

# WEBSTER TIMES

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## DESE orders masking in schools

BY GUS STEEVES  
CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD – Sometimes, events at the state level supersede what local officials choose.

In early August, the School Committee heard from a pair of parents urging against a mask mandate within the schools and in favor of keeping it as parental choice. The School Committee essentially agreed, noting they had not voted on the issue either way, but were watching it closely.

On Aug. 25, the state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education authorized Commissioner Jeff Riley to require masking, and his order calls for all public school students over age 5, staff and visitors “to wear masks indoors” but not outdoors “until at least Oct 1.” The rule applies to buses, indoor sports and other things, but also allows for mask breaks and exceptions for musical instruments, and

puts the onus for discipline on the district.

“After Oct. 1, 2021, if a school demonstrates a vaccination rate of 80 percent or more of students and staff in the school, then vaccinated individuals in that school would no longer be subject to the DESE mask requirement,” Riley’s order states.

The state mandate prompted the Committee to cancel a planned public forum on the issue.

Back on Aug. 9, Sarah Baribeau told the committee she was considering homeschooling both of her children because she opposed mandating both masks and vaccination, although one child wants to return to school. She expressed concern about skin and lung issues from masking and “social problems when they can’t understand, can’t learn when they can’t see lips.”

She also argued the Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention website stated the “Delta variant is inconsequential.” While it may have at one time, that was not the case as of Aug. 26. Then, CDC said Delta “was more infectious and was leading to increased transmissibility when compared with other variants, even in some vaccinated individuals” and had become “the predominant variant in the United States.”

In early August, the committee and new Superintendent Michael Lucas were still awaiting state guidance; at the time masks were “strongly recommended” but not required, as they had been last school year, Lucas noted. He said the district was planning for all students to be in school in person, but also expected a DESE mask mandate.

According to Head Nurse Amy Grniet, who

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## Dudley selectmen approve CDBG applications

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – The Dudley Board of Selectmen held a public hearing providing further insight into a pair of projects that could be funded through the Fiscal Year 2021 Community Development Block Grant.

Andrew Loew of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission joined selectmen on Aug. 23

for a brief public hearing where he presented the details of two project applications for CDBG funding for the current fiscal year. The first will see a continuation of a previous CDBG project, the Jericho-Brandon Infrastructure Project.

“This would be First Avenue between Brandon Road and George Street. That’s a project that has come out of the Jericho-Brandon Infrastructure Plan – It would be the

first step of implementing that plan,” said Loew.

The Jericho-Brandon Infrastructure Project is a much-discussed initiative that also utilized funding from the 2019 round of CDBG funding. The project involves design and construction of infrastructure improvements in the area of Brandon Road and the Jericho neighborhood of Dudley including new water mains, sewer

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## Webster seniors celebrate at Sheriff’s Senior Picnic



Courtesy

Dan and Ruthie Valeri of Webster pictured with Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis, were among the attendees at the Sheriff’s Annual Senior Picnic held recently on Aug. 21 at SAC Park in Shrewsbury.

SHREWSBURY — Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis had the distinct pleasure of hosting more than 1,000 senior citizens in 600 vehicles from throughout Worcester County for the Sheriff’s Annual Senior Picnic held on Saturday, Aug. 21 at SAC Park in Shrewsbury. The Sheriff’s picnic has become a highly anticipated and beloved annual event for the county’s senior community and drew another record crowd.

“As Sheriff, hosting the senior picnic

is one of the great days of the year. Unable to do it last year due to Covid, we were determined to put on a safe picnic that would bring everyone together to celebrate. We were able to pull off a first of its kind drive-through picnic. People had such a wonderful time. I am so grateful to our volunteers and all the seniors who came out and made the day so special,” said Evangelidis.

The drive through picnic was sponsored by the Worcester County Reserve

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## Dudley officials discuss flooding on Mason Road

Courtesy

West main Street adjacent to Mason Road is flooded during heavy rainfall on Aug. 19 in Dudley.

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – Town officials are responding to complaints from commuters and residents concerning flooding that occurred on Thursday, Aug. 19 in the area of Mason Road with ongoing roadwork and an unexpected amount of rain being blamed for the incident.

Like many roads in Dudley and surrounding towns, Mason Road and the adjacent West Main Street were flooded with several inches of rain fell within a couple of hours on Aug. 19 during a storm that also produced a tornado that touched down in nearby Thompson, Conn. The flooding along Mason Road in particular brought complaints to the Board of Selectmen who discussed the situation during a meeting on Aug. 23. It was then that Water & Sewer Superintendent George Patrinos explained that the flooding was due to a variety of factors including the heavy rainfall but also acknowledged that the ongoing construction on that roadway certainly didn’t help.

“You don’t expect four inches of rain in an hour’s time. It’s going to do damage to any road. The project is almost three-quarters done now and I did have them pave it up to a certain point before the so-called hurricane came through. That’s still not going to help very much. We’re still in the midst of putting in services. Still in the midst of tying into side streets. Certain areas can’t be done yet until other areas are done,” said Patrinos.

Mason Road and West Main Street weren’t the only areas flooded during the Aug. 19 storm which predated Hurricane Henri’s arrival that Saturday that caused much less

flooding due to dropping steadier rain through a longer period of time. Center Road was also heavily flooded leading the Dudley Fire Department to assist several stranded vehicles. The Mason Road situation seemed to cause the most stress for commuters however and Patrinos said his crew responded to the situation as effectively as possible.

“I had the contractor immediately bring his guys out from Ludlow and I met them at the area with my crew and we ended up trying to clean the place up including West Main Street and everything. I think we got it done in a couple of hours. We try to respond to everything we can. Some of those ruts aren’t always ours because National Grid has been working in there too along with another contractor doing some tie-ins up Mason Road, so you’ve got three different agencies performing work there and we just never expected to get belted by rain like this,” Patrinos said.

Scott Zajkowski, Chair of Dudley’s Water & Sewer Commission, also commended the contractors for their work to help relieve the flooding. The general consensus seemed to be that while the flooding certainly wasn’t the best-case scenario or convenient for commuters, the weather is never under the town’s control.

“During that heavy storm, after the contractor got finished cleaning up the area that needed to get cleaned up, they spent a couple of hours with their equipment helping to deal with flooding with a couple of residents in that area as well. Stuff they didn’t have to do,” Zajkowski told selectmen. “I was talking with one of the bosses and he didn’t want me to say anything, but I felt it was

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# Fire Chief urges residents to stay vigilant with weather

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – It was a tale of two storms in Dudley in mid-August, as the community dealt with heavy flooding from rainfall on Aug. 19, followed by a much weaker-than-expected Tropical Storm Henri that hit only days later, on Sunday, Aug. 22.

The two storms highlight the duality of New England’s weather in recent years with one being a surprise storm that came out of nowhere to cause issues for commuters and create a busy afternoon for safety officials while the other more talked about storm had much less of an impact on the region as meteorologists predicted.

Regardless of the situation, Dudley

Fire Chief Dean said every weather event is its own storm and while some might be underwhelming others can be much more destructive. While the chief admitted that Hurricane Henri ended up being “the storm that wasn’t,” he also acknowledged that weather patterns are changing, and the region can expect to experience new weather anomalies for years to come.

“As everybody says, and it’s in the news, climate change has a big effect on all of this, and I think moving forward we’re going to see more storms like this,” said the chief. “It’s probably going to continue to get worse. It’s just the way things are playing out as time goes on. I think we’ll just need to have a level of preparedness going forward because I think these things are going to happen more often moving forward.”

Longtime New Englanders might be used to some storms being less impact-

ful than the weather person might predict, but Chief Kochanowski said this should not encourage people to underestimate Mother Nature. In the case of Hurricane Henri, path projections up to the day of landfall estimated at least three different potential paths the storm could take including one that would have put the hurricane right over the region causing massive damage. The chief urged citizens to take these possibilities seriously and always be prepared in any storm scenario.

“You have to have a heightened awareness and treat every storm as an individual event. You can’t group every weather incident together. You have to take each one separately,” the chief stated. “Meteorology isn’t an exact science, as we’re aware. The next time, it could say it will miss and we could take a direct hit. If they say a storm is coming, I recommend you have a level

of awareness as you would for every big storm. Don’t let your guard down.”

Among the chief’s safety recommendation was to shelter in place. During the Aug. 19 rainfall, commuters attempting to drive through flooded roadways had to be towed out of their situations. These individuals had much less warning than the entire region had for the hurricane where the chief said very few incidents were recorded as locals stayed at home to ride out what the storm did bring. Other recommendations were to have a generator prepared and ready for power outages, shelf-stable food and bottled water in hand and backup pumps ready to go for those homes prone to cellar flooding. Dudley citizens can also register with Smart911 on the town’s Web site to receive alerts about incoming weather events.

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 273**  
**FALL YARD SALE**  
**Saturday, September 18, 2021**  
Universal Tag Parking Lot, 36 Hall Rd, Dudley  
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**Kids toys and baby items** - high chairs, bouncy, games, seats **Antiques**

## U-Haul reuse of former Kmart will benefit Webster

WEBSTER — U-Haul® will soon be operating at the former Kmart® store at 74 Worcester Road, and is adding more than 750 indoor climate-controlled self-storage rooms to the Webster facility.

U-Haul Moving & Storage of Route 12 aims to begin serving customers in October. Available services will include truck and trailer sharing, and a retail showroom featuring boxes, moving supplies, towing equipment and more.

Adaptive reuse of the 125,737-square-foot property will soon render a variety of self-storage units with high-tech security features at affordable price points.

installation and propane will also be available on the store’s 9.5-acre lot in the future.

Contact U-Haul Moving & Storage of Route 12 at (508) 943-5628 or stop by to see our progress. Current hours of operation are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Reserve equipment at [uhaul.com](http://uhaul.com) or contact Reservations at 1-800-GO-UHAUL.

Acquisition of the property was driven by U-Haul Corporate Sustainability initiatives: U-Haul supports infill developments to help local communities lower their carbon footprint. The adaptive reuse of existing buildings reduces the amount of energy and resources required for new-building materials and helps cities reduce their unwanted inventory of unused buildings.

