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United Way COVID-19 Fund makes a difference to local food pantries

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{REGION} - \text{Food insecurity and hunger is a} \\ \end{array}$ growing problem in America. COVID-19 has made it even more difficult for many people to access food and get the nutrition they need. United Way is helping those that are struggling to put food on their tables or have access to daily meals. As part of the United Way COVID-19 Fund, and with donations from local residents, United Way of South Central Massachusetts (UWSCM) is providing much needed funds to local food pantries and Tri-Valley, Inc.'s Meals on Wheels program.

On Thursday, May 28, **UWSCM** Board President Keefe, Board Secretary Joyce Mezzoni and Executive Director Mary O'Coin, presented checks to Tri-Valley, Inc., Webster Dudley Food



Courtesy

Bill Keefe, Chief Michael Shaw, Joyce Mezzoni and A.J. Alkire at the Webster Dudley Food Share.

Share and Our Bright Future's, North Village Food Pantry in Webster. Additional grants will as well as, the Charlton

be made to St. John Paul II Food Pantry and Southbridge Food Share, CHIP-In Food Pantry.

The United Way will continue its COVID-19 Fund and will make future grants depending on the donations it receives over the next month. If you are interested in contributing to the fund, more information can be found on the United Way of South Central MA Web site at www.uwscm.org.

United Way of South Central MA functions as part of United Way Worldwide. United Way works with companies, governments, non-profits and other establishments to address complex challenges to help build stronger communities. The organization is focused on creating community-based and community-led solutions that strengthen the cornerstones for a good quality of life: education, financial stability and health.

For more information, call (508) 765-5491 or visit www.uwscm.org. Follow on Facebook at United Way of South Central

Contact tracers "eat, drink, breathe and sleep Covid"

CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD — To Amy Grniet, the shutdown of the school system is not at all a vacation. She's a nurse, and she's been recruited to do contact tracing for Covid-19 cases, alongside colleague Kathleen Schumer.

"We're not on the front lines anymore, but there's so much important tracing work to be done," Grniet told the selectmen last week. "... Kathy and I basically eat, drink, breathe and sleep Covid."

She's referring to the state's process for identifying potential coronavirus cases, hopefully before they can infect others. It starts when someone is actually proven to be infected by testing or symptoms. At that point, tracers like Grniet and Schumer have them provide a list of people they've been in contact with recently and call those people. Without specifically identifying the first person, tracers warn that they have been exposed and see if they have symptoms yet, explain how to quarantine, and related issues.

"At first, we thought this was going to be difficult," Grniet said. "... We found it quite the opposite," with a lot of people very willing to talk, asking "a lot of questions." She noted it's probably easier because "we can talk to people as members of the community.

For years, contact tracing has been seen as a standard public health approach to epidemic illnesses. Back in 2006, PLOS-1 published a study by Don Klinkenberg and colleagues, now available at the US National Library of Medicine website, that explored how it'd work with smallpox, SARS (a coronavirus related to Covid), flu and foot-and-mouth disease. They found tracing's effectiveness depends on how soon it begins and how long the disease's incubation period (the time from infection to symptoms) is. In general, it's ineffective in diseases with "a small latent period or large delay," and would be effective for the first two they studied but not the last two.

For Covid-19, the importance of such contact tracing was seen early in China, the pandemic's probable epicenter. According to a study from The Lancet Infectious Diseases on April 27, a research team led by Qifang Bi found that it cut the average time between symptom onset to identification and quarantine roughly in half (from an average of 4.6 days when people were identified by symptoms themselves, to just 2.7 days for those identified by contact tracing).

This analysis shows that isolation and contact tracing reduce the time during which cases are infectious in the community...," they wrote. "The overall impact of isolation and contact tracing, however, is uncertain and highly dependent on the number of asymptomatic cases. Moreover, children are at a similar risk of infection to the general population, although less likely to have severe symptoms; hence they should be considered in analyses of transmission and control.'

Regarding severity, they noted 91 percent of patients have "mild or moderate" cases (including six percent without symptoms), while the rest have "severe" cases.

When selectmen asked Grniet whether they had enough resources to do the job, she said they do, and, beyond that, have been able to provide some to

Camden Partners solidifies interest in Stevens Mill

BY JASON BLEAU CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – Throughout the latter half of the 2010s, the fate of the Stevens Mill in Dudley has become a significant topic of conversation. The historic structure within the Stevens Linen Works Historic District once served as a manufacturing facility for linen and other fabrics and dates back to the 1860s. In more recent years, it served as the home of the Do-Right Flea Market until freezing pipes and other issues caused the popular market to close in January of 2018. Since then, the fate of the building has been up in the air with Camden Partners, an Atlanta-based equity firm, showed major interest in redeveloping the property into housing and community space.

John Gumpert, the the project is expected to President of Camden Partners and a member of the development team for the Stevens Mill, met with the Dudley Economic Development Committee during a Zoom meeting on May 19 where he reaffirmed the company's commitment to the project assuring Dudley that the historic mill will be maintained for future generations to $% \left\{ \left(1\right) \right\} =\left\{ \left(1\right) \right\} =$ appreciate. The property is expected to be redeveloped with minimal alterations to the current structure to accommodate 164 rental units ranging from studio to one- and two-bedroom living spaces along with an event center on the first floor and other multi-use event space and public areas. The estimated \$25 million initiative will not cost the town of Dudley anything but patience as

be funded by a combination of sources including historic tax credits.

Even in spite of the unknowns of the current market climate due to the national health crisis, Gumpert said Camden Partners remains committed to redeveloping the space.

"We're excited to be moving forward with it even given the circumstances that the COVID-19 pandemic has presented everybody. There's a lot of indecision in the market, but we really feel strongly about this project," Gumpert said. "We feel like this building really lays out well for this purpose."

When asked about potential environmental issues Gumpert noted that there are surprisingly few roadblocks to work around. Camden Partners has collected numerous studies from past and present and they do not anticipate any need for environmental cleanups which Gumpert acknowledged is "unusual" for such a project. Any potential cleanups considered "achievable" with little inconvenience.

One roadblock Camden Partners does have to work around, though, Dudley's zoning bylaws for the mill district. Steven Madaus, an attorney representing Camden Partners, stated that the company will be seeking some alterations and exceptions to town rules at an upcoming town meeting hoping to allow them more wiggle room for the project.

"Working with town counsel and the town

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Xtra Mart helps keep frontline workers fed

BY GUS STEEVES CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD — With his wife working at UMass Medical School, Patrick Joslin has had a chance to see the Covid-19 pandemic through two sets of eyes. So when his company, Xtra Mart, wanted to do something to help front-line workers, he knew where to go.

That was seven weeks ago, and his staff has since delivered 30 lunches weekly to several UMass sites in Worcester, Barre and Uxbridge. Joslin said it's part of the Global Cares program of his parent company, Global Partners, which also owns Honey Farms and other brands.

"Many of them have been giving back in their own ways," Joslin said. "I'm just a small part of

were



Employees from the North Oxford Xtra Mart are pictured delivering free lunch to UMass Medical Center's biotech lab, which is providing research needed to fight COVID-19.

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St. Joseph graduates treated to mobile celebration

WEBSTER — On Friday, May 23, a caravan of cars left St. Joseph School on a special mission: to surprise 25 eighth grade students by delivering lawn signs celebrating their graduation.

Starting in Webster, the 100-mile trip would take teachers, administration, and staff to the following Douglas, North towns: Grosvenordale, Woodstock, Southbridge, Sturbridge, Charlton, North Oxford, Sturbridge, Oxford, Dudley, and back to Webster. The day began at 8 a.m. and ended at 2 p.m., but it was well worth the time spent travelling from town to town to see the smiles, and in some cases tears, on students' and parents' faces. The signs read, "Proud Family of a 2020 Saint Joseph School Graduate."

At every stop, Principal Michael Hackenson proudly placed a sign in each yard while members of the caravan honked their car horns, cheered, and whistled in excitement.

"This is a great opportu-

the faculty, staff, and admin-

nity and perfect visual to istration of St. Joseph School show the Class of 2020 that appreciate their kindness, consideration, and resil-



St. Joseph School 8th Grade student, Jordan Kippax, stands in front of her graduate lawn sign with mother, Lisa and father, Tristan.

ience," Principal Hackenson stated. "Due to COVID-19, are still in our hearts."

Members of the Joseph School Class of 2020 include: Toriana Baldassari, Peter Barbale, Robert Broden, Sophia Buffone, Bridget Carrascal, Roksana Chruslicka, Riana Conlon, Kyleigh Czechowski, Jack Dooner, Daniel Gronek, Sara Grupposo, Abigail Kibaru, Jordan Kippax, Matthew Krysinski, Kai Lukasek, Shamer Martinez, Tessa McCabe, Noalani Perez, Katrina Piekielniak, Dominic Pigeon, Wiktoria Potem, Gracie Scott, Jacob Sirard, Adrian Sobczak, and Jillian Treveloni. Best Wishes, graduates!

the end of their time at St. Joseph School was not typical. Usually we celebrate the accomplishments of our eighth grade students during school assemblies and dinners with their families. This year, those events were not possible. These signs let the students know that they

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WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of May 24-30.

Joshua J. Theriault, age 27, of Spencer was arrested on May 24 for Resisting Arrest and two counts of Assault &

Julia M. Gabino, age 25, of Webster was arrested on May 26 in connection with a warrant.

Hongyan Li, age 44, of Flushing, N.Y. was arrested on May 26 as a Fugitive From Justice in connection with a court issued warrant.

James J. Paige, age 61, of Webster was arrested on May 28 for Trespassing.

Rebecca Lynn Ide, age 32, of Thompson. Conn. was arrested on May 28 in connection with a warrant.

Adrian Eddie Villafane, age 18, of Worester was arrested on May 29 in connection with a warrant.

Nathan L. Couture, age 22, of Webster was arrested on May 29 for multiple Moped violations, multiple counts of Possession of a Class B Drug with Intent to Distribute, two counts of Wanton Destruction of Property valued at less than \$1,200, Giving a False Name to a Police Officer, Disorderly Conduct, Resisting Arrest, and in connection with

Lloyd D. Currier, age 30, of Webster was arrested on May 29 in connection with a warrant.

Cody J. Lebeau, age 22, of Webster was arrested on May 29 for Disorderly (subsequent Conduct Disturbing the Peace (subsequent offense), and Vandalization of Property. Jai A. Hylton, age 22, of Webster was arrested during the same incident for Disorderly Conduct and Disturbing the Peace. Anthony Jose Lebeau, age 19, also of Webster, was also arrested during the same incident for Disorderly Conduct and Disturbing the Peace.

Elving Almodovar-Albino, age 47, of Brooklyn was arrested on May 30 for Speeding, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, and Failure to Stop for

Matthew Wayne King, age 23, of offered to make reusable Webster was arrested on May 30 for two counts of Assault, Disturbing the Peace, Resisting Arrest, Assault & Battery on a Police Officer, Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon, and Malicious Destruction of Property valued at less than \$1,200.

Dudley library eyes reopening

BY JASON BLEAU CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY - With Gov. Charlie Baker issuing a phased plan to reopen the Commonwealth over the next few months, towns across the state are preparing to welcome the public back to town buildings. In Dudley, the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library is planning their approach with many variables still to be resolved.

Library Director Drucilla Carter spoke with the Library Trustees during a livestreamed meeting in May touching on the reopening plan and how the library is working to be prepared to accommodate guests and keep health and safety in mind. While an exact reopening date has yet to be determined due to limited staffing and other factors, Carter is wasting no time trying to piece together a strategy to allow guest access to the building safely in the near future.

"Most of the libraries in this area are looking to start curbside pickup not before June 8 and those are the

the building," Carter said.

She acknowledged that this timeline is unlikely for the Dudley library as only two staff members are in the building at any given time until further notice.

"I've gone through the guidelines. We have a plan in place for whenever we can do things," Carter added. "I have about four pages of notes and procedures for what we want to do in different areas of the library. One of the big reasons that nobody is jumping into this is if you read the fine print the governor says that any business, including libraries, must log all of the individuals who come in contact with that business. That includes delivery drivers, but we have the whole library idea of privacy and there is a Massachusetts law governing patron privacy in libraries. The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners is reaching out to the governor's office for clarification."

When the library does reopen, new policies involving sanitation and cleaning will need to be implemented which, as of right now, will

libraries that have staff in facilitate the closing of the children's circulation desk to allow for a staff member at the main desk, a second staff member assisting visitors on the floor and a third to handle sanitation after every client. All hard surfaces will need to be disinfected constantly. Computer use will also be significantly limited. Every other computer will be deemed unusable to establish social distancing. According to Carter, one thing patrons will probably not see is plastic partitions at the main desk.

"The only way to do it would be to screw it into the frame of the desk, and I don't want to damage the desk for something temporary. Everything that I have seen says that masks and distancing and making sure that we all sanitize and wash our hands is effective," said

Carter is ironing out a plan to have patrons approach the front desk and then back away so the employee can do their job helping maintain both social distancing and customer service. She added that patrons won't need to be concerned with the sanitation of books. After consulting the CDC Carter had learned that the COVID-19 virus is at its most dangerous in aerosol form and such small particles find their way into gaps in fabric and the pages of books rendering the contamination risk minimal to those who handle the items. Finally, the library plans to run at no more than fifty percent capacity to start.

In terms of supplies Carter said the library has enough to get through "several months" but she continues to order extra sanitations and cleaning products despite the difficulties of manufacturers and distributers keeping up with national demand.

"We're stockpiling as I see stuff. Even if it's backordered if I can get us on the list I'm doing it, so hopefully, by the time (we reopen), we'll be good to go," said Carter.

Library staff members are also expected to be offered access to homemade masks. Youth Services Librarian masks for the entire staff to help further protect them when the library reopens.

Local residents inducted into Alpha Chi honor society

LEICESTER — Becker College is proud to announce that the following local residents have been named to the Alpha Chi

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Pandemic creates unknowns for school district budget

BY JASON BLEAU CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON - With the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic still a big question mark on both the state and federal level, a lot of unanswered questions remain for town budgets especially when it comes to education costs. The Dudley-Charlton Regional School District is one of countless school districts statewide going into budget season with only vague ideas of the compromises they will need to make for their spending plans or the aid they will receive from the state in the coming

Superintendent Steven Lamarche touched on the current budget situation during a livestreamed meeting with the Charlton Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee on May 27 explaining that, pending any future data, the district will be moving ahead with numbers approved in February with no solid financial figures to work with from the state

"There is no clear direction from the state when it comes to not only Chapter 70 funds, which is a huge support for the Dudley Charlton Regional School District, but also for (Charlton). We're

kind of at a standstill with our budget at this point in time," Lamarche said.

