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## STELLAR STUDENTS

Dudley Middle School congratulates its November Students of The Month: 5th Grade - Emma Hopper, Teddy Cunkovski, Victoria Norton, & Noah Torres; 6th Grade - Zynata Ankrah, Liliana Kiwior, Ella Hanson, Carter Richards; 7th Grade - Colin Navin, Ethan Steriti, & Alyssa Bonneville; 8th Grade - Jacob Lambert, Michael Lulu, & Meghan Traverso.

## Covid, discipline still top school concerns

BY GUS STEEVES  
CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER — Covid and compliance continue to take a toll on the schools, the School Committee learned at their last meeting Nov. 23.

As in the recent past, Superintendent Ruthann Goguen said teachers and staff are still working to “keep the lines of communication open with families” and generally see discipline issues as “teachable moments.” Additionally, she said, the topic is being raised at monthly sessions between administration and the teachers’ union.

Park Ave Principal Robin Parmley has been trying to use the school’s Compass program to help such issues. It provides opportunity for students to take short breaks (five to six minutes), either in or out of the classroom (with an adult if latter) and either “active or quiet,” if they’ve become “overstimulated or just need time to reset,” she said. At present, the teachers choose when they think a student needs it, but she noted it’s actually open to any student.

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## Dudley stays with single tax rate

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — The Dudley Board of Selectmen held the town’s annual tax classification hearing on Nov. 22, choosing to remain with a single tax rate once again.

As usual, the yearly hearing was meant to determine whether the town would distribute the tax levy equally or reduce the share of the levy by the residential classes shifting some of the burden to business and commercial classes. Dudley has maintained a single tax rate

Dudley’s tax base currently consists of 92.4 percent residential taxpayers, 2.7 percent commercial, 2.3 percent industrial and 2.6 percent is personal property. From 2021 to 2022, the town has seen a slight decrease in both industrial and commercial taxpayers.

“The high taxpayers here in town, Massachusetts Electric and Boston Gas, are obviously utility companies that are very large. We also have Spectrum and Verizon New England. The rest are small businesses here in town,” Berg said. “Currently, when our tax rate gets set for fiscal year 2022 single family homes with average a value of \$308,378. Condos will average \$133,701. Two-family homes will be an average of \$243,377, and three-family homes will be an average of \$249,740.”

Berg presented potential increases if the share of taxes for commercial, industrial and personal (CIP) properties were increased using five-percent increments that showed the impact to homeowners would be minimal when compared to the significant burden it

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BY GUS STEEVES  
CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD — Anyone watching or attending last week’s Selectmen’s meeting saw a new face on the board, but he’s definitely not new in Town Hall.

In last month’s special election, Norman LeBlanc, Jr. bested Robert King for a one year seat on the board by a vote of 680-449. Both candidates noted the 11 percent turnout was pretty good for a special election.

“I’d like to thank the voters,” LeBlanc said. “I appreciate them having confidence in me.”

He said his primary goal in his new role will be to promote more business development to balance off the fact the town has already approved a couple of large residential projects. But he notes it needs to happen “in a way that’s reasonable. We can’t go crazy.”

That focus comes from his long background on the Planning Board – 15 years – plus 12 on the Zoning Board.

“I don’t think any of this is impossible,” he notes, but it will require better cooperation among town officials. He said he sees the recent past as being a period of “too much finger pointing,” but he’s been around long enough to have seen it before. Such things are “cyclical.”

His opponent essentially agreed, saying Oxford has in the past invited people with disagreements to join town boards to see how things work “and not be combative.” Despite losing, King said he still wants to see a better rapport between government and citizenry.

“Especially with a Town Meeting-style government, you should have everybody involved,” King said, noting citizen commentary should be seen as “an opportunity for improvement.”

He congratulated LeBlanc on his win, and said he’s not sure if he’ll run again. That largely depends on whether future elections feature unopposed races, something he said voters generally dislike. On the other hand, he said he’d consider joining an appointed board, but was told that won’t happen due to a prior dispute with the town.

King also praised the town clerk staff’s handling of the election and the fact there were no lines at the polls. Some of that was probably due to mail-in ballots, which he said he doesn’t particularly like, but understands why people use it with Covid.

“I believe in voting in person ... and do everything to exercise the franchise in person,” he said.

Voters will soon get another chance to do that, either way. On Jan 4, the town is asking them to decide on a ballot question calling for a \$5 million debt exclusion for road work. Town Meeting



Norman LeBlanc, Jr.

approved it overwhelmingly in October, but state law doesn’t allow the dollar figure to go on the ballot.

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To ensure that the Dec. 24 edition of the Webster Times arrives in subscribers’ mail boxes on schedule despite the holiday, the submission deadline for any press releases and letters to the Editor intended for publication that week has been moved up to Thursday, Dec. 16 at 4 p.m. Submissions can be e-mailed to [news@stonebridgepress.news](mailto:news@stonebridgepress.news).

The staff of the Webster Times thanks our readers for their cooperation with this scheduling change, and wishes one and all a safe and happy holiday season.

## St. Andrew Bobola holds Polish Food and Yard Sale



Jason Bleau

The massive lottery ticket prizes gave visitors an opportunity to take a chance on winning big while also supporting the St. Andrew Bobola Church.

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – The St. Andrew Bobola Church rang in the holiday spirit on Saturday, Dec. 4 with an indoor yard sale and frozen Polish food sale, capturing not only the

atmosphere of the holidays but also the culture of many of the church’s members.

Co-sponsored by the Parish Council and the Holy Rosary Sodality, the event included a variety of offerings for visitors bringing back an annu-

al church tradition after the pandemic forced the cancellation of the event last year. Joyce Plotczyk, President of the Holy Rosary Sodality, said it was a welcome return to some normalcy during the holidays and a won-

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# Nichols College rings in the season with Light up the Hill

DUDLEY — The Nichols College campus and local communities gathered for the first Light up the Hill on Thursday, Dec. 2, to celebrate the holidays with a new tradition.

Nichols President Glenn Sulmasy and his wife Marla led hundreds of students, faculty, staff, family members and neighbors in singing carols at the college green wearing Nichols beanie caps. The group then paraded to Copper Quad, where they counted down the seconds on a tree and menorah lighting, enjoyed hot cocoa, made photo ornaments, and warmed up near firepits. The Nichols bison mascot, Thunder, was on hand to spread holiday cheer.

The event was also an opportunity to support the Blessed Backpack Brigade, an organization based in the Dudley/Webster area that assists the homeless, unemployed, elderly, impoverished, veterans, and others. Collection bins were filled with much-needed items such as winter coats, gloves, hats, socks, hand warmers, toiletries, and non-perishable food items. The donations will be distributed locally among the needy.

Kate Joseph, vice president of Blessed Backpack Brigade, was amazed at the turnout.

“We are beyond grateful to President Sulmasy, First Lady Marla Sulmasy, graduate assistant Cari Cyr, and the entire Nichols community for the opportunity to be a part of the inaugural Light up the Hill event,” she said. “We had a wonderful time caroling, enjoying hot cocoa, and taking photos in front of the tree with Thunder. We were truly taken aback by the generosity that we witnessed – because of our Bison friends, we will now be able to provide many clients with crucial wish list items to help them brave the cold winter months. It means a great deal to us, and even more to those we will help because of you. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!”

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## A guide to picking the perfect fresh Christmas tree

Come the holiday season, perhaps no tradition evokes the warm and fuzzy “feels” more than a family outing to pick a Christmas tree. Whether it’s a trek to a live Christmas tree farm or a short drive to the nearest pre-cut tree lot, the process of selecting a tree that will serve as the crown jewel of the entire season is a great way to make lasting memories.

Selecting a tree is a yearly ritual and each person has his or her set of criteria for what makes the ideal Christmas tree. These tips can help families find the right tree.

**Choose your species**

Do some homework on the type of tree you want prior to buying the tree. Balsam fir and fraser fir are popular Christmas tree varieties, but there are many others, such as noble fir and Norway spruce. Balsams are known for having the most fragrant smell, but frasers tend to keep their needles the longest. For those who prefer a douglas fir, keep in mind that they sometimes drop their needles prematurely due to foliar diseases like needle-cast fungus.

**Space for ornaments**

In addition to aroma and needle longevity, look for trees that have a desirable shape and allow for adequate space between branches, advises the home and garden resource The Spruce. Trees groomed to be lush and full will look beautiful unadorned, but once ornaments are added, full branches may cause those ornaments to hang low or even fall off. Trees with sparse branches allow for ornaments to hang straight.

**Measure your space**

Trees in the field or in a lot may look much smaller than they do when brought into the living room. Don’t make the mistake of selecting a tree that is too large for your home. The agricultural firm Ragan & Masey says to measure the room from floor to ceiling and subtract the height of the tree stand and tree topper. It’s equally important to measure the width of the area where the tree will stand and allow for ample space for foot traffic around the tree.

**Perform a needle check**

Every tree will drop some needles, and most evergreens hold their foliage. Modest needle loss is not an indicator of a poor tree. However, Decker’s Nursery in Greenlawn, NY says if 50 percent of the needles are lost when you swipe your hand down three to five different branches around the tree, the tree likely is not a good choice. In addition, avoid a tree that has glaring defects in the trunk as it can impede water flow through the tree.

**Heavier is better**

A heavy pre-cut tree means it is full of water and has been cut more recently. A healthy, fresh tree is going to require an effort to lift. Older, dried out trees will not be heavy.

Upon arriving



home, make a fresh cut off the tree trunk and get it in water as soon as possible — even if that’s a bucket until the tree stand can be set up.

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# St. Joseph School's Class of 2022 receive eighth grade jackets



Courtesy  
Members of the St. Joseph School Class of 2022 gather on the altar of St. Joseph Basilica following the Annual Eighth Grade Mass. The students were responsible for the Liturgy of the Word, Prayer of the Faithful, and offertory.

WEBSTER — Congratulations to the St. Joseph School Class of 2022! Following the annual Eighth Grade Mass, the students were awarded their Eighth Grade Jackets. The jackets are a significant milestone that the eighth grade students look forward to each year.

In addition to the students' names, year of graduation, and St. Joseph School logo, the left sleeve of each jacket is embroidered with a symbol representing the sports that they participated in during their time at St.

Joseph School. Sports include soccer, basketball, cheerleading, and cross country.

In addition to acknowledging the students' participation in athletics, the right arm of each jacket lists academic clubs and achievements, including altar serving, band, Children of Mary, choir, Drama Club, Food Share, LEGO Robotics, Math Club, National Junior Honor Society, AAA Safety Patrol, and Student Council. The jackets are a unique and incredible memory of the students' time at St.

Joseph School.

The Class of 2022 includes Philopateer Basha, Andrew Bergeron, Connor Czechowski, Treyton Dery, Gianna DiCola, Sebastian Ketnouvong-Ung, Aleksandra Kurowski, Paul Mankarios, Steve Mathu, Bradley McCarthy, Matthew Obrycki, Alexandra Parafinowicz, Adam Podgorny, Juliana Rudnicki, Rocco Rudnicki, Maeve Sullivan, Hannah Watson, Matthew Zdrok.

## ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

WEBSTER — The following students have been named to the Honor Roll at St. Joseph School for the first term of the 2021-2022 academic year.

