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# Camden Partners could consider PACE program for Stevens Mill

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – The Jan. 19 meeting of the Dudley Economic Development Committee provided a minor update on the ongoing project at the historic Stevens Mill. The aged Dudley landmark is slated to be transformed into apartments and mixed-use space thanks to a partnership between the town and Camden Partners. Dudley Acting Town Planner Bill Scanlon said Camden Partners has maintained the status quo with little progress being made on the site, but a new potential energy saving opportunity being explored behind the scenes.

“We did discuss with them the PACE Program which is an energy conservation program run by Massachusetts Development. It requires the town to opt in to make them eligible for that program. It’s a way to finance energy improvements which will be a major component of their project,” Scanlon said.

If Camden Partners decided to go this route, the funds they would borrow would be recaptured through the town assessment to betterment on the property in the tax bills. While it appears this program has been the bulk of the recent discussions taking place surrounding the project, Scanlon stressed it is simply under consideration and not a guaranteed move on Camden Partners’ part, and hasn’t even gone before selectmen yet.

“It does have a town involvement. I’m not sure yet

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## CLEANING UP

The Webster Highway Department is pictured here at work after a Nor’easter dumped 14 or more inches to the area. Thanks to the new equipment our town has invested in to keep us safe for Emergency vehicles to pass on our roads.

# Oxford introduces new health director

BY GUS STEEVES  
CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD – the town’s new public health director has already dived into the Covid mess, trying to

pull together a vaccination program.

“It has been quite the undertaking the last couple of weeks,” Allison Novak told selectmen Feb. 2, during her introduction to the town. She was hired earlier this year and started two weeks previously.

At present, the issue is that “not many health departments have vaccine available to them,” but she said she expects that the change as the number of sites increases. Those that do are generally giving the shots without trouble, although there have been some reports of issues with quantity and storage nationally.

At present, the vaccine is not yet available to the general public. According to the state’s Covid timeline, we’ve just begun Phase 2, with people age 75 and older now eligible, while people 65 and older and/or with two or more of a certain list of medical conditions are next in line.

In our area, most towns are funneling their vaccine requests through Harrington Hospital’s system, which has had a vaccination site run-

ning at Southbridge’s Community Center (aka the Armory) since mid-December and is looking to open at least one more in Webster. Residents need to schedule with their own town – typically, either the health department or their senior center – and the state rules for the process require various details including an email address, insurance card number and birthdate, among others.

So far, many people have reported issues with the state’s online system, which prompted Selectman John Saad to say he’s spoken to several people who “emphasize the frustration they’re having.” Among other issues, people can’t get through by phone, or find there’s “nothing available.” The bigger vaccination sites are often fully booked for several upcoming weeks.

Acknowledging that there’s “tons of angst,” especially among seniors, Novak said she expects more appointments will become available as more sites open and pharmacies begin carrying the vaccines. Right now, just two percent of them

nationwide do, she said.

Novak said she’s developing a vaccine clinic with Webster at a site “just over the border,” which was slated to have its first day of shot-giving late last week. Her plan was to shuttle seniors from the Oxford Senior Center if they don’t have their own transportation. Going forward, she hopes to have several future clinic dates, possibly including at least one weekend-long clinic to vaccinate as many people as possible.

In Southbridge, the Armory site has been giving both Pfizer and Moderna vaccines on various days. Both are two-dose vaccines, meaning recipients are being carefully scheduled to make sure they get the right one the second time approximately 21 days later. Recent reports indicate a new Johnson & Johnson vaccine is slated to go before the FDA review panel Feb 26 to determine whether it warrants “emergency use authorization.” The one-dose Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine, which is already widely in use in Europe,

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# Shepherd Hill Global Studies trip postponed again

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY/CHARLTON – Shepherd Hill Regional High Schools students will have to wait a little longer to explore the world beyond the United States. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Global Studies trip to Europe has once again been postponed after being put on hold in early 2020 as the COVID-19 pandemic first began to take its toll on the national stage.

Mary Pierangeli, who is coordinating the trip, said at a January meeting of the Regional School Committee that she believes international and global awareness is essential to the education

of Shepherd Hill students which is why these trips overseas are so important. Sadly, though the pandemic has caused many countries to keep their borders closed and thus made travel either impossible or extremely complicated requiring quarantines and COVID testing both upon arrival and return to the United States.

“Last March, the trips to Eastern Europe were cancelled and many of those students moved to the 2021 trip. I certainly never thought that a year later we would be dealing with the same problem. However, the pandemic is not showing any sign of slowing down at the present time. Although we have two approved

vaccines, the rollout of those vaccines has been slower than anticipated and the establishment of that herd immunity that would signal a beginning of more or less normal has been delayed. This problem doesn’t exist just in the U.S., it exists all over the world. The European Union has closed its borders to most countries. They are also distributing the vaccine, but according to what I’ve read there is less availability, and they might not be able to immunize as quickly as we are in the United States,” Pierangeli said.

She also noted the rise in a new COVID variant in the United Kingdom

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# Oxford NJROTC defeats Loveland AJROTC



Courtesy

Shooting their highest score of the season, Oxford Navy JROTC defeated Loveland AJROTC 827.7 to 641.4 in the National Air Rifle New Shooter League.

OXFORD — Shooting their highest score of the season, Oxford Navy JROTC defeated Loveland AJROTC 827.7 to 641.4 in the National Air Rifle New Shooter League. With the win, Oxford NJROTC is in twenty-first place overall. They currently have a 1 - 1 record. Oxford NJROTC was led by, Reese Reynolds who shot a 233.1. The remaining contributing members were Joshua Austin, Angelica Kopec, and Julian Pabon. Oxford NJROTC is coached by Ed Kay.

Loveland AJROTC currently has a 0 - 1 record. Shooting their highest team score of the season Loveland AJROTC was led by, William Fritz who shot a 251.3. The remaining contributing members were Evee

King, Danika Eisentraut, and Faith Atteberry. Loveland AJROTC is from Loveland, CO, and is coached by Harold Johnson.

Next up, Oxford NJROTC will compete against Fork Union Military Academy from Fork Union, Va. Fork Union Military Academy currently has a 0 - 2 record. While Loveland AJROTC will compete against Gallatin NJROTC from Gallatin, Tenn. Gallatin NJROTC currently has a 0 - 2 record.

These two teams are competing in the National Air Rifle “New Shooter” League. Sponsored by the Orion Scoring System, the league is a national team league exclusive to athletes in their first year of competition. Teams are from high schools

and junior rifle clubs throughout the United States. Over 10 weeks each team competes in seven games. Each week, each team is paired with another team with a near equal skill level.

In each game, the teams compete in what is known as a Three-Position Air Rifle match. The match is modeled after Olympic Rifle competitions but adapted to high school age athletes. Each athlete will shoot 10 shots in three different shooting positions, prone, standing, and kneeling. Each shot is worth a maximum of 10.9 points. The sum of points scored in the 30 shots is the athlete’s total. The team score is comprised of the best four athletes from each team.

# Juggler Bryson Lang kicks off Catholic Schools Week at St. Joseph School



Courtesy  
The St. Joseph School Home and School Association scheduled performer Bryson Lang: Juggler & Comedian to entertain students during their Catholic Schools Week celebration.

WEBSTER — On Sunday, Jan. 31, St. Joseph School began its 2021 Catholic Schools Week (CSW) observance. CSW is the annual celebration of Catholic education and its role in making the world a better place. This year’s theme is “Catholic Schools: Faith, Excellence, and Service,” which underscores St. Joseph School’s commitment to ensuring its students are afforded the opportunity for academic excellence.

During Catholic Schools Week, each day of the week has a unique theme, including days to celebrate students, faculty, and staff. Due to the pandemic and the commitment that students and staff have made to create a safe in-person learning environment, the St. Joseph School Home and School Association thought it was imperative to do something special for the entire school. And they did not disappoint! On Thursday morning, St. Joseph School PreK through 4th Grade students were led into the Richard A. Nowak Gymnasium, where they were socially distanced in the bleachers and on the gym floor. Then, much to their surprise, Principal Michael Hackenson introduced Bryson Lang, juggler and comedian. Mr. Lang, who worked with the school to create a safe show environment, opened with funny jokes that made all the students giggle and laugh in excitement.

Then he demonstrated why his juggling talents are in demand. Mr. Lang juggled multiple balls – large and small, hoops, hats, and more! The young students were amazed. Also, Mr. Lang performed a second show for the St. Joseph School 5th through 8th Grade students, plus he allowed the school to stream his performance so students at home could also participate in the fun. It was a fun morning for all! However, celebrating the students did not end there. The St. Joseph School Home and School Association provided ice cream for all the students to have for dessert. They also provided lunch for the entire St. Joseph School faculty and staff. The delicious sandwich wraps, salads, and drinks made everyone feel special. Thank you to the St. Joseph School Home and School Association for your continued support!

The celebration of Catholic Schools will continue throughout February. To learn more about the St. Joseph School experience, please visit sjs-webster.com for a glimpse inside classrooms or call 508-943-0378 to schedule an afternoon, evening, or weekend tour.

## Dudley to consider water, sewer rate increases

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – The Dudley Water & Sewer Commission will hold a public hearing in early March where the commission could vote to increase water and sewer rates to stay in line with a rate study released in 2020.

The study was conducted by Tighe and Bond and was presented in May of last year showing the projected need for rate increases to pay for needed improvements and investments in Dudley’s water and sewer system. The full report of the study and the projected

breakdowns are available on the Dudley town website. In the report capital improvements plans, water performance projections and projected rates to keep up with needed improvements were all made public barring a debt exclusion, which the commission feels is unlikely, the town would need to adjust its water and sewer rates annually to keep up with required and recommended investments in the system.

During a meeting on Feb. 4, members of the Water & Sewer Commission discussed what the next increase would look like and concluded a public hearing

would be required before they could move on any proposal. Commission chair Scott Zajkowski said that several projects, including the modernization of the system and mitigation initiatives, facilitated the need for the rate study which is designed to slowly increase the rates rather than hit citizens with a lump sum investment in a single year.

“That rate study gave us a plan out to 2030 for rates based on what our system needs are going to be and what our capital improvement needs are going to be for water and for sewer,” Zajkowski said. “Each year, we have to consider our rates, are

they meeting our needs, are we billing enough to pay for our costs.”

The projected increase for 2022 would be an 18 percent increase on water and a 15 percent increase on sewer. The town is projected to bring in about \$1.6 million in revenue on the low end in a COVID-impacted fiscal year. This would put the needed rate increase on par with the projections presented by Tighe and Bond. Several members of the commission agreed that they should approach the increases with Tighe and Bond’s report in mind rather than risking having to force taxpayers to shoulder a larger expense down the road.

Commissioner Jay Spahl was adamant about proceeding as Tighe and Bond recommended.

“We paid good money to have Tighe and Bond do that professional rate study and being that they are a professional engineering group I feel that we should adhere to the results of that and start easing this program into place because our costs are only going to go up over the next couple of years,” Spahl said. “I’m quite sure once this COVID is over, we’re going to be pumping more. Schools will be back in place, so there goes your electric bill, your chemical bill. Being that we paid good money

for Tighe and Bond to do that study I think we should follow suit with what they are recommending.”

It was briefly discussed whether or not the commission should put forth a proposal for several years of increases in line with Tighe and Bond’s proposal rather than discussing the matter every year. A public hearing where citizens will be able to weigh in either digitally or in person, depending on COVID limitations at the time, has been scheduled for the commission’s March 3 meeting.

## bankHometown promotes Webster’s Lopriore to Branch Officer

OXFORD — bankHometown recently promoted Tarese Lopriore of Webster to branch officer of the bank’s Webster offices.

In her role, Lopriore will manage the bank’s branches on Gore Road and Main Street in Webster. She joined bankHometown in 2007 as a teller and over the years was promoted to customer service representative, assistant branch manager, and branch manager. Lopriore is a graduate of Oxford High School and has volunteered on several occasions at the Webster-Dudley Food Share.

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Tarese Lopriore

## BARTLETT HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

WEBSTER — Bartlett High School has released its honor roll for the second quarter of the 2020-2021 school year.

