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## SWISSTURN/USA EMPLOYEES BECOME PART OWNERS IN COMPANY

Swissturn/USA recently celebrated its first class of employee-owners to become 100 percent vested in their Swissturn Employee Stock Ownership Plan shares. A total of 26 employee-owners became 100 percent vested in the latest plan year. Since the start of the Swissturn ESOP, Swissturn employee-owners have accumulated over \$3.2 million in equity in their accounts. Swissturn is a contract manufacturer of CNC Swiss screw machine components located in Oxford.

## Dudley affirms partnership with Webster for Health Agent

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – The town of Dudley will officially enter a new partnership with neighboring Webster to share Health Agent and Title 5 Inspector services for at least the next five years.

Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda brought the concept to selectmen in early July which would see Dudley contract the Health Agent from Webster to serve both towns while also allowing Webster to utilize Dudley's Title 5 Inspector providing a mutually beneficial partnership within the limits of Dudley's current budget. Ruda said the deal came about after Dudley found itself with a vacancy for the Health Agent position. He discussed possibilities with Webster's Town Administrator Doug Willardson and they agreed the partnership

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## Dudley addressing Jake Brake concerns on Oxford Avenue

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – Dudley is erecting new signs along Oxford Avenue in hopes of discouraging truck drivers from using their Jake Brake systems following complaints from locals in the area.

Police Chief Steve Wojnar spoke with selectmen on Aug. 9, where he recommended signs be posted and a fine be implemented to deter truck drivers from using the brake system which has rattled buildings and been reported as a disturbance from those living along the road heading into Webster.

"We've been getting some complaints about truck traffic, truck noise and different things on Oxford Avenue. One of the discussions was limiting the use of the Jack Brakes which is the special braking system that's on some of the trucks. What it does is it sounds like gun fire or something going on. It's very loud,"

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## Dudley partners with firm exploring legal fight against PFAS manufacturers

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – After approving plans for the migration of PFAS chemicals during the annual town meeting on 2021, Dudley's top board has agreed to explore the possibility of seeking legal ramifications or financial compensation against companies responsible for the contamination.

Town Administrator

Jonathan Ruda brought forth a proposal on Aug. 9 seeking selectmen input on partnering with a firm that is examining legal action against those responsible for introducing PFAS, or polyfluoroalkyl substances, into drinking water.

"There have been several legal firms that are representing cities and towns throughout the state to come back at some of the generators

of the chemicals that have now been found to contain PFAS and are believed to have been responsible, depending on the source, for PFAS contamination," Ruda told selectmen.

He also stated he cleared the firms with KP Law and Town Counsel and recommended Dudley partner with Napoli Shkolnik PLLC out of New York City through a retainer agree-

ment for the litigation. The partnership won't cost the town anything unless financial compensation is awarded. At that point, 25 percent of the compensation would go to firm and the rest would go to Dudley.

Scott Zajkowski, a member of the town's Water & Sewer Commission, said his board supported the partnership as well.

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## Webster selectmen take next steps in hunt for new town administrator

BY GUS STEEVES  
CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER — Selectmen took the next few steps toward hunting for a new town administrator Aug. 9 by appointing their representatives to the screening committee that will conduct the search.

One of those choices was recommended by outgoing Doug Willardson, who opted for Gregory Lynskey in part because he's a department head but not a direct report to the administrator. After some debate, the board agreed unanimously.

Chair Randy Becker said he thought having a direct report "could be a little bit touchy going into interviews knowing they're interviewing their boss-to-be." On the other hand, he also noted he'd "trust the judgment of all of them."

Seven department heads expressed interest, as did several people from outside town government; some are town residents, some not. Lisa Kontoes said this list is also the one from which the moderator is selecting his three choices, and felt "this level of engagement is really impressive."

"I don't think we've ever had this kind of unprecedented turnout," Becker agreed later.

Willardson did not have a second recommendation, so the board discussed their personal knowledge of several of the applicants. Some have served on various town boards, including search panels, while others have been involved in town affairs in other capacities. Members ended up nominating three – Leslie Baker, Mark Rogers and Helen Kesner – before voting 4-1 in favor of Baker.

Later, the board unanimously approved an agreement with retired Dudley Administrator Greg Balukonis to be Webster's interim during the search process. Negotiated largely by Andrew Jolda and Earl Gabor, the plan calls for paying Balukonis \$90 an hour for "as close to 20 hours per week as possible," although they expect it to fluctuate a little. Doing that both protects Balukonis's pension and keeps him under the level at which Webster has to pay benefits, including vacation and sick time, Jolda said.

The board met with Balukonis after our press deadline for this week's edition to finalize the deal.

Willardson described the timeline for the search as "fairly aggressive" but "pretty realistic," and Becker said if they meet it, it would be "a nice Christmas present." He also noted all applications will be confidential (until the finalists are chosen).

Willardson made a few recommendations on wording for the advertisement, noting when he applied five years ago, he thought the requirement for five years' experience in management meant as a town manager or administrator. At the time, he was an assistant TA in Grafton, but applied anyway because "I didn't think you'd get many" with that level of experience. (Selectmen said the reference actually meant department-level management or higher.) Willardson said the essential job duties in his proposed document all came "directly from the charter."

Additionally, the board learned another cannabis-related business is looking to take root in Webster. Selectmen heard the general plans of Florencia LLC co-founder Jensen Mejia to establish a headquarters for a cannabis delivery firm in the half-vacant Kmart plaza. The next step is to formally negotiate a host community agreement.

Mejia said he's seeking two licenses from the state's Cannabis Control Commission: one to buy wholesale and deliver to retailers, the other to serve as a home delivery courier from retailers. The firm will not have a storefront and plans to take orders via the Internet only. Mejia said he's negotiating with the Vault (in the same complex) and doesn't "want to cannibalize anything that's already here."

If successful, he said he hopes to become the state's "go-to cannabis delivery business" and will have three-year exclusivity because he's applying under the CCC's social equity criteria. Mejia noted there are now two courier firms serving Massachusetts – in Boston and Northampton – and he intends to deliver statewide. Under CCC rules, delivery vehicles must have various cameras, two lockboxes (one for product, one for cash, which he said he doesn't intend to accept given recent changes to the credit/debit card rules), and no external identification as a cannabis transporter.

Willardson likes that idea, saying "the impact to the Town of Webster is very, very minimal, but we get all the tax revenue."

In other business, the board approved allowing Ray Belsito's classic car garage to expand somewhat; it can now have six vehicles outside and 10 inside for sale as long as parts cars are in back. He noted they might not all be from the era he restores, circa World War II.

They also recognized three new police officers and two police promotions, made two Historical Commission appointments, commended outgoing Health Director Jennifer Sullivan for her years of service, and honored Jason Piader for his work for Webster Lake Association as he steps down as president. Since the ad seeking Sullivan's replacement closed last week, Willardson said he expects to choose the new person before he leaves Sept. 3.

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## BLESSING THE BACKPACKS

Recently, the Church of Reconciliation in Webster collected back packs and school supplies as part of joint outreach ministry with Zion Lutheran Church in Oxford. These gifts will be given through the auspices of the Oxford Ecumenical Food Shelf. Pictured, left to right: Pastor Michael Bastian, Ethan Crosby, and Cindy Osowski.





# Ivascyn family endows scholarship for local students at Nichols College



Daniel Ivascyn

DUDLEY — The family of Daniel W. Ivascyn, former superintendent of Oxford Public Schools, has created a new schol-

arship at Nichols College. The Ivascyn Family Endowed Scholarship will aid students who reside in southern Worcester County and plan to graduate from Nichols.

A resident of Charlton, Ivascyn has strong ties to the region's educational and business communities. He began his tenure with the Oxford school system as business manager in 1969, after earning his Bachelor's degree at Nichols. He became a certified teacher and administrator, was promoted to assistant superintendent for business affairs and

served as superintendent from 1996 until his retirement in 2003. Along the way, he earned an MBA from Clark University and an EdD from UMass Amherst.

Ivascyn was a founding member of the French River Education Center, a regional private non-profit organization providing educational services to school districts throughout Worcester County. He served on the board for several years.

He was associate professor of education and chair of the Educator Preparation Program at

Nichols from 2004 to 2007. He is also a recipient of the college's Alumni Achievement Award.

While attending evening classes as an undergraduate at Nichols in the 1960s, Ivascyn worked as a teller for Webster Five, beginning a 46-year affiliation with the bank. He became a corporator in 1980, was elected to the board in 1984 and served as its chair for 14 years, retiring in 2020.

"Through this scholarship, Dan and his family are creating opportunities for local students to discover their leadership

potential with a Nichols education and securing a legacy that recognizes service and commitment to the community," said Glenn M. Sulmasy, JD, LL.M, president of Nichols College. "We are grateful for their generosity and the example they are setting for future leaders."

About Nichols College Nichols College is a college of choice for business and leadership education as a result of its distinctive career-focused and leadership-based approaches to learning, both in and out of the classroom,

and through impactful research and professional education. Students thrive in a learning and living environment that is supported by an experiential business curriculum and a strong liberal arts foundation aimed at transforming them into tomorrow's leaders. Nichols offers master's degrees in business, leadership, accounting, and counterterrorism, as well as a range of certificate programs, to promote career advancement for today's professionals.

## Bay Path volunteer headlines gala in support of cancer charity

CHARLTON—Emelita "Rita" Thorne of Acton, a Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy volunteer for Nurse Nostalgia portraits, will be among the models for fashion designer Chona Bacaoco of MM Milano, the brand from Milan, Italy.

In celebration of the Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Filipino American Cancer Care of Falls Church, Va. presents "Couture Courage for a Cure" on Saturday, Oct. 23, 5 p.m. at the Westin Tysons Corner

Hotel, 7801 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, Va. The charity gala will benefit cancer patients in the Philippines and United States (<https://www.facebook.com/FilipinoAmericanCancerCare/>).

Mrs. Thorne has a background of more than 20 years in the beauty and cosmetic industry as well as in philanthropy. She holds many pageant titles nationally, Mrs. Friends Indeed USA 2015, and internationally, Mrs. Philippines International also in 2015, she bested

65 other contestants in Jacksonville, Fla. She became Mrs. ServeCare Queen International in 2017, Mrs. June Calendar in 2018, and Mrs. Pearl World in 2021.

