing it among other indoor plants. As one plant loses moisture from its leaves, it increases the humidity around the neighboring plants.

Use gravel trays to further increase the humidity around all your indoor plants. Fill the saucer or plant tray with pebbles. Set the pots on the pebbles, elevating them above any water that collects in the saucer. When you water thoroughly the excess collects in the saucer. As it evaporates, it increases the humidity around the plants right where it is needed.

Fertilize actively growing plants

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when the soil is moist. Use a dilute solution of a complete fertilizer such as a 20-20-20 labeled for use on orchids or flowering houseplants. Avoid excess fertilization that can cause damaged black root tips, green floppy growth, and prevent flowering.

Once your orchid finishes flowering, continue growing it in a brightly lit location and water and fertilize as needed. You can either remove the faded flowers, leaving the flower stem intact and wait for a flush of smaller flowers at the tip of the stem or cut the flower stem back above either the second or third node, the thickened part of a plant stem where new growth appears, from the bottom. A third option is to cut the flower stem back to one half inch above the leaves. This is better for the health of the plant. It results in the best reblooming and allows the plant to restore energy used for flowering and focus on growing roots.

If forcing your orchid to produce a



Melinda Myers

Moth orchids are the easiest to grow in a home environment.

second flush of flowers seems like too much work, just treat it like a long blooming bouquet. Ease your guilt by gifting the plant to a fellow gardener that would be happy to accept the challenge. Then invest in a new and different orchid to brighten your indoor garden.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including The Midwest Gardener's Handbook and 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. Her Web site is www.melindamyers.com.

Selectmen approve
special election details

Dudley seeking grant to
enhance human resources

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD — With the annual tax classification hearing delayed until November, the Oct 19 selectmen's meeting mostly featured a bunch of small items.

Chief among them was the formality of setting the warrant for the Nov. 16 special election to fill the selectman's seat vacated in June by the death of 40-year veteran John Saad. Election Day polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., with Precincts 1 and 4 voting at Chaffee School, while Precincts 2 and 3 go to the Middle School. Voter registration deadline was Oct. 27, and the latest date to request a mail-in ballot is Nov. 10.

Relatedly, Town Clerk Melissa Jenkins sought and received the board's approval for a couple precinct changes. In both cases, they affect residents of Precincts 1 and 3 – about 81 people on Pine Street and about 50 on Wheelock Street are being shifted

to maintain numerical balance between the precincts. Jenkins said she'll inform them with postcards, the town website and other means.

Beyond that, Town Manager Jen Callahan noted she's pushing forward with a possible dam repair project at Lowes Pond Dam, which the state has deemed a "priority" and might provide \$2.4 million toward its repair. She said a recent public forum on it drew around 75 people, many of them favoring reconstruction. As part of the project, Oxford will have to take ownership of three or four abutting properties that are now in tax title, having been abandoned years ago when the company who owned them went out of business.

Callahan also announced the town's receipt of a grant to fund 22-24 bullet-proof vests, and the fact she's trying for a third time to get state funding to replace the handicapped ramp going into Town Hall.

She noted residents participating in this year's electricity aggregation will be getting a rate of 10.3 cents/kWh, as opposed to National Grid's 14.8 (residential) or 16.6 (commercial) rates. Residents will soon receive cards in the mail allowing them to opt-out by sending them back; if they want the aggregated rate, they don't need to do anything.

Other events in the near future include bulk drop-off days at the transfer station: Oct. 30 for people from Oxford center north; Nov. 6 for those from the center south. A seasonal flu clinic is Nov 1 from 9:30-11 a.m. at the senior center; participants need to register in advance online at the Board of Health's webpage.

Callahan also noted she's trying to set up a mobile Covid vaccination clinic, but has no dates yet.

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

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – The town of Dudley is seeking grant funding through the Massachusetts Best Practices Program to help spearhead enhancements to the town's Human Resources department.

Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda told selectmen during an Oct. 18 meeting that he had submitted an application for a Community Compact Grant through the Best Practices Program. A "Community Compact" is a voluntary and mutual agreement between a town and the Baker-Polito Administration where a community agrees to implement best practices in a select area of town operations. Dudley has

chosen to make human resources its primary focus should they receive the grant.

"We're seeking to fund a review of current human resource practices and staffing to make recommendations regarding best practices and the potential for succession planning which I think is very important and the town is desperately lacking," Ruda told selectmen.

The goal, according to Ruda, is to review existing policies for accuracy and recommend updated or new policies as required by federal and state law. He also hopes to see the town create a centralized policy handbook, preferably web based, and provide a realistic short- and long-range recom-

mendation to the board of selectmen and personnel board to achieve the best practices for human resources. Ruda worked with a representative out of UMass Boston's Edward J. Collins Center for Public Management concerning consulting service options to help the town achieve the funding. While it will take time for Dudley to hear the results of their efforts, Ruda sounded optimistic that Dudley will be a grantee.

"I'm hopeful that we will be able to secure funding to continue the work that we've begun to get our human resources house in order. I don't want to jump the gun, but I think we're going to get a positive result with those grant funds," said Ruda.



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Deadline is October 29 at Noon

Friday's Child



**Nathalia
Age 14**

Hi! My name is Nathalia and I want to be a teacher when I grow up!

Nathalia is a teen girl of Caucasian descent. She is very kind and sweet described as "easy going" and "one to go with the flow." Nathalia loves to go for long walks, play video games on her phone, and watch movies. She loves animals and enjoys having the responsibility of caring for them, including walking her foster family's dog. Nathalia also likes listening to music and singing. She already has future aspirations and would like to be a teacher when she grows up.

Nathalia is legally freed for adoption and will thrive with a family that is able to give her some one-on-one time. Nathalia has stated she would like a family that is patient with her, loves her, and plays with her. She would also like a family that is willing to maintain contact with her little brother and older siblings. Her social worker is seeking a family of any constellation and with or without other children in the home. Nathalia would benefit from maintaining contact with her biological siblings and foster family.

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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 617-964-6273 or visit www.mareinc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have a permanent place to call home.



DUDLEY HOLDS FALL FESTIVAL & TRUNK-OR-TREAT



The Inspired Arts company embraced both Halloween and Christmas in their display clearly inspired by the classic “The Nightmare Before Christmas.”



Jason Bleau

Masis Staffing Solutions brought to life the classic film “Ghostbusters” naming their display “Jobsbusters.”

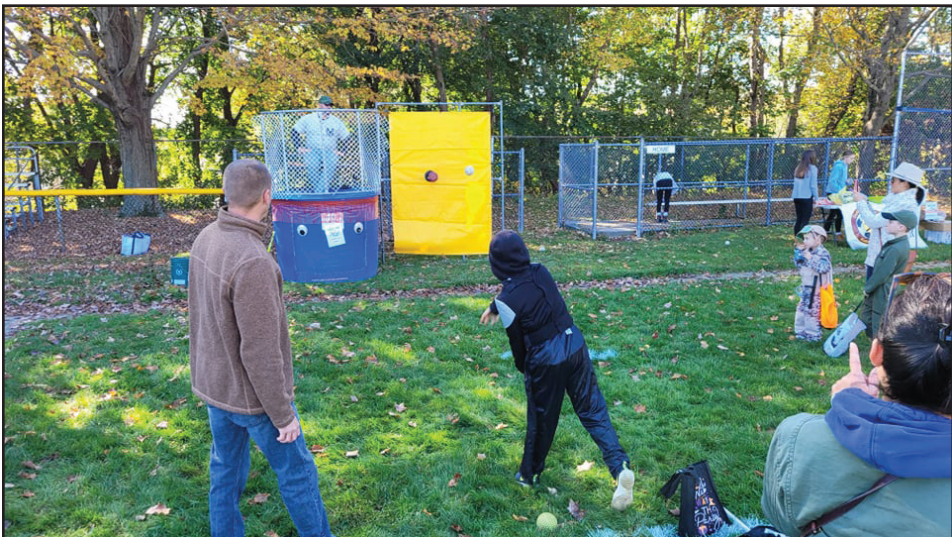
DUDLEY – The town of Dudley held a Fall Festival on Sunday, Oct. 24 bringing back a modern annual tradition, trunk-or-treating. However, this 2021 event expanded on past events adding vendors, food trucks, games and more. Hundreds of trick-or-treaters turned out to enjoy the displays and activities at Crawford Field on School Street making for a spectacular pre-Halloween community event.



Bell Construction put together a small graveyard for their display.



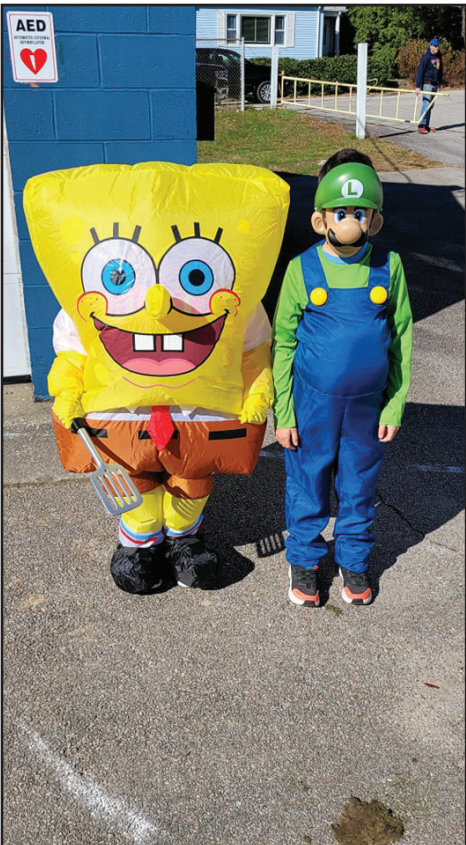
A Day of the Dead themed float welcomes trick-or-treaters.



The Dudley Little League not only held signups, but also challenged costumed guests to try their hands at pitching in a dunk tank game.



The ladies of Revelations Dance Centre pose for a photo at their trunk display.



Brothers Vincent and Evan D’Ambea of Dudley dressed as two iconic characters, SpongeBob SquarePants and video game icon Luigi.



Marty’s of Dudley was one of several displays that embraced the spirit of “Harry Potter,” in this case capturing Professor Trelawney and her divinations class.

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EDITORIAL

Clash of the horror titans

With Halloween taking place in four days, we figured we'd have a bit of fun and pose the question who's scarier — Freddy or Jason?

For those not in the know, Freddy Krueger is the lead character from the 1980's movie series, 'A Nightmare on Elm Street', created by Wes Craven. Donning a black hat and a red and grey sweater, Krueger played by Robert Englund, literally gave all of us '80's kids nightmares for months. With his face shredded and his claw hand, we all definitely slept with the light on for a while.

Enter Jason Voorhees from the famous "Friday the 13th" movies. Voorhees was the young son of a camp cook turned killer, Mrs. Voorhees. This film was created by Victor Miller, Ron Kurz, Sean Cunningham and Tom Savini. The plot begins with a group of teenagers on vacation at a lakeside camp. One by one they start to disappear. What could be scarier than a hockey mask, machete wielding ghost?

A poll we conducted revealed that Freddy is the scarier of the two leading men. This revelation may not offer us anything of real value, but it does give us some insight on what the majority considers 'scary.' We remember watching the "Nightmare on Elm Street" series as adults and actually laughing during parts we thought were scary as youths.

One reader replied, "Freddy, because he's in your dreams."

Another brought up a good point: "You can run away from Jason, but not Freddy."

Another reader took the question quite seriously and gave us a great answer: "I'd argue that Jason was more the product of childhood trauma. A missing father, mentally ill mother who goes on a killing spree after she thinks he's drowned. Freddy's supernatural capabilities far surpass Jason. So I'd say Freddy."