Grade 9  
High Honor: Kwadwo Agyemang, Muhammad Aslam, Peter Lavache, Charles Roche  
Honor: Jared Evora, Reece LeBeau, Eric Manilut, Hilda Paiz Cordova, Damian Pye, Madisynn Segarra, Hung Tran, Dezmin Zona

Grade 10  
High Honor: Maxine Adu-Boahen Jones, Kiara Alamo-Abad, Nyia Gonzalez, Catherine McIntyre, Ethan Minarik, Erikas Naujokas, Lily Piecchioni, Gabrielle Piehler, Dara Piwowarczyk, Yostina Rezk, Alymarie Rodriguez, Victoria Spitz, Megan Tucker, Hannah Walker  
Honor: Ariana Caron, Kayla Cintron, Lauryn Collins, Genesis Daniels, Sarah Desrosiers, Isabel Figueroa, Hayley Gould, Veronica Graves, Aidan Hast, Samantha Nelligan, Justine Ofori, Camryn Phillips

Grade 11  
High Honor: Simon Agyemang, Felicia Benoit, Josephine Corridori, Rebecca Cotton, Zaley DelRio, Talia Gardner, Camden Heenan, Emily Hetherman, Cassidy Jones, Colin Minarik, Sofia Napierata, Jessica Peets, Lilianna Sigalovsky, Carolyn Somers, Samantha Tremblay, Amanda Warchal  
Honor: Janichellie Aponte Torres, Jetzairy Beniquez-Nieves, Paige Blythe, Paige Evora, Jada Jones, Kyla L’Heureux, Sofia Napierata, Madison Nuttall, Eliana Perez Cruz, Kerolos Rezk, Adianna Roure, Cadence Stawiecki, Tristen Stewart, Tasana Walsh

Grade 12  
High Honor: Alexander Delgado Casanova, Kathryn James, Samuel Kontoes, Julie Mercer, Katrina Mrzyglod, Ryan Spitz, Ryan Truscott  
Honor: Joshua Acosta Romero, Talya Binienda,

Jurnee Bonnick, Michaela Casey, Michael Cooper, Sean Donovan, Emily Gjergo, Emma Hinchey, Moises Lewis, Bryant Macura, Tristessa Mayotte, Gabirela Piwowarczyk, Vivian Poplawski, Kadynce Rico, Alexander Somicu, Hannah Sullivan, Aaron Zalewski

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# Endicott College announces local Dean’s List students

BEVERLY — Endicott College, the first college in the U.S. to require internships of its students, is pleased to announce its Fall 2020 Dean’s List students. In order to qualify for the Dean’s List, a student must obtain a minimum grade point average of 3.5, receive no letter grade below “C,” have no withdrawal grades, and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits for the semester. The following students have met these requirements:

Charlton Hailey Demers, Biology/Biotechnology, Jill Demers and Steve Demers Sarah Horgan, Interior Design, Elizabeth Horgan and Timothy Horgan Emma Hurley, Libl Studies/Education, Lisa Hurley and Gregory Hurley Payton Krukonis, Nursing, Donna Krukonis and Stephen Krukonis Brynne Mandeville, Hospitality Management, Tina Mandeville and Paul Mandeville

Douglas Lauren Bek, Hospitality Management, Mary Anne Bek and Stephen Bek Leah Haire, Liberal Studies, Christine Haire and Colin Haire Maddison Murray, Libl Studies/Education, Diane Beals and Timothy Murray

Grafton Stephanie Butler, English, Pamela Butler and Gary Butler Abigail Seely, Art Therapy, Sarah Kasanovich and Darren Seely

Milford Hannah Currie, Hospitality Management, Ann

Currie and Lloyd Currie Kaylee Harmon, Hospitality Management, Doreen Zinck-Harmon and Thomas Harmon Megan Larouco, Nursing, Cheryl Larouco and John Larouco Isabelle Mathieu, Interior Architecture, Michelle Simpson Mikayla Michelson, Digital Media, Karen Michelson and Gary Michelson Jillian Paccico, Nursing, Nara Paccico and Lawrence Paccico Maggie Rothberg, Hospitality Management, Lynn Rothberg and Marc Rothberg

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Northbridge Maeve Buckley, Libl Studies/Education, Gail Buckley and Mark Buckley

Oxford Victoria Sheehan, Nursing, Donna Sheehan and Brian Sheehan

Sturbridge Melissa Izzio, Interior Architecture, Tricia Izzio and Brian Izzio

Sutton Isabella Fitman, Interior Design,

Julie Fitman and Thomas Fitman Claudia Houde, Marketing, Melissa Houde and William Houde Nicholas Maselek, Finance, Andrea Maselek and Scott Maselek

Upton Maria Buono, Mrktng Comm/Advertising, Diana Buono and Joseph Buono Mackenzie Morgan, Finance, Gail Morgan and Daniel Morgan Kaitlyn Schimp, Nursing, Shannon Schimp and Christoper Schimp

Uxbridge Kiara Griffith, Nursing, Kimberly Griffith and Mark Griffith Erin Jones, Psychology, Carla Jones and Michael Jones Payton Nestor, Nursing, Lisa Nestor and Scott Nestor Webster Cassidy Thorpe, Nursing, Jennifer Thorpe and Jeffrey Thorpe

Whitinsville Nicole Cella, Interior Design, Diane Cella and Christopher Cella

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## Erin Murdock of Dudley graduates from University of New Hampshire

DURHAM, New Hampshire — Erin Murdock of Dudley graduated from the University of New Hampshire in December 2020. He/she earned a BS in Envirn Conservation & Sustainability.

Students who received the honor Summa Cum Laude graduated with a GPA of 3.85-4.0: Students who received the honor of Magna Cum Laude graduated with a GPA of 3.65-3.84; and students who received the honor of Cum Laude graduated with a GPA of 3.50-3.64.

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## ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

WEBSTER — St. Joseph School has released its honor roll for the second quarter of the 2020-2021 scool year.

Grade 8 High Honors: Dale Boudreau, Justin Dooner, Dominik Gielarowicz, Samantha Keller, Nicholas Janeczek, Maya Podskarbi, Lauren Gingo, Krystian Kowalczyk, Alexander Bergeron Credit: Elizabeth Mahlert

Grade 7 High Honors: Andrew Bergeron, Philopateer Basha, Paul Mankarios, Adam Podgorny, Matthew Obrycki,

Treyton Dery, Rocco Rudnicki Honors: Juliana Rudnicki, Connor Czechowski, Gianna DiCola-Keddy, Matthew Zdrok, Aleksandra Kurowski, Maeve Sullivan, Hannah Watson, Alexander Parafinowicz, Bradley McCarthy Credit: Brady McNair

Grade 6 High Honors: Leah Boudreau, Aiden Muchiru, Marcus Muchiru, Gabriela Pianka, Natalie Smith, Kaelyn Lechiara, Bella Calnan, Vanessa Zeglen Honors: Marissa Grieco, Gianna Rosario, Vanessa Cieszynski, Brett McCarthy, Bobbi Enman, Ike Rudnicki

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Grade 5 High Honors: Claire Calnan, Molly Hatchigan, Alisson (AJ) Perron, Colton Haase, Laura Ibrahim, Ella Parslow Honors: Alvin Montreauil, Emily Macko, Max Podgorny, Kaiden Plocher, Jack Keller, Violet Johnson Credit: Gabriel Gallant, Alan Kulpa, Ryan Grupposo

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Courtesy

## LOCAL ARTISTS FEATURED AT BOOKLOVERS’ GOURMET

Thompson, Conn. artists Ann C. Rosebrooks and Donna O’Scolaigh Lange are participating in “New Hope,” an art exhibition Feb. 2–27, at Booklovers’ Gourmet, 72 East Main St., Webster. The show may be viewed during regular business hours Tues.—Sat., 10 a.m.–5 p.m. For more information, call 508-949-6232.

## Friday’s Child



Kye Age 11

Hi! My name is Kye and I love to be outdoors!

Kye is a young boy of African-American and Caucasian descent who is looking for a family with room in their hearts and home to provide him with a forever family. He enjoys legos, sports, and video games. Kye does well when he has a chance to be outside; he loves to run and play. He also likes fishing and camping. Kye does well in school when properly motivated and enjoys interacting with other children, especially those that are older than him.

Legally freed for adoption, a family of any constellation will be considered for Kye, as long as they are willing to maintain his relationship with his sister. Kye does well in a home setting and benefits from structure and routine. Other siblings in the home

are okay, but it would be best if Kye could be the youngest. An active family is highly recommended, as Kye has a great personality with lots of energy.

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

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



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# Valentine's Day Facts & Trivia

Wallethub reports 73% of Americans feel it's more important than ever to celebrate Valentine's Day this year given this state of the pandemic. While some festivities may have to be curtailed due to COVID restrictions, statistics show the basic sentiments of the romantic holiday will thrive this February 14th. With this spirit in mind, this week's column will highlight Valentine's Day trivia and fun facts.

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Power: Valentine's Day is

one of the biggest flower buying holidays of the year. The red rose, representing love, remains the most popular flower purchased in the U.S. In fact, approximately 250 million roses, most of which are red, are produced for Valentines Day. While most people know a red rose means "love," did you know the number of roses you give or receive also has significance? Interpreting a message from the number of roses sent and received is an old fashioned tradition that is making a

comeback. Here is the rundown according to Teleflora:

One rose: Love at first sight, or years later "you are still the one."  
Two roses: Mutual love and affection.  
Three roses: The traditional three-month anniversary gift also simply means "I love you."  
Six roses: Infatuation, or "I want to be yours."  
Nine roses: Eternal love or "I want to be with you forever."  
10 roses: A perfect 10 means "You are perfect."

tion."  
12 roses: A dozen means "be mine forever."  
24 roses: If one dozen says "be mine," two dozen says "I'm yours." whether you want it or not.  
25 roses: This means "congratulations."  
36 roses: Three dozen says "I'm head over heels in love" or "I will remember our romantic moments."  
40 roses: Forty roses says what 10, 20, or 30 can't: "My love for you is genuine."  
**\*\***

**Valentine History:** According to the Greeting Card Association, 145 million Valentine's Day cards are exchanged each year! Did you know the nearby city of Worcester boasts a historical link that cements its place in the early history of Valentine's Day cards? The Central Mass city was hailed as the "Valentine Capitol of the World" well into the 20th century, thanks to an innovative Worcester woman who is credited with turning the lace valentine into a major industry.

The first American made valentines were sold for Valentine's Day, 1849, designed and made by Esther Howland, the daughter of a Worcester stationer. So impressed was Esther when she received a fancy English valentine shortly after graduating from Mount Holyoke College in 1847, that she returned to her Worcester home inspired to recreate the embossed, lacy cards.

Miss Howland began by hiring her friends to assemble the valentines, working from the Howland home on Summer Street. The ornate cards often included gilded lace and colorful European decals. Esther's valentines were a huge success and within a few years, she built her cottage business into a \$100,000 a year enterprise. In 1879 she partnered with Edward Taft of North

Grafton to establish the New England Valentine Company (NEVCO). The remarkable achievements of Esther Howland did not go unnoticed, earning the 19th century entrepreneur the title of «The Mother of the American Valentine," and ensuring her place in both local and national history. Today, collectors covet original Esther Howland valentines, which are identified by embossed paper lace, floral motifs, and bright paper backgrounds. Howland cards often bear a red H on the back. "NEV CO" is embossed on later cards.