Storage customers will have extended hours access. U-Haul acquired the property on June 18.

“We’re investing in Webster, and we look forward to serving customers in this community for years to come,” said Jerry Ouellette, U-Haul Company of Western Mass. and Vermont president. “There is a need for our climate-controlled storage options in Webster. We are excited to meet that need and be a leading self-storage provider in this market.”

U-Box® portable storage containers, professional hitch


“U-Haul has been repurposing old buildings for decades in order to eliminate blight and benefit the communities we serve,” Ouellette added. “We’re pleased to showcase our sustainability model in Webster. Our goal is to provide residents with the best moving services and a clean, dry and secure facility where they will want to store their belongings.”

Ouellette plans to employ at least 12 Team Members once the store is fully operational. U-Haul will look to hire locally to support job growth within the Webster community. U-Haul, honored as a “Best for Vets 2020” leading veteran-friendly employer by The Military Times, actively recruits veterans and gives them preference in the hiring process. Find U-Haul careers at [uhauljobs.com](http://uhauljobs.com).

As an essential service provider, U-Haul continues to serve communities during the COVID-19 recovery while offering contactless business programs and enhanced cleaning protocols, including added steps for sanitizing equipment between customer transactions. U-Haul products are used daily by First Responders; delivery companies bringing needed supplies to people’s homes; small businesses trying to remain afloat; college students; and many other dependent groups, in addition to the do-it-yourself household mover.

About U-HAUL

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The Town of Auburn Department of Public Works is accepting applications for snow plowing for the 2021 - 2022 winter season.

**Applications may be obtained at the**  
**Department of Public Works – Highway Division,**  
**5 Millbury Street, Auburn, MA 01501,**  
**Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**Applications are also available on the Town of Auburn website**  
**[www.auburnguide.com](http://www.auburnguide.com).**

Applications must be returned to the DPW by October 1, 2021. The Town of Auburn reserves the right to waive any informalities and accept or reject any or all applications, or portions of such, if thought to be in the best interest of the Town.

Kenneth Fairbanks, Highway Superintendent

## BENEFIT FOR JAMIE’S KIDS



**Cupcake Bar, Music, Raffles, Food, Bounce House!**  
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**Brookfield Rod & Gun Club**  
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Thursday 5:30PM – 7:30PM and Friday 10:00AM-12:00PM

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

GETTING STARTED WITH LIBBY  
Wednesday, September 8  
10:00AM-11:30AM  
Libby experts from OverDrive will help you learn all of the tips and tricks for accessing free ebooks and audiobooks through the Libby app.  
10:00 Get Started With Libby (including plenty of time for questions and answers with the experts)  
10:45 Libby Deep Dive  
Register for this free virtual session at <http://bit.ly/pearletrain>  
PRE-K POWER STORYTIME  
Tuesdays @ 11:00 – beginning

September 14th!  
Join Miss Lida for Pre-School Story Time! We will be exploring a new letter each week starting with A and ending in the spring with Z.

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

DEB'S SING & SWING  
Thursday, September 16  
10:30AM-11:15AM  
Preschool Music and Movement with Deb Hudgins!!! This is a 45 minute interactive program featuring singing, guitar music, dancing, rhythm instruments, stories and variety of fun props, including a parachute, beanbags, scarves, and pom poms. These programs are theme-based, and cover everything from holidays and seasons to dinosaurs and bugs!

A HISTORY OF SHOES  
Thursday, September 16  
6:00PM-7:30PM

Are you curious about the footwear of years gone by? If so, join fashion historian Karen Antonowicz to explore the evolution of shoes from the reign of Queen Victoria through the decades of the 20th Century. We will discover the changes that occurred in footwear for women and men of the 19th and 20th centuries, emphasizing the influences that precipitated these changes.  
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BABY TIME  
Fridays @ 11:30 – beginning September 17th!  
Join us for a Baby Time story time! We will be doing songs, fingerplays, and reading to our babies!  
This is geared for babies 0-15 months.  
STORY BOOK BINGO  
Monday, September 20 6:00PM-7:00PM

Come play Story Book Bingo, and for every Bingo pick out your very own children's book to take home, ranging from board books to chapter books and everything in between!



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DUDLEY POLICE LOG

DUDLEY — The Dudley Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of Aug. 20-27.  
Tyler p. Supka, age 27, of Southbridge was arrested on Aug. 21 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Failure to Stop for Police, Speeding at a rate of speed exceeding the posted limit, Operating a Motor Vehicle in Violation of License Class, a Marked Lanes Violation, Failure to Signal, a Passing Violation, operating a vehicle with No Inspection Sticker, Threatening to Commit a Crime, and multiple counts of Intimidation of a Witness, Juror, Police Officer, or Court Official.  
Kassandra C. Baillargeon, age 28, of Dudley was arrested on Aug. 22 for Assault & Battery resulting in Serious Bodily Injury, Disorderly Conduct, and Disturbing the Peace.  
A 29-year-old male whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Aug. 22 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

St. Andrew Bobola Parish  
to host fall yard sale

DUDLEY — On Friday and Saturday, Sept. 17 & 18, St. Andrew Bobola Parish, 54 West Main St., Dudley, will hold a yard sale each day from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the church hall. Please enter from the rear parking lot.  
Household items, yard accessories, seasonal decorations and treasures for the entire family — all good, ‘useable’ items will be available at bargain prices! Come early to get the best selection! As a precaution, should COVID restrictions change, please have a mask handy before entering, should one be required. For more information, please call Bonnie at 508-868-7718.

Area residents to participate in Boston  
Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk

REGION — Three residents from Webster will choose their own route on Oct. 3 for the Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk: Your Way presented by Hyundai. Participants are encouraged to “Walk Your Way” from wherever they are most comfortable—whether that be from their neighborhood, favorite trail, or from a treadmill in their own home.  
Tovah Balducci, Lelia Finkel, and Michael Shaw of Webster, and Sue Depatie, Karin McCarthy, and Anthony Saad of Oxford; and Kimberly Aucoin and Steve Wojnar of Dudley, along with thousands of other walkers, will participate in virtual programming during the Walk that aims to recreate the most inspiring elements of Walk day. While the event will not physically bring walkers together along the famed Boston Marathon® course, it will unite the community to raise funds to support all forms of adult and pediatric care and cancer research at the nation’s premier cancer center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The event has raised more than \$150 million for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in its 30+ year history.  
“While we can’t see everyone in person this year, we are excited for the virtual programing which will give participants the opportunity to support breakthroughs in cancer care and research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute,” said Zack Blackburn, Director of the Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk. “Together, from a safe distance, we will take critical strides in the journey to defy cancer.”  
This year’s event will have a lower fundraising requirement, \$100 for adults and \$25 for those under 18, with a \$5 registration fee. All registered walkers will receive a bib and medal and the first 5,000 to register will receive a Jimmy Fund Walk T-shirt.  
Anyone interested in additional information can reference the Jimmy Fund Walk: Your Way frequently asked questions or can send an email to [JimmyFundWalk@DFCI.Harvard.edu](mailto:JimmyFundWalk@DFCI.Harvard.edu). Funds raised from the Jimmy Fund Walk support all forms of adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at the nation’s premier cancer center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The Boston Athletic Association has supported the Jimmy Fund Walk since 1989, and Hyundai has been the presenting sponsor since 2002.  
To register to walk (#JimmyFundWalk) or to support a walker visit [www.JimmyFundWalk.org](http://www.JimmyFundWalk.org) or call (866) 531-9255. All Jimmy Fund Walk participants are encouraged to utilize the Charity Miles App to help with training and fundraising, engage with Dana-Farber patient stories and podcasts, and much more!

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# GLADYS E. KELLY LIBRARY

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All programs are scheduled to be held outside on the Library lawn (unless otherwise noted), weather permitting.

Adult Programming

Yoga with Julie – Saturdays in September 10:00AM-11:15 AM

Join Julie at Gladys Kelly for a vinyasa yoga class for all levels. In Sanskrit, Vinyasa yoga translates to the “uniting of movement with breath”. A typical class involves a centering of the mind with the breath, aromatherapy, movement of the body to release energetic blockages and, finally, a rest

and relaxation. Classes are free for Gladys Kelly patrons, and will take place in the Library’s Community Room.

Edible Wild Plants of the Northeast with John Root – September 9th 6:00PM

“Edible Wild Plants of the Northeast” is a power point presentation offering a comprehensive introduction to the identification and uses of wild plants for food and beverage. Distinguishing characteristics, seasons of availability, habitats, methods of preparation, and nutritional and medicinal value of our region’s most common and appealing wild plants are discussed. Questions

and comments are welcome throughout the presentation, and illustrated pamphlets with plant descriptions, guidelines for responsible and safe foraging, and a bibliography for further study are distributed as well.

Fall Concert Series: Mark Mandeville & Raianne Richards – September 11th 2:00PM

Mark Mandeville & Raianne Richards have contributed their first decade to the legacy of American folk and country music, sharing emotively intelligent lyrics, unmistakable vocal harmonies, and a unique blend of instrumentation with audiences throughout the US and Canada.

The songs poetically reflect their personal experience as factory workers, teachers, community organizers and natives of postindustrial mill towns in central Massachusetts. Accompanying themselves on guitar, harmonica,

ukulele, penny whistle, electric bass, and most uniquely clarinet, their live performance is often punctuated by humorous commentary.

Concert is scheduled to be held outside, but will happen in the Library Community Room in case of rain. Please bring a chair or blanket if the concert is being held outside!

Indoor Movie Night – Third Thursday of the month, beginning September 16th at 6:00PM

Join us monthly on the third Thursday of each month as we show a new release film. We'll make theatre-style popcorn for you to enjoy! The film selection changes each month, call the Library for this month's title: 508-949-3880.

Book Discussion Group – September 20th 6:30PM

The Gladys E. Kelly Public Library Adult Book Discussion Group meets at 6:30 pm on the third Monday of the month. New members are always wel-

come! Next month’s book discussion will be on Monday, September 20th at 6:30PM the meeting will take place via Zoom, and will be about the book A Woman of No Importance by Sonia Purnell. Stop by the library, or reach out by phone to 508-949-3880, or by email to ehale@cwmars.org for inquiries.