That same Lamarche day. participated in a conference call with the Commissioner Education who, when asked about specific figures for things like Chapter 70 money or House and Senate budcould get, not give a precise answer especially before July 1. The School Committee recommending that the budget approved in February totaling \$13,897,944 be pushed forward further unless financial details are made avail-Lamarche able. further stated that the district is

attempting to avoid "serious unrest" financially and that the district is aware of the possibility of a recommended 20 to 28 percent budget decreases pending recovery and stimulus monies for municipalities or schools.

'We're doing our work to plan for possible reductions, for a level funded budget, for a \$3 million reduction, for a \$5 million, what it might look like to get to that 20 or 28 percent reduction mark. We have evolving plans right now. It involves a lot of people, a lot of changes beyond the changes that we've already been going through," Lamarche said.

The superintendent noted that there could be savings to consider due to the closing of the buildings following the COVID-19 outbreak including some possible transportation savings that could help. However, in his words, things remain in flux.

"This is not your typical budget year. We're trying to span everything from status quo to what does a major reduction look like for the Dudley Charlton Regional School District. There's no happy place in there. There is no comfort in there. It's really weighing down on a lot of people to try to do this right, to be methodical, to be thoughtful and to represent Dudley and Charlton in the best way possible because there is a lot of pride for the schools here," said Lamarche.

Richard Mathieu, Director of Finance and Operations for the school district, gave his insight into the budget situation and the many moving pieces saying that they remain hard at work crunching the numbers and considering every scenario. The district has been asked by both Charlton and Dudley to examine assets prior to town meetings, and on June 3, the school committee planned to further examine the numbers and make a final decision on what will go before the public for consideration. Superintendent Lamarche said he feels that inevitably there will be a reduction to the operating budget and the dis-

trict is approaching that reality from a "systematic perspective" especially when it comes to the cost of limitations schools may face when they return to buildings following the COVID-19 pan-

demic. difficulty "The here is not only are we trying to plan for a reduction we also have to plan for an increase in costs. It's really a

very difficult balancing beam that we're on at this point in time. We've already looked, and we can only accommodate eight to ten students in a classroom with a six-foot distance. We've already looked at the CDC guidance for school buses and they're saying at most we can probably have eleven kids on a seventy-four-seat bus. Is that feasible? Absolutely not. We're not going to add sixteen tiers of buses just to accommodate that. This is all the stuff that we're processing right now. How do we not only look at maintaining an effective program moving forward but how do we match that with the guidance and then cost increases as well, the cost of cleaning supplies, the cost of mitigations? We really are trying to walk a very tight line right now," said Lamarche.

With so many unknowns members of both the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee showed concern for how things would be handled if the school ended up needing more money before the start of the school year. This may include reallocating money from within the budget to offset any unforeseen costs for education. Finance Committee member Joseph Spiewak put this conundrum into perspective.

The challenge we have is we're all trying to figure out how to fly the flight plan with enough fuel to get where we need to go and we don't know how many passengers we have to carry,' said Spiewak.

The district is hoping to have a better idea of state numbers before the start of the school year in August, something finance officials felt was "optimistic" at best. Many agreed that changes would need to be made before the traditional October fall town meeting to accommodate the needs of district before the new year commences.

"We don't have the luxury of starting the school year at a certain level and coming back and saying (to the town) we need buckets of more money," Superintendent Lamarche said. "That would be irresponsible on our part as a school district. We would really have to make decisions in August and recommendations working with the town moving forward as to what that would look like. We could not possibly wait until October for big decisions for the

For now, the district is working with what it has while everyone, from school officials to finance experts and town leadership, continue to keep an eye on the ever-evolving situation and how finances will play out as lawmakers begins to assess the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

41. Those who deal

48. "To his own"

two peaks

55. Partner to pain

60. Consume

62. Body part

64. Cheek

southeast

57. In a way, felt pain

61. Jewish spiritual leader

45. Confusions

43. Apply a new fabric

50. Heavy cavalry sword

56. A type of savings account

59. Wide-beamed sailing dinghy

63. Midway between south and

29. Rugged mountain range

34. Commercials

49. Lowest point of a ridge between

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Swiss shoe company
- 5. _ Caesar, comedian and flow
- 11. Horsefly
- 13. Egyptian pharaoh
- 14. African nation 15. Tony-winning actress Daisy
- 16. Initial public offering
- 17. Long-winding ridge
- 18. Guinea peoples
- 20. Fellow
- 21. About aviation
- 22. Able to make amends 25. Easy to perceive
- 30. Cut off
- 31. Northeast Thai language
- 32. Earthy pigment
- 33. Water nymphs
- 38. Returned material authorization (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Indicates a certain time (abbr.) 28. Company that rings receipts 2. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 3. Central American lizard 4. Muslim military commanders 35. NY football player
- 5. One who takes to the seas
- 6. Select jury 7. Parts of the small intestine
- 8. Painter's accessory
- 10. Ballpoint pen
- 12. Large, dark antelope 14. Ancient kingdom near
- Dead Sea 19. Exhausts
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Aquarion To Clean Oxford Water Mains

Aquarion Water Company will be cleaning water mains in Oxford starting on Monday, June 8th, through Friday, June 19th, 2020. This annual maintenance project is being completed so we can ensure that you continue to receive the highest quality water.

This project will last approximately two weeks and during that time, you might notice some discoloration in your water. This discoloration results from the temporary disturbance of the water flow, which stirs up naturally occurring minerals that settle in water mains.

You may want to store tap water in the refrigerator ahead of time for drinking and cooking. And, if your water is discolored, delay washing clothes until it is clear.

We appreciate your understanding and patience. Below, we have provided information concerning where our crew will be during the cleaning of the water mains. The schedules for the following weeks will be available on our website: www. aquarionwater.com in our alert section.

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Week of June 15th - Norwood Ct., Maple Ave., Rte. 12 at the Old Fire Station, Clara Barton Rd., Rte. 12 at Mill Rd., Old Depot Rd., Rte. 12, Old Worcester Rd., lower Depot Rd., Shady Lane.

This schedule is subject to change. Signage will be placed daily in the work area. If you have any questions, please contact Aquarion's Customer Service Department at 1.800.928.3734, or visit our website at: www.aquarionwater.com

Suzanne Ellis named to UVM Dean's List

BURLINGTON, Vt. — Suzanne Ellis, Class of 2020, has been named to the dean's list for the spring 2020 semester at the University of Vermont. Ellis from Webster is in the College of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences.

To be named to the dean's list students must have a grade point average of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20 percent of their class in their respective college or school.

About UVM

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Becker College recognizes graduates

Becker College is please to announce the graduation of more than 430 students at a virtual commencement celebration, including the following local residents:

Katherine Bernier, of Dudley, has graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology.

Haley Jarosz, of Dudley, has grad-Cum Laude uated Bachelor Arts in Interactive Media, Game Arts Concentration.

Angela Krom, of Oxford, has graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology.

Lauren Kusek, of Webster, has graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology.

Ciara McKissick, of

University

Tyler Lavigne named to

Dean's List at Plymouth State

North Oxford, has graduated with an Associate of Science in Nursing.

Jessica McPherson, of Oxford, has graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, Forensics/ Crime Scene Concentration.

Tori Palmerino, of Dudley, has graduated with an Associate of Science in Nursing.

Brittany Poirier, of Oxford, has graduated with Honors with an Associate of Science in Veterinary Science, Veterinary Technology Concentration.

Jasmine Sales, of Webster, has graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Forensic Psychology Concentration.

Conner Scotti, of Oxford, has graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Interactive Media Design, Game Design Concentration.

Tayler Silvestri, of Webster, has grad-uated with Honors with an Associate of Science in Veterinary Science, Animal Care Concentration.

Sokol. of Emily Dudley, has graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Olivia Spring, of Oxford, has graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Biology.

Becker see College's Commencement page, including details on graduates, awards and a video message from President Crimmin, go to https://www.becker. edu/student-life/commencement-2020/

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Mathieu

Lauren Kusek inducted into Alpha Sigma Lambda honor society

PLYMOUTH, New Hampshire -Tyler Lavigne of Dudley has been named is to the Plymouth State University Dean's announce List for the Spring 2020 semester. To be Lauren named to the Dean's List, a student must achieve a grade point average between 3.5 and 3.69 during the spring semester into the Alpha and must have attempted at least 12 credit hours during the semester. Lavigne is a Marketing major at Plymouth State. About Plymouth State University

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LEICESTER Becker College proud that of Webster, has been inducted Sigma Lambda honor society. Kusek is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts

The Theta Nu Sigma Lambda National Society recognized traditional college age and who have excelled in continuing education programs.

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purpose of Alpha Sigma Lambda is to recognize scholastic achievement by non-traditional students. To be considered for nomination, a student must have completed at least four semesters at Becker and have earned a minimum of 50 credits at Becker College. Students selected must possess a GPA between 3.5 and 4.0. Of these students, only the top ten percent are selected for induction.

Founded in 1784, Becker College is an undergraduate and graduate, career-focused private college, providing a supportive and inclusive learning community that prepares graduates for their first to last careers. Nearly 1,700 students from the United States and around the world Becker attend College, which has campuses both in Worcester and Leicester, Massachusetts. With nationally recognized programs in nursing, game design and animal studies, Becker has been consistently ranked as a "Best College" for undergraduate

education by The

Princeton Review.

HONORING FALLEN **BROTHERS**

Prior to Memorial Day on May 25, Stephen Rogerson, Veterans Services Officer for the Town of Dudley, James Brinker, Past Commander of the VFW Post 654, and Richard Lavallee, Junior Vice Commander of the American Legion Post 184, followed tradition and decorated all the Heroes Squares with brand new wreaths and flags to honor our fallen brothers. Pictured, from left to right, are Rich Lavallee, Stephen Rogerson, and James Brinker.

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St. Joseph School congratulates Students of the Month

WEBSTER Congratulations to the following students who were selected as April Students of the Month:

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and Responsibility. Keep up the great work!

Brittany Poirier receives Senior Program Award from **Becker College**

LEICESTER — Becker College is proud to announce that Brittany Poirier, of Oxford, has been recognized with the award for Veterinary Technology (AS), from the School of Animal Studies & Natural Sciences. Poirier graduated from Becker College in May with an Associate of Science degree in Veterinary Science, Veterinary Technology concentration.

Senior Program Awards recipients are selected by faculty at Becker College. The awards recognize students who show outstanding accomplishment in their respective programs.

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Webster resident receives Commencement Award at **Bryant University**

SMITHFIELD, R.I. — Bryant University Provost and Chief Academic Officer Glenn M. Sulmasy, J.D., LL.M., has announced the University's 2020 Commencement Awards, with distinguished recognition bestowed on 41 accomplished members of Bryant's Class of 2020, including Natalie Terranova of Webster. These high achieving students are among more than 800 undergraduate students who have successfully completed their Bryant University studies and will have degrees conferred on May 23 as they look forward to a Commencement celebration to take place at the Dunkin Donuts Center in Providence this fall.

In announcing the award recipients, Provost Sulmasy noted, "I am extraordinarily proud of the entire Class of 2020. Together with our dedicated faculty, despite unprecedented challenges you have worked hard to complete your Bryant experience with distinction. Those students we recognize with this year's Commencement Awards will go on to make Bryant proud as they become leaders with character in communities and organizations around the world."



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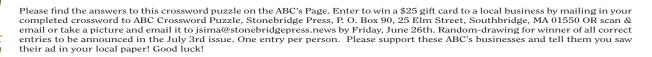
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The optimism of the human spirit

The events unfolding as I pen this column are an insult to the human spirit. The unnecessary and terrible death of a fellow human being at the hand of someone we should trust is beyond the limits of the word tragic. I'll resist dedicating the limited space available weekly by repeating what many other columnists are writing in the despair we all feel the over the death of George Floyd. My sympathies are with his family.

Buried in the tragedy is our nations return to human space travel. The weekend accomplishment of a wildly successful joint venture between Spacex and NASA was something in which we should all take pride.

For the first time since 2011, American astronauts were delivered safely and successfully to the International Space Station by this collaboration between the private sector and the federal government. The United States of America has once again taken the lead and made us all proud.

I think that all the advancements are not as important as the effect these achievements have on the human spirit. Space.com writes, "Many of us still remember the first time we saw Earth from the Moon's orbit, when the astronauts of Apollo 8 filmed it on Christmas Eve, in 1968. Many argue this global awareness started the conservation movement, which might turn out to be the space program's greatest spinoff and may save the earth's climate in the long run. Many of us were inspired when we saw the astronauts walk on the Moon, and realized that if mankind could do that, we could do almost anything. The achievements of NASA's unmanned spacecraft are phenomenal, and deserving of acclaim, but they don't lift people's spirits to these heights."

Our return to manned space travel is important beyond the technology it inspires. I'm a Baby Boomer. I remember as if it were yesterday, the pride of the nation as our Mercury Astronauts breaking new were ground and taking our nation into space. We were taken out of our grade school classes and brought to the gymnasium while five hundred students crowded around a small black and white television screen and struggled breathlessly to watch John Glenn become the first human being to orbit the earth. The technological climax of it all was as Neil Armstrong placed the first human foot in history on the Moon.

The pride and sheer joy of American's have maybe never been higher since that day. It made our generation believe the stars were not the limits and we could achieve anything our minds could conceive. The very idea that we are on the path to sending astronauts to Mars is an incredible tribute to the indelible optimism of the human spirit. As Elon Musk, founder of Spacex says, "There is a difference between improbable and impossible. If we are not defying the laws of physics, any challenge can be met and accomplished through engineering." That is pure optimism and it's true.

NASA says, "Human space exploration helps to address fundamental questions about our place in the Universe and the history of our solar system. Through addressing the challenges related to human space exploration we expand technology, create new industries, and help to foster a peaceful connection with other nations.'