In her career as a professional beauty consultant, she has advised practical nursing students and graduates, Filipino-American youth and community leaders on matters of skin care and cosmetics. For several years she has glammed-up graduating nursing students at Bay



Emelita Thorne

Path Practical Nursing Academy for nurse nostalgia portraits gratis.

As a performer, Rita performed the Yakan Cultural Dance at multiple events before audiences in many states. She advocates for literacy, regularly contributing and participating in Bagong Kulturang Pinoy, Inc. ([www.BKP.org](http://www.BKP.org)) to promote the love of reading. As one of the founders of Thank God I'm Filipino (TGIF) in Boston, Rita helped promote world class Filipino talents and raise funds for survivors of natural disasters. She is well

noted in the Boston community for her contributions to charity and volunteerism.

Rita was born and raised in Isabela, Basilan province in Mindanao. She and David Thorne are celebrating 29 years of married bliss. She is the mother of two handsome gentlemen, Masaki and Zachariah. A living proof, Mrs. Thorne is a cancer warrior, bravely fighting cholangiocarcinoma (bile duct cancer) and Chronic Myeloid Leukemia (CML).

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## DUDLEY POLICE LOG

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

An adult male whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Aug. 7 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member and Threatening to Commit a Crime.

Jeffrey Joseph Merrick, age 33, of Webster was arrested on Aug. 7 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, and a Marked Lanes Violation.

An adult male whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Aug. 7 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member and Strangulation or Suffocation.

Nicholas J. Manos, age 26, of Dudley was arrested on Aug. 9 for Possession of a Class A Drug and in connection with a warrant.

An adult male whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Aug. 12 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member, Intimidation of a Witness, Juror, Police Officer, or Court Official, and Vandalization of Property.

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# Bay Path LPN awarded scholarship



Elizabeth Mkirekuua Lartey

CHARLTON — Fitchburg State University (FSU) awarded Elizabeth Mkirekuua Lartey, LPN of Worcester its Burnham Scholarship.

The scholarship was awarded to a full-time undergraduate, nursing major who has completed at least one semester at Fitchburg State University who are working to support their education. Receipt of the scholarship is also based on an essay that demonstrates relevant examples of service-oriented leadership, active support for the social and academic welfare of peers, and active civic engagement in the community as well as demonstrated academic achievement and financial need.

Lartey is an alumna of Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy in Charlton with the Practical Nursing Class of 2018. While at Bay Path Lartey was inducted to the National Technical Honor Society and was a district competitor for SkillsUSA for CPR/First Aid. Lartey was an Officer for the UNICEF Club and was certified in Infusion Therapy/Central Line Care and Dementia Care. She volunteered for multiple Blood Pressure Clinics and represent-

ed Bay Path at educational events at Framingham State University. Lartey continues to volunteer at Bay Path as a mentor and inspirational speaker to current Practical Nursing Students.

During the spring 2021 semester, Lartey, has been named to the Fitchburg State University dean's list for academic achievement. The designation is awarded to full-time students who have earned at least a 3.2-grade point average on a 4.0 scale, achieved no grade below a B, and received no failing grades in enrolled, credit/no credit, or pass/fail courses. Lartey's FSU transcript indicates "Dean's List" status for the semester.

Lartey is completing the LPN to BS in Nursing Bridge Program. The LPN to BS in Nursing Bridge Program is designed to transition the traditional or military trained Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) to the role of baccalaureate-prepared Registered Nurse. The LPN to BS in Nursing Bridge Program is a unique and accelerated curriculum.

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## Bay Path LPN named member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

WORCESTER — In a recent announcement, Kiana McDonald, LPN of Worcester (formerly of Southbridge) joined the esteemed Phi Theta Kappa. The recognition included a membership packet containing a certificate, pin, and other benefits. Membership to Phi Theta Kappa allows McDonald to build job skills, challenging academic programs, scholarships, transfer support, and more. The mission of Phi Theta Kappa is to recognize academic achievement of college students and to provide opportunities for them to grow as scholars and leaders.

In a message to McDonald, Dr. Lynn Tincher-Ladner, President and CEO of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society stated, "congratulations on the accomplishments that brought you here. I look forward to seeing where Phi Theta Kappa takes you next."

McDonald is working on academic progression towards her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree at Quinsigamond Community College where she has been named in the dean's list due to her excellent academic performance. McDonald is a 2013 Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School graduate. She is an alumna of



Kiana McDonald

Bay Path RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy, class of 2017 where she was inducted into the National Technical Honor Society. She is a State Bronze Medalist and District Gold Medalist for SkillsUSA both for Medical Terminology. She was a recipient of \$500 Bay Path RVTHS Health Occupations Graduate Award and was an officer of the UNICEF Club. McDonald is Mental Health First Aid Certified. After her

role as a charge nurse at the Webster Manor Rehabilitation and Health Care Center from 2017-2020, McDonald is currently with Maxim Healthcare as a staff nurse.

## WEBSTER POLICE LOG

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

Joseph Allen Gould, Jr., age 29, of Thompson, Conn. was arrested on Aug. 8 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Speeding at a Rate of Speed Greater Than Was Reasonable and Proper, Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Conspiracy, and as a Fugitive From Justice on a Court Issued Warrant.

A 36-year-old male from Oxford whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Aug. 8 for Assault on a Family or Household Member.

Nedjma Sarah Bensahih, age 25, of Webster was arrested on Aug. 9 in connection with a warrant.

Marek Starsiak, age 34, of Webster was arrested on Aug. 11 in connection with a warrant.

Jarquin Dyshawyn Baldwin, age 39, of Webster was arrested on Aug. 11 for Resisting Arrest, Disorderly Conduct, Disturbing the Peace, Larceny From a Person, and in connection with a warrant.

A 34-year-old male from Webster was arrested on Aug. 11 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

A juvenile, age 14, was arrested on Aug. 12 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

Christopher Ryan Dery, age 30, of Webster was arrested on Aug. 14 in connection with a warrant.

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Legally freed for adoption, Jayven is looking for a loving and patient family of any constellation, with or without other children in the home. Jayven is very close with his young-er brother and has expressed a desire to be a role model for him. An ideal family for Jayven will be open to helping him maintain this relationship.

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All stitchers are welcome for this informal group, meeting weekly beginning June 24th in the Fels Room.

**GETTING STARTED WITH LIBBY**  
Wednesday, September 8 10:00AM-11:30AM  
Libby experts from OverDrive will help you learn all of the tips and tricks for accessing free ebooks and audiobooks through the Libby app.  
10:00 Get Started With Libby (including plenty of time for questions and

answers with the experts)  
10:45 Libby Deep Dive  
Register for this free virtual session at <http://bit.ly/pearletrain>  
**PRE-K POWER STORYTIME**  
Tuesdays @ 11:00 – beginning September 14th!  
Join Miss Lida for Pre-School Story Time! We will be exploring a new letter each week starting with A and ending in the spring with Z.

**TODDLER TIME**  
Wednesdays @ 11:00 – beginning September 15th!  
Come join us for Toddler Time! We will have a different theme each week with stories and songs!  
This is geared for ages 18 months to 3.

**DEB'S SING & SWING**  
Thursday, September 16

10:30AM-11:15AM  
Preschool Music and Movement with Deb Hudgins!!! This is a 45 minute interactive program featuring singing, guitar music, dancing, rhythm instruments, stories and variety of fun props, including a parachute, beanbags, scarves, and pom poms. These programs are theme-based, and cover everything from holidays and seasons to dinosaurs and bugs! Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

**A HISTORY OF SHOES**  
Thursday, September 16 6:00PM-7:30PM  
Are you curious about the footwear of years gone by? If so, join fashion historian Karen Antonowicz to explore the evolution of shoes from the reign of Queen Victoria through the decades of the 20th Century. We will discover the changes that occurred in footwear

for women and men of the 19th and 20th centuries, emphasizing the influences that precipitated these changes.  
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**BABY TIME**  
Fridays @ 11:30 – beginning September 17th!  
Join us for a Baby Time story time! We will be doing songs, fingerplays, and reading to our babies!  
This is geared for babies 0-15 months.

**STORY BOOK BINGO**  
Monday, September 20 6:00PM-7:00PM  
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Stop by the Library Circulation Desk to sign up for our Adult Summer Reading Program. All you have to do is read or listen to books and return them to the Library to get raffle tickets. Enter to win Gift Cards and Prizes from local businesses. Sponsored by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library and Marilyn and Gerald Fels.

**Outdoor '90s Movie Night – August 19th 8:00PM**  
Get ready for a throwback to the '90s with this extraterrestrial extravaganza! Bring a chair or a blanket, and stop by the Library Lawn to experience the

aliens who live among us, and the group whose job it is to keep them a secret! Feel free to dress up in your favorite '90s apparel!

**Yoga on the Lawn – Saturdays in September 10:00AM-11:15 AM**  
Join Julie at Gladys Kelly for a vinyasa yoga class for all levels. In Sanskrit, Vinyasa yoga translates to the “uniting of movement with breath”. A typical class involves a centering of the mind with the breath, aromatherapy, movement of the body to release energetic blockages and, finally, a rest and relaxation. Classes are free for Gladys Kelly patrons.

**Edible Wild Plants of the Northeast with John Root – September 9th 6:00PM**  
“Edible Wild Plants of the Northeast” is a power point presentation offering a comprehensive introduction to the identification and uses of wild plants for food and beverage. Distinguishing characteristics, seasons of availability, habitats, methods of preparation, and nutritional and medicinal value of our region's most common and appealing wild plants are discussed. Questions and comments are welcome throughout the presentation, and illustrated pamphlets with plant descriptions, guidelines for responsible and safe foraging, and a bibliography for further study are distributed as well.