Children’s and Young Adult Programming

Songs and Stories Storytime – Wednesdays starting September 1st at 10AM

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

Masks are required for everyone in the children’s room over the age of 2 years. Disposable

masks will be available.

LEGO Club – Thursdays starting September 7th from 3:30-4:30PM

LEGO Club is back, and we’re so excited to have you build with us again. Stop by the story-time room every Tuesday at 3:30 to freeplay with our BUCKETLOADS of LEGOs or try out our weekly challenge!

Masks are required for everyone in the Children’s Room over the age of 2 years. Disposable masks will be available.

Drop in Paint Hour – Tuesdays starting September 13th from 3:30-4:30PM

It’s Time to break out the paintbrushes! With a variety of paints and paper available, bring your artist of any age to join in the fun.

Masks are required for everyone in the Children’s Room over the age of 2 years. Disposable masks will be available.

## WEBSTER POLICE LOG

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of Aug. 22-28.

Christine Confer, age 65, of Webster was arrested on Aug. 23 in connection with a warrant.

Nathan C. Lowe, age 18, of Webster was arrested on Aug. 26 for Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License, multiple counts of Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon, and multiple counts of Indecent Assault & Battery on a Person age 14 or Over.

Kevin Mwangi, age 29, of Worcester was arrested on Aug. 27 in connection with a warrant. A 31-year-old female from Webster was issued a summons in lieu of arrest during the same incident for multiple counts of drug possession.

Ernest Kwasi Asare, age 29, of Webster was arrested on Aug. 27 in connection with a warrant.

Cesar Anibal Alicea Romero, age 32, of Webster was arrested on Aug. 27 for Disorderly Conduct, Disturbing the Peace, and Trespassing.

## Gladys E. Kelly Public Library announces fall concert series

WEBSTER — The fall concert series at the Gladys E. Kelly public library is back, but with a twist! The fall concerts will be held outdoors on the lawn between the town hall and the library and the series will be held on Saturday afternoons starting at 2 p.m. Rain location will be in the Community Room at the Gladys E. Kelly library.

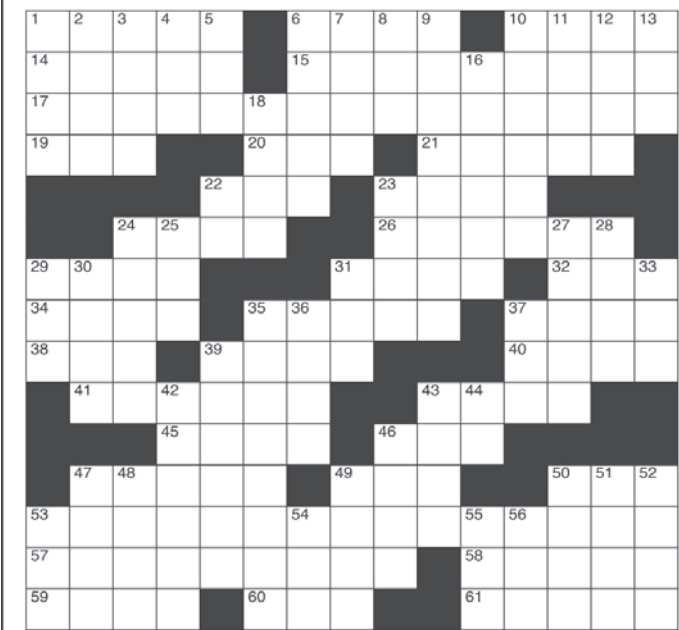
First in the series and scheduled to perform on Saturday, Sept. 11 at 2 p.m. are contemporary American folk singers Mark Mandeville and Raianne Richards. Mark and Raianne have contributed their first decade to the legacy of American folk and country music, sharing emotively intelligent lyrics unmistakable vocal harmonies, and a unique blend of instrumentation. These local favorites will perform songs from their recent album Road Must Rise and many old favorites.

On Saturday, Oct. 9, folk musicians Ashley and Eric L’ Esperance will perform. Their music marries

two distinctly talented songwriters; Ashley’s airy and intoxicating tone (think Alison Krauss) and Eric’s sweet, deep voice (think Cat Stevens) complement each other in every respect. With tightly woven harmonies, two acoustic guitars and intimate songwriting, the pair present a beautifully moving and inspired live set.

And finally, the last concert of the fall season will be held Saturday, Nov. 13 at 2 p.m., and will feature American musician Claudia Schmidt. Claudia performs mostly original songs; exploring folk, blues, and jazz idioms. She plays a 12-string guitar and Appalachian dulcimer and sings.

While the location and the times have changed, the Gladys E. Kelly library remains committed to bringing live concerts to Webster. Don’t forget to bring a chair!



- CLUES ACROSS
1. Secret clique

6. Earliest in and out

10. Ancient Egyptian symbol of life

14. Olfactory property

15. Kidnapping

17. Golf prize

19. Helps little firms

20. Cast a spell on

21. Panama is one

22. Dishonorable man

23. Sea eagle

24. Part of the healing process

26. Vin's last name

29. Wings

31. Made older

32. Political device

34. Looks like a rabbit

35. Gurus

37. Philippine Island

38. Not or

39. Hindu model of ideal man

40. Exam

41. Making less difficult

43. Without

45. Dravidian ethnic group

46. A baglike structure

47. Buenos Aires capital La \_\_

49. Dab

50. Singers who perform together

53. Pirates' saying

57. OK to allude to

58. Somaliland diplomat

59. Has to pay back

60. Felix is one

61. Intestinal pouches

- CLUES DOWN
1. Harsh cries of a crow

2. Type of horse

3. \_\_ fide: authentic

4. Doctors' group

5. Fugitives are on it

6. Forged

7. Wild goat

8. Influential American president

9. Calls for help

10. Repents

11. Palm tree with creeping roots

12. Black powder used in makeup

13. Happy New Year

16. Stretched out one's neck

18. Whale ship captain

22. Atomic #20

23. Border

24. River that borders India and Nepal

25. After B

27. Fencing swords

28. Where researchers work

29. Expression of satisfaction

30. Broadway actor Nathan

31. Heavy, heat-retaining stove

33. A way to eliminate

35. Type of tree resin

36. Russian river

37. Children's TV network

39. Troublemaker

42. Averts or delays

43. Self-immolation by fire ritual

44. It cools your home

46. Satisfy to the fullest

47. Stinks!

48. Popular board game

49. Attack by hurling

50. A vale

51. Type of acid

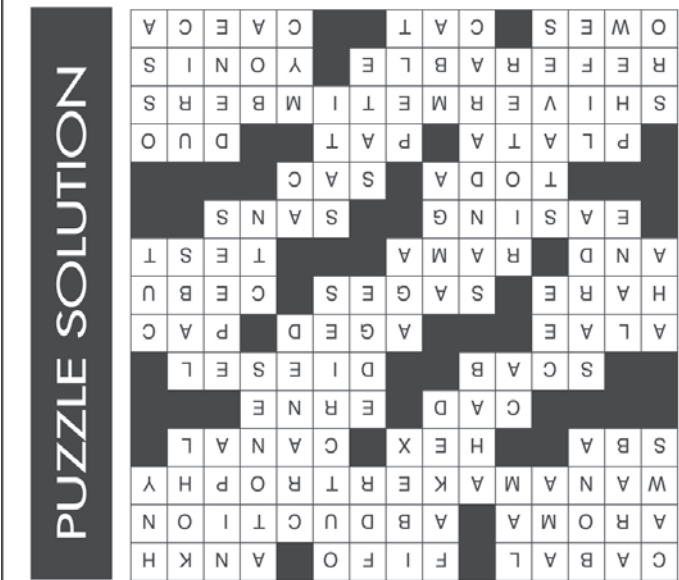
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53. No seats available

54. Licensed for Wall Street

55. Family of genes

56. Constrictor snake



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# Luke Bonney admitted to Utah State University

LOGAN, Utah — Luke Bonney, from Oxford, is one of more than 4,100 students who began their collegiate journey at Utah State University, enrolling in the Fall 2021 semester as a first-year college student. Bonney will attend USU at the USU Main campus.

“We are thrilled to welcome these students to the Aggie family,” said President Noelle E. Cockett. “The energy, talents, and enthusiasm this new cohort will bring to our campuses is greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing what the class of 2025 will accomplish and cannot wait to be a part of their academic growth and success.”

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# First Congregational Church of Oxford celebrates 300th anniversary

OXFORD — The First Congregational Church of Oxford announces the schedule of events for its 300th anniversary celebratory weekend.

Historic Presentations and Artifact Viewing  
Friday, Sept. 10, 7 p.m.  
The main celebratory weekend kicks off with local and guest speakers presenting on the history of the local church as well the larger history of Congregational Churches in New England. Following the presentations there will be a time for viewing of historical artifacts of the church, some dating back to the early 1700s.

Lawn Party  
Saturday, Sept. 11, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (Rain Date Sunday, noon)  
On Saturday the grounds of the church will host a lawn party with food, games, and other fun outdoor activities for all ages. Cornhole, bounce house, face painting, ski ball, cotton candy, ice cream, and more! A tree planting in honor of the 300th anniversary is planned.

300th Anniversary Worship service  
Sunday, Sept. 12, 9:30 a.m.  
Taking place during our usual 9:30 worship service time, this special service is expected to include contributions from several past pastors, and our Area Conference Minister of the SNEUCC, The Rev. Elizabeth Garrigan-Byerly.

## Local residents named to Simmons University Dean’s List

BOSTON — The following local residents were named to the 2021 spring semester dean’s list at Simmons University in Boston.

- \* Madison Poshkus, Auburn
- \* Nicole Canas, Millbury
- \* Hannah Bishop, Millbury
- \* Amani Eljadidi, North Oxford

To qualify for dean’s list status, undergraduate students must obtain a grade

point average of 3.5 or higher, based on 12 or more credit hours of work in classes using the letter grade system.

About Simmons University  
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# OBITUARIES

## Hugh W. Crawford, Jr.



Hugh W. (Buzz) Crawford, Jr. passed away on May 26, 2021 in Fort Myers, FL. Born in 1923, he was the son of Hugh Wadsworth and Pearle Longley Crawford. A graduate of Bartlett High School, he matriculated to Tufts University where he joined Theta Delta Chi. Buzz served as an Ensign in the United States Naval Reserve during World War II.