The past benefits of our

manned space efforts are often forgotten. Ranging from kidney dialysis, fetal heart monitors and programmable heart pacemakers, these are just the tip of the technological iceberg created by our efforts to reach out to the stars. Our return to space will undoubtedly not just provide celestial travel but once again bring our nation back to the forefront of techno-

logical advancement. Unfortunately, this magnificent achievement in space has been forever scarred by one man's indifference and lack of compassion for his fellow man. A human being who callously placed his knee on the throat of another simply because he had the power and could, has caused pain, suffering and death. If we can figure out how to catapult two men into space and return them safely, surely, we can learn to live in peace and harmony with others ... at least logic tells us so. Unfortunately, this week, logic, compassion, and love for one another is out the window.

I believe in the compassion and love of our human nature. I know we cannot allow the tragic actions of the few to destroy the lives of the majority. Those of us who love must condemn and fight hate. Where there



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is good, there will also be evil, but we cannot give into this reality and must fight evil with love.

I'm left only this morning with prayer. Heavenly Father,

You taught us through your words and example to love each other as we love ourselves. You commanded us not to murder, yet through all our advances, we seem unable to protect the vulnerable from the powerful. I pray for the family of George Floyd, that they will find peace amidst the chaos and comfort from their pain of loss. I pray for our nation and world to find healing and resolution to the hurt and anger rampaging through our communities and I pray fervently that we will finally internalize your words and love one another."

I believe we will over-

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Strawberry Festival canceled

DUDLEY — Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Dudley Grange is canceling this year's Strawberry Festival.

The event was originally slated for June 18, but social distancing and other requirements won't make that possible now. Members considered the idea of having a drive-through specifically for strawberry shortcake orders, but decided the logistics wouldn't work.

The sweetness of shortcake, the flavor of burgers and 'dogs, the sounds of bluegrass and all the games and other fun will return, so keep your eyes peeled. As of now, plans for the fall Apple Festival are still afoot but tentative.

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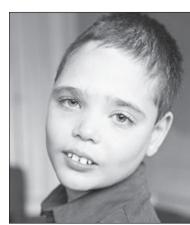
Send the completed application to the local election official Dudley Town Clerk, 71 W. Main St., Dudley, MA 01571 Applications can be mailed or hand-delivered. Applications may also be submitted electronically by fax or e-mail, as long as your signature is visible. Fax: 508.949.7115 Email: townclerk@dudleyma.gov Please allow ample mailing time for this application and for the ballot. Ballots must be returned to your local election

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(Applications must be requested by 6/12 Noon)

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Justin Age 14

Hi! My name is Justin and "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" is one of my

Justin is a cheerful Hispanic boy who always has a bright smile on his face! He loves listening to music, singing along to nursery rhymes, dancing, and being read to. When Justin hears a familiar song, he will clap his hands and cheer! Justin loves any opporturvty to be in the car and go someplace new. In fact, his visiting resourceexpressed Justin's excitement for going out to eat and strol I ing around the mal I. Justin is a curious child who wil I continue to find joy and wonder when

placed with an adoptive family who shares his love for adventure. Justin enjoys school activities such as swimming and exploring the sensory room. He benefits from specialized supports and supervision. Justin has made many strides since being at his current placement; his team is proud of the progress he is making with his communication skil Is, too.

Justin is legally freed for adoption. We are looking for a family with room in their hearts and lives to support Justin and his needs into adulthood. Justin especially enjoys being around other children. His social worker is hopeful to match him with a dedicated two-parent family in Massachusetts that has knowledge of medical needs.

Who Can Adopt?

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

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

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



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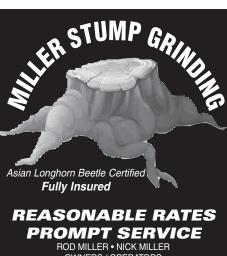
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EDITORIAL

The chosen class

Students throughout the area are flipping tassels this week, albeit not in the traditional way. But while nothing about this rite of passage will unfold as expected this year, we hope that our local graduates seize the opportunity to fulfill Oprah Winfrey's prophetic comment that they are "the chosen class."

Many seniors and their underclassmen counterparts have faced big changes as they navigate the world amid a global pandemic. This summer, finding work won't be as easy as it once was, and figuring out if college campuses will even open this fall remains another question mark. With that being said, this time in an 18-year-old's life is still quite pivotal.

Students will be bombarded with advice and speeches as these final weeks unfold. Our favorite bit of advice, however, is the following

- 1. Don't smoke
- 2. Drink plenty of water every day;
- 3. Wear sunscreen (your 40-year-old selves will thank you)
- 4. Spend as much time as humanly possible outside; and
- 5. Watch the Back to the Future tril-

The most important thing you can do, however, is to find out who you are. From there the entire world opens up. Do not limit your lives to the same scene and same people you have always surrounded yourself with. This doesn't mean you need to forget people or places, it simply means that now is a great time to branch out. The more people you meet in different places, with different experiences will shed light on who you really are.

Always remember your roots. These are what has shaped you and prepared you for your next chapter. Remember how important your community has been to you, and remember to always give back.

Always practice kindness, even when it's hard. The world can aggravate and frustrate the most mellow of us. Anger is a normal human emotion, however it's what you do with it that really matters. If you have disagreements or you think the way you feel about a certain issue is correct, remember to not let your anger take you over. It never feels good, plus harboring too much anger and discontent ages us, plus it's really no fun. The more fun and kindness you have in your life, the happier you are. Try to find balance between your work and your leisure time. Spend time doing the things you love, and never forget what those things are, despite how busy your life may become.

As you go through life, you will make mistakes. None of us are perfect and mistakes can actually define who we become if we learn from them. The best formula for mistake making, is to own up to them, have some self awareness, be gentle on yourself, learn, then move on. Simple.

Remember to follow your own gut, always, no matter what. This is your life, and you are the one who needs to make it what it is and what it will be.

And above all, we invite our readers to join us in expressing congratulations to the class of 2020!

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

Overcoming our biases and prejudices

In a fairly recent study published in Psychological Science, evidence was given to show that the human brain categorizes people within the first second after seeing a face. In other words, our brain very quickly will separate people according to groups, typically in the "us" verses "them" category. This separation most often occurs according to race. Even infants as young as three months old showed a preference for their own racial group, over some other racial group.

remember instances from my younger years which seemed to agree with this study. As a teenager, I would sometimes bring home my African-American basketball buddies, and it happened that one day, my two year old nephew was there. When he saw my very dark-skinned friend, and it may have been the first time he ever saw a black person, he began to cry. He seemed afraid. And to tell the truth, I felt a bit embarrassed for my friend, wondering if my nephew was showing some kind of prejudice from such a young age.

A few years later, however, I was living in Kenya. I got a small sense of what it was like to be a minority, traveling around to villages that rarely saw wazungu, or white people. One day, I remember so clearly walking up to a hut where a little African toddler was happily splashing around in a tub of water on a hot day. Her joy, however, turned to terror as soon as this child saw me. Her eyes got real wide and she started screaming and crying. She possibly had never seen a white person before and thought she was looking at a white ghost!

I've never forgotten these two experiences, and they seem to concur with this study from Psychological Science that from a very young age, our brains discern and sort people by categories, and one of the primary categories is race. In an interesting part of this experiment, young children were shown ambiguous photos of people smiling and frowning. All the people were either Asian or white. When shown to white American children, overwhelmingly said that those who were smiling were white, while those frowning were Asian. Yet, the same test, with the same pictures, done in Taiwan revealed that the Taiwanese children came to the same conclusion based on race the smiling faces were all Asian, while the frowning ones were white.

It's disheartening to think that our biases may begin from such an early age. Of course, we know

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that as we grow older, other prejudices develop as well. More often than not, we too easily listen to and believe the false caricatures that society gives to people. So, whether it is the disastrous depictions of Jews in early 20th century Germany, or the malicious description of blacks in the American South throughout the 19th and into the 20th century, or vile caricatures of immigrants in our contemporary diaologe, or even the social media labels of extremists who demonize their political opponents, the list can go on. We see bias develop this "us" verses "them" attitude.

It's interesting to note that the Greek word for devil is "diavolos," which can mean "the one who divides." Satan is always trying to divide and destroy, and he seems to be doing a very good job at that today in our society!

Are you familiar with the Old Testament story of the Tower of Babel how humanity had the proud intention to separate from God and to build something that would lead them to heaven on their own? This pursuit wasn't inspired by a good desire to unite with God, but by a proud and arrogant attitude that they could do anything they wanted without God. The diavolos deceived humanity with the lie that they can become gods without God. And thus, he tricked them into separating themselves from God Himself. He divided humanity and God, which led to more division within humanity

Christianity proclaims Good News that opposes division. For example, on the feast of Pentecost, which Christians celebrate 50 days after Easter, we have a story about healing divisions. The followers of Jesus are filled with the Holy Spirit and miraculously empowered to speak in the different languages of the world. People of all nations can understand them. This is symbolic of how the Spirit of God unites us with one another. The hymns of Pentecost actually highlight how this feast reverses what was done at the Tower of Babel. Just as humanity was divided at Babel, now the Holy Spirit unites humanity with one another.

Saint Paul summarizes this spirit of unity when he wrote, "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor

Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:27-

Think about what a radical statement this was. Saint Paul was a Jew, and for all Jews of his time there was a very big distinction between Jews and non-Jews. The Jews were the chosen people of God who looked at themselves as separate from all other nations. And yet, the Spirit of God led His followers into a new understanding of the "other" where they were called to live in unity and oneness with one another. God's Spirit transcends all ethnic divisions and calls His followers to lay aside any prejudice we may have toward the "other."

Saint Paul even gives the concrete example that in Christ, there is "neither slave nor free." Imagine, around 25 percent of all people in the Roman Empire during the time of Christ were slaves - property of another. There was a clear distinction between slaves and non-slaves. And yet, Saint Paul states that in God's eyes, there is no difference between a slave or a slave-owner. We are brothers and sisters with one another. We do not judge another because of their economic class. We treat all equally.

The Apostle Paul gives another analogy by saying in Christ "there is neither male nor female." Coming from a patriarchal Jewish society and living at a time when women were treated as second class citizens, the Church affirms that God doesn't look at men as better than women. Both male and female have the same calling, and opportunity, to grow in their union with God, and enter into His heavenly kingdom. The gender barrier is broken when it comes to our journey in holiness. In Jesus Christ, male and female are united in their journey towards God!

Today, our American society is so divided. Politically, we are tearing each other apart. We see the vestiges of racism still very much alive. We too readily believe the false caricatures we place on one another. Let us be on guard against any biases and prejudices we hold. No matter what attitude has been instilled in us from a young age, or even if we have allowed ourselves to be influenced by others, may we remember that Jesus Christ calls all His followers to a new standard of looking at the "other." We must reject any bias, we must put aside every prejudice, and we must begin see-ing the "other," especially those who seem so different from us, as our brother and sister, as a fellow child of God.

Watch your speed in school zones



CHIEF'S CORNER **STEVE** WOJNAR

As the current COVID-19 situation moves along, interesting questions continue to be raised. A person asked me about speeding in school zones. Given the fact schools are closed at this time, does the flashing 20 mph speed limit still apply?

Speeding regulations are generally covered by Sections

Seventeen and Eighteen of Chapter ninety of the Massachusetts General Laws. The 20 mph school zone postings are lawfully established in the area of these buildings to warn drivers and encourage them to reduce their speed for the safety of children. Drivers are given the warning at these signs that the speed is 20 mph, "when lights are flashing." Although these are usually active during certain times of the day, there is nothing in place to indicate that school must be in session for a speeding violation to apply. Schools have many functions and activities outside of normal hours. These can include concerts, athletic events, summer camps, and much more. Children and adults could be present, and drivers must observe the proper limits.

The penalties for violation are controlled under MGL Chapter Ninety Section Twenty. Generally, the minimum fine for speeding is \$50 for the first ten miles over the speed limit. In addition to this fine, surcharges are added to this amount and earmarked for such places as the Head Injury Trust Fund (\$50) and Public Safety Training Fund (\$5). If the speed exceeds 10 mph over the limit, the fines are increased by an additional \$10 for each mile over.

With the re-opening of the state underway, good weather arriving, and schools wrapping up their on-line courses for the summer, more drivers will be out on the road. Speeding complaints are on the rise. We are receiving numerous reports from a variety of streets in town. We will be out enforcing traffic laws and we encourage everyone to watch their speed and drive defensively. Your cooperation can reduce crashes and injuries. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Thanks again go out to the men and women from my department for their continued dedicated service to the Town of Dudley during this state of emer cy. Thanks also go out to the many Fire and Emergency Services members, public works and government employees, hospital workers, grocery and retail workers, and all other "essential" personnel for their continued hard work and service thorough this situation. We will get through this and hopefully we will be back in full swing soon, with as limited negative impact as possible.

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.



Garden "Recipes" to Try

It's growing season and nearly every successful backyard gardener uses a few tricks of the trade to ensure a successful season. But the average gardener is not without challenges this time of year, whether it is repelling pesky garden pets or curing black spot disease. With this in mind, the following tried and true "recipes," made from ordinary household ingredients offer a creative solution to common lawn and garden

*Note, these are home "recipes" from multiple sources. Use with caution and at your own risk.

Pesticide If the bugs are bugging your precious plants, try this natural insecticide to rid your garden of the hungry pests without harsh chemicals.

Ingredients: Three hot green peppers (canned or fresh); two or three cloves of garlic; three quarters of a tsp. liquid detergent or soap; three cups water. Instructions: Puree the peppers and garlic cloves in a blender. Pour into a spray bottle and add the liquid soap and water.

Let stand 24 hours. Strain out pulp and spray onto infested plants, making sure to coat both tops and bottoms of leaves. Caution: Always test any new insecticide on a few small plants first.

Pesticide This mild insecticide uses only two ingredients, but gives bugs a powerful one-two punch!



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Ingredients: gallon water; 1/3 cup Murphy Oil Instructions: Mix oil soap with water and apply to stems and leaves of plants.

Flower Pet Deterrent Made from pantry dry

goods, this chemical free recipe has been used for generations of gardeners to repel pets from garden beds.

Ingredients: one part enne pepper; two parts dry mustard powder; four parts Directions: Mix in a large paper grocery bag by holding the neck of the bag and shaking it. Distribute generously in the beds. Repellent must be reapplied after watering.

Spring Lawn Feeding This feeding solution uses basic ingredients for fast and easy lawn upkeep.

