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Gus Steeves

Olivia Spratt and Barbara Van Reed stand on the museum's recreation of Webster's Main Street c. 1900.

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER – The old armory on Ray Street is a pretty non-descript but solid building most passing people wouldn't give a second look at. But inside, a whole era of Webster history is being born again, and Chris Robert hopes to formally unveil it by early summer.

Called the Samuel Slater Experience, it explores the life of its namesake and life of Webster around the turn of the last century. The stories are being told with technology and hands-on activities, with a goal being to immerse visitors in the sights, sounds, language and times of Slater and his impact on town.

For example, Robert and curator

Olivia Spratt are wrapping holograms and surround sound around the very much physical, roughly period exhibits. Don't be surprised to hear the sounds of the sea near the ship Slater took from Britain or the bobbins speedily weaving their textiles, see rats scurrying across the port of early Providence, or hear a working family talk about what it's like to live in a company town. Likewise, they're planning to give kids the chance to work an eight-party phone system, learn a little Morse Code, design their own textiles, print a newspaper, and other such things.

“I don't like museums that are boring. This'll be like going into a

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Dudley officials see results of compensation study

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – The town of Dudley has been working for some time to evaluate its pay structure in hopes of becoming a more fair and competitive employers in the crowded local market.

Back in February of 2020, a compensation survey and wage study went underway with Don Jacobs Associates leading the charge. The results were presented to selectmen on Feb. 8, where the board accepted the report. Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda explained that the compensation survey was conducted using funding from a grant and while other priorities curtailed the process selectmen were able to

see the results about a year later.

In a presentation to selectmen, Don Jacobs, representing the company that shares his name, revealed a graded system with six different pay grade levels based on the characteristics of each job. Grade 1 would be the lowest position while Grade 6 would be the highest level which is where the Town Administrator's position would be. A second document also provided a pay structure to coincide with each grade recommending changes to Dudley's most recent pay structure to coincide with the report's findings.

“If you're performing a function at what we consider a Grade 1 according to that characteristic chart we are right now

hiring around \$15.23 with a max in that level of \$17.14 per hour. Based on the market study that was conducted and based on characteristics instead of position titles we have that market equity pay band. The benchmark would be the middle of the pay band,” Ruda told selectmen. “Those are our starting points. Without assigning any changes in the pay of current employees or proposing a plan of bringing people up to an equitable marker rate, I think this is the appropriate place for us to start to move forward in proposing a plan for how we actually pay people.”

Before going before selectmen, the study and resulting documents

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Webster selectmen discuss budget, PD happenings

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER – Review of the budget dominated the most recent selectmen's meeting, with Town Administrator Doug Willardson saying “We're currently doing fairly well in fiscal 2021.”

One of the more notable concerns he has is how to fund handicapped-ramp upgrades for three streets undergoing waterline work this spring. If the town opts to pave only the trenches in which the lines are going, it doesn't need to do ADA upgrades, but it will if it opts to pave the entire roadway.

Willardson said the two options have a similar cost for paving alone, but the Americans with Disabilities Act requires ramp upgrades that would add about \$200,000. He noted the general fund doesn't “have a whole lot of money to pay for this,” and he applied for

an ADA grant but was recently rejected. It can sometimes also be funded with Community Development Block Grant money, but towns “have to apply for those years in advance.”

One option he's considering is using the water enterprise fund, on the grounds that the work would be necessary if the water lines weren't being replaced. But Selectman Earl Gabor, former Water-Sewer Commission chair, said he feels doing that is “beyond the scope of water and sewer enterprise.”

“We need to keep in mind, this is one project, three streets, but it'll be duplicated over and over again for the next decade,” Gabor observed. He noted the WSC is trying to let both funds accumulate to address long-term project needs, including a major upgrade to the sewer plant.

Chair Randy Becker said he thinks it “makes sense” to pave the whole street, but the board needs to understand how the cost “relates to the entire project.” He intends to put this issue on a future agenda to look at overall, and asked for more information on ADA repairs attached to similar projects.

Other budgetary points included unusually high postage costs for the November election, which Willardson hopes to get at least partly reimbursed by the state, three cruisers coming in about \$8000 more than expected, higher than usual harbor master costs because people spent more time on the lake as a safe space in Covid, and the usual snow and ice deficit. By contrast, he said he expects health insurance to end the year about

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A grand opening

BARTLETT'S BOUCHER SCORES 1,000TH CAREER POINT

By Ken Powers
Sports Correspondent
WEBSTER — Taking care of business. That's what Bartlett High's Brandon Boucher did on Wednesday, Feb. 10 in the Indians' 71-53 home win over Uxbridge High.

Boucher, a five-foot, 10-inch senior guard, just a dozen points away from scoring the 1,000th point of his high school career, scored Bartlett's first 13 points, all in the first quarter.

“I came out firing,” Boucher said with a laugh.

He reached, and surpassed, the milestone late in the first quarter on a basket he's made a lot during his career.

“The basket came off an out-of-bounds play. I got the ball near the left corner and one of my teammates screened my defender,” the 18-year-old explained. “I got around the screen, got the ball,

took one dribble and then took a mid-range, pull-up jumper.”

Boucher said he knew before he elevated that if the shot went in, career points 999 and 1,000 would be going through the net with it.

“It felt good when it left my hand and it looked good going through the air to the basket,” Boucher said. “When the ball was about halfway there, I said to myself, ‘that's it.’”

Boucher is the 16th boys' basketball player in Bartlett history to score 1,000 points, and the second in as many years. Logan Paranto surpassed the milestone last season.

“Brandon really did come out and take care of business,” Bartlett head coach Tony Paranto said. “With the help of his teammates, who did a nice job looking for him, he was able to get out from under the pressure

of trying to finish off that quest of scoring 1,000 points. Knowing Brandon, I know getting the win, on top of scoring his 1,000th point, was the icing on the cake that night.”

Paranto, who is also Bartlett's athletic director, said that 10 members of Boucher's family were able to get in the gym to witness the historic moment.

“After the game one of our Selectwomen, Lisa Kontoes, managed to get between 50 and 75 town residents out to the school parking lot where she had arranged a small ceremony,” Paranto said. “After the ceremony, the police and the fire departments in town were gracious enough to have a parade for Brandon. It just gave him another way to remember the night, seeing how he couldn't have everyone in the gymnasium with

him.”

Boucher, who also plays soccer and baseball for the Indians, said he was happy just to have a chance to finish his career pursuing the 1,000-point plateau.

“It's been a crazy year. I didn't even think I was going have a season and that really affected me for a while,” said Boucher, who led the team in points (142), rebounds (64), assists (42) and steals (29). “And then to find out I was going to have a senior season; I was happy about that. Even though it was only eight games, it was worth it.”

While Boucher is a pure shooter and gifted scorer, he likes to make a crisp pass that leads to a basket for a teammate just as much, and maybe more, than scoring himself