**Grade 4**  
High Honors: Tosin Akindele, Alexis Archambault, Avery Archambault, Lukas Barbosa, Hayley Benes, Natalee Genduso, Neli Kuznecki, Jacob Lopez, Maria Mankarios, Jacob Marcuccio, Brooklyn McCarthy, Mackenzie Openshaw, Olivia Rozanski-Rose, Benjamin Thomas, Ivonka Warnajtyts

**Grade 5**  
High Honors: Rosemary Basha, Alec Jachimczyk, Kyle Muchiru, Jacob Parafinowicz, Ayla Reed, Alan Rubin, Tobin Akindele, Jacob Singer, Simon Kowalczyk, Faith Muga, Jada Jackson, Luke Surowaniec, Liana Worth, Adam Wozniak  
Honors: Ryan Amaral, Jake Martin, Gianna Pigeon, Gabriel Rudnicki, Maria Sendrowski  
Credit: Sophia Berthiaume, Lisa Kippax

**Grade 6**  
High Honors: Claire Calnan, Ryan Grupposo, Colton Haase, Molly Hachigian, Laura Ibrahim, Jack Keller, Emily Macko, Alvin Montreuil, AJ Perron  
Honors: Gabriel Gallant, Alan Kulpa, Ella Parslow,

Max Podgorny  
Credit: Violet Johnson

**Grade 7**  
High Honors: Leah Boudreau, Bella Calnan, Aiden Muchiru, Marcus Muchiru, Gabriela Pianka, Gianna Rosario, Vanessa Zeglen  
Honors: Emerson Bernard, Haleigh Creighton, Bobbi Enman, Brett McCarthy, Jacob Perry, Ike Rudnicki, Shayley Szela

**Grade 8**  
High Honors: Philo Basha, Andrew Bergeron, Treyton Dery, Gianna DiCola-Keddy, Aleksandra Kurowski, Paul Mankarios, Alexandra Parafinowicz, Adam Podgorny, Rocco Rudnicki, Maeve Sullivan, Hannah Watson, Matthew Zdrok  
Honors: Connor Czechowski, Steve Mathu, Bradley McCarthy, Matthew Obrycki, Juliana Rudnicki  
Credit: Sebastian Ketnouvong-Ung

## OXFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

OXFORD — Oxford Middle School has released its honor roll for the first quarter of the 2021-2022 school year.

**High Honors**  
Grade 7: Savior Aiguier, Shayla Boliver, Ariana Byrnes, Colton Carlsen, Catherine Cloutier, Marie Cosentino, Abigail Davis, Cameron Davis, Eric Day, Lillian Demicco, Emily Dupuis, Dylan Filipkowski, Randi Flynn, Joshua Friend, Finnian Keefe, Henry LaMountain, Ethan Lemire, Damon Libby, Daymyin Lopez, Jared Magnusson, Kate Mao, Colin McIlvaine, Nicholas Meneguzzo, Jayden Minardi, Riley Moody, Kiley Paronto, Shayne Ryder, Zachary Sirard, Lilian Vaillancourt

Grade 6: Khloe Anderson, Andrew Collins, Kaely Cordova Del Cid, Laura Grenier, Olivia Hammond, Sophia Keefe, Olivia LaMountain, Elijah McKenna, Brooke Nitti, Jackson Stuart, Victoria Sullivan

Grade 5: Isabella Benitez, Nikolas Coraccio, Emma Farrar, Emmery Gustafson, Lucca Hamel, Tucker Harrity, Destiny Purcell, Isabelle Richmond, Audrey Smith, Simon Spofford, Colton Toedt, Samuel Yogaratanam

**Honors**  
Grade 7: Gabrielle Bartlett, Emma Brindisi, Grace Crouch, Ariana Dolan, Kaleb Falconer, Angeliz Felix, Truner Goyette, Jordyn Grazulis, Nathan Holmes, Luis Izquierdo, Berlin Krysiak, Darrian Lambert, Carlos Leon Rosario, Leighya McDowell, Brooklynn Mott, Chase Paul, Lia Pavillionis, Mia Prefontaine, Natalie Richards, Mason Rossetti, Benjamin Rucho, Julian Ruiz, Jordyn Sabotka, Addisyn Skeates, Alex Soucy, Hailey Sprague, Braden Stone, Rachel Torres

Grade 6: Sabrina Adamiak, Gabriel Alves, Samantha Bouley, Jacob Burroughs, Sydney Chisholm, Ayva Coffey, Isabella Costa, Nathan DeAdder,

Zachary Dufresne, Rylie Dwyer, Colt Eisnor, Tyler Fedorisky, Myles Francis, Alexander Frisch, Xavier Higgins, Chloe Hosley, Noel Jandrow, Colin Joyce, Ella Kasprzycki, Keith Kirkpatrick, Beatriz Luna, Zachary MacDonald, Luis Martinez, Jr., Kyleigh Minardi, Isabella Monahan, Ashlyne Monsen, Landon Nelson, Nico O'Hearn, Lacey Parker, Charles Paul, Fagner Paula Junior, Anthony Polletta, Tyler Porcino, Joseph Pretty, Isabella Roszkowski, Adam Silwoski, Lillian Spitz, Torin Stone, Jaelyn Thomas, Lucas Troiano, Keagan VanArsdalen, Larry Wade

Grade 5: Madison Auty, Zachery Barberio, Liam Bazin, Brenna Burke, Kaylin Cabana, Chase Checkoway, Billa Coghlan, Kellsey Dunn, Charlotte Ezzo, Braydon Fournier, Sophia Francis, Thomas Griffin, Mary-Jane Hall, Ethan Hamilton, Ali Johnson, Brianna Judge, Brooke LaCoille, Peter LaMountain, Ivy Latino, Chloe Lavallee, Arianna Leite, Alan Levkovski, Antonio Lopez, Gabriella Lucier, Elijah Lyons, Riley Maki, Samantha Marrier, Nathan Mayo, Keigan McIlvaine, Tyler Melton, Agnes Molloy, Catalina Montalvo, Brooke O'Connor, Noah Poirier, Savannah Pratt, Tyler Remillard, Canon Rheault, Gabriel Rodriguez-Carpenter, Zachary Rucho, Alexander Skeates, Donald Spaulding III, Ava St. Peter, Brenna Tebo, Jameson Tyrrell, Althia Willis, James Wilson

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**HEALING OILS OF THE BIBLE**  
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Participants will have the opportunity to sample twelve therapeutic-grade essential oils chosen to highlight the rich diversity of cultures, races, and ethnicities of the Biblical world and each participant will receive a kit with their own samples of oils to enjoy.  
Free, but space is limited; registration required. Sponsored by the Hugh W and Harriet K Crawford Endowment.  
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**TEEN CANDY BINGO**  
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## DUDLEY POLICE LOG

DUDLEY — The Dudley Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of Nov. 26 to Dec. 3.  
A 39-year-old male whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Nov. 28 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.  
Samantha J. Sweeney, age 22, of Dudley was arrested on Nov. 28 in connection with an out of agency warrant.  
Lisa A. Leake, age 51, of Dudley was arrested on Nov. 29 in connection with an out of agency warrant. A 21-year-old male whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested during the same incident for Assault & Battery-Domestic.  
Daniel J. Lawlor, Jr., age 28, of Cranston, R.I. was arrested on Dec. 1 for Operating Under the Influence of Drugs, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, refusing to identify himself to police, and Violation of an Abuse Prevention Order.



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Free, but space is limited; registration required.  
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**YOGA WITH JULIE**  
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Pizza and drinks will be served!

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# Betterment bylaw offers process for private road residents

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – The Dudley Board of Selectmen held a lengthy discussion concerning the town’s road betterment bylaw where residents who live along private roads aired their concerns over continuing issues working with the town for maintenance and upkeep of their roadways.

The discussion served two purposes. The first was to break down the specifications of the bylaw and the second was to provide a forum for citizen input, something which was put on hold during the 2020 pandemic. Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda said inquiries into the bylaw began to arise as the town existed the pandemic.

The scope of the bylaw requires residents of private roads what want their roadway accepted by the town to form a group of neighbors that account for at least 50 percent of the cumulative liner footage of the roadway to sign a petition to selectmen. The process from there includes input from the highway

department and public meetings and town meeting votes for any roadway to be adopted.

“The board of selectmen shall determine the scope of the repairs and the extent to which the graining, surface, paving, drainage, etc. should be undertaken. The highway superintendent plays a critical role in providing this information and the recommendation to the board,” Ruda explained. “The cost of repairs and any associated borrowing is undertaken pursuant of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 and apportioned among the property owners of the street. The assessors are authorized to set the number of years to pay it back through property taxes up to 25 years in the form of a betterment to the property owners.”

The idea of providing a way for private roads to be accepted to be maintained by the town is not a new one in Dudley but proved to be the most significant talking point of the night during the Board of Selectmen’s Nov. 22 meeting as a room full of residents turned out for their part of the discussion. For almost an hour and a half several residents from town roads took to

the microphone airing their concerns ranging from how the town will define a public road, where liability will be placed if injuries or accidents happen on poorly maintained private roads and even general frustrations that it took so long for the town to act on such an issue. Some citizens provided idea on how to build off the bylaw, including recommending putting a committee together to help better define the process.

Howard French, one of several residents of Partridge Hill Road who spoke during the meeting, summed up his frustrations for selectmen.

“We talked about everyone has a unique situation and every road is different. We’ve talked about committees and so forth but to me a committee is too generalized. I think every road needs to be addressed independently because the only solution I’ve heard so far that the town is bringing to us is ‘you guys pay for it.’ The town’s not really doing anything for us except other than saying help us get out of this jam’ because I think in a lot of cases the town is responsible,” said French.

John Ross Moniz, who has lived on Eisenhower Road since it was created,

said he and many of his neighbors have long felt like they were left behind as taxpayers.

“Myself and all my neighbors included, we see that we’re paying the same amount of taxes as everybody else in town, and we’re not getting any of the benefits in town. The builder at the time pays for a plow guy to plow our road. When he doesn’t show up, I plow the road. We’re not getting any plowing done. We’re not getting any sanding done – There are elderly people that live on our street. There are children as well. I just think as far as public safety goes it’s very dangerous and we just kind of feel like we were left in the dust,” Moniz said.

Selectmen thanked the public for their input on the matter and noted that most of them have not dealt with the private road issues before. While their acknowledged the opinions that town has failed to do right by these citizens in the past, their hope is that the betterment bylaw will create a path for these citizens to explore to properly allow the town to manage their roadways in the years to come.

## REAL ESTATE

### Dudley

\$485,000, 22 Ash Ln, Katz, Robin, to Diaz, Carlos A, and Diaz, Nadia.  
\$329,900, 18 Railroad Ave, Welch, Michael J, to Montville, Ann M.  
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### Oxford

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\$425,000, 26-A Conlin Rd, Eggimann, Mary L, and Wittstein, Michelle P, to Sweet, Tyler N, and Morgan, Haley.  
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\$255,900, 23 Thayer Pond Dr #5, Mcdermott, Thomas O, and Deasis, Frederick F, to Igoshin, Sergey N.