Ingredients: One cup Epsom one cup Instructions: To use with a hose sprayer, mix with enough water to equal one quart total volume and pour into the sprayer container. Fertilizes 2,500 square feet of lawn.

Green Lawn Cocktail Give your lawn a healthy boost with this cocktail, which features the unexpected addition of beer to the above "recipe".

Ingredients: one cup Epsom

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The Covid-19 outbreak has anglers searching for answers relative to nonresidents of Rhode Island using boast ramps in Rhode Island and residents of Rhode Island using boat ramps in Massachusetts! This weekend, a couple of Rhode Island anglers were ready to launch their boat in Plymouth, Mass., hoping to catch some mackerel. They were quickly turned away by law enforcement. The ramps are open to Massachusetts residents only!
I was told that Rhode

Island had the same practice, but it did not seem as though it was being enforced. I would recommend boaters that are planning to use boat ramps in Rhode Island, call the Environmental Police headquarters in Rhode Island before heading out. I tried to reach the agency over the weekend, but was unable to reach them.

This past week, Matt Fontain & this writer fished Galilee Rhode Island hoping to catch a few fish for the dinner table. We launched the boat at the state ramp, that was renovated a few

Of blackfish and boat ramps

years ago. There was only a couple of cars with boat trailers in the parking lot, that

evidently gone fishing. We had stopped at Quaker Lane bait & Tackle shop to purchase a few green crabs, as we planned to catch a few tautog before the season closed, at the end of the month.

It was extremely foggy, with only a quarter mile visibility as we headed out from the boat ramp. Fortunately, Matt had a great Lowrance GPS that made it easy to navigate out to our fishing spot. This writer has been fishing the area for many years, and was extremely comfortable with the foggy conditions. After we located a few fish, we shut the motor down and started to drift, hoping to catch a few Legal-size fluke.

It was not long before we started to get a few bites on our squid strips, but we only managed to catch a few sea robins. which are mainly trash fish, although some people do eat them. They can also be cut up as bait for bottom feeding fish. This writer was drifting a piece of squid on a single hook when my rod tip suddenly bent to the water. I quickly set the hook and I realized I had a decent fish on the rod. A bit of line was stripped from the reel, as Matt quickly grabbed the net when he saw the large seabass come into view. I gently maneuvered the fish towards the net, which was scooped up and placed in the boat.

«Nice sea-bass," I remarked. Unfortunately, we had to release the fish because the season does not open until June in Rhode Island. The season is already open in Massachusetts, but the rules and regulations on saltwater recreational fishing vary from state to state. We took a quick picture and released the fish. It will more than likely end up in a commercial trawlers net before the day was out, as three trawlers were working not far from our boat! The fog had finally lifted and revealed numerous boats in the area.

Matt loves to fish as much as I do, and he was as excited as I was when his rod tip surged to the water. He quickly set the hook and the fight was on.

"Another nice fish," I remarked.

I thought he had another sea -bass but when the fish came into view, I realized he had a nice tautog. Catching a tautog (black fish) on a fluke



rig is extremely rare. I quickly grabbed the net and scooped up the four pound tautog and set it on the floor of the boat. After placing the fish into the live well, we continued

Finally, I managed to hook into a 17-inch fluke which also had to be released, as the new regulation on fluke for recreational anglers was increased to 19 inches this year. Before releasing the fish, I noticed something in his mouth, and upon opening his mouth, I took

the pliers and removed a five-inch sand eel from him. Sand eels are more common bait fish on the Cape, as I have never observed one during all of my years of fishing in Rhode Island.

The tide was ready to change so we decided to target some tautog. We headed for the light house area at Point Judith, set the anchor after finding some rocky areas and started to use crabs for bait. It was a slow bite but we managed to catch a few undersize tautog and

a few scup. The fog was starting to move back in so we decided to call it a day. Matt started the 90 horsepower motor, and we headed back to the launch area. It was a great day on the water.

Stripers are reported to be in at the Providence River again. Hopefully, they will stay around for a while. Bluefish have also started to bite in the river also.

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In my last column, I offered a brief history of comic books and discussed Modern Age and Bronze Age comic books. I will discuss the Silver Age of comic books in this column, which took place from 1956 to 1970. Some sources, including Britannica, list 1969 as the final year though.

Even though comic books were popular during the Silver Age, Britannica notes that the genre faced new competition during the 1950's. The Adventures of Superman ran on television from 1953 to 1957. Many comic book readers switched from reading Superman to viewing him on television.

DC Comics turned to other themes like science fiction and the Cold War with Russia to attract more readers, according to Britannica. In 1955, they introduced the first new character in approximately 10 years, the Manhunter from They also released Mars. updated versions of superheroes from the past: the new Flash, the new Green Lantern, Justice League and the "New Look" Batman.

The Justice League was generating such strong results for DC Comics in 1961 that Marvel Comics shifted its focus to superheroes. The Fantastic



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Records website has a timeline of the introduction of new comic book characters Supergirl first appeared in 1959. The Justice League was first published in 1960. As previously mentioned, the Fantastic Four was created in 1961. 1962 saw the introduction of the Incredible Hulk and Spider-Man. Ironman and the X-Men first appeared in 1963.

In our last live auction, we sold a first edition of the Incredible Hulk. Despite being in only fair condition, it went for \$4,500. High quality Silver Age comics in near perfect condition can bring huge pric-A Fantastic Four # 1 sold for over \$200,000 in 2012. In 2018, Justice League issue # 1

also brought over \$200,000. An Incredible Hulk # 1 sold for over a third of a million dollars in 2018. A first issue of X-Men fetched nearly \$500,000 in 2012. A 1962 copy of Amazing Fantasy # 15 featuring the first appearance of Spider-Man sold for nearly \$800,000 at auction this year. That should have made the consignor feel almost superhuman.

Unfortunately, there is some disappointing local antique news. The July Brimfield Antique Show has been cancelled due to COVID-19. The September show is still scheduled though for Sept. 8 through

As I mentioned in my last column, we are changing our approach to keep everyone safe and healthy during these times. The good news is that we have reopened online bidding on our Rutland farm estate auction. We will have a preview on June 20. Masks will be required and we will be following social distancing guidelines. Bidding will end on June 24. We continue to accept smaller sized, high quality consignments that can be shipped to bidders across the country for our online only auction that will take place this month, ending on June 25.



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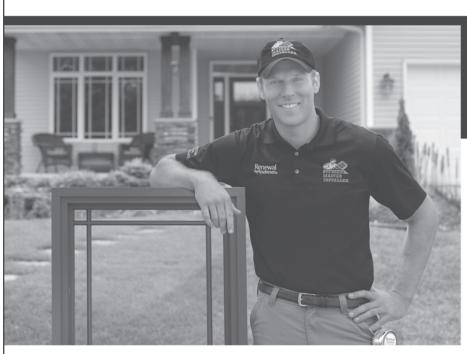
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planner, the proposal was to modify the existing bylaw to allow for a waiver of the requirement for affordable units. The procedure for that waiver is it will go before the selectmen neighbors beat them first and the selectmen would make a recommendation to the planning board and then the planning board may act to waive that requirement. The second aspect required a mixed-use component. It couldn't be entirely residential. It had to have some commercial component," attorney Madaus told the EDC. "To provide some flexibility, the proposal is to amend "People are so help-noted." "We've been able the zoning bylaw to allow for the same waiver procedure from to see a good side to it." that requirement for mixed use. We might have some commercial components so we don't know yet whether we will seek that waiver, but at least the bylaw under the proposed amendments would be much more flexible for the developer but also with plenty of oversight by the town."

If all goes according to plan and remains on schedule, John Gumpert foresees the project moving forward in the first quarter of the next year. EDC members showed support for the project considering the initiative to be "very exciting." Gumpert said he believes the project will be a great success as interest still remains for housing in the Dudley area.

That's the whole key. If you've got demand then it's worthwhile," Gumpert said. "We have a pretty set way of going about analyzing these properties and deciding what to do and what not to do. I'm just thrilled that this one checks the boxes."



Representatives of Camden Partners present a floorplan for the Stevens Mill redevelopment project to members of the Dudley **Economic Development Committee.**

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the their contact families. In many cases, the to it, by shopping for homebound folks and the like.

In related business, Town Manager Callahan noted

town has been getting "many questions from the public and businesses" regarding the state's phased reopening process since Gov Charles Baker announced it earlier last month. She said there are "templates" for various kinds of businesses, checklists, training and cleaning requirements, and posters, among other things.

Town health officials have had to give one local company, a fitness establishment, warnings and a cease-and-desist order for opening early. Such facilities are not yet allowed open under the governor's Phase 1 order, which set guidelines for the following: manufacturing, construction, worship sites, offices, car washes, hair salons/ barbers, pet groomers and laboratories.

The town is itself working on that pro-

determining cess. which offices can open and how, she added. Some already are, operating at about 25 percent of physical capacity to allow for social distancing.

"It's no different from what business has to deal with," including "an awful lot of new protocols" and equipment, Callahan said.

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thrilled at their generosity," said UMass's Community Donations Manager, Diana Avery. "It really brightened people's day.'

Joslin agreed, saying it was also a good break for him.

"It's really nice to just sit there and laugh with them, and forget everything going on in the world right now,' he said.

Avery noted companies of all kinds and individuals (often relatives of patients) have been contributing "lots of meals," but also jewelry, luggage, personal care items and other things to UMass staff in various locations. Beyond that, she said she's aware of donations of medical supplies, person protective equipment and the like, but doesn't coordinate them.

"The outpouring of support from the community of Worcester and beyond has been amazing," she said.

"Our community is our backbone. That's what keeps us afloat. That's what keeps us in business. And we're a huge part of our community," said John Rarus, Global Partners' manager. territory "The weekly donations that we're making as a company are definitely going a long way and they're definitely appreciated within the community.'

Joslin said the pandemic has affected his North Oxford store "a great deal," particularly on the deli side. Besides seeing the "customer base slow down dramatically," five of his older staff members decided to stay home due to the risk of illness, but he hasn't laid

anyone off.

One of those who departed temporarily was his deli manager, but he praised Melissa Mercier for taking it over and "stepp[ing] up to make this happen."

"Things are starting to look kind of normal,' with regular customers beginning to return, Joslin said of the current Covid situation.

Providing meals "has been a great experience," he added. "The company is a family and this has definitely made us stronger and pulled us together.'

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salts; one cup household ammonia; one can beer; two cups water Directions: Pour into hose-end sprayer and apply. Covers and peps up about 2000 square feet.

Purpose Lawn Fertilizer Lush lawns don't have to be a luxury with this homemade brew.

Ingredients: One can of beer; one can of cola (not diet); one box or cup of apple juice; one cup lemon scented dishwashing liquid; one cup ammonia; one cup liquid lawn fertilizer. Instructions: Mix together all ingredients. If you buy liquid lawn fertilizer with a hose sprayer attachment, you can use the attachment with any one liter bottle to make a 50 gallon sprayer. Spray your lawn and garden with the above mixture every three weeks, early in the day. *For houseplants, mix four shot glasses of the above mixture to one gallon of water and add one quarter tsp. unflavored gelatin.

Black Spot Cure for Roses Get roses back in tip top shape with this simple spray.

Ingredients: three tablespoons baking soda; one gallon water. Directions: Mix together both ingredients and spray roses. Pick up any fallen rose leaves and burn them or take them to the dump.

Miracle Grower Garden Tonic Are your plants suffering from lackluster leaves? Are your blooms bowing out? Try this tonic to miraculously rejuvenate your plants this growing season.

Ingredients: Five gallon bucket; water; three pkgs. unflavored gelatin; two cups Epsom salts; one teaspoon Borax (boron): one fourth cup dishwashing liquid (made with vegetable oils, not animal fats). Instructions: Put gelatin and Epsom salts in bucket as you fill it with water, so they will dissolve properly. Add borax and stir. Put soap in last (to keep down suds). Mix well. Use about two cups of formula per plant or group of plants. May be poured directly over foliage and allowed to soak in ground. In two to three days, plants and foliage should perk up nicely.

Cut Garden Flower Preservative

The theory behind this recipe is that Listerine contains sucrose and a bactericide to extend the life of cut flowers.

Ingredients: two ounces Listerine mouthwash; one gallon water Directions: Mix together and pour into vase of cut flowers.

Exterior Mildew Wash Extinguish mold on outside garden walls and other surfaces with this powerful mildew wash.

Ingredients: three quarts warm water; one quart liquid laundry bleach, such as Clorox; one quarter cup powdered laundry detergent such as Tide; two thirds of a cup trisodium phosphate (available at paint stores) Directions: Mix well and apply to surfaces with a stiff broom. Let stand for one half hour. Rinse well with a garden hose to prevent damage to plants. Wear rubber gloves when handling.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick

Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renown restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

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

LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE

OF REAL ESTATE By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Kristen M. Joyce w/s/a Kristen Joyce to National City Mortgage Co., dated July 23, 2004 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 34197, Page 86 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage U.S. Bank Trust, N.A. as Trustee for Waterfall Victoria Grantor Trust II, Series G is the present holder by Assignment from PNC Bank, National Association, successor in interest to National City Real Estate Services, LLC successor by merger to National City Mortgage, Inc., formerly known as National City Mortgage Co. to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development dated March 4, 2014 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 52662, Page 176, and Assignment from Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to Kondaur Capital Corporation, as Separate Trustee of Matawin Ventures Trust Series 2013-2 dated March 13, 2014 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 52662, Page 178, and Assignment from Kondaur Capital Corporation, as Separate Trustee of Matawin Ventures Trust Series 2013-2 to NNPL Trust Series 2012-1, A Delaware Statutory Trust c/o Christiana Trust, a division of Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB dated June 1, 2018 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 58934, Page 292, and Assignment from Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB d/b/a Christiana Trust, not in its individual capacity but solely as Certificate Trustee for NNPL Trust Series 2012-1, A Delaware Statutory Trust to Waterfall Victoria Grantor Trust II, Series G, A Delaware Statutory Trust dated April 4, 2018 and record-

ed at said Registry of Deeds in Book

58934, Page 296, and Assignment

from Waterfall Victoria Grantor Trust II, Series G, A Delaware Statutory Trust to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A. as Trustee for Waterfall Victoria Grantor Trust II, Series G dated February 7, 2019 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 60202, Page 283, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 17 Southbridge Road, Unit 2 a/k/a 17-2 Southbridge Road, of the Dudley Place Condominium, Dudley, MA 01571 will be sold at a Public Auction at 11:00 AM on June 17, 2020, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land with the buildings and improvements thereon known as and numbered Unit 2, Dudley Place Condominium, 17 Southbridge Road, Dudley, MA 01571. Master Deed recorded in Book 10253, Page 373 with undivided interest therein.