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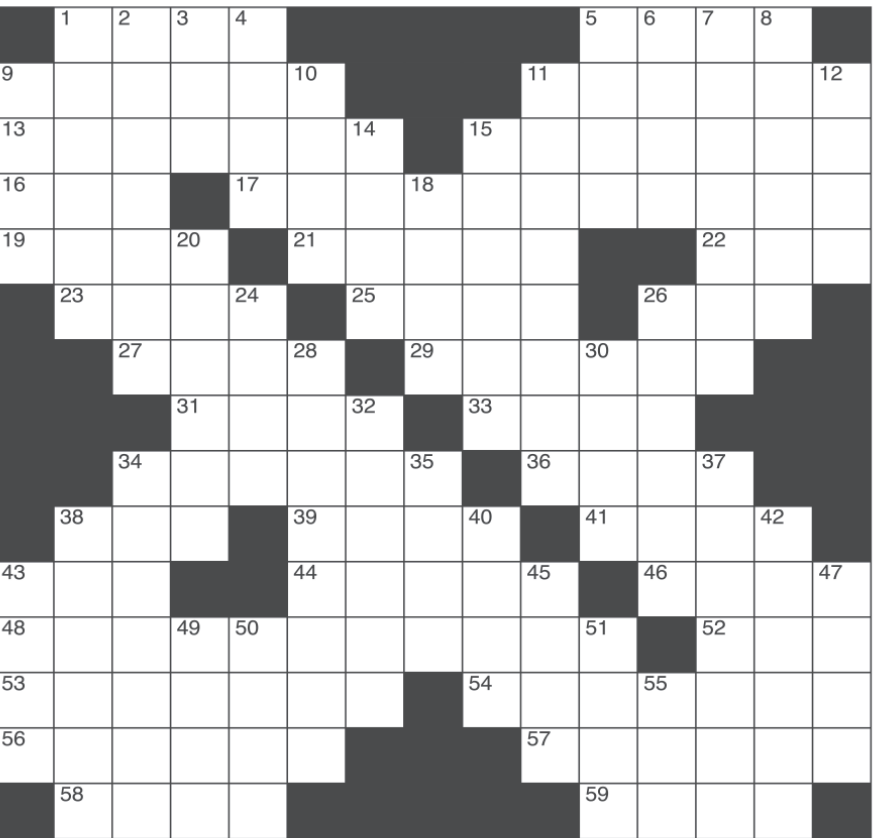
**V-Day Fun Facts:**  
\*Cupid, another symbol of Valentines Day, became associated with it because he was the son of Venus, the Roman god of love and beauty.  
\*The expression "wearing your heart on your sleeve" has origins in a Victorian Valentine's Day tradition. Girls would write their names on paper, which would be drawn by young man. Once drawn, the man would "wear" the girl's name on his sleeve to claim her as his valentine  
To wear your heart on your sleeve now means that it is easy for other people to know how you are feeling.

\* For centuries it has been claimed that certain scents have aphrodisiac qualities, with no reliable evidence to back up the claims However, in 1998, neurologist and psychiatrist Dr. Alan Hirsch published some intriguing findings, which people are still buzzing about today. His research revealed women are attracted to the smell of black licorice, citrus, and banana nut bread. The study found men felt romantic when they smelled baked cinnamon buns, pumpkin pie, and lavender. Surprisingly, cinnamon rolls were found to prompt favorable romantic reactions from both men and women.

\*The Chocolate Connection: Dr. Hirsch also noted the euphoria of falling in love and chocolate may be connected because phenyl ethylamine is elevated during the early stages of infatuation and attraction. Since chocolate contains this chemical, both chocolate and falling in love will produce similar changes in brain chemistry, he noted.  
\* According to the National Retail Federation, one in four people will give Valentine's Day gifts to their pets this year.

\*Alexander Graham Bell applied for his patent on the telephone, an "Improvement in Telegraphy", on Valentine's Day, 1876.  
**\*\***  
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## CLUES ACROSS

1. Composed

5. Lesotho currency

9. Ethnic group associated with Hungarians

11. Gains knowledge of

13. Gradual destruction

15. Purchase

16. Pharaoh of lower Egypt

17. Where you're going

19. The 6th letter of the Greek alphabet

21. Fishing net

22. Midway between south and southeast

23. A way to sort

25. C C C

26. Popular sports podcast (abbr.)

27. Discount

29. Consumes tobacco
31. A way to run

33. Popular musical awards show

34. Pertains to the male sexual organ

36. Supplements with difficulty

38. Green veggie

39. Deep-bodied freshwater fish

41. Holy fire

43. Usually has a lid

44. Being of use or service

46. Have a yen for

48. Unknowingness

52. Dry white wine drink

53. Unwinds

54. Traveling by sea

56. Outdoor entertaining areas

57. Stringed instruments

58. \_\_ Redgrave, actress

59. Moves earth

## CLUES DOWN

1. Progressive decay of a bone or tooth

2. Burrowing rodents

3. French/Belgian river

4. A professional cleaner

5. A Russian river

6. Kiln

7. True statements

8. Most private

9. French city

10. Masses of fish eggs

11. Apart from others

12. Monetary unit of Samoa

14. Nanosecond

15. Film

18. Men's fashion accessories

20. Flowering shrub

24. North Carolina university

26. Former monetary unit of Spain
28. Foodies

30. New Zealand parrot

32. Makes very happy

34. A payment required for not fulfilling a contract

35. Emerald Isle

37. The act of terminating someone's employment

38. Gland in some mammals

40. Commoner

42. Large animals

43. Belch

45. Employee stock ownership plan

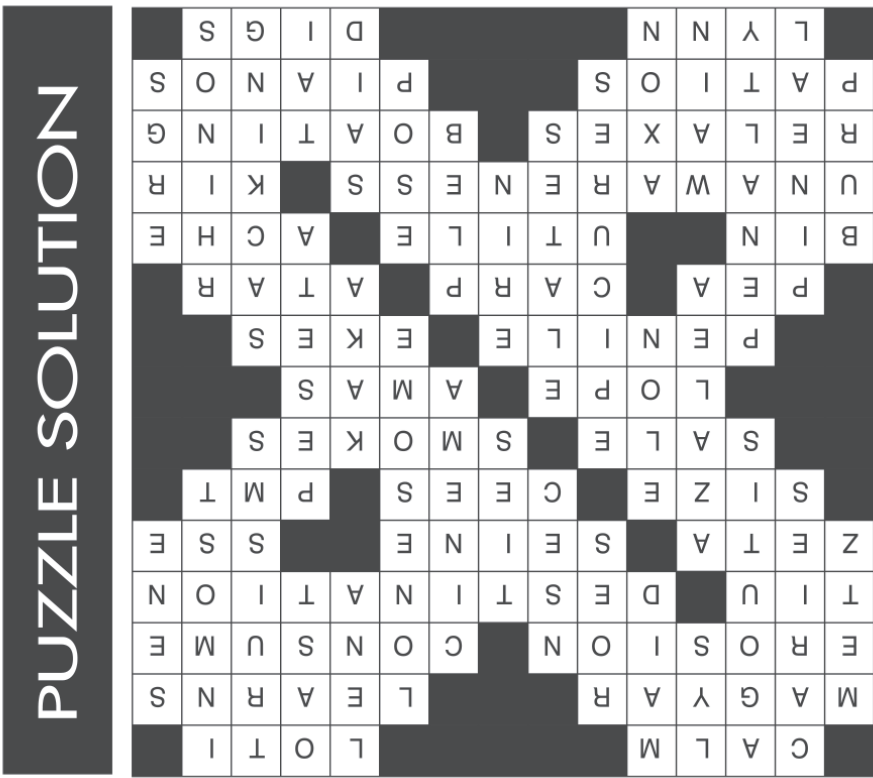
47. Work units

49. Wagon

50. Nerve fiber

51. Proclaimed

55. Japanese delicacy



# Antique finds

There has been a lot of antique news since my last antique and collectibles news column. Three important antique finds have been reported within the past month, beginning with some coins that were literally uncovered in Poland. The Archaeological Institute of America reports that medieval coins were recently found in a Polish cornfield. Archaeologist Adam K dzierski was researching the 1935 discovery



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of a hoard of coins when a local priest informed him that it was rumored that there were additional coins still buried in the field. K dzierski found a "900-year-old hoard, stored in linen pouches placed in a pot, includes Czech, Danish, Hungarian, and German coins; lumps of silver; fragments of lead; and four gold rings." The more than 6,000 pieces were believed to have been the dowry of Maria who was a sister of Princess Zbysława of Russia. Maria was also believed to be the "daughter of Svyatovslavovich Isiaslovovich, Prince of Kiev" according to the Archaeological Institute of America. It is believed they were buried "during a time of turmoil in 1146." Further investigation of the area is being planned. The Smithsonian Magazine reports that a Geneva, N.Y. man (David Whitcomb) found a treasure trove of photographs in the attic of a building that he recently purchased to open his law practice. The two previous building owners were unaware of the attic's existence because a drop ceiling had been added to the top floor decades ago that hid the view of the attic. Along with the photographs, Whitcomb found frames, old cameras, and backdrops. The Smithsonian reported that "according to Ben Hooper of United Press International (UPI), the items probably belonged to James Ellery, or J.E., Hale, a prominent photographer active during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Hale's name was written on many of the objects in the attic, including letters and photographs, and he once owned a studio next door to the New York building." Two of the photos were of famous figures from the women's rights movement, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Susan B. Anthony. Hale took the photo of Susan B. Anthony in 1905, a year before she died. David



Whitcomb consigned the collection to a nearby auction house. The collection is expected to sell for \$100,000. The Canadian Broadcasting Company (CBC) reported that an Edmonton, Alberta antique dealer (Alex Archibald) recently purchased a home that had belonged to a hoarder. He paid \$10,000 for the property, sight unseen. The home and contents were the estate of a local piano teacher (Bette-Jean Rac) whom Archibald had known before she passed away. A grand piano initially caught his attention. He has turned up many more valuable objects since he purchased the home and has been searching through it. Archibald found typical things you would expect to find in an old estate including clothes, shoes, books, and magazine. He found many more valuable objects as well though. Archibald said, "our most impressive finds included wallets full of cash, a 100-ounce silver bar, and bags full of gold and diamond rings." He found some of the clothing to be valuable pieces by well known designers. The estate items were sold in three auctions which ended up bringing \$400,000. Archibald kept the grand piano and moved it to his antique shop. He may not be able to hit a higher note than he already has though. We are still accepting quality consignments for our spring multi-estate online auction such as gold jewelry, sterling silver flatware, antique paintings, coins, and other older collectibles. Our online auction with paintings from the estate of equestrian artist Fay Moore ends on February 17th. Our next online auction Session 2 of antique, vintage, and contemporary toys will soon be available for bidding. Contact us at: Wayne Tuiskula Auctioneer/Appraiser Central Mass Auctions for Antique Auctions, Estate Sales and Appraisal Services www.centralmassauctions.com (508-612- 6111) info@centralmassauctions.com

Local students named to Holy Cross' Dean's List

Area residents named to dean's list at Quinnipiac University

WORCESTER—A total of 1,453 students were named to College of the Holy Cross' Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester of the 2020-21 academic year. The following local students made the list:

Amanda Fradsham of Oxford, a member of the Class of 2021, majoring in Psychology

Nina Nguyen of Webster, a member of the Class of 2021, majoring in Biology

Dalton Bodreau of Oxford, a member of the Class of 2021, majoring in Political Science

Meghan Gates of Oxford, a member of the Class of 2022, majoring in Chemistry

Trevor Dow of Dudley, a member of the Class of 2023, majoring in Asian Studies

Kelsey Connor of Webster, a member of the Class of 2024, majoring in Undeclared

Kaylee Fradsham of Oxford, a member of the Class of 2024, majoring in Undeclared

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must pass four or more letter-graded courses with no failing grades during the semester and earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

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HAMDEN, Conn. — Camden Boggio and Morgan Gallegan of Dudley and Olivia Pisegna of Oxford were named to the dean's list for the Fall 2020 semester at Quinnipiac University:

To qualify for the dean's list, students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 with no grade lower than C. Full-time students must complete at least 14 credits in a semester, with at least 12 credits that have been graded on a letter grade basis to be eligible. Part-time students must

complete at least six credits during a semester.

About Quinnipiac University

Quinnipiac is a private, coeducational, nonsectarian institution located 90 minutes north of New York City and two hours from Boston. The university enrolls 7,000 full-time undergraduate and 3,000 graduate and part-time students in 110 degree programs through its Schools of Business, Communications, Education, Engineering, Health Sciences, Law, Medicine, Nursing and

the College of Arts and Sciences. Quinnipiac is recognized by U.S. News & World Report and Princeton Review's "The Best 385 Colleges." The Chronicle of Higher Education has named Quinnipiac among the Great Colleges to Work For(r). For more information, please visit qu.edu. Connect with Quinnipiac on Facebook at facebook.com/quinnipiacunews and follow Quinnipiac on Twitter @QuinnipiacU.