"Freddy is the scarier of the two, but Michael Meyers is a true problem," remarked one person.

Another said, "Freddy, because you can't resist falling asleep, and with Jason there are no facial expressions."

One person called it a draw, stating "Can't do it; it's like the chicken and the egg question. Props to Freddy for the nightmares but props to Jason for the daymares."

We got a chuckle out of 'daymares.'

Of course, our Executive Editor and movie buff gave his take: "Freddy, but I'm going to qualify my answer by saying Freddy from the first two 'Nightmare' movies, before they turned him into Don Rickles in a striped sweater."

We can't write an editorial regarding scary characters without mentioning Gollum from the "Hobbit" and "Lord of the Rings" franchises. No one is scarier than Gollum, and he did it without even trying.

With that, we hope you enjoy Halloween, half off candy sales, a scary movie or two and enjoy the beautiful fall weather before the snow flies.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Norman LeBlanc has our vote

To the Editor:

As we learned more about the two candidates running for selectman in Oxford, it was easy for us to choose Norman LeBlanc, Jr.

As we listened to his position on various issues, we found that his answers aligned to our beliefs in what the town needs to improve, including serving the community, the chain of command in the town, the communication, maintaining vs. rebuilding and being proactive vs. reactive. We appreciate his ability to research and assess situations based on facts, which shows he has no hidden agenda, and he truly wants the best for our community.

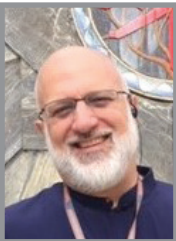
We will be voting Norman LeBlanc this special election.

CHRIS AND ANNA BOULETIS
OXFORD

VIEWPOINT

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

Drifting away



BEYOND THE PEWS

By FR. LUKE A. VERONIS
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"We have to be continually reminded of what we believe. Neither our belief in Christianity nor any other belief will automatically remain alive in the mind. It must be fed. And as a matter of fact, if you examined a hundred people who had lost their faith in Christianity, I wonder how many of them would turn out to have been reasoned out of it by honest argument? Do not most people simply drift away?"

Many people in our society have turned away from faith, from faith communities and from the faith in which they were raised. Yet, is it that so many have "turned away" from faith or is it as C. S. Lewis describes in the opening statement that many have unconsciously "drifted away."

We are all deeply influenced by everything that is around us in society. Surely there is much skepticism, doubt and uncertainty about faith which we hear and see constantly via the internet or in our daily conversations. This uncertainty may lead us to question beliefs we once held strong. Of course, some of us get turned off from the church and faith issues when we encounter scandals or see the hypocrisy of so-called faithful people.

The greatest influencer in leading us away from faith is probably the comfortable, easy life we live which simply anesthetizes us to the spiritual struggle we must engage in if we want a truly follow a spiritual life. Combine this temptation of ease and comfort with the constant "lie" that we hear every day which whispers in our ear "to seek after whatever immediate pleasures and entertainment there are." We slowly believe the deception that our deepest happiness and meaning in life comes from pursuing such temporal pleasures.

We can find many reasons to explain why people turn away or fall from faith. Too often, though, this turn away isn't necessarily

consciously as it is unconscious. We simply don't carve out time and put in much effort for our spiritual pursuits. We don't "seek first the kingdom of God" as our Lord Jesus Christ advised.

CS Lewis noted, "most people simply drift away" because they don't feed themselves spiritual food. They don't give attention to their spiritual life. We ignore our spiritual appetite and hunger and basically starve our spirit.

If we don't give much attention to our spiritual life, if we don't nourish it with daily food - through prayer, spiritual reading, conscious effort to live lives of love, mercy and compassion, through regularly being filled with God's Presence and Grace through the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Holy Confession - if we don't nourish our spiritual life it will slowly wither.

This weakening of our spiritual disciplines will lessen our desire for spiritual things which will then lead to a declining and waning of our spiritual life. Before we realize it, we will have drifted away from our sincere love for Jesus Christ and our faith in His Church and the Good News that He proclaims.

If we occupy ourselves with the cares and entertainments of this world - filling up much of our time with sports, with celebrities, with political news, with countless temporal and not-so-important things - we may not find time to meditate on what is eternal and everlasting. We carelessly give all our times to the here and now, to all that is in front of us and in what will entertain us right now, instead of what is eternal.

Throughout the Old Testament we hear the Prophets and the righteous people of God reminding the Israelites "Remember!" Remember what God has done for His people. Remember how God has acted in

the world. Remember the deception of this world and all its enticing temptations, taking note how they will lead us away from the One True God. Remember!

Saint Paul warned the early Christians in like manner: "Stay vigilant. Be on guard. Wake up. Now is the time of salvation! Now is the time to act!"

In Revelation, St. John receives a warning to tell the first century Church in Ephesus that "you have left your first love" and then warns the Church in Laodacia that they have become "lukewarm."

This danger of unconsciously drifting away has always been a temptation for people of faith in every generation. That is why learn from the past while remaining on guard, staying vigilant, being attentive!

We should also note how current events add to this temptation to drift away. The past year and a half of a pandemic have led many of people to become lazy in the discipline of attending church on a weekly basis. Too many have gotten used to not prioritizing communal worship and sporadically partaking in the Eucharist and uniting with Jesus Christ through receiving His most precious Body and Blood each week.

When we stop dedicating the first day of the week to God, when we become lazy in praying to the Lord every day, when we don't find time to read spiritual material to nourish our souls and minds, and when we seemingly prioritize everything else above our spiritual well-being, then we will surely begin drifting away from our faith.

We may not consciously reject our faith; we may still call ourselves Christians; we may say we believe that our faith is important to us; yet, if we don't carve out time for God every day and purposely seek after Him in the Church, then we will unconsciously wander away.

Be careful! Be attentive! Be on guard! Let us specifically nourish our spirits and feed our hearts each day and every week so that we don't involuntarily drift away.

Pedestrian safety



CHIEF'S CORNER

STEVE WOJNAR

Now that fall is well underway and winter is looming, weather conditions are changing. This can cause difficulty for drivers when dealing with such issues as earlier darkness and solar glare. Clocks will fall back in early November also. I was asked to address the topic of pedestrian safety while on the roads. Also, some people traveling in pairs do not move to a "single file" manner when cars approach, while others walk with the flow of traffic. These situations can also be very dangerous. Based on all these factors, I was asked to provide some pedestrian safety reminders.

The rules for use of streets are contained in both state laws and local regulations. If sidewalks are in place on a particular street, they should be used. If there are no sidewalks, people should walk along the shoulder of the roadway facing into traffic. You are likely to see a vehicle heading toward you if walking in this manner. Unless the shoulders of the road are particularly wide, there is little to no room for people to walk side by side without one person being on the roadway. The accident possibilities increase, especially when solar glare, inclement weather, early darkness, or other factors reduce a driver's visibility. All precautions should be taken to stay off the roadway whenever possible. When you wish to cross the road, do this at crosswalks when they are available. If there are no crosswalks, pedestrians should yield the right of way to vehicles before crossing and avoid "jumping out" into traffic. The excuse of "pedestrians have the right of way" is used often to explain why people walk side by side in roadways or dart across a road in front of vehicles. This is never the correct way to think when it comes to pedestrian vs. vehicle situations.

Of equal importance at this time of the year is to make every effort to be seen. Wearing reflective vests and or clothing is crucial. You should carry a flashlight or other device to illuminate your path and warn drivers. Darkness can increase the possibility of injuries, so take the extra precautions to be safe. In addition, many side streets, dead ends, or other lightly traveled locations may have people using a more relaxed approach to pedestrian rules. Do not forget the basic safety rules of looking both ways and paying attention to the possibility of cars. Vehicles may come from anywhere, so it is always important to treat these locations with the proper amount of caution. Sharing the road and respecting each other's use of it will limit accidents 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. Opinions expressed in this weekly column are those of Chief Wojnar only and unless clearly noted, do not reflect the ideas or opinions of any other organization or citizen.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A potpourri

To the Editor:

China steals our lives; Biden steals our wallets. "Build Back Better," Biden's trillion-dollar spending bill, will cripple us economically. Nothing is ever free for the dwindling middle class consumer. In the end, they are always the ones that pay government bills. Higher taxes will come if these bills pass.

It is my opinion that a president who prays to the rosary should not allow abortion. The Church should have more to say about that.

Our "melting pot" should be made up of America-loving, freedom-seeking, law-abiding, naturalized immigrants, not "walk-ins" that take advantage of our country primed with political agenda.

Gender is real, people. Keep boys out of my granddaughter's locker room and sports. Teachers, grow some conscience. You should know what subjects should be taught and ones that should not. Bring back cursive writing, for example, so that students can visit the National Archives museum and actually read the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights – the very cornerstones of our Constitutional federal republic.

I do not give one iota for someone's skin color. Everyone is precious in His sight and mine, period! Defund the police, and chaos will follow. Stand for the Blue.

One Oxford resident's plea staked into his lawn reads,

their jobs. Beyond being 'good at what they do,' I got the sense they both enjoyed what they were doing as well. I saw genuine care of people, and our town at the same time.

All of which reminds me that government of, by, and for the people, actually works when operated by people who have a genuine interest to work for all. Both elected and hired. We are fortunate there are many more than these two clear examples here in Webster, and elsewhere.

Employees who make government work

CARL W. WILSON
OXFORD

Norman LeBlanc, Jr. for Oxford Selectman

To the Editor:

We are writing to encourage the residents of Oxford to elect Norman LeBlanc, Jr. as Selectman for the town of Oxford.

Not only is Norman committed to the town in which he grew up; he also has the necessary experience to lead the town and bring unity and respect back to the board.

In addition to being well-liked and respected, Norman

is a strong and reliable yet approachable leader. He is an independent thinker who votes based on the issues and their impacts on the greater community and its residents. We believe it is in the town's and citizens' best interest to elect Norman LeBlanc, Jr. on Nov. 16.

Sincerely,
CRAIG AND SALLY LUSSIER
NORTH OXFORD

To the Editor:

I wish to compliment a couple of 'government employees.'

I recently had the opportunity to interact and observe two. I wanted to publicly say thanks, and also provide the general public a better idea what every day 'government' really looks like.

My interactions with Mark Becker our assessor, and Ken Pizzetti, the highway super, were very instructive. And not only did I get assistance with my issues and questions, I had the opportunity to watch both interact with others in the performance of

Managing your retirement plan under a new employer

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

Basically, you have four options:

Cash out your plan

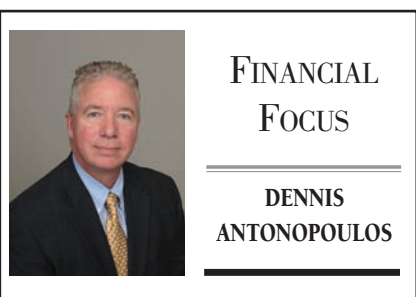
You can simply cash out your plan and take the money, but you'll have to pay taxes on it, and possibly penalties as well. So, unless you really need the funds and you have no other alternative, you may want to avoid liquidating your account.

Roll your account into your new employer's plan

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

Leave your plan with your old employer

If your account balance is above a certain level, you may be able



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

Move your account into a traditional IRA

One possible advantage to moving your 403(b), 457(b) or 401(k) into a traditional IRA is you'll open up a world of new investment options, because you can fund your IRA with virtually any type of vehicle, including stocks, bonds, mutual funds, certificates of deposit (CDs) and exchange-traded funds. And if you already have a traditional IRA, you can combine the new funds with the old ones, making it easier to track your holdings. As is the case with leaving your money in your old employer's plan or transferring it to a new plan, you'll continue to benefit from tax-deferred growth. Keep in mind, though, that IRAs

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

Which of these choices is best for you? There's

no one "right" answer for everyone. You'll want to consider all the options and possibly consult with your tax advisor and financial professional. But do all you can to protect your retirement plan – you've worked hard to build it, and you'll need to rely on it to help you pay for your years as a retiree.