Subject to restrictions, easements and documents of record, if any, insofar as same are now in force and applicable, and to real estate taxes and assessments not yet due and payable, which by acceptance and recording of this deed the grantee assumes.

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

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

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

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

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and

subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in

possession.

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

Other terms to be announced at the

U.S. Bank Trust, N.A. as Trustee for Waterfall Victoria Grantor Trust II, Series G

Korde & Associates, P.C. 900 Chelmsford Street **Suite 3102** Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 Joyce, Kristen M., 19-036150 May 22, 2020 May 29, 2020

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LEGAL NOTICE

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

Bonnette's Automotive, Inc 456 Main Street

Oxford, MA 01540 The following motor vehicles will be sold at a private sale to satisfy the Garage Keeper's Lien thereon for storage,

towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicles. Description of vehicles: Vehicle: VIN# 1N4AL21E77C226794, 2007 Nissan Altima, 9DN421/MA

Owner: Michelle Vega, 200 Orchard Hill Dr, Oxford, MA 01540 Vehicle: VIN# JTDBT4K31A1360758, 2010 Toyota Yaris, AP49785/CT

Owner: Tina Marie Murray, 21 Grove St, Putnam, CT 06260

Vehicle: VIN# 1N4AL11DX2C239548, 2002 Nissan Altima, No Reg Owner: Jeffrey McLean, 185 Old Web-

ster Rd, Oxford, MA, 01540 Vehicle: VIN# 5FNYF4H98EB042081, 2014 Honda Pilot, 7BE983/MA

Owner: Eric Rios, 46 Coombs St Apt 2, Southbridge, MA 01550 Vehicle: VIN# JTLKT324650211149,

2005 Scion xB, No Reg Owner: Francoise Pierre, 70 Preston

St, Marlborough, MA 01752 Vehicle: VIN# JM1GJ1V67E1152275, 2014 Mazda 6, 4KH883/ MA

Owner: Oscar Ucher, 45 Millbury St A#9, Worcester, MA 01610 Vehicle: VIN# 1N6D26Y11C368980,

2001 Nissan Frontier, No Reg Owner: Nathaniel Mcpartlen, 164 Grove St, Clinton, MA 01510 This notice has been given under the

provisions of G.L. c255, Section 39A May 22,2020 May 29, 2020

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OBITUARIES

Julia L. St.John, 93



Julia L. St.John known to everyone as "Nannie", 93 years old of Brooklyn, CT gained her wings on Saturday morning at 4:51am, surrounded by her loved Julia was predeceased by the

love of her life, her husband Clarence C. St.John, son Robert St. John, her mother, father, sisters and brothers of Vermont. She is survived by her children, Evelyn Yater, Jeffrey St. John, Maureen Sorel (Paul), Gregory St. John (Samantha) and Susan Langevin; all of Brooklyn, CT. She is survived by many grandchildren & great-grandchildren.

Julia was known for her heart of gold, always taking care of everyone else. She was so loved by everyone that knew her. We are all so lucky for having such a special woman in our life for so long, she will be missed dearly.

Private funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA.

A guest book is available at www. shaw-majercik.com where you may offer condolences or light a candle in remembrance of "Nannie".

Dimitrios Koutsonidas, 91



Dimitrios Koutsonidas, 91, of Worcester away on May 20th, 2020, peacefully in his home surrounded by his loving family.

Being predeceased his beloved Anastasia wife,

Koutsonidas in 2016 Dimitrios is survived by his two daughters, Despina Koutsonidas of Worcester and Kathryn Mironidis, and her husband Yanni of Oxford along with four grandchildren: Kristina, Loukas, Maria, and Dimitri Mironidis all of Oxford.

Dimitrios was born on June 10th, 1928 in Northern Greece and immigrated to America with his wife and two daughters in 1971; He was an avid cobbler before coming to America. Dimitrios loved his family, especially his four grandchildren, very much; He worked for Table Talk Pie Co. for many years and Nissen Bakery until his retirement. Dimitrios was a member of St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Worcester.

We would like to thank and show our deepest gratitude to the following people, Megan Dumais, RN and her team, from Salmon VNA & Hospice of Milford for the excellent and warm care they showed us and our dad, our dear friend, Rod Perro of Perro's Flowers 284 Grafton St. Worcester for his generous service for many years, our close and dear friend Joseph Gliniecki, and Richard Majercik and staff of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home for their tender care and s May his memory be eternal μπορεί η μνήμη του να είναι αιώνια.

A private funeral service will be held at the St. Michael's Romanian Orthodox Church in Southbridge. Dimitrios will be laid to rest beside his beloved wife at Hope Cemetery in

A guest book is available at the www. shaw-majercik.com where you may offer condolences or light a candle in remembrance of Dimitrios,

Julio Antonio Guzman-Saez, 61

WORCESTER – Julio Antonio Guzman-Saez, 61, passed away on Tuesday May 19, 2020 at the UMass Memorial Medical Center.

Julio was born in Bayamon, Puerto Rico on April 19, 1959, son of the late Julio Guzman and Maria Antonia Saez.

Julio is survived by his siblings Iris Delia Guzman-Saez and Jose Juan Guzman-Saez; he was predeceased by

his brother Victor Manuel Guzman-

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A guest book is available at www. shaw-majercik.com where you may offer condolences, or light a candle in remembrance of Julio.

Theodore W. Carr Jr., 61



LEICESTER Theodore W. Carr Jr., 61, of Rawson Street, died Sunday, May 24, 2020, in his home after a 7-year battle with Leukemia. Death is no longer victorious, cancer doesn't win, love wins, Jesus wins.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Amy M. (Morang) Carr of Leicester; six children, Joshua E.D. Carr of Union City, GA, Jane A. McNeil and her husband John of Spencer, Nicolas A. Carr, Benjamin R. Carr, Abigail R. Carr, and Truman G. Carr, all of Leicester; two brothers, Kevin M. Carr and his wife Jennifer of Bellingham, and Craig A. Carr and his wife Fran of Port Charlotte, FL; two sisters, Sandy M. Crowe and her husband Doug of Holliston, and Suzette D. Carr of Holliston; his daughter-in-law, Narisha Carr-Smalls of Georgia; six grandchildren, Jahleel, Zipporah, Aliyah, Ifetayo, Dakari, and Jabari; and many nephews and nieces. He was predeceased by a son, T.W. Jeremiah Carr III, who died in 2010. He was born in Boston, son of the late Theodore W. and Ruth M. (Millette) Carr Sr., and lived in New Bedford, Worcester, Holliston, and Framingham, before moving to

Leicester in 1995. He proudly served in the U.S. Army in Germany and at Fort Hood.

Mr. Carr was the chief financial officer for Accu Trak Tool Corporation in Cherry Valley for 13

years, and he loved his job very much. He loved attending church and enjoyed electronics, computers and ice cream. While living in New Bedford, he was an assistant pastor at Haven Baptist Church. He had a special fondness for

The family would like to thank the UMass Oncology Clinic and Notre Dame Hospice, for their exceptional care during his illness.

Due to gathering restrictions in Massachusetts, a private graveside service will be held at Greenville Baptist Cemetery in Leicester. A public service at Greenville Baptist Church will be announced at a future date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the UMass Cancer Walk, 333 South St., Shrewsbury, Massachusetts 01545. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements.

paradisfuneralhome.com

William J St. Marie, Jr., 85

William Charles St. Marie, Jr., age 85, of Dudley, died Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at Southbridge Rehabilitation after a period of declining health and the COVID-19 virus. William was born March 3, 1935 in Dudley, MA. He is the son of the late William C. St. Marie, Sr. and the late Florence (St. Germain). He is survived by three sisters: Muriel Stelmach, Geraldine St. Marie, and Elaine St. Marie, all of Dudley, and brother Leon St. Marie, along with several nieces and nephews. Bill was predeceased by sisters Alice, Lillian, Lorraine and brother Raymond. Bill was a factory worker at B&W Footwear Co, Angelo Fabrics Co. in Webster and at Sanitary Dash Co. in North Grosvenordale for 34 years,

retiring in 1999. He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church and was blessed to live with his sisters Geraldine and Elaine for most of his life. Bill's funeral mass was celebrated at 10:00 am on Tuesday June 2nd at Sacred Heart Of Jesus Church, 16 East Main St., Webster. Burial followed at the Sacred Heart Of Jesus Cemetery, Webster, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Sacred Heart Of Jesus Church c/o the rectory at 18 East Main St., Webster, MA 01570. Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel 33 Schofield Avenue is directing arrangements. www.bartelfuneralhome.com A mask or face covering is required.

Send all obituary notices to Stonebridge Press, PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550, or by e-mail to obits@stonebridgepress.news



Philip I. Ravenelle, 95



WEBSTER - Philip I. Ravenelle of Webster went to the Lord on Thursday May 29, 2020 while a patient at UMass Memorial Health Care-Memorial Campus following complications from COVID-

19. He was 95 years old. He was the son of Narcisse and Dora (Faucher) Ravenelle and was born and raised in North Grosvenordale, CT. He moved to Webster when he married in 1949.

He was a communicant at St Louis Church in Webster. He belonged to the North Grosvenordale CT Knights of

He leaves his daughter Karen M Ravenelle, with whom he lived and was predeceased by his wife of 46 years Rose M (Gorski) Ravenelle in 1995. Rose was the love of his life.

Phil is also predeceased by his sister Mrs. Doris Blain and her husband Lionel, his brother Normand Ravenelle and his wife Bernice, and his sisters Mrs. Gertrude Hardy, her husband Roland and her former husbands Philip Laramee and Raymond Verdone, and Mrs. Jeannette Cardinal and her husband Roland. He is also predeceased by several in-laws: Edward and Cecilia Willette, Warren and Margaret Waters, Bernard and Helen Perry, Bernard and Joan Duclos, Leo and Theresa Jacques, Bernard and Emily Cournoyer, Arthur and Julia Bonin and Norman and Alice Baker. Phil also leaves many nieces and nephews.

Phil served with honor in the U.S. Navy during World War II. His ship

was part of the fleet involved in the D-Day invasion and was also in the North Atlantic and off the coast of Africa. Once home, he became a Master Mechanic on automobiles and later moved into diesel truck



mechanics. He was shift foreman at International Harvester in Worcester and managed the truck fleets at the former Deary Brothers in Dudley and Quality Seafood in Worcester. He retired in 1987.

Phil loved the outdoors. He was an avid deer hunter and especially loved hunting in Connecticut and with his buddies at their hunting camp in Grafton, NH. He was able to hunt deer until he was 91 years old and went fishing in his boat on Webster Lake. He was a member of the Uxbridge Rod and Gun Club

Phil was a good friend to others, with a good sense of humor. He had childhood friendships that lasted a lifetime and later friendships that stood the test of time. He was a wonderful father to his daughter and he will be sorely missed and always loved.

His funeral was held Wednesday, June 3, from the Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, with a Mass at 11:00 AM in Saint Louis Church, 14 Lake Street, Burial was in Saint Joseph Garden of Peace. A time of visitation was held from 9:30 to 10:30 AM Wednesday in the funeral home, with current precautions in

www.websterfunerals.com

Carolyn Swierzbin, 81

WEBSTER - Carolyn Swierzbin, 81, died Monday, May 25, 2020 at home after a period of declining health.

She leaves a nephew, Stephen J. Swierzbin and his partner Jamie Belhumeur of Woodstock, CT; 3 great-nieces, Alisha, Katelyn and Paige Belhumeur; and 2 great-great nephews, Greyson and Alexander Varner; and several cousins. Her brother John J. Swierzbin died in 2019.

She was born in Webster on March 7, 1939, the daughter of Joseph J. and Lena T. "Nellie" Swierzbin and was a lifelong resident. She graduated from Bartlett High School in 1957.

Ms. Swierzbin was a legal secretary at the former Rocheleau Law Firm in

Worcester for many years before retiring in 2005.

She was a communicant of Saint Joseph Basilica. She enjoyed reading, traveling and shopping.

The funeral was held Friday, May 29, from the Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, with a Mass at 11:00 AM in Saint Joseph Basilica, 53 Whitcomb Street. Burial will be in Saint Joseph Garden of Peace. An hour of visitation was held from 9:30 to 10:30 Friday morning in the funeral home, with current guidelines in place. Donations in her name may be made to St. Joseph Basilica, 53

Whitcomb St., Webster, MA 01570. www.websterfunerals.com

Thomas H. Andrews, 81



DAYVILLE Thomas H. Andrews, 81, passed away at home on May 26, 2020.

Thomas is survived by three sons: Allen, John Henry, and Michael Joseph Andrews;

daughters: Tina Smith and Michelle Andrews; many grandchildren, relatives, and dear friends; he was predeceased by his son Thomas, and by his brother and his seven sisters.

Thomas was born in Warwick, RI on January 16, 1939, son of the late Clarence and Agnes (Chagnon) Andrews; after serving honorably in the United States Navy, he worked as an independent truck driver for many years, retiring fifteen years ago and

moving to Dayville, CT from Cranston, RI. Thomas was a kind man with a terrific sense of humor; he will be truly missed by those who were blessed to know him.

Please consider making a memorial

contribution to a charity of your choice to benefit our veterans in honor of Thomas.

Private funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA.

A guest book is available at www. shaw-majercik.com where you may offer condolences or light a candle in remembrance of Thomas.

Vincent A Menzone



DUDLEY - Vincent A. "Vinny" Menzone, 86, died Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at home surrounded by his family following a struggle with Alzheimer's disease.

He is survived by his wife Joan B. (Bednarz) Menzone. They would have celebrated 65 years of marriage on June 11th. He also leaves a son Vincent D Menzone and his wife Ann; a daughter Sharon L. Rayla and her husband Mark. Four grandchildren, Vincent T. Menzone (Rebecca), David J. Menzone (Jennifer), Kelsey M. Buccelli (John) and Matthew M. Rayla (Olivia Gumienny); two step-granddaughters Kimberly Pelletier, Meggen Cantillon and their families and three great-grandchildren, Vincent A. Menzone, Bella M. Menzone and Lilliana M. Menzone. He leaves a brother, Donald J. Menzone. Vinny and Don had a special bond. They were very close and worked together in a number of real estate ventures. He also leaves close friend and brother-in-law Roger Brousseau. Vinny is also survived by his sister-in-law Dolores Robbins (David) and sister in law Nancy Powers (Andy) and several nieces and nephews. His sister, Patricia Brousseau, whom he loved dearly died just 6 weeks ago. He is also pre-deceased by Don's

wife, Ida Menzone. He was born at home on December 17, 1933 the son of Vincent and Dolores (Plasse) Menzone and lived in Dudley/

Webster his entire life. He attended Saint Louis High School and earned his accounting degree from Worcester Junior College.