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Dudley

\$500,000, 115 Schofield Ave, Metalogic Properties LLC, to JD& D Construction Inc.

\$284,900, 70 Tracy Rd, Anderson, Eric H, and Twombly, Dawn M, to Gray, Michael.

\$278,000, 12 Nelco Ave, Labonne, David P, and Labonne, Robin E, to Pleu, Alycia B, and Gray, Blaine.

\$270,500, 228 W Main St, Plaza-Seavey RT, and Plaza, Marlene J, to Feranzoviz, Kathrine, and Rust, Jonathan.

Oxford

\$305,000, 21 Rawson Ave, Arraje, Joshua, and

Arraje, Regan E, to Dangelo, Natalia M, and Dangelo, Anthony J.

\$300,000, 365 Main St, Rheault, Ronald C, to Rheault, Russell C.

\$245,000, 3 Walters Dr, Brault FT, and Moore, Christopher L, to Page, Dorothy.

\$240,000, 1 Tremont St, Golding Limited LLC, to Sanford, Garrett.

\$120,000, Old Charlton Rd, Goodall, David A, to Bachand, Daniel.

Webster

\$340,000, 8 Community Rd, Redding, Donna L, and Redding, Arthur P, to Macrae, Jane.

\$268,000, 9 Elaine St, Goodrau, Sheila A, to

Macarthur, William.

\$265,000, 55 Lakeside Ave, Filep, Michael, and Filep, Georgia, to Azu, Christian.

\$262,000, 29 West Ave, Moran, Richard, and Moran, Tammy L, to Sweeney, Stephen, and Sweeney, Haley.

\$220,000, 8 Nipmuck Ln, Plasse Stephen A Est, and Wright, Teresa, to Urso, Nicholas R.

\$40,000, Ray St, Bonin, Lillian, and Barnes, Jane L, to Arbo LLC.

\$38,000, Brookside Ave, Westview Estates Inc, to Walsh, Kevin.

\$35,000, Browns Brook Rd, Redding RT, and Redding, Donna L, to 0 Browns Brook RT, and Macrae, Janet.



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OBITUARIES

Doris T. Garney, 96



OXFORD – Mrs. Doris T. (Lambert) Garney, 96, died Tuesday, February 2, 2021, at the Jewish Healthcare Center in Worcester. She was predeceased by her husband of 49 years, George A. Garney who died in 1996. She is survived by five children, Donna N. Eyrich and her husband Gerald of Oxford, Steven A. Garney and his wife Linda of Jefferson, Gail A. Child and her husband Fred of Woodstock, CT, Joan M. Rodinov and her husband Michael of Dudley, and Brian J. Garney and his wife Jayne of Charlton; 14 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great grandchild, and several nephews and nieces. She was predeceased by 3 brothers and 4 sisters. She was born in Worcester, daughter of the late Henry and Nora A. (Cashen) Lambert, and

lived in Worcester before moving to Oxford in 1949. Mrs. Garney was a floor supervisor at Wiley Bickford Shoe Company many years ago, but spent most of her life caring for her home and family. She was a member of St. Roch’s Church in Oxford, where she was a CCD Teacher and worked on the Bishop’s Fund for many years. She was generous throughout her life and raised money for many charities. Family meant everything to her and she will be remembered as a dedicated wife, mother, and grandmother. A funeral Mass was held at 11 a.m. on Friday, February 5, 2021, at St. Roch’s Church, 332 Main St., Oxford. Burial followed at St. Roch’s Cemetery in Oxford. Calling hours were Friday from 9:00-10:30 a.m. prior to the Mass. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Catholic TV, P.O. Box 9196, Watertown, MA 02471.

(John) David Adams, 85



WEBSTER- (John) David Adams, 85, passed away peacefully at home with his loving family by his side on Friday, January 29, 2021, after a courageous battle with cancer. Dave was born in Hopkinton, MA on November 30, 1935, the son of the late Clement W. and Barbara Page Adams; prior to retirement Dave worked as a hearing aid specialist for Better Hearing Solutions in Worcester; he managed Thunderbird Bowl in Auburn for many years and did color commentating with Bob Fouracre and Frank Carpano on Bay State Bowling; he was a past winner of the T & G Candlepin Bowling Tournament; he also managed a Little League All Star Team in Oxford. Dave enjoyed playing poker at Foxwoods and with his grandchildren, listening to jazz, doing crossword puzzles and enjoyed all sports, especially the New England Patriots and Boston Red Sox. Dave was most pleased when he was able to spend quality time with his family, especially his beloved chil-

dren and grandchildren. Dave will be deeply missed by his wife, Doreen (DiGregorio) Adams, to whom he has been wed for fifty-nine years, his children, Jeffrey Adams of Oxford, Kimberley LaTulippe and her husband, Eric of Oxford, Christopher Adams and his fiancée Ann Daniels Wright of Whitinsville, and Stephen Adams and his wife, Lisa, of Rutland; his grandchildren, Nicholas Packard, Katrina Roman and her husband, David, Abigail Adams, Vivian Adams, twins Bryce and Elisabeth Adams, Beau Adams and Brody Adams and two great granddaughters, Hannah and Hailey Roman, and his brother, Paul Adams and his wife, Kathy, of Natick and his nieces, Lia, Sophie and Emma Adams. In lieu of flowers the family has requested that memorial contributions be made to a charity of one’s choice in honor of Dave. Private funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home. A guest book, where you may offer condolences or light a candle in remembrance of Dave is available at [www.shaw-majercik.com](http://www.shaw-majercik.com).

Olive Louise Prunier, 101



Olive Louise (Brousseau) Prunier, 101, of Oxford, MA, died peacefully on January 25, 2021. She was predeceased in 2011 by Louis Prunier, her husband of 68 years, with whom she raised 8 children. Olive was born in Rehoboth, MA, in 1919, to Wilfred and Mary Louise (Antaya) Brousseau. She graduated from Rhode Island State College with a BS in Home Economics. Olive worked as a lab technician during World War II. In 1961-1962 she taught home economics at Oxford Junior High School. In 1963, Olive became a Worcester County Extension Agent where she supported 4-H programs until retiring in 1981. A prolific baker, Olive was famous for her pies. She was also known for her unorthodox and creative use of leftover ingredients. She was an impatient cook who was frequently heard saying, “I’ll just jack this up a bit,” as she turned the burner up. Her children joked that her biography should be titled My Mother Cooked on High. Olive was known for her unstoppable energy and was sharp as a tack. With her remarkable sense of color she created over 100 gorgeous quilts. She loved watching wild birds and nurturing beautiful flower gardens. A good day included a game of Scrabble, which

she loved to win. She was an avid reader and followed the news closely. She was welcoming and generous, and she loved having guests in her home. She cared deeply about people and accepted everyone with an open mind and heart. She is remembered fondly by dear friends of all ages. Olive leaves her children Mary-Louise Eggimann of Shrewsbury, Michelle Wittstein of Coventry, CT, Martha Jean of Exeter, NH, Thomas Prunier and wife Vivian of Westminster, VT, Chris Wings of Wendell, John Prunier of Warren, Miles Prunier of Oxford, and Jessie T. Stepanian of Methuen. She leaves her grandchildren Mollie Wittstein, Jeanette Wittstein, Max Wittstein, Erin Germanowski, Lisa Manni, Ben Germanowski, Sarah Law, Rachel Prunier, James Prunier, Antavis Geoffroy, Lee Prunier, Leslie Prunier, Laika Stepanian, Cal Stepanian and 11 great-grandchildren. She also leaves her sister Catherine Manning of Epping, NH. She was predeceased by infant son David and by brothers Omer, Louis, Philip, Laurence and Ernest Brousseau and sisters Leona Waterman, Edna Bryan, Frances Pimentel, and Doe Brousseau. Services will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Friends of the Oxford Free Public Library or to Abby’s House (Worcester).

Philip N. Briggs, 78



OXFORD – Philip N. Briggs, 78, of Main Street, died Saturday, January 30, 2021, at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester. He succumbed to COVID-19 after numerous battles with cancer. He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Jane E. (Dyson) Briggs of Oxford; two children, Stacy Rogers and her husband Marc of Dunedin, FL, and Josh of Merino Pond in Dudley; his brother, Clifford Briggs and his wife Elizabeth of Oxford; two sisters, Norma Bouchard and her husband Charles of Haverhill, and Christine Monson and her husband Lenny of Oxford; two grandchildren, Reagan Carney and her husband Matt of Moundville, AL, and Ryan Sandoz of Tampa, FL; his mother-in-law, Patricia Dyson of Oxford; two sisters-in-law, Tracey Storey and her partner Brian Lamson of Worcester and Lynn Butler-Dinunno and her husband Vinny Dinunno of Webster; and many cousins, nephews, and nieces. He was born in Worcester, son

of the late Norman L. and Ruth (West) Briggs, and lived most of his life in Oxford. He graduated from Oxford High School and was a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War. Mr. Briggs worked as a salesman and sales manager for various automobile dealerships for many years. After retirement, he drove for Central Mass Auto Auction in Oxford for 10 years. He was a sports fan who enjoyed watching sports, coaching his son in baseball, and playing softball in several leagues. He enjoyed gardening, refinishing furniture, and driving around in his bright yellow mustang convertible. Services will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to PAWS New England, P.O. Box 542, Ashland, MA 01721. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements.

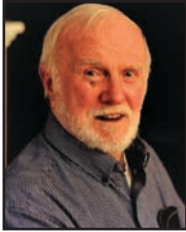
Arlene L. Froehlich, 88



WOODSTOCK VALLEY, CT- Arlene L. (Barie) Froehlich age 88 passed away Feb. 1, 2021 at the Matulaitis Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center after a short illness. Arlene was born in Brockton on May 14, 1932 daughter of the late Arthur Barie and Viola (Belanger) Barie Hall. Arlene was predeceased by her devoted husband Robert A. Froehlich who died in 2014. She was also predeceased by her brother, Edgar Barie. She also leaves a son Robert E. Froehlich and his wife Lori Lynn of Lake City, FL; three daughters, Joanne Jacobson and her husband Lee of Webster, MA, Diane Froehlich and her companion, Nick, Christine Lepine and her companion Michael of Woodstock Valley, her grandchildren Lisa Cote, Nickole DiGregorio and Candice

Jowers, Ryleigh Froehlich, Brett and Robert Jacobson, six great grandchildren, Chad, Travis, Mykela, Sydney, Nathan and Elijah. She also leaves a sister-in-law Elaine Barie of Halifax, MA and many nieces and nephews. Arlene was employed by Day Kimball Hospital as a Nurse’s Aide for many years. After retiring she spent much of her time with her family. She enjoyed going to 10 pin bowling and doing framework puzzles. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Bungay Fire Dept. 1256 Rt. 171, S. Woodstock, CT. 06267. A graveside service will be held at later date to be announced by the family. Funeral Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home. A guest book is available at [www.shaw-majercik.com](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you may offer condolences, share a fond memory, or light a candle in remembrance of Arlene.

Leonard F. “Lenny” Wisniewski, 92



Leonard F. “Lenny” Wisniewski, 92, of Webster MA, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at UMASS Memorial University Campus after a short illness, with his children by his side. Leonard was born in Webster, April 22, 1928 to Joseph F. & Julia V. (Pakulski) Wisniewski and lived in Webster his entire life. His wife of 56 years, Jacqueline A. (Hoenig) Wisniewski, died March 2009. They were married January 1953 at St. Louis Church, Webster MA. Leonard leaves his daughter, Julianne Ostrowski and her husband, Lenny Ostrowski of Webster, MA, his son, Matthew Wisniewski and his partner, Phylliss Morgan-Belt of Webster, MA. Ikey also leaves his grandchildren, Angela L. Jankowski and her husband Todd, of North Grosvenordale, CT, Amy B. Brissenden and her husband Joel, of Hanover, MA, Amanda K. Ostrowski of Baltimore, MD, Andrew Ostrowski and his wife Erin, of Greenfield, MA, Laura Canty of Rutland, MA and Lisa Gajewski of Dudley, MA, great-grandchildren, Jake, Sam, Ella-Rae, Sadie, Jack, Sawyer, Alex, Angela, Robert, Vicki, Ashlee, Jon, Christopher and his partner Jamilia, Connor, Brianna, Kayla, Julia, Lauren and Jenna, and his great-great grandchildren, Lyla, Raina, and Ella, several nieces, nephews and cousins. Leonard was a Veteran of the U.S.