His wife of 71 years, Harriet Kimberly Crawford, predeceased him in 2016. He also leaves their children Laura Crawford Pepin (Larry) of Springfield, VT; Caroline Ayres (Steve) of Centerville, MA; Johanna Rakauskas (Rick) of Wakefield, RI, Jane Crawford (Fred Parsons) of Fort Myers, FL, as well as four grandchildren (Kimberly Rakauskas, Ryan Rakauskas, Abigail Trayers and Rebecca Ayres), three great grandchildren, and nieces and nephews. Two sisters, Nancy Waite of Dudley, MA and Julia Lanman of Lexington, MA and a grandson, Errol Pepin, preceded him in death.

Buzz enjoyed a successful career in the textile industry as President and CEO of the Stevens Linen Company in Dudley, MA. While he was best known as the inventor of the calendar towel, he was most proud of establishing the first Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) among New England textile manufacturers for all personnel. He was inducted to the American Textile Hall of Fame in 2010 in recognition of his innovative approach to developing unique yarns woven into decorative fabrics that became known as “the Stevens look”.

He served as a Trustee of the American Textile History Museum, Nichols Academy and Sturbridge Village, and was on the Textile Advisory Board at UMass-Dartmouth, MA.

In the Webster-Dudley community, Buzz was associated with the Webster Five Cents Savings Bank for fifty years before retiring as Chairman of the Board in 1995. He was also a Director of the Webster-Dudley United Way and the Hubbard Regional Hospital, as well as Treasurer of the Church of the Reconciliation in Webster. Buzz was recognized “Man of the Year” by the Webster-Dudley-Oxford Chamber of Commerce in 1972.

In addition to his dedication to business and community service, he was an avid sailor and man of the sea enjoying a lifetime of pleasure racing and cruising the New England and eastern US coastal waters.

There are no calling hours. A Funeral Service will be Saturday, September 18, 2021 at 11 am in the Church of the Reconciliation, 5 North Main St., Webster, burial will follow in Mt.Zion Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Pearle L. Crawford Library, 40 Schofield Avenue, Dudley, MA 01571, of which he was the major benefactor.

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To be directing local arrangements.

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## Marlene P. Guenther 88



Webster- Marlene P. (Miller) Guenther 88, passed away on Friday, August 20, 2021 in her home.

She leaves behind her husband of 55 years, Louis R. Guenther Jr. and her daughter Lu Ellen Guenther-Smith and her husband Kevin of Sturbridge.

A sister-in-law Pilar Miller and nieces and nephews.

She was born in Dudley daughter of the late Daniel and Anna (Cozzens) Miller, and was predeceased by brothers; Raymond, Daniel and Rodney.

Marlene worked at the former Webster Shoe and for many years worked at the former American Optical Co, as a quality control inspector until she devoted her life as a wife and moth-

er.

She was a communicant of St. Joseph Basilica.

The family would like to Thank the VNA/Hospice, especially Nancy and Michelle , for the excellent care and compassion.

The funeral was held 10 am, Thursday, September 2, 2021 in St. Joseph Basilica, 53 Whitcomb St, (Kindly meet at the Church), burial will follow in St. Joseph Garden of Peace Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: St. Joseph's Basilica, 53 Whitcomb St., Webster, MA. 01570.

The ROBERT J. MILLER FUNERAL HOME and LAKE CHAPEL, 366 School St., has been entrusted with funeral arrangements.

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## Designing gardens for year-round color and protecting your investment

Create a colorful year-round garden filled with flowers, greenery, colorful fruit, fall color, winter interest and a few surprises. Consider seasonal interest when planning a new garden or landscape. Adding a few key plants to existing gardens can help boost your landscape's seasonal appeal.



Melinda Myers

Include shrubs like this Blue Satin Rose of Sharon to add color and interest to the garden.

GARDEN MOMENTS  
.....  
MELINDA MYERS



Include a variety of plants with multiple seasons of interest as well as bird and pollinator appeal. You will look forward to the change of seasons as your landscape transforms throughout the year.

Use trees and shrubs to provide the framework and longevity in your landscape. Serviceberries, crabapples, dogwoods, and many others have flowers, fruit, pollinator, and bird appeal and add winter interest with their bark or form. Look for those with colorful exfoliating bark like paperbark maple, heptacodium, and river birch for a beautiful statement in the winter garden.

Include a few summer blooming shrubs like St John's wort, buttonbush, panicle hydrangeas and Rose of Sharon. They add an unexpected fresh look to your summer landscape.

Perennials combine nicely with trees, shrubs, and annuals, adding seasons of color and texture. Include those that also attract songbirds, bees, and butterflies by creating a beautiful habitat. Blue star (Amsonia), Siberian iris, sedum, Rudbeckia, coneflower, and grasses are just a few that can brighten any garden with several seasons of color, provide homes for beneficial insects and food for the birds.

End the season with fall bloomers like goldenrod, asters, and hardy mums. These provide food for late season pollinators. Leave healthy plants stand, providing homes for many beneficial insects, winter interest in the garden, and food for the songbirds.

Use annuals to fill any voids, add season long color and yearly changes in the landscape. Containers on steps, decks and patios help bring the garden to your front and back door.

Include spring flowering bulbs like tulips, daffodils and hyacinths planted in fall for a colorful welcome to spring. These and many of the earliest bloomers like winter aconites, grape hyacinths, and crocus provide needed nectar for early season pollinators.

Evergreens are always a welcome addition to any landscape. They provide shelter for the birds and year-round greenery. Find new and interesting ways to include them in your landscape.

Use taller evergreens for screening bad views, buffering traffic and other noises, or creating privacy. Use ever-

## You are not your past

Many people feel like they can't have the life they want because of their past limitations or failures.

POSITIVELY SPEAKING  
.....  
TOBY MOORE

Maybe your family wasn't there for you; you didn't get the proper education, you've been fired from multiple jobs, or mistreated in relationships.

Many things aren't fair and can cause a chain reaction of events that may take us far off course. There are also many bad choices we make, and as a result, we end up missing out on the life we want.

You may have made mistakes, gotten into trouble, fired from a job, lost a relationship, but that doesn't mean it always has to be that way.

George Washington Carver said, "Where there is no vision, there is no hope."

I agree with his quote completely. George Washington Carver was a more brilliant man than I will ever be. For today's column, I would like to modify the selection to say, "Where there is no positive vision of the future, there is no hope."

It seems most people's vision of the future is dictated by the failures and limitations of their past, and therefore, they do have a vision, but it's a negative one.

One trait of a successful person is they don't

allow themselves to be defined by their failures or their present unfavorable circumstances. Instead, they define themselves by a positive vision of their future.

That seems odd when you think about it. They define themselves by something that hasn't even happened yet.

It's easy to look at a great person and assume they had everything handed to them or that somehow life was much easier on them than it was you.

I have many fond memories of my parents taking me to Disney World. I've been on the rides, seen the movies, and heard about the man who built it all, Walt Disney. I've driven past the Disney skyscraper in Burbank, California, hundreds of times; I've auditioned at Walt Disney Studios dozens of times. When surrounded by all that accomplishment, it's hard to imagine that Walt ever faced any hardship.

Most don't know that Walt Disney was fired from his job at the Kansas City Star after his newspaper editor told him that he didn't have enough imagination or creativity!

What if Walt Disney allowed himself to be defined by that moment, and for the next 20 years, he wandered from job to job, telling himself, "I'm

not creative, I don't have a good enough imagination..."

If he would've, he never would have created Laugh-O-Gram. Laugh-O-Gram was an animation studio that Walt was contracted to run. The studio was supposed to make twelve cartoons. Although the company started promisingly, it wasn't long before Walt was living at the office, taking weekly baths at Union Station in Kansas City, and finally bankrupting the studio; what a disaster.

He sold his camera, which gave him enough money for a one-way train ticket to Hollywood, Calif., and the rest is history.

I wonder how many potentially great people never accomplished their vision because they believed in their failures more than their vision of the future. They accepted what their present circumstances were telling them, rather than what their future vision was telling them.

If Walt Disney was one of those people, we'd have missed out on one of the most creative minds of the 20th century. Most obviously, he chose not to allow those negative experiences to define him because he became one of the most influential people of all time.

Like all great people, Walt Disney didn't allow his future to be dictated by the failures or limitations of his past.



IN MEMORIAM  
**Dominic Peter Perretti**  
July 28, 1957  
August 28, 2020

In loving memory of our dear brother Peter whose 1st anniversary occurs at this time.

Although we still grieve our loss, we are grateful to have been able to share your final, precious hours with you.

Sadly missed and always remembered by sisters Janet and Linda, other close family members and many sincere friends.

Forever loved unconditionally.



**John Pizzetti 1940 - 2020**

Arizona/Webster Ma - John A. Pizzetti 80 passed away on Friday, June 12, 2020 in San Tan valley, Az. He was predeceased by his beloved wife Barbara A. (Bukowski) Pizzetti in 1996. He was born and raised in Webster, Ma. to the late Joseph and Anna (Kubic) Pizzetti. He is survived by one daughter Lisa Johnson Falconieri and her husband Anthony in Az. in which he lived. His two beloved grandchildren Gina Johnson of Az and Michael Johnson and his wife Heather of Idaho. A daughter in law Amy of Az, a sister Susan Mason and her husband Dean of Webster, Ma. Two nephews Jaie Pizzetti and wife Brooke, Drew Mason and wife Jessica. Brother in law Richard Bukowski and wife Maureen and Joseph Bukowski and wife Michelle and niece Amber. A very close friend/cousin Albert Pizzetti of Webster, Ma. and several other relatives and friends to numerous to mention. Besides his wife Barbara, he was predeceased by his son Jeffery Pizzetti and his brother Joseph (Dick) Pizzetti and his wife Therese (Langevin). John and Barbara married and moved to Vernon, Ct and then to East Hartford, Ct. He was a supervisor at Pratt and Whitney E/H for 30 years before retiring to Arizona. John loved to travel, visit his son in San Diego, golf, and watch UConn Basketball and New York Yankees (ever since he wore the Yankees uniform in Little League), and eating his traditional homemade Italian dinners at the holidays. Mostly important to him was spending time with family. John had a big spirit, a welcoming personality and a generous heart with a knack of making anyone feel good being around him. He will be greatly missed by all. A memorial mass will be Thursday Sept. 9, 2021 at 10 AM in St. Louis Church 14 Lake St. Webster burial will follow in Cahary cemetery Dudley. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, ATTN: Tribute processing, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105

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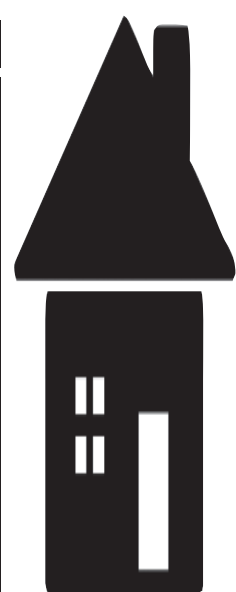
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EDITORIAL

Get a hobby

Although we typically hear the phrase ‘get a hobby’ as a sarcastic way of putting someone down, there is also some truth to it. It’s important, especially for students to get involved in extracurricular activities.