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Waiting for the ice to set in



Courtesy
This week's picture shows Grampa Murphy and his grandson Jayden Burke enjoying some pheasant hunting at the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club this past Saturday.

The string of great weather we had over the last few weeks made for some great opportunities to enjoy numerous outdoor activities. The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club and the Whitinsville Fish & Game Club stocked their club ponds with trout recently, and members can enjoy some great fishing for weeks to come. The state of Massachusetts continued to stock numerous lakes with trout and should provide some great fall trout fishing.

It should also provide some great ice fishing, if and when we get safe ice this season. Back 30 or 40 years ago, I can

remember ice fishing on Thanksgiving Day. Catching yellow perch from the Meadow Pond and Carpenters Pond using a jig stick, and a Swedish Pimple baited with a perch eye, it did not take long to catch 100 or more yellow perch for the dinner table. Fresh yellow perch pan-fried, can provide some great eating in the winter months. I never ate yellow perch during the summer because they often contained worms in the meat. The ice-cold waters seemed to alleviate the problem.

Checking out your ice fishing gear now, will ensure that you are ready



This week's Second picture shows Captain Matt Fontaine of Uxbridge with a nice seabass.



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for this season first ice. Of course, it all falls on Mother Nature to provide safe ice, which has been extremely poor for the last few winters. If you do not believe in global warming by now, I doubt that you will ever realize that it is happening. The latest in ice fishing gear can be found at your favorite sporting goods store, but it is a bit pricey. Do not forget to shop at some local Bait & Tackle

shops. They are struggling to stay open with all of the competition of big store chains. It is not too early to start some of your Christmas shopping for that special guy or woman in your family, as many items may not be available until spring, because of the massive fleet of ships waiting to unload goods.

Wild turkeys were not presenting hunters with many opportunities to harvest one last week, and time runs out on Nov. 27 in Massachusetts for hunters hoping to harvest one for the Thanksgiving dinner table. It is a lot easier to harvest a big bird in the spring, as they are receptive to turkey

calls. If you can find a flock of turkeys, and you can break them up, calling does often work, but you need to find a flock first. A hen or tom turkey can be harvested by a licensed hunter with a fall turkey tag. Because hunting turkeys is legal during bow season, you may just get lucky to have a big turkey present a shot, if deer hunting is slow.

Archers have done really well during the archery deer season in Massachusetts! During the first week of bow season, hunters reported numerous scrapes and rubs indicating that the start of the rutting season has indeed started. One archer reported harvesting three deer. Drivers need to be aware of the deer rutting season, and be extra vigilant when traveling on the roads and highways. Bucks chasing does to breed can have them running out in front of cars, with little time for drivers to react to a deer car collision. Every year, drivers and passengers are killed when a deer is struck by an automobile. Motorcyclists are even more vulnerable, and can be killed or suffer serious life-threatening injuries from a deer collision. Motorists need to be reminded that if they strike and kill a deer, they can keep the animal for their meat, if the carcass is salvageable. Immediate care needs to be taken to ensure the meat is properly cared for.

Pheasant hunters are enjoying some hunting on stocked areas throughout

Massachusetts! The state will continue to stock areas with pheasant until Thanksgiving Day. Bird hunters with dogs are doing the best, but they too need to check their dogs and themselves for ticks after every hunt. As mentioned last week, ticks are going to be a big problem this year, both for man and dog! Deer hunters also need to take precautions after hunting. Removing most of your clothing outside of your home after a hunt, and checking for ticks before you enter the home, can save a lot of grief if Lyme disease is contracted by you or a family member. Never hang a harvested deer in your basement or attached garage. As the deer carcass cools, the ticks will fall off, and can be a real problem for your family if someone is bitten by an infected tick. The deer tick is incredibly small, and careful examination to locate and remove them is necessary. It is best to drop the ticks in a small amount alcohol to kill them. Do not remove them, and toss them into the back yard!

Seabass and tautog fishing remain hot in both Massachusetts & Rhode Island. This week's picture shows Matt Fontaine of Uxbridge with an impressive seabass caught last week off of the Point Judith light house area.

The second picture shows Jack Murphy and his grandson Jayden Burke enjoying a day hunting pheasant.

Tips to Scent Your Home this Season

Scents are powerful - just a small whiff of certain smells can fuel emotions. From altering moods and sparking memories to creating calm and promoting focus, fragrance can be very influential in our everyday lives.

Autumn in New England offers an abundance of native sights and scents that can be captured as everlasting fragrance for the home. Read on for a few simple recipes to bring the spectacular fragrance of the fall season indoors for months to come.

New England Potpourri Mix: This all natural autumn potpourri mix will bring you back to a walk along winding New England roads. A few drops of essential oil may be added to boost the scent as the mixture ages.

Ingredients: Dried slices of two Red or Golden Delicious apples (or other hardy New England variety); dried slices of one orange; eight cinnamon sticks; one tablespoon nutmegs; three tablespoons whole cloves; 2 Whole nutmegs; Filler: acorns, dried leaves, bark pieces, pinecones, etc.

Directions: Break up (or smash) the cinnamon

sticks and some of the whole cloves to release fragrance. Mix together all ingredients, gently folding in apple and orange slices last. Place in an open bowl or pack in a clear glass jar for gift giving or later use.

Pie Spice Sachets: The sweet scent of freshly baked apple and pumpkin pies can be resurrected every time you reconstitute these essence filled sachets. Best of all, these can be used to scent the air and to spice up cider!

Ingredients: 2 tablespoons pumpkin pie spice; 4 teaspoons ground cinnamon; 2 teaspoons nutmeg; 2 tablespoons applesauce

Mix the applesauce and spices together in a bowl. Dough will be very stiff. Pinch off small pieces of dough and roll into balls. Press down to form discs, about an inch or so. Bake in a 275 degree oven for about two hours or until fully dry and firm. Allow to cool and harden.

To use for simmering potpourri: Drop one disc into a couple of inches of simmering water.

To use as spice sachet: Drop disc into Preheat oven to 275 degrees and bake for 1 1/2 hours until dry and firm. Cool. Use as a simmering potpour-

ri by simply dropping in boiling water. To use as a spice, drop into container of simmering cider.

Autumn Wax Tarts (Recycled candles): Making fragrance tarts is easy (and free) if you've collected all your autumn fragranced candle ends throughout the year.

Ingredients: Leftover candle wax; foil cupcake wrappers.

Directions: Carefully melt leftover candle bits in a double boiler or in the microwave. Remove wicks and black bits from melted wax. Line a cupcake pan with aluminum foil cupcake wrappers. Pour about an inch of wax into each aluminum wrapper. Allow to cool, then remove wrapper from tin and peel off tart.

Great Gourds!

Now that your house boasts the aroma of autumn, why not do a little decorating, compliments of Mother Nature? Gourds are plentiful this time of year, and let's face it, gourds have only one main claim to fame: Their interesting colors and shapes make them a fantastic fall decorating tool. Talented and imag-



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inative artisans have formed everything from utilitarian bowls to musical instruments out of gourds, although mainstream offerings are likely to include a creative mix of baskets, candleholders, birdhouses and vases. Gourds, both large and small are plentiful and whimsical, with a high "personality quota." Tossing interestingly shaped gourds in a bowl creates an instant centerpiece. Or place handfuls of colorful gourds around an outside entryway display to fill the gaps between pumpkins, mums and cornstalks.

Gourds, with their contrast of color and textures, are the perfect candidate for an interesting craft project. Whether you choose to make a vase, bowl or birdhouse, drying, cutting and cleaning the gourds are important chores to complete. Much like carving a Jack-O-Lantern, the top of a gourd must be cut off and the inside scraped clean.

To do: Scrape out all inside dried membranes and seeds. This can be tedious, but it is necessary to avoid rot. To ensure a smooth inside surface as for gourd bowls, sand inside with a wire brush drill attachment.

To dry out decorative thin-skinned gourds, clean them in warm, soapy water containing a household disinfectant. Dry gourds with a cloth and spread them on newspaper in a warm, dry place. After a week, wipe them with a cloth moistened only with disinfectant. Again, spread gourds to dry, now in a warm, dark, damp-free spot for about a month. Every other day, turn them. When seeds rattle inside, they are properly seasoned. Small, thin shelled gourds will dry in less than a month, and large ones can take up to six months. If mold appears during the drying process, scrape it off with a knife. Thin-shelled gourds dry best when hung in a mesh bag.

You can finish your bowl or vase by staining, painting, or using leather dye on it. The leather dye provides a vintage look and is easiest to apply for a first time project. After the dye has dried, apply a protectant, such as varnish or wax.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House – Contest has resumed!

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

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

OBITUARIES

Clemence A. Starosta, 82



WEBSTER – Clemence A. “Clem” Starosta, 82, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 surrounded by his loving daughters. His wife of 58 years, Patricia E. (Landry) Starosta, died last year. He leaves his 4 daughters, Michelle Fasshauer and her husband Michael of Thompson, CT, Theresa Haggerty and her husband Kyle of Charlton, Jean Kirby and her husband Timothy of Oxford, and Joanne Grzembski and her husband Edward of Webster; 10 grandchildren, Joshua, Adam, Rebecca, Thomas, Elizabeth, Andrew, Patrick, Sean, Anthony and Allison; and 3 great-grandchildren, Kamryn, Ellieana and Lawson. He was born in Webster, the son of Clemence J. and Cecelia B. (Kujawski) Starosta and lived here his entire life. He graduated from Bartlett High School and then earned a certificate from the National School of Meat Cutting in Toledo. He was an Army veteran of the Vietnam War and a life member and past commander of the Polish American Veterans. Clem worked as a local meat cutter for 50 years during which time he owned his own grocery store and catering business. He hosted a radio cooking show as well. He was a lifelong member of Saint Joseph Basilica, serving as a lector; and as president of the parish council. He

helped at the annual parish festival for many years. He was especially devoted to supporting Saint Joseph Parochial School. He chaired the Saint Joseph Church/Basilica rededication committee in 1998. Clem devoted his life to his family and to God. When his daughters were growing up, he was a volunteer and past president of the Webster Lassie League. He enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren. Clem loved to tell jokes, to laugh, to spend time solving puzzles, playing cards and enjoyed buying his daily scratch tickets. He organized monthly bus trips to the Casinos for over 15 years. He was a devoted fan of New England sports teams. He also served as a member of the Webster Conservation Commission. His funeral was held Monday, October 25, from the Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, with a Mass at 10:00 AM in Saint Joseph Basilica, 53 Whitcomb Street. Burial was in Saint Joseph Garden of Peace with the Webster-Dudley Veterans Council providing military honors. Visitation was held Sunday, October 24, from 3:00 to 5:00 PM in the funeral home. Donations in his name may be made to Saint Joseph School, 47 Whitcomb Street, Webster, MA 01570. www.websterfunerals.com



John S. Ozak, 85



WEBSTER – John S. Ozak, 85, died Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at UMass/Memorial University Campus, Worcester after being stricken ill in Webster Saturday. He leaves his wife of 47 years, Janet L. (Denham) Ozak; 2 sisters, Jadzia Griffiths of Leicester and Dorothy Sullivan of Sutton; nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his sisters Helen Zakarewicz and Theresa Fyrbeck. He was born on January 13, 1936 in Siwicz, Poland, the oldest child of Stanley and Mary (Zienko) Oszukiewicz. The family moved briefly to Texas and then to Worcester in 1950 where he attended Saint Mary's High School. He then lived in Leicester and Holden before moving to Webster in 2009.