Navy and served on the USS Ault (DD-698). He was employed as an overhead lineman for Nation Grid until his retirement in 1990, was a past member of the Webster Fire Department and devout Parishioner of St. Louis Church, Webster, MA. Leonard loved his family and always made sure they were taken care of. He enjoyed the many trips with his wife, Jackie, to Hawaii, Aruba & California, summer family vacations in Wellfleet, as well as trips to Foxwoods and enjoyed his Key Lime Pie. The family would like to thank the staff at UMASS University Campus ICU & Comfort Care Units for their care and compassion. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Worcester County Food Bank, 474 Boston Turnpike, Shrewsbury MA 01545 or the Alzheimer’s Association. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday February 8, 2021 at 10:00 am in St. Louis Church, 15 Lake Street Webster; Committal with Military Honors followed in St. Joseph’s Garden of Peace in Webster. Funeral Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home. A guest book is available at [www.shaw-majercik.com](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you may offer condolences, share a fond memory, or light a candle in remembrance of Leonard.

Stella Louise Haskins, 92



DIGHTON / WEBSTER- Stella Louise (Tavers) Haskins, 92, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Tuesday February 2, 2021 at the St. Camillus Health Care Center in Northbridge. Stella was born in Dighton, MA on January 14, 1929 daughter of the late John and Rose (Camera) Tavers; she was a member of St. Peter’s Church in Dighton for over seventy years, which was closed in 2001. Stella was active in numerous church functions and was awarded the Marion medal in the Diocese of Fall River; she enjoyed sewing, baking, taking care of flowers, and

traveling with her daughter Linda; she loved spending time with her family. Being predeceased by her husband, the late Bryon Haskins, Stella will be deeply missed by her twin daughters Linda Vandale and her husband Peter of Dudley, and Lois Haskins and her companion Allan Thomas of Raynham; her brother Albert Tavers of Raynham; she was also predeceased by her sister Alice Knapinski of Dighton. Private funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home. A guest book is available at [www.shaw-majercik.com](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you may offer condolences, share a fond memory, or light a candle in remembrance of Stella.

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WEBSTER POLICE LOG

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of Jan. 31 through Feb. 6. Jai A. Hylton, age 23, of Webster was arrested on Feb. 2 in connection with multiple warrants. David Eugene Prue, Jr., age 43, of Webster was arrested on Feb. 2 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol (second offense), Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Operating Under the Influence of Drugs, and multiple counts of Possession of an Open Container of Alcohol in a Motor Vehicle. Kevin P. Houle, age 34, of Webster was arrested on Feb. 3 in connection with a warrant. Mark A. Desourdy, age 42, of Dudley was arrested on Feb. 4 in connection with a warrant. Michael A. Larose, age 30, of Worcester was arrested on Feb. 4 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, Speeding, Failure to Stop or Yield, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, and Possession of an Open Container of Alcohol in a Motor Vehicle. Ronald Weiss, age 59, of Webster was arrested on Feb. 5 for Distribution of a Class B Drug. A 54-year-old female, also of Webster, was issued a summons during the same incident for multiple counts of Possession of a Class B Drug.



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EDITORIAL

Why we listen to the groundhog

Tuesday, Feb. 2 was Groundhog Day, and it was reported that Punxsutawney Phil came out of his burrow at Gobbler’s Knob, where he saw his own shadow. This means that we will have six more weeks of winter. We’ll take it!

This North American tradition is derived from the Pennsylvania Dutch superstition that if the groundhog sees it’s shadow due to clear weather, it will go back to its den and winter will last just a few weeks longer. If the animal does not see it’s shadow due to the clouds, spring will come early.

This lore originated from German speaking areas where the groundhog is considered the most accurate forecasting animal. Each year, a Groundhog Day ceremony is held in Punxsutawney, Pa., and is always well attended.

The Pennsylvania Dutch, immigrated from German speaking parts of Europe. Groundhog in German is ‘grun’daks.’ In Europe, the Germans had an existing tradition of marking Candlemas as ‘Badger Day,’ where if a badger appeared on a sunny day, casting a shadow, winter would be extended. In some areas a bear or a fox took on the forecasting responsibility.

In Irish folklore, St. Brigid’s Day, Feb. 1, is the first day of spring, which begins the farmer’s year. Seeing a hedgehog was a sign of good weather.

The earliest mention of Groundhog Day appeared in 1840, in the diary of James L. Morris of Morgantown, Pa., who was talking about his German neighbors. In 1886, the observance of Groundhog Day was mentioned in the Punxsutawney Spirit newspaper. It noted, “Up to the time of going to press, the beast has not seen its shadow.” One year later, a group of townspeople went to Gobbler’s Knob in search of the groundhog and so began the tradition. Pre-COVID, gatherings to celebrate in Punxsutawney grew as large as 40,000.

Clymer Freas, who was born in 1867 and passed away in 1942, is said to be the one who created the idea of Groundhog Day. Freas was the Editor of the Punxsutawney Spirit. In 1899, a Groundhog Club was formed in town including a hunt and a feast. It is said that groundhog tastes like a cross between chicken and pork. We’ll pass on finding out.

In 1993, Bill Murray and Andie MacDowell starred in the comedy “Groundhog Day,” which is now considered a cult classic. We must admit to enjoying Mr. Murray more in “What About Bob?” but that’s an editorial for another time. Baby steps.

Tax-smart investment moves for higher earners

If you earn a lot of money, you may also pay a lot in taxes – a fact that’s particularly relevant now, as we are well into tax-filing season. At this point, there’s not a lot you can do to affect the outcome for the 2020 tax year, but if you want to change your tax outlook for the years ahead, you can make several moves.

Here are a few “tax-smart” investment strategies to consider:

Put as much as you can into your 401(k). By contributing pretax dollars to a traditional 401(k), you’ll reduce your taxable income, and your earnings can grow tax deferred. If you have a Roth 401(k) option, you’ll put in after-tax dollars, but your withdrawals – earnings and contributions – will ultimately be tax-free, as long as you’ve had your account at least five years and you’re older than 59 and a half when you start taking money out. In 2021, you can put up to \$19,500 into your 401(k), or \$26,000 if you’re 50 or older. However, depending on your employer’s plan,

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you may also be able to contribute additional after-tax dollars, so check with your plan administrator about your options.

Review Roth IRA strategies. As a high earner, you may face limits on what you can contribute to a Roth IRA, which, like a Roth 401(k), offers the potential for tax-free earnings. You lose eligibility to contribute to a Roth IRA if your adjusted gross income equals or exceeds \$140,000 (single filers) or \$208,000 (if you’re married and file jointly). Through a “backdoor” Roth IRA conversion, though, you could make after-tax contributions to a traditional IRA and convert it to a Roth. This strategy could be advantageous if you expect your tax

rate to be higher when you retire. Consult with your tax advisor to determine if this move is appropriate for your situation.

Look at municipal bonds. Because interest payments from municipal bonds are typically exempt from federal taxes, and often state and local taxes, too, these bonds can be attractive to investors in the higher tax brackets. Income from some types of municipal bonds may be subject to the alternative minimum tax (AMT), so, if you end up having to pay this tax, you’ll want to be clear about what types of bonds you’re purchasing.

Consider investing in tax-efficient mutual funds. When most mutual fund managers buy and sell the individual investments within their funds, such as stocks and bonds, they are primarily interested in trying to achieve the goal of the fund itself – growth; growth and income; and so on. However, many of their trades have tax consequences. But managers of funds billed as tax-efficient will consciously try to minimize the moves that can gen-

erate taxes.

Follow a buy-and-hold strategy. If you’re frequently buying and selling investments, you could incur sizable taxes, especially if you sell investments you’ve held for less than a year, in which case your profits would be taxed at your ordinary income tax rate. If you sell investments you’ve held for more than a year, you’ll be assessed the long-term capital gains rate, which will likely be lower than your individual tax rate.

Your financial and tax advisors can help you determine if these moves make sense for your needs. If they do, you may want to start incorporating them into your long-term investment strategy.

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VIEWPOINT

The danger of judging others

How many of us think we’re better than some others? Honestly, how many of us have judged someone else, thinking that we’re not like them because we’re better? We condemn others while we praise ourselves!

Why do we judge others?

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Is it because we think others have done something morally wrong that we judge them?

Is it because when we highlight someone else’s weaknesses or failures, we hope that this makes us feel better about ourselves?

Does seeing how others fail justify our own actions and makes us feel OK that we do the same thing?

Or is it simply because we don’t like them! We are much more inclined to judge and condemn someone we don’t like than someone who is a friend, or someone like ourselves.

Think about how often we make a mistake, a poor decision, or consciously turn away from what we know is right, and then justify our behavior – maybe because we’re tired, or because something happened that put us in a bad mood, or simply because “we’re human” and everyone does such things once in a while. We may act rudely or hurt someone or do something that is clearly against what we believe is right, and yet we justify our own actions while at the same time judge others for doing exactly the same thing.

Christ is clear when he states, “Do not judge others so that you yourself will not be judged. For with the judgment you judge, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.” (Mt 7:1-2) Think about all the times we judge others, and then apply a different standard of judgment on ourselves.

Our Lord Jesus goes on to say, “Why do you look at the speck in the other’s eye, but do not see the plank in your own eye... You hypocrite. First remove the plank from your own eye!” (Mt 7:3,5) We all have planks we need to focus on in our own lives.

Of course, maybe some

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astray.

Meanwhile, the scoundrel tax collector enters the Temple and falls on his face humbling crying out, “God, have mercy on me a sinner.”

He knew he was a sinner and he came before God in humility. This simple, sincere prayer saves the scoundrel, while the good deeds of the religious man are ruined by his pride.

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ciated with this activity.

The most common statute dealing with trespassing is Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 266 Section 120. It in essence defines a trespass as “entering or remaining upon property without right.” A posted notice of “No trespassing” is considered a proper means of notification to potential violators. The law does address the improper removal of these notices. Massachusetts General Law Chapter 266 Section 122 states in part, “Whoever willfully tears down, removes or defaces any notice posted on land, or other property described in section one hundred and twenty, by the owner, lessee or custodian thereof, warning persons not to trespass thereon, shall be punished...” The penalty for a violation is a fine of \$25.

In addition to this penalty, the person can be charged with trespassing, which carries up to 30 days in jail and/or a \$100 fine. The person is also subject to arrest. Other violations may also be considered. If there is other property damage, if something is removed or destroyed, or other crimes take place during this time, the violators can face a variety of penalties. There are several reasons why people place these signs on their property. Others must respect the law on these cases and either ask permission to enter the premises or find alternate locations to travel or conduct business.

As the pandemic continues and cases rise, we ask everyone to stay safe and continue to take the necessary precautions to protect yourselves. Anyone in need of vaccination information can find it at www.dudleyma.gov or by calling 508-949-8036. The work of the Town Officials, particularly our Administrator and most importantly, those from the Board of Health, is greatly appreciated. The rules regarding this virus seem to change constantly, and more pressure is placed on local governments to respond, all with limited resources. We continue to serve the people of Dudley and work with the community to improve the quality of life for everyone. I thank the men and women from my department for their continued dedicated service to the Town during these trying times. Thanks also go out to the many Police Officers, Fire and Emergency Services members, public works, health care, government and all other “essential” personnel for their continued hard work and service. We greatly appreciate the support we receive from our community.

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

# Derbies offer fantastic fishing



Left to right: Rob Sullivan, Lary Lyons and Brian Lightbound at the 200 Sportsmen's club this past Saturday.