## WEBSTER

\$629,000, 5 Loveland Rd, Salopek, Peter J, and Salopek, Sandra M, to Jill Palmerino 2012 RET, and Palmerino, Jill.  
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\$405,000, 26 Greystone Ave, Sabara, Rarython B, and Sabara, Ashley A, to Roman, Emelys D.  
\$385,000, 6 Asselin Ave, Mckay, Jennifer L, and Mckay, Douglas G, to Pineda, Rosa, and Gonon, Francisco.  
\$311,000, 241-243 N Main St, Coutu, Janet M, to Miranda, Juan.  
\$300,000, 13-19 Upland Ave, French, Charlene, and Dowgiewicz, Michael D, to Ramos, Nelson, and Yari-Ramos, Kathya.  
\$279,500, 8 Morris St, Sage, David E, to Gassett, Daniel B.  
\$200,000, 14 Perryville Rd, Hackenson, David, and Hackenson, Jeanne, to Hackenson, Ryan.  
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Indoor Movie Night – Third Thursday of the month, next on December 16th at 6:00PM

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

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Winter Food Crafts – Thursdays in December, starting December 9th from 3:30-4:30PM

Get cozy at the Library with a series of four food crafts for children! Each Thursday in December from 3:30 to 4:30pm, children and their caregivers are invited to stop in to make a yummy treat. December 9th we will be making marshmallow snowmen- make one for yourself and one for a friend! This program is open to all ages and is free, thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Library.

## WEBSTER POLICE LOG

WEBSTER – The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of Nov. 28 to Dec. 4.

Lori Jean Piniarski, age 45, of Webster was arrested on Nov. 28 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol (second offense), Possession of an Open Container of Alcohol in a Motor Vehicle, and Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle.

A 53-year-old male from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was issued a summons on Nov. 29 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

Jesslyn N. Peperato, age 23, of Webster was arrested on Nov. 29 in connection with a warrant.

Carlos Jose Hardman, age 28, of Webster was arrested on Nov. 30 in connection with a warrant.

A 26-year-old female from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Nov. 30 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

A 25-year-old male from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Dec. 1 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member. Christian L. Kuilan, age 26, of Webster was arrested during the same incident in connection with a warrant. A 22-year-old male from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was also arrested during this incident for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

A 24-year-old male from Dudley whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Dec. 1 for multiple counts of Assault with a Dangerous Weapon, Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member, Kidnapping, multiple counts of Carrying a Dangerous Weapon, and Felony Breaking & Entering a Vehicle or Boat at Nighttime.

Lynn Kampersol, age 66, of Southbridge was arrested on Dec. 2 in connection with a warrant.

Paul J. Ondrasek, age 70, of Webster was arrested on Dec. 3 in connection with multiple warrants.

A 23-year-old female from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Dec. 4 for Assault on a Family or Household Member.

Melissa L. Midgette, age 39, of Webster was arrested on Dec. 4 in connection with a warrant.

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# OBITUARIES

## Dorothy H. Daviau, 90



Dorothy H. (Spiewakowski) Daviau, 90, of Webster died peacefully Friday, December 3, 2021 at her home in Webster with her family at her side. Dorothy was born March 6, 1931 in North Grosvenordale, CT. She is the daughter of the late Francis and the late Catherine (Duszlak) Spiewakowski. She was predeceased by her husband of 56 years, Earl A. Daviau in 2006. She is survived by her son Richard Daviau of Webster; her daughter Debra Daviau Savoie and her husband Paul of Union, CT and her grandson, Brett Savoie of Queens, NY. She leaves two sisters: Theresa Kudron of North Brookfield and Barbara Leduc of Webster and two brothers: Walter Spiewakowski of Dudley, and Francis “Spin” Spiewakowski Jr. of Thompson, CT and many nieces and nephews. She was employed by American Optical and Cabot Safety for 45 years as an inspector in the frames department

and later an office assistant before retiring in 1995. Her family was the joy of her life. She was a beloved mom, Nanu and sister. She enjoyed the tranquility of the White Mountains and finding good deals at yard sales. She volunteered for the Webster Little League for many years during her husband’s tenure as Little League president. Her children express their gratitude to Care Central VNA & Hospice and her compassionate caregivers. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:00 am on Thursday, December 16 at St. Joseph Basilica, 53 Whitcomb St., Webster. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Garden Of Peace Cemetery, Webster. Family will receive relatives and friends from 9:00 to 10:00 AM at the church. Face coverings are strongly encouraged. Bartel Funeral Home, 33 Schofield Avenue, Dudley, is directing arrangements. [www.bartelfuneralhome.com](http://www.bartelfuneralhome.com). In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Care Central VNA & Hospice, 534 School St. Webster, MA 01570.

## Theresa A. Druzbecki, 92



Dudley – Theresa A. (Jarmolowicz) Druzbecki, 92, passed away on Wednesday December 1, 2021 at the Harrington Memorial Hospital after a brief illness. Theresa was born in Webster, MA on May 1, 1929 daughter of the late Joseph Jarmolowicz Sr. and Apolonia (Kulbacki) Jarmolowicz; she attended St. Joseph School graduating from Bartlett High School afterwards working for Anglo Fabric. Theresa enjoyed polka music, dancing, gardening, and was a fan of the Boston Red Sox. Theresa is survived by two daughters Elaine Bouchard and her husband Dennis of Dudley, and Joanne Kubicki and her husband Mark of Dudley; her grandchildren Nicole and Eric Druzbecki; her great-grandchildren Noah, Eli, and Able; she also leaves her loving niece Jane Brossman of

Landen, Wyoming, as well as many nieces, nephews, relatives, and dear friends. Theresa was predeceased by her husband Raymond E. Druzbecki; her son Richard Druzbecki; seven brothers: Frank, Charles, Brun, Anthony, Gerome, Dominic, and Joseph Jarmolowicz Jr.; her sister Regina Chmura. Calling Hours will be held on Thursday December 9, 2021 from 4:00 – 6:00pm at the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA. The Committal Service will be held on Friday December 10, 2021 in St. Joseph’s Garden of Peace at 9:00 am. In lieu of flowers, please send memorial contributions to the American Diabetes Association in honor of Theresa. A guest book is available at [www.shaw-majercik.com](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you may offer condolences, share fond memories, or light a candle in remembrance of Theresa.

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## Zion Lutheran Church to host German language Christmas service

OXFORD — A German language Christmas Service will be held at Zion Lutheran Church, located at 70 Main St. in Oxford on Sunday, Dec. 19 at 6 p.m. The Rev. Michael Bastian, German born Pastor at Zion Lutheran and Church of the Reconciliation, will deliver the sermon and lead through the service in the German language. Traditional Christmas hymns and music will be part of the service.

We welcome all visitors to our church for this special event and fellowship after the service. Invite your parents, bring your children. Spread the word to any of your friends who have connections to Germany and the German language and join us for this wonderful Christmas celebration. Contact: Phone 508-897-1248 Website: [www.zionlutheranoxfordma.org](http://www.zionlutheranoxfordma.org) Email: [pastor@zionlutheranoxford.org](mailto:pastor@zionlutheranoxford.org)

## Oxford implements winter parking ban

OXFORD — Chairman of the Oxford Board of Selectmen Dennis Lamarche announced the Board recently voted to set the dates for the Town’s Winter Parking Ban. “It is important to inform the community of the winter parking ban so residents will understand the need to allow our Department of Public Works the space needed to clear roads during inclement weather,” stated Lamarche. D.P.W. Director Jared Duval affirmed the need to enact a winter parking ban. “We have one of the best teams around, but we need to be sure they have the space required to effectively plow and salt the roadways. We all want to keep the streets safe for our residents and those traveling through our town,” stated Duval. The Town of Oxford’s Winter Parking Ban will be in effect from Dec. 1 through April 1. On-street parking is prohibited between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. The Parking Ban will also take effect when there is an accumulation of three or more inches of snow, day or night. Fifteen minute parking is allowed for postal and package delivery.

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## Friday’s Child



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emotions, and exploring their gender identity. In school, they do very well in the classes that they enjoy. Ash does report that they are shy but can be outgoing when they feel comfortable.

Legally freed for adoption, Emily and Ash would thrive in a supportive and committed two-parent family or in a strong single-parent home. The ideal family would provide these siblings with structure, clear boundaries, and a nurturing and attentive environment. A home with other children in it would be welcomed as well as families with no children. Their new family must be willing to help these siblings maintain contact with their biological younger brother.

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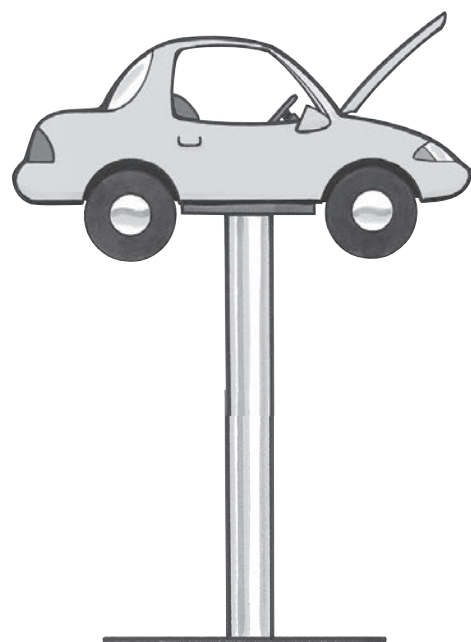
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EDITORIAL

From apples to oranges (in stockings):  
The origins of Christmas traditions

Driving about town is fantastic this time of year, as more and more homes are decorated with bright lights to welcome the holiday season. Some people go all out, and others...well, they don't, and that's OK too. The important thing to remember as we get older is that right now, as you read this, there are countless children counting down the days until Santa arrives, or just finishing up with Hanukkah.

As our Editor was dragging their family tree into the house over the weekend, they started to think about how silly this tradition was. Why cut down a tree and drag it indoors, decorate it, and vacuum up pine needles all month long? We will admit, having the tree is fun, especially at night. With that, the research into holiday traditions began.

Did you ever wonder where the tradition of the Christmas stocking came from, or why traditional Christmas colors are red, green and gold or why Kentucky Fried Chicken in Japan is so busy on Christmas? There are endless myths and fables surrounding the Christmas holiday, but there are even more interesting facts. While researching Christmas, and digging deep, we found a plethora of fun and thought-provoking facts worth sharing with our readers.

The first one notes that early images of St. Nicholas depict him as a strict disciplinarian rather than the overweight, jolly man in the red suit we see today. Way back when, a common Christmas eve tradition was to tell scary ghost stories by the fire, boo.

In 1914, during the Great War, a truce between the United Kingdom and Germany was held. They decorated their shelters for the holiday and exchanged gifts and even played a game of football with each other.

When a child drops a letter in the mail to Santa in America, the mail is sent to Santa Claus, Ind.

Thanks to the province of Nova Scotia, which, since 1918, has been sending the city of Boston an enormous Christmas tree as a thank you for supporting them during the Halifax explosion.

Pope Julius I proclaimed Dec. 25 as the official day to celebrate the birth of Christ in A.D. 350.

For the past 40 years, people in Japan eat Kentucky Fried Chicken for Christmas dinner and must make their orders two months in advance.

British illustrator John Callcott Horsley invented the first Christmas card in 1843.

In England from 1649-1660, Puritanical guardian of the realm Oliver Cromwell outlawed Christmas celebrations and carols, which he and his fellow Calvinists viewed as vestiges of Catholic excess.

The first artificial Christmas trees were made in Germany out of dyed goose feathers (we're still trying to picture this one).

X is the Greek letter "chi," which is an abbreviation for the word "Christ" in Greek — hence the abbreviation X-mas being used so often.