Fall Concert Series: Mark Mandeville &

University of Rhode Island graduates more than 4,000 students during 135th Commencement

KINGSTON, R.I. — The University of Rhode Island celebrated more than 4,000 of its newest alumni during the University's 135th Commencement. More than 3,700 undergraduate degrees and 680 graduate degrees were conveyed to students during nine individual ceremonies held over three days, May 21-23.  
Riley Collette of Webster received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Summa Cum Laude.  
Sylvia Czyz of Dudley received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.  
Maria Gurriere of Dudley received a Master of Library and Information Studies.  
Sarah E Leighton of Webster received a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering.  
Students who received the honor summa cum laude graduated with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.7; students who received the honor of magna cum laude graduated with a GPA of at least 3.50; and students who received the honor of cum laude graduated with a GPA of at least 3.3.  
About the University of Rhode Island  
Founded in 1892, the University of Rhode Island is the principal public flagship research and graduate institution in Rhode Island. Competitive and highly regarded, its 14,500 undergraduate students and more than 2,250 graduate students represent 48 states and 76 countries across the globe. With 203 academic programs, URI offers its undergraduate, graduate, and professional students distinctive educational opportunities designed to meet the global challenges of today's world and the rapidly evolving needs of tomorrow. At URI, you will find some of today's leading innovators, discoverers, and creative problem solvers. To learn more, visit: [uri.edu](http://uri.edu).

Raianne Richards – September 11th 6:00PM  
Mark Mandeville & Raianne Richards have contributed their first decade to the legacy of American folk and country music, sharing emotively intelligent lyrics, unmistakable vocal harmonies, and a unique blend of instrumentation with audiences throughout the US and Canada. The songs poetically reflect their personal experience as factory workers, teachers, community organizers and natives of postindustrial mill towns in central Massachusetts. Accompanying themselves on guitar, harmonica, ukulele, penny whistle, electric bass, and most uniquely clarinet, their live performance is often punctuated by humorous commentary.

**Book Discussion Group – September 20th 6:30PM**  
The Gladys E. Kelly Public Library Adult Book Discussion Group meets at 6:30 pm on the third Monday of the month. New members are always welcome! Next month's book discussion will be on Monday, September 20th at 6:30PM either on the Library Lawn, or in the Library's Local History Room, and will be about the book A Woman of No Importance by Sonia Purnell. Stop by the library, or reach out by phone to 508-949-3880, or by email to [ehale@cwmmars.org](mailto:ehale@cwmmars.org) for inquiries.

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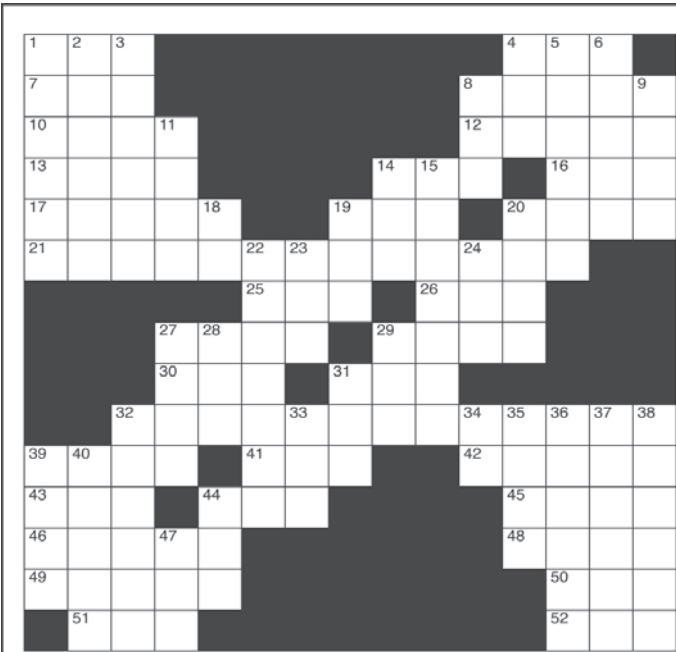
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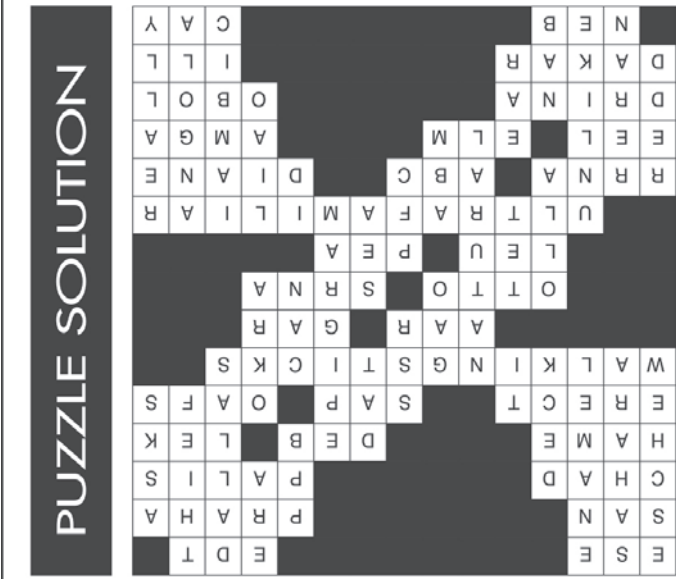


CLUES ACROSS

1. Midway between east and southeast
4. Sun up in New York
7. Japanese honorific
8. Czech name for Prague
10. Ochocinco's first name
12. Steep cliffs (Hawaiian)
13. Scots word for "home"
14. Upper class young woman (abbr.)
16. Monetary unit of Albania
17. Raise
19. Drain of resources
20. Uncultured, clumsy persons
21. Hikers use them
25. Retrospective analysis (military)
26. Tibetan form of chanting
27. Influential European statesman
29. Soluble ribonucleic acid
30. Monetary unit of Romania
31. Round green vegetable
32. Well acquainted with
39. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
41. Basics
42. "The Godfather" actress Keaton
43. Snakelike fish
44. Tall deciduous tree
45. Russian river
46. Long Balkans river
48. Ancient Greek coin
49. Senegal's capital
50. Unwell
51. Snout
52. Low bank or reef of coral

CLUES DOWN

1. Abstain from
2. Vast desert in North Africa
3. Cover the crown of a tooth
4. A major division of geological time
5. Urban center
6. Crook
8. Parts per billion (abbr.)
9. Questions
11. A pack of 52 playing cards
14. Recording of sound
15. Pithy saying
18. Atomic #22
19. Soviet Socialist Republic
20. Plant with ridged seedpods
22. Innate
23. Investigative body for Congress (abbr.)
24. Soda receptacle
27. Spanish stew: \_\_ podrida
28. Viet Cong offensive
29. Large body of water
31. Beginning military rank
32. Dissimilar
33. Counteroffensive system (abbr.)
34. Shows who you are
35. Chinese dynasty
36. Type of verse
37. African nation
38. Quite
39. Former Bucks star Michael
40. Showed again
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# “I want to know my landscape is thriving”

FAVORING NATIVE PLANTS ON LOTS OF ALL SIZES

BY GUS STEEVES  
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BRIMFIELD — Dan Jaffe-Wilder is a huge advocate of helping land go wild. Whether it’s a garden, an acre, the 19 acres he recently bought in Brimfield, or the 8,000 acres he helps manage for Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary in Wales, the difference is often in approach, not objective. A garden, he notes, is easy to manage; an acre is barely possible, and “the big places” are well beyond that. “Even a lazy gardener is doing a whole lot more than we can do on 8000 acres at Norcross,” he told a few dozen conservation commissioners during an online Mass Association of Conservation Commissioners “Lunch and Learn” talk last week. “In some cases, the management is next to nothing, or is nothing.” It can be as simple as clearing a space around an uncommon plant or

tree to give it a better chance against very common ones; on his land, for example, he’s trying to promote wild blueberry in thickets of laurel and shagbark hickory in copses of black birch. (It’s not coincidental the promoted plants are edible.) “I want to know my landscape is thriving,” he said, noting he favors “plants that are bringing in habitat and feeding us,” as well as other species. The key is working with what’s there, not trying to force it into something it’s not. Where possible, Wilder recommends starting with a soil test; it’s “one of the best things you could possibly do” to avoid planting failures, but he suggests ignoring the amendment recommendations such tests usually provide. Instead, select plants that thrive in that kinds of soil. Case in point – thin soil, which is common around here. He dubs that “your friend” because “things grow more slowly in thin

soil,” including the invasives and weeds. Native plants have adapted to such soil and will out-compete the weeds; some natives, such as goldenrod and bee balm, are also very important habitat plants for a large number of insects and birds. When promoting natives in such areas, Wilder encourages planting them in blocks, with many of a few species together, because “we don’t have time to do the whole meadow.” To help them along, Norcross mows a third of the meadow each spring, although their goal is to eventually be able to have a controlled burn every five to eight years. You can’t do that with a rich-soiled, moist meadow; such places have a lot more nutrients and plants of all kinds (welcome or not) grow faster. Invasives tend to get started before the natives there, as they seep in by air and water; controlling them and “pushy” natives requires fall

mowing and some brush-cutting. For Wilder, the goal there is to favor uncommon natives while keeping other species “in amounts that are happy and thriving.” In one field at Norcross, they found 12 gentians two years ago and have since increased that to 125. If you can establish “thick, healthy patches of native species,” invasive seeds won’t have soil in which to root, he observed. For really big places, Wilder’s goal is to “look at the larger picture,” to see what kinds of habitat the region as a whole needs. One that’s uncommon in southern New England is what’s termed “early successional” meadow and woodland. Many in our area know what that looks like: the strip of “tornado alley” from West Springfield to Southbridge, where bushes and young trees are now taking over from the mature ones the tornado of 2011 wiped out. Although dangerous to hikers, the tangled

masses of downed trees in that strip are ideal, even necessary, habitat for some species. Wilder urges people to maintain smaller examples of such woodpiles on their land. Creating the earlier, meadow stage can take some work. Wilder said Norcross removed all the trees in a few selected sites and mowed the grasses very low to give “native annuals and short-lived perennials” a chance to get started. Such succession takes years. In three or four, the first species “get out competed,” and long-lived perennials like goldenrod start to take over. Eventually, those give way to low bushes, then trees of various species. At the end, Wilder took a few questions. One sought suggestions for challenging the common attitude that favors well-mowed “postage stamp” lawns. Often, he said, people do favor habitat; they just need education. One way

to do that can be to put up signs indicating the parcel is habitat, while mowing paths to show it’s “a purposeful thing,” he said. “Leading by example is so important,” he added, noting people need to “see value in this kind of landscape.” Similarly, ecology advocates can plant native wildflowers in visible public places with signs saying why they matter. Regarding another question, Wilder noted they sometimes have to use herbicides to control invasives. One effective organic type on plants (but not roots) is horticultural vinegar, but he said that’s very caustic, requiring safety gear and a pesticide license to use. It’s far stronger than household vinegar, at 30 percent acid vs 5 percent, but has no long-term ecological impact.

