

HONORING THE FALLEN



A small gathering of Webster residents came together at the Veterans Memorial Monday morning for a ceremony honoring the memories fallen service members past and present led by the Rev. Canon Robert Fredrickson, who shared some photos from the event on Facebook.

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School Committee commends superintendent’s ‘passion, drive and structure’

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER — Surprising no one, the School Committee gave Superintendent Ruthann Goguen-Petruno a glowing annual review at their last meeting, with four members rating her “exemplary” and one “proficient” overall.

Under the state’s evaluation criteria, “exemplary” means the committee sees her performance as being of high enough quality to be a regional or statewide model, while “proficient” means “meet the rigorous expected standard of performance,” not just “average,” Chairman Dave Hurton said.

When reading the summary of scores, Hurton noted all five members saw Goguen’s family and community engagement efforts as the strongest of the four standards they had to score on; all of them scored that as “exemplary.” On the other three – institutional leadership, management, and professional culture – two gave her “proficient” and three “exemplary.” All of them also noted she had met or exceeded the goals they’d set for the year.

Incumbents dominate Dudley ballot

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – While the commonwealth of Massachusetts prepares to reopen over the next few months communities across the state are continuing to work towards voting day for local elections with Dudley voters still set to hit the polls on June 15.

While it seems that voters will have some easy decisions at hand during the election with no contested seats on the ballot, two questions that are up

for a vote will still allow citizens to have a major say concerning two proposed exemptions from Proposition two and a half that were approved at previous town meetings.

In terms of candidates, every seat on the ballot includes either a single candidate for re-election or no candidate at all. The single Board of Selectman seat up for grabs sees only incumbent Kerry Cyganiewicz looking to maintain his position on the town’s highest governing board.

Christopher Starczewski is running unopposed for re-election as Town Moderator while Conrad Allen is seeking another term as Assessor also without competition. Lorri Ann Ducharme is running for re-election to the Board of Health while Pauline Aucoin seeks to continue her longstanding position as a member of the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District Committee and Alfred Carl Reich, Jr. is running for the Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational

School District for another term. Five seats will be on the ballot with no candidates running for positions. The Library Trustees will have two open seats while the Water & Sewer Commission, Dudley Housing Authority and Planning Board all have open positions without candidates on the ballot. These positions may be filled by write-ins pending the results of the election.

While the election itself seems like a simple cut-

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Special Ed department receives high marks in audit

BY JASON BLEAU
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DUDLEY/CHARLTON – The Dudley Charlton Regional School District’s special education department earned high marks during a recent review by the Department of Secondary Education. So high, in fact, that the district was one of several communities exempt from the customary site visit after exceptions had to be made in the wake of

the COVID-19 pandemic. District Director of Pupil Personnel Services Lorinda Allen gave a brief presentation during a livestreamed School Committee meeting in mid-May explaining that the “audit” was conducted as part of the DSE’s annual tiered review. In the past, the DSE has conducted a full coordinated program review every few years but that approach has since evolved into a tiered process

where every year a single department is audited and reviewed for compliance. This past year, the special education department was audited which included examining communication, timelines and paperwork, regulations and the creation of individualized education programs among other areas. Allen said the schools passed with flying colors and, due to the national health crisis and the district’s

high marks, the site visit that normally follows the reviews was canceled.

“Our staff did a great job getting everything they needed collected last spring and over the summer uploaded to the site for their

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Dudley officials assess Baker’s reopening plan

BY JASON BLEAU
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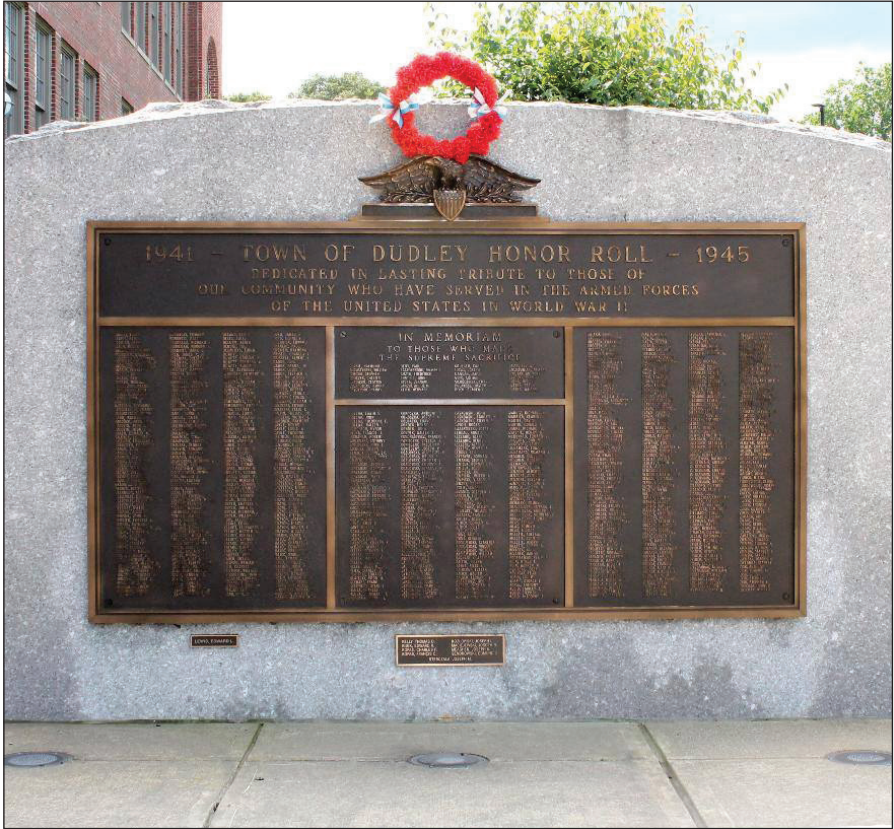
DUDLEY – With Gov. Charlie Baker announcing a four-phase plan to reopen the Commonwealth of Massachusetts over the next several months local communities are now beginning to assess how each step of this process will affect them as the world seeks a return to normality following the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dudley Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda said he believes the transition into a “new normal” won’t happen overnight. He acknowledged there are still numerous challenges to

face as the state begins to reopen ranging from public health-related issues to challenges to constitutional rights as more and more citizens embrace the soft openings included in the first phase of the Governor’s plan through mid-June.

“To the extent that we monitor things, the responsibility of the business community is clearly defined, step-by-step, in the governor’s phased plan to reopen. Businesses must ‘self-certify’ the protocols that they are following in terms of limiting access, hygiene and cleaning practices. They must post those certifications in their places of business. There is little discretion locally to modify the steps required as long as the owner complies with the certification requirements. That said, we met and made the decision to use our public outreach officers to reach-out to all businesses cleared to reopen in Phase 1 to make sure that they are aware of the Commonwealth’s requirements and their responsibility to self-certify, and to let them know where the steps and required documents can be obtained, and to offer the Town’s assistance in helping them achieve a safe re-opening, should they need or require it,”

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IN THEIR MEMORY

A decorative wreath adorns the WWII Honor Roll in Dudley, encouraging residents to pause during their Memorial Day celebrations and reflect on the sacrifices made by those who served in this photo shared to the Webster and Dudley Massachusetts Past, Present and Future community page on Facebook.

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Student intern supports The Ventilator Project

DUDLEY — This summer, Nichols College student Nick Anderson ‘21 is taking on the COVID-19 pandemic.

Anderson is working with Boston-based nonprofit The Ventilator Project to provide more affordable ventilators for medical facilities around the world. Anderson is helping to recruit interns and providing social media management for the new start-up.

“I’m meeting some of the most amazing people I’ve ever met in my entire life,” Anderson said. “And they’re

all dropping their lives and risking going out to Boston, the third largest hot spot in the nation, and coming together to fight against this.”

The Ventilator Project was born out of the COVID-19 crisis, after Boston-based robotics entrepreneurs Tyler Mantel and Alex Frost saw an increasing ventilator shortage impacting patient care in the US and the world. People from organizations including Google, The White House, and even the San Francisco 49ers are part of the nonprofit’s efforts. Them and

Nichols College’s own Nick Anderson.

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A college student’s dream internship

This summer, Anderson was supposed to intern with New York-based entrepreneur Gary Vaynerchuk.

“It was going to be incredible. I was going to move to New York City, live in Manhattan - live the dream of this mega, mega internship with this guy who’s such a success,” Anderson said.

Anderson has long admired Vaynerchuk’s work, especially his unique approaches to social media and self-promotion. This was his dream internship.

But the COVID-19 pandemic cost Anderson him his once-in-a-lifetime opportunity in New York City.

“It wasn’t surprising given the circumstances. But it was still very disappointing, especially combined with the antic-

ipation building up to it for nearly a year,” he said.

The situation soon changed for Anderson though, in part thanks to work he had previously done with one of The Ventilator Project’s Senior Vice President of Marketing Ryan Hendrickson.

Less than 48 hours after Anderson’s New York City internship was canceled, Hendrickson reached out and asked if Anderson wanted to join The Ventilator Project. According to Hendrickson, Anderson fit many traits they were looking for at The Ventilator Project.

Hendrickson said of Anderson, “I saw that he not only has a passion for nonprofit work, but a creative skillset in getting the people around him to share that passion.

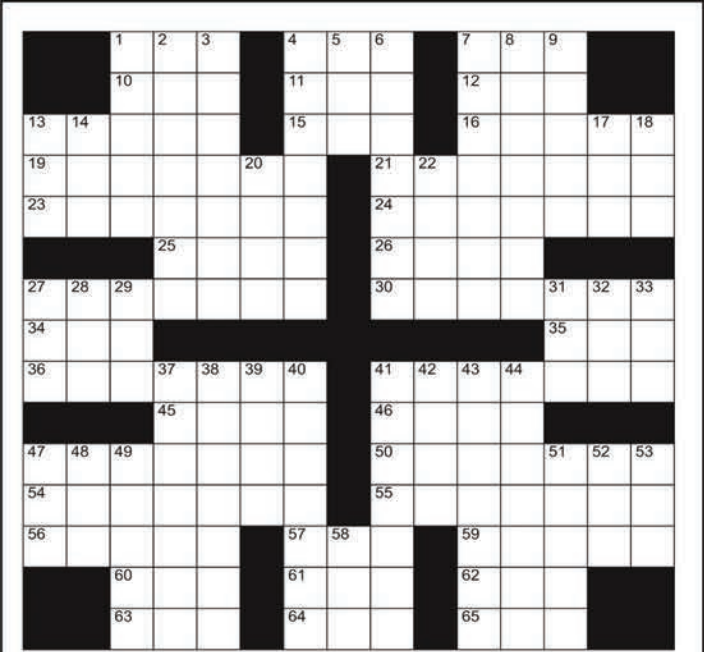
“I knew having him on the team would add a powerful asset to our outreach and fundraising efforts,” Hendrickson said.

Anderson visited The Ventilator Project’s office in the back bay of Boston and shortly after knew he wanted to be a part of the team. Now he is the head of both their internship program and social media strategy.

“The first day I joined, I said to myself, ‘I need to do this; I need to provide this opportunity to students that lost theirs,’” he said. “I want to make sure that students don’t feel like their internships were lost in vain and create the opportunity for a lot of good.”

Anderson’s work includes finding interns for many areas of need at The Ventilator Project, including engineering, human resources and marketing.

“I’m going to each team lead and assessing needs for interns - whether they have the bandwidth for an intern,” he said.