Several European countries thought that good and evil spirits were active during the Twelve Days of Christmas. These 'spirits' then became known as Santa's elves.

Have you ever wondered what a 'Yule' log actually is? We have too. It is a large log that is burned during the Twelve Days of Christmas as a symbol of health, fertility, luck and is said to ward off evil spirits.

In Bolivia, there is a celebration called the 'Mass of the Rooster' that takes place on Christmas Eve. Some folks bring roosters to the mass to symbolize the thought that a rooster was the first animal to announce the birth of Jesus.

In 2010, the Columbian government hung lights on jungle trees. When the FARC guerrillas sauntered by, the trees lit up and released banners asking the terrorists to lay down their weapons. As a result, 331 guerrillas peacefully re-entered into the community.

Here's an interesting one: the Bicycle card company created playing cards during WWII that revealed an escape route for POW's in Germany.

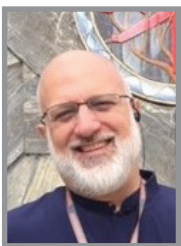
In the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas," the verse referring to "true love" is a reference to God. A "partridge in a pear tree" represents Christ and the "two turtledoves" represent the Old and New Testaments.

VIEWPOINT

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

Finding room for Jesus

Do you remember the story of Wally? He was a nine year old second grader. He should have been in fourth grade, but everyone knew that Wally had difficulty keeping up. He was big and clumsy, slow in movement and mind. Wally fancied the idea of being a shepherd in the Christmas pageant one year, but the play's director knew that there were too many lines for Wally to memorize. Instead, she assigned him the role of the Innkeeper who only had a few lines. For weeks he practiced his part and his lines. Miss Lombard's biggest concern for the play that year was that Wally didn't mess his part up and embarrass himself.



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The Innkeeper did not return inside his inn, however. Wally stood there in the doorway, watching the desperate couple. His mouth was open, his brow creased with concern, his eyes filling unmissably with tears. It was right then that Wally realized exactly what had happened that night. And suddenly this Christmas pageant became different from all the others.

"Wait! Joseph, don't go!" Wally cried out. "Bring Mary back." And Wally's face grew into a bright smile.

"You can have my room."

You can have my room!

What an unexpected twist to a very familiar story. And yet, Wally's actions leave us much to think about. What would WE have done 2,000 years ago in Bethlehem? We can even ask, what do we do today when we are placed in a similar situation?

In the innkeepers' minds in Bethlehem, they were fully justified. Business was bustling. Countless people were in town. This was their work, and they were busy. They didn't have time to give their attention to some poor couple. They had to take care of all the people in their inn!

In today's world, not too many people would fault them. They didn't know that Mary would give birth to the Savior of the world. For all they knew, it was just another peasant woman giving birth to another child in this world. They were preoccupied with their own cares and lives!

Does that sound a little familiar?

How many of us don't have time for Christ to enter into our lives at work? How many of us don't have time for Christ to enter into our lives during our recreation? And what about with our families or in our marriages? How many of us don't have time for Christ to interfere with our busy and important schedules. We have things to do, places to go, friends to see, work to perform, time to enjoy – all on our own, and without any interference from Christ.

As busy as the innkeepers in Bethlehem were, our contemporary soci-

ety is infinitely busier – running 24/7. We aren't necessarily busier with more important things, but nonetheless, we fill our times with busyness. We Americans even take pride in how busy we can be. The busier we are, the more important we feel.

And yet, in the midst of our busy lives, will we have the eyes to see Christ when he comes unexpectedly. I'm not only talking about making time for Jesus as a part of our schedule. For sure, we need to begin there. And some of us do that by setting aside time Sunday morning to meet Christ. Hopefully some of us also find time to encounter Jesus each day through our prayers and quiet time.

But then, what about during the unexpected times when Jesus surprises us? The Christmas story, from the perspective of the innkeepers, is more about having the eyes to see the Christ even when we are busy, extremely busy, and He comes at an inconvenient time. Will we see Jesus in each and every person whom we meet day by day. Our Lord said, "Whatever you have done to the least of these my brothers and sisters, you have done to me." Every person is created in the divine image of God. Can we see that? Will we notice that? When a simple, poor, peasant couple come to our busy inn on our busiest night of the year, will we simply dismiss them and justify ourselves by saying, 'we have no room?' Or will we look into the eyes of the person, and realize that there may be something here more important than all our busyness. Will we have the eyes to see Christ, looking for a place to be born, looking for a place to lay His head?

Wally may have mixed up his lines in the Christmas pageant, but he surely revealed the true spirit of Christmas to all those who were watching.

"Wait! Joseph, don't go!" Wally cried out. "Bring Mary back." Wally's face grew into a bright smile as he proudly proclaimed, "You can have my room."

This Christmas, may each of us reflect upon how we can offer our own room, the many rooms of our own lives, to be available for our Lord Jesus Christ to come and be born anew, again and again, whenever he chooses!

Keep your vehicle clear of snow



CHIEF'S CORNER  
STEVE WOJNAR

The four-letter word snow will be arriving in full force soon. It brings with it several changes associated the winter season. One of importance is the removal of excess snow from your vehicles prior to operating. This topic is always brought up to me at this time of the year and I wanted to remind people of the importance of taking this one additional safety step.

A few laws on the books can address this situation. Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 90 Section 13 is the law which addresses "impeded" operation. Drivers are not allowed to have anything on or about their vehicle which may interfere with its safe operation. This can directly pertain to the removal of snow an ice from windshields. However, even though it is not specifically stated in this law, there may be circumstances where it can apply to snow on vehicle hoods, roof tops, or trunks. Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 85 Section 36 addresses the subject of unsecured or unsafe loads transported on the roadways. Flying snow or debris from a vehicle traveling down the road may apply under these circumstances. Both laws carry civil fines and decisions will be made by an officer on a case-by-case basis. As another reminder, your vehicle's license plates must also be clearly visible and free of snow and debris. It is a separate violation of the law to have an obstructed number plate.

The danger lies in not removing this snow in a prompt manner. If it is left in place, it tends to melt and re-freeze which creates an ice sheet. When traveling at higher speeds, such as on a highway, the wind can move under this ice and send it flying off the vehicle. It could then land on or around another vehicle traveling along the road.

The results of this can be very serious. Despite the damage this may cause to another vehicle, it could have even greater consequences should this land on another vehicle's windshield. The driver may not be able to see, and this could result in an accident. If there is a crash involved, the fact that the snow/ice was not removed prior to the trip, could be considered as a negligent act on the part of that driver. Therefore, this person may bear some responsibility for the accident. Please take a few extra minutes to completely remove the snow from your vehicle. This simple act could prevent and accident and possibly save a life (even your own).

Our department in the process of collecting Christmas gift donations for local families in need. New and unwrapped toys and clothing can be brought to the Dudley Police Department at 71 West Main St. Of need in the past were gifts for children between the ages of 10 – 17 years old. Monetary donations are also accepted. Checks should be made payable to the "Dudley Police Association" with a special note for the Holiday Drive. All contributions are for Dudley families, and anything left over is given to local charities, such as Webster-Dudley Food Share. The Dudley Police thank everyone in advance for their continued generosity. Anything you can give will help bring some happiness to those who would otherwise go without during this holiday season.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

School Committee deserves our trust

To the Editor:  
This letter is in support of the Dudley/Charlton Regional School Committee, school administrators and teachers. In recent months, our school committee meetings have been disrupted by angry individuals during the public forum. It's one thing to voice your opinion in a respectful way and state your reasons for doing so. However, it's another thing entirely to degrade and threaten the members of the school committee as well as school administrators and teachers.

Threats have been made to initiate a recall of duly elected school committee members chosen by voters in our recent election. This is not only happening in our town, but across the country as well. There is an organized effort to censure what is being taught in our schools, not only with subject matter, but with what individual teachers can say in a classroom.

School Committee members work

hard at overseeing our district's schools while making sure administrators and teachers are complying with national and state regulations. It is a difficult job, one for which they receive no monetary compensation. They deserve our respect and our gratitude.

The superintendent and school administrators do all that is needed to ensure that our schools are performing at the highest level. Our teachers have the education and experience necessary and have made the Dudley/Charlton school system one of the best in our State as well as our Country.

Working with our school committee, administrators and teachers and not against them will help our students receive the very best education. It's time to put our trust in our educators and give them the support they need to do their jobs.

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# A tale of two hunts

Local deer hunters had a somewhat slow day this past Saturday west of Route 146, but hunters that put their time into areas north of 146 harvested a good number of deer this past Saturday. A quick ride on Saturday to get results of the deer harvest at Bob's checking station was shocking but not unrealistic, taking into account the high harvest of deer by archers a few weeks earlier. A total of 82 deer were checked in for the week at the Webster station, as of noon Saturday, which included a six-point, 174-pound buck. Lenny Audette harvested a huge 10-point buck in Uxbridge last week. Unfortunately, no picture was available at the time of this writing.

A report by a Massachusetts Fish & Wildlife employee that only one deer had been checked in at noon on Saturday was a far cry from only a few years ago at the Webster station. Because of the high population of archers that now hunt deer in this state they now harvest more deer than during the shotgun season, which is one of the contributing factors. Thirty-five automobiles were lined up along Route 16 from Douglas to Webster on opening day and only half that many by last Saturday. All of the deer checked in were in good shape, according to the staff at the Webster station.

This year, MF&W officials were swabbing the nose of deer to get a more

accurate account of how many deer were infected with the Covid virus. No update on the results were available at the time of this writing. Unfortunately, MF&W does not share to much information on the deer harvest until next year, which makes it harder to inform our readers. The new checking system for registering harvested deer on line during the archery season, the last week of shotgun, and the entire season on Black Powder has made it a lot easier for sportsmen to comply with the requirement.

Massachusetts shotgun deer season will end this Saturday December 11, and the black powder season will open on Monday, Dec. 13. The black powder season will end at the end of the month Dec. 31. The high tech black powder guns are now rifled, and are extremely accurate up to 100 yards, at least for those that are highly experienced in their use. There are still deer hunters that prefer to use the old flintlock rifles, making it a lot more challenging to harvest a white tail deer. Good luck!

The new MF&W licensing system is now up and running. This is the first year in a long time that an increase in license fees went into effect. The fees will automatically increase for the next few years. If you have not been following the news on license increases for hunters and fishermen for the last 12 months, you will when you apply for



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This week's picture shows a happy angler Dan Southwick, with a huge pike he caught a few years ago while ice fishing. Could this be you this year?

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Duck hunting will reopen on Dec. 13 in Central Massachusetts with a daily bag limit of six birds. The final season will close Jan. 1. Canada goose hunting will also reopen on Dec. 13. Hopefully, the snow will not blanket the fields during the season, making for some great shooting opportunities. If snow does cover the fields, hunters will need to hunt rivers and streams, which is a lot more dangerous for man & dog. When a freeze up occurs during the late seasons, it drives the geese and ducks to open water, which often has a coating of ice along the shoreline. It can be dangerous for both man & dog.

Over the years, numerous hunters and dogs have lost their life because of thin ice. Do not let it happen to you. On Jan. 15, the late Canada goose season opens in Massachusetts, and the daily bag limit goes to five birds. Your federal duck stamps are still good to hunt migratory birds into 2022, but you do need to purchase a new 2022 hunting license and state migratory stamp to hunt.

Ice fishing can hot be far off, I hope! More on this subject next week. Be sure to stay off of unsafe ice.