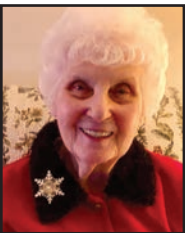
He served in the United States Air Force during the Korean conflict and the Vietnam war as an airman 2nd class. Mr. Ozak first worked as a forklift operator at CNS Grocers in Worcester. He then was a machine operator at Norton Company for 15 years before retiring in 2000. He enjoyed dancing the polka, going fishing and occasional trips to the casino. He was a devoted husband to his wife Janet. A graveside service will be held privately at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours. Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster. www.websterfunerals.com

Virginia L. “Ginny” Koebke, 86

DUDLEY – Virginia L. “Ginny” (Pickard) Koebke, 86, passed away peacefully on October 20, 2021 joining her husband of almost 72 years, Henry L. “Sonny” Koebke, who died on May 1, 2021. Ginny and Sonny spent a lifetime together at Walnut Lane Farm, enjoying their summers at Baker Pond Camp and in their retirement years at their camp in Charleston, Maine. She leaves her two children, Anne E. French and her partner Andy Helgerson of Charlton, and James H. Koebke and his wife Krisanne of Dudley; 5 grandchildren, Holden French, Lane French and his partner Morgan Donovan, and August, Curtis and Nolan Koebke. She was preceded in death by her sister Joyce Boniface. She was born on February 13, 1935 in Charlton, the daughter of George and Alice (Walls) Pickard and lived in Dudley most of her life. Mrs. Koebke first worked as a mail delivery driver in Dudley. She then drove school bus for Project Coffee for

many years before she retired. She dearly loved her grandsons and “Nana’s Kitchen” was always open for them. She also deeply enjoyed being involved in the 4-H community, watching and participating with her kids and grandkids at many dairy cattle shows over the years insuring that two generations were able to experience the joys of 4-H. She loved antiquing with her sister Joyce, finding a good deal at yard sales and flea markets, going to diners and spending special times with her girlfriends and her niece Laurie Boniface. Services will be private and at the convenience of the family. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to: Worcester County 4-H, 7 Midstate Drive, Suite 102, Auburn, MA 01501 to the attention of Meg McDermott. www.websterfunerals.com

Mary G. Pieper, 92



WEBSTER – Mary G. (Carroll) Pieper, 92, died Saturday, October 16, 2021 in Lanessa Extended Care after a period of declining health. Her husband, Matthew M. Pieper died in 1975. She leaves a daughter, Patricia C. “Patti” Lovett and her husband Bruce A. Lovett of Webster; her grandson, Kiel R. Krommer of Dudley. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Linda Seney, her sister Nancy Simpson and her brother William “Billy” Carroll, Jr. She was born on August 14, 1929

in Webster a daughter of William B Carroll, Sr and Midian T. (Duby) Carroll. She graduated from Bartlett High School in in 1948. Mrs. Pieper worked as a clerk in several banks. A memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, November 20, at 11:00 AM in Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 16 East Main Street (please meet at church). Burial will be private. There are no calling hours. Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster. www.websterfunerals.com

Yvonne Marguerite Mathurin, 91



OXFORD – Yvonne Marguerite (Duquette) Mathurin, 91, of Main Street, died Tuesday, October 19, 2021, at UMass Memorial medical Center – University Campus in Worcester. She was predeceased by her husband of 67 years, Alfred L. Mathurin of Oxford who died in 2017. She is survived by three children, Paul Mathurin and his wife Ruth, Francis Mathurin and his wife Priscilla, and Diane Mathurin, all of Oxford; four grandchildren, Michael Mathurin and his wife Jill of Orange, Christy Mathurin of Auburn, Chris Mathurin and his wife Michelle of Sturbridge, and Mindy Lawless and her husband Joe of Dudley; and six great-grandchildren. She was born in Webster,

daughter of the late Isadore Louis and Diana (Lavallee) Duquette, and lived in Webster for four years before moving to Oxford 87 years ago. She graduated from Oxford High School in 1948. Mrs. Mathurin worked at Sears in Auburn for 21 years, retiring in 1991. She loved animals, traveling, camping, gardening, and playing solitaire. A funeral Mass was held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 23, 2021, at St. Roch’s Church, 332 Main St., Oxford. Those attending are respectfully requested to meet directly at the church. Burial will be private at North Cemetery in Oxford. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Bishop Robert Reed, Catholic TV Network, P.O. Box 9196, Watertown, MA 02471. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements.

Ellen M. Ashton, 72

Putnam, CT — Ellen M. Ashton, 72, of Putnam, entered into eternal rest on Sunday, October 17, 2021 at Bickford Healthcare. She was born in Webster, MA on February 7, 1949, daughter of the late Thomas Sterczala and Gladys Ashton. She changed her last name to Ashton in 1993. She was a graduate of Bartlett High School, class of 1967 and was captain of her softball team. Ellen attended Atlantic Union College for a year, and later graduated cum laude from Worcester State College with a degree in Elementary Education in 1979. She later attended David Hale Fanning Trade School as a nursing student and graduated in 1988. Ellen was employed as a Licensed Practical Nurse for over 26 years at Webster Manor and Webster House nursing homes. In her free time, she enjoyed activities at the local senior center and YMCA, watching the Hallmark channel, and spending time with her canine and feline companions. She also loved traveling and made trips to Florida,

Washington, D.C.; Lancaster, P.A.; South Korea, Ireland, the British Isles, and the Caribbean. Ellen was a faithful member of Quinebaug Seventh-Day Adventist Church. She is survived by two daughters, Christine Ashton and Deborah Wiik and her husband David, all of Putnam; her brothers, James Maynard of Sturbridge, MA, and William Sterczala of Worcester, MA, and her nephew and four nieces. In addition to her parents, Ellen was predeceased by her brothers, Thomas Sterczala and Arthur Maynard, and her sister, Charlotte Sterczala. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away--Revelation 21:4. Services will be private, at the convenience of the family. Windsor Locks Funeral Home has care of the arrangements. For online condolences, please visit www.windsorlocksfuneralhome.com.



Dudley- Susan M. Koziak, 95

Dudley- Susan M. (Bielik) Koziak, 95 passed away peacefully October 21 surrounded by the loving presence of her family. She was predeceased by her husband of 58 years, Edward T. Koziak who passed away in 2005. She leaves a son Edward T. Koziak Jr. and his wife Sherry of Charlton, two daughters, Madeline Nawrocki and her husband Peter; Jeanne Hackenson and her husband David all of Dudley, and 7 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Susan was predeceased by her daughter, Sue Ann Canty of Webster in 2018. She also had four brothers and six sisters that predeceased her, John, Paul, Stephen, and Joseph Bielik, Anna Koziak, Julie Spitz, Josephine Gogolinski, Rose Kubik, Agnes Masley, and Elizabeth Manzi. She was born in Dudley, daughter of the late Paul F. Bielik and Suzanna (Kopas) Bielik and lived in the Webster- Dudley area all her life. She retired from Commerce Insurance Co and previously worked many years at Bentley Shoe Co. until it closed. Susan’s greatest enjoyment was spending time with her family. She spent countless hours cooking and making pierogi, poppyseed and nut breads for holiday gatherings and preparing special Slovakian dishes. She enjoyed attending her children’s


and grandchildren’s athletic sports games and never missed them. She had a strong faith and attended mass almost daily. She enjoyed crocheting, sewing, gardening, baking, dancing with the Silver Dippers, and singing in the Choir at St. Anthony’s Church. You would also find Susan working at the Soup Kitchen in town with family members as she took great pride in helping others. She was a member of the Slovak Sokol Jednota Society, Red Hat Society, Webster Senior Center, and St. Anthony’s Women’s Club. The family would like to thank the wonderful staff members of the Accord Adult Daycare Center and the Webster Manor for their support and compassion, as well as, the nurses and support staff from the Hospice of Western and Central MA. The Funeral Mass will be held October 29, 2021 at 10 AM in St. Anthony of Padua Church, Dudley, with burial in St. Joseph Garden of Peace, Webster. Please go directly to the Church. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA is directing arrangements. In lieu of flowers - donations in her memory can be made to St. Anthony of Padua Church, 24 Dudley-Hill Road, Dudley, MA 01571 or TriValley Elder Services, 10 Mill Street, Dudley, MA 01571.

Committee to explore funding options for water projects

BY JASON BLEAU
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DUDLEY – Dudley’s Town Administrator has proposed a new committee that would explore alternative funding options to offset the cost of water and sewer infrastructure improvements in town. Earlier this year, Dudley voters agreed to borrow up to \$13.2 million to remediate PFAS chemical contamination in the town’s public drinking water after town officials were ordered to notify water users of excessive amounts of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl substances in the water by the State Department of Environmental Protection. The approvals during the annual town meeting in May included design and construction of temporary PFAS water treatment infrastructure and eventually an \$11.5 million treatment plant. The committee proposed by Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda would examine ways to offset the cost of these projects which is currently slated to be absorbed by the rate payers. “By 2023, everything should be on the rate payers by then so we want to see if there’s any way that we can move forward with any sort of an offset,” Ruda told selectmen during a meeting on Oct. 18. “The goal would be to study and define the financial impact to the rate payers of the increased water and sewer rates resulting from projects added in FY21 and ongoing, to study alternatives to water rate payers who are paying the entire amount of the loan and vote and present recommendations in ranked order a joint meeting of water and sewer commissioners, Finance Authority and the Board of Selectmen prior to March 1 of 2022.” The committee, which is slated to be officially formed on Nov. 1, will include one selectman, one water & sewer commissioner, one Finance Authority member, and two citizens at large, one public and one private water user. The Town Treasurer, and Town Administrator are also on the committee as nonvoting members. The group is expected to submit their findings by the end of January. Selectmen had no objection to forming the committee. Board Chair John Marsi called it a good step forward. “I think it sounds good. It shows that we’re cognizant of what might happen and as we try to figure this out, we’ll try to get some good ideas from everybody,” Marsi said.