Vinny worked at Ethan Allen for nearly 40 years, retiring as the Plant Manager in 1988. He was a real estate investor/entrepreneur and contractor. He always had a "project" going whether it was building the strip mall in Auburn or renovating his other commercial or residential properties. He also built or helped to build many family homes. Vinny was an avid outdoorsman, who loved to hunt, boat and fish. Most importantly he was a kind and caring family man, devoting much of his retirement to his grandchildren. "Grandpop" took them ice fishing, deep sea fishing, hiking in the woods, swimming, wood working, or just playing cards and board games. If there was fun to be had, Grandpop and Grammy were making it happen!

Vinny will be remembered for his love of family, his consideration of others, his appreciation of nature and his generous spirit.

His funeral will be held on Monday, June 8, at 10:00 AM at Saint Louis Church, 15 Lake Street, Webster, MA. Burial will be private. Donations in his memory may be made to VNA Hospice & Palliative Care 120 Thomas St. Worcester, MA 01608 or www.vnacare. org/donors. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home of

www.websterfunerals.com

OBITUARIES

Joseph Andrew McDonald Sr.



OXFORD-On Saturday, May 2, 2020 Heaven gained a special angel as Joseph Andrew McDonald Sr, born March 9, 1932, passed away peaceful in his sleep at Webster Manor where he was lovingly nicknamed

The Mayor of the Manor due to his infectious charm and outgoing personality. No matter his situation it was always his mission to bring a smile to your face.

Andy was blessed to have the love of a large family, leaving behind his wife of 64 years, Doris Beatrice (Beaudette) McDonald, one living brother Cleo McDonald, 5 children including his daughter Susan McDonald Vincent, daughter Andrea Cutting with her husband Michael Cutting, son Mark McDonald with his wife Michelle McDonald, daughter Sandy Hansen with her husband Tom Hansen and his son Joseph Andrew McDonald Jr with his wife Leah McDonald. He also left 12 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. As a devout Catholic he was looking forward to being reunited with

his parents and 7 siblings that passed before him. He was a devoted member of St Roch's church where he lead rosary classes, bible study and prayed over anyone in need. In his earlier years he was a Sergeant in the United States Air Force and served in the Philippines. Upon leaving the military he worked at Webster Spring/General Spring where he retired from while also serving as a reserve Oxford police officer for many years. But of all the titles he held over his years, Dad was the one liked best. To know him was to love him. He had a hug, a joke or a prayer for everyone he met and along with his wife they raised a very strong, tight knit family that stretched far beyond DNA. However, God waited long enough for his loyal patron and needed him by his side, so until we meet again he will be deeply

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated in St. Roch's Catholic Church, 332 Main Street Oxford, MA on Saturday June 6, 2020 at 110:00 am

A guest book is available at www. shaw-majercik.com where you may offer condolences or light a candle in remembrance of Joseph.

Corey G. Brunnett, 41



WORCESTER Corey G. Brunnett, 41. died unexpectedly on Wednesday, May 20, 2020, at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester. He is survived by his parents, Bruce R. Brunnett of Oxford and

Sharon A. (Roy) Brunnett of Oxford; three children, Geovani G. Brunnett of Worcester, Natra T. Brunnett of Independence, OR, and Julieann R. Brunnett of Independence, OR; a brother, Richard G. Brunnett of Oxford; a

sister, Tanya L. Holmes and her husband Paul of Putnam, CT; his paternal grandmother, Harriet E. Brunnett of Oxford; his former wife, Mylena (Mongeau) Brunnett of Independence, OR; six nephews and one niece. He was born in Worcester and lived there for the past 10 years. He graduated from South High School in Worcester.

Due to gathering restrictions in Massachusetts, a calling hour and graveside service will private. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements.

paradisfuneralhome.com

Dr. Debora L (Wilson) Hall, 63



Debora Dr. (Wilson) Hall age 63 passed away Thursday, May 21, 2020 at the Highlands in Fitchburg. She leaves behind her daughter, Beverly Stroh and her husband Oken of

Greenville, NH, her only grandchild Evie Stroh, her partner of many years Kris McGinnis of Charleston, SC, a son Shawn Nicolo of Boston, three sisters; Patricia Meyer of Bradenton, Florida, Sue Forrest of Sarasota, Florida and Barbara Pierce of West Hartford, CT. She also leaves behind several nieces and nephews.

She was born in Hartford, CT, daughter of the late Robert Wilson and Gladys "Jane" (Alexander) Wilson, and lived in several places throughout her life including Boston, South Carolina, Florida, Cape Cod, and near her daughter close to Southern NH. Debora was a Psychologist and had a private practice for many years. Debora loved to help others and was a fierce advocate for her fellow nursing home residents. She loved movies and watching the Oscars. She also loved dancing and music was incredibly important to her. Even when she couldn't see enough to read from books anymore or watch movies, she listened to them. Her granddaughter Evie was her greatest joy, taking her to the library and playing elaborate made up games with her better than anyone else could. She loved avocado toast and made the best baked chicken. She loved writing and sending cards to loved ones, and she always knew what the best gift to give was, always.

There are no calling hours and all services are private. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements. Please visit www. shaw-majercik.com where you may post on the Tribute Wall, leave a message, sign the guest book, plant a tree, post a condolence or light a candle.

In lieu of flowers a tree can be planted or a donation can be made to the Lupus Foundation of America. https:// www.lupus.org/

Helen Carter Elser, 103



CHARLTON- Helen Carter Elser, 103, passed away May 27, 2020 at the Overlook Independent Living Center.

She was born in Amherst, Nova Scotia February 3, 1917,

daughter of Margaret Minor and Justin F. Carter. She had two brothers, Douglas and Raymond who passed away before her.

The family moved to the United States when Helen was 9 months old. However, she spent many happy summers in a family vacation cottage in Nova Scotia.

Helen met her husband, Max, during a time when she was a dancing instructor for Arthur Murray in Boston. They were married on December 10, 1938.

attended Northeastern University majoring in Library Science and Psychology which led to her becoming a Medical Reference Librarian for the Department of Mental Health in Massachusetts. She retired in 1980.

Helen had many interests. She was

a passionate duplicate bridge player and played in many state tournaments around Massachusetts. Antiques was another interest and she and her husband had a small business called "ME and HE antiques". She was active in the Congregational Church in Ipswich where the family lived for many years. She also loved to write and had articles published relating both her work as a librarian and to her life experiences.

Her husband Max was a devoted Mason and when Overlook in Charlton was built, they decided to spend the rest of their retirement years there. They moved to Overlook Life Care Community in May of 2007.

She is survived by her two sons, Edson Elser and Max A. Elser, III.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the ROBERT J MILLER-CHARLTON FUNERAL HOME, 175 Old Worcester Rd.

Burial and private services will be held at Albany Rural Cemetery, Menands, N.Y.

To leave a message of condolence. please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net

Loretta Robinson, 79

FITCHBURG/ LEICESTER- Loretta (Paul) Robinson age 79 passed away Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at Leominster Hospital. She was the wife of the late Harry T. Robinson who passed away February 21, 2015. Loretta leaves a sister-in-law Gloria Beaulieu. Loretta was predeceased by a son Christopher McCloskey of Leicester and a daughter Renee Smith of Sturbridge.

She was born in Millville, MA daugh-

ter of the late Ernest and Delina Paul and lived in the Leicester area most of her life. Calling hours were held Wednesday, May 27 from 10 AM-12 PM in the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, burial will be private. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a can-

Charles J Daly, 44



WORCESTER Charles J Daly, age 44, passed away Sunday, May 24th, at UMass Memorial Medical Center's University Campus in Worcester. He leaves his companion and girlfriend of

eleven years, Heather E Hutchings of Worcester and their dog Elijah, his aunt Beverly Brown and uncle Willie Brown Jr of Worcester, his step-father Gary Daly and wife Dawn of Worcester, his sister Lainey Daly-Barry of Leominster, his uncle Strong Eagle Daly of Upton, and several other family members, cousins, and friends.

Charlie was born in Worcester, son of the late Judy Aho and William F Starhawk Daly. He graduated from Doherty High School in 1994 and lived in Worcester his entire life.

Charlie was a wonderful, loving, loyal, honest, strong, protective man. He had a great eye for detail which made him notice the little things and was a perfectionist in most areas of his life. He was a member of the Nipmuc tribe and was given the name Owl, this name described his personality very well as he tended to listen more than he spoke and was always very observant and wise. Charlie had a great love of animals, especially his dogs, and strongly believed in adopting from animal shelters. He was also very

interested in cryptid animal species, especially Bigfoot as he always wanted to find his own proof of their existence. He loved movies and music and was an avid DJ in his younger years. He also enjoyed creating music on his computer in his free time more recently. Health, exercise, and nutrition were always very important to him and he aspired to make that his profession one day. He was a body builder when he was younger and always looked up to the professional body builders that were able to do that for a living. He also enjoyed 'individual' sports, such as MMA and boxing, and liked to watch UFC and boxing events on television. Charlie was a fighter and a warrior in his own respect and will always be the strongest and bravest person most people have had the honor of knowing.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation in his name to WARL (Worcester Animal Rescue League) a cause very near and dear to his heart. There will not be any calling hours, but his girlfriend and family are working on having a memorial service, likely at All Saints Church in Worcester, in the near future hoping to give enough time to allow more people to attend. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St, Webster MA is directing arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle

Clifford M. Whitney, 71



WORCESTER Clifford M. Whitney, 71, of Worcester died unexpectedly at home

Born in Gardner, he was the son of Quimby Q. Whitney and the late Louise E.

Friday, May 29, 2020.

(Murdock)Whitney. Clifford was a long time resident of the city, attending and graduating from the Clarke School For The Deaf.

He leaves behind his brothers, Quimby Jr. and his wife Elaine of Phillipston, Gerald and his wife Maria Warwick, Jeffrey and his wife Denise of Missoula, MO, Glenn and his wife Kathy of Phillipston, Frank and his partner Ann of Barre and a sister Beverly of Orange.: He was predeceased by a brother Bruce of Phillipston and a sister Lois Kwiatkowski of Worcester. He also leaves behind many nieces, nephews and extended family.

Clifford was a long time employee, retiring with Imperial Distributions and a life-long member oft the Worcester Deaf Club where had been a member for 48 years serving as Vice Presidentf from 1977-1978 and as Secretary during the years of 1983-1986. He loved his family and thought of them often. A special thank you to his niece Anna Kwiatkowski and her boyfriend Daniel Casella who helped take care of him over the years.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a celebration of life will be held at a later date. In the meantime if anyone wants to make a donation in his name, please donate to either: The Worcester Deaf

Club Inc (Attn: Joan Philip 3 Maple Circle, Shrewsbury, MA 01545) or to Our Deaf Survivors Center Inc (PO Box 2276 Worcester, MA 01613), A guest book is available at ww.shaw-majercik. com where you may offer condolences or light a candle in remembrance of

Elaine N. Jeffrey, 80

QUINEBAUG, CT- Elaine N. Jeffrey Jesus Church in Webster. age 80 passed away Tuesday, May 19, 2020 with her forever friends at her side. Elaine was born and grew up in Webster, daughter of the late Leo Jeffrey and Constance (Lamothe) Jeffrey. She lived in Quinebaug for several years, prior to that living in Thompson.

She leaves a brother Leonard Jeffrey and his wife Sandra of Forest Hill, CA, a sister Jeanne Wunsch and her husband Edward of Webster, several nieces and nephews; She was predeceased by her sister Leona LaFountain of Webster. Elaine was a graduate of Bartlett High School class of 1958; She was a communicant of Sacred Heart of

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 am Friday May 29, 2020 at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 18 East Main Street Webster; Committal will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery. Please omit flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the COPD Research C/O Worcester Medical Center, Worcester, MA attn. Dr.

The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at www. shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

G. Elizabeth Brackett, 89



STURBRIDGE- G. Elizabeth (Beaudry) Brackett, 89, passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, April 28th, after a long illness.

Her husband, James W. Brackett, passed away in 2002.

She leaves her four children, Alan J. Brackett and his wife Ann of Dudley, John S. Brackett and his wife Renee of Southbridge, Laurie A. Lapierre and her husband Jeffrey of Southbridge and Randy C. Brackett and his companion Christine Hanson of Clayville, RI. She also leaves a brother, Joseph W. Beaudry, Sr. of Southbridge and her three sisters, Louise P. Caouette of Charlton, Sylvia M. Bialy of Arroyo Grande, CA, and Rachel C. Lavallee of Sturbridge. Her eleven grandchildren, who she absolutely adored, includes Joshua Brackett, Adam Brackett, Arielle Brackett, Erik Brackett, Christopher Brackett, Gregory Lapierre, Ashley Brackett, Ssgt. AJ Brackett US Army, Amber Lynn Brackett, Tyler Baker and Megan Baker. She was also blessed to have six great grandchildren; Elizabeth, Owen,

Allaura, Serenity, Lincoln and Esmae as well as several beloved nieces and nephews. She was born in Waterbury, CT the daughter of Hormidas J. and Elizabeth J. (Perron) Beaudry. She was a 1948 graduate of the former Mary E. Wells High School in Southbridge.

Elizabeth worked at the American Optical Co. in Southbridge, and later at the St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Store in Southbridge before retiring many years ago. She was a lifelong member of Notre Dame Parish (now St. John Paul II Parish). Elizabeth was a member of the Red Hat Society at the Sturbridge Retirement Park. She loved bird watching, especially Cardinals. Most of all she was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother and was a kind and generous friend to all who knew her.

Elizabeth's funeral service and burial in New Notre Dame Cemetery, Southbridge, will be private.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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

www.morrillfuneralhome.com

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Irene A. (Deptula) Lenard, 85



Irene Lenard died May 17, 2020, in LaGrange, NY, at the age of 85.