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experienced otherwise. Cornerstone Bank is happy to make this donation, which has helped to fund the Nativity School’s all-important summer program.” The Nativity School of Worcester’s summer program runs for three weeks during the summer and focuses on core academics, including language arts and math, as well as community services. Students and faculty spend every afternoon volunteering at local organizations to empower them to recognize the ways they can improve their community. The Graduate Support Team coordinates with alumni to provide school

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#### ACROSS

1. Place to eat  
2. Type of computer  
5. Teachers write on these  
7. Refers to two or more of things  
8. Witness  
9. Study of the physical and natural world

#### DOWN

1. Those who give lessons  
3. Courses in school  
4. Belonging to more than one  
6. Yellow, brown or red color

Answers:  
Across  
1. Table 2. PC 5. Boards 7. Each 8. See Down  
1. Teachers 3. Classes 4. Our 6. Ochre 9. Science

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give instruction to someone

### How they SAY that in...

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EDITORIAL

“Is this Heaven?”  
“No. It’s Iowa.”

An incredible moment happened last Thursday, and baseball fans all across the country watched. The Chicago White Sox and the New York Yankees met for an old fashioned game of ball in Dyersville, Iowa, where dreams really do come true.

The two teams, and thousands of fans came together, in a cornfield, at the Field of Dreams. The diamond was constructed right next to the original set of the 1989 film that gave the location its name.

The movie highlighted the magic and the history behind baseball. Inspired by the true story of disgraced White Sox player Shoeless Joe Jackson, who was infamously bribed, along with seven other teammates, to ‘throw’ the 1919 World Series, “Field of Dreams” offers his ghost the chance at redemption that he never had in life. We remember fondly the first time we watched the movie, reaching for a box of tissues when Kevin Costner’s character, Ray, asks his father’s ghost to “have a catch” that helps them both heal their troubled relationship as well.

During the broadcast of last week’s game, Costner, in the same blue jeans and white shirt he wore in the movie, appeared slowly, as he walked into sight from the cornfield, re-creating a scene from the movie. According to fans, it was magic, surreal. Anyone who has watched the film, would have driven to Iowa to watch the ‘baseball men’ play, if it was real. Thursday’s game was the closest they’ll ever get. There is no doubt that as fans watched the modern day ball players at work, thoughts of Archibald ‘Moonlight’ Graham, Shoeless Joe, Babe Ruth and others came to mind.

Costner addressed the fans as he made his way to towards the pitcher’s mound, stating “We’ve come to see the first place White Sox play the mighty Yankees in a field that was once corn. It’s perfect. We’ve kept our promise. Major League Baseball has kept its promise. The dream is still alive. There’s probably just one question to answer: ‘Is this heaven?’”

The players emerged, like the film’s ghosts, from the cornfield, leaving the fans in awe.

The game brought the sport back to the basics for just one night. What is simpler than a soda, a hot dog and some popcorn? How surreal to be able to sit close enough where the players can actually make out what the fans are yelling, or what they’re saying to raz the umpires.

The White Sox bested New York in a close match when Tim Anderson hit a walk off home run far off into Iowa’s country sky. The game was described as a time capsule from a different era. In a post game interview, Yankees Manager Aaron Boone said, “That’s probably the greatest setting for a baseball game that I’ve ever been a part of. Kevin Costner standing out there in short center field, that’s probably a moment I’ll remember the rest of my life.”

Many fans agreed that being at the game was a dream come true, it didn’t matter who won.

There are talks that the game may come back to Iowa next year. But more importantly, America’s greatest past time, reminds us that in times of uncertainty, there will always be baseball. The famous quote below is from the film. It’s a powerful message of unity that is refreshing to read.

“People will come, Ray. They’ll come to Iowa for reasons they can’t even fathom. They’ll turn up your driveway not knowing for sure why they’re doing it. They’ll arrive at your door as innocent as children, longing for the past.

“‘Of course, we won’t mind if you look around,’ you’ll say, ‘It’s only \$20 per person.’

“They’ll pass over the money without even thinking about it: for it is money they have and peace they lack. And they’ll walk out to the bleachers; sit in shirtsleeves on a perfect afternoon. They’ll find they have reserved seats somewhere along one of the baselines, where they sat when they were children and cheered their heroes. And they’ll watch the game and it’ll be as if they dipped themselves in magic waters. The

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VIEWPOINT


Inspiration from the Olympics

The Olympics have passed but what beauty and wonder, triumph and heart-break. We all know about the trials of Simone Biles, the GOAT of gymnastics getting the “twisties” at the worst possible time and needing to withdraw from numerous events. Her heartbreak, however, turned into triumph for some of her teammates who never thought they would win a gold because of Biles. Suni Lee wins a gold in the all around competition. MyKalya Skinner was an alternate ready to leave Tokyo without even competing, and then gets a last second call up to compete and ends up winning a silver medal. So many amazing, inspiring stories from the Olympics.

Whenever I watch the Olympics, I think about the potential fulfilled that each of these athletes have. Obviously, they are extremely talented, but each of these Olympians took their talents and developed them, honed them, perfected them so that they could reach their potential. They surely didn’t do it alone but with a team of coaches and colleagues who pushed them toward perfection throughout their lives. They seized the opportunities given to them and used them to fulfill their athletic potential.

This all makes me wonder, though, about the potential each one of us is given and how seriously and carefully we strive to develop and fulfill our God-potential God. For many, we push ourselves and our children to fulfill a certain part of our intellectual potential, wanting to do well in school, to find a profession in which we will use our intellect and charisma to its fullest. Some of us push their children in athletics, in the arts, in other areas where we see obvious skill, or where we have a passion ourselves.

How serious are we, though, it trying to understand our spiritual potential and striving to fulfill our God-given possibilities? Saint Paul used the metaphor of physical training and compared it to our spiritual training. He says, “While physical training is of some value, godliness is valuable in every way, holding promise for both the present life



**BEYOND THE PEWS**

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

and the life to come.” (1 Timothy 1:4)

What is our Godly potential? Each of us were created in the image and likeness of God. Reflect on this for a moment! Being created in the image and likeness of God is what distinguishes humans from the rest of the animal world. Every single person was created in the image of God – He’s given us creativity, intellect, reason, passion, desire, and the freedom to use it how we choose. The Fathers of the Church distinguished between image and likeness by highlighting that being created in the likeness of God is the divine potential we each possess. Each one of us, without exception, have the potential to be united with God and so filled with His Spirit that we can become Christ-like. We have the potential to become saints, holy ones who are so enlightened and filled with God’s grace that we become one with Him.

The Apostle Peter focused on this divine potential in his first epistle when he writes “God has given us, through His divine power, his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may escape from the corruption that is in the world because of lust and may become participants of the divine nature.” (1 Peter 1:4) The world around us is filled with darkness, dirtiness, lust, corruption, and evil. We all know this and are influenced in various ways with the darkness of the world. Instead of lamenting about this fall- enness of the world, however, St. Peter points out how we can escape from the worldly corruption and become participants in the “divine nature.”

Here lies our potential. Our call in life is so much more and so much greater than simply focusing on some earthly, temporary, superficial pleasures and dreams. Even if we could be an Olympian and become the greatest athlete in the world, or if we could

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Four-wheel vehicles, dirt bikes, or snow mobiles in the winter can be seen traveling on or along public ways from time to time. This is a particular issue during the summer months, when we receive several complaints. The ground is dry, kids are out of school, and many people are out riding.

These vehicles are not allowed to operate normally on the streets without the appropriate registration requirements. I was asked to provide people with some information about these vehicles traveling on the roads.

Most of the recreational vehicle laws are covered under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 90B. These vehicles are generally restricted to off road travel. Registration and operational safety requirements can be found under Chapter 90B. One, which applies to the operation of recreational vehicles on the roads, is under Chapter 90B Section 25. This section addresses their ability to travel across roadways. Recreational vehicles must come to a full and complete stop before crossing any road. When they cross, they must do so in a fashion which is as direct as possible. They must not interfere with the free movement of vehicular traffic on the road, and they must yield the right of way to all vehicular traffic when making the crossing. The penalty for a violation of this law is a maximum \$100 fine or up to 60 days in jail or both.

These vehicles are also prohibited in such places as rail trails and conservation areas. People operating in these locations are trespassing and criminal charges could apply. This is particularly true if damage occurs or if places, such as wetlands, are disturbed. Recreational vehicles are fun. I used them myself in my younger years. They need to be operated in the proper locations while exercising the appropriate safety precautions. The best practice is to register these vehicles, use caution, operate in the correct locations, wear proper equipment, and always be aware of your surroundings. This will best prevent accidents, damage, and injuries.

For those still seeking vaccination information, it can be found at [www.dudleyma.gov](http://www.dudleyma.gov) or by calling 508-949-8036. Please continue moving forward with the “re-opening” of our state in a reasonable manner. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. During these challenging times, we, at the Dudley Police Department, greatly appreciate the support we receive from our community.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Plug and play?

-To the Editor:

The Green New Deal is coming to a garage near you, and sooner than you may think.

President Joe Biden has set a target that half of all new vehicles sold in 2030 be zero-emission. Yep, your internal combustion chariot is going to the transportation museum. If you hurry, you can beat the 2030 mandate, buy your Tesla today and replace that six-cylinder dinosaur. Yes, being a Green New Deal pioneer will cost more, but being a green leader can’t be done on the cheap. Happily, there are those federal tax credits that dull the wallet sting a bit.