Even as adults, when looking for work, it’s important to showcase experience as well as other aspects of your life. Most employers are looking for candidates who have a range of skills.

We learn this from a very young age. Striking a balance between work, school and taking time for yourself is key to a happy life. These days however, time seems to be something there is just never enough of. In fact, over the past several years, there has been a decline in civic engagement including neighborhood get togethers and leagues such as bowling, softball etc. Time seems to get eaten by social media or bingeing tv shows. Experts say the term ‘busy’ has been used as a badge of honor to make us feel important, not that we need to be busy, to actually be important.

Hobbies tend to make us more efficient. If we have a meeting to attend, or workout class to go to, we will check things off the list for work, to make time for what we want to do. When we feel like we have more time ahead of us to finish work, with nothing else to do, that time will get eaten up by work.

People tend to be more energized by active leisure, as opposed to watching movies or scrolling through social media. Active engagement allows us to be more present.

Hobbies are great for both students and adults alike in that it creates a chance to make friends and create new connections. We all know that social connections are key to creating happiness. People want to feel like they’re a part of a community.

Further, learning new things gives you more to talk about it, therefore making you more of a unique person. It makes you a more well rounded. Whether you hunt, mountain bike, play music, collect stamps, or Doors memorabilia, you’ll always have an interesting story to tell.

Being involved in other things besides school and work does relieve stress. Experts say to allocate one hour per day or a few hours per week to do something you feel inspired by. If there’s something you’ve always wanted to do, don’t wait for ‘someday’ do it now.

In our office, there are all sorts of conversations that take place because we all have different hobbies. We have history buffs, runners, musicians, hikers, snowboarders, actors, artists, movie buffs, podcasters and so much more.

As Dale Carnegie said, “Make the most of today. Get interested in something. Shake yourself awake. Develop a hobby. Let the winds of enthusiasm sweep through you.”

VIEWPOINT

What true love looks like

During a recent visit to a nursing home, I began telling one of our older parishioners that we had our annual Greek Festival coming up the weekend after Labor Day. As we talked about the delicious food and pastries, she expressed an interest to come. So, I asked her, “What are you looking forward to most at the Festival? What Greek food or pastry do you really miss?”

She looked at me with these sad eyes and simply responded, “I don’t miss the food. I miss being around people. It’s the people I want to see!”

Wow! What a statement! “I don’t miss the food. I miss being around people. It’s the people I want to see!”

Her words reminded me of a poster I have hanging in our Church entitled “Thoughts from a Wheel Chair.” It shows an older woman sitting in a wheel chair, looking out at the reader:

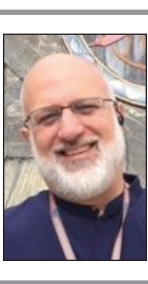
What is it like to be old? I can tell you, but unless you are old, you cannot understand. I cannot explain how long the day is, waiting in this nursing home, confined to this wheel chair or bed. Waiting for someone to come to visit me, and no one comes. And when upon rare occasion my sons or daughters call, they always explain how busy they are, then scurry away.

I know what it is to be busy. I raised them, all five of them. Yes, I can understand what it is to be young and busy, but you can’t understand what it is to be old with only memories to fill the empty hours.

I cannot expect you to understand my kind of loneliness. To realize that you are no longer useful. To sense that people resent your clinging to life and taking up their time.

I cannot tell you how depressed I feel, how I long to see my grandchildren, the home where I was raised, and the church which I attended.

You would not understand my fears, my longings, my anxieties.



**BEYOND THE PEWS**

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But when you are old, then you will understand.

Someone once asked Jesus Christ “What is the greatest commandment of God?” to which He responds “To love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

I often repeat that the essence of our Orthodox Christian faith is divine love. First and foremost, God loves us. He loves each one of us in an unconditional way. His love doesn’t depend on what we do, or who we are. He created each one of us out of His divine love. Thus, we are children of love, created to be loved and then to love one another. Jesus’ teaching simply reminds us about our true nature of love. It is thus only natural that the greatest commandment that summarizes our entire faith is love – to love the One who created us and to love the others around us, who are created in God’s own image.

It seems so natural to love because we all want to be loved. Yet, because we live in a fallen world, it sometimes seems easier to focus on ourselves rather than on others. The evil within us distorts and destroys our natural tendency to love. Instead of doing what seems so normal – to love one another – our ego-centric desires mislead us. We first hold our love back against those we don’t like – whether they are people who have hurt us, people who are different from us, or those we consider our enemies. It seems easy to justify not loving such people, even though our Lord concretely commands us to love even our enemies.

What excuse do we have, however, to not love our family members, our relatives and friends, our former parishioners, our neighbors and co-workers? For example, what about those

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Emergency notifications



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Widespread emergency notification has always been a challenge for public safety officials. Advances in technology have assisted us in this effort. Back in 2003, Dudley was the first community in the state to use the AMBER Alert system to locate missing children. Fortunately, that large-scale

media notification worked, and the children were returned safely. Several years ago, we began using technology to send area wide phone calls and messages to alert residents in times of emergency. These are commonly called “Reverse 911” messages. I wanted to advise residents of our current system and provide some further information on how it works.

The Town of Dudley currently uses a system known as “Smart 911.” Through this technology, we can send hundreds of phone calls and messages to our residents within a very short period. This can be done for situations such as states of emergency, missing children, health emergencies, and other times when important information must be given fast. We have sent many of these in relation to the COVID-19 situation, and several have gone out for the water main projects taking place in town. This has been very effective. We understand, these calls cannot be used in every situation, since the danger is they may become routine. People then may start to ignore them. This could have serious implications, so we are selective of the situations in which they are used. Last week, we had a tornado warning in our area. One in fact touched down in nearby Thompson, Conn. I was asked by a resident why our local emergency alert was not sent in addition to the statewide notice. Reason being, those are sent out through the National Weather Service, and they are given priority access to all media and phones for these alerts. Any effort on our part to do the same would most likely be several minutes behind, due to the manual data entry and authorization process. Since everyone is sent multiple messages by them, their system is most effective for that purpose.

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Start thinking about your retirement income plan

If you’re getting close to retirement, you’re probably thinking about the ways your life will soon be changing. And one key transition involves your income – instead of being able to count on a regular paycheck, as you’ve done for decades, you’ll now need to put together an income stream on your own. How can you get started?

It’s helpful that you begin thinking about retirement income well before you actually retire. Many people don’t – in fact, 61 percent of retirees wish they had done better at planning for the financial aspects of their retirement, according to an Edward Jones/Age Wave study titled Retirement in the Time of Coronavirus: What a Difference a Year Makes.

Fortunately, there’s much you can do to create and manage your retirement income. Here are a few suggestions:

Consider ways to boost income. As you approach retirement, you’ll want to explore ways of potentially boosting your income. Can you afford to delay taking Social Security so your month-



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ly checks will be bigger? Can you increase your contributions to your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan, including taking advantage of catch-up contributions if you’re age 50 or older? Should you consider adding products that can provide you with an

income stream that can potentially last your lifetime?

Calculate your expenses. How much money will you need each year during your retirement? The answer depends somewhat on your goals. For example, if you plan to travel extensively, you may need more income than someone who stays close to home. And no matter how you plan to spend your days in retirement, you’ll need to budget for health care expenses. Many people underestimate what they’ll need, but these costs can easily add up to several thousand dollars a year, even with Medicare.

Review your investment mix. It’s always a good idea to review your investment mix at least once a year to ensure it’s still appropriate for your needs. But it’s especially important to analyze your investments in the years immediately preceding your retirement. At this point, you may need to

adjust the mix to lower the risk level. However, you probably won’t want to sell all your growth-oriented investments and replace them with more conservative ones – even during retirement, you’ll likely need some growth potential in your portfolio to help you stay ahead of inflation.

Create a sustainable withdrawal rate. Once you’re retired, you will likely need to start taking money from your IRA and 401(k) or similar plan. But it’s important not to take too much out in your early years as a retiree, since you don’t want to risk outliving your income. A financial professional can help you create a sustainable withdrawal rate based on your age, level of assets, family situation and other factors.

By planning ahead, and making the right moves, you can boost your confidence in your ability to maintain enough income to last throughout your retirement. And with a sense of financial security, you’ll be freer to enjoy an active lifestyle during your years as a retiree.

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# Fall means trout fishing

As we enter the month of September, many freshwater anglers are thinking about the fall trout fishing season in Massachusetts. As the waters start to cool from the extremely warm temperatures of this summer, anglers need to be aware that Massachusetts Fish & Wildlife will not stock trout until the waters are suitable to sustain the freshly stocked trout. It may be until October before the waters are cool enough to see a trout stocking. It is hard to believe that the Gulf has 90 Degree surface water temperatures this past week, prior to Hurricane Ida!