Irene was born December 18, 1934, the second of two children born to Joseph and Helen (Blaszczk) Deptula in Webster,

MA. She attended Barlett High School in Webster and was active in a number of groups, including Student Council. She graduated from Barlett in 1952 and earned an associate degree from the Worcester (MA) School of Business and Science in 1954.

Irene served as a secretary in the Psychology Department at Clark University in Worcester and attended the university part time. From 1955 to 1959, she was an executive secretary at Worcester radio station WAAB-AM, occasionally filling in on air and delivering the afternoon weather report.

Irene married Joseph A. Lenard of Dudley, MA, in 1958 and a year later they relocated to the Hudson Valley, first to Fishkill, NY, and later to LaGrange, NY, where they resided since 1960. Irene served as a secretary for the dean of admissions at Vassar College until the birth of the first of their three children.

Irene was generous with her time as a volunteer, supporting the community

and her children's pursuits. Irene also was active at her children's schools.

In the mid 1970s, the family relocated to Boeblingen, West Germany, and for the next 18 months they travelled throughout Europe, including a trip behind the Iron Curtain to a number of Eastern Bloc countries, including Poland, where they visited relatives.

Later, Irene returned to work, serving in the Town of LaGrange supervisor's office. She also spent more time with friends and family, including her three granddaughters, Rachel and Sydney Lenard (born 2001 and 2003, respectively) and Lila Salmeri (born 2013). She also enjoyed gardening, travel and spoiling her cats and dogs. She even taught one of the dogs how to smile—something we could always use more of today.

She is predeceased by her parents and her husband Joseph A. Lenard and is survived by her brother, Norman Deptula of Webster, MA; three children: Jeff Lenard of Falls Church, VA, Jane Lenard of LaGrange, NY, and Amy Lenard of Kingston, NY, and three grandchildren.

Funeral Services are being handled by the Timothy P. Doyle Funeral Home in Poughkeepsie, NY. A guestbook is available at www.doylefuneralhome. com where you may offer condolences or light a candle in remembrance of

Katherine M. Annese, 77



WEBSTER-Katherine (Delisio) Annese age passed away Monday, April 13, 2020 at the Brookside Rehabilitation and Nursing. She was the wife of the late

Joseph A. Annese who passed away in 2002. She leaves five sons and their wives; Anthony L. Annese and AnneMarie of Webster, Joseph Annese and Jennifer of Thompson, CT, Christiopher Annese and Kim of Douglas, Matthew Annese and Donna of Woodstock, CT and Michael Annese of Webster, also a daughter, Maria Brinkley and Daniel of N. Grosvenordale, CT, eight grand-children; James, Vincent, Joseph, Daniel, Victoria, Tallia, Josephine and Michalyn. She also leaves a sister Theresa Delisio of Ohio she had a sister that predeceased her Dorothy Delisio of CA. Kathy also leaves many friends and former customers.

She was born in E. Lyme, CT daughter of the late Francis Delisio and Josephine (Gallo) Delisio and lived in

Webster most of her life. She was a member of the Webster Sons of Italy and the St. Louis League of Catholic Women. She enjoyed travel and quality time with her family. Her and her husband Joseph owned and operated the Webster Nursery starting in 1971 then opening Dudley Nursery in 1991. Their business comprised of wholesale as well as retail flowers. The retailed shrubs, plants of all type and did landscaping. They were one of the largest tulip and lily growers on the East Coast. They were well known through out New England. Joe and Kathy spearheaded the St. Louis annual festival for many years.

There are no calling hours. A Mass of Christian burial will be held Friday, June 19, 2020 at 11 am at St. Louis Church, Lake St., Webster, MA and burial in Calvery Cemetery, Dudley, MA. Please omit flowers and donations be made to the Tri-Valley Elder Services, 10 Mill St., Webster, MA. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik. com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

Linda G. DiBonaventura, 72



WEBSTER-Linda G. (Hryzan) DiBonaventura age 72 passed away peacefully on Sunday May 31, 2020, at Webster Manor in Webster . Linda was the wife of the late Stephen

Dibonaventura died in 2007. Linda leaves two daughters, Kelly Peterson and her husband David and Lisa Hanna and her husband Robert of Dudley. Linda leaves a son Dennis P. Cobb Jr. and his wife Tina of Oxford, Ma. Linda also leaves six grandchildren, two great grandchildren, four sisters; Donna Sortwell, Cathy Mongeon, Cheryl Hryzan, and Debbie Bethel.

She was predeceased by five brothers: David, Edward, Gary, Allen, and Glen, and by three sisters: Sandra M. Papierski, Beverly Daviau and Jean Lasnowski of Webster

Linda was born in Webster, daughter of the late Edward and Mildred (Raymond) Hryzan and lived here her entire life. Family was the most important thing to her. Linda would help her friends and family without hesitation. Linda loved to cook for everyone, crochet, play cribbage, pitch, Michigan rummy and loved to listen to Elvis. Linda also loved her visits from her grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, a donations in her memory may be made to the Blessed Backpack Brigade 42 Airport Rd, Dudley, MA 01571. Calling hours will be held Friday, June 5, 2020 from 5 PM - 7 PM in the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA 01570. Please wear masks. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

Mary A. Byrnes



Mary A. Byrnes, of Wilsonville CT, entered into rest surrounded by loved ones on Tuesday, May 19 2020, she was

Daughter of the late Thomas F. and Anna (Welch) Collins,

she was born on March 16 1925, in Worcester, MA. She was a graduate of Newburgh Free Academy and Syracuse University. Mary started her career as an operator with Bell Telephone-in Newburgh and retired 30+ years later as a Supervisor with Michigan Bell in Kalamazoo, Ml. Even at 95 years old Mary could still recite any 10 digit number given to her. After retiring Mary and her late husband of 60 years, Bill, settled on the Welch family farm in North Grosvenordale, CT. Mary had a passion for the arts, she loved sculpting, decoupage, knitting, cooking, refinishing furniture and tending her roses. She was a kind, generous, thoughtful soul who always surrounded herself with beauty.

Mary was a parishioner of the Saint Louis Church, Webster, MA, a member of the Alter Rosary Society at the church, and a member of the Sierra Club Dioceses of Worchester, MA. She also volunteered for Hospice and loved her Airedales.

Mary is predeceased by her loving husband of 60 years, William F. Byrnes, two brothers Thomas and Robert Collins and her nephew Robert Collins. She is survived by her nephews whom she loved dearly: Thomas Collins (NY), Randall Collins (VA), Michael Collins (VA) and Brandan Collins (VA), her loving God Daughter. Mary Mueller and husband Thomas (NY), her Great God-Grandchildren Claire, Thomas and Emily and her 5 Great Great God- Grandchildren Brady, Sawyer, Kearney, Fischer and Meegan.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Mary's name can be made to the New England Airedale Rescue (NEAR) at 3 Carter Road, Cornwall Bridge, CT 06754, (860)927-3420. Private cremation has taken place at Cedar Hill Crematory. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at a later date with burial at Calvary Cemetery, Newburgh, NY. You may post a condolence or light a candle at www.shaw-majercik.com

Jean Goyette Desmarais, age 85



Jean Goyette Desmarais, age 85, of Spencer died Saturday, May 30, 2020 at Baystate Health of Springfield after being stricken ill at physical therapy in Ludlow as she was recovering from

recent surgery

She is survived by two daughters: Lynn Skladzien and her husband Joseph of Dudley, and Leslie Sullivan and her husband Steven of Dudley. two sons: Joseph Bottasso and his wife Margaret of Putnam, CT and James Bottasso and his wife Deborah of Fabyan, CT, 11 Grand Children, 13 Great grandchildren Jean leaves a brother Robert Goyette and his wife Rachel of Chelmsford, sister-in-law Marion Goyette, of California wife of Jean's brother Norman Goyette who passed in December 2019, many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends

She was predeceased by her husband, Denis P Desmarais on Jan 11,2011. She also leaves her beloved cat Lacev a great comfort to her after the passing of her husband.

Jean was born October 20, 1934 in Uxbridge, MA. She is the daughter of Norman Goyette and Alma Croteau. Jean was a member of the Spencer Historical Commission, serving as

chairwoman for many years. Jean had a great interest in touring historical sites, in her travels with her husband, throughout the Eastern seaboard. In her earlier years she volunteered for many organizations including the Red Cross, food pantries and making personal birthday cakes for the residents of The Joshua House in Worcester. Jean was one of the first employees of Commerce Insurance Company, which originated in the Friendly's plaza in Webster, Ma, served as secretary for Pakachoag Church in Auburn, Ma as well as several medical practices. If all of Jeans accomplishments, she was most proud of being a mother, grandmother and great grandmother, creating many new happy memories after the loss of her beloved husband Denis. Though we are greatly saddened by the loss of Jean, it is comforting to know, that after waiting so long, she has been reunited with Denis, the love of her life

A Mass of Christian burial was held 10 am on Thursday, June 4 at Sacred Heart Of Jesus Church, 16 East Main St., Webster, MA after cremation she will be laid to rest in St. Anne Cemetery in Three Rivers with her beloved Denis. Calling hours were Wednesday , June 3 from 5 to 7 pm with current safety precautions in place at Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel, 33 Schofield Ave., Dudley, MA.

Leo H. Cote, Sr., 92



DUDLEY- Leo H. Cote, Sr., 92, of Albee Rd., passed away on Tuesday, May 26th, in the Harrington Memorial Hospital, Southbridge, after an

He leaves his wife of 57 years, Emma M.

(Lavallee) Cote; his two sons, Leo H. Cote, Jr. and his wife Peggy of Charlton and Brian Cote of Dudley; his three daughters, Jeannette St. Pierre and her husband Norman of Spencer, Linda Johnson of New York and Sheila Dunn of Webster; several grandchildren; several great grandchildren; and 1 great great grandchild. He was predeceased by two sons, Keith Joseph Cote in 1964 and Robert Cote in 2019 and by a daughter, Geraldine Cote in 2018. He was also predeceased by his two brothers, James Cote and Earl Cote and by his sister, Lillian Boise. Leo was born in Hyde Park, VT the son of Leo A. and Velma P. (Nichols) Cote.

Leo worked for Ken's Bottle Gas and which later became Sahagan Propane in Rochdale for 26 years, retiring many years ago. He was a member of the

Teamsters Local 170 of Worcester. He also previously worked for Consumer's Market in Southbridge and Schott Fiber Optics in Southbridge. After retiring he worked as a bus driver for 11 years for the Southbridge Liver Co. and the Town of Dudley. He was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Church in Dudley and served on the St. Anthony Parish Council. Leo was also a dedicated member of the Knights of Columbus council #228 of Dudley and Webster. Leo was a past Grand Knight and was a Sponsor to nearly 150 new members of the Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed working in his yard, playing cards and traveling with his wife.

A funeral Mass for Leo was held on Monday, June 1st, at 10:00am in St. Anthony of Padua Church, 24 Dudley Hill Rd, Dudley. Burial followed in St. George Cemetery, Southbridge. There are no public calling hours.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Webster Dudley Food Share, 4 Church St. #2, Webster, MA

The Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, is direct-

ing arrangements. www.morrillfuneralhome.com

Margaret Goll

Margaret Goll affectionately known mer cottage gave way to a year round as Mom. Peggy. Peg. Peg 'O N and "Leo" passed away peacefully on Sunday May third, at her residence in Charlton, Massachusetts.

Peggy was born to William and Louise Hayes and was the oldest of their three children. She grew up in the Bronx where she met her to be husband Edward Goll. Many years later at a mutual friends' wedding the flame was kindled and they became a couple. They married in 1951 and celebrated their sixty seventh anniversary shortly before Ed passed away in 2018.

Mom worked for NY Telephone until the first of their four girls was born (she must have washed and folded 50,000 diapers in the evenings as the girls were growing). When they were expecting their second daughter they decided to move to the "country" where they found their first home with a yard in Thornwood. It was at that house that a vegetable garden provided stock for Peg's growing culinary skills. Peg also kept the basement freezer stocked with deliveries from Tony the butcher in the Bronx and she created amazing meals that fed the body and soul. A great testament to her skills as a chef was the proudly stated phrase "Yes it's homemade."

She developed her love of sewing while helping her mom, who was a professional seamstress. After school Peg would help with finishing the garments her Mom had created. As Peg's family grew the sewing machine was always busy (often late into the night) turning fabric that Ed brought home from Manhattan into everyday clothes and holiday outfits for the "Goll Girls."

As their family grew Peg and Ed moved the family into a bigger home while they were expecting their fourth child. Dogs and cats in need of a home joined the family. Peg's taxi service supported Girl Scouts, horseback riding, volleyball, piano lessons, chorus, Rainbow, cross country, religious instruction, cheerleading, church, bake sales and countless trips to and from friends and college. Peg taught us the value of friends as her friends and neighbors became our extended family. Visits and traveling dinners were frequent. We learned to share their joys and challenges as we grew alongside their families.

Peg and Ed loved the water and were blessed with having two retirement homes, the first in Virginia surrounded by the Chesapeake and afterwards the second in Montauk when the sum-

Wherever their home was Mom was always happiest when the family would gather together, to celebrate holidays, go fishing or just to spend time together. Peg was a dedicated wife and Mom who loved her family fiercely. She held us all to higher standards, academically, professionally, socially and morally. She insisted that we all knew how to take care of ourselves and others, and also knew the importance of dedicating our effort to causes beyond ourselves.

She happily embraced her son in laws and grandchildren into the family and held them to the same standards. She was very wise and was not shy about giving you her opinion (usually in no uncertain terms). But we always knew that her opinion was her vision of what was best for us, and we were grateful that she cared enough about us to speak her mind.

Peg lost her husband of 67 years in 2018 and is survived by her four daughters and their families; Anita and John and their children Kimberly and Raymond and Rays' wife Tory; Suzanne and Mace and their son Eddy; Joyce and Ken and their animal rescue family AJ, Otis and Wiley, and Barbara and her boys Matt and Christian.

Peggy will be missed dearly by many, but we know she is at peace with Ed in heaven.

Due to the health concerns in the world today, a celebration of her life will be held at the convenience of the family sometime in the future in Montauk, NY. Mom was passionate about the intelligence, family structure and current plight of elephants. We ask that in lieu of flowers donations in Peggy's memory be made to Save the Elephants (SaveTheElephants.org) or The World Wildlife Fund (WorldWilsLifw.org).