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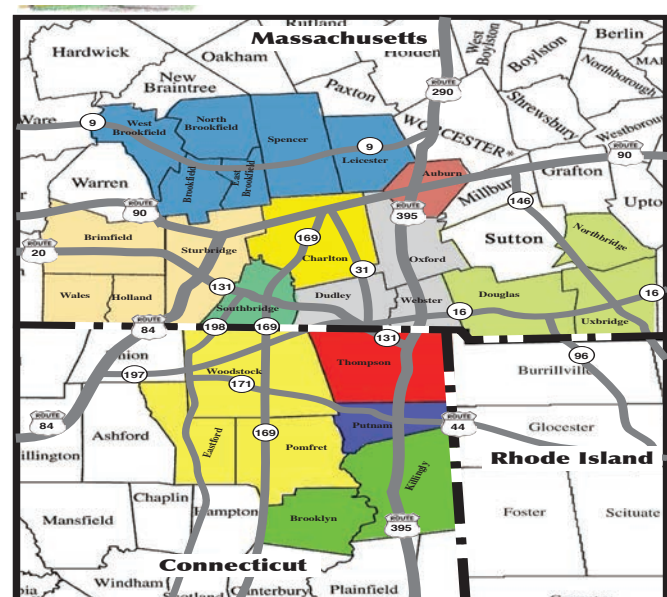
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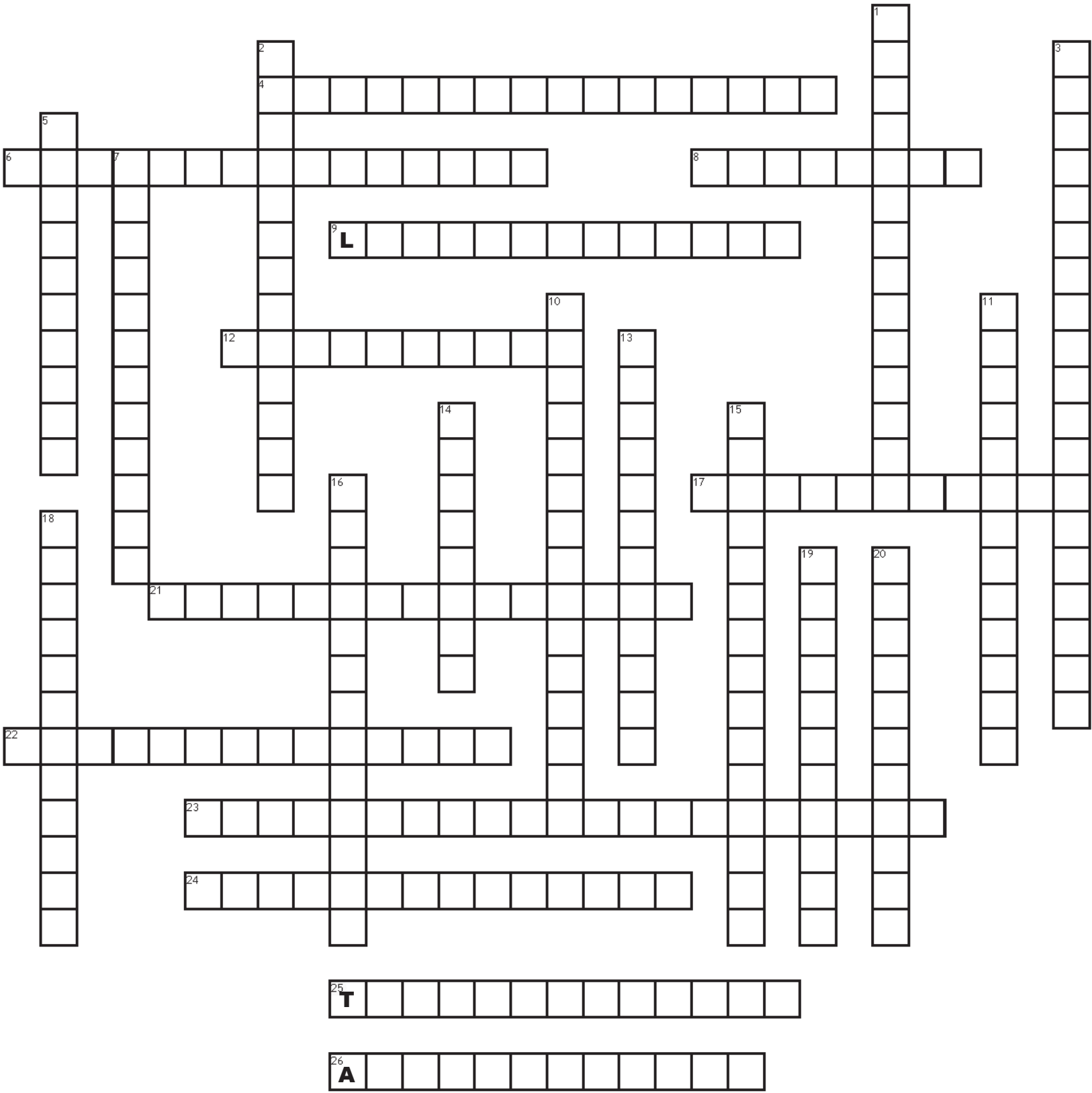
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- ACROSS
- DOWN
4. Order online

6. 1103 Main Street, Leicester

8. Beautifying America

9. Community is our top priority

12. as low as 0.99%

17. Check out my private office at 12 E Main St.

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11. Select models are eligible for 26% savings

13. Seeking ALL Direct Care Staff

14. First, Goal Oriented

15. Maple Syrup/Products

16. Now Hiring

18. Cleaning, Repairs, Free Estimates

19. We can save you time and money!

20. 33 Sutton Ave, Oxford, MA

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 7 Sherwood Drive, Oxford, MA 01540

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Roger D. Harris to Citizens Bank, N.A., and now held by **Citizens Bank, N.A. f/k/a RBS Citizens, N.A.**, said mortgage dated April 12, 2017 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 56989, Page 212, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction** on November 15, 2021 at 02:00 PM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land situated on the northerly side of Sherwood Drive, in the Town of Oxford, being Lot No. 29 as shown on a Plan of Land in Oxford owned by Mascor Homes, Inc., Albert L. Fitzback, Surveyor, dated April 25, 1975 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 415, Plan 39, more particularly bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the southeasterly comer of the premises described herein as a point along the northerly line of said Sherwood Drive, said point being Six hundred twenty-three and 87/100 (623.87) feet measured westerly along the northerly line of said Sherwood Drive from a cement bound/at the intersection of said Sherwood Drive and Cherry Street; THENCE S 86° 13' 52" W One hundred five (105/00) feet along the northerly line of said Sherwood Drive to a point at Lot No. 30; THENCE N 03° 46' 08" one hundred twenty (120.00) feet along Lot No. 30 to a point at remaining land of the grantor; THENCE N 86° 13' 52" E One hundred five (105.00) feet along said remaining land of the grantor to a point at Lot No. 28 THENCE S 03° 46' 08" E One hundred twenty (120.00) feet along Lot No. 28 to point of beginning. CONTAINING 12,600 square feet Meaning and intending to convey the same premises described by Deed dated and recorded September 19, 1975 with Worcester Registry of Deeds in Book 5800, Page 168.

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 September 19, 1975 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 5800, Page 168.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid 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 thirty (30) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Brock & Scott, PLLC
1080 Main Street, Suite 200
Pawtucket, RI 02860
Attorney for Citizens Bank, N.A. f/k/a RBS Citizens, N.A.
Present Holder of the Mortgage
401-217-8701

October 22, 2021
October 29, 2021
November 5, 2021

Notice of Meeting

Town of Dudley Zoning Board of Appeals will be hold a public hearing for Les Stevens representing Wescott Custom Homes on Thursday November 4, 2021 at 7:00pm Room 321 to hear the applicant's request for Variance on Driveway / Curb cut design requirements.

Please contact Amanda Jacobson at 508-949-8012 to attend the meeting.
George Slingo, Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals
October 22, 2021
October 29, 2021

TOWN OF DUDLEY BOARD OF ASSESSORS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FISCAL YEAR 2023 REVALUATION
The Town of Dudley is accepting sealed bid proposals for providing professional services for the Fiscal 2023 Revaluation of Real Property pursuant to the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Contractors interested in providing the services described herein are invited to deliver one copy of each separate price and non price proposals to the Town Administrator, at his office, 71 West Main Street, Room 302, Dudley, Massachusetts 01571, by 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 6, 2021. At 1:00 p.m., or there after, all bids received

will be opened and read publicly at the Board of Selectmen's office – Room 302. The Board of Assessors will review and award the Contract at a later date.

Specifications and Proposal Sheets for the above Fiscal year 2023 reassessment of real property are available in the Board of Assessors Office, 71 West Main Street, Room 209, Dudley, MA 01571, at the Office of the Town Administrator, Room 302, 71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA 01571, or on the Dudley web site www.dudleyma.gov. All Bids must be in sealed envelopes and plainly marked on the OUTSIDE of the envelope stating "Proposal For Fiscal Year 2023 Revaluation of Real Property". The Proposal Sheet provided must be used in submitting all Bids. Please refer all questions to the Principal Assessor at (508) 949-8006.
The Town of Dudley reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Bids, to waive any informality and to accept any Bid deemed in the best interest of the Town of Dudley. Bids will be awarded after review.

Town Of Dudley
Jonathan Ruda, Town Administrator
October 29, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. WO21C0476CA CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME In the matter of: Jose Gabriel Mateo Ortiz

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Jose Gabriel Mateo Ortiz of Webster MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Gabriela Lee Mateo Ortiz**

IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/09/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 12, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
October 29, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. WO21P2989EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of: John J Tagg Also known as: John J Tagliaferri Date of Death: 01/30/2021

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Thomas Tagg of North Grosvernord CT** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Thomas Tagg of North Grosvernord CT** 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 11/02/2021.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (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: October 06, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
October 29, 2021

NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE

SINGLE FAMILY MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE
LOCATION: 4 Prospect Street, North Oxford, MA 01537
WHEREAS, on January 16, 2014 a certain Mortgage Instrument was executed by Kathryn M. Lane as Mortgager in favor of Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a Subsidiary of Lehman Brothers Bank, PSB as Mortgagee and was recorded on March 8, 2004 in Book 32989, Page 259 at the Worcester County Registry of Deeds; and
WHEREAS, the Mortgage was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the Secretary) pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and
WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of the Mortgage Instrument is now owned by the Secretary pursuant to an assignment dated May 7, 2015 and recorded on May 21, 2015, in Book 53745, Page 391 in said Registry of Deeds; and
WHEREAS, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Mortgage Instrument because of the violation of Paragraph 9 Grounds for Acceleration of Debt: (b) (i) Property ceases to be principal residence of a Borrower for reasons other than death; and
WHEREAS, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Mortgage Instrument to be immediately due and payable;
NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. Section 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR Part 27, subpart B and by the Secretary's designation of me as Foreclosure Commissioner filed for registration in the Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Book 54831, Page 144 notice is hereby given that on **November 19, 2021 at 10:00 AM** local time, all real and personal property, if applicable, at or used in connection with the property located at **4 Prospect Street, North Oxford, MA 01537**, as more particularly described in Instrument, will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, subject to any and all outstanding real estate taxes and municipal charges.

The foreclosure sale will be held at 4 Prospect Street, North Oxford, MA 01537.

There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his/her prorate share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale.

When making their bid, all bidders (except the Secretary) must submit a deposit in the amount of 10% of the purchase price in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. The deposit of the successful bidder is non-refundable and will be applied to the purchase price. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within thirty (30) days of the auction or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, **TIME BEING OF THE ESSENCE.** The balance of the purchase price must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the Secretary is the successful bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveyance fees, all outstanding real estate taxes, municipal charges, condominium charges, if any, and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them.

The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to close. All extensions will be for fifteen (15) days increments for a fee of \$500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be paid in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD and delivered to the Foreclosure Commissioner. If the successful bidder closes prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied towards the amount due at closing.

If the successful bidder is unable to close within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the deposit will be forfeited. At the election of the Foreclosure Commissioner after consultation with the HUD representative, the successful bidder will be liable to HUD for ant costs incurred as a result of such failure. The Foreclosure Commissioner may offer the property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder. All other terms of the sale would remain the same. If the second highest bidder accepts the Foreclosure Commissioner's offer, the second highest

bidder must remit a deposit in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD within twenty-four (24) hours. If the second highest bidder rejects the Foreclosure Commissioner's offer, no further offers will be made and the sale will be canceled.

There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagors or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale provided herein; HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant.

The scheduled foreclosure sale shall be canceled or adjointed if it is established, by documented written application of the mortgagor to the Foreclosure Commissioner not less than three (3) days before the date of the sale, or otherwise, that the default or defaults upon which the foreclosure is/are based did not exist at the time of service of this notice of default and foreclosure sale, or all amounts due under the Mortgage Instrument are tendered to the Foreclosure Commissioner, in the form of a certified or cashier's check payable to the Secretary of HUD, before the public sale of the property is completed.