To be sure, the trading of gas for plug in will not be without impact. This will likely be analogous to what happened when the Model T drove “Old Dobbin” off the road. All those blacksmiths, harness makers and stable hands on the wrong side of the horse trough suddenly were on

the outside looking in. And then there was that parade of old gray mares to the glue factory or the pet food aisle. Okay, maybe a lucky few were turned out to pasture for sentimental reasons.

There will also be an impact to your social circle. The guy who changes your oil every so many miles is no longer among your contacts. Stops at the auto supply store for air filters are a thing of the past. No need to ask around for a good muffler guy or wonder if you can delay that expensive tune-up called for in the car manual. And, all those friends at the gas/convenience store where you get your caffeine fix will become fond memories.

Well, you say, no gas, no odious gas tax (state tax 24 cents and federal 18 cents per gallon) You’re a winner. Hold that thought for a minute. The gas tax, in part, pays for our “excellent” Massachusetts roads and bridges. No gas sold, no gas tax for the politicians in Boston to dole out to their favor-

ite cousins in the construction business. But wait, your Chevy Bolt still needs roads and bridges.

Not to worry, the folks on Beacon Hill will find a way to your wallet in order to keep that world class infrastructure in place. A likely first option will be some sort of charge per mile driven. If you have one of those transponder things in your car now, you are one step away from “gotcha.” Ouch, every road is a mini turnpike. Not only will big brother get your green tax dollars, he’ll know how much you drive and, if he wants to, even where.

Sorry to say, but this isn’t merely plug and play. It’s more like plug and pay.

Say, where did we park that old gray mare?

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# Be prepared for long-term care costs

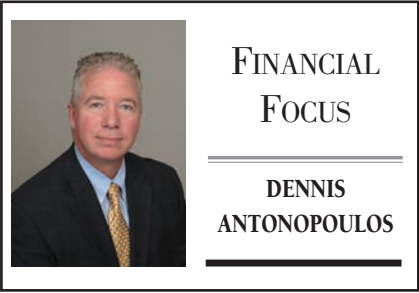
Like everyone, you'd like to enjoy a long, healthy, independent life. But the future is unknowable, so it's a good idea to prepare for a variety of outcomes – including the possible need for long-term care.

Consider the following: Someone turning age 65 today has almost a 70% chance of eventually needing some type of long-term care service, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The median annual cost for a private room in a nursing home is about \$105,000, and it's almost \$55,000 for home health aide services, according to the insurance company Genworth.

Medicare also may cover very few of these costs. Consequently, it's a good idea to include potential long-term care costs in your planning. While everyone's situation is different, you may want to budget for two to three years' worth of long-term care expenses.

But how can you prepare for these costs? Essentially, you've got three options: You could self-insure. If you would like to cover the costs of long-term care out of your own pocket, you'll need to consider a few issues: How will these potential costs affect your family? How might your other goals be affected, or even altered, by your decision to self-insure? Will you

have to adjust your investment mix or designate certain investments to help achieve your self-funding objectives? None of these questions should dissuade you from trying to self-fund for long-term care, but they can help you clarify the significance of this choice within your overall financial strategy. You could transfer the risk to an insurance company. You could purchase either long-term care insurance or a life insurance policy that provides long-term care benefits in addition to a death benefit. Before obtaining either type of policy, though, you'll want to know exactly



what the policies cover and when they kick in. Also, be aware that the younger you are when you buy a policy, the lower the premiums. On the other hand, if you buy a straight long-term care policy when you're young, you could end up paying premiums for many years for coverage you may never need. A financial advisor can help you evaluate all your insurance options and recommend which

one, if any, is appropriate for your situation. You could combine self-insurance with an insurance policy. You could plan to self-insure for long-term care for a limited time – perhaps one year's worth of anticipated costs – and then buy enough insurance for additional expenses. This technique could involve some juggling on your part, in terms of where to direct your money, but it might prove to be a workable compromise between self-insurance and putting all your long-term care resources into an insurance policy.

Which of these methods is right for you? There's

no one "right" answer for everyone. But whichever route you choose, you'll be helping to protect yourself – and possibly your grown children or other family members – from the potentially huge costs of long-term care. And that protection can help brighten your outlook throughout your retirement.

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## Local anglers brave the heat

Now that the nasty heat of this past week is behind us, fishing should get back to normal for some anglers, although many anglers did brave the heat and did very well, especially on the canal. Numerous 30- & 40-pound stripers were caught by anglers that braved the heat last week, and released the big fish, but they were still able to retain a striper that fell into the legal slot size. Upstate New York fishing has been relatively slow on the lake, but is improving every day. The annual salmon run on the Salmon River is relatively quiet and the water is running a bit high, but it is expected to improve also in the coming weeks. Hundreds if not thousands of anglers make the trip to upstate New York annually to fish the yearly Salmon run on the famous Salmon River. For up-to-

date information contact Fat Nancy's Tackle Shop in Pulaski for daily information. Check them out on their Web site at www.fatnancy.com. If you are looking for some of the best large-mouth bass fishing and smallmouth bass fishing in Massachusetts, you need to check out fishing at the Quabbin Reservoir! Both Gate 8 and Gate 43 rent out boats and motors for an extremely low rate, and are readily available on weekdays, but weekends require an early morning trip to acquire a boat rental. They go fast. The scenery on the reservoir is great, which makes you feel like you are in Northern Maine. Sightings of eagles are reported daily. This past week, this writer enjoyed a great meal of pan-fried fluke from a fish that I caught while fishing the



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RALPH TRUE

Westport River with my brother Ken. It is hard to find good bait (squid) to fish for these prized eating fish. Last week at a local tackle shop, I purchased a small bottle of imitation squid strip, manufactured by "Fat Cow" out of long Island New York. They are not cheap by any means, but will hopefully do the trick, replacing real squid. The old brand that was around for a long time called" Uncle Josh " strips, has been out of business for a number of years, now but worked very well back in the day. The soaring seafood prices at supermar-

kets and eating establishments has gone through the roof, with many restaurants taking clams off of their menu. Oysters, clams, Quahaugs and lobster prices continue to climb with no end in sight. The reason for the price increases are many including price gouging. Saltwater fish prices on Haddock, Cod, and bluefish are reasonable, but they too could become expensive. Many fish markets are buying their fish from foreign markets ,which I try to stay away from for many reasons. Be sure to check the seafood origin before you buy. Beef prices are also extremely high. Purchasing real squid from a market to do some fishing does not work very well because it is soft, and easy for fish to remove it from the hook, resulting in missed fish. It is a great squid for eating

calamari, but not great for fishing. Squid from most bait shops is also soft and easy for fish to remove also. Using fluke skin for bait worked very well, but has been made illegal to use because of reports of anglers cutting up undersize fluke for bait. Hopefully, these new Jig strips I purchased this past week will work better. They are scented and should work. They also work on fresh water for bass, and numerous other species of freshwater fish. More reports of dead birds in the valley are not good. One local sportsman reported a dead red tail hawk in the Uxbridge area this week. The young eagle that was found dead, was examined by Mass. Fish & Wildlife and found it to have died from some type of poison. It could have ingested the poison from eating a dead animal that

was legally or illegally poisoned. Reporting dead birds in your area should be made to MFW. A youth pheasant hunt will be held for all hunter graduates ages 12-17 this year. The registration deadline was Aug. 17, but may allow for late registrations if the classes are not full. Space is limited, so register today. Call Mass. Fish & Wildlife at 508-389-6300 for more information and where the clubs are that are sponsoring the events. It is a great time for first time sportsmen to realize the great time in the outdoors they will have during the event. Trap shooting , firearms safety ,and hunting pheasant over well-trained bird dogs, are just a few of the things the young shooter will enjoy .

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

## Tips for drying flowers



Melinda Myers  
**Lavender dries relatively quickly and retains the best color when dried in a low humidity, dark location.**

Enjoy and share the beauty of your flower garden all year long. Pick and dry a few flowers to use in flower

arrangements, craft projects or as gifts for friends and family.

Pick the flowers when they are at peak bloom and blossoms are dry. Cut flowers for drying mid-day when they contain less moisture to reduce the dry time.

Use a bypass pruner or garden scissors to cut the stems above a set of healthy leaves. Remove the foliage and gather them into small bundles. Secure the stems with rubber bands that contract as the stems shrink and continue holding them tight. Use a spring-loaded clothespin to hang the bundles from a hanger, clothes line or nail. Allow the flowers to dry in a warm, dark, dust-free location.

Flat-faced flowers like daisies tend to close a bit when dried upside down. Try laying them face down on a flat surface. Simply cut off the stem and place the flowers face down on newspaper in a warm, dry location. Once dried, you can glue them in place or use florist wire to create stems for arranging.



GARDEN MOMENTS  
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MELINDA MYERS

And don't forget to pick a few seedpods from perennials and ornamental grasses. These have dried, for the most part, on the plants and make great additions to your dried flower arrangements and projects.

Consider taking a trip to your local florist or craft store for more ideas and materials for drying delicate flowers. Silica sand works well for delicate blossoms like iris as well as roses, mums and more. Simply fill the bottom inch of a container with silica sand. Remove all but an inch of the flower stem. Place the flower, stem side up or on its side, on the surface of the silica sand. Gently pour silica sand over the flowers until completely covered. Follow label directions. Most flowers dried this way maintain their beauty when dried in silica sand. Just use a small paint brush to gently remove any remaining sand.

Test flowers for dryness before putting them in an arrangement or storing for future use. Carefully rub a piece of the flower between your fingers. If it

feels dry, it is ready to use. If it still feels moist, continue letting them dry.

Store extra dried flowers in a location with low humidity and away from direct sunlight. Consider loosely wrapping with newspaper or kraft paper to prevent crushing and place in a box until needed.

Whichever drying method you choose, the result is the same – year-round enjoyment of your garden's beauty.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including The Midwestern 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.

### EDITORIAL

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memories will be so thick they'll have to brush them away from their faces. "People will come, Ray. The one constant through all the years, Ray, has been baseball. America has rolled by like an army of steamrollers. It has been erased like a blackboard, rebuilt and erased again. But baseball has marked the time. This field, this game: it's a part of our past, Ray. It reminds us of all that once was good and that could be again. Oh...people will come Ray. People will most definitely come."