Finally, the family would like to thank the Nurses and Doctors at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, University of Massachusetts Memorial Hospital in Worcester and all of the amazing nurses, therapists and staff at the Overlook in Charlton, MA for their professionalism, support and caring of Peg and her family.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA.

A guest book is available at www. shaw-majercik.com where you may offer condolences or light a candle in remembrance of Margaret.

OBITUARIES

Michael A. Plasse, 63



W E B S T E R – Michael A. Plasse, 63, passed away peacefully at the Harrington Memorial Hospital in Southbridge on Monday May 18, 2020. Michael is survived by his son

Jacob Plasse of Webster; four sisters: Christyne Plasse of Webster, Rachelle Aubin of CT, Marcella Bugbee of Webster, and Linda Plasse of CA; he also leaves many nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends. Michael was predeceased by his sister Rhonda Plasse of Dudley.

Michael was born in Webster on February 17, 1957, son of the late George M. and Carol A. (Williams) Plasse; he lived in the Dudley/Webster area all his life. Michael worked for Holland Landscaping for many years; he greatly enjoyed riding his motorcycle and spending time with his family and friends.

A graveside service will be held on Wednesday May 27, 2020 at 10:00 am in Mount Zion Cemetery in Webster.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA.

A guest book is available at www. shaw-majercik.com where you may offer condolences or light a candle in remembrance of Michael.

P. Edward Norris



P. Edward Norris of Sturbridge, MA passed away on May 22, 2020 at his home.

Mr. Norris was born in Bolivar, PA where he finished high school and spent his youthful and

senior years, exploring our country from coast to coast. He also served as a Merchant Marine as a young man. He built a home in Canoga Park, CA, and spent many years working for "The Racing Form" making many lifetime friends there. He married his wife Helen, who predeceased him in 1995. He left familiar surroundings to move to Sturbridge in 1996 and stayed happily here in "so much green nature" as he put it. He leaves Henrietta Hayes of Lakeview, AR; Elaine & Bob Smith of Yellville AR and their children Rebecca and family of Benton, AR, and Jeffrey Smith and family in Monticello, AR. Susan Reilly of Southbridge, MA long time friend and caregiver, also long-time friend Marita Tasse of Sturbridge, MA.

Thanks to Beacon Hospice for

unmatched support and caring. Mr. Norris was an avid supporter, member, and friend of Opacum Land Trust of Sturbridge, MA. Donations can be made to Opacum Land Trust in his name: Opacum Land Trust, P.O. Box 233, Sturbridge, MA 01566.

Private funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA.

A guest book is available at www. shaw-majercik.com where you may offer condolences or light a candle in remembrance of Mr. Norris.

Raymond Anctil, 74



WEBSTER
Raymond Anctil, 74,
died peacefully at his
home on Wednesday,
May 27, 2020.

Ray is survived by his wife of 45 years, MaryAnn (Grzembski) Anctil. They were married

March 28, 1975. He is also survived by their daughter, Kerry Belanger, of Dudley; his granddaughter, Arianna Belanger, of Dudley; his brother, Elton Anctil, and his wife, Cecile; as well as nephews and nieces. He was predeceased by his brothers Daniel and Dennis Anctil.

Born in Southbridge, MA, on August 10, 1945, he was the son of the late Daniel H. and Margaret (Reye) Anctil. He was a furniture make for Ethan Allen for many years. Ray was a very proud and loving grandfather of Arianna.

Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA is handling Ray's private arrangements. www. sansoucyfuneral.com

Robert S. (Dr. Koo-Koo) Kallio, 81



WORCESTERcRobert S. (Dr. Koo-Koo) Kallio, 81, of Worcester passed peacefully on 20 May 2020 at St. Mary Health Care Center. Robert leaves his sister Andrea Morris of Manchester, NH.

Robert was predeceased by his loving boxer, Katie who passed last month due to cancer, his brother Leo W. (Billy) Kallio, Jr. of Rockville, MD and his sister Judith Logan of Shrewsbury, MA.

Robert was born in Worcester son of the late Leo W. (Luxie) Kallio and Kathleen M. Kallio (Daley) and lived in Shrewsbury and Grafton all his life. He worked in the Mack Truck Industry and tractor maintenance for years before starting his own business. He was a member of Goodguys Rod & Custom Association, East Coast Roadsters, Ty-Rods, Boston Area Roadsters, National Street Rod Association (NSRA), Jaguar Association of New England (JANE), Jaguar Clubs of North America, Maynard Area Auto Club, Northeast Land Rover Club, North East Timing Organization, Marine Corps League (Worcester), and The American Legion. His loving niece, Brenda Morris of Worcester and nephew Herbie Morris of Virginia would like to thank St. Mary Health Care Center and Hospice of Western & Central Massachusetts for their loving care and support for Robert for over a year. During this difficult time of COVID-19, they never wavered and demonstrated what it means to be a health care professional. What an amazing group or caring and supportive agencies serving our family members. Robert loved his boxers, antique automobiles, not rods, his garages, and the ladies-in that order his entire life. His house selections were always based on the needs of his pets and the need for more garage space to hold his many toys and projects. Robert enjoyed cooking, eating good food, and spending most of his time driving to nowhere specific with one of his toys, going to car shows, building new hot rods or buying ones just to take apart to better understand how they were designed and how he could design or build a better one. He received numerous awards over the years for "First Place", "Best in Show" and "Furthest Driven" to name a few. In

the 70's, he won 1 st Place at the Antique

Automobile Club of America (AACA)

Eastern Fall Nationals in Hershey, PA

and he was proud of the fact that he never "trailered" one of his vehicles to an event. He would say, "They were built to be driven, not trailered!" It goes without saying, he never put antique plates on any of his vehicles. He would say, "No one is going to tell me when I can drive any of my vehicles!" He had a "need for speed". His moto was, "I work hard, so I earned the right to play as hard and long as I want"—an did he (in his younger days anyways). He was an active member and user of The Playboy Club (Presidential Key) from 1961 to 1991; did he have stories to tell. He was an avid fan of the New England sports teams and NASCAR, most events turned into an after-party in his younger days. His house parties were like no others; lots of food, live music, games, and anything you can think of to drink. A Federal judge, lawyers, and police officers (off duty of course) where in attendance in case someone called the cops—which actually happened ONCE in 1982. If Robert called you a friend, you could rest assured, that if you ever needed guidance (Dr. Koo-Koo guidance that is), a place to sleep, a car, or some help—you just needed to ask—if he didn't already figure it out.

He lived life the way he wanted and enjoyed it every step of the way. He had regrets along the way, some he owned and others he didn't control. His heart was broken twice during his life and mended by his many boxers over 60+ years. He had a dislike of anyone that was arrogant, pretentious, condescending or rude to other people. He gave anonymously to a lot of people and local charities; he'd read something in the paper about someone in need and he would do something to have a positive impact. He leaves an emptiness in our lives, though he will always be in our hearts.

Robert's funeral will be private per his wishes and interment will take place in North Carolina. At his insistence there will be no calling hours. In lieu of flowers and condolences, contributions can be made to The Boxer Rescue, PO Box 440, Grafton, MA 01519 a 501(c)3 Non-Profit serving New England or a charity of your choice "in the name of your pet".

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik. com where you may offer condolences or light a candle in remembrance of Robert.

Mildred (Mickey) E. Pierce age 86



MARLBOROUGH-Mildred (Mickey) E. Pierce age 86 passed away Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at the Reservoir Center for Health and Rehabilitation. She leaves her daughter Debra Pierce Durant

of Marlborough/ Wilsonville, CT and her life partner Dick Majercik of Wilsonville, CT, three sons Steven Pierce and his wife Kimberly of Grant Michigan, Stanley Pierce and his wife Linda of Chicopee, MA and Breck Bator- Pierce and his husband Frank Bator of NY, NY. She also leaves a sister Helen Riley of Texas. Mickey also has eight grandchildren and ten greatgrandchildren nieces and nephews.

She was born in Pere Marquett Charter Township, Michigan, daughter of the late Fred Taylor and Margaret (Wanamaker) Taylor. Mildred was a US Airforce wife and lived in many different parts of the country and Philippines. She was known by all the students as the lunch lady at

Marlborough High School. If the student didn't have the money she would pay for them.

Mickey had a great love for cats and always ready to nurture a cat without a home. She enjoyed reading mysteries, crafts, watching her favorite TV shows like csi and big bang theory.,and shopping at second hand stores. She was also known for making the most fantastic fried chicken. She enjoyed travel, Chinese food when the opportunity arose and sitting at home with her cats and a cup of coffee on her porch. She always stayed in contact with her oldest friend Flossy back in Michigan.

She was a member of the Marlborough Senior Center. There are no calling hours. Private funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle. Please omit flowers and donations in her memory may be made to the Cat Connection, 289 Thompson Rd., Webster, MA 01570.

Rachel C. Vilandre, 91

Rachel C. (Bonnette) Vilandre, 91, was called home to her Lord and Savior on Saturday, at The Overlook in Charlton after a long battle with dementia.

Rachel was born April 5, 1929 in Southbridge MA to the late Evelyn (Guillette) and Antonio Bonnette. She lived in Sturbridge all of her life. She was predeceased by her sister, Lorraine Breen of Southbridge.

She is survived by her 4 children, Sharon (Vilandre) Gardner of Woodstock CT, Randall Vilandre and his wife Roberta of Holland, MA, Denise (Vilandre) Pontbriand and her husband Marc of West Brookfield, and Darlene Vilandre and close friend Terry Banusiewicz of Dudley MA. She leaves six grandsons, Andrew Gardner Chester, CT, Jared Gardner of Eastford CT, Ryan Pontbriand of Warren MA, Jeremy Pontbriand of Brimfield MA, Matthew Vilandre of BrimfieldMA, Luke Vilandre of Holland MA a granddaughter Rachel Gardner of Brighton MA. and 2 great-grandchildren, Brynn Pontbriand and Jack

Vilandre.

Rachel was the Billing Coordinator at Harrington Hospital retiring in 1991.

Rachel loved her cat Mindy, was an avid reader, she enjoyed gardening, knitting and never lost a scrabble game. One of her favorite places was spending time at the ocean. Her family was her life. She will be missed dearly by everyone who knew her. Rachel always had a smile and great sense of humor. Her quick-witted responses brought laughter and joy to all around her

The family would like to thank The Overlook care team including Kathy Walker, Director and the staff of Fieldstone Assisted Living. As well as the 3rd floor memory care team, (especially her primary caregivers Chris and Kim) for the love, compassion and care that Mom received during her stay.

The service will be private and at the convenience of the family. The family requests in lieu of flowers that a donation be made to The Second Change Animal Shelter East Brookfield, MA.

Scott A. Duval, 57



CHARLTON- Scott
A. Duval, 57, passed
away unexpectedly at
his home on May 28,
2020. Scott was born
in Worcester, June
10, 1962, to Wilfred
and Regina Duval
of Millbury, MA.
Scott graduated from

Blackstone Valley Tech, and had a successful career working in the sales and technical service of printing and publishing equipment. Scott was an avid golfer, enjoyed camping, fishing and spent many years coaching Oxford Youth Basketball, but Scott was his happiest and proudest when he was amongst his children, Danielle Bakerlis, Emily and her partner Keith LaFountaine, Alexander Duval, Haley Banfill, and Justin and Don Freeland, and with his grandchildren, Jackson Duval, and Abel and Dylan Bakerlis. They were all truly the light of his life.

Scott is also survived by his mother, Regina (Pinkala) Duval, his sister, Laurie Bird, and his brothers Keith and Christopher, as well as his former wives Kathryn Znamierowski and Kim Duval, companion Donna Freeeland, and his nieces and nephews.

Due to COVID-19 concerns, there are no calling hours.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated for Scott at 11 AM, Saturday, June 6, 2020 at St. Joseph's Church, 10 H. Putnam Rd., Ext. in Charlton.

(Social distancing and face masks are still required at this time, under the state guidelines)

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Recovery Centers of America, 9 Village Inn Rd., Westminster, MA. 01473.

The ROBERT J. MILLER – CHARLTON FUNERAL HOME, 175 Old Worcester Rd. in Charlton is assisting the family with arrangements.

Stanley J. Moroz, 87



DUDLEY – Stanley J. "Goose" Moroz, 87, died Friday, May 29, 2020 in UMass/ Memorial Healthcare after a period of declining health.

He leaves his wife of almost 63 years, Agnes C. "Aggie"

(Makowski) Moroz; a daughter, Karen A. Moroz and a sister, Helen Hession, all of Dudley nephews, nieces and cousins. His son, David J. Moroz, died in 1905

He was born in Dudley on September 25, 1932, a son of Stanley and Mary (Antos) Moroz and graduated from Bartlett High Trade School in 1950.

He was a United States Army veteran of the Korean War.

Mr. Moroz worked for 29 years at the former American Optical Company in Southbridge as a machine operator and then in the maintenance department, retiring in 1984.

He was a member of Saint Andrew Bobola Church. In his younger years, he played in local baseball leagues. "If everyone was like him, it would be a great world."

Funeral services will be private. Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster.

www.websterfunerals.com

Stanley K. Hicks 62



Stanley K. Hicks 62 went to be with the Lord Jesus on May 24, 2020. He passed unexpectedly at UMASS University. Born December 28,1957 to the late Raymond F. Hicks and Beatrice F. (Jacques) where he

was raised in Charlton He was a Bay Path Voke graduate class of 1977 He leaves his wife of 18 years Cynthia

J. (Heeps).
seven sons; Jonathan Osgood Sr.,

John Hamblin III, Nathan Rickett, Devyn Winters, Nicholas Paquin, Crispin Winters and Robert Farrington. He is survived by his grandchildren,

Jonathan Jr., Chloe, John IV, (bubba), Triton, Serenity, and Justice. Many neices and nephews and cousins. He was a retired Charlton Firefighter.

and was a truck driver, heavy equipment operator for many years before retiring from Larry's Landscape.

He was predeceased by his two broth-

ers, Raymond Jr. and Roger.

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A celebration at a later date.





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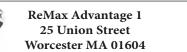
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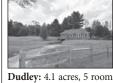
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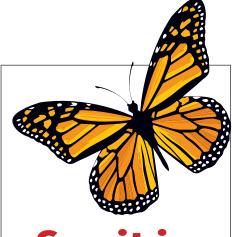


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