Saltwater fishing continues to improve on all fronts in both Massachusetts and Rhode Island, with schools of mackerel along the South shore of the Island. Fluke & seabass fishing also remains very good at the Island. Tuna were being caught around the Gully! Albi are showing up in both Mass. & Rhode Island waters. These hard fighting fish provide some great fishing for anglers using light tackle and fly rods. They do



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not provide good eating; however, some anglers do take a few home for table fare. Saltwater fishing should explode with action on all fronts in the coming weeks.

Ten local sportsmen left for Maine this past weekend to enjoy a bit of bear hunting that opened up this past Monday statewide. Bear hunters are allowed to set up bait hunting spots prior to hunting season. Hunters are allowed to use crossbows, compound bows, shotgun, etc. to harvest their bear in Maine. It should be a good year for hunting bear in Maine, if the weather cools off. Hunting bear in Massachusetts is open in all zones again this year, and a permit that costs only \$5 is required. Be sure to check all hunting regulations before the season opens on Sept. 7.

Second season opens Nov. 1, and the third season opens for shotgun Nov. 29.

Have you checked your status for an antlerless deer permit? Go to the Mass. Fish Hunt Web site to see if you have won a permit. If you did, you will need to pay a \$5 fee. If you did not win a permit, you can still apply for an antlerless deer permit starting on September. The antlerless surplus deer permits go fast. The permits will be in zones 9, 10, 11, 13 & 14. Zone 11 will go on sale Tuesday, Sept. 28 at 9 a.m. It will be a staggered system. Zone 10 will go on sale Wednesday, Sept. 29 at 9 a.m. Zone 9, including 13 & 14, Tuesday, Sept. 30 at 9 a.m. Number of surplus deer permits available in zone 9, 1,410 - Zone 10 - 9,092 & Zone 11 7,770 Zone 13 2,526 and Zone 14, 2,619.

This week's picture shows nine-year-old Payton fishing with her grandfather Charlie this past Saturday on the Meadow Pond in Whitinsville. He takes her fishing as often as he can. She still will not handle the fish, but that will



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Last week's picture of a huge whale cod was caught a number of years ago, prior to the recreational cod fishery being shut down ,causing numerous charter boats to close. Starting Sept. 15, recreational anglers can

retain one cod daily with a minimum length of 21 inches. Fifteen haddock can now be caught daily by recreational anglers.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of our servicemen & women, and with those affected by Hurricane Ida, fires

in the West, and floods in many parts of the country.

Take a Kid Fishing & Keep them rods Bending!

# Harvest Canning Tips

It's harvest season and Farmer's Markets are selling tomatoes and cukes in bulk, workshops on preserving produce are filling up fast and canning jar manufacturers report double digit hikes in sales. There's no doubt about it, canning continues to make a comeback!

Whether canning in bulk to use up garden vegetables or filling a few jelly jars for holiday gifts, the following information is geared toward helping your preserving efforts pay off in both financial and "feel good" benefits.

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Not sure if canning is worth the work? Consider the many "perks" of processing food at home, which include:

- \*The ability to control the salt, sugar and additive content of the foods you intend to preserve.
- \* Studies show foods canned at peak ripeness offer superior nutrition and flavor despite the typical loss of vitamins during the heating process.
- \*Processing foods also allows seasonal fruits and vegetables to be enjoyed throughout the year.
- \*Since the canning process doesn't rely on refrigeration for preservation, canned foods are readily available and safe during power outages or appliance shut downs.
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- One of the joys of canning is the ability to literally put the fruits of your garden labor on the dinner table. For those who don't grow their own foods, a trip to a farmer's market or neighborhood farm stand can reap bushels of freshly picked produce. Don't be afraid to ask for "seconds" and/or discounts on less than perfect but perfectly fine produce. Just be sure to overlook those with obvious bruises or major imperfections.
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- Common backyard garden vegetables such as

tomatoes and cucumbers are popular candidates for canning as they offer a variety of finished products from condiments to side dishes. Best of all, a few old fashioned canning recipes can transform the versatile garden favorites into glistening jars of pantry staples. For example, tomatoes can be prepped to be canned as tomato sauce, tomato soup, tomato juice, salsa, ketchup, and more. Cucumbers transform into sweet gherkins, dill pickles, chow chow and a variety of relishes. Orchard fruits such as apples and peaches can be processed as jelly, butter, chutney, pie filling, syrups and sauces.

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Before choosing a preferred method of processing be sure to study the options, all of which are available in canning "how to" books or online. For safety's sake be sure your resources are up to date, since processing recommendations have changed in the past several years. A new edition of the classic Ball Blue Book is always useful. Online, a reliable and free resource titled "U.S. Department of Agriculture's "Complete Guide to Home Canning," is available and can be accessed by visiting [www.uga.edu/nchfp/publications/publications\\_usda.html](http://www.uga.edu/nchfp/publications/publications_usda.html).

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Here are some simple canning "tips from the pros" worth noting:

- \*Never use overripe fruit. A good rule of thumb to remember is that canning can't improve the quality of food, so always begin with top quality fruits, ripe and free of bruises.
- \* Don't be tempted to over do the celery, peppers, onions and other low acid ingredient in pickles or other recipes. Stick to the recipe to avoid creating an unsafe product.
- \*Never add considerably more spices or seasonings than a recipe calls for. Some spices can be high in bacteria and too much of a good thing can put your safety at risk.
- \*Be sure to wash hands



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and all food prep surfaces and all canning supplies thoroughly before starting the canning process,

- \*Always wash and examine all foods to be canned. Be sure to cut out any bruises and discard any overripe fruits and vegetables.
- \*Never reuse canning jar lids. Be sure to seal jars with a new, clean lid each and every time.
- \*Do not store filled jars above 95° F or near hot pipes, a range, a furnace, in a non insulated attic, or in direct sunlight. Under these conditions, food will lose quality in a few weeks or months and may spoil.
- \*Don't store jars in damp areas such as a basement. Dampness may corrode metal lids, break seals, and encourage spoilage.
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**Pepper Jelly**  
This jelly, which uses up the last of the season's garden peppers, makes a festive holiday gift.

Ingredients: 3 green bell peppers, minced; 2 (4 ounce) cans diced jalapeño peppers  
1 1/2 cups distilled white vinegar; 6 1/2 cups white sugar; 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper; 1 (6 fluid ounce) container liquid pectin; 5 drops green food coloring.

Directions: In a large, stainless steel saucepan, combine peppers, vinegar, sugar, and cayenne pepper. Cook over medium high heat. Stir frequently until mixture begins to boil.

Stir in pectin; boil 5 minutes longer, stirring constantly, and mix in food coloring. Skim off foam, and remove from heat.

Ladle into sterilized jars. Seal and process in a boiling-water canner for 5 minutes.

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**Apple Chutney**  
It's apple season in New England and this chut-

ney, made from freshly picked fruit, will be the perfect accompaniment to upcoming holiday feasts.

Ingredients: 2 quarts chopped, cored, pared tart apples (about 10 medium); 1 cup chopped onions; 1 cup chopped sweet red bell peppers (about 2 medium); 2 hot red peppers, seeded and chopped; 1½ pounds seedless raisins; 4 cups brown sugar; 3 tablespoons mustard seed; 2 tablespoons ground ginger; 2 tablespoons ground allspice; 2 teaspoons canning salt; 1 clove garlic, crushed; 1 quart white vinegar (5%).

Directions: Combine all ingredients; simmer until thick, about 1 hour and 15 minutes. As mixture thickens stir frequently to prevent sticking. Pour boiling hot chutney into hot jars, leaving ½ inch headspace. Remove air bubbles and adjust head-

space if needed. Wipe rims of jars with a dampened clean paper towel; adjust two-piece metal canning lids. Process in boiling water canner according to the altitude recommendations below. Makes about six pint jars.

Recommended process time for Apple Chutney pints in a boiling water canner (altitude chart): 1-1,000 ft, 10 minutes; 1,001-6,000 ft, 15 minutes; above 6,000 ft, 20 minutes.

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

Your tips can win you a great three course dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three course dinner

for two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

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

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**Hi! My name is Jayven and I like to play board games and football!**

Jayven is an inquisitive boy of African-American and Hispanic descent. He loves board games and is always happy to play one, either with his friends or with an adult. Jayven also likes to be outside, and his favorite outdoor activity is playing football, which he is currently doing with Pop Warner Football. Jayven likes playing football so much that when he grows up, he would like to play for the NFL. Just in case he isn't drafted, though, he is also considering careers as a detective or as a piano teacher. Jayven is currently doing well in school.

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

**Who Can Adopt?**  
Can you provide the guidance, love and stability that a child needs? If you're at least 18 years old, have a stable source of income, and room in your heart, you may be a perfect match to adopt a waiting child. Adoptive parents can be single, married, or partnered; experienced or not; renters or homeowners; LGBTQ singles and couples.

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

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-964-6273 or visit [www.ma-reinc.org](http://www.ma-reinc.org). The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have a permanent place to call home.

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# PACC to host Polish Picnic

WEBSTER — The PACC invites everyone to a Polish Picnic on Labor Day weekend, Sept. 4 & 5, on their grounds located at 37 Harris St. in Webster. There will be Polish music, Polish food, Polish beer, games and other attractions. More details to come.



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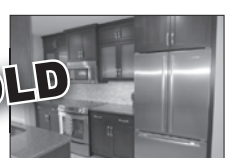
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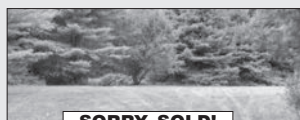
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# What maintenance schedule does my car need?

Vehicle maintenance schedules vary depending on manufacturer recommendations. In addition, the way a car is driven and the environment it's driven in can dictate if routine maintenance like oil changes needs to occur more frequently or if belts and hoses need to be replaced sooner than manufacturers recommend.

Many people drive in ways that align with routine maintenance schedules. However, drivers who put excessive wear and tear on their vehicles may have to follow a "severe" maintenance schedule. According to the automotive information site Car Gurus, many manufacturers adhere to a 30-60-90 schedule, meaning certain items need to be inspected, changed or replaced at 30,000, 60,000 and 90,000 miles. Certain vehicle parts wear out at predictable intervals, while others, such as rubber gaskets, windshield washer blades and tires, will degrade at irregular intervals.