Take a Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

## Readers Share Favorite Tips and Tricks

It's time once again to share some helpful hints readers send my way. As we gear up for the holidays, the following readers took time from their busy schedule to pass along a tip or trick they've picked up along the way.

Remember readers, you can win a three course dinner for two at Publick House! Just send in your favorite hint! Good luck!

Want to save both money and calories? A reader figured out the correct ingredients to splitting a box mix in half - no waste!

I have another hint for your column: The two of us love cupcakes from a cake mix but a full box is too much. I divide the mix to one egg and divide the liquid the same. The full mix usually requires 2 or 3 eggs and produces 24 cupcakes so you can cut it down to 8 or 12 using only one egg.

Paul Davignon  
Uxbridge, MA 01569

This reader's recycling hint is a triple win!

For scented jar candles that you think have burned down as far as they will go but have leftover wax at the bottom

(sometimes as much as a half inch or more), don't discard the wax. Break up the leftover wax in cubes and put them in a wax warmer/melter. They will melt nicely and continue to give off the scent and you will have saved money not buying wax cubes, and stopped the wasted wax from being added to the landfill!

Donna Joyce,  
Southbridge, MA

Oopsie!: A solution for the absent minded - this reader passed along a tried and true tip, that continues to come to the rescue!

If you seal an envelope and then realized you forgot to include something inside, just place your sealed envelope in the freezer for an hour or two. Viola, it unseals easily.

Donna Lewandowski  
Charlton, MA

A longtime reader passes along another of her successful remedies:

This tip worked, several months ago and again today. A small piece of husk



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from an oat grain e.g. oatmeal, was stuck near the back of my tongue. Coughing forcefully didn't work, gargling with warm or cold water did not work.

I took a wooden long handled Q-tip, but regular size would work too, it is dry on the head and touched quickly and pulling forward, secured the husk and drug it to the front of my mouth to remove safely (do not put too far back on the tongue to gag!).

Also I teach CPR AED First Aid Professional Rescuers and if necessary, would use this for someone. My dad, during the aging process, choked often, so I have spent many years helping him, and I have taught CPR etc. since 1985.

Also, if the person is conscious, can speak, just can't get it off their tongue, a small piece of dry bread (1 inch), chewed well and swallowed will move it down.

Viola Bramel  
Northbridge, MA

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## Take the risk

who started this column four years ago. He was an author who is most known for his novel, "Playing with the Enemy," which is still in print today. "Playing with the Enemy" earned him a great deal of fan mail. It was his first book, and everyone seemed to love it.

One person wrote to my father and told a story of how he was a successful lawyer with a great family and how "Playing with the Enemy" taught him to forgive himself. He had gone through many years of regret, beating himself up and feeling like a failure.

When my dad told me the story about this man, I thought to myself, "How could he possibly feel like a failure? He was a successful lawyer with a great family; what more could he want?"

It turns out he was an outstanding boxer in his younger years. He decided to pursue a law career and give up his dream of being a professional boxer because it was just too risky. In the years after his decision, he began to have regrets; as time went on, the regrets started to grate at his soul. It wasn't

until he read my father's book decades later that he decided he needed to forgive himself.

That story has stuck with me through the years. He didn't follow his dreams because he felt it was too risky.

It reminds me of my favorite quote by Jim Rohn: "It's all risky, the minute you were born it got risky, if you think trying is risky - wait till they hand you the bill for not trying. If you think investing is risky - wait till you get the tab for not investing. It's all risky, getting married is risky, having children is risky, going into business is risky, investing your money is risky. It's all risky; I'll tell you how risky life is - you're not going to get out alive..."

If you think following your dreams is risky - wait till they hand you the bill for not following your dreams.

It's all risky. Are some dreams riskier than others? It all depends on what you're willing to risk.

Are you willing to risk facing the consequences for not stepping into the fullness of your destiny?

### POSITIVELY SPEAKING

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I encourage people to follow their dreams.

Following my dreams has been the single most excellent motivator in my life; it's what gets me out of bed in the morning. My biggest dream I am still chasing today, although life has brought me to a place where I'm chasing it most unusually and uniquely, I'm more convinced of my destiny than ever before.

Dreams can change; old dreams can be replaced with new ones. If you didn't pursue a goal earlier in life, it's never too late to follow the same one or a new one now. I say go for it, and you'll find that

### EDITORIAL

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Did you ever wonder why the colors red, green and gold are affiliated with Christmas? The color green is a symbol of life and rebirth, red symbolizes the blood of Christ and gold is a symbol of light, wealth and royalty.

Christmas trees are grown for roughly 15 years before they are purchased.

In Poland, spider webs are a common decoration for trees because a spider, according to legend, wove a blanket for baby Jesus.

In 1836, Alabama was the first state in the country to officially recognize Christmas.

Mistletoe is considered sacred to the Druids because it produces fruit and remains green throughout the winter. The Druids never let the plant hit the ground and believed that it was a cure for infertility and warded off evil spirits.

President Teddy Roosevelt, widely acknowledged as one of the first environmental advocates, banned Christmas trees from the White House in 1901.

Apples were the first Christmas tree decorations.

Why do we hang stockings by the chimney with care? Apparently, there were three sisters who were too poor to afford a marriage dowry and were bound to end up on the streets. Bishop Saint Nicholas filled their stockings with gold coins, and their lives were forever changed.

We hope you enjoyed these fun Christmas facts, and hope that you have a happy holiday season filled with endless laughter and memories to last a life time.

To the Editor:

I like living in Oxford. I've watched it grow over the past 25 years that I have lived here. I watched as Home Depot and Market Basket made life a little more convenient. Even the second Dunkin Donuts (I can't get used to "Dunkin") in our little town seems to be thriving. I am a little curious why the strip mall in the Home Depot/Market Basket complex has empty stores. I really thought they would be snapped up. There is a Mexican restaurant that has been threatening to open for the past several months, but all we see is "Opening Soon." I hope they have KENO. While I am talking about places of business, I must comment on the Hot & Sour soup at Happy Garden - it is the best.

One of the things I really liked (That's "liked": past tense.) were the wide streets in the downtown. I don't know of any other town that has such wide thoroughfares and they are lined, for the most part, with some beautiful large old homes. Then, a couple months ago, a couple of large lit signs popped up

at each end of the downtown area. In big bright letters they announced the coming of islands in the middle of those wide streets. Obviously the signs didn't mention what the islands were going to be made of or how tall, wide or long they would be.

Fast forward to today. Oxford now has several islands right in the middle of the street. They are exactly where you and I have driven our cars and trucks for these past many years. They are surrounded with large orange construction cones. They are there, obviously, so we don't smash into the islands. The large lit signs are still at each end of the Center, but now the signs warn all of us that these islands are there.

I don't know whose idea it was to put these things in the middle of our streets, but they are a mistake. In my humble opinion they are dangerous. Cars are going to smash into them, or worse, swerve to miss them and crash into the car beside them. There is an island just north of the traffic lights in the center. If you are heading south on Main Street

and want to turn left onto Sutton Ave, there is now enough room for about four cars in that left hand turn lane, which means anyone else that wants to turn left must get behind the island. The town certainly isn't going to leave the cones there forever. Are they going to put large ugly reflectors in front of them? Bushes wouldn't last long with cars plowing over them.

I have some solution ideas. Have a Dunkin Donuts employee sell coffee at one; have one painted blue for Democrats and another red for Republicans. That way, the banner wavers will have a designated place to wave at us; there is only one mailbox in Oxford. Put a mailbox in one of the islands; this time of year, have Santa there giving out gifts. The best idea: Once the cones are gone, have the person that came up with this idea stand on one during rush hour. Once I know who that person is, I would like to buy him/her a million dollar life insurance policy with me the beneficiary.

RAY LENTINE  
OXFORD







# LEGALS

**MORTGAGEE’S NOTICE  
OF SALE  
OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Michael E. Zaczek Jr. to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for IndyMac Bank, F.S.B., its successors and assigns, dated March 1, 2007 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 41128, Page 87, subsequently assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Home Equity Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Trust Series INABS 2007-B, Home Equity Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates Series INABS 2007-B under the Pooling and Servicing agreement dated June 1, 2007 by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 45772, Page 84 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 AM on December 17, 2021 at 38 Sunset Avenue, Oxford, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land situated on the easterly side of Sunset Avenue, Oxford, Massachusetts, being Lot #7 as shown on a Plan of Land in Oxford, owned by Mascor Homes, Inc., Albert L. Fitzback, Surveyor, dated April 25, 1975, and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 415, Plan 39, more particularly bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the northwesterly corner of the premises herein described at a point on the easterly line of Sunset Avenue, said point being two hundred twenty and 79/100 (220.79) feet measured southerly along the easterly line of said Sunset Avenue from a cement bound at the end of a curve at the intersection of said Sunset Avenue and Nottingham Road; THENCE N. 56° 45' 44" E. one hundred twenty and 00/100 (120.00) feet along Lot #8 to a point at land now or formerly owned by Kimball; THENCE S. 33° 14' 16" E. one hundred and 00/100 (100.00) feet along said land of Kimball to a point at Lot #6; THENCE S. 56° 45' 44" W. one hundred twenty and 00/100 (120.00) feet along said Lot #6 to a point on the easterly line of said Sunset Avenue; THENCE N. 33° 14' 16" W. one hundred and 00/100 (100.00) feet along the easterly line of said Sunset Avenue to the point of beginning. Containing 12,000 square feet. Subject to covenants and restrictions recited in Book 5782, Page 102 of said Deeds. Subject to easements for poles and wires which may affect locus. For Title see Deed recorded December 13, 1994 recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 16764, Page 186.

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney's fees and costs.

**TERMS OF SALE:**  
A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. **TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.**

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

**DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY**, as Trustee for **HOME EQUITY MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED TRUST** Series INABS 2007-B, **HOME EQUITY MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES** Series INABS 2007-B Present Holder of said Mortgage, By Its Attorneys, **ORLANDS PC** PO Box 540540 Waltham, MA 02454

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18-014833  
November 26, 2021  
December 3, 2021  
December 10, 2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Worcester Probate and Family Court  
225 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608  
(508) 831-2200  
Docket No. WO19P1495GD  
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION TO EXPAND THE POWERS OF A GUARDIAN  
In the interests of:  
**Francis Therrien  
of Webster, MA  
RESPONDENT  
Incapacitated Person/  
Protected Person****

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, A petition has been filed by **Lanessa Extended Care of Webster, MA** in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Expand the powers of a Guardian.

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the powers of the Guardian and/or Conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of the appointment. The original petition is on file with the court.

**You have the right to object to this proceeding.** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 AM. on the return date of **12/21/2021**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense. **WITNESS**, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: November 23, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman,  
Register of Probate  
December 10, 2021

**NOTICE OF  
MORTGAGEE’S SALE  
OF REAL ESTATE**

Premises: 19 Upper Gore Road, Webster, Massachusetts  
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Sean T. Madore to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Residential Mortgage Services, Inc., said mortgage dated January 11, 2019, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester) Registry of Deeds, in Book 59930 at Page 213 and now held by Freedom Mortgage Corporation by virtue of an assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Residential Mortgage Services, Inc., to Freedom Mortgage Corporation dated October 21, 2019 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 61262, Page 357, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on January 6, 2022 at 11:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: The land in Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

Tract I  
A certain parcel of land situated on Upper Gore Road in Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts, shown as Parcel A on a plan entitled “Plan of Land in Webster, Massachusetts” Owned by Edward J. Kus, Rae S. Young, Jayne E. Hinchliffe, Gleen C. Kuss and Rita Kus, Scale 1’ = 40’, prepared by Para Land Surveying, Inc., which plan is dated September 26, 2016, and recorded with the Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Book 38395, Plan 115. Being a portion of the premises conveyed to Edward J. Kus, Rae S. Young, Jayne E. Hinchliffe and Glenn C. Kuss, dated February 15, 2005 and recorded with Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Book 38395, Page 16.