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Climate scientists admit exaggerated warming

To the Editor:  
It is unlikely that you heard this in the mainstream media. Vijay Jayaraj, Environmental Scientist at University of East Anglia, England, wrote "Last week a group of scientists sent shock waves through the scientific community. They boldly pointed out that the current models exaggerate greenhouse warming. In other words, they confirmed what climate skeptics have been arguing all along: that most computer climate models forecast unrealistic warming, warming not observed anywhere in the real world. Could this be a turning point for climate science? Has the hitherto staunch resistance to any kind of scrutiny regarding the dangerous warming narrative come to an end?"  
Many climate scientists, like Roy W Spencer, Judith Curry, Dr. Michael Coffman, the founder of the Weather Channel, John Coleman and authors Harold Ambler ("Don't Sell Your Coat") James Delingpole ("Watermelons: The

Green Movement's True Colors") have pointed out that many warming theories depend on computer models that are badly flawed. Now scientists deeply embedded in the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) have admitted that the models exaggerate warming. A study in 2020 analyzed 38 Coupled Model Intercomparison Project Version 6 (CMIP6) models and concluded all 38 models significantly overpredicted warming in every target observational analogy. Paraphrasing Jayaraj's article in SCIENCE: Although NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies Director Gavin Schmidt saying "It becomes clear over the last year of so that we can't avoid this, it remains to be seen how the UN will approach this complex and "delicate" matter. Bold, outright admission could deflate public trust and so undermine the agenda of global "decarbonization."  
Honest scientists follow the evidence wherever it leads. But to stand up and own the truth, scientists must also be

freed from political pressure. Funding for the climate science community flows largely through entities that seek to gain politically from climate fear. In other words, they are paid to find scientific models that exaggerate warming even if they are implausibly fast. Jayaraj further states that this must stop and academic institutions must no longer function as public relations agencies for fear mongering political narratives. Locally, the current curriculum in the Dudley Charlton Regional School District includes video on global warming and carbon destruction of the ozone layer. Let's hope the latest findings listed here will be included, as well along with books mentioned above educating our students to allow them to weigh the science and think for themselves rather than a one-sided, indoctrination trend.

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# OBITUARIES

## Barbara Anne Perreault, 57



Barbara Anne Perreault, 57, of Webster, Massachusetts, went home, Wednesday, August 4, 2021. She was born in Putnam, Connecticut. She grew up in Webster, Massachusetts. She lived in Charlton & Brookfield, Massachusetts. She later moved to her home in Murphy, North Carolina. She was an awesome loving mother, Nana & wife. She will be deeply missed, not forgotten and held in our hearts forever. She had a great passion for her

grandchildren. She enjoyed crocheting, playing cards & hummingbirds. She was predeceased by her parents & two sisters. She is survived by her husband, Andrew Perreault; daughter, Jessica Wochna; son, David Faford; step-children, Crystal Carrier, Derrick Perreault, Beth Perreault, Andrew Perreault, Jr.; grandchildren, Torin Faford, Bryson Faford, Ariana Carrier, Kayla Carrier, Willis Perreault, Alyssa Carrier; brother, Robert Rainha; many nieces, nephews & cousins. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

## William D. Annese



William D. Annese, former Senior Forest & Park Supervisor at Douglas State Forest, passed away on August 10, 2021 at Rose Monahan Hospice House in Worcester Ma. He was age 75. William “Bill” Annese was born August 30, 1945 in Webster, Massachusetts. Bill leaves his beloved wife Sylvia of 55 year’s. He also leaves three children David Annese and his wife Nicol, Lynn Konieczny and her husband David and James Annese and his wife Deirdre. Four grandchildren, Kayli and Julia Annese, and Jared and Kyle Brinkley. Bill also leaves behind many nieces, nephews and in laws. Bill was employed by the Massachusetts Department of conservation for 38 years and was a public servant who was committed to protecting and preserving our natural, cultural and historic resources and providing recreational opportunities that were accessible and affordable to everyone. After graduating from Bartlett High School in 1963. Bill attended the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts where he majored in Arboriculture and Park Management and received an Associate Degree in Park Management/ Administration when he graduated in 1965. While attending Stockbridge, Bill started his career with the Massachusetts Department of Natural resources (DNR or DCR) as a seasonal Conservation helper working at Douglas State Forest in 1964. After graduating from college, Bill was appointed to Seasonal Forest & Park Supervisor position at Buffumville Recreation Area (State Park) in Charlton where he worked for next five seasons, Bill was recognized by management, his peers and the public, as a talented administrator and facilitator who “gets

things done”. Throughout his career Bill’s leadership, talents and energy have been directly responsible for nearly all of the major physical additions or improvements made to Douglas State Forest. Bill was an outspoken advocate for protecting our natural, cultural and historic resources through acquiring more land to add to the Douglas State Forest. Under his leadership and guidance, the Department of Conservation and Recreation has acquired 75,000 feet of shoreline on Wallum Lake and Whitins Reservoir and approximately 657 acres of forest land since 1984. Bills awards and citations include the Alan Henry Memorial Award given to a member of the Division of Forests and Parks who has demonstrated outstanding abilities in Recreation Supervision, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Pride in performance Award given for outstanding achievement in Forest and Park Management. In his younger years Bill enjoyed camping with his family, hunting, and ice fishing, maintaining his vegetable garden and enjoyed working outside whenever possible. Bill’s most noted quality was time spent with family and friends and that Family always came first above anything else. A Funeral Mass will be held at 10 am on August 17, 2021 at St. Louis Parish 15 Lake street Webster Massachusetts. Please meet at the church. Committal will follow in St. Joseph’s Garden of Peace. In Lieu of flowers donations may be made to Encompass Health and St. Jude Children’s Hospital. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may offer condolences, share fond memories, or light a candle in remembrance of Bill.

## Sheila A. Trahan, 52



WEBSTER – Sheila A.(DiRoberto)Trahan, 52, of Hall Street, died Wednesday, August 11, 2021, at UMass Memorial Medical Center – Memorial Campus in Worcester, from COVID-induced pneumonia. She is survived by her husband of 20 years, George E. Trahan, III, of Webster; two daughters, Katie L. White and her husband David of Dudley, and Lexus M. Trahan of Webster and her fiancé Harvind Singh of India; her father, Michael R. DiRoberto Sr. of Webster; her mother, Judith I. Stone of Oxford; her brother, Michael DiRoberto Jr. and his wife April of Webster; two grandchildren, Zoey Faith Cranshaw and Carter White, both of Dudley; her father- and mother-in-law, George and Gladys Trahan Jr. of Arizona; two nieces, Sabrina M. DiRoberto and her fiancée Melissa Garabedian of Amherst, and Tonya Frenier and her wife Kristine Frenier of Malone, NY; a nephew, Dylan M. DiRoberto of Oxford; her sister-in-law, Brenda A. Trahan of Arizona; her uncle, Matteo DiRoberto of Florida; her aunt, Betty DiRoberto-Naples of California; many great-nephews and great-nieces; and many friends. She was predeceased by a sister, Melissa DiRoberto who died in 1987. She was born in Worcester

and lived in Oxford before moving to Webster 30 years ago. She was currently attending Quinsigamond Community College pursuing a degree in business management. Mrs. Trahan was a bus driver at A.A. Transportation for over 25 years. She loved to make homemade candies and cakes, and was known as the “Candy Lady” to those closest to her. She enjoyed kayaking with her husband, taking her dogs on nature walks, and time spent by the water, especially Hampton Beach, Webster Lake, and Maine. Sheila never met a stranger and welcomed everyone into her life with open arms. She considered anyone she met to be part of her family and would put everyone else ahead of herself. Her presence in a room was palpable, she was kind to everyone she met, and she loved her grandchildren more than anything. A celebration of her life will be held at 12 noon on Saturday, August 21, 2021, at Faith Church, 22 Faith Ave., Auburn. Those attending are respectfully requested to meet directly at the church. Burial will be private at a later date. Calling hours are Friday, August 20, 2021, from 6-9 p.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America, 290 Turnpike Rd., Suite 5-315, Westborough, MA 01581.

## William L Lavoie, 74,

William L Lavoie, 74, of North Grosvenordale, CT died Saturday, August 7, 2021 at UMass -University Campus of Worcester, MA. William was born May 30, 1947 in Southbridge, MA. He is the son of the late Lionel and the late Louise (Albetski) Lavoie. He is survived by f one sister: Judith Niemiec and her husband Richard of Webster Nephews David Niemiec and Jeff Niemiec; niece, Rebecca Niemiec He was employed by as a Nuclear Stress Engineer designing nuclear power plants . William lived many years in Dudley before retiring to Palm Bay Florida . In Florida he worked par time for the US Post Office in Melbourne. He returned to area after the passing of his mom .

William was an avid baseball card collector . He loved music played the guitar and in his younger years played in a band. Former member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Oxford. Bill grew up in Webster. Graduated from Bartlett high school in 1965. Graduated from Worcester Industrial Technical Institute and UMASS Lowell with honors. Wherever he lived he followed and loved the red Sox, Bruins, and Patriots. Calling hours wer Friday, August 13 from 4 to 6 PM at Bartel Funeral Home, 33 Schofield Avenue, Dudley, MA. After cremation private burial at Corbin Cemetary. In lieu of flowers: American heart association..www.bartelfuneralhome.com

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# Don’t listen to the naysayers

Most people who want to achieve big dreams will encounter naysayers. They’ll say, “It’s already been done; the competition is too fierce. They’ll tell you, “you can’t have a career in that business; you have to know somebody; you have to be an insider,” others might be more mean-spirited, “You’re not talented enough, you’re not smart enough,

you’re not good looking enough.” It takes great courage and faith to follow your dreams. If you listen to the negative voices, you’ll never find that courage and faith. I’ve always dreamed big dreams and gone after goals that seemed impossible. It’s who I am; my father encouraged me to think big.