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1. It’s now called Experian
4. You can draw it
7. Very fast aircraft
10. Go quickly
11. Fifth note of a major scale
12. Biochemical abbreviation
13. Make somebody laugh
15. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
16. City in NE Morocco
19. Colorless gas
21. NE football player
23. A snake is one
24. Small spot
25. Inform
26. Republic of Ireland
27. Large statues
30. Documents about an individual
34. Helps little firms
35. Namibia’s former name
36. Large insects
41. Thirsty
45. A well-defined track or path
46. One who utilizes
47. Plant-eating mammals
50. Not in tip-top shape
54. Alternate names
55. A part of a broadcast serial
56. City in central Italy
57. LOTR actor McKellen
59. Trees provide it
60. Men’s fashion accessory
61. Type of screen
62. Snake-like fish
63. Possesses
64. When you aim to get there
65. Tooth caregiver

CLUES DOWN

1. Hit heavily
2. Italian rice dish
3. Some are cocktail
4. A citizen of Israel
5. Read-only memory
6. Passed by
7. Northern diving ducks
8. References
9. Iranian language
13. Swiss river
14. Woman (French)
17. Gov’t department (abbr.)
18. Consumed
20. Ailments
22. Balkan Jewish appetizer
27. Reciprocal of a sine
28. Skywalker mentor _-Wan
29. Resinous secretion of insects
31. Similar
32. Female sheep
33. Cool!
37. Borders the Adriatic Sea
38. Flowers
39. It’s sometimes upped
40. Immobile
41. Female body parts
42. Common request
43. Made a second thrust
44. Fell into deep sleep
47. Subway resident
48. Brew
49. The event of being born
51. Aspirations
52. Doctor of Education
53. Punk musician _ Dee Ramone
58. A subdivision of a play

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Dudley Library continues innovative programming under COVID

**BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT**

DUDLEY – The Pearl L. Crawford Library continues to work towards providing programs and activities for citizens young and old in Dudley even as the COVID-19 pandemic shutdown persists.

Director Drucilla Carter joined the Library Trustees at a livestreamed meeting in mid-May to provide updates on how the library is

working to continue its outreach and programs for local citizens. Due to the extended closures resulting from the virus the library remains closed to guests with only a small staff of two working in the building on any given day. While programs on site have halted the library continues to work towards providing the same services in new ways to those seeking a distraction from quarantine life.

“Some things there’s just no way to move

online. We’re trying to work so that we’d have maybe one special program a month for summer reading that would be virtual in some form or another,” Carter said.

She even revealed the library has a theme for 2020 summer readings “Tell Your Own Story” geared towards storytelling and fairy tales. The library is also looking at maintaining other popular programs in a new online format as well.

“I’ve spoken with Deb Hudgens who does our

music and movement. It’s very popular. We’ve talked to her about working something out,” said Carter.

The library is taking it day by day working to adjust its programming accordingly with an eye towards not only a sense of normalcy once the pandemic is over but also towards a successful and active 2021.

“We talked with some of the adult program people about the possibilities for virtual programs but haven’t definitely sched-

uled anything yet,” said Carter. “They know that this is coming so they’ve all been very understanding.”

Although the library remains closed for foreseeable future as the governor’s new phased reopening plan is rolled out and employees remained furloughed, patrons can still access numerous services right from their computers. Library accounts remain active at crawfordlibrary.com and ebooks and audiobooks remain

available through the Libby app. The library’s database also remains online during the shutdown. Library staff are also continuing to offer story time programs on Facebook weekly which Carter said has seen numbers of more than a hundred views per video every week. Other programs like magic and craft project ideas are also shared weekly on the Facebook page.

St. Joseph students become published poets

W E B S T E R — Congratulations to St. Joseph School’s published poets!

Students in Mrs. Karen Lefebvre’s Grade 6, 7, and 8 Language Arts classes entered their original poems in Creative Communication’s spring poetry contest. Poems are selected for publication based on their literary merit, creativity, or social significance. St. Joseph School will

be recognized in the anthology for receiving a “Writing Achievement Award.” This honor is given to the top 10% of the schools that entered the contest and whose students’ entries are of exceptionally high merit. 26 St. Joseph School students will have their poetry published in the Spring 2020 edition of A Celebration of Poets.

Grade 6: Philo Basha, Connor Czechowski, Treyton Dery, Alexandra

Kurowski, Bradley McCarthy, Matthew Obrycki, Adam Podgorny, Rocco Rudnicki, and Maevé Sullivan; Grade 7: Dale Boudreau, William Colebourn, Justin Dooner, Dominik Duby, Zane Ferri, Lauren Gingo, Samantha Keller, Krystian Kowalczyk, Dominic Lilley, Elizabeth Mahlert, and Maya Podskarbi; Grade 8: Toriana Baldasari, Daniel Gronek, Sara Grupposio, Shamer

Martinez, Tessa McCabe, Katrina Piekieniak, Wiktoria Potem, Gracie Scott, Jacob Sirard, Adrian Sobczak and Jillian Treveloni.

St. Joseph School began participating in the Creative Communication poetry contest in 2002.

This year’s notification to St. Joseph School praised the efforts of the students, noting, “The fact that you have numerous students accepted makes a strong statement

about your school. Less than 50 percent of the poems submitted are published. The list of your students that have been accepted to be published represents a lot of talent, hard work, and dedication from your teachers and students. In judging thousands of poems, our judges have found that the single most important factor in creating a quality poem is the quality of the instruction. We have found that schools

with excellent Language Arts programs have a much higher percentage of their students’ writing being accepted. With excellent teachers come excellent writers, and sometimes over 50% of a class is accepted.”

St. Joseph School is proud to have all 11 of their Grade 7 entries selected for publication. Great job, students!

Area residents graduate from Bridgewater State

BRIDGEWATER — Nearly 2,400 graduate and undergraduate students at Bridgewater State University completed their academic programs over the course of the 2019-2020 academic year and are being recognized for their accomplishments by the university until they are able to attend their own commencement.

BSU’s 179th Commencement Convocation for undergraduates and 12th Graduate Commencement Convocation, scheduled for May 16 and May 14 respectively, were postponed by the university in March when the COVID-19 pandemic exploded nationally and regionally.

At that time, President Frederick W. Clark Jr. pledged to the campus community to hold the ceremonies and reiterated that promise to the 2020 graduates in a video message taped on the university’s historic quadrangle with the Class of 2020, university and college banners flowing from the columns of Boyden Hall in the background.

“We won’t let this pandemic define your time at BSU. Your time on campus was defined by your wonderful professors ... the countless friends you have met ... and by how you have grown

during your time at Bridgewater,” President Clark said. “Most importantly, I hope you have discovered something about your passion and purpose in life.”

The commencement planning team at BSU has been developing alternative plans for how and when BSU will honor its 2020 graduates that included feedback from seniors received through BSU’s social media channels during the spring semester. An announcement to all graduates regarding the rescheduled commencement ceremonies is expected next month.

President Clark’s video message, as traditionally happens at the end of commencement ceremonies, welcomed the graduates to the BSU alumni community, which surpassed 75,000 with the Class of 2020’s graduate (454) and undergraduate (1,914) students.

“Our motto – ‘Not to be Ministered Unto, But to Minister’ – embodies the expectations we have of you as BSU graduates,” President Clark said. “Not to be taught but to teach. Not to be served, but to serve. We are all incredibly proud of you. We are Bears forever.”

A series of virtual events, which began this week with a Toast to the

Class of 2020, will continue until the time that members of the class can experience their walk across the stage on Boyden’s historic quadrangle.

The following area residents completed their program requirements in August 2019, December 2019 and May 2020.

Dudley
Undergraduate: Nicholas R. Disley, Kevin M. Hill and Jacob M. Marengo.
Oxford
Undergraduate: Jessica L. Bourassa and Molly C. Ennis

DUDLEY POLICE LOG

DUDLEY — The Dudley Police Department reported only one arrest during the week of May 15-22.

Mandy S. Small, age 38, of Worcester was arrested on May 18 for Disorderly Conduct (subsequent offense), Disturbing the Peace, two counts of Assault with a Dangerous Weapon, three counts of Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon, Assault & Battery on a Police Officer, and Resisting Arrest.

WEBSTER POLICE LOG

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of May 17-23.

An adult male whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on May 17 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

Mandy S. Small, age 38, of Worcester was arrested on May 18 for Disorderly Conduct (subsequent offense), Disturbing the Peace, two counts of Assault with a Dangerous Weapon, three counts of Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon, Assault & Battery on a Police Officer, and Resisting Arrest.

Jacqueline L. Paul, age 44, of Webster was arrested on May 18 in connection with two warrants.

An adult male whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on May 18 for Assault & Battery.

An adult female whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on May 19 on two counts of Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

Tanner Michael Desrosiers, age 27, of Woodstock, Conn. was arrested on May 21 for Open and Gross Lewdness and Lewd, Wanton & Lascivious Conduct.

Kenneth Reyes, Jr., age 37, of Worcester was arrested on May 21 in connection with a warrant.

Cody J. Lebeau, age 22, of Webster was arrested on May 22 in connection with multiple warrants.

An adult male whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on May 22 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

An adult male, age 32, of Springfield was arrested on May 23 for Assault on a Family or Household Member. Herbert J. Levy, age 32, also of Springfield, was arrested during the same incident for Resisting Arrest and two counts of Possession of a Class B Drug (subsequent offense).

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Jo-Ann Bussiere

bankHometown appoints new Oxford branch manager

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Jo-Ann Bussiere of Stow was recently promoted to assistant vice president and was named branch manager of the bank's Oxford home office. She previously was branch manager of the bank's Lancaster branch. Bussiere has more than 30 years of banking experience, joining bankHometown in 2016. Prior to that, she was vice president and branch manager at Cambridge Trust Company and an assistant vice president and branch manager at TD Bank. Bussiere attended Monroe Community College and is involved in her community, having volunteered at events and efforts for Women Build with Habitat for Humanity, Operation Playhouse, Wheat Community Services, and the Nashoba Rotary Club.

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QCC's Wyvern graduates ready to change the world

WORCESTER — While the words may have been sent remotely, the sentiments were the same for the more than 1,400 2020 graduates of Quinsigamond Community College. Amid an ongoing pandemic, the College held its first virtual Commencement Ceremony on Thursday, May 21.

QCC President Dr. Luis Pedraja told graduates of the amazing legacy they are leaving for others and of the power that each one of them wields as they enter the next chapter in their lives.

“One day people will look back on this time and wonder how we did it. We know why. We are a community college. We are a community and we know how to beat the odds and emerge successful,” he said. “You have reached the mountain top, but don’t stop here, there are many more mountains to conquer. Be brave, be courageous, and look back on what you’ve accomplished and take strength from it, and transform our world into a better place.”

Student Government Association President, Jorgo Gushi, encouraged his fellow

graduates to be proud and mindful of this moment in time.

“The fireworks begin today. Each diploma is a lighted match and each one of you is the fuse. Take pride in how far you’ve come, have faith in how far you can go and don’t forget to enjoy the journey,” Mr. Gushi said.

Commissioner of Higher Education for Massachusetts, Carlos Santiago sent remote greetings to the graduates, acknowledging the unprecedented virtual commencement, yet focusing on their accomplishments and successes, particularly as they navigated remote learning in their last semester.

“I can guarantee when you look back on this many years from now, this will be the most celebratory experience you will remember,” he said. “We need you to help rebuild our society and our country, not with a vision of returning to the past, but rather creating a new future. One that must be created on mutual respect, valuing all members of our society.”

QCC Psychology Professor Colson told students of the

pride both she and her colleagues felt for the Class of 2020 as they overcame barriers, brought on, or exacerbated by the global pandemic.

“Know this, the Class of 2020 will forever be an inspiration for faculty,” she said. “I hope you understand how inspiring you are to others who are just starting their journey in these uncertain times.”

Mr. Gushi’s impassioned speech compared his long flight overseas from his homeland of Albania with his academic and personal journey at QCC.

“When I started at QCC I made my name ‘George,’ because I was uncomfortable in my own skin, unsure of who I was and wanted to be. My classmates, professors and coworkers built the confidence in me to finally start referring to myself as ‘Jorgo,’ my true self,” he said. “At QCC, our perspectives, our talents, our histories and our voices were accepted, fostered and supported. We found our true selves.”

President Pedraja said he felt that in spite of the challenges today due to the

pandemic, he sees a bright future because of these graduates.

“Our mascot, the wyvern, is a mythical guardian of the community. This has been even more evident these past few weeks with many of our current students and alumni serving our community in its hour of need. Now as graduates, you will go on to be guardians of our community and of our world. Today more than ever our world needs more wyverns. Go and change the world,” he said.

To view QCC’s Virtual Commencement Ceremony, visit www.QCC.edu/commencement. Public access station WCCA-TV, Worcester Cable Channel 194, will replay part one of the ceremony next Friday, May 29 and part two, Saturday, May 30, both at 9:30 p.m. For photos and messages from QCC graduates, visit #Quinsig2020.

For more information on QCC, contact Josh Martin, Director of Institutional Communications at 508-854-7513 or jmartin@qcc.mass.edu

Local students graduate from College of the Holy Cross

WORCESTER — A total of 707 students received bachelor of arts degrees from College of the Holy Cross during a virtual celebration of the Class of 2020 on May 22. The live video program, during which graduates received electronic diplomas, featured a special message from director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and Holy Cross alumnus Dr. Anthony Fauci ‘62.

The virtual celebrations will be followed by an in-person commencement ceremony for the Class of 2020 to be held in spring 2021.

The following local students earned degrees:
Brittany Como, of Webster, Summa Cum Laude
Robert Price, of Webster
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Local resident graduates from SUNY Cobleskill

COBLESKILL, N.Y. — State University of New York Cobleskill held a Virtual Graduation Event for the class of 2020 on Saturday, May 9.

Zachary Horne, a resident of both Webster and Dudley, graduated Magna Cum Laude with an Associate’s degree in Applied Science (AAS) from the John Deere Technology Program.

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EDITORIAL

A most solemn holiday

As many events over the past few months have been cancelled in an attempt to flatten the Coronavirus curve, Memorial Day celebrations were not exempt. Typical ceremonies were altered as a way to honor those lost serving our country while still maintaining safety.

When Memorial Day was first celebrated, it was known as Decoration Day following the Civil War. Youngsters would place flowers in cemeteries while they sang songs and honored those lost due to war. The Civil War, which ended in 1865, took the lives of more people than any other war in the history of the United States; the estimate is roughly 620,000, with the Union losing 365,000 and the Confederacy 260,000. History says that more than half of these losses came as the result of disease. As a result, the first national cemeteries were created.

In 1868, General John A. Logan, the leader of an organization for Northern Civil War veterans called for a nationwide day to honor fallen soldiers. General James Garfield gave a speech at Arlington National Cemetery on the first Decoration Day and the more than 5,000 people in attendance decorated more than 2,000 graves, both Union and Confederate.

The holiday, as we all know, is celebrated on the last Monday in May, and became an official holiday in the year 1971. Parades across the country take place, and people visit cemeteries where family members who have served in the military have been laid to rest.

At 3 p.m. every year, a moment of silence takes place across the country. In December of 2008, President Bill Clinton signed the “National Moment of Remembrance Act” which designated the time be at 3 p.m. In 1966, the government marked Waterloo, New York as the official birthplace of Memorial Day. In Waterloo, every business in town would shut their doors and owners would venture out to decorate graves with flags as well as flowers.

Originally, Decoration Day was intended to honor those lost in just the Civil War. After the First World War, America felt the need, and rightfully so, to honor all those lost serving their country. In WWI, 116,516 Americans died at war, and 405,399 were lost during WWII. The Korean War took 36,574 lives, and the Vietnam War cost 58,220 lives. A total of 4,411 were lost in Operation Iraqi Freedom, 73 in Operation New Dawn, 2,346 as the result of Operation Enduring Freedom, 48 in Operation Freedom’s Sentinel and 61 in Operation Inherent Resolve.

We hope that our readers, and all Americans, took a moment at some point over the long weekend, even in the midst of our current circumstances, to pause and remember the reason for this most solemn of holidays.

Remaining optimistic in a negative media world

I have written on this subject before, but as this current election cycle is beginning to heat up, I hope to pre-empt the anger and vitriol with what I think is basic common sense.

If you believe the 24-hour news channels, the sky is falling. Chicken Little, in the form of talking heads, would have us believe that the end is near. As I mentioned in a column a few months ago, it’s good business for the TV and AM radio talkers to have us frightened of the impending doom. Whether it’s the danger of a pandemic or the upcoming election, their fearmongering causes us to keep coming back for the next news alert, so we can learn how the end will be delivered and by whom. Don’t allow them to pull you in.

Politics are a nasty business. Plato warned us, “Never give power to those who seek it.” Our democratic form of government seems to only reward power to those who seek it with a vengeance ... and lots of cash.

George Washington was the perfect leader. He did not seek power and in fact, gave it up twice. After he led us to victory against the British in our war for independence, there were those who wished to make him king, yet General Washington refused and retreated to the solitude of Mount Vernon, his estate on the Potomac. Several years later,

VIEWPOINT

Living water that refreshes, cleanses, and gives life

Yesterday, we had such a beautiful day, and for most of the day, I was outside shoveling wheel barrels full of loam and compost for a new garden bed we started. One thing led to another and I went from our garden bed to replanting some flowers, to filling in uneven areas of our ground. Needless to say, by the end of the afternoon I was exhausted from the work and spending so much time under the sun. At one point, I sat down and thoroughly enjoyed a simple glass of cold water. A simple glass of water seemed to refresh my soul.

I thought about how refreshing and renewing that glass of water was when I read the story of Jesus meeting the Samaritan Woman at Jacob’s well (John 4). Jesus was walking from Judea to Galilee and was tired from his journey. Imagine, the Son of God, God incarnate, feeling tired. And yet, that is how John the Evangelist describes Jesus, to show the fully human side of the Christ. It was the middle of the day and Jesus was tired from his journey, so he sat down by a well. His disciples went off to the nearby town while Jesus rested. And in the middle of the day, here come a woman to fetch water.

Now this was quite unusual because women typically came to the wells the first thing in the morning. That was the coolest part of the day, and when all the women gathered together, it was sort of their social time with one another. Yet here was Jesus all by himself, and he sees a woman all by herself with her stone jar to fill up water.

So, Jesus asks the woman for water to drink, and the woman is perplexed that a Jewish man would even speak to her, a woman, and a Samaritan to boot! Jews and Samaritans were quite unfriendly with each other, and it was totally improper for a man to speak alone with a woman, no less a rabbi, a teacher.

This whole conversation is simply the backdrop for what Jesus is prepared to offer the woman. Jesus asks for water because he is hot and tired, but in reality, He tells her that He is ready to give her His own Living Water, water which will quench the thirst of her soul. St.

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Augustine once said, “Our souls remain restless until they rest in the Lord.” This is exactly what Jesus was addressing in this woman’s life, a restless, thirsty soul. Thus, he suggest to her “Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give will never thirst; the water that I shall give will become in a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

Listen to this beautiful promise of Jesus. He offers to give Living Water that not only quenches one’s thirst but which refreshes and renews one’s soul. He gives water that cleanses the recipient. He freely shares mystical water that offers new life!

This is exactly what this Samaritan woman needed in her own life. As their conversation progressed, it becomes clear that this woman has come to Jacob’s well in the middle of the day, all by herself for a reason. She was a woman ostracized by society. She had been married five times. She was living with a man not her husband. She must have been a broken woman who felt the shame and rejection of society, someone who felt terrible about herself, who felt she was unclean and impure.

Her life had taken many turns and twists she probably never dreamed would happen. She needed to be refreshed and renewed in her life. And Jesus was offering her living water that would do exactly that. “Refresh and renew your soul! Come to me and drink,” Jesus wooed her. “Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.”

Living water, however, doesn’t only refresh one’s soul. Water cleanses one’s spirit. Throughout His ministry, Jesus is constantly telling people, “Your sins are forgiven you. Go in peace. Sin no more.” Jesus is all about cleansing us from the dirt and impurity of our sinful and adulterous world. One of the properties of water is to cleanse the dirt that clings to our bodies. The Living Water that Jesus offers does precisely that, cleanses

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Take 25: a program worth revisiting



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National Missing Children’s Day is held in the month of May. It is observed officially on May 25. Since it was first established in 1983, National Missing Children’s Day serves as an annual reminder that there are thousands of children who are still missing and stresses the importance of

making child protection a national priority. Particularly in this time of “Stay at Home” advisories, this is a great opportunity for parents to discuss safety awareness with their children.

There are many ways to begin discussions with your children on safety topics. One of the programs we have used in the past was “Take 25.” Unfortunately, it has been discontinued; however, it was a national child safety public awareness campaign created by the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC). It encouraged parents to take 25 minutes to talk to their children about safety and ways to prevent abduction. According to NCMEC, every year in America, an estimated 800,000 children are reported missing, more than 2,000 each day. Of that number, 200,000 are abducted by family members and 58,000 are abducted by non-family members, for which the primary motive is sexual. Each year, 115 children are the victims of the most serious abductions; they are taken by non-family members and either murdered, ransom, or taken with the intent to keep. An analysis of attempted abduction cases by NCMEC found that in 84 percent of the cases, the child escaped would-be abductors through their own actions. Teaching children about safety works and saves lives.

The “Take 25” program provided some sample conversation starter questions for parents. Here are a few to consider should you wish to engage your children in this exercise. For kids ages 5-8: Could you tell me our address? How about our home, work, or cell phone numbers? Has anyone ever called or knocked on the door while I was gone? What did you do? Let’s make a list of 3 people whom you can call in case of an emergency. For children, ages 9-12: If something happened at school that made you feel bad or scared, would you tell me? Do you think that it is safe to share your passwords with your friends? How about with your best friend? For teens (13-18): What kind of information do you feel is safe to share about yourself online? Are you comfortable with the information that you have posted online, knowing that it might be seen by friends, officials at your school, college and university admissions departments, and employers? Have you and your friends talked about what types of pictures are okay to post online? What about the comments you leave on each other’s pages? These are just a few examples which may be useful in getting started. Hopefully, a productive dialogue can result. If you need more information, check out the NCMEC Web site at <http://www.missingkids.org>.

Children are exposed to a great deal of challenges, both in person and on-line. Any opportunity parents can utilize to discuss safety measures with their children is time well spent. Missing Children’s Day is a chance for us to remember those who are still missing and take precautions to prevent future incidents.

Unfortunately, the Memorial Day Ceremonies and Parade were cancelled this year. Please take some time to reflect on the sacrifices made by the men and women of our armed forces. This Monday holiday must be kept in its proper perspective to remember those who have served and continue to serve this great country.

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

he was drafted to become our first President. He resisted but did not refuse his call to duty and served two terms. Again, the people wished to make him our permanent ruler. In his humble wisdom, once again, the “Father of Our Country” gave up power and returned to life at Mount Vernon. I believe George Washington to be the greatest American President and one of the world’s greatest leaders.

The mission of my column is to help my readers to be positive, uplifted, encouraged and optimistic in a world that is increasingly pessimistic and negative. It really doesn’t matter which way you lean. Sean Hannity and Rachel Maddow, for example, could not be more different in rhetoric and beliefs, but are opposite sides of the same coin. As I have said here several times before, they, and others like them, are a major part of the problem in our country. If you think you are turning on the evening television to get the news, forget it.

There is a big difference between opinion and hard news. Hard news, and there’s not much of it on television or talk radio, is found more frequently in your local newspaper ... this newspaper, in fact ... and a few trusted

national sources. What we are tuning into at night on television is opinion and commentary. It is purely a left or right leaning person telling you what is going on in the world based on their personal bias and agenda. Both sides are guilty. What is masquerading on nighttime television as news is nothing more than propaganda mixed with entertainment.

Where is our George?

I don’t believe we’ll find a George Washington today because we are currently too angry and divided to listen to reason. Washington would appeal to very few voters in this environment. If we believe our side is good, the other side must be evil. If you aren’t with us, you must be against us. If I am right, you must be wrong. This kind of thinking has me asking ... “Where do we go from here?”

Turn off the noise and get back to “Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness!”

Let’s all pull together this election season, regardless of where you lean and not allow the anger and vitriol to pull us under. Half of my friends lean left, and I love them. The other half



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Searching for stripers

BY RALPH TRUE, SR.

The weather is finally warming up, and so is fishing, if you have the proper gear and a boat to locate the fish. One local angler fished in Buzzards Bay last week and were targeting haddock. Fishing in 50 feet of water, the pair had lock and load cod fishing that lasted some time before they decided to leave the area in search of some haddock. All cod that were caught were released because of the closed cod fishing in all of the Gulf of Maine. They never did find the haddock fishing that they were looking for.

Another pair of anglers were fishing in Buzzards Bay and caught numerous seabass, large sculpin, fluke, & stripers. This writer made my first trip to the saltwater with my granddaughter Andrea and her son Logan. I had reports of some school stripers in the Providence River, as well as some schools of porgies, and decided to give it a try. When we arrived at the boat ramp at Hanes Park, I quickly realized that the reports of fish in the area were unsubstantiated. There was not a single car or boat trailer in the entire parking lot. "This does not look good" were the first words out of my mouth.

We were not looking for large stripers, just a little action with school stripers for my great grandson and granddaughter Andrea. We quickly launched the boat, packed in our gear and I slowly maneuvered the boat past the marina. As we entered the open water, the wind was light and the sun was partially hidden in the clouds. On our way out, we had to pass by one of my favorite fishing spots for tautog, but because there was no crabs available at a local bait shop we were forced to go fishing without them. It was high tide and it was a perfect time to fish for tautog, as the tide was about to start going out.

All we had to fish with was plastics and hardware. Attaching a small rapala lure to the first rod, I handed it to Andrea to start fishing as I slowed the motor to trolling speed across the open water. Before I even had the next rod ready for fishing Andrea reacted to



a sudden bump on her rod. "Wow, I had a good hit Pop!" Right then and there, I felt we were going to catch a lot of fish! That was it for the next few hours.

We tried going deep and everywhere in between. No fish. That is stripers fishing! Very little signs of fish on the fish-finder, and we never saw a single fish breaking the surface water as we trolled for hours. It was still a great day on the water with some of my family, and the little guy (five year old Logan) stayed busy watching the water and eating , and helping me steer the boat as the second picture shows. After returning to the boat ramp Andrea and Logan



THE GREAT OUTDOORS
RALPH TRUE

went looking for seashells on the beach area as I prepared the boat for the journey home. Logan was fast asleep in his car seat not long after we headed home. That darn Covid-19 is sure going to change all of this for many families in the coming months and years.

Trout anglers are still enjoying some great fishing for Brown trout at Ashland and Hopkington Reservoir! A few large trout were caught on shiners as well as the old reliable power bait. Another trout angler told me about deep trolling for trout at Wallum Lake in Douglas, down 45 feet of water! Numerous rainbow trout were caught on his second trip to the lake. He



reported that only a couple of other boats were observed fishing, which is more than likely because of the virus .

This week's picture shows Samantha Johnson with her first Wild Turkey she harvested this spring. Last week's picture was of poor quality, and hopefully, this week's picture of her is a lot better. Nice bird!

This is the time of year that all residents need to be extremely careful when enjoying the outdoors. Ticks, wasps, yellow jacket bees and mosquitoes can cause serious problems for adults and children. Be sure to use the proper sprays and check your family daily, especially for ticks.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

The Rx Garden: Growing Medicinal Plants

For centuries plants have been grown for medicine, and in modern times "medicinal" herbs such as lavender, garlic and chamomile have long been familiar sights in a backyard plot. With the current focus on natural remedies, gardeners are rediscovering the healing varieties of plants and herbs – and expanding their gardens to plant specifically to treat common maladies. Whether you want to halt a headache or boost your brain power, chances are the solution is as easy as plucking a plant from your backyard garden (or windowsill).

The following roster of remedies highlights some familiar plants and their medicinal uses.

Note: Information is offered for general interest only and should not be taken as health advice. Contact your physician before ingesting or applying any herbs or plants.

Headache
Clematis: This flower has been known to work wonders on migraine headaches. Simply chew the petals or steep them into a tea.

Feverfew: Use the leaves and flowers of this medicinal herb for teas; chew leaves to ease headache pain (including migraines). Its also been shown to provide relief for arthritis, and skin conditions.

Insomnia
Lemon Balm promotes sleep as it acts as a very mild sedative. It is also helpful in treating stress and nervous headaches. To make a fresh Lemon Balm tea: steep one teaspoon of fresh leaves in one cup of boiling water. Steep covered for ten minutes. Strain and enjoy.

Chamomile: A common garden herb, Chamomile is a muscle relaxer that has mild sedating properties. Chamomile tea has long been used to relieve stress and promote sleep. It is also used to treat anxiety in sufferers young and old.

*Please keep in mind those who have allergies to ragweed, chrysanthemums or asters, should not use Chamomile.

Anxiety

Lavender: Want to relax? Plant lavender. The scent of lavender prompts calmness. Studies report that the smell of lavender triggers alpha waves in the part of the brain associated with a relaxed state.

Lemon Balm: Lemon Balm made into a tea is a relaxing tea that reduces restlessness, anxiety and irritability. And it's also used to treat anxiety that causes digestive problems.

Skullcap: Is an anti anxiety herb with few side effects, Skullcap helps calm the "worrier" who has racing thoughts and constant fret. This herb is useful for all types of anxiety but has also been hailed as an aid for stress caused by hormonal imbalances in women.

Digestion
Dill: The dill plant, long used as a natural cure for baby colic, is an herb that's known for its ability to aid digestion. Brewing as a tea or simply chewing on several seeds after eating can help natural digestion and prevent tummy troubles. For tea, crush dill seed and add a tablespoon to a cup of boiling water. Strain to pour a clear tea.

Lemon verbena: An herbal tea aids digestion and helps calm intestinal cramps and gas pains.

Peppermint: For a tummy soothing tea, pour boiling water over freshly picked peppermint leaves and add a teaspoon of honey for flavor.

Lemon Balm: A tea made from Lemon Balm relieves abdominal pains and cramps.

Detoxing Agent
Cilantro: Eaten fresh (as in a salad or steamed), the tasty herb binds to toxic metals that accumulate in the organs, aiding the body in disposing of them.

Pansies: The flowers with the "faces" have been touted as a valuable detoxifying. Pansies grown without pesticides can be enjoyed in their natural state, simply washed and tossed in a salad or cold drink.

Garlic: Fresh garlic contains compounds that help flush heavy metals out of the body.

Anti Inflammatory
Marigolds: Marigolds have anti inflammatory properties also aid in treating minor cuts and abrasions. Marigolds are also used to soothe and heal such skin ailments as burns and acne. Simply make a poultice from the flowers and apply to the area to be treated.

Pansies: Pansies act as an anti inflammatory. The flowers may be made into a healthful tincture or tea.

Brain Boosters
Lemon Balm: Taken as a tea, Lemon Balm is hailed as an herb that sharpens the mind and improves mental performance and memory.

Rosemary: The tasty spice herb has long been used as a remedy for age related memory loss.

Sage: Two university studies showed that those given Sage performed better in a word recall test. Experiments also revealed Sage can boost the same brain chemicals that decrease with Alzheimer's Disease.

Skin Care
Dandelion: Although you won't want to plant dandelions, a plentiful supply of the weed is likely available. The yellow flowers, when made into an infusion can aid in reducing both large pores and age spots. Steep fresh blossoms in boiling water, allow to cool and apply to skin. The sticky liquid in the stems is used to shrink warts.

Pansy: The pansy is beneficial in treating eczema. To make a pansy poultice for external skin application to treat eczema and impetigo, simply add two tablespoons of pansy petals to two cups boiling water. Allow to steep for about 20 minutes and cool. Soak clean cloth in mixture and apply to skin.

Sage: Drinking sage tea can prevent and treat fever blisters and cold sores. To do: Pour one cup boiling water over edible sage leaves and a small piece of ginger root (or substitute ginger powder). Steep, cook and drink two to three cups of hot sage tea everyday to get rid of



TAKE THE HINT
KAREN TRAINOR

fever blisters.

Lemon Balm: Lemon Balm can speed up the healing of cold sores. Simply make a Lemon Balm tea with up to four tablespoons of the herb per cup of boiling water. Allow to cool, then apply with a cotton ball to cold sore several times a day.

Antioxidant
Oregano: Packed with antioxidants, the herb is also very easy to grow. FYI: In a USDA study, oregano demonstrated 42 times more antioxidant activity than apples, 30 times more than potatoes, 12 times more than oranges and four times more than blueberries! Just one tablespoon of fresh oregano was found to contain the same antioxidant activity as a medium-sized apple.

Tomatoes: It's been well publicized that tomatoes

are rich in lycopene, a powerful antioxidant, but tomato is also one of the top five food sources of vitamin C, vitamin A, vitamin E, potassium and fiber. Tomatoes are also excellent sources of phytochemicals, polyphenols and carotenoids. And research shows tomatoes an aid in lowering blood pressure. According to an Israeli study, adding tomatoes to a diet can reduce systolic blood pressure by 10 points and diastolic pressure by four points. The secret weapon once again, is the tomato's high concentration of lycopene. The recommended dosage is whole tomatoes daily, which is easy during peak season. Off season, use chopped and canned garden tomatoes in chili, tomato sauces and soups to reach your daily dose.

Rosemary: Laboratory studies reveal the popular spice herb Rosemary has antioxidant properties that neutralize free radicals

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Dudley: Jacqueline Coggans, Etleva Doko, Sean Ebbeling, Hayley Hagopian, Glenn Levasseur, Nicholas Sheehan, Matthew Souza, Meroon Zahrah

East Douglas: Amy Ackerman, Natalia Podstawka, Lindsay Silva

Fiskdale: Benjamin Lacaire, Leann Ritchie

Grafton: Elisabeth Haynes, Brandon Lee, Alexander Reno, Callum Smith

Holland: Hunter Boudreau, Jessica Folger

Leicester: Anastasia Cichowski, Jacob Holland, Danielle Larson, Scott Merrell, Courtney Millett, Robert O'Hearn

North Brookfield: Cassandra Chouinard, Melissa Fontaine, Travis Fuller, Tracey Mannix, Dylan Masiello, Christopher Moore, David Vincent

North Grafton: Devin Brite, Allison Chase, Heather Dozois, Taylor Dufault, Jennifer Garlick, Christopher Johnson, Allison Sheridan, Erica Widen

North Oxford: Austin Edwards, Kelly Green, Kaylie Mauch, Rebecca Smith

North Uxbridge: Sarena Gervais

Northbridge: Trevor Gosselin, Kathleen Mendez, Nicholas Payne, Matthew Ratray, Donovan Tames

Oxford: Richard Audette, Kylie Brenneman, Jill Brien, Rachael Cormier, Vu Ho, Tammy LaFleche, Alexander Polis, Eric Quitadamo, Donel Rostand, Tamokwe Tokam, Leslie Tyrrell, Corissa Walls

Paxton: Cameron Greiner, Christopher John, Evan Parker, Danielle Prifti, Lindsey Renshaw

Rochdale: Peter Brennan, Margaret Kennedy

Southbridge: Michelle Arrastia, Javier Ayala, Krista Buchanan, Dimayra Colon, Awtumn Courville, Antonio De Los Santos, Marie Djiondo, Ruth Gurney, Megan Hufault, Galen Kerr, Savannah LeBoeuf, Sean Moynagh, Nathan Pruitt, Erika Quesada, Tanner Renaud, Dalizbeth Rivera-Szczypien, Alex Rodriguez, Clarissa Rodriguez, Helen Salce, Orlando Santos, Natyarie Villanueva, Jaime Winetrout, Nicholas Wojciechowski, Casey Wood

Spencer: Victoria Ahaesy, Rebecca Beers, Ryan Beford, Emily Bourke, Brooke Breault, Matthew Brennan, Zachari Budano, Grace Diaz, Spenser Giorgio, Zachariah Jewell, Andrew Lochner, Melissa Luukko, William Marrier, Luz Mejia, Tanairy Mulero, Camella Sherry, Richard Whigham, Zachary White

Sturbridge: Brittney Huston, Matthew Krueger, Shannon Messina, Nelson Montesinos Guerrero, Jeannine Szumski

Sutton: Keith Biemiller, Anthony Campanelli, Nicholas Dame, Colin Erickson, Miranda Lemoine, Richard Swenson

Uxbridge: Elijah Boudreau, Michael Dumican, Jennifer Hunter, Ashley Kearnan, Tracie Murphy, Meagan Parker, Cory Rexford, Jessica Rice, Tiffany Wayland

West Brookfield: Kenai Adams, Katelyn Granger, Giana Tobin, William Walker, Ashley White

Whitinsville: Adam Dullea, Julia Klisiewicz, Phillip Maher, Emily Miller, Katie Sansoucy, Scott Santurri

Certificate Auburn: Stephen Acquista, Stephen Acquista, Bright Bremang, Brigid Campbell, Nancy Gatui, Par Kyar, Abigail Lloyd, Haley Rivers, Angel Rodriguez, Brian Smith, Andrew Sprague, Scott Williams Blackstone: Thomas Saladin Brimfield: Justin Baker, Amber Beaulieu, Brendan Gendreau, Michele Moseley, Nicole Reed Brookfield: Quintin Aubin, Justin Zielinski Charlton: Cristy Cayer Cherry Valley: David Howard

Dudley: Jamie Bowlin, Shawn Coltran, Geoffrey Crocker, Etleva Doko, Sean Ebbeling, Rebecca Geller, Samantha LaFleur, Jacob Oliveras, Sara Patrinos, Tiffany Sousa, Ashlynn Woodcock, Meroon Zahrah

East Brookfield: Nicole Boucher-Eccleston, Catherine Lamson, Lisa Renaud

East Douglas: Amy Ackerman, Jacob Masi, Nathan Milliken, Adam Parent Fiskdale: Jacob Smith Grafton: Paul Miller, Christopher Pinnock, Kaitlyn Wooten Holland: Kathleen Cable, Sherrie Gentile

Leicester: Sajed Chreim, Kaitlyn Dennison, Kassie Donais, Jillian Dube, Cassandra Gaines, Katelyn Jyringi, Scott Merrell, Linda Nguyen, Elizabeth Petursson

North Brookfield: Cassandra Chouinard, Dylan Masiello North Grafton: Kevin Barthelmes, Allison Chase, Melanie Dadah, Wanda Hendrix North Oxford: Jeannie Karwowski, Rebecca Smith Northbridge: Feliciano Carrasco, Christopher Corkum Oxford: Angelique Blash, Grace Hopkins, Christopher Kamau, Kevin Le, Michelle Lemieux, Patricia Walls Paxton: Jake Mannila, Brian Quinn Rochdale: Destinee Perez

Southbridge: Glennda Coates, Annemarie Darling, Annemarie Darling, Elaina Foscett, Tamara Lawrence, Hannah Lazo, Gerardo Melendez, Laura Morrison, Analis Pagan, Desiree Quinones, Stephanie Rivera, Dalizbeth Rivera-Szczypien, Sarah Schlegel, Natyarie Villanueva, Tonya Whiting

Spencer: Grace Diaz, Kyle Hallihan, Edwin Kithinji, William Marrier, Daniel Martinez, Juana Martinez, Ashley Morse, Joshua Staples, Katherine Stewart

Sturbridge: Nicholas Burt

Sutton: Taylor Belsito, Anthony Campanelli, Deth Chhun, Natalia Dominguez Carranza, Nicholas Jepsen, Patrick Keenan, Patrick Keenan, Jason Lاراia, Courtney Moscynski, Edison Sanango, Richard Swenson

Uxbridge: Bailey Bean, Michele Bernard, Ashley Kearnan, Ashley Kearnan, Mycala Labbe, Hailey Minichiello, Joseph Monahan, Meagan Parker

Webster: Lamidi Akibu, Magdalena Bal, Anthony Barnardo, Savannah Dumphy, Dereck Edith, Monica Gaithuma, Laura Hoey, Chauntel Martin, Solmary Medina, Jillian Morrow, Jorge Rivera, Veronica Sagal, Jenna Sarosi, Sara Soule, Rachel Taylor

West Brookfield: Caroline Burke, Britney Korman

Whitinsville: Matthew Curley, Jameson Murray

For more information on QCC, contact Josh Martin, Director of Institutional Communications at 508-854-7513 or jmartin@qcc.mass.edu.

SCHOOL

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The committee agreed, with Hurton recalling that some of his favorite memories came from taking his kids to concerts Baggett led (some of them at Insitute Park). Mike Makara praised Pion for his “dedication” by noting that although Makara isn’t an athletic parent, he’d see Pion at all kinds of other school events.

The board also praised graduating Student Representative Logan Paranto, with Goguen reading off a long list of athletic and academic honors he has accumulated over the eyars.

“We’ve had some amazing student representatives,” Hurton said, “and you’ve certainly maintained a very fine tradi-

tion.”

In more technical business, the committee also approved revisions to the three schools’ student handbooks. The most notable, for which some language revisions are still in process, was to Park Avenue’s transportation policy.

Because of “some situations where there were mishaps,” Principal Robin Parmley said her team wanted to stop having older students, including high schoolers, meet younger siblings at the bus. But Hurton expressed concern about that, noting that many working parents have to rely on “reasonable older siblings” or teenage babysitters to do so.

After some discussion, Parmley agreed to change the language to allow such meetings, pro-

vided the parents authorize them through the school’s office in writing. In the past, some of them were going through the bus drivers.

Additionally, Goguen announced the district is tentatively planning a “Senior Grads on Parade” event, featuring a drive-through BBQ, for June 6, with formal graduation ceremonies outdoors on the Bartlett field July 18. A video presentation of senior athletic and academic awards was recorded May 28 and is watchable on local cable and YouTube, but the award documents and plaques themselves will be distributed at graduation.

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

BALLOT

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and-dry affair, voters are still implored to cast their ballots as two questions will also be addressed. Question 1 will ask if the Town of Dudley will allow the exemption of the purchase of a 2019 Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper from the provisions of Proposition two and a half. The purchase of the sweeper earned unanimous approval during the fall annual town meeting in October of 2019. At that same meeting the Finance Authority recommended the purchase \$255,000 price tag be funded through borrowing.

The second question comes from the spring annual town meeting in May of 2018 where voters approved replacement and repair initiatives for the Dudley Municipal Center’s heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems. The question seeks to exempt the amount required to pay for the bond issued to fund the expenses associated with the project from the provisions of Proposition two and a half as well.

A full sample ballot for Dudley’s June 15 election can be found on the Town of Dudley Web site.

AUDIT

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review. Typically (the DSE) would also follow up with a site visit. Our site visit was due at the end of March so given the extended closure they have determined that with districts that were not at any type of an intervention risk that they would forgo those site visits for this particular year. They notified us a few weeks ago that our site visit was not going to happen. They felt they didn’t need to do one and they have enough docu-

mentation that we had submitted,” Allen said.

The Dudley Charlton Regional School District hit “met requirements” for all categories, the top tier for every section of the review. This means the district’s special education program was deemed efficient enough to be within state standards and requires no changes or recommendations from the DSE. Allen credited the staff and program and school leaders for helping maintain a program that could reach such high marks.

“I think that’s a great credit to our administra-

tors, to our special education coordinators and our special education staff and to our teachers who really, in addition to caring for the kids, are conscientious about those timelines and the legal requirements as well. I think we have a great department to be proud of for all their work on behalf of the students,” said Allen.

While the School Committee were quick to compliment Allen on her contributions to the success of the department she humbly stated that it was a “team effort.”

PLAN

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Ruda said.

Phase 1 will see not only businesses re-open their doors but also certain recreational and public places reopen as well. Dudley is home to several outdoor recreation areas like the town beach and rail trails neither of which are expected to create major concerns for enforcement in Dudley. The governor’s beach re-openings only apply to state beaches, and the Dudley town beach would be closed in May regardless due to water testing. The rail trail has remained open through the pandemic. Even as regulations start to loosen the town is hoping residents respect the recommendations to avoid larger congregations.

“The ‘10 person’ restriction remains in place, so the beach and other recreational areas will remain under consideration and monitored as conditions change,” Ruda said. “As always, our police department and public health officials will intervene, on a case-by-case basis, and with an emphasis on warning and education, as required. Should that be insufficient, we trust in the discretion of those public officials to take the appropriate actions.”

Phase 1 of the re-opening plan is expected to last until mid- to late-June and will encompass the dates for both Dudley’s town election and annual town meeting. According to Ruda plans have been

drawn up for both events through the Town Clerk’s Office using guidelines from the Secretary of State, Attorney General’s Office and neighboring town strategies.

“Although we will be close to the end of phase 1 of the governor’s reopening plan, we will still require the same social distancing, use of a mask or face covering and adherence to small gatherings guidance that is currently in place,” Ruda explained. “Traffic in and out of the Town Hall on voting day will be directed, sanitized pens will be used, and sanitized after each use, and to maintain social distancing, there will be one way in to vote and one way out, plexiglass will be in place, we will have routes marked out for those in line with distancing indicators. For the Town Meeting, the plan will include similar measures for social distancing, and we will likely be introducing the use of hand-held voting tabulators and electronic check-in to limit the need for vote counters to mill through the Town Meeting to count votes. This is a major change from the way we have conducted elections and Town Meetings in the past, but our Town Clerk and Board of Selectmen are committed to safely securing the ability of Dudley voters to exercise their rights as citizens.”

While Ruda said he and others would have appreciated more advanced warning from Gov. Baker’s office about the reopening strategy, it

feels good to see the “light at the end of the tunnel.” He said Dudley will continue to adapt as it has throughout the entire pandemic and credited the entire town for their perseverance, diligence, and patience during what has been a truly unprecedented time in modern history.

“Our government on every level has asked citizens to stay at home, to stop going to work. It’s asked business owners to stop producing, serving and manufacturing. It’s asked kids to stop going to school, and parents to isolate grandparents — government has closed-down public participation in public meetings. It’s closed down universal medical and dental services and banned families from visiting sick loved ones. Government has asked law enforcement to walk a very fine line when it comes to impinging-upon constitutional rights and restricted interstate travel. Dudley residents have, largely, agreed to follow those restrictions for the good of the community and the country,” said Ruda. “Had residents chosen not to do so, management of this crisis at the local level would have been impossible. My assessment of how Dudley managed through this crisis over the past few months is that it has managed well, and it is due entirely to the cooperation of the community. I am very grateful. In terms of our staff, there’s none better.”

Boost your landscape’s curb appeal in one weekend

Create a front garden that is sure to boost your mood and welcome visitors all year round. All you need is one weekend and a bit of paint, flowers, décor and edging material to boost your landscape’s curb appeal.

Add a splash of color by painting your front door. Look for colors that complement your home’s siding and the surrounding landscape. Then add a seasonal wreath or other door decoration. A wreath of seed packets in the spring, succulents or silk flowers in summer, dried materials in fall and greens in winter add seasonal interest to your home. Visitors will look forward to the change of seasons marked by your door’s décor.

Add a few containers at the front entrance. Select a color and size that complements your home’s size and architecture style. Reduce maintenance with self-watering containers that extend the time between watering. Further your enjoyment with solar-illuminated planters powered by the sun to add a magical glow to the landscape as the sun sets.

Define planting beds and create a finished look with edging. Use a sharp shovel to dig a V-shaped trench around small

garden beds or employ the help of an edging machine for larger areas. Fill the trench with mulch to create a mowing edge and keep weeds out.

Or boost the aesthetic appeal and further define the space with edging materials like the Stomp Edge. This easy-to-install edging material is made from recycled rubber and only requires a few hand tools and minimal time to install.

Keep unruly plants out of the lawn or off walkways while defining the garden space with decorative garden edging. You can keep it simple with Gardener’s Supply Company’s Stratford Edge Irons that mimic the edging found in Shakespeare’s garden in Stratford England. Or add an artistic flare with a more decorative edging like the Nocturne Border Edging.

Weed garden beds to improve the overall appearance and health of garden plants. Weeds not only compete with your desirable plants for water and nutrients, but many are hosts for insect pests and diseases that can harm your desirable plants.

Once weeded, spread a one- to three-inch layer of organic mulch like shredded leaves,

evergreen needles or woodchips over the soil surface. The finer the material, the thinner the layer of mulch needed. Organic mulch helps conserve moisture, suppress weeds and improve the soil as it breaks down. Select a mulch that is aesthetically pleasing and won’t overwhelm the beauty of the plants.

Keep mulch off tree trunks, shrubs, stems and crowns of perennial and annual plants. Covering stems and plant crowns can lead to root rot and other problems that can negatively impact the plants’ health and longevity.

Freshen existing wood mulch by lightly tilling or raking, so the darker mulch below the surface moves to the top. Avoid over mulching. It is a waste of money and can be harmful to your plants.

Make it a fun weekend by mixing in some tasty treats or a barbecue once the work is done. As you enjoy the benefits of your weekend’s efforts, you’ll be anxious to start tackling those bigger landscape tasks.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses “How to Grow

Anything” DVD series and the Melinda’s Garden Moment TV & radio segments. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds

& Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Gardener’s Supply for her expertise to write this article. Her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.



Courtesy

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LEGALS

A.C. 92A Commonwealth of Massachusetts 20E0033PP Worcester, ss. Probate Court

To Sengsouvanmy Bounphasaysonh and Joseph Bounphasaysonh both of Southbridge in the County of Worcester and to all persons interested. A petition has been presented to said Court by US Bank Trust N.A. As Trustee for LSF10 Master Participation Trust State of Oklahoma City in the County Of Oklahoma

representing that they hold as tenant in common undivided part or share of certain land lying in Southbridge in said County Worcester and briefly described as follows: Exhibit A The land in Southbridge, Worcester County Massachusetts, with the buildings thereon and all privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging situated on the northwesterly side of Fiske Street and bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a masonry spike in the ground on the northwesterly sideline of Fiske Street, said spike marking the southeasterly corner of land now or formerly of Patrick Henry Moriarty: THENCE S. 50° 17' W. along the northwesterly sideline of Fiske Street, 79.17 feet to an iron pipe in the ground; THENCE N. 43° 59' W. along land now or formerly of Rene Mendes et ux, 67.27 feet to an iron pipe in the ground; THENCE N. 14° 44' E. along other land of said Mendes, now or formerly, 26.35 feet to an iron pipe in the ground; THENCE N. 49° 36' W. along other land of said Mendes, now or formerly, 27.60 feet to an iron pipe in the ground; THENCE N. 41° 47' E. along other land of said Mendes, now or formerly, 51.17 feet to an iron pipe in the ground at said Moriarty land; THENCE N. 48° 00' E. along said land of said Moriarty, 118.4 feet to the point of beginning.

Being the same premises conveyed to me by deed of Khambao Savankham and Lek Sengmany dated Juky 19, 1990 and recorded at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds on July 24, 1990 in Book 12907. Page 268. setting forth that they desire that all the aforesaid described part of said land may be sold at private sale for not less than \$210,00.000 dollars, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which th Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Worcester before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the ninth day of June 2020, the return date of this citation.

Witness, LEILAH A. KEAMY, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixth day of May 2020.
Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
May 15, 2019
May 22, 2020
May 29, 2020

LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Kristen M. Joyce w/s/a Kristen Joyce to National City Mortgage Co., dated July 23, 2004 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 34197, Page 86 (the “Mortgage”) of which mortgage U.S. Bank Trust, N.A. as Trustee for Waterfall Victoria Grantor Trust II, Series G is the present holder by Assignment from PNC Bank, National Association, successor in interest to National City Real Estate Services, LLC successor by merger to National City Mortgage, Inc., formerly known as National City Mortgage Co. to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development dated March 4, 2014 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 52662, Page 176, and Assignment from Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to Kondaur Capital Corporation, as Separate Trustee of Matawin Ventures Trust Series 2013-2 dated March 13, 2014 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 52662, Page 178, and Assignment from Kondaur Capital Corporation, as Separate Trustee of Matawin Ventures Trust Series 2013-2 to NNPL Trust Series 2012-1, A Delaware Statutory Trust c/o Christiana Trust, a division of Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB dated June 1, 2018 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 58934, Page 292, and Assignment from Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB d/b/a Christiana Trust, not in its individual capacity but solely as Certificate Trustee for NNPL Trust Series 2012-1, A Delaware Statutory Trust to Waterfall Victoria Grantor Trust II, Series G, A Delaware Statutory Trust dated April 4, 2018 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 58934, Page 296, and Assignment from Waterfall Victoria Grantor Trust II, Series G, A Delaware Statutory Trust to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A. as Trustee for Waterfall Victoria Grantor Trust II, Series G dated February 7, 2019 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 60202, Page 283, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 17 Southbridge Road, Unit 2 a/k/a 17-2 Southbridge Road, of the Dudley Place Condominium, Dudley, MA 01571 will be sold at a Public Auction at 11:00 AM on June 17, 2020, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land with the buildings and improvements thereon known as and numbered Unit 2, Dudley Place Condominium, 17 Southbridge Road, Dudley, MA 01571. Master Deed recorded in Book 10253, Page 373 with undivided interest therein. Subject to restrictions, easements and documents of record, if any, insofar as same are now in force and applicable, and to real estate taxes and assessments not yet due and payable, which by acceptance and recording of this deed the grantee assumes.

Being the same premises conveyed to CJP Construction, Inc., by deed of Small Commercial Properties Corporation, II, dated January 8, 1999 and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 20924, Page 204. For title reference, see also a deed from Wilmington Trust Company, as Trustee, but not in its individual capacity, for RTC Mortgage Trust 1994N-3/S, a Delaware business trust, to Small Commercial Properties, Corporation II recorded in the same Registry in Book 20111, Page 320.

This conveyance does not represent all or substantially all of the assets of CJP Construction, Inc.

Being the same premises as conveyed with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 27378, Page 277.

For mortgagor’s title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 34197, Page 84.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier’s or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee’s attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

U.S. Bank Trust, N.A. as Trustee for Waterfall Victoria Grantor Trust II, Series G
Korde & Associates, P.C.
900 Chelmsford Street
Suite 3102
Lowell, MA 01851
(978) 256-1500
Joyce, Kristen M., 19-036150
May 22, 2020
May 29, 2020
June 5, 2020

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given by Bonnette’s Automotive, Inc., 456 Main St., Oxford, MA 01540 pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.255, Section 39A, that on 06/12/2020 @ 5:00PM at: Bonnette’s Automotive, Inc 456 Main Street Oxford, MA 01540

The following motor vehicles will be sold at a private sale to satisfy the Garage Keeper’s Lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicles.

Description of vehicles:
Vehicle: VIN# 1N4AL21E77C226794, 2007 Nissan Altima, 9DN421/MA Owner: Michelle Vega, 200 Orchard Hill Dr, Oxford, MA 01540
Vehicle: VIN# JTDBT4K31A1360758, 2010 Toyota Yaris, AP49785/CT Owner: Tina Marie Murray, 21 Grove St, Putnam, CT 06260
Vehicle: VIN# 1N4AL11DX2C239548, 2002 Nissan Altima, No Reg Owner: Jeffrey McLean, 185 Old Webster Rd, Oxford, MA, 01540
Vehicle: VIN# 5FN9YF4H98EB042081, 2014 Honda Pilot, 7BE983/MA Owner: Eric Rios, 46 Coombs St Apt 2, Southbridge, MA 01550
Vehicle: VIN# JTLKT324650211149, 2005 Scion xB, No Reg Owner: Francoise Pierre, 70 Preston St, Marlborough, MA 01752
Vehicle: VIN# JM1GJ1V67E1152275, 2014 Mazda 6, 4KH883/ MA Owner: Oscar Ucher, 45 Millbury St A#9, Worcester, MA 01610
Vehicle: VIN# 1N6D26Y11C368980, 2001 Nissan Frontier, No Reg Owner: Nathaniel Mcpartlen, 164 Grove St, Clinton, MA 01510
This notice has been given under the provisions of G.L. c255, Section 39A
May 22,2020
May 29, 2020
June 5, 2020

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners Public Hearing for Water Sewer Rate Increases Wednesday June 3, 2020 @ 6:30pm via Facebook Live

Pursuant to Governor Baker’s March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, this meeting of the Dudley Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners will be conducted in total or in part via remote participation. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting can be found on the Town’s website, at dudleyma.gov. For this meeting, members of the public who wish to watch the meeting may do so in the following manner: Via Town of Dudley Facebook page and/or posted link at dudleyma.gov following the meeting. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means.

The Public Meeting can be viewed on Facebook Live at the posted time and date. To participate in the public meeting you must email watersewer@dudleyma.gov or call Jennifer at 508-949-8007 prior to June 3rd at 12:00 noon, and a Zoom invitation with a password will be emailed to you prior to the start of the meeting and upon verification of residency. If you have a question relative to the topic during the Public Hearing please post a comment during the meeting on Facebook Livestream and it will be read by a member of the Board of Water Sewer Commissioners or other staff member.

May 29, 2020

OBITUARIES

Allen E. Wright, 73



BROOKFIELD - Allen E. "Rocky" Wright, 73, passed away on Monday, April 6, 2020, in the comfort of his home with a long-time friend and caregiver, Cheryl Hague by his side, after a long battle with cancer.

Rocky is survived by his wife, Joyce; four sons, Allen Bunnell, Robert Bunnell, Marc Bunnell and Steven Wright; his brother, Richard Wright; stepchildren, Christine Chausse, Lorraine Chausse and Marc Chausse, Sr.; grandchildren, Paige Marsh (Little Rock) who spent many days helping Rocky fight his battle with cancer, along with her father, Warren Marsh, who helped with his rides to and from visits to Dana Farber Hospital, Gary Bunnell, his right arm from Bellingham, Mark Chausse, Jr., Tony Chausse, and James and Mark; great-grandchildren, Mason, son of Ryan and Paige, Makailyn, son of Mark Chausse, Jr. of Webster, Aryhanna, James Jr., Brandon, Marc, children of James Bunnell of California, Kyle, Kimberly, Damien, Violet Jayden, children of Gary Bunnell, Christine, Khiana, and Patrick, children of Allen

Bunnell, and many nieces and nephews.

He is also survived by his extensive family in Hopkinton. A very close friend, Keith Hevy, who spent every day with Rocky giving him the support he so needed, and Cathy Bunnell of Medfield whom he was close to. He was predeceased by his daughters, Kim Brunell, and Donna Kiellon, who were the loves of his life, and left too soon, as well as his younger brother, George.

He was born in Framingham, son of the late George and Pearl (Lowther) Wright, and spent most of his life in Hopkinton. Rocky was known for his sense of humor and laughter among friends. He had a passion for horses, motorcycles, operating heavy equipment, and owning as well as driving his tractor trailer.

Rocky was a member of the Brookfield Rod and Gun Club, Spencer Fish and Game, Chooch's, and the West Warren Fraternal Order of Eagles Club.

A gathering in Rocky's memory will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in his name to Dana Farber Hospital at danafarber.jimmyfund.org or 450 Brookline Avenue, Boston, MA 02215.

Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., in West Brookfield is assisting his family with arrangements.

Ernest P. "Nesti" Checka, 85



SOUTHBRIDGE- Ernest P. "Nesti" Checka, 85, of Main St., passed away on Saturday, May 23rd, in the Harrington Memorial Hospital, Southbridge, after a brief illness.

He leaves his six children, Karin Checka, Kevin Checka, Joel Checka, Jonathan Checka and his spouse Jennifer Tenczar, Jason Checka and Justin Checka all of Southbridge; his brother, Philip Checka of SC; two sisters, Clara Angelo of Webster and Helen Maddron of Virginia Beach; four grandchildren, Brendan Baxter, Samantha Checka, Jason Checka, Jr., Dylan Checka; and several nieces and nephews.

He was born in Southbridge the son of Thomas and Olga (Robo) Checka.

Ernest was a Korean War Veteran having served in the US Navy. He was employed by American Optical company for many years he also worked for the Town of Southbridge.

Nesti enjoyed bowling, fishing, metal detecting and all sports especially his

beloved Patriots. He was a history buff and enjoyed collecting coins and stamps. He also enjoyed cooking, nature and animals. He had a wonderful sense of humor and loved a good joke.



Nesti took great pride in his community and enjoyed socializing at the Elm Center and Dunkin Donuts, but above all his greatest pride and joy was his family. He was a sweet, loving and caring Father and Grandfather and will be sadly missed.

A private graveside service for Ernest in Oak Ridge cemetery will be held at a later date. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, 1359 Broadway Suite 1509, New York, NY 10018.

Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St. Southbridge is directing the arrangements.

www.morrillfuneralhome.com

Debra M. Haire, 68



DUDLEY - DUDLEY - Debra M. (Greene) Haire, 68, died Sunday, May 17, 2020 at home with her family at her side. Her husband of over 20 years, Harold Haire, died in 2004. Her first husband, Donald F.

Decker, died on May 11.

She leaves 3 children, Timothy D. Decker and his wife Kathy of Worcester, Dorothy A. Lavallee and her husband Steven of Webster, and Ronald D. Decker and his wife Joyce with whom she lived and who took care of her for the last 15 years; 9 grandchildren, Joshua Decker and his wife Ashley, Tia Decker, Nicole Lambert, Thaddeus Decker and his wife Samantha, Zachary Decker, Steven Lavallee, Victoria Lavallee, Timothy Gustafson and Brittany Decker; 2 great-grandsons, Stacey and Cameron Decker (she was looking forward to the birth of a 3rd great-grandchild in June); a brother, James Greene and his wife Lucille of Sturbridge; a sister, Linda Decker and her husband Paul of Dudley; a sister-in-law, Donna Greene of Worcester; a stepson, Calvin Haire of Douglas and his ex-wife Lisa Hafford and their children, Shannon Heuklom, Julie Roberts, Maggie Heuklom, Benjamin Haire and Haylee Haire; nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brother Jon Greene in 2016, by her step-grandson Corey Heuklom, oand by her beloved doberman Scarlet, by her lab Jewel and by her pug Jazz Marie.

She was born on September 18, 1951 in Worcester and raised in Leicester, the youngest child of Delbert and Marjorie (Strout) Greene. She attended Leicester High School and was a proud member of the drum corps.

Mrs. Haire was a telephone operator at Nichols College and later a bartender at both Waterfront Mary's and the Webster Fish and Game. She worked for 25 years as a subrogation representative at Commerce Group Insurance, retiring in 2012.

"Nana" doted on her grandchildren and others who called her "Nana." She loved living on Hayden Pond, the scene of many family gatherings and lake activities for the family. She was also a fan of the Boston Red Sox and the Boston Celtics but she especially liked watching the New England Patriots with her son Ron. She liked playing Trivial Pursuit and on-line games, visiting the casino and watching NCIS and having her daily Dunkin' Donuts "large iced mocha regular." Her grandchildren and great-grandsons were the light of her life.

Debra's family would like to express their sincere gratitude to the VNA Hospice and in particular to her nurse and friend Paulette for the wonderful care she received since last December.

Her funeral will be held at a later date to be announced. Donations in her memory may be made to Worcester Animal Rescue League, 139 Holden Street, Worcester, MA 01606. Arrangements are under the direction of Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 E. Main Street, Webster. www.scanlonfs.com

William J. Dion, 71



OXFORD - William J. Dion, 71, formerly of Spruce Street, died Friday, May 22, 2020, at St. Francis Home in Worcester, after a long illness.

He is survived by his brother, Robert E. Dion Jr. and his wife Kathleen of Auburn; his sister, Christine A. Zorn of Oxford; two nephews and two nieces, David, Matthew, Jennifer, and Dawn; several great nieces and nephews, Parker, Camden, Phalen, Charlotte, Saya, and Amanda. He was predeceased by his beloved dog, Rotknee. He was born in Worcester, son of the late Robert E. and Elizabeth D. (Robillard) Dion, and was a life-long resident of Oxford. He graduated from Oxford High School in 1966 and

received his bachelor's degree in biology from Worcester State College in 1970. He played baseball for Worcester State College.

Mr. Dion worked at Sweet Life in Northboro for many years, retiring in 1992. He also worked at several local supermarkets. He served two tours in the Peace Corps in Malaysia. He loved fishing and was happiest when he was on the lake. He enjoyed tropical fish and spending time at the casino.

A private graveside service will be held at St. Roch's Cemetery in Oxford. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverly Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA 02452. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements. paradisfuneralhome.com

Warren Williams, 76



WEBSTER - Warren Williams, 76, died Monday May 18, 2020 at home, surrounded by his family, after an illness.

He leaves his wife of 51 years, Patricia A. "Patty" (Fijal) Williams; 3 daughters, Jennifer W. Looney and her husband William G. of Dudley, Kellie M. Bennett and her husband Scott of Thompson, CT, and Brenda J. Williams of Webster; 4 grandchildren, Katerina A. and Andre D. Looney, and Luke R. and Skyler Bennett; his mother-in-law, Anna B. (Tryba) Fijal; sister-in-law, Barbara (Fijal) Kryger; nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his sister, Carol Anne Williams.

He was born on July 18, 1943 in Worcester, the son of Frank A. and Pauline (Hall) Williams and was raised in Auburn. He graduated from Auburn High School in 1962.

Mr. Williams first worked as a car detailer for Cross and Bracchi Auto in Auburn. He was a heavy equipment operator for J.E. Murray Construction in Auburn for over 25 years, then again for Steve Turnbloom Construction. He worked as a mail courier for Commerce Insurance for 10 years, retiring in 2008.

Warren was an avid golfer and enjoyed being outdoors and working in his yard. His greatest treasure was the time he spent with his family.

The family would like to thank the nurses from Care Central VNA & Hospice for their care and compassion during this difficult time, And in particular his nurse Tara.

There are no services planned. Donations in his name may be made to Care Central VNA & Hospice, Inc., 34 Pearly Lane, Gardner, MA 01440. Arrangements are under the direction of Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main Street, Webster. www.scanlonfs.com

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OBITUARIES

Richard Dean DeBarge, 62



OXFORD – Richard Dean DeBarge, 62, of Main Street, died unexpectedly on Friday, May 22, 2020. He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Debra J. (Laurinitis) DeBarge of Oxford; two sons, James Dean DeBarge of Middletown, CT, and Matthew Tyler DeBarge of Worcester; two brothers, Raymond Michael DeBarge and his fiancée Wendy Virgadaula of Middletown, CT, and Ronald Francis DeBarge and his wife Victoria of Wethersfield, CT; his granddaughter, Tessa Pollard-DeBarge of Middletown, CT; and his special cousins, Joan and Rick, Carol, Bobby, and Noy. He was predeceased by his sister, Cathy DeBarge who died in 2014. He was born in Leominster, son of the late Raymond Richard and Theresa Irene (Campbell) DeBarge. He graduated from Vinal Technical High School

in Middletown, CT, in 1976, and attended Thames Valley Technical College. Mr. DeBarge worked at Pratt & Whitney for 31 years. He was a devoted member of Adams Square Baptist Church in Worcester. Church was everything to him and he will be greatly missed by his church family and dear friend and pastor Kris Casey. He enjoyed trivia and was a fan of the New England sports teams. He was a true family man – his family meant everything to him. Due to gathering restrictions in Massachusetts, a private visitation will be held for his family. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date at the Adams Square Baptist Church in Worcester. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Livingstone Foundation, P.O. Box 52, Leominster MA 01453. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements. paradisfuneralhome.com

Walter A. Kardokas, 75

NORTH BROOKFIELD- Walter A. Kardokas, 75, of Oakham Rd., passed away peacefully Thursday, May 21 at his home. He leaves his sisters Marion M. Campbell and Frances K. Everson, And several nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his sisters Lillian Sinclair in 2016 Mildred Booth in 1987 and his brother Joseph Kardokas in 1985. Walter worked at the Southern

Worcester County Rehab Center in Webster for many years. Born in Worcester, he was the son of Anthony and Bernadine (Daigneault) Kardokas. Burial was in St. John’s Cemetery, Worcester. Please omit flowers. MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St., Leicester is assisting the family with arrangements. www.morinfuneralhomes.com

Richard M Foley, 53



Richard M Foley, age 53, of Dudley died unexpectedly at his home on Saturday, May 16, 2020. Richard was born October 14, 1966 in Worcester, MA. He is the son of Francis J and Judith M (Pepi) Foley. He is survived by his wife of 27 years Beth (Moynihan) Foley one son: Patrick J Foley of Dudley, MA; his father Francis and mother Judith (Pepi) Foley; of Wells ME one sister: Kathleen Murphy and her husband Michael of Chelmsford, nephews and nieces Timothy, Peter and Charlotte Moynihan, Kevin, Cameron and Megan Murphy, Matthew and Lily Wilson and many extended family and friends. Richard graduated from St. Peter Marian High School in Worcester and received his bachelors degree from Keene State College . He was employed by Certuse as an Insurance Adjuster.

He was a devoted husband to Beth and so proud to be a father to Patrick who recently celebrated his graduation from Bryant University. He developed a love of travel and hiking on his many family vacations growing up, took many wonderful vacations with Beth and Patrick, loved sports and was an avid golfer. A Mass of Christian burial was held Wednesday May 20th at 11 AM St. Anthony Of Padua Church, 24 Dudley Hill Rd. Dudley Burial followed in St. Anthony Of Padua Cemetery in Webster. Calling hours are May 20th Wednesday Morning from 9:30 to 10:30 with covid restrictions and social distancing in place . You must wear a mask and be invited by the family. Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel 33 Schofield Dudley is directing arrangements. Richards video tribute and guest book can be viewed at www.bartelfuneralhome.com

Martha Belle Canterbury, 73



WEBSTER – Martha Belle (Hanson) Canterbury, 73, of Hillside Avenue, died on Tuesday, May 19, 2020, at UMass Memorial Medical Center – University Campus in Worcester. She was predeceased by her husband, Mont Richardson Canterbury Sr. who died in 1975; and her brother Alfred Moody. She is survived by her daughter, Corinda A. Robinson and her fiancé Walter Scott of Florida; her son, Mont Richardson Canterbury Jr. and his wife Dawn of Webster; her brother, Clark Hanson of Asbury, WV; two grandchildren, Mikeala Elizabeth Canterbury of Webster and Shane Robinson of Southbridge; her great-grandson, Julien Michael Jones of Webster; several nieces and nephews, including but not limited to

Ruth Anne Hanson and her partner Andrew Brooks of Lewisburg, WV, Clark “Luther” Hanson and his wife Laurie of New Market, TN, and Teresa Adkins and her husband Anthony and their children of Hinton, WV; beloved family and friends including special family members Jean and John Moody of Webster with whom she lived, and Wade and Miss Betty Robinson of Worcester. She was born in Asbury, WV, daughter of the late Harve Luther and Nellie Gray (Moody) Hanson, and lived in Asbury, WV, before moving to Webster in 1978. Mrs. Canterbury worked at Stevens Linen in Dudley for over 10 years. She loved gardening, flowers, coffee, cigarettes, and especially spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandson. Private services will be held at a later date. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements. paradisfuneralhome.com

St. Joseph School hosts virtual prayer service



St. Joseph School Kindergarten Student, John Thomas Belander, holds up a sign asking God to Bless his teachers.

your parents? Have you been mean to your brothers or sisters? And, have you neglected your schoolwork?” Then, all participants in the virtual prayer service recited the Act of Contrition. The virtual event concluded with a special video presentation that all students, faculty, and staff were asked to participate in by submitting prayer requests and prayers of thanks. Submissions included prayer requests for family members affected by COVID-19 or those that have passed away, while others prayed for health care providers, truckers delivering supplies, people with medical deficiencies who don’t have easy access to health care at this time, and those who are lonely and sad. Other prayers included teachers praying for their students, students praying for strength and patience for their teachers, and requests for guidance so we may continue to do God’s will for the good of all His people. The video brought many to tears. Some cried because of the pandemic, while others cried tears of thanks for the opportunity to see the school together again in prayer. St. Joseph School will continue to utilize virtual events to encourage and support its community and share the St. Joseph School experience with others. On Monday, May 11 at 6:30 p.m., St. Joseph School invites current families as well as families interested in learning more about our Preschool through First Grade programs to join faculty and staff at a Virtual Open House. Please call 508-943-0378 or email info@sjs-webster.com for more information. To view the Virtual Prayer Service video presentation, please visit www.sjs-webster.com.

WEBSTER — On Friday, May 1, the St. Joseph School community came together for a First Friday Virtual Prayer Service to honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The prayer service was the first school-wide, virtual event, and it was a huge success! The Prayer Service began with a welcome from Principal Michael Hackenson, followed by Fourth Grade instructor Sr. Jeanne Marie Akalski explaining the history of the devotion attributed to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, who was born in France in 1647. Sr. Jeanne explained, “At the age of nine, she (Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque) received her First Holy Communion but shortly after that she fell ill and could not walk. After four years of suffering, she was cured when she prayed to the Blessed Virgin Mary to intercede for her. She became a Visitation Nun and Jesus appeared to her, asking her to spread devotion to His Sacred Heart.” Then, as the participants watched attentively, Sr. Jeanne asked all the students and faculty to continue the beau-

tiful devotion of honoring Jesus on each First Friday. The Opening Hymn, “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” began playing and the words “Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise Him above Ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost” flashed on the participants’ screens. When the song ended, Sr. Mary Ann Papiez, St. Joseph School Religion Instructor for 5th – 8th Grade students, recited a verse from St. Paul’s letter to the Ephesians, Chapter 4, verse 32: “Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.” After the scripture reading , Sr. Jeanne asked everyone to look at the Heart of Jesus and notice the thorns circling the Heart. “The thorns represent our sins by which we hurt Jesus and sometimes we forget how our actions offend the Sacred Heart,” she explained. She asked the students several questions including, “Have you disobeyed

Jason R. Bachand, 41



OXFORD – Jason R. Bachand, 41, of West Street, passed away on Saturday, May 16, 2020, in his home. He is survived by his mother, Joanne S. (Kozlcz) Bachand of Oxford; his sister, Danielle R. Feldman and her husband Jeremy of Southbridge; many loving aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was predeceased by his father, Ronald A. Bachand who died on March 17, 2020.

He was born in Worcester and lived for several years in Severna Park, MD, where he spent his happiest times with the love of his life, Kara Landry. Jason was a gifted tattoo artist at Ink Life Tattoo Studio in Maryland for several years. He was an extremely talented portrait artist and loved to draw and paint using different mediums. A private funeral Mass will be held at St. Ann’s Church in North Oxford at a later date. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements. paradisfuneralhome.com

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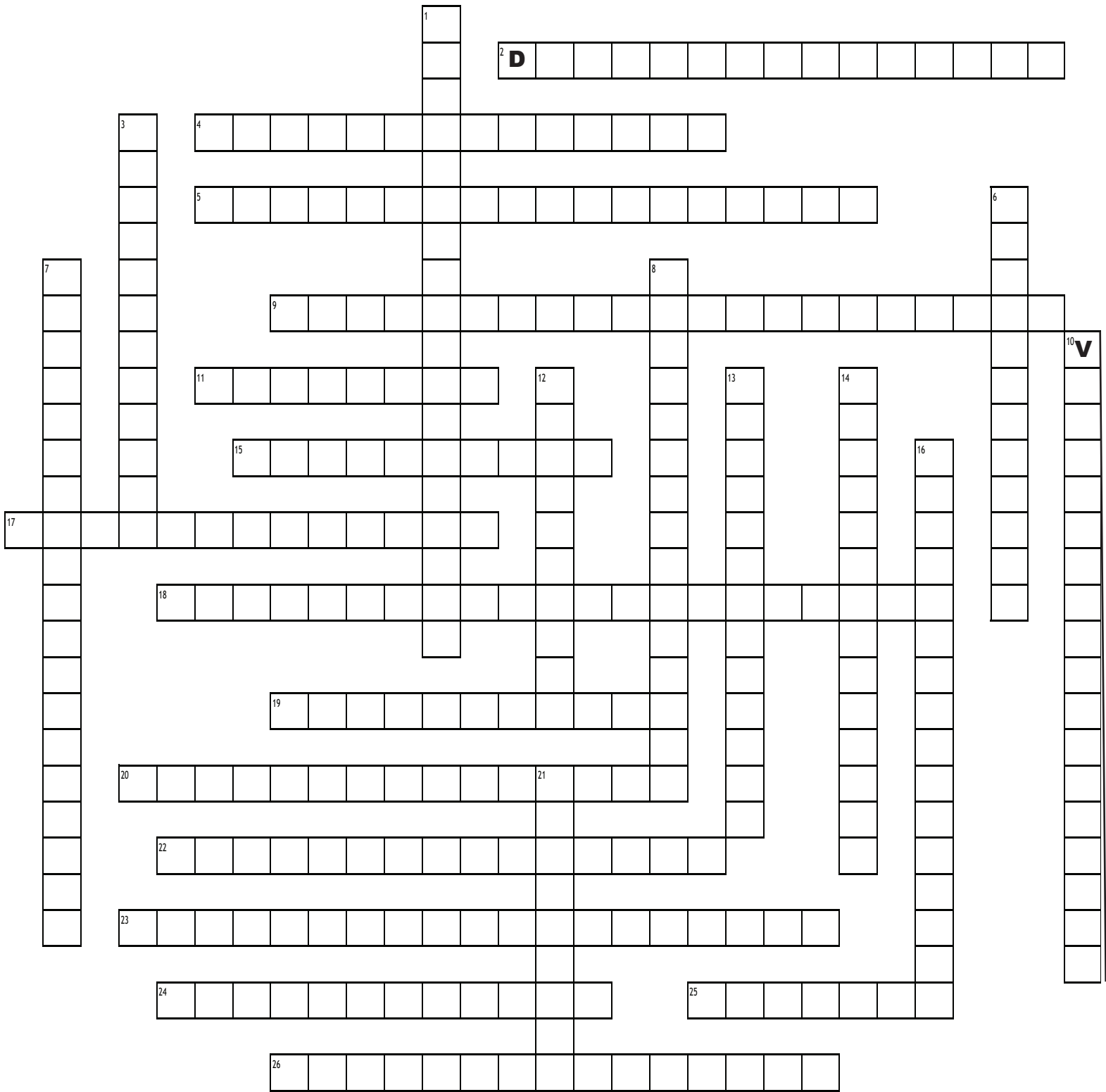
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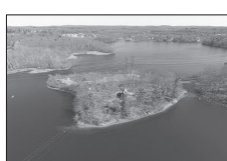
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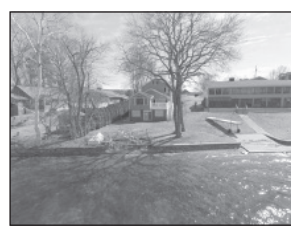
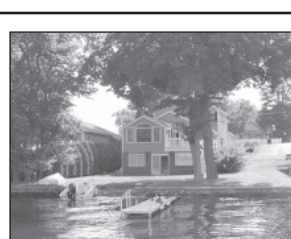
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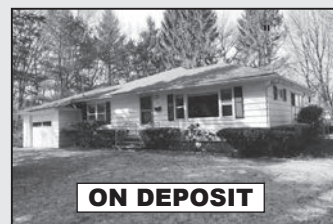
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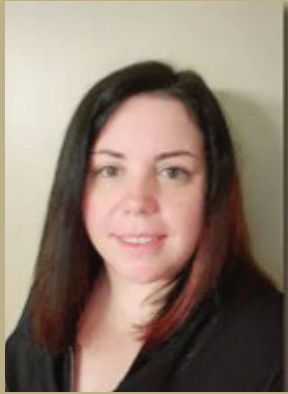
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