Tract II  
A certain parcel of land situated on Upper Gore Road in Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts, shown as Parcel B on a plan entitled “Upper Grove Road Revision of Property Lines Lots

8, 8.1 & 16.1” Owned by Edward and Rita Kus”, Scale 1’ = 50’, prepared by Robert W. Kilmartin, which plan is dated August 15, 1994, and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 685, Plan 116.

Tract III  
A certain parcel of land situated on Upper Gore Road in Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts, shown as Parcel B on a plan entitled “Plan of Land belonging to Edwin Kus, Webster, Massachusetts”, Scale 1’ = 20’, prepared by V.F. Kubic Surveyor, which plan is dated December 11, 1959, and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 250, Plan 4.

Being the same premises conveyed to herein named mortgagor(s) by deed recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds herewith.

The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. For Mortgagors' Title see deed dated January 5, 2019, and recorded in Book 59930 at Page 210 with the Worcester County (Worcester) Registry of Deeds. **TERMS OF SALE:** Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described. **FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00)** Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within sixty (60) days after the date of sale. Other terms to be announced at the sale.

**BENDETT & MCHUGH, PC**  
270 Farmington Avenue  
Farmington, CT 06032  
Attorney for Freedom Mortgage Corporation  
Present Holder of the Mortgage (860) 677-2868  
December 10, 2021  
December 17, 2021  
December 24, 2021

**(SEAL)**  
**THE COMMONWEALTH  
OF MASSACHUSETTS  
LAND COURT  
DEPARTMENT OF  
THE TRIAL COURT  
Docket Number: 21 SM 001596  
ORDER OF NOTICE**

TO: Daniel J. Garney  
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. C. 50 §3901 (et seq): Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Oxford, numbered 4 Millbury Road, given by Daniel J. Garney to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for Envoy Mortgage, dated December 20, 2013, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 51878, Page 150, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before 1/17/2021 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the grounds of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on 12/2/2021.  
Attest: Deborah J. Patterson  
Recorder  
December 10, 2021

**MORTGAGEE’S SALE  
OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue and in execution of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage given by given by given by Kenneth P. Koszewski and Karen L Koszewski to Citifinancial Services, Inc. dated June 15, 2006, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester) Registry District of Deeds at Book 39198 Page 271, of which mortgage the undersigned is present holder by assignment as follows: assignment from Citifinancial Services, Inc. to Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC dated December 1, 2015, recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 56452, Page 181, assignment from Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC to CB4b LLC dated September 11, 2018 recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 61202, Page 177 and

assignment from CB4b LLC to Linear Mortgage, LLC dated September 11, 2018 and recorded with Worcester County (Worcester) Registry of Deeds in Book 61202, Page 180, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at public auction at 10:00 a.m. on the 6th day of January 2022 upon the mortgaged premises located at 34 Intervale Road, Dudley, MA 01571, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

Situated in Dudley, Massachusetts: Being Lot 30R as shown on a plan entitled “Definitive Plan for Amendment of Sayles Estates, Section Two, Plan Book 598, Plan 72, in Dudley Massachusetts owned by Dennis N. Brote, Sr. And Nancy L. Brote, drawn by Para Land Surveying, Inc., Southbridge, Massachusetts 1 inch= 100 ft.,” dated February 22, 2000, revised June 27, 2000, revised July 13, 2000 and recorded at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 764, Plan 101 on January 25, 2001. Address: 34 Intervale Rd.; Dudley, MA 01571  
Tax Map or Parcel ID No.: 17-A5-212-14

For title, see: 25569/160  
If the description of the property in this notice conflicts with the description in the mortgage, the description in the mortgage shall control.

Subject to a first mortgage dated March 27, 2002 to Webster Five Cents Savings Bank recorded with said deeds at Book 26267 Page 378.

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, condominium fees, building, zoning and other land use laws and all permits and approvals issued pursuant thereto, including, without limitations, 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. Ten Thousand and 00/100 (\$10,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check or treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check or treasurer's check or cashier's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney within thirty (30) days after the date of sale (or the first business day following thereafter if such date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or a legal holiday) at the offices of Phillips & Angley, P.C., One Washington Mall, Boston, Massachusetts 02109. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Memorandum of Sale immediately after the close of bidding.

The deposit paid at the time of the sale shall be forfeited if the purchaser does not comply strictly with the terms set forth in this Notice of Sale or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of foreclosure. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to postpone the sale to a later date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone at any adjourned sale date, to sell the property to the next highest bidder in the event of default by the highest or any other bidder, and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. The purchaser shall be responsible for all closing costs, state documentary stamps and recording fees. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

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**WEBSTER** - 8 Riverside Dr! Super Convenient 9 Rm Colonial! Work-in Appliance Kit w/Granite Island & Dining Area! 24' Living Rm w/Laminate Wood Flooring, Slider to Composite Deck! 3-5 Bdrms Total! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths Total! Finished Lower Level! Oil Heat! Roof 2019! **\$399,900.00**



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

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**WEBSTER LAKE** - 50 Laurelwood Drive! 90' Waterfront! Western Exposure - Beautiful Sunsets! Half Acre, 22,729', of Natural Privacy! 6 Room Custom Built Cedar Home with 2 Car Attached Garage! Dining Area and Fireplaced Living Room with Soaring Cathedral Ceilings! First Floor Master Bedroom with Full Bath! 2 Second Floor Bedrooms and Second Full Bath, Large Second Floor Expansion Area! Additional Garage Space Under! Lighting Strike Fire Damage Repair Required! Tons of Potential! **\$889,900.00**

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### Featured New Listing!



**SOUTHBRIDGE - 140-148 HAMILTON ST.**

Multi-Familys - 4 Buildings! 9 Occupied Residential Units! 1 Occupied Commercial Unit! Huge BONUS, Drive through Heated Garage, can accommodate up to 18 Vehicles! **\$975,000.**



#### DUDLEY - 10 MILL ROAD



**SORRY, SOLD!**

Beautiful family home! 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, newer widows & heating system. Mini split system. Hardwoods. Lg eat-in kitchen / Corian counters & Island! Warming fireplace with handsome mantel. Generous dining room, spacious enough for your family gatherings. lower level fireplace family room. Harmon pellet insert! 2 car garage. Reduced **\$340,000.**

#### WEBSTER - 23 EMERALD AVE.



**SORRY, SOLD!**

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

#### WEBSTER - 10 THOMPSON RD



**ON DEPOSIT**

2 FAMILY! LOCATION, LOCATION! OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS! SERIOUSLY CONSIDER THIS A SOLID INVESTMENT. A GENERAL BUSINESS ZONED! PRIME WEBSTER BUSINESS DISTRICT! A LARGE, DEEP LOT, 14,875 SF/0.34 ACRE. 9 Rooms, 4 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, FHW/OIL. Garage! Lot is currently private with a mature tree line in the rear. Property serviced by Municipal Water & Sewer, Natural Gas line in Basement. A QUICK CLOSE IS POSSIBLE. **\$195,000**

#### WEBSTER • 22 EASTERN AVE



**SORRY SOLD!**

LOOKING FOR AN AFFORDABLE, HUMBLE ABODE, THAT WON'T BREAK THE BANK? Convenient Location, corner lot! 1288 SF +/-, 4 BRS w/1st Flr Mstr BR, Half Bath! Eat-In Kitchen, Dining/Living Room Combination! 3-Season Porch. 2nd Flr - 3 BRS, Reshingled Roof, Replacement Windows, Updated Electric, Buderus Boiler. Part finished walk-out bsmt! Garage! **\$215,000**

#### THOMPSON CT - 15 WAGER RD



**SORRY SOLD!**

Cape with 3 bedrooms, gleaming hardwoods, stone fireplace. Septic (2019), replacement windows, family and dining room, fresh paint throughout! Generator hook up, and updated Buderus boiler with holding tank. Garage under. This one maybe for you! assisted sale **\$279,900.**

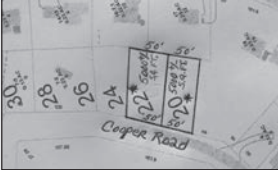
### Featured Island Listing! Webster Lake - 22 Long Island



**SORRY, SOLD!**

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

#### WEBSTER - 20 & 22 COOPER RD



LAND with Sewer & Water access! Excellent Opportunity for New Homes! Boat Ramp Near by! **\$24,500., each.**

#### LAND WEBSTER/OXFORD/CHARLTON

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

Oxford - 4 Leicester St. - Approx. 8.47 Acres! River Frontage. **NEW PRICE \$79,500.**

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

Webster - COOPER RD - 2 BUILDABLE LOTS! Water & SEWER Access. Zoned Lake Res.! **\$24,500. Each**

#### OXFORD - 10 BEVERLY STREET



**SORRY, SOLD!**

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

## On the shores of Lake Chargoggagoggmanchauggagoggchaubunagungamaugg

#### WEBSTER LAKE - 300 KILLDEER ISL.



**SORRY, SOLD!**

**Killdeer Circle!** Gently sloping landscape to waters edge. Crystal clear shoreline. Ranch with 5 rooms, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths! Walkout lower level to patio! Garage! **\$650,000.**

#### TREASURE ISLAND - CONDO



**ON DEPOSIT IN 6 DAYS**

Unit 1404 Marina side of the Complex - with 2 Boat Slips! 6 rooms, 2-1/2 baths, 2 bedrooms, fireplace, garage, Sandy Beach, Heated Salt Water Pool! **\$549,000.**

#### WEBSTER - 401 TREASURE ISLAND



**SORRY, SOLD!**

WEBSTER LAKE! Treasure Island Townhouse! UNIT# 401 Quiet summers on big & beautiful Webster Lake! 6 Rooms. Open Floor Plan! Dining Area, Hardwood Floor & Carpet, Master Bedroom, W/2 Closets, Master Bath! 2-1/2 Baths Total! Slider to Deck & Slider to the Patio! Natural gas heat! 2 Boat Slips! Heated Pool! Natural! Sandy Beach! **\$439,000.**

#### WEBSTER LAKE - 1301 TREASURE ISL.



**SORRY, SOLD!**

Quiet Summers & Fall Seasons on Big & Beautiful Webster Lake. Completely updated Hardwood & Ceramic. Center Island Kitchen. 6 Rooms. 2-1/2 Baths. a must see. Overlooking the Marina. 2 Deeded boat slips. assisted sale **\$600,000.**



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**CONCERNS**  
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Regarding Covid specifically, Goguen said the district had to send 13 students home sick and another 137 students home for quarantine as “close contacts,” plus three staff members, in the previous week. She noted that only applies to non-vaccinated people; if vaccinated “you may be sent home if you have symptoms.” (Evidence

from several countries shows vaccinated people can carry and spread the virus without symptoms, as can unvaccinated ones.)