Tender of payment by certified or cashier's check or application for cancellation of the foreclosure sale shall be submitted to the address of the Foreclosure Commissioner provided below.
Shabnam Mashmasarmi, Attorney & Foreclosure Commissioner
Mashmasarmi Law, PC
1359 Hancock Street, Suite 7
Quincy, MA 02169
(508) 846-6021
October 29, 2021
November 5, 2021
November 12, 2021

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 11 Old Depot Road, Oxford, MA 01540

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Mark A. Lundstrom to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Concord Mortgage Corp, and now held by **Bank of America, N.A.**, said mortgage dated January 2, 2008 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 42284, Page 139, said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to Bank of America, N.A. successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP by assignment dated September 20, 2011 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 47884, Page 114; said mortgage was assigned from Bank of America, N.A. successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development by assignment dated May 28, 2003 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 51145, Page 50; said mortgage was assigned from Secretary of Housing and Urban Development by RBS Financial Products Inc. its attorney in fact to RBS Financial Products Inc. by assignment dated June 20, 2013 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 51368, Page 361; said mortgage was assigned from RBS Financial Products Inc. to U.S. Bank, National Association, as trustee on behalf of GRA Legal Title Trust 2013-1 by assignment dated August 1, 2013 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 51560, Page 13; said mortgage was assigned from GRA Legal Title Trust 2013-1, U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee to Bank of America, N.A. by assignment dated July 18, 2018 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 59196, Page 61; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction** on December 6, 2021 at 10:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE OXFORD IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER AND STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS, BEING DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOT NUMBER(S) 12A-201, AND BEING MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN A DEED DATED 04/22/2005 AND RECORDED 06/01/2005, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF THE COUNTY AND STATE SET FORTH ABOVE, IN DEED VOLUME 36468 AND PAGE 269.

The land, together with the buildings and improvements thereon, located on Old Depot Road in Oxford, Worcester County, Massachusetts and being the parcel of land shown as Lot No. 1 on a plan dated September 8, 1961 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 259 Page

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124, and to which plan reference may be made for a more particular description of said lot No. 1. Containing 25,055 square feet of land, more or less. ADDRESS: 11 OLD DEPOT ROAD; OXFORD, MA 01540 TAX MAP OR PARCEL ID NO.: 12A-C01

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 April 22, 2005 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 36468, Page 269.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid 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 thirty (30) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Brock & Scott, PLLC
1080 Main Street, Suite 200
Pawtucket, RI 02860
Attorney for Bank of America, N.A.
Present Holder of the Mortgage
401-217-8701

October 29, 2021
November 5, 2021
November 12, 2021

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Timothy J. Hamlin to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, 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 10:00 AM on November 29, 2021, 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: a. 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;

b. 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;

c. An appurtenant easement for the exclusive use of Storage Locker No. 17-5 as described in the Thayer Pond Village Condominium Master Deed;

d. 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 herewith. 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: 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 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
Korde & Associates, P.C.
900 Chelmsford Street
Suite 3102
Lowell, MA 01851
(978) 256-1500
Hamlin, Timothy J., 19-035768
October 29, 2021
November 5, 2021
November 12, 2021

DUDLEY
Office of the Collector of Taxes
10/29/2021

The owner(s), occupant(s) and public are hereby notified that the following described parcels herein, located within the municipality of DUDLEY and WORCESTER County, of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have taxes for the year 2021 as committed to the Collector of Taxes, by the Board of Assessors of this municipality which remain delinquent and unpaid, and that the property herein described will be taken by DUDLEY on Monday, 11/15/2021, at 9:00AM for non payment of taxes, including interest and all legal costs and charges thereon, unless the property shall be previously discharged.
RICHARD A. CARMIGNANI JR.
Collector of Taxes

Property Location: 2 WARSAW AVE 5
Assessed Owners: ALLEN, CONRAD M PAULA K
Bill Number: 60
2021 REAL ESTATE TAXES 56.31
56.31

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.000 acres described as parcel 118 0 89 0 2-5 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 59342 0185, WORCESTER County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: TRACY RD
Assessed Owners: ANDERSON, ERIC H.
Bill Number: 89
2021 REAL ESTATE TAXES 41.20
41.20

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.949 acres described as parcel 217 0 81 00 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 46518 0041, WORCESTER County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 13 MARSHALL TERR
Assessed owners: AUBERTIN, ANTHONY F
Bill Number: 165
2021 REAL ESTATE TAXES 482.72
482.72

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.275 acres described as parcel 119 0 46 0 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 8143 0008, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: INDIAN RD
Assessed owners: BOOTHE INVESTMENTS LLC
C/O THE LIVING TRUST OF VIVIAN
Bill Number: 440
2021 REAL ESTATE TAXES 36.22
36.22

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.027 acres described as parcel 122 0 32 0 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 60061 337, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: KRUGER ISLAND RD
Assessed owners: BRUSH, JEFFREY S ALINA R
Bill Number: 569
2021 REAL ESTATE TAXES 50.43
50.43

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.033 acres described as parcel 102 0 12 0 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 29348 0245, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds

Property Location: PIERPONT RD
Assessed owners: CEPPEPELLI, PAUL E MARLENE J
Bill Number: 707
2021 REAL ESTATE TAXES 212.81
212.81

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.176 acres described as parcel 101 0 32 0 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 21175 0399, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 43 HAYDEN POND RD
Assessed owners: CEPPEPELLI, PAUL E MARLENE J
Bill Number: 708
2021 REAL ESTATE TAXES 731.02
731.02

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.610 acres described as parcel 103 0 8 0 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 6176 0341, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds

Property Location: 37 EAGLE DR
Assessed owners: CHOJNACKI, GRACE
Bill Number: 771
2021 REAL ESTATE TAXES 270.79
270.79

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 2.150 acres described as parcel 123 0 51 0 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 7321 0023, WORCESTER County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 28 GREEN ST
Assessed owners: COMEAU, JEFFREY L NANCY M
Bill Number: 849
2021 W LIEN 808.71
COMM. INT / W LIEN 118.19
W/S FEES 80.00
REAL ESTATE TAXES 1,061.36
2,068.26

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.152 acres described as parcel 111 0 79 0 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 14790 0361, WORCESTER County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 22 HALL RD
Assessed owners: COMEAU, JEFFREY L , NANCY M.
Bill Number: 851
2021 REAL ESTATE TAXES 857.38
857.38

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.385 acres described as parcel 121 0 40 0 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 52767 0203, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds

Property Location: 69 WEST MAIN ST
Assessed owners: DANIEL S MITCHELL
Bill Number: 1014
2021 REAL ESTATE TAXES 592.84
592.84

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.197 acres described as parcel 117 0 35 0 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 57130 0083, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 9 WY SOCKI DR U#50
Assessed owners: DION, JOHATHAN P DAVID J & PAMELA A
Bill Number: 1205
2021 S LIEN 390.05
COMM. INT / s LIEN 54.79
W LIEN 278.25
COMM. INT / w LIEN 38.77
W/S FEES 80.00
REAL ESTATE TAXES 415.48
1,257.34

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about

0.000 acres described as parcel 112 0 116 0 50 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 55693 0246, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 3 ST MARY AVE
Assessed owners: DUMOUCHEL, RITA B.
Bill Number: 1327
2021 REAL ESTATE TAXES 1,835.57
1,835.57

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.484 acres described as parcel 117 0 53 0 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 51675 0076, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds

Property Location: RAMSHORN RD
Assessed owners: DURRSCHMIDT, ERIC JURGEN
Bill Number: 1368
2021 REAL ESTATE TAXES 1,521.51
1,521.51

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 21.900 acres described as parcel 215 0 19 1 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 59187 0001, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds

Property Location: RAMSHORN RD
Assessed owners: DURRSCHMIDT, ERIC JURGEN
Bill Number: 1369
2021 REAL ESTATE TAXES 1,514.13
1,514.13

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 21.690 acres described as parcel 215 0 19 0 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 59187 0001, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 20 CHARLTON RD
Assessed owners: GALE III, DONALD & BECHARD, ROCHELLE
Bill Number: 1636
2021 REAL ESTATE TAXES 1,245.31
1,245.31

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.354 acres described as parcel 112 0 59 0 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 58758 0111, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds

Property Location: 38 OLD SOUTH-BRIDGE RD
Assessed owners: GENDREAU, SAMUEL C ARLINE J.
Bill Number: 1717
2021 REAL ESTATE TAXES 728.06
728.06

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.698 acres described as parcel 229 0 90 0 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 7098 0336, WORCESTER County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 2 BONA DR
Assessed owners: GRACE & GENEVIEVE REALTY LLC
Bill Number: 1804
2021 REAL ESTATE TAXES 1,329.72
1,329.72

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 1.000 acres described as parcel 123 0 47 15 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 52785 0084, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 6 LUTHER LN
Assessed owners: HAMELIN, JO-ANN
Bill Number: 1927
2021 REAL ESTATE TAXES 524.93
524.93

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.344 acres described as parcel 116 0 23 0 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 46833 0317, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 10 DUDLEY HILL RD
Assessed owners: HARNEY, JOHN F MICHAEL SEAN
Bill Number: 1949
2021 REAL ESTATE TAXES 1,189.49
1,189.49

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.344 acres described as parcel 121 0 130 0 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 56931 0088, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds

Property Location: 23 MARSHALL TERR
Assessed owners: HARPER, KEITH H FITZGIBBONS, CLARE M
Bill Number: 1950
2021 REAL ESTATE TAXES 846.81
846.81

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.213 acres described as parcel 119 0 51 0 0 in the office of the Assessors of

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the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 11626 0135, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 40 FISH RD
Assessed owners: HEALY, JOHN P.
Bill Number: 1983
2021 REAL ESTATE TAXES 839.85

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 16.400 acres described as parcel 220 0 8 0 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 41197 0088, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 8 BROOKSTONE DR
Assessed owners: HILL, KEVIN M. LINDA J.
Bill Number: 2017
2021 REAL ESTATE 4,248.42

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.986 acres described as parcel 235 0 38 0 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 20583 0363, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds

Property Location: 11 COTTAGE RD
Assessed owners: KARP, MATTHEW N
Bill Number: 2326
2021 REAL ESTATE TAXES 1,081.25

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.300 acres described as parcel 204 0 2 0 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 55082 0327, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 39 KOEBKE RD
Assessed owners: KOEBKE, JAMES H KRISANNE
Bill Number: 2409
2021 REAL ESTATE TAXES 1,828.95

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 5.520 acres described as parcel 209 0 8 0 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 48249 0288, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 13 GREEN ST
Assessed owners: KROGUL, JAMES E SANDRA M.
Bill Number: 2479
2021 REAL ESTATE TAXES 512.44

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.196 acres described as parcel 112 0 109 0 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 42056 0298, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds

Property Location: 14 SAWMILL RD
Assessed owners: LANGE, KATHELEN HERBST, MARGARET
Bill Number: 2602
2021 REAL ESTATE TAXES 1,067.88

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.275 acres described as parcel 113 0 41 0 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 20983 0274, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: KLONDIKE RD
Assessed owners: LANPHER, WILLIAM C/O BRIAN TROJAN TRUSTEE OF TH
Bill Number: 2610
2021 REAL ESTATE TAXES 365.53

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 1.000 acres described as parcel 101 0 70 0 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 50776 0053, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 9 LYNN LN
Assessed owners: LEAVITT, MIRAN-DA DAVEAU, RYAN
Bill Number: 2687
2021 REAL ESTATE TAXES 918.37

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.234 acres described as parcel 114 0 48 0 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 55480 0216, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds

Property Location: 114 SOUTH-BRIDGE RD
Assessed owners: LIVERNOCHE, STEVEN J, JESSIE E
Bill Number: 2772
2021 REAL ESTATE TAXES 692.18