It is generally recommended to speak with a mechanic and discuss driving habits to ensure vehicles operate efficiently and at peak capacity. The following are some conditions that may necessitate frequent maintenance.

- Urban driving: Stop-and-go traffic in an urban setting can wear cars out more quickly than highway driving. Experts say lubricants found in motor oil break down rapidly under these and other conditions, including especially hot temperatures.
- Short trips: Frequent, short trips can take a toll on a vehicle. Again, this may be a problem for those who reside in cities or bustling suburbs. Short trips of no more than five miles can contribute to an accumulation of water vapor that dilutes motor oil and adversely affects its efficacy.
- Heavy loads: Advanced Auto Parts says transporting or towing heavy loads can put more wear and tear on a vehicle. Loads can include cargo or passengers.
- Dusty or salty environments: Dust can accumulate in air filters and clog internal engine components. Similarly, living close to the coast and salt water also can cause car parts to rust or degrade quickly.
- Extreme temperature conditions: People who reside in extremely cold or extremely hot climates may find that their vehicles have to work that much harder to operate, reducing the life span of automotive fluids, parts (especially car batteries) and the overall vehicle unless action is taken.

For those who frequently encounter these severe conditions, switching to a severe maintenance schedule with the guidance of an automotive service shop of more frequent fluid changes and other maintenance can be recuperated by fewer breakdowns and the reduced need for potentially costly repairs.



# Signs headlights may need to be replaced

Automobiles require a little TLC to stay on the road and operate efficiently. When vehicle maintenance is ignored, vehicles operate less efficiently and, in many instances, less safely as well.

Jerking and stalling is a tell-tale sign of engine trouble, but some vehicle problems are more subtle. One such problem is fading headlights. Fading headlights can pose a significant threat to drivers and their passengers as well as fellow motorists. According to the National Safety Council, drivers do only one-quarter of their driving at night. However, the NSC notes that 50 percent of traffic deaths occur at night. Such figures highlight the potential dangers of nighttime driving, which only becomes more dangerous if headlights are not operating at optimal capacity.

Since drivers do most of their driving during the daytime, it's easy to overlook headlight performance. However, it's important that drivers learn to recognize the signs that headlights need to be replaced.

Flickering headlights can indicate anything from worn out headlight bulbs to a weak car battery to loose connections. Flickering is one of the more dangerous headlight issues, as it can lead to headlights suddenly going dark while drivers are on the road at night. If headlights are flickering, take the car to a mechanic as soon as possible to have the issue resolved.

One light out

When one headlight goes dark, chances are the other is not far behind. Automotive experts recommend replacing headlight bulbs in pairs, even if only one bulb has gone dark, because this ensures equal light output.

Headlight maintenance tends to be overlooked. But recognizing the signs of fading headlights can help drivers avoid accidents and vastly improve the safety of nighttime driving.





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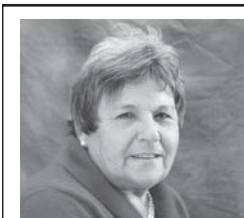


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By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Vincent V. Strzelecki to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Mortgage Lenders Network USA, Inc., dated September 9, 2005 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 37317, Page 299, as modified by a certain modification agreement dated April 7, 2016, and recorded with said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 56729, Page 85 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for RASC 2005-EMX4, recorded on October 12, 2011, in Book No. 47951, at Page 150 U.S. Bank, National Association, as Trustee for RASC 2005-EMX4 to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, for Residential Asset Securities Corporation, Home Equity Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-EMX4, recorded on July 30, 2015, in Book No. 54080, at Page 181 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 PM on September 17, 2021, on the mortgaged premises located at 54 Ennis Road, North Oxford (Oxford), Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT: Property Address: 54 Ennis Road, Oxford, MA 01540 Tax Assessor's Information: 08C-B02 A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in Oxford, Worcester County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the northwesterly corner of the tract to be conveyed at an iron pipe driven in the ground on the easterly line of the road leading from Texas Village to Taft Hill known as Ennis Road and also being at a corner of land now or formerly of Katherine A. Mara and said pipe is located 141.6 feet, more or less, northerly, measured along the easterly line of said road, from the northeasterly corner of land owned by Carl Abrahamson. From said pipe: THENCE by the easterly line of said road; South 37° West, 105.6 feet, to an iron pipe driven in the ground at land now or formerly of Katherine A. Mara. THENCE by land now or formerly of Katherine A. Mara; South 3° 41' West, 159.4 feet to an iron pipe driven in the ground. THENCE by land now or formerly of Katherine A. Mara; South 75° 01' East, 275.0 feet to an iron pipe driven in the ground. THENCE by land now or formerly of Katherine A. Mara; North 14° 59' East, 254.0 feet to an iron pipe driven in the ground. THENCE by land now or formerly of Katherine A. Mara; North 74° 36' West, 266.0 feet to the point of beginning. CONTAINING 73,829 square feet of land together with a right of way over the westerly end of an existing drive way. For prior title reference see that deed of Gerald J. Butler and Irene A. Dineen, fka Irene A. Butler to Gerald J. Butler, dated May 3, 1994 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds on May 6, 1994 in Book 16265, Page 22. For our title reference see that deed of Gerald J. Butler to Vincent V. Strzelecki, dated July 9, 2004, and recorded with the Oxford, Worcester (S) County Registry of Deeds on July 12, 2004 at Book 34100, Page 387. For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 34100, Page 387. These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, tax and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed. TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massa-

chusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale. U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, FOR RESIDENTIAL ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION, HOME EQUITY MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-EMX4 Present holder of said mortgage By its Attorneys, HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C. 150 California St. Newton, MA 02458 (617)558-0500 17131 August 20, 2021 August 27, 2021 September 3, 2021 THE TOWN OF DUDLEY Dudley Historical Commission The Dudley Historical Commission is in receipt of an application for a demolition permit for 35-37 Chase Avenue, Dudley, MA 01571 Dated May 20, 2021 A public hearing will be held as per section 12.04.00 of the Dudley MA Demolition Delay Bylaw, at the Dudley Municipal Complex, 71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA 01517 On (day) Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 6:40 pm, in Room 315. "Within forty five (45) days of the Commission's receipt of a copy of the application for a demolition permit, the Commission shall hold a public hearing on such application, and shall make a determination as to whether the structure is a significant structure under one or more criteria set forth in sections 12.05.00a, and 12.05.00b. The Commission shall give written notice of the time and place of the hearing, not less than seven (7) days prior to the hearing, to the owner by certified mail, and by posting and by publication once in a local newspaper. The Commission may conduct a site visit prior to the hearing." Respectfully, David Proulx, Secretary Dudley Historical Commission September 3, 2021 THE TOWN OF DUDLEY Dudley Historical Commission The Dudley Historical Commission is in receipt of an application for a demolition permit for 61 Airport Road/26 Dudley Hill Road,, Dudley, MA 01571 Dated August 11, 2021 A public hearing will be held as per section 12.04.00 of the Dudley MA Demolition Delay Bylaw, at the Dudley Municipal Complex, 71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA 01517 On (day) Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 6:55 pm, in Room 315. "Within forty five (45) days of the Commission's receipt of a copy of the application for a demolition permit, the Commission shall hold a public hearing on such application, and shall make a determination as to whether the structure is a significant structure under one or more criteria set forth in sections 12.05.00a, and 12.05.00b. The Commission shall give written notice of the time and place of the hearing, not less than seven (7) days prior to the hearing, to the owner by certified mail, and by posting and by publication once in a local newspaper. The Commission may conduct a site visit prior to the hearing." Respectfully, David Proulx, Secretary Dudley Historical Commission September 3, 2021 Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. WO18P0736EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE Estate of: Evelyn A Huff Date of Death: 01/16/2018 To all interested persons: A Petition for Sale of Real Estate has been filed by: Donald A. Ball of Worcester, MA requesting that court authorize the Personal Representative to sell the decedent's real estate at a private sale. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/21/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a time-

ly written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court. Date: August 18, 2021 Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate September 3, 2021 Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. WO21C0342CA CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME In the matter of: Nicholas Walter Seagrave A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Nicholas Walter Seagrave of Dudley requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Natalie Irene Seagrave IMPORTANT NOTICE Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/21/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding. WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court. Date: August 20, 2021 Stephanie K. Fattman Register of Probate September 3, 2021 LEGALNOTICE Warrant Articles #7, 8, and 9 of the Annual Town Meeting held on May 24, 2021, has received approval from the Attorney General's Office on August 20, 2021. The entire text of this by-law is posted in the following five places in accordance with G.L. c. 40 § 32: Dudley Municipal Complex, Pearle Crawford Memorial Library, Mason Road School, Dudley District Court House and Shepherd Hill High School. Attest: Lori A. Smith, Dudley Town Clerk September 3, 2021 September 10, 2021 WEBSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS Special Education Information - August, 2021 Child Find This notice is provided in compliance with State and Federal regulations for conducting Child Find activities in order to identify students who may be in need of an evaluation to determine eligibility for special education services. Parents/guardians of children ages 3 through 22, who reside in Webster and feel their child is in need of an evaluation for determination of eligibility for special education services, should contact the Office of Student Support Services at Webster Public Schools, 77 Poland Street, Webster, MA 01570. Information regarding the procedure for requesting an evaluation can be obtained by calling the Office of Student Support Services at (508) 943-3646. NOTICE OF DESTRUCTION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION RECORDS In compliance with Massachusetts Student Records Regulation, the Webster Public School District will destroy the Special Education records of any Webster student who transferred, graduated, withdrew or terminated from Special Education programs or services prior to June 30, 2014. This is in accordance with the requirement to destroy such records after a period of seven years. Any parent/guardian or student, ages 14 years or older, can obtain their original record within two weeks of this notice. They may do so by contacting Webster Public School's Office of Student Support Services at 508-943-3646 no later than October 1, 2021. All unclaimed student records meeting the above criteria will be destroyed after the October 1, 2021 deadline. September 3, 2021 September 10, 2021 September 17, 2021 Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. W021P2784EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of: Lisa C Valiquette Date of Death: 06/29/2021 To all interested persons: Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Richard J. Valiquette of North Oxford MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that Richard J. Valiquette of North Oxford MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/14/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court. Date: August 20, 2021 Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate September 3, 2021 Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. WO21P0235EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE Estate of: Floris M Stevens Date of Death: 11/26/2020 To all interested persons: A Petition for Sale of Real Estate has been filed by: Cheryl H Stevens of Putnam, CT requesting that court authorize the Personal Representative to sell the decedent's real estate at a private sale. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/24/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court. Date: August 24, 2021 Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate September 3, 2021 SEND US YOUR NEWS!!! news@stonebridgepress.news





FLOODING

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appropriate to say they spent a lot of their own time after dealing with the cleanup helping to deal with flooding along with working side by side with a couple of firefighters pumping a significant amount of water from at least one person's basement. They were aware of the issues, and they were there to help,"

Selectmen asked Patrinos to ensure that information was provided on the town website and social media when appropriate to implore commuters to avoid Mason Road if possible to allow construction to progress smoothly. As of Aug. 24, the day after the Board of Selectmen meeting discussion, a notice has been posted on the Water & Sewer Department page of the Dudley Town Website asking residents to "try to avoid Mason Road due to construction" and stating that work should be completed "by mid-to-end of September." Patrinos personally requested commuters avoid that road during the Aug. 23 meeting.