“We’re hoping we don’t see an increase in cases over the holiday season,” she said.

Townwide, she added, there were 61 new cases and 80 total active ones; among them were 15 “breakthrough” cases (i.e. in vaccinated people) and 15 people under 19.

Such cases and the

broader impact they and the fear the Covid coverage has induced is a key reason Goguen and Special Education Director Kathleen Baris are seeking to hire a behavioral analyst at Park Avenue. Baris said that person will help the district deal with “the challenges some of our students are facing in this post-pandemic and current environment,” particularly those “from a social-emotional perspective.”

The committee unanimously supported both the hire itself, which is being funded by a grant, and a job description for the new post. They also supported (without a vote) the district’s acceptance of the Real Madrid grant of 21,375 euros, which funds an afterschool program for English learner students aimed at “self-esteem and team building.” Goguen said the funds should arrive this month sometime, and its actu-

al dollar value depends on the exchange rate at that time. (As of Dec. 3, that sum would equal \$24,184.74, since one euro equals \$1.13.)

Business Manager Monique Pierangeli added that the district is planning a community forum to present the ongoing Bartlett building project. Current planning is heavily focused on special ed classrooms, which will be “spread out throughout the building” and cannot be moved

once MSBA approves a plan. Webster has to submit it to the Mass School Building Authority by Dec. 28, but has already heard MSBA’s vote on it has been delayed until March, she said.

Residents might already have seen it as the featured project in the MSBA’s “Story of a Building” broadcast, which ran on Dec. 8.

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**DUDLEY**  
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would place on businesses in town.

“If we do a one to five percent shift from the residential to the CIP, the tax bill for single families would decrease by \$16 and the businesses would be increased by \$187. If I go to 15 percent, the decrease for single families would be \$46 a year,

but the businesses would be an increase of \$559. If I go down to the full shift that we’re allowed, the residential homes would save \$90 a year, but the businesses would have the burden of \$1,117 more in their tax bills,” said Berg.

Dudley proposed rate was \$11.91 per \$1,000 in value, down from \$13.06 in 2020 and \$12.30 in 2021 and the lowest proposed

rate since 2017. Selectmen Steven Sullivan lauded this information and recommended that the town remain with the single tax rate.

“I think the most important things we need to look at is the proposed rate – we’re back to the rate we had in 2017; three cents lower, actually,” said Sullivan. “The old saying that Dudley does more with less has

never been more apparent, and I understand tax bills are probably going to be higher and that’s what you look at, the bottom line, but the formula to get there, the tax rate has dropped significantly. As I say to people, if you want to try to go somewhere else, beat the bang for the buck. Look at the rates they’re paying in other towns.”

Selectman Jason

Johnson summed up his thoughts noting that while the average taxpayer might not feel much difference the extreme impact a dual tax rate would have on businesses was not in the best interest of Dudley.

“The assessments have gone up so the tax rate going down is probably a wash for some people. The good news is it’s stable and we’re still show-

ing that we can be a business-friendly town. We’re not putting an unfair burden on businesses,” Johnson said.

Selectmen voted unanimously to keep the single tax rate. The assessor also noted that Dudley remains one of the lowest rates among towns with a single rate and the 77th lowest tax rate in the commonwealth of 351 communities.

**SALE**  
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derful opportunity to bring guests and patrons into the church.

“We have an indoor flea market, raffles, baked good, and a lottery tree raffle. It’s felt good to be able to bring this back this year. I feel grateful to see all the ladies get back into this,” Plotczyk said.

Many of the items for sale were either donated or made by the ladies of the church who also volunteered their time to greet guests at the raffle and sale tables. Plotczyk credited the ladies for their hard work both during the holidays and throughout the year.

“I really feel all these ladies work so hard. They make the pierogies every couple of weeks or so. The ladies made everything for the bake sale,



Christmas raffles were a big part of the dram for the Polish Food and Yard Sale.



The ladies of the Holy Rosary Sodality baked up some tasty good for the bake sale and also cooked the frozen pierogies that were sold throughout the day.

they like to do that - seeing everyone here, it’s nice,” Plotczyk said.

The money raised from the event goes right back into the church helping to support a variety of programs offered throughout the year.

**LEBLANC**  
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lot. Instead, the question reads as follows: “Shall the Town of Oxford be allowed to exempt from the provisions of propo-

sition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to pay costs of engineering, designing, constructing and reconstructing roadways throughout the Town, including the pay-

ment of all other costs incidental and related thereto?”

On Dec. 16 at 6 p.m., the town is hosting a public forum on the proposal at the Senior Center (behind Town Hall). The previous day is the last

day to register to vote for that election.

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# SPORTS

## BARTLETT HIGH WINTER SCHEDULE

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Boys' Basketball Dec. 14 vs. Auburn High, 6:30 Dec. 16 at Oxford High, 6:30 Dec. 21 vs. Grafton High, 6:30 Dec. 23 vs. Shepherd Hill Regional, 6:30 Jan. 4 at Millbury High, 6:30	Jan. 7 at Leicester High, 6:30	Feb. 15 vs. North High, 6:30	Jan. 19 vs. Southbridge High, 5
	Jan. 11 vs. David Prouty Regional, 6:30		Jan. 21 at Uxbridge High, 6:30
	Jan. 14 at Quaboag Regional, 6:30	Girls' Basketball	Jan. 25 vs. Northbridge High, 6:30
	Jan. 17 vs. Oxford High, 6:30	Dec. 13 at Auburn High, 6:30	Jan. 27 at Bay Path Regional, 5
	Jan. 20 vs. Uxbridge High, 6:30	Dec. 20 at Grafton High, 6:30	Feb. 4 at Tantasqua Regional, 6:30
	Jan. 24 at Northbridge High, 6:30	Dec. 22 vs. Oxford High, 6:30	Feb. 8 vs. Bay Path Regional, 6:30
	Jan. 28 at Nipmuc Regional, 6:30	Jan. 3 vs. Millbury High, 6:30	Feb. 11 at Southbridge High, 6:30
	Jan. 31 vs. Southbridge High, 6:30	Jan. 6 vs. Leicester High, 6:30	Feb. 16 at Douglas High, 5
	Feb. 3 vs. Tantasqua Regional, 6:30	Jan. 10 at David Prouty Regional, 6	Feb. 18 vs. Douglas High, 5
	Feb. 8 at St. Bernard's High, 6:30	Jan. 13 vs. Quaboag Regional, 6:30	
Feb. 10 at Southbridge High, 6:30	Jan. 18 at Oxford High, 6:30		

## SHEPHERD HILL REGIONAL WINTER SCHEDULE

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Boys' Basketball	Dec. 10 vs. Algonquin Regional, 7	Jan. 15 vs. Grafton High, 2	Dec. 10 at Algonquin Regional, 7
	Dec. 17 vs. Marlborough High, 7	Jan. 18 vs. Groton-Dunstable Regional, 7	Dec. 17 at Marlborough High, 6
	Dec. 21 at Oakmont Regional, 7	Jan. 21 at Marlborough High, 7	Dec. 21 vs. Oakmont Regional, 7
	Dec. 23 at Bartlett High, 6:30	Jan. 25 vs. Oakmont Regional, 7	Dec. 23 vs. Millbury High, 7
	Jan. 4 vs. North Middlesex Regional, 6:30	Jan. 28 at North Middlesex Regional, 7	Jan. 4 at North Middlesex Regional, 7
			Jan. 7 vs. Nashoba Regional, 7
			Jan. 11 vs. Westborough High, 7
			Jan. 15 vs. Grafton High, 12
			Jan. 18 at Groton-Dunstable Regional, 7
			Jan. 21 vs. Marlborough High, 7
			Jan. 25 at Oakmont Regional, 7
			Jan. 28 vs. North Middlesex Regional, 7
			Feb. 1 at Nashoba Regional, 6
			Feb. 3 at Tantasqua Regional, 6:30
			Feb. 8 at Westborough High, 7
			Feb. 11 vs. Groton-Dunstable Regional, 7
			Feb. 20 at Westborough High Invitational, TBA
			Feb. 22 at Westborough High Invitational, TBA

## OXFORD HIGH WINTER SCHEDULE

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Boys' Basketball Dec. 14 at Southbridge High, 6:30 Dec. 16 vs. Bartlett High, 6:30 Dec. 21 at Tantasqua Regional, 6:30 Dec. 28 at Northbridge High, 5:30 Jan. 4 vs. Quaboag Regional, 6:30 Jan. 7 at Grafton High, 6:30 Jan. 11 vs. Northbridge High, 6:30	Jan. 14 vs. Uxbridge High, 6:30 Jan. 17 at Bartlett High, 6:30 Jan. 20 at Leicester High, 6:30 Jan. 24 vs. David Prouty Regional, 6:30 Jan. 26 vs. Leicester High, 6:30 Jan. 27 at Auburn High, 7 Jan. 31 vs. Bay Path Regional, 6:30 Feb. 3 at Millbury High, 6:30 Feb. 8 vs. Douglas High, 6:30 Feb. 11 vs. Auburn High, 5 Feb. 15 at Uxbridge High, 6:30 Feb. 18 at Blackstone-Millville	Regional, 6:30  Girls' Basketball Dec. 13 vs. Southbridge High, 6:30 Dec. 15 at Douglas High, 6:30 Dec. 20 vs. Tantasqua Regional, 6:30 Dec. 22 at Bartlett High, 6:30 Jan. 3 at Quaboag Regional, 6:30 Jan. 6 vs. Grafton High, 6:30 Jan. 10 at Northbridge High, 6:30 Jan. 13 at Uxbridge High, 6:30 Jan. 18 vs. Bartlett High, 6:30	Jan. 21 vs. Leicester High, 6:30 Jan. 24 at David Prouty Regional, 6 Jan. 27 at Auburn High, 5 Jan. 31 at Bay Path Regional, 6:30 Feb. 2 vs. North Brookfield High, 6 Feb. 4 vs. Millbury High, 6:30 Feb. 7 vs. Blackstone-Millville Regional, 6:30 Feb. 11 vs. Auburn High, 7 Feb. 16 vs. South High, 6:30

## BAY PATH REGIONAL WINTER SCHEDULE

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Boys' Basketball	Dec. 10 vs. Southbridge High, 6:30	Jan. 10 at Abby Kelley Foster, 6:30	Girls' Basketball
	Dec. 13 vs. North Brookfield High, 6:30	Jan. 18 vs. David Prouty Regional, 6:30	Dec. 10 at Southbridge High, 5
	Dec. 16 at Parker Charter, 6	Jan. 19 at Worcester Tech, 6:30	Dec. 14 at North Brookfield High, 6:30
	Dec. 22 at Tri-County Regional, 6:30	Jan. 21 at Blackstone Valley Tech, 6:30	Dec. 16 vs. North High, 5:30
	Dec. 30 vs. Keefe Tech, 6:30	Jan. 26 vs. Advanced Math and Science Academy, 6:30	Dec. 20 at University Park, 5:30
		Jan. 31 at Oxford High, 6:30	Dec. 22 vs. Tri-County Regional, 6:30
		Feb. 2 vs. Keefe Tech, 6:30	Jan. 3 vs. North Brookfield High, 5
		Feb. 7 vs. Abby Kelley Foster, 6:30	Jan. 5 at Assabet Valley, 6:30
		Feb. 8 vs. Auburn High, 6:30	Jan. 10 vs. Abby Kelley Foster, 5
		Feb. 14 at Southbridge High, 6:30	Jan. 11 at Tri-County Regional, 5
		Feb. 16 at Monty Tech, 7	Jan. 14 at Parker Charter, 6:30
			Jan. 18 at David Prouty Regional, 6
			Jan. 19 vs. Worcester Tech, 5
			Jan. 21 vs. Blackstone Valley Tech, 5
			Jan. 26 at Advanced Math and Science Academy, 5
			Jan. 27 vs. Bartlett High, 5
			Jan. 31 vs. Oxford High, 6:30
			Feb. 7 at Abby Kelley Foster, 6:30
			Feb. 8 at Bartlett High, 6:30
			Feb. 14 vs. Southbridge High, 6:30
			Feb. 16 vs. Monty Tech, 6:30