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.344 acres described as parcel 229 0 140 0 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 56608 0138, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 115 SCHOFIELD AVE
Assessed owners: METALOGIC PROPERTIES, LLC
Bill Number: 3148
2021 INC & EXP 250.00
REAL ESTATE TAXES 1,097.28

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 4.400 acres described as parcel 124 0 12 0 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 49928 0148, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds

Property Location: 210 DUDLEY SOUTHBRIDGE RD
Assessed owners: MEYER, ELEANOR B (LE) MEYER, FREDERICK P & CHERYL A
Bill Number: 3151
2021 REAL ESTATE TAXES 667.07

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 1.990 acres described as parcel 217 0 98 0 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 51920 130, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds

Property Location: 44 LAKEVIEW AVE
Assessed owners: MICKELSON, JOHN E
Bill Number: 3157
2021 S LIEN 139.70
COMM. INT/ S LIEN 12.56
W LIEN 114.25
COMM. INT/ W LIEN 10.27
W/S FEES 20.00
REAL ESTATE TAXES 3,335.56

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.308 acres described as parcel 113 0 109 0 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 29824 0239, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: RIVER ST
Assessed owners: MONACO, THOMAS J & ROSE ANN
C/O BARBOSA,JOEL MERCADO & MUR
Bill Number: 3194
2021 REAL ESTATE TAXES 305.04

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.117 acres described as parcel 126 0 11 0 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 4063 0351, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: HENRY MARSH RD
Assessed owners: MROCZKA, SEBASTIAN
Bill Number: 3265
2021 REAL ESTATE TAXES 1,328.33

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 30.050 acres described as parcel 201 0 36 0 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 46812 0262, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds

Property Location: CORINTHIA COURT
Assessed owners: MROCZKA, SEBASTIAN
Bill Number: 3266
2021 REAL ESTATE TAXES 737.32

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 1.010 acres described as parcel 201 0 42 0 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 51780 0139, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 167 WEST MAIN ST
Assessed owners: MROCZKA, WES-LEY
Bill Number: 3267
2021 S LIEN 572. 45
COMM. INT/ S LIEN 83.50
W LIEN 531.75
COMM. INT/ W LIEN 78.88
W/S FEES 80.00
REAL ESTATE TAXES 620.07

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 3.850 acres described as parcel 120 0 3 0 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 47349 0233, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 46 FLAXFIELD RD
Assessed owners: MROCZKA, WES-LEY J.
Bill Number: 3269
2021 REAL ESTATE TAXES 3,920.45

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 6.010 acres described as parcel 113 0 137 0 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 33143 0148, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds

Property Location: 28 CARPENTER

RD
Assessed owners: PERRIN, LOUIS J. MARIA
Bill Number: 3592
2021 REAL ESTATE TAXES 540.45

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.179 acres described as parcel 236 0 70 0 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 36771 0192, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 33 WEST MAIN ST
Assessed owners: PERRIN, LOUIS J. JR. , MARIA V.
Bill Number: 3593
2021 REAL ESTATE TAXES 1,700.19

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.365 acres described as parcel 117 0 13 0 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 32634 0380, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 6 MEADOW LN
Assessed owners: PODLES, THOMAS JANINE A
Bill Number: 3699
2021 REAL ESTATE 683.48

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.325 acres described as parcel 116 0 38 0 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 59641 0263, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds

Property Location: 21 BRANDON RD
Assessed owners: RICHARD, STE-PHEN
Bill Number: 3829
2021 REAL ESTATE TAXES 869.68

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.179 acres described as parcel 118 0 156 0 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 55359 0279, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: MASON RD
Assessed owners: SELIG SLAP, LINDA J
C/O NICHOLAS OLIVERI
Bill Number: 4085
2021 REAL ESTATE TAXES 793.35

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.633 acres described as parcel 114 0 10 1 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 35895 276, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: MASON RD
Assessed owners: SELIG SLAP, LINDA J C/O NICHOLAS OLIVERI
Bill Number: 4086
2021 REAL ESTATE TAXES 853.62

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 1.050 acres described as parcel 114 0 10 2 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 35895 276, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: MASON RD
Assessed owners: SELIG SLAP, LINDA J C/O NICHOLAS OLIVERI
Bill Number: 4087
2021 REAL ESTATE TAXES 883.14

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 1.830 acres described as parcel 114 0 10 3 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 35895 276, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 91 OXFORD AVE
Assessed owners: SHOAF, JOHN A.
Bill Number: 4129
2021 REAL ESTATE TAXES 506.37

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 1.130 acres described as parcel 213 0 51 0 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 38912 0064, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: BRENTWOOD DR
Assessed owners: SOUSA, TIFFANY DON
Bill Number: 4242
2021 REAL ESTATE TAXES 70.11

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.071 acres described as parcel 110 0 50 0 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 39051 0044, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds

Property Location: 1 RAYMOND ST
Assessed owners: SPAULDING, NICH-OLAS A
Bill Number: 4260
2021 REAL ESTATE TAXES 201.93

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.856 acres described as parcel 221 0 40 0 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 55339 0203, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 44 CENTER RD
Assessed owners: ST. HILAIRE, DEN-NIS R. C/O BODREAU, DEND
C/O RANUCCI, GIAN & BRYANNA
Bill Number: 4279
2021 REAL ESTATE TAXES 670.05

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 2.180 acres described as parcel 234 0 83 0 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 39121 0266, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds

Property Location: 249 DUDLEY SOUTHBRIDGE RD
Assessed owners: STEVENS, CLIFFORD E PHYLLIS
Bill Number: 4329
2021 REAL ESTATE TAXES 1,573.27

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 2.150 acres described as parcel 217 0 19 0 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 4545 0405, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 414 WEST MAIN ST
Assessed owners: THE 414 WEST MAIN ST TRUST
Bill Number: 4456
2021 INC & EXP 250.00
REAL ESTATE TAXES 1,780.81

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 2.860 acres described as parcel 233 0 96 0 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 40510 0197, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: HENRY MARSH RD
Assessed owners: THE EBACH-ER-GRAVELL FAMILY TRUST CHRIS- TOPHER M EBACHER & JOANNE
Bill Number: 4463
2021 REAL ESTATE TAXES 852.39

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 1.010 acres described as parcel 201 0 39 0 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 60518 52, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds

Property Location: 38 HENRY MARSH RD
Assessed owners: THE EBACH-ER-GRAVELL FAMILY TRUST CHRIS- TOPHER M EBACHER & JOANNE
Bill Number: 4464
2021 REAL ESTATE TAXES 1,468.74

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 1.010 acres described as parcel 201 0 40 0 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 60518 52, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds

Property Location: 61 WEST MAIN ST
Assessed owners: WHITEHURST, MEAGHAN T.
Bill Number: 4727
2021 REAL ESTATE TAXES 924.44

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.212 acres described as parcel 117 0 30 0 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 49353 0292, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: CENTRAL AVE
Assessed owners: YOUNG RONALD JR & KATHLEEN M
C/O ACKERMAN, ROBERT V JR
Bill Number: 4830
2021 REAL ESTATE TAXES 60.69

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.138 acres described as parcel 117 0 141 0 0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of DUDLEY identified in book and page 52298 0373, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds.
October 29,2021

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DUDLEY – 10 Camelot Circle 9 Rm, 4 Bdrm, 2.5 Bath, 2,520' Center Hall Colonial featuring an In-Ground Pool on a 28,131' Lot! Tile Entry Foyer w/ Guest Closet! SS Appliance Granite Kit w/Breakfast Bar, Spacious Dining Area, Tile Flr, Pantry Closet, Recessed & Pendant Lighting! Formal Din Rm w/Hrdwd Flr & Chair Rail! Formal Liv Rm w/Crown Molding! 13.6x27' Fam Rm w/Fireplace w/Wood Pellet Insert, Soaring Cathedral Ceiling, Ceiling Fans & Skylight! Half Bath! 3 Season Porch! 1st Flr Laundry! The 2nd Floor w/4 Bdrms! Spacious Master w/Walk-in Closet & Full Bath w/Dble Granite Vanity! Full Hall Bath w/Dble Vanity! C/Air & Vac! 2 Car Garage! Fire Pit! Many Updates! Original Owner – Pride of Ownership! **\$570,000.00**

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Extraordinary Find! Beautiful 2 Family! Owner occupied with pride and it shows. Grand Front Entry! 3,012 SF +/- living area. 12 rooms, 6 bedrooms, 2 updated Baths. 2nd Flr - Granite Countertops! High ceilings & Hardwood Floors, Modern Kitchens. Manicured 13,525 SF Lot with a Hip roof 3 car garage! **\$439,900**

WEBSTER - 135 LAKE STREET



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Heritage Pines Condo Town House - Everything one would expect and then more! 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, all Hardwood floors, granite, stainless steel appliances. central air, 2 decks, 2800 sq ft +/- of finished living area., and so much more! **\$319,900.**

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WELCOME TO MIDNIGHT FARM! 1876 Antique Colonial. Included separate Building - Studio/Store both situated on 2.5 Acres Professionally Landscaped! 5 Bedroom, Lg Living room, Fireplaced Dining room, Library, Master Bdrm, Renovated Kitchen! 3 Stall Garages! Picturesque Location! **\$455,000.**

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Once in a lifetime opportunity to own a Webster Lake Waterfront Cottage on Long Island! Properly named the "Grand View". Sandy beach, boat house! Antique Cottage w/5 Kitchens, 3 BRs, a stone fireplaced w/pellet stove, eat-in kitchen w/modern appliances, full bath! washer/dryer. Screened porches. Included, 25% ownership share in a main land waterfront lot at 38 Point Pleasant Rd, in sheltered Mumford Cove! land provides boat slip & winter storage. A FAR AWAY PLACE NEAR BY! **\$389,900.**

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Oxford - 2 Merriam Rd 80 +/- Wooded Acres in Oxford & Charlton! Great Location for Horses! **ON DEPOSIT \$329,000.**

Oxford - 4 Leicester St - Approx. 8.47 ACRES! River Frontage Possible to be Subdivided! **\$89,900.**

WEBSTER - DOUGLAS RD 26 ACRES on SUGARLOAF HILL. 1000+/- ft of frontage! **SORRY, SOLD! \$200,000**

Webster - Cooper Road 2 Buildable Lots! Water & Sewer Access. Zoned Lake Res! **ON DEPOSIT! Each \$24,500.**

OXFORD - 10 BEVERLY STREET



ON DEPOSIT

2 Family! A RARE FIND, BUILT IN 1967!! 2 PARCELS = 16,224 SF!! EXTREMELY WELL MAINTAINED! Total 9 rooms, 5 Bedrooms, 2 baths. 2nd apartment is a perfect mortgage helper!! Beautiful Hardwood Floors! Roomy yard. Off Street Parking! Neighborhood Setting! **\$449,000.**

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Webster Lake - 300 Killdeer Island

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS! A WEBSTER LAKE waterfront property on Killdeer Circle, you won't want to miss! Offers a prime waterfront location! 64' of water frontage and a gently sloping landscape to waters edge. Crystal clear, sandy bottomed shoreline. Everyday is a new day at the Lake! Nicely arranged floor plan. 5 rooms 2 bedrooms, 2 baths! Walk out lowerlevel to nice size patio! Garage. **\$650,000.**

WEBSTER - 401 TREASURE ISLAND CONDO



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Deck & Slider to the Patio! Natural gas heat! 2 Boat Slips! Heated Pool! Natural Sandy Beach! **\$439,000.**

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PUBLIC NOTICE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM

Notice of Simplified License

Application pursuant to

M.G.L. Chapter 91

21-WW-PRE-0202-APP

NOTIFICATION DATE:

October 29, 2021

PERMITTEE: Colby A. Petrillo

PROJECT SITE ADDRESS:

12 Kenneth Avenue, Webster, Massachusetts

Public notice is hereby given of the application for a Chapter 91 Simplified License by Colby A. Petrillo to construct/maintain a boat dock in the waters of Webster Lake at 12 Kenneth Avenue, Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts.