This past weekend provided a couple of days for anglers to enjoy some great ice fishing locally. Although the ice was not the best to fish on, anglers attended many ice fishing derbies that were held in the area. The 200 sportsmen's club in Webster had over 75 anglers fishing the club's derby. Pond Chairman Rob Sullivan did a great job signing up the fishermen and recording the catch of bass, perch, & pickerel. A report of a couple of Eagles flying over the pond prior to my arrival was interesting. The Eagles in the Valley area are the direct results of sportsmen's monies being used for this great restoration project. This week's picture shows Sullivan, Joe Foisy, and Brian Lightbound. Foisy had caught a big 17-and-

a-half-inch largemouth bass, and released it. Captain Mel True and his buddy Brett, also had a great day fishing, landing numerous brook trout and yellow perch, as did many other contestants. After leaving the 200 sportsmen's derby, I visited a few other ponds in the area that all had fishermen on them. Some ponds had good ice, while others were marginal for safety. The following day anglers were out in force again, enjoying a few hours of fishing before the big football game that evening. Some areas had slow fishing, while others had a great day with anglers chasing flags. It looks as though striper fishing this year will have the same regulations again, with the only change requiring

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reel anglers to use circle hooks. The slot limit for stripers will again be implemented for recreational anglers as of last word. Massachusetts anglers will again enjoy an early season for seabass, with a limit of five fish daily. Rhode Island anglers are hoping for an early season on seabass, and are also hoping for a reduction in length for summer flounder to 17 inches for recreational anglers. Wishful thinking!



This week's picture shows Cole Bromley with a few of his friends that limited out on nuisance Canada geese last week. They brought along their friend Cody, who is a paraplegic friend of the group.

The late Canada Goose season will end on Feb. 15 in the Central District, but it was not before Cole Bromly and his buddies harvested their limit of 5 birds, as this week's picture shows. They brought along their good friend Cody, who is a paraplegic, but that did not stop him from enjoying the hunt. It takes good friends to bring along handicapped sportsmen on their hunting and fishing trips, many of whom are war veterans. With the absence of sportsmen's shows this year because of the pandemic, many sportsmen are visiting their local bait and tackle shops in the valley, for their fishing gear, or shopping online. It is a shot in the arm for the small tackle shops that have survived, but at one time there were two or three in every town in the valley.

Harding's Boat livery on the Meadow Pond in Whitinsville had supplied live bait and boat rentals for many years. Francis Joslin had a tackle shop in the basement of Baker's Dept store in the town of Whitinsville, and Police Chief Vic Nelson of Douglas, also ran a small tackle shop on Main Street in that town back in the day, to mention a few. There was also a Bait & Tackle shop in Douglas in back of the Goodness store not that long ago by the Manning family, and even this writer sold live bait from my home for a number of years. My brother and I also sold live bait at our home on Main street in Whitinsville to local anglers. We erected a huge sign on the lawn advertising crawlers and garden worms for sale when my mother was at work. It had a huge night-crawler standing six feet

high, painted with a face smiling, which we thought was great, until my mother came home and had us remove the sign immediately. We were not happy! I sure wish I had a picture of it. There were a few shiner fishermen using nets to catch bait to sell to local bait shops. Huge seines were used by a couple of men in areas like the Mumford River, which yielded thousands of red fin shiners per day. Numerous large snapper turtles were often caught in the nets and were given to George Bramen (a member of the Whitinsville Rod & Gun Club) which he used to make turtle soup. It was delicious! Ah, the Good Old Days! Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending.

# The guiding power of influence

I've spent my week reading and pondering the guiding and power of influence. The influence others have on us as well as the influence we have on others. Influence is power and it is a double-edged sword. There's of course positive as well as negative influences, and we must choose who we associate with wisely. The late Motivational/ Inspirational Speaker, Jim Rohn, said, "You are the average of the five people you spend the most time with." This is going to be a working column, as I am going to ask you to do more than just read. I'd like you to participate. Ask yourself, "Who are the five people you spend the most time with now," and "who were the five people you spent the most time with during your formative years as a child?" This exercise will help you understand the influence people had on you and are having now. When you were young, if the kids you hung around with smoked, you are/ were probably a smoker. If they were shoplifting, you probably joined in. And if they were good students who took their education seriously, you

were probably a good student. Our greatest childhood influencers were usually your caregivers ... your parents and guardians. My sisters and I laugh and often talk about how we are still influenced today by our parents. It's unavoidable. As Rohn said, we are the average of the five people we spend or spend the most time with. My mother certainly understood the power of influence, as I can hear her saying, "Don't hang around that kid. He'll only lead you into trouble." She understood, not from education but from experience. Like I said, I spent the week focused on influence. I made an honest and sobering list of what and who has influenced my life. My second request is that you do the same, but let's begin with a reflection of now. Who do you hang around with? Who are the five people you spend the most time with? Once you have the list, take each name, and make



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notes. Do I want to imitate them? Is their quality of life what I want for mine? What are they doing to me? How are they influencing me? Has my time with them changed me? And is that okay? If you will take a hard, honest, and serious look into your associations, you will be surprised. Positive influences and examples will have a profound influence on your life. So will negative influences. Both will take you somewhere ... but ask yourself, "is it someplace you really want to go?" It's easy to dismiss the influence of others but its not honest. Make a list and examine each name. Everything matters.

Every word spoken. Every action taken leads us somewhere and impacts our lives. Ignorance is never your best policy. Understanding who and how you are being influenced is. What am I becoming? I don't care how old you are, we are all on a journey somewhere. Is your journey taking you where you want to go? Ask yourself, "Who has power over you? Who is influencing my journey?" Now, take positive and decisive action. If you have participated so far in this exercise, you should have a clearer idea of who and how you are influenced. Now let's talk about the three steps you can take to improve your life. Disassociation (hard choice) Get the losers out of your life. Limited association - people you enjoy but add no real value to your life. Increased association.

Associate on purpose with people of positive substance. These actions should be clear, so I won't spend too much time on them. Dump the people who are negatively influencing you. Limit the time you spend with casual friends who add nothing to your life and seek out people whose influence will improve your life and add to your success. Never spend major time on minor things. Spend major time on/ with positive influences. Spend more time with people of accomplishment and high character. It's your life. You can spend your time with whomever you want, but you must always weigh the time against what kind of return you are getting. Always be cautious and discerning about who and what you let into your mind. Association can also be through the writing of

positive people. We can't spend time with George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Billy Graham or Martin Luther King, but we can through their words and writings they left behind. I asked you to participate and I hope you will. Even more so, I hope you'll talk to your children and grandchildren about the power of influence. Helping them understand at an early age will positively impact them for the rest of their lives. Next week, let's talk about the power of influence you have on others. Gary W. Moore is a freelance columnist, speaker, and author of three books including the award-winning, critically acclaimed, "Playing with the Enemy." Follow Gary on Twitter @ GaryW Moore721 and at www.garywmoore.com.

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isn't slated for FDA review until April, and there's no talk at all about reviewing vaccines that have been developed in Russia, China or India. Town Manager Jen Callahan introduced Novak by noting finding a health director has been one of her goals since she took over as manager. She praised Novak for having "a very tremendous background" in the public health field, including more than 10 years in Cambridge plus time in Watertown and

at the Bristol County Regional Preparedness Coalition. In a different public health area, Callahan noted that Curaleaf is working with the senior center to start a fuel assistance program. It will be open to Oxford people 21+ who are not now on fuel assistance; they need to write down why they need help and provide a fuel bill history. In other business, the selectmen unanimously approved the formality of sending a letter to the Secretary of State indicating the town is going to be using new elec-

tion machines this year. Callahan said recently retired Town Clerk Lori Kelley selected a new vendor last year from several who visited to provide demonstrations, but her office didn't want to change the machines during the 2020 election cycle. "This year is a good year because we have virtually not the crazy election year we had last year," Callahan noted. The board also split 3-2 on approving giving the police chief the authority to make a formal decision in Officer Roy Aquafresca's request to

transfer to Millbury. That was initially requested a couple weeks ago, but postponed at the request of selectmen Meaghan Troiano and Cheryl Leblanc, who voted no. Troiano said she believes the chief is capable of making a good decision, but was concerned that letting him "act as the appointing authority" (which the charter gives to the selectmen) in this one case would set precedent. In the past, she said, the board took his recommendation and voted on that. In this case, Mike Daniels noted, the chief

has written that he intends to deny the transfer, but that was not what the board was voting on. Callahan told them Oxford had recently received funding under the Local Rapid Recovery Technical Assistance Grant for planning to help downtown businesses "develop an online presence" and create curbside services. She's also seeking \$299,338 from the Winter Shared Streets Grant to address various safety issues on Main Street with rapid-flashing beacons, pedestrian signal buttons, new

curb ramps and better lighting. She noted the Mass Department of Transportation has been putting some focus on helping Oxford and "will try in a timely way to make improvements." A recent pedestrian fatality highlighted that "we have a tremendously wide main right of way," she said, and she was also contacted by a resident injured while crossing Route 12 last year. That was the first time she sought this grant (but was rejected). *Gus Steeves can be reached at gus.steeves2@gmail.com.*

LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Charlene L. Williams and William F. Williams, to Alliance Home Mortgage, LLC, dated December 21, 2007, and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 42374 at Page 155, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Alliance Home Mortgage, LLC to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., dated December 21, 2007, recorded at the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 42374, Page 171; and by an assignment from Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. to U.S. Bank Trust National Association as Trustee of the Igloo Series IV Trust, dated September 27, 2019, recorded at the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 61136, Page 209; and by an assignment from U.S. Bank Trust National Association as Trustee of the Igloo Series IV Trust to U.S. Bank Trust National Association as Trustee of the Cabana Series IV Trust, dated February 3, 2020, recorded at the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 61919, Page 387, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 A.M. on the 2nd day of March 2021, at 42 Bates Point Road in Webster, MA 01570, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, To wit: The land in Webster, with the buildings thereon, situated on the westerly shore of Lake Chaubunagungamaug at Winter Cove so-called, and being: Lot#1006 on "Plan of Land prepared for Avy Morse, 42 Bates Point Road in Webster, MA" by Brett L. Rekola, PLS dated 7/11/2005, recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 836, Plan 49, and described as follows: BEGINNING at an iron pipe in the northeasterly line of Bates Point Road at the southwesterly corner of land now or formerly of Czechowski on said plan; THENCE South 48 31' 39" E. 65 feet by the northeasterly line of said Bates Point Road to an iron pin to be set; THENCE turning and running North 41 28' 21" East 256 feet more or less to littoral area of said Lake; THENCE running along a tie line North 12 57' 37" West 61.21 feet more or less, by said Lake, to the south easterly corner of said land now or formerly of Czechowski; THENCE running South 44 27' 30" West 292 feet to the place of beginning. CONTAINING 15,850 square feet more or less. The mortgagor(s) expressly reserve my/our rights of Homestead and do not wish to terminate my/our Homestead by granting the within conveyance notwithstanding my/our waiver of such homestead in paragraph 24 of the within mortgage. Being the same premises conveyed to the herein named mortgagor(s) by deed recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 39199, Page 143. The sale is subject to a senior mortgage recorded at the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 38089, Page 264. 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, 4th 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 Cabana Series IV Trust, Present holder of said mortgage, By its Attorneys, Demerle Hoeger LLP 10 City Square, 4th Floor Boston, MA 02129 (617) 337-4444 February 5, 2021 February 12, 2021 February 19, 2021 Notice is hereby given by Precision Auto Rebuilders, Inc., 243 W Main St Dudley MA 01571 pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.255, Section 39 A that on February 5, 2021 @ 5PM at: Precision Auto Rebuilders, Inc., 243 W Main St Dudley MA 01571 the following motor vehicle will be sold at a private sale to satisfy the garage keeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges and expenses of notices of said vehicle: Vehicle: VIN# 5NPE24AF3GH360516; 2016 Hyundai Sonata Owner: Casie Morse, 48B Windbrook Rd, Auburn MA 01501 February 5, 2021 February 12, 2021 February 19, 2021

LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Scott Roseen and Karen Roseen to Household Finance Corporation II, dated April 1, 2003 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 29550, Page 155 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage DLJ Mortgage Capital, Inc. is the present holder by Assignment from Household Finance Corporation II to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A. as trustee for LSF8 Master participation Trust dated September 11, 2014 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 52797, Page 325, and Assignment from U.S. Bank Trust, N.A. as trustee for LSF8 Master participation Trust to DLJ Mortgage Capital, Inc. dated April 3, 2017 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 61008, Page 371, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 11 Dalessandro Avenue a/k/a 11 D'Alessandro Avenue, Dudley, MA 01571 will be sold at a Public Auction at 1:00 PM on March 8, 2021, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: The land with the buildings thereon of every nature and description and all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, situated on the westerly side of D'Alessandro Avenue, in Dudley, Worcester County, Massachusetts, and being Lot #15 on Plan of Lots surveyed for Stanley Deren et al, Dudley, Mass., dated August 28, 1952, drawn by Henry A. Racicot, Engr., and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 184, Plan 13, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the southeasterly corner thereof, at a stake on the westerly line of said D'Alessandro Avenue, said stake being at the northeasterly corner of Lot #16 as shown on the aforesaid Plan; Thence North 82 Deg. 18' West by the northerly line of said Lot #16 for a distance of ninety-eight and seventy-three hundredths (98.73) feet to a stake at land of John Ruda, Jr., Thence North 6 Deg. 18' East by land of said Ruda a distance of eighty-three and sixty-five hundredths (83.65) feet to a stake at the southwesterly corner of Lot #14 on said plan. Thence South 81 Deg. 19' East by the southerly line of said Lot #14 a distance of one hundred and fifty hundredths

(100.50) feet to a stake on the westerly line of said D'Alessandro Avenue; Thence South 7 Deg. 39' West by the westerly line of said D'Alessandro Avenue, a distance of eighty-two (82) feet to the point of beginning. Subject to the following restrictions: 1. No building or part of a building shall be erected or maintained thereon with thirty (30) feet of the street line. 2. No house shall be built thereon at a less cost than six thousand and 00/100 (6,000.00) dollars. 3. The premises and any building thereon shall be used for trade or manufacture but for residential purposes only; 4. No stable shall be erected thereon and no horses, cattle, swine, or poultry shall be kept on the premises. Subject also to the rights of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company and the Worcester County Electric Company to erect and maintain poles and wires, as recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 3359, Page 56 and in Book 3489, Page 407. Being the same property conveyed from Henry R. Gelineau, not stated to Scott Roseen and Karen Roseen, husband and wife/T/B/E by Deed recorded 5/29/1998, in Book 20005, at Page 130, in the Register's Office of Worcester County, Massachusetts. For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 20005, Page 130. The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession. Terms of the Sale: Cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. Other terms to be announced at the sale. DLJ Mortgage Capital, Inc. Korde & Associates, P.C. 900 Chelmsford Street Suite 3102 Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 Roseen, Scott, 19-036572 February 12, 2021 February 19, 2021 February 26, 2021

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage dated September 27, 2005 from Marcelo C. Miranda and Fabiana S. Miranda to Downey Savings and Loan Association, F.A. recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 37405, Page 359, as affected by modification agreement recorded in Book 48917, Page 77, the undersigned U.S. Bank National Association as Legal Title Trustee for Truman 2016 SC6 Title Trust being the present holder of said mortgage by Assignment of Mortgage dated January 27, 2010 from Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation as Receiver of Downey Savings and Loan Association, F.A. to U.S. Bank National Association recorded in Book 45536, Page 252, and Assignment of Mortgage dated January 31, 2019 from U.S. Bank National Association to U.S. Bank National Association as Legal Title Trustee for Truman 2016 SC6 Title Trust recorded in Book 60058, Page 78, for breach of the conditions of said

Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at: 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, March 11, 2021 upon the hereinafter-described premises, known as and numbered as 25 Susan Drive, Dudley, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singularly the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: A certain parcel of land shown as lot #67, 25 Susan Drive, Dudley, Worcester County, Massachusetts, as shown on a plan titled "Subdivision of Land Prepared for Robert F. Raffi, Jr., Trustee of Foxwood Realty Trust Owner-Developer Phase IV", dated July 28, 1997 which plan is recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 722, Page 11 (sheet 3 of 4), to which plan reference may be made, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning on the westerly side line of Susan Drive at the South East corner of land now or formerly of Raymond L. Marchi and shown as Lot 69 on said plan; thence North 87 degrees 46' 51" West along Lot 69 for a distance of Two Hundred Twenty One and 15/100 (221.15) feet to a point; thence North 02 degrees 20' 26" West along land now or formerly of Raymond L. Marchi for a distance of One Hundred and 12/100 (100.12) feet to a point; thence South 87 degrees 40' 15" East along Lot 65 for a distance of Two Hundred Seven and 72/100 (207.72) feet to a point, thence South 01 degrees 24' 47" East along a curve with a radius of 760 feet along Susan Drive for a distance of Eighteen and 74/100 (18.74) feet to a point; thence South 07 degrees 15' 42" West along a curve with a radius of 655.00 feet along Susan Drive for a distance of Eighty Three and 02/100 (83.02) feet to the point of beginning. Being the same premises conveyed to the herein named mortgagor(s) by deed recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds herewith. For mortgagors title see deed recorded in Book 37405, Page 356. The above-described premises shall be sold subject to all easements, restrictions, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, outstanding tax titles, building, zoning and other land use laws and all permits and approvals issued pursuant thereto, including, without limitation, orders of conditions, and existing encumbrances of record created prior to said Mortgage, if there be any. Said premises are to be sold subject to the right of redemption of the United States of America, if any there be. TERMS OF SALE: The highest bidder shall be required to make a deposit of \$10,000.00 to the holder of said Mortgage, in cash or by certified or bank cashier's check at the time and place of said sale of said premises. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid to said holder in cash, by certified check or bank cashier's check, and thereupon the deed shall be delivered, in thirty (30) days from the date of sale at the firm of Cunningham, Machanic, Cetlin, Johnson, Harney & Tenney, LLP, Attorneys for said holder, 220 North Main Street, Suite 301, Natick, Massachusetts. The successful bidder shall be required to sign a Memorandum of Terms of Sale. The description of the premises contained in said Mortgage shall control in the event of an error in publication. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the time and place of sale. U.S. Bank National Association as Legal Title Trustee for Truman 2016 SC6 Title Trust, Present Holder of Said Mortgage, By its Attorneys, CUNNINGHAM, MACHANIC, CETLIN, JOHNSON, HARNEY & TENNEY, LLP 220 North Main Street, Suite 301 Natick, MA 01760 (508) 651-7524

February 12, 2021  
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# LEGALS

**The Commonwealth  
of Massachusetts  
Town of Oxford  
Jillian K. Connor, Collector of Taxes  
Office of the Collector of Taxes  
Notice of Tax Taking**

To the owners of the hereinafter described land and to all others concerned

You are hereby notified that on Friday the 12th day of March, 2021, at 10:00 A.M. at the Tax Collectors's Office, 325 Main St, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 60, Section 53, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Collector of Taxes, it is my intention to take for the Town of Oxford the following parcels of land for non-payment of the taxes due thereon, with interest and all incidental expenses and costs to the date of taking, unless the same shall have been paid before that date.

Assessed to 30-8 THAYER POND REALTY TRUST And EASTON BYFIELD TRUSTEE

A condominium located and known as 30 THAYER POND 8 shown on the Town of Oxford Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 06A- B10-0030-008 and being part of the premises recorded in book

58092 on page 317 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Swr Ent	\$385.39
2020 Swr Ent User Fee	\$40.00
2020 Tax	\$880.10

Assessed To ADAMS JAMES E A condominium located and known as 9 THAYER POND 2 shown on the Town of Oxford Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 06A-B10- 0009-002 and being part of the premises recorded in book 25308 on page 308 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Swr Ent	\$151.67
2020 Swr Ent User Fee	\$10.00
2020 Tax	\$1,690.65

Assessed to ANDERSON SHEILA A And STEVEN J ANDERSON

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 10800 Square Feet located and known as 7 LINDEN shown on the Town of Oxford Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 33E-B02 and being part of the premises recorded in book 48846 on page 155 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax	\$3,290.38
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Assessed To ATWATER CHRISTOPHER

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 2.3 Acres located and known as 31 JOE JENNY shown on the Town of Oxford Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 54-B01.115 and being part of the premises recorded in book 59634 on page 111 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax	\$6,878.91
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Assessed to BIRCHARD CHARLES D And RITA M

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 17424 Square Feet located and known as 150 OLD WEBSTER shown on the Town of Oxford Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 46A-B06 and being part of the premises recorded in book 16733 on page 377 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax	\$1,554.20
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Assessed To BLACKMORE SANDRA JEAN

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 30890 Square Feet located and known as 7 PROSPECT HILL shown on the Town of Oxford Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 12A-A02 and being part of the premises recorded in book 12828 on page 32 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax	\$1,501.48
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Assessed To BOUTILLETTE-ORCIANI LOUISE M

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 24420 Square Feet located and known as 7 MILLBURY shown on the Town of Oxford Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 24B-A18 and being part of the premises recorded in book 26771 on page 168 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax	\$3,828.47
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Assessed to CLOMAN ROBERT And JUDY

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 16117 Square Feet located and known as 0 MAIN shown on the Town of Oxford Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 56A-A27 and being part of the premises recorded in book 8807 on page 253 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax	\$24.99
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Assessed to COLLINS ROBERT J And DEBORAH A

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 9563 Square Feet located and known as 16 HOLMAN shown on the Town of Oxford

Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 29B-B19 and being part of the premises recorded in book 8412 on page 172 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax	\$2,751.63
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Assessed To DIGIULIO NICHOLAS

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 2.56 Acres located and known as 7 TURNER shown on the Town of Oxford Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 06B-B17 and being part of the premises recorded in book 11571 on page 373 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax	\$2,471.34
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Assessed to DUPONT MICHAEL D And CHERIE L

A condominium located and known as 63 DEPOT shown on the Town of Oxford Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 17B-A02.63 and being part of the premises recorded in book 35361 on page 342 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax	\$977.62
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Assessed To EAMES D EDWIN

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 12.46 Acres located and known as 0 MILLBURY shown on the Town of Oxford Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 16-D03 and being part of the premises recorded in book 25306 on page 085 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax	\$16.66
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Assessed to ELITE RIVERS LLC And KHUONG HUNYH

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 4.21 Acres located and known as 23 JOE JENNY shown on the Town of Oxford Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 54-B01 and being part of the premises recorded in book 56800 on page 300 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax	\$3,378.65
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Assessed To FARRELL JOSHUA E

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 31326 Square Feet located and known as 6 PROSPECT shown on the Town of Oxford Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 07A-B11 and being part of the premises recorded in book 57339 on page 15 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax	\$49.40
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Assessed To FOSTER ROMEO L

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 11250 Square Feet located and known as 10 PATTON shown on the Town of Oxford Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 50A-B60 and being part of the premises recorded in book 12043 on page 184 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax	\$2,046.02
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Assessed to FRANCIS II MYRLE And STEFANIE

A condominium located and known as 15 THAYER POND 5 shown on the Town of Oxford Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 06A- B10-0015-005 and being part of the premises recorded in book 34521 on page 20 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Swr Ent	\$497.23
2020 Swr Ent User Fee	\$40.00
2020 Tax	\$1,006.53

Assessed To GM PROPERTIES LLC

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 9825 Square Feet located and known as 1 BURBANK shown on the Town of Oxford Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 17A-F01 and being part of the premises recorded in book 61486 on page 273 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax	\$30.74
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Assessed to HANH BICH BUI And THANH VAN BUI

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 23485 Square Feet located and known as 66 CHARLTON shown on the Town of Oxford Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 33B-A06 and being part of the premises recorded in book 62035 on page 231 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax	\$135.97
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Assessed To HERBST KEVIN

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.75 Acres located and known as 0 CHERDON shown on the Town of Oxford Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 07B-A02 and being part of the premises recorded in book 47192 on page 202 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax	\$67.74
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Assessed To HOWARD JOYCE A

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 19941 Square Feet located and known as 14 NOTTINGHAM shown on the Town of Oxford Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 46C-E18 and being part of the premises recorded in book 16416 on page 100 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax	\$1,841.19
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Assessed To HUGUENOT DEVELOPMENT CORP

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 2.14 Acres located and known as 0 MAIN shown on the Town of Oxford Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 06B-B10 and being part of the premises recorded in book 6627 on page 1 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax	\$3,711.85
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Assessed To JENNIFER A CHARTIER

A condominium located and known as 42B SULLIVAN shown on the Town of Oxford Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 48-C04.28B and being part of the premises recorded in book 61972 on page 354 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax	\$988.93
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Assessed To JUSTIN A PARADIS