## MOHEGAN BOWL FALL LEAGUES, WEEK ENDING DEC. 5

Monday Men's Business			
Single — Tim Labay 148, Ryan Pelletier 146, Neal Kuszewski 144			
Series — Ryan Pelletier 390, Tim Labay 389, Dan Labay 365			
Series over average — Ryan Marquis +48			
Ten Pin City			
Single — Division 1: Natalie Wood 235, Joanne LaBonte 187			
Division 2: Bernice Stackpole 167, Shirley Smith 155			
Series — Division 1: Natalie Wood 571, Joanne LaBonte 483			
Division 2: Shirley Smith 429, Bernice Stackpole 420			
Tuesday Chet's Social			
Single — Ryan Pelletier 156, Joe Pranaitis 131, Tom Smith 127, Courtney Boulay 110, Erin Van Dam 104, June Carpenter 98			
Series — Ryan Pelletier 360, Joe Pranaitis 347, Tom Smith 320, Erin Van Dam 305, June Carpenter 270, Courtney Boulay 268			
Series over average — Charlie Legacy and Dean Gaboury +40, Courtney Boulay +52			
Wednesday Women's Industrial			
Single — Lynne Smith 131, Jessica Ashley 110, Gina Parmenter 105			
Series — Lynne Smith 339, Marie McNally 282, Annette Bent 281			
Series over average — Lynne Smith +39			
Summit Tenpin			
Single — Division 1: Bob Hanville 246, Max Gullekson 176			
Division 2: Scott Lamica 179, Dawn Kupiec 140			
Series — Division 1: Ron Suprenant 571, Derek Reynolds 489			
Division 2: Kevin Ryder 463, Fred LaBonte 417			
Thursday AM Coffee			
Single — Tammy Moran 110, Margaret Lorenczykova and Donna Lewandowski 106			
Series — Jackie Arpin 295, Margaret Lorenczykova 279, Tammy Moran 273			
Series over average — Linda Carter +50			
Thursday Men's Industrial			
Single — Mark Gulino 137, David Blake 130, Ryan Pelletier 127			
Series — Mark Gulino 372, Ryan Pelletier 348, Joe Pranaitis 336			
Series over average — Mark Gulino +54			
Thursday Mixed Tenpin			
Single — Tim Johnson 192, Frank Bosma 173, Brenda Johnson 160, Carol Chausse 140			
Series — Chris Wong Kam 470, Todd Gaucher 458, Ann Hebert 531, Kaitlyn Buchanan 401			

## Pro boxing returns to Webster for first time in 27 years



Photos courtesy Cristian Nunez  
Carlos Marrero, III (L) and Wilfredo Pagan battled to a draw this past August.



Main event fighters Wilfredo Pagan and Carlos Marrero, III will meet in a rematch of their exciting draw earlier this year, once again, for the vacant New England Junior Welterweight title.

ing there in '93 and '94 and the place being packed. The fans are so close to you, it has a Blue Horizon feel to it with fans right above your head in the balcony section. In our 'New England Future' series, we like to showcase boxers from all over New England and we are happy to bring that to Webster, Massachusetts. The fans will not be disappointed with our line-up of boxers from Worcester, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Lowell, Southbridge and other cities and states throughout New England."

Pagan, fighting out of Southbridge, and Bridgeport's Marrero, III will be fighting again for the vacant New England Super Lightweight Championship in the 6-round main event.

The original Pagan-Marrero was an extremely entertaining, non-stop clash in which momentum swung round by round from one fighter to the other. One judge scored the fight 58-56 in favor of Pagan, another 55-59 for Marrero, and the last 57-57.

### NEW ENGLAND S FUTURE VIII SET FOR DEC. 18

WORCESTER — Rivera Promotions Entertainment (RPE) is bringing professional boxing back to Webster for the first time in 27 years on Saturday night, Dec. 18, at Webster Town Hall.

RPE's popular "New England Future VIII" will be headlined by a rematch of arguably the 2021 New England Fight of the Year to date between Puerto Ricanative Wilfredo "El Sucaro" Pagan (6-1-

1, 3 KOs) and Carlos Marrero, III (2-6-2), who fought to a thrilling 6-round split draw this past Aug. 14 in Worcester.

Three-time, two-division World champion, RPE promoter Jose Antonio Rivera, fought in the last show in Webster back on Nov. 18, 1994, when the then 11-0 Rivera stopped Gerry O'Campo in the fourth round at Municipal Auditorium. Rivera also fought at the Municipal

Building in Webster on Dec. 10, 1993, knocking out Julio Torres in round three. Fighting on that same card was his close friend, 3-0 Worcester heavy-weight Bobby Harris, whose son Bobby "BH3" Harris, III will be fighting on the RPE Dec. 18 card.

"Being able to run a boxing event at the Webster Town Hall is very exciting for me," Rivera said. "I remember fight-



# Brighten someone’s holiday season with Christmas cactus

The holidays have arrived and so has the Christmas cactus. Set this favorite holiday plant in a basket, decorative pot or foil wrap and it will be ready to give as a gift or add to your holiday décor. With proper care this holiday favorite can flower for four to eight weeks and grow for decades, becoming a family heirloom handed down from one generation to the next.

The plant sold as a Christmas cactus may actually be a Thanksgiving cactus. The true Christmas cactus blooms later and has small segments with rounded edges. The Thanksgiving cactus, though often sold as the Christmas cactus, has toothed or jagged segments and typically blooms prior to Christmas.

Fortunately, their growing requirements and care are basically the same so the plants will do fine no matter the name on the label. These, or hybrids of the two plants, flower with cool nights and long uninterrupted dark periods. A third holiday plant, the Easter cactus, sets flowers in spring as the days start to lengthen.

Christmas and Thanksgiving cacti are epiphytes that naturally grow on trees in shaded and humid forests along the coast of Brazil. They all prefer bright indirect light, high humidity and a thorough watering when the top few



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inches of soil begins to dry. Don’t over water but don’t let the soil dry completely. Water a bit more often when the plant is in bloom.

Grow them in an organic well-drained potting mix for best results. Water thoroughly and pour off the excess that collects in the saucer to avoid root rot. Reduce maintenance and improve the growing conditions with the help of gravel trays. Place a layer of pebbles, decorative stones or marbles in the saucer or bottom of the foil wrap or basket. The pot will be elevated above any excess water that collects in the pebbles. As the water evaporates, it increases the humidity around the plant.

Keep your flowering cactus in a cool bright location to extend its bloom time. Avoid drafts of hot and cold air, moisture stress and other changes in the environment that can cause buds and flowers to drop.

Fertilize with a dilute solution of flowering houseplant fertilizer once it has finished blooming and throughout spring and summer as needed. Grow your cactus in a north-facing window or set back from an east- or west-facing window where it receives bright indirect light throughout the year. Too much sun turns the leaf segments dark

red. Don’t be anxious to move these plants to a bigger container. They prefer to be somewhat potbound and can remain in the same pot for years.

Encourage a new flush of flowers with cooler night temperatures around 55 to 60 degrees and slightly drier soil. An uninterrupted dark period will also help promote flowering.

Start the dark treatment in early to mid-October for holiday flowers. Cover the plants or move them to a location free of any artificial light, indoors or outside, each night and provide bright indirect light each day. Any interruption in the dark period from outdoor, street or reading lights can delay or prevent flowering.

Many experts find providing the same dark treatment as poinsettias, 14 hours of dark each night, promotes flowering. Michigan State University recommends providing 16 hours of total darkness and eight hours of light for at least eight days to promote flowering.

Add a Christmas cactus to your indoor plant collection and share a few with friends and family over the holidays. These easy-care flowering beauties are sure to brighten the recipient’s mood and holiday décor.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including The Midwest Gardener’s Handbook and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses “How to Grow Anything”



Melinda Myers

Christmas cactus is a general name given to a small group of cacti called Schlumbergera that are native to southeastern Brazil’s coastal mountains.

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# VFW post recognized for 100th anniversary

WEBSTER — The 100th Anniversary of VFW Post 654 Webster/Dudley was recently celebrated at the VFW District 8 monthly meeting with a presentation from VFW National Commander Matthew “Fritz” Mihelcic. Past Massachusetts State Commander Russell Jobe awarded the citation and congratulations in person to VFW Post Commander, Stephen P. Rogerson.

VFW Post 654 celebrated its 100th Anniversary in late March 2021. To gain an award for 100 continuous years of service to veterans of Webster and Dudley is an amazing accomplishment. The Post is named after the late Charles R. Guenther of Webster who was killed in the performance of his duty during World War I with the US Army in the Field Artillery. He was awarded the Army Cross along with many other medals for his outstanding dedication to our country.

The VFW can trace their roots back to 1899, when veterans of the Spanish-American War (1898) and the Philippine Insurrection (1899-1902) founded local organizations to secure rights and ben-

home wounded or sick. There was no medical care or veterans’ pension for them, and they were left to care for themselves. In their grief and suffering, some of these veterans banded together and later formed organizations that would eventually become known as the Veterans of Foreign Wars. After chapters were formed in Ohio, Colorado and Pennsylvania, the movement quickly

stands at more than 1.5 million members of the VFW and its Auxiliary. Today, the VFW has many programs and services that work to support veterans, service members and their families, as well as communities nationwide. Please feel free to contact the VFW Post 654 in Webster for more information or if you may be interested in

Post is located in the Veterans Home, 4 Veterans Way, Webster, adjacent to St. Louis Church on Lake Street. The VFW Post also holds monthly meetings at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month and veterans are welcome to participate in meetings. You can also contact the Commander, Stephen Rogerson by email at [vfwp654@vfwma.org](mailto:vfwp654@vfwma.org).



Pictured, left to right: Stephen Rogerson, VFW Post 654 Commander of Webster/Dudley; Russell Jobe, Past Massachusetts VFW State Commander.

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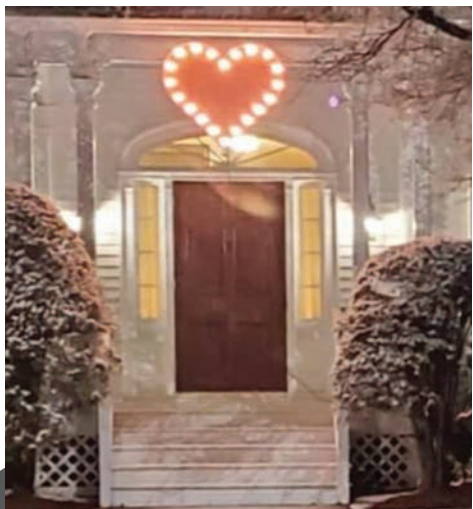
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