The Department will consider all written comments on this Waterways

application received by within 30 days of the "Notification Date".

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Duval said the issue is that it requires more than simple repaving. Among other things, their planning for “full-scale improvements to downtown” including better crosswalks, “traffic calming” features and bike lanes. As the project progresses, he said, there will be several oppor-

tunities for input from the public, Historical Commission and other entities. That prompted one voter to remark, “We don’t want to see a design where there’s no parking on Main Street.” To David Carter, the idea of getting a 10-to-1 return is “really good,” but he noted the risk of “a lot of accidents happening” if the plans squeeze bike lanes, park-

ing and traffic together. On a similar note, Everett wondered where the bikers would go – road or sidewalk – when the bike lanes run out. A second issue, expanding the marijuana overlay district, did not spark any debate. But it failed to reach the necessary two-thirds majority to pass a zoning change, with a vote of 76-45. That was the only counted item; all other

passed by hand vote. Among those others were an \$80,000 transfer to fix failed culverts at Industrial Park Road and Prospect Street; \$200,000 for hazardous materials abatement as part of the demolition of Joslin Annex; \$100,000 for the Capital Stabilization Fund; and changes to the bylaws regarding the Sealer of Weights and Measures and two inspectors. Additionally, \$87,000

for elevator and HVAC went toward repairs at the library, while voters also approved the formality of transferring library control back to the Library Trustees. (Selectmen had to take control a few years ago to make use of a state Historical Commission renovation grant.) The funding for any of those items needing money was coming from recently certified Free Cash.

One item was passed over, but might return: a proposal to obtain 335 Main Street by eminent domain. Town Manager Jen Callahan said the town originally hoped the owner would donate it, but he now has two offers to buy it, so Oxford needs to see what happens.

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Ten years from now

When my dad told me four years ago he was going to be a syndicated columnist, I gave it little thought. I had confidence that he could do anything he wanted.

I didn’t know much about his column. He was calling it Positively Speaking! and it was about having a positive mindset. That was nothing new to me; as far back as I can remember, he promoted thinking positively. He was a motivational speaker for a time.

I was a busy kid and, was involved in many different sports. Whenever my dad drove me to practice, he’d pop in a cassette tape or a CD, and we listened to Zig Ziglar, Tony Robbins, Jim Rohn, Norman Vincent Peale, Napoleon Hill, and many more. I would’ve rather listened to some 80’s hair bands instead; I pretended not to hear, but I was listening.

As I grew older, I began to listen to them

myself. In college, I was reading the books I’d heard about in the car with my dad. He was a big thinker - he taught me that anything was possible as long as I believed and worked hard.

It’s been three months since he passed away. He always kept a positive attitude about dying. If you were a fan of his columns, you probably remember that he didn’t accept that he would die soon. He planned on living a few years longer.

About ten days before he died, he asked me to continue writing his column on his behalf. It wasn’t something I envisioned myself doing. I was apprehensive, but how do you tell your dying father no?

It wasn’t easy figuring out who all of his contacts were with the newspapers. By the time I agreed to fulfill his wish to continue the

column, he didn’t have the energy to teach me how to get it to the editors every week.

Sometimes I post links to his old columns on social media. They consistently receive many more likes than mine. If you were a fan of my dad’s columns, after reading my first few, you probably thought to yourself, “this kid doesn’t have anywhere to go but up!”

I’ve enjoyed getting to know a couple of his old friends through this process. Lynda, with a “y,” is of great encouragement; she will laugh when she reads that! Hi, Lynda!

Another is a lady named Judith. I thought she was an editor for a newspaper for the first couple of weeks.

She emailed me about how to be a better writer. She gave great advice; after a few emails, I figured out she was a writing friend of my dad’s and not a newspaper editor. She and my father shared a

love for writing.

Judith recently recommended I write a column about how my dad might have been if he lived another ten years.

That’s a tricky thing to write.

He was very excited about the company we started, Cubestream. He and our partner Ted helped to develop it from the beginning. He had big plans to make it an international company.

We would have gone on a couple of family road trips. We planned on doing one earlier this year, but he was too sick. He wanted to go out west to see the mountains and the buffalo like we did when I was young.

He would’ve enjoyed seeing his two grandsons Caleb and Noah, graduate from high school - they were everything to him.

He may have even started lifting weights again. When I was a child, he was a big weight lifter and was very strong.

As he grew older and became more affectionate and he made sure to let us know how much he loved us.

In his final year, he frequently wrote emails to my two siblings and me telling us things about his life we never knew to help us understand him better.

It’s hard to say all the things he might have done if he lived another ten years, but one thing I do know - he would have continued to be more loving, affectionate, and caring.

Love you, Dad.

ELECTIONS

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couple of people in that precinct that are moved over to precinct four just along the boundary line.”

Smith presented a large map of the new precincts during a brief public hearing on the matter. The boundaries of the new precincts would run along Lyons Road through the upper portion of West Main Street through Elizabeth Street up to Wayne Avenue to Dudley Oxford Road and part of Center Road. After the hearing selectmen unanimously approved a letter that will go to the Local Elections Districts Review Commission to make the change official.

“Once they approve it then it becomes final,” said Smith. “They’ll give us additional copies of the large map and we’ll have to post it in each of the four precincts. In addition, any voter that is being changed from one precinct to another will receive written notification from us.”

Smith will be working with the state elections division to ensure that keeping the voting in the town hall is in compliance with the state. The change does include an added cost due to increased check-in, check-out, and the purchase of a fourth ballot box.

There was some added conversation sparked by Selectman Paul Joseph about whether or not the latest census numbers would complicate other departments as well, particularly veterans’ services. Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda clarified that the town is still below the 12,000-citizen threshold that would require changes to that department. However, with Dudley less than a hundred new citizens away from that number Joseph requested that Ruda look at potential solutions to ensure such services remain properly intact as Dudley’s population continues to grow.



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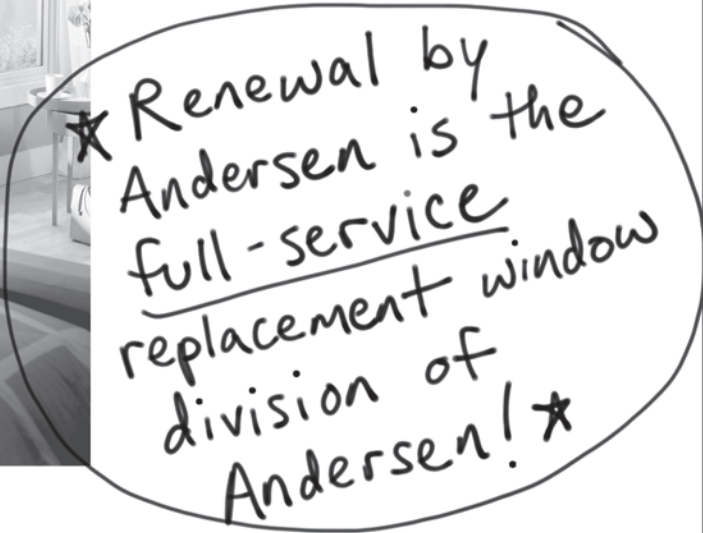
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that's making young team mistakes, which we've got to clean up." Tailback Zach Christenson suffered an injury at the tail end of the first half and couldn't return, the same happened with return specialist Josh Harrison, and quarterback Nolan Legere got dinged up — but did make it back onto the field.

"Losing pieces like that is tough, so we've got to be able to battle through that. And to their credit, the kids did," Buchanan said while taking the good with the bad in the Rams' 18-6 loss to the Colonials.

Shrewsbury scored on its opening possession, embarking 65 yards in 10 plays. There were 13 and 14 yard runs by Jack O'Sullivan and Cameron Jenkins, respectively, before Jack Peters found

the end zone from a couple of yards out. The two-point try was no good, so the Colonials had an early 6-0 lead. The Rams battled back, though, and tied the score early in the second quarter. They themselves had a long drive, this one going 67 yards in 18 plays. The Hill converted on a pair of fourth down runs and ultimately found pay dirt when Jack List barreled in from two yards out. The kick was blocked, which kept the score at 6-6.

Shrewsbury scored the eventual game-winning touchdown with 2:53 to play until halftime, this time going through the air. O'Sullivan, one of two quarterbacks employed by the Colonials, hit Brady Soldo with a screen pass. Soldo did the rest, juking past defenders on a 19-yard scoring play as Shrewsbury took a 12-6 lead at the break. O'Sullivan completed 6 of 8 passes for 97 yards and

the score.

Shrewsbury opened the second half with the ball and traveled all the way to the Rams' 21-yard line, where they faced a fourth-and-eight. Shepherd Hill's defense then made the stop, taking over possession. And the Rams had a 16-play drive, but it stalled at the Colonials' 16. Legere attempted a pass into the end zone and toward Austin Giarnese on fourth down, but a pair of defenders knocked the well-thrown pass down.

Buchanan thought that those two possessions played an important part in the outcome of the game.

"The first series in the second half, I thought we did a great job getting a stop. We really needed one from a momentum perspective, [but] we've got to finish [our] drive," he said. "When the defense was holding up their end of the bargain, the offense has to step up. And when the offense was holding up their end of the bargain, the defense has to step up."

Shrewsbury scored following the turnover on downs, TJ Welch — the Colonials' other quarterback — calling his own number and scampering in from 13 yards out with 6:05 to play in the game. That play accounted for the 18-6 final.

Shepherd Hill had its chances, but the Rams were unable to score both times they entered deep into Shrewsbury territo-

ry in the second half.

"That's a matter of execution in the red zone," explained Buchanan. "That's where it gets harder. The field gets compressed and you can't really attack the edges as well. They're going to pack the box, which everybody does against us, and that's the hard part of the area to be. That's part of the learning experience. We're seeing positives, we've just got to be there."

The Hill finished with 216 yards rushing on 54 carries, carrying an average of 4 yards per pop. Seven players ran the ball, led by Alexander Siwik (19 carries, 79 yards), Christenson (12 carries, 54 yards), List (7 carries, 33 yards) and Romeo Holland (10 carries, 30 yards).

Both teams are now 3-4, and the Rams next play undefeated Grafton High (7-0) in Grafton on Friday, Oct. 29 at 5 p.m.

"Next week is a tough, tough Grafton team, but



Nolan Legere of Shepherd Hill, right, goes after Shrewsbury ball carrier Cameron Jenkins.

that's another team that historically we always play great games with. It's one of the reasons that we love being Shepherd Hill and we love playing our schedule. It's one

of the best schedules in Central Mass. Our kids love it. It's part of their identity," Buchanan concluded.



Shepherd Hill's JonCarlos Estrada gets low to tackle Shrewsbury's Jake Mulholland at the knees.

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the next year or two."

Earlier in the meeting, Goguen cited a recent survey of about 200 staff, families and local business respondents which identified some of those priorities. Among them were providing more mental health support, working with the needs of special populations and the educators themselves, and more academ-

ic remediation.

A factor in any of those could be Goguen's observation the district is "seeing a decline in applicants" for its various job openings, as well as Business Manager Monique Pierangeli's observation that "back-ups and shortages continue to happen" regarding replacing technology. Although Webster's still awaiting some new computers and its Chromebooks "keep

crashing" due to lack of memory when using some programs, she said she thinks the system is "in good shape with the technology we have" and typically buys some new at the end of every year.

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