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 6750 Square Feet located and known as 12 HARWOOD shown on the Town of Oxford Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 50A-C08 and being part of the premises recorded in book 60954 on page 89 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax	\$1,702.54
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Assessed To LOISELLE PATRICIA A

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 42614 Square Feet located and known as 3 HOPE shown on the Town of Oxford Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 46A-C06 and being part of the premises recorded in book 26823 on page 071 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax	\$3,538.58
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Assessed To MANZELLO DEBORAH A

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 3.95 Acres located and known as 10 LOVETT shown on the Town of Oxford Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 36-B02.05 and being part of the premises recorded in book 53387 on page 359 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax	\$2,790.09
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Assessed To NORSIGIAN ROBERT G

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 23485 Square Feet located and known as 14 PARK shown on the Town of Oxford Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 35A-B14 and being part of the premises recorded in book 59672 on page 252 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax	\$136.19
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Assessed to OSTIGUY MICHAEL J And SARA L OSTIGUY

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 2178 Square Feet located and known as 0 TANNER shown on the Town of Oxford Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 56A-F06 and being part of the premises recorded in book 60329 on page 124 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax	\$3.33
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Assessed to OSTIGUY MICHAEL J And SARA L OSTIGUY

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 6098 Square Feet located and known as 0 TANNER shown on the Town of Oxford Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 56A-F07 and being part of the premises recorded in book 60329 on page 124 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax	\$10.00
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Assessed To OXFORD AIRPORT INC

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 6.5 Acres located and known as 0 FEDERAL HILL shown on the Town of Oxford Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 15-A04.02 and being part of the premises recorded in book 5067 on page 361 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax	\$519.79
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Assessed to PATSY J NADEAU And LEAH PARDEE

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 4356 Square Feet located and known as 0 CEDAR shown on the Town of Oxford Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 34B-B21.02 and being part of the premises recorded in book 60983 on page 136 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax	\$8.33
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Assessed To ROBERT E JORDAN

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 18204 Square Feet located and known as 21 SHADY shown on the Town of Oxford Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 12A-C13 and being part of the premises recorded in book 60967 on page 230 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax	\$1,893.18
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Assessed To SALVATORE ARCURI

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 4900 Square Feet located and known as 314 MAIN shown on the Town of Oxford Asses-

sors Records as Parcel Identifier 34C-D10 and being part of the premises recorded in book 61943 on page 165 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax	\$2,749.84
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Assessed To SHUMAN LAURENCE M

A condominium located and known as 23 THAYER POND 8 shown on the Town of Oxford Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 06A- B10-0023-008 and being part of the premises recorded in book 53272 on page 326 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax	\$631.05
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Assessed to SINGER SCOTT C And KERRIE A

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.35 Acres located and known as 26 QUOBAUG shown on the Town of Oxford Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 33C-A20 and being part of the premises recorded in book 38310 on page 108 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax	\$2,714.28
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Assessed to TEXTILE REALTY INC And C/O GARY M GAFFIN

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 2.69 Acres located and known as 0 LEICESTER shown on the Town of Oxford Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 02B-C10 and being part of the premises recorded in book 3916 on page 362 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax	\$510.18
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Assessed to THIBAUT JEFFREY P And KRISTI L

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 30541 Square Feet located and known as 18-20 COMINS shown on the Town of Oxford Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 02B-C15 and being part of the premises recorded in book 37886 on page 105 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 OR Swr User Fee	\$1,025.00
2020 Tax	\$3,251.64

Assessed To THOMAS M GRETSCHEL

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 15492 Square Feet located and known as 112 MAIN shown on the Town of Oxford Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 50B-C19 and being part of the premises recorded in book 60769 on page 251 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax	\$1,549.65
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Assessed to TRANSIT INVESTMENTS INC And DAMIAN MROCZKA PRESIDENT

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.33 Acres located and known as 2 OLD WEBSTER shown on the Town of Oxford Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 58-B08 and being part of the premises recorded in book 50725 on page 134 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax	\$42.66
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Assessed To WILLEY CLYDE R

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 18 Acres located and known as 0 LOVETT shown on the Town of Oxford Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 39-A05 and being part of the premises recorded in book 3960 on page 087 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax	\$1,199.52
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February 12, 2021

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Tristan Jerrold Wright**

**A Petition to Change Name of Adult**  
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requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

**Tristan Jerrold O'Connor**

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**WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.**

Date: January 26, 2021

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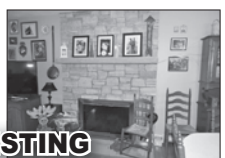
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# of Homes Sold	14	18	▲
Avg Days on Market	60	24	▼
Month Supply Inv.	1.08	.27	▼

#### WEBSTER

	January 2020	January 2021	Trend
Median Price	\$262,000	\$274,450	▲
Market Volume	\$3,165,500	\$5,173,900	▲
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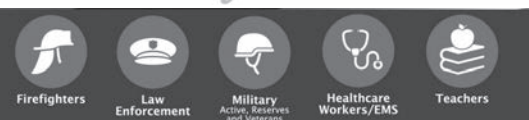
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# Low light, low maintenance houseplants

Don't let a lack of brightly lit windows stop you from gardening indoors. Include some low maintenance, low light houseplants and maintenance strategies to boost your success.

Low maintenance gardening starts with proper plant selection. Match the plant to the growing conditions and your gardening style.

ZZ plant is a favorite low light, low maintenance plant. You will see it in hotels and shopping malls where light and care are often limited. Avoid overwatering that can lead to root rot and death of this plant.

You will need to do a bit of searching to find a few of the newer ZZ plant varieties. Zenzi is compact with curled leaves while Raven has dark purple black foliage that contrasts nicely with green and chartreuse leaves of nearby plants.

Peace lily is another popular low light plant found in a variety of public places. It requires moist soil to thrive, making it the perfect plant for those that tend to overwater. Increase your success by mixing organic Wild Valley Farms' wool pellets (wildvalleyfarms.com) into the potting mix. This sustainable soil additive retains moisture, reducing watering by up to 25 percent. It also adds air space, improving the growing conditions for all indoor plants and helps reduce the risk of overwatering.

Pothos and philodendron are tradi-



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tional low light favorites. New cultivars provide a fresh look to these indoor beauties.

Neon pothos has vibrant neon green foliage sure to brighten any spot in your home. Pearls and Jade has smaller cream and green variegated leaves. It is slower growing but just as tough as other pothos. Show off their trailing habit in a hanging basket, container displayed on a shelf, or set upon a pedestal.

You'll find a variety of philodendrons for your indoor garden. Brasil has dark green heart-shaped leaves with a golden stripe down the middle. Brandi, another trailing philodendron, has olive green heart-shaped leaves with silver splashing. These can be allowed to trail or trained up onto a trellis.

Golden Goddess has larger chartreuse leaves that make a dramatic statement in a home or office. When small, it is great for desks and tabletops, but you will need to transition it to a floor plant as it climbs its support, growing up to six feet tall. Or add a subtle touch of orange with Prince of Orange. The new leaves of this shrubby philodendron emerge a coppery orange and eventually age to green. It grows 24 or more inches tall.

The name says it all. Cast iron plant is tough and tolerant of low light and benign neglect. Individual long strappy leaves sprout from the ground to create a mass of greenery. This growth habit has made it a popular groundcover in milder climates. Variegated varieties



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**Aglaonema 'Siam Red' (Red Chinese Evergreen) is a popular low light plant that can brighten up any space with its beautiful foliage.**

with splashed or striping can be difficult to find but add to its beauty.

New varieties of Chinese evergreen have found their way into many garden centers. Their green leaves may have silver highlights like those of Calypso. Cecila and Golden Bay. Or add a bit of red to your indoor garden with be Red Gold and Ruby Ray Chinese evergreen.

Low light indoor plants allow you to add greenery where you once thought it was not possible. Their added beauty will help lift your spirits, reduce stress, and increase focus while improving your indoor air quality.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses* "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally-syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by Wild Valley Farms for her expertise to write this article. Myers' Web site is [www.MelindaMyers.com](http://www.MelindaMyers.com).

## STEVENS

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whether they want to go that route or not. They're still, I think, working pretty heavily on their financing," Scanlon said. "I know they're still hanging in there. They're still working on it and doing their due diligence."

If Camden Partners were to embrace the PACE Program Scanlon said it wouldn't be a heavy burden on the town or cost Dudley a penny. It would however require the town to set up software in order to process the tax bills properly to collect the payment and pass it on.

"I think if they were interested in doing it, I'm fairly confident the town would agree. We're trying to help them facilitate that project any way that we can. That would be one way we could help," Scanlon concluded.

## TRIP

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which has also caused concerns across the globe.

Pierangeli sadly admitted the trip couldn't take place further postponing the 35th annual excursion to Europe for Shepherd Hill. However, this creates more complications for students eagerly awaiting the trip, including soon-to-be graduating seniors. In total 51

seniors are registered for the trip along with 37 juniors and six sophomores. The difficulty comes with trying to accommodate all of these students after canceling the trip for a second time.

Several options were presented to the School Committee that were all approved for students to pick how they would like to proceed. The first is a tentative rescheduling of the trip to early August which would take place prior to the start of the year for most colleges allowing outgoing seniors a chance to

attend. The committee also discussed a backup date of spring or summer 2022 in case the August trip cannot take place due to COVID. Finally, there is an option for students specifically seniors, to cancel their reservation and receive a fully transferable future travel voucher that would allow them to take the trip on their own or embark on a different trip of their choosing. The School Committee voted to approve the options brought forth by Pierangeli and charged her will reaching out the students about their options and the plans moving forward.



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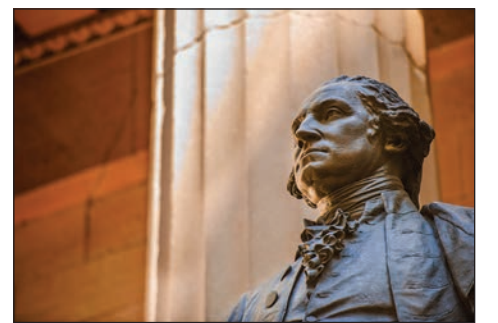
## Why 'Presidents' Day' actually goes by another official name

An official list of federal holidays in the United States won't feature "Presidents' Day" among the observed holidays. Some may say that's preposterous, as they're certain that post offices and other federal entities are closed on such a day each February. While the third Monday of February is commonly referred to as "Presidents' Day" throughout the United States, the day is legally referred to as "Washington's Birthday."

According to the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, this holiday is designated as "Washington's Birthday" in section 6103(a) of title 5 of the United States Code, which is the law that specifies holidays for federal employees. Though other institutions, such as state and local governments and private businesses may use other names, it is OPM policy to always refer to holidays by the names designated in the law.

### History of Washington's Birthday

The idea to give presidents a little extra fanfare originally was estab-



lished in 1885 in recognition of George Washington. After his death in 1799, Washington's birthday on February 22 became a day of remembrance, according to History.com. Its observance as an official holiday was signed into law in 1879 by President Rutherford B. Hayes. Originally, the holiday only applied to the District of Columbia, but in 1885 it was expanded to the entire country.

Abraham Lincoln, another revered American president whose birthday was February 12, also was largely celebrated during the month of February as a state holiday, particularly in his home state of Illinois. In the 1960s, when Congress proposed a measure known as the Uniform Monday Holiday Act that designated Monday as the day to celebrate various federal holidays, the proposal also included a provision to combine the celebration of Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays to provide more equal recognition of these two influential leaders. The name Presidents' Day was proposed at that time. However, when the bill moving the celebration of Washington's birthday to the third Monday in February went into effect in 1971, Congress rejected the name change, so it remained Washington's Birthday. That name stands to this day.

### Why Presidents' Day?

Even though federal calendars will list February 15 this year as Washington's Birthday, it will largely be referred to as Presidents' Day. This unofficial moniker developed in the 1970s due largely in part to retailer's use of that name to promote sales and the proximity of the holiday to both the birthdays of Washington and Lincoln. Indeed, a Washington's Birthday furniture sale doesn't have the same ring to it as a Presidents' Day sale.

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