In that sense, it was easy for me to go after my dreams because I never had anyone in my own family tell me I shouldn’t or that I couldn’t. The naysayers in my life came from outside the family. As a high school athlete, I grew passionate about competitive swimming. I became enamored with the idea that I could be an Olympic swimmer! Some said I couldn’t do it. I paid them no attention. I swam four hours a day and did a lot of cross-training. I got much faster. After graduating high school, four of my closest friends and I swam from Macinac Island to Chicago in Lake Michigan, a 375-mile journey. We did it as a relay, and we made it in fifteen days. Out of that experience, I met the fastest swimmer in the world at the time. His name was Tom Jager. Tom was amazing. He coached me through a few workouts, and I even raced him a couple of times. He was way faster than me. There was no comparison. I knew I just had to work harder if I wanted to be as fast as him. I was determined. I barely made it onto a division one swim team. By my junior year, I was much faster than in high school, but I was also one of the slowest swimmers on the team, nowhere near the Olympic level. I was crushed as I realized I didn’t have what it took to make it to the Olympics. That experience created an even stronger desire inside of me to accomplish my dreams. If I’d have listened to the naysayers, I wouldn’t have learned the lessons that I needed to take with me to the next phase of my life. I turned my attention towards a different dream, one that I had since childhood. It wasn’t long till I had a few big successes in my belt. It’s an up and down industry, and I’ve had many tell me through the years that I should give it up, forget about my past successes and hang up the towel. What I’ve discovered is that if you

keep going and don’t give up, doors will open that can lead you on a path of accomplishing your dreams in unusual ways. Your destiny isn’t up to the naysayers; it’s up to you. It doesn’t matter what they think about you; it does matter what you think about yourself. Abraham Lincoln had many successes in his life; he also had many failures. He failed in business, was defeated for the state legislature, lost for Illinois speaker twice, didn’t get the nomination for Congress, finally won a congressional seat but lost renomination, was rejected for land officer, defeated for the U.S. Senate, defeated for the nomination for Vice President, and then again was defeated for U.S. Senate. I’m sure many negative voices were telling him to give up and quit through the years. Instead, he was finally elected president of the United States. He became one of the most important presidents in United States history. He held the country together and helped win a war that resulted in the end of slavery. What would’ve happened if Abe Lincoln listened to the naysayers?

LEGALS

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. WO21C0325CA  
CITATION ON PETITION TO  
CHANGE NAME  
In the matter of:  
Sahryah Lynn Rose  
A Petition to Change Name of Minor  
has been filed by **Sahryah Lynn Rose  
of Webster MA**  
requesting that the court enter a Decree  
changing their name to: **Sahryah Lynn  
Rosario**

IMPORTANT NOTICE  
Any person may appear for purposes  
of objecting to the petition by filing  
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and Family Court before 10:00 a.m.  
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is NOT a hearing date, but a dead-  
line by which you must file a written  
appearance if you object to this pro-  
ceeding.**  
**WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy,  
First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: July 23, 2021  
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Docket No. WO21C0324CA  
CITATION ON PETITION TO  
CHANGE NAME  
In the matter of:  
Genesis Marie Rose**

A **Petition to Change Name of Minor** has been filed by **Genesis Marie Rose** of **Webster MA**

requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Genesis Marie Rosario**

**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 08/24/2021. 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: July 23, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman  
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August 20, 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. WO21P2509EA  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION  
Estate of:  
Aleta Alice Black  
Date of Death: 04/01/2021**

To all interested persons:

A **Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Jane A Proia of East Douglas MA**

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Jane A Proia of East Douglas MA**

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **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 08/31/2021.**

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: July 29, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman,  
Register of Probate

August 20, 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. WO21C0338CA  
CITATION ON PETITION TO  
CHANGE NAME  
In the matter of:  
Matthew Sturgis**

A **Petition to Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **Mathew Sturgis** of **Dudley MA**

requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Mathew Richard Sturgis**

**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 09/07/2021. 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: August 03, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman  
Register of Probate

August 20, 2021

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Vincent V. Strzelecki to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Mortgage Lenders Network USA, Inc., dated September 9, 2005 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 37317, Page 299, as modified by a certain modification agreement dated April 7, 2016, and recorded with said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 56729, Page 85 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, recorded on May 19, 2009, in Book No. 44263, at Page 238

U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee to U.S. Bank, National Association, as Trustee for RASC 2005-EMX4, recorded on October 12, 2011, in Book No. 47951, at Page 150

U.S. Bank, National Association, as Trustee for RASC 2005-EMX4 to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, for Residential Asset Securities Corporation, Home Equity Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-EMX4, recorded on July 30, 2015, in Book No. 54080, at Page 181

for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 PM on September 17, 2021, on the mortgaged premises located at 54 Ennis Road, North Oxford (Oxford), Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,  
TO WIT:

Property Address: 54 Ennis Road, Oxford, MA 01540

Tax Assessor's Information: 08C-B02

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in Oxford, Worcester County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the northwesterly corner of the tract to be conveyed at an iron pipe driven in the ground on the easterly line of the road leading from Texas Village to Taft Hill known as Ennis Road and also being at a corner of land now or formerly of Katherine A. Mara and said pipe is located 141.6 feet, more or less, northerly, measured along the easterly line of said road, from the northeasterly corner of land owned by Carl Abrahamson. From said pipe:

THENCE by the easterly line of said road; South 37° West, 105.6 feet, to an iron pipe driven in the ground at land now or formerly of Katherine A. Mara.

THENCE by land now or formerly of Katherine A. Mara; South 3° 41' West, 159.4 feet to an iron pipe driven in the ground.

THENCE by land now or formerly of Katherine A. Mara; South 75° 01' East, 275.0 feet to an iron pipe driven in the ground.

THENCE by land now or formerly of Katherine A. Mara; North 14° 59' East, 254.0 feet to an iron pipe driven in the ground.

THENCE by land now or formerly of Katherine A. Mara; North 74° 36' West, 266.0 feet to the point of beginning.

CONTAINING 73,829 square feet of land together with a right of way over the westerly end of an existing drive way.

For prior title reference see that deed of Gerald J. Butler and Irene A. Dineen, fka Irene A. Butler to Gerald J. Butler, dated May 3, 1994 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds on May 6, 1994 in Book 16265, Page 22.

For our title reference see that deed of Gerald J. Butler to Vincent V. Strzelecki, dated July 9, 2004, and recorded with the Oxford, Worcester (S) County Registry of Deeds on July 12, 2004 at Book 34100, Page 387.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 34100, Page 387.

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

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will

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

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

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, FOR RESIDENTIAL ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION, HOME EQUITY MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-EMX4 Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,  
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.

150 California St.  
Newton, MA 02458

(617)558-0500

17131

August 20, 2021

August 27, 2021

September 3, 2021

(SEAL)

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 21 SM 000796 ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: Thomas Smith and Debra Smith and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq) Towd Point Mortgage Trust 2017-FRE2, U.S. Bank National Association, as Indenture Trustee claiming to have an interest in a mortgage covering real property in Dudley, numbered 3 Marshall Terrace, given by Thomas Smith and Debra Smith to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Quicken Loans, Inc., dated February 25, 2013, and recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 50561, Page 81 and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, has filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before 9/06/2021 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on ground of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on 7/28/2021

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder  
August 20, 2021

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by **SMS Enterprise LLC** to **Visio Financial Services Inc.** dated **October 17, 2017** and recorded with the Worcester County Registry of Deeds in **Book 57921, Page 236** and assignment from Visio Financial Services Inc. to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of Residential Credit Opportunities Trust II, dated October 25, 2017 recorded with the Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Book 58071, Page 209 of which mortgage **Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of Residential Credit Opportunities Trust II** is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at **11:00 AM on September 10, 2021 at 618 Main Street, North Oxford, Worcester County, Massachusetts 01534**, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage:

TO WIT:

The land with all buildings and improvements thereon known as 618 Main Street, Oxford, Worcester County, Massachusetts, being bounded and describer as follows:

Parcel 1: A certain tract of land located in Oxford, on the northeasterly side of the road leading from Oxford to Leicester, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a stone post at the northwesterly corner of the premises on the northeasterly line of the road leading

from Oxford to Leicester, Thence N 55 degrees 30'E, nine (9) rods to a stake and stones; Thence N 34 degrees W, eight (8) rods and three (3) links; Thence N 38 degrees E, five (5) rods; Thence N 35 1/2 degrees W, ten (10) rods and twenty (20) links to a large rock at two chestnut trees; Thence N 48 1/2 degrees E, nineteen (19) rods to a large rock; Thence S 17 degrees E, twenty-four (24) rods; Thence S 55 degrees 30' W, sixteen (16) rods; Thence S 34 degrees 30' E, two (2) feet to a point at land now or formerly of one Goodnow; Thence S 55 degrees 30' W, nine (9) rods by kind now or formerly of said Goodnow to a point on said road leading from Oxford to Leicester, Thence N 34 degrees W, by the north-easterly side of said road two (2) feet to the point of beginning.

Said premises are conveyed together with easements for septic installation, construction, use, repair and maintenance as recorded in Worcester South District Registry of Deeds in Book 13135 Page 205 and Book 13735 Page 207.

Parcel 2: The land with all buildings and improvements thereon in Oxford, bounded and describes as follows:

Beginning at the center of a stone post on the northerly side of the town road leading from Oxford to Leicester; Thence N 51 degrees E nine (9) rods and four (4) links to a stake and stones; Thence S 33 '4 degrees E, one (1) rod and one half (1/2) link; Thence S 56 1/2 degrees W, nine (9) rods and four (4) links to said town road; Thence N 20 degrees W seven (7) links to the point of beginning.

Commitment No.: T217003518

Containing six and one half (6 1/2) rods, more or less. Reserving the right of way to the barn and orchard.

Parcel 3: The land with all buildings and improvements thereon in Oxford, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the westerly corner of said premises at a stone post by the easterly side of a town road leading from Oxford to Leicester and near the watering trough and by land now or formerly of Thomas Clark; Thence N 55 degrees 34' E, nine (9) rods by said land now or formerly of Clark to a stake and stones by land now or formerly of Joseph Stone; Thence S 34 degrees 30' E, three (3) rods by said land now or formerly of said Stone to a stake and stones by land now or formerly of Josiah Wolton; Thence S 55 degrees 30' W, nine (9) rods by said land now or formerly of Wolton to a stake and stones by said town road; Thence N 34 degrees 30' W by the easterly side of said road, three (3) rods to the point of beginning.

SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL RESTRICTIONS, EXCEPTIONS, RESERVATIONS, STIPULATIONS, CONDITIONS, RIGHTS OF WAY AND EASEMENTS OF RECORD.

Being the same property as conveyed from McCormick 110, LLC to SMS Enterprise, LLC, dated January 15, 2017 and recorded on July 19, 2017 in Book 57443 at Page 99, Worcester County records.

For informational purposes only: 618 Main Street, North Oxford (Oxford), MA 01537 Tax Parcel #11C-A09

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

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of **FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) DOLLARS** by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at **Braucher & Amann PLLC, 764 Chestnut Street, Manchester, New Hampshire 03104, Tel (603)-486-1530** within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

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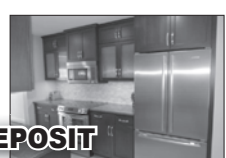
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# Many benefits of extracurricular activities

School offers much more than a top-notch education. Being an engaged student involves learning lessons in the classroom but also participating in the myriad activities that begin once the dismissal bell has rung.

Participation in extracurricular activities should be a consideration for every student because of the vast array of benefits such pursuits provide. Information published in the Brandon University Journal of Graduate Studies in Education indicates that participation in extracurricular activities positively correlates with students' development both academically and personally. Research shows being involved in afterschool clubs and sports promotes greater character development, improved academic success, good time-management techniques and

leadership skills, and greater interest in community involvement.

Every school offers some type of extracurricular activity — from school bands to academic clubs to volunteer groups to sports. The National Center for Education Statistics says these activities offer students opportunities to learn many valuable lessons, including group responsibility and the value of competition. Students who participate in extracurricular activities also can be exposed to a diverse array of people and cultures. Some activities also help students develop their mental and physical strength. The NCES notes that participation in extracurricular activities can foster a strong sense of connection between students and their schools, which can reduce the likelihood of school failures and dropout rates.

Extracurricular activities also are the gifts that keep on giving, particularly as they relate to future academic success. Crimson, an admissions support company specializing in increasing acceptance to highly regarded institutions, says extracurriculars are a critical part of a student's university application. Involvement in clubs and more provides a clearer picture of who a student is outside of the classroom and offers an opportunity to showcase various skills and interests. Furthermore, diversifying one's interests through extracurricular activities broadens a person's world view and improves self-esteem. These are benefits that can ultimately help students become well-rounded persons and successful professionals.

While people are quick to view extracurriculars for the academic advantages they provide, one often overlooked benefit is the social benefits of these pursuits. One of the best and easiest ways to make friends is through extracurricular activities. Fellow participants share the same interests and that can lay a solid foundation for lasting friendships.

Students who view extracurriculars as vital components of their school experiences can reap the rewards of being active members of their campus communities.



# How to help young athletes cope with defeat

The value of athletic competition for children who like to play sports is undeniable. Though not all kids will want to play sports, those who enjoy competing in organized athletics can benefit in myriad ways.

Doctors with the American Academy of Pediatrics Council on Sports Medicine and Fitness note that interest in sports should start with the child, not the parent. Such an approach can ensure kids are playing sports because they want to, and not solely because their parents want them to. The AAP

notes that when kids are playing sports because they want to, they can take the lessons learned from competition and use them throughout the rest of their lives. For example, Dr. Steven Cuff, MD, FAAP, who co-authored the 2019 report “Organized Sports for Children, Preadolescents and Adolescents,” notes that “the camaraderie and teamwork needed on a playing field offers lasting lessons on personal responsibility, sportsmanship, goal-setting and emotional control.”

When competing, some young athletes may have

a hard time handling defeat. In fact, even professional athletes routinely acknowledge how much they struggle after a loss. But there are ways parents and coaches can help young athletes cope with defeat.

- Reward effort. The College of Education at Michigan State University recommends coaches and parents put an emphasis on effort and allow athletes to bring up the outcome of a particular competition on their own. Encourage maximum effort during competition and spend time after the game discussing

with athletes how they performed and the effort they gave. Remind them that their best effort is all anyone can ask for, which shifts focus from a loss to the effort they gave.

- Communicate privately if effort is lacking. Parents and coaches who feel their child or player did not give maximum effort can communicate those feelings privately without putting the athlete down. Emphasize that the next game is a great chance to show improvement and give maximum effort.
- Encourage a healthy

perspective. The COE at MSU also urges parents and coaches to encourage young athletes to keep a healthy perspective on their participation in sports. Encourage kids not to sacrifice other aspects of their life, such as academics and their social life, to improve their athletic performance. When young athletes focus too heavily on a sport, that can create an unhealthy situation that makes it that much harder to cope with defeat in a positive way.

- Emphasize the individual, not the athlete. Coaches can speak with

their players about their lives outside of the sport. Such conversations can show athletes that there's more to life than just sports and that they're more than just athletes, which can make it easier to handle defeat.

Many successful athletes insist they learn more from defeat than they do from victory. Helping young athletes cope with defeat in a healthy way can benefit them throughout their lives.

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# Dudley Woman’s Club to host September Meet & Greet

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Through its volunteer services, the DWC supports many local charities, provides services to local veterans and local needy children. We continue to honor our veterans and support our town by purchasing and caring for the plantings at the veterans’ squares.

The DWC also awards multiple annual college scholarships to local high schools students and adult women returning to school. Our fundraisers continued to be successful events (basket and calendar raffles and this summer’s highly successful “You’ve Been

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After 13 years in existence, our meeting programs are numerous and have provided insights into many aspects of our members’ lives. Special events depend on COVID restrictions and will be planned “as we go”! All ladies interested in learning more about the club and its commitment to community, please join current members for our ‘21-’22 kickoff meeting: A Meet & Greet Social at 5pm Thursday, Sept. 9, outdoors at Roseland Park Pavillion, 205 Roseland Park Rd., Woodstock, Conn. Please BYO snacks & beverages for your table. Social time starts at 5pm, meeting begins at 6pm. Roseland Park is a beautiful venue, with many

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## Holly LaMountain pursuing Bachelor’s degree at Albright College

READING, Pa. — Holly LaMountain of Oxford has begun higher education studies at Albright College, pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree as a member of the class of 2025. A graduate of Oxford High School, LaMountain is majoring in environmental science at Albright.

LaMountain is joined by more than 385 first year students from 21 states, and seven different countries.

“Our incoming class has shown the qualities and behaviors that are in line with the Albright College mission and core values. Our new students are academically talented, having demonstrated success in the classroom, and continued to remain focused on their academic achievements in their high schools and previous colleges/universities,” said Dwayne Walker, vice president for enrollment management. “Like Albright College, the class of 2025 has exhibited the resilience to persevere throughout the global pandemic and remain committed to their academic, civic and co-curricular pursuits.”

“Incoming students have demonstrated that they are engaged citizens

with vast participation in community service, leadership and co-curricular activities like the arts, music, athletics and student organizations,” said Walker. “More than 130 students plan to participate in intercollegiate athletics and over 80% plan to participate in student clubs and organizations, community service and study abroad while at Albright.”

10 students are in the top 10 of their high school’s graduating class

6 average number of high school honors courses

57% are the first in their families to attend college

51% are male, 49% are female

35% are student-athletes

10 Albright College legacy students

22 students with a family member that attended the college.

5 Eagle Scouts

Ethnically:

38 percent are Black

38 percent are White

19 percent are Hispanic

1.4 percent are Asian

The most popular majors for this year’s incoming students are Business Administration and Nursing, followed closely by Computer Science, Biology and the college’s Alpha program - designed to help students discover their best areas of study.

Founded in 1856 and located in Reading, Pa., Albright College is a diverse community of learners cultivating integrity, curiosity, connection and resilience. The college’s flexible curriculum encourages students to combine and cross majors to create individualized academic programs. Close faculty mentorship and numerous experiential learning options create opportunities for Albright graduates to exceed their own expectations.



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## Taking advantage of QCC’s presence in the South County Region

WORCESTER —A local Southbridge family has found a way to higher education thanks to Quinsigamond Community College’s presence in the Southbridge community.

QCC 2021 nursing graduates Cassara Casey and Kirstianna Ferschke are part of a large family who found their local community college to be just the resource they needed to obtain a higher education. Ms. Casey was the first to head to college in 2008, choosing QCC for its affordability and accessibility. Her sister Kaitlynn Ferschke followed suit, graduating in May 2016 with her associate degree in Early Childhood Education (ECE).

“Calissa is the second youngest and she starts this fall for ECE at QCC,” Ms. Casey said, adding, “My mom has also taken classes at QCC.”

Today, QCC at Southbridge is even closer to the communities it serves with its move in the summer of 2020 to a well-known and recognized central location, Southbridge High School,

“Broadening the footprint of QCC makes it more accessible not only Southbridge, but also to the surrounding communities. Also, by virtue of our location, Southbridge High School students can easily take part in QCC’s Early College Program,” said QCC President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D.

Currently QCC is registering students for the fall semester. Students can set up appointments with a variety of offices through the QCC’s new Easy Queue (EZQ) system ([www.QCC.edu/EZQ](http://www.QCC.edu/EZQ)). This new system enables students to save time by joining virtual waiting rooms for the offices they need to meet with such offices as Admissions, Advising and Financial Aid. Through a text messaging system, students will receive reminders and wait time updates as their appointment gets closer, saving them time from waiting in a physical line. When a student’s appointment time is ready, they will receive notification and can then proceed to the designed office.

In addition to this new support service, QCC will continue to offer remote support services and online courses, as well as in-person services and courses beginning this fall.

“There are so many resources going to a community college. Ms. Casey said, “I like that QCC is more of a community.”

For more information about QCC, contact Josh Martin, Director of Institutional Communications at 508-854-7513 or [jmartin@qcc.mass.edu](mailto:jmartin@qcc.mass.edu).

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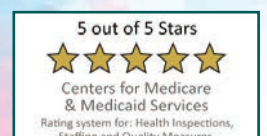


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