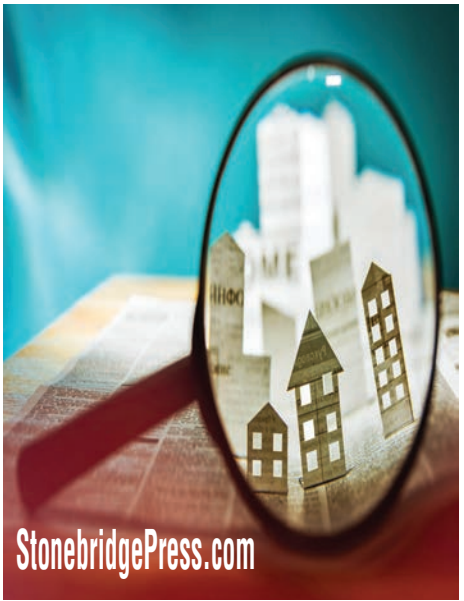
"People know the road is being worked on and a lot of them still want to drive it. Maybe they think it's easy to get that way. My recommendation is if you don't have to use Mason Road don't use it," said Patrinos. "Just go around until we can get everything under control. We're trying our best to maintain the road integrity, but this weather has just not been the type of weather we're used to seeing."

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Deputy Sheriff's Association including donations by many local businesses and featured a BBQ box lunch, raffle prizes, complimentary gift bags, music and entertainment. More than 250 volunteers, including over 100 members of the Nichols College football team, were also on hand to assist with the high turnout.

"We couldn't have been more pleased with how the day went and we are thrilled that it has become such a beloved annual tradition. We fulfilled our goal of getting seniors out and about in a safe way and it's fantastic to see such a great turnout with everyone having such a great time," said Evangelidis.



News, really close to home

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is also the district's liaison to the Board of Health, 12-15 year olds are about 30-percent vaccinated and ages 16-19 about 50 percent, while Oxford's elder population is "in the 90s." Case numbers in town were higher than last year at the same time – two cases then, 20 as of early August this year.

Regarding Baribeau's mask concern, Grniet said that's "mostly in certain [hot] weather," but there's "no hard data" that indoor use causes harm. Likewise, while there was not much data on mental health effects of masks, there has been some work on Covid's impact as a whole, she noted.

Covid also posed a budgetary issue for the district. Business Manager Justin Leduc noted his department was trying to figure out how to properly apply local special education transportation funds since "Covid is not recognized as an

CDBG

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repairs and limited paving and pedestrian improvements as well as surface drainage improvement. The project budget is \$578,000, higher than original expectations due partially to the increased cost of material due to the pandemic.

The second project would be the continuation of the housing rehab program, yet another project previously supported by other CDBG funds through a partnership with Millbury. If the current application is successful, it would be Dudley specific rather than sharing the monies with another town.

"Housing rehab is assistance to eligible low to moderate income homeowners in town so they can make code mandated repairs and other home improvements," said Loew.

The housing rehab initiatives would be implemented by the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission in partnership with the CMRPC. The application is seeking up to the maximum \$800,000 limit for this year's program. Town



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Administrator Jonathan Ruda stated this project in particular has been in high demand in the community.

"We had a big outpouring of support for this. A lot of people were interested in the housing rehabilitation program and then COVID kind of slowed everything down and we just recently have got the momentum back on the first grant round. When they moved the deadline back on the second grant

there were still people that hadn't been served that were interested in the program, so it was a natural (move)," said Ruda.

Selectmen unanimously approved both grant project applications to be submitted for consideration. The deadline for applications is Sept. 10 and communities aren't expected to learn of any awarded funding until at least January of 2022.

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

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OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Matthew J. Bonney and Sheryl A. Bonney, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for H&R Block Mortgage, dated June 30, 2004, and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 34045 at Page 8, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., to Bank of America, N.A., Successor by Merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP, f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP, dated June 28, 2012, recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 49271, Page 345; by assignment from Bank of America, N.A., Successor by Merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP, f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP to Nationstar Mortgage LLC, dated May 21, 2014, recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 52556, Page 210; by assignment from Nationstar Mortgage LLC, to MTGLQ Investors, L.P., dated January 5, 2017, recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 56662, Page 27; and by an assignment from MTGLQ Investors, L.P., to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee of the Chalet Series IV Trust, dated August 26, 2019, recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 61191, Page 268, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 2:00 P.M. on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2021, at 10 Sullivan Boulevard, Oxford, MA 01540, all and

singular the premises described in said mortgage,  
To wit:  
Property Address: 10 Sullivan Boulevard, Oxford, MA 01540  
Tax Assessor's Information: 48 C 01.14  
The land in Oxford on the westerly side of Sullivan Boulevard, so called, and shown as Lot 11 on a Plan of Land in Oxford, Massachusetts owned by John D. Sullivan and Margaret A. Sullivan, dated April 3, 1989 and recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 621, Plan 113, bounded and described as follows:  
BEGINNING at a point at the northeast corner of tract herein described on the westerly sideline of Sullivan Boulevard, at the southeast corner of Lot #10;  
THENCE: south 02 degrees 41' 48" west along the westerly sideline of said Sullivan Boulevard a distance of twelve and twenty-eight hundredths (12.28) feet to a point;  
THENCE: running southerly along the westerly sideline of said Sullivan Boulevard on a curve to the right having a radius of 375.00 feet and a length of 143.99 feet to a point;  
THENCE: north 76 degrees 49' 25" west along Lot #12 a distance of two hundred fifty-one and ninety hundredths (251.90) feet to a point;  
THENCE: north 02 degrees 41' 48" east along land now or lately of one Germain, a distance of one hundred fifty-seven and no hundredths (157.00) feet to a point;  
THENCE: south 76 degrees 59' 11" east along said Lot 10 a distance of two hundred and seventy nine and fifty-two hundredths (279.52) feet to a point;  
The above described tract contains an area of 41,958 square feet.  
For our title reference see that deed of Steve Campbell and Nancy Campbell to Nancy A. Campbell, Individually,

dated August 19, 1996, and recorded with the Oxford, Worcester (S) County Registry of Deeds on at Book 18192, Page 128.  
Premises to be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.  
Terms of sale: A deposit of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Demerle Hoeger LLP, 10 City Square, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, MA 02129 within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control.  
Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.  
U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee of the Chalet Series IV Trust,  
Present holder of said mortgage,  
By its Attorneys,  
Demerle Hoeger LLP  
10 City Square, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boston, MA 02129  
(617) 337-4444  
August 27, 2021  
September 3, 2021  
September 10, 2021

URBAN CENTER HOUSING  
LEGAL NOTICE  
TOWN OF DUDLEY  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
PROPOSED UCH-TIF ZONE,  
UCH-TIF PLAN AND  
UCH-TIF AGREEMENT FOR THE  
STEVENS MILL

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Dudley, as Chief Executive of the Town, will hold a public hearing on September 13, 2021 at 6:35 p.m. in Room 321A in the Dudley Municipal Complex, 71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA in order to review and receive public comments on a proposed Urban Center Housing-Tax Increment Financing Plan (UCH-TIF Plan), an Urban Center Housing-Tax Increment Financing Zone (UCH-TIF Zone), to be known as the Webster-Dudley French River District, and a proposed Urban Center Housing Tax Increment Financing Agreement (UCH-TIF Agreement) for the Stevens Mill, consisting of "Parcel I" with buildings thereon, known as and located at 8 Mill Street, Dudley, containing approximately 5.942 acres of land; "Parcel II", a small triangular parcel of land containing approximately 3,110 square feet of land, and "Parcel III", a parcel of land containing approximately 1.01 acres, all shown on and further described in Exhibit B to the TIF Agreement. All three parcels are included in the UCH-TIF zone. Copies of the proposed UCH-TIF Zone, UCH-TIF Plan, and UCH-TIF Agreement are available for inspection at the office of the Town Administrator and on the Town's website at: www.dudleyma.gov.  
August 27, 2021  
September 3, 2021





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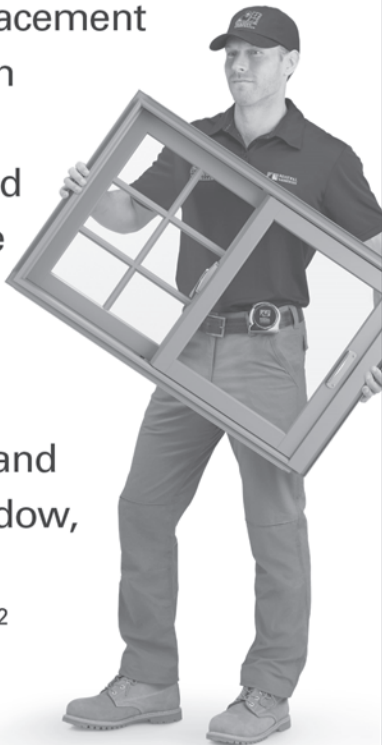
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NOON National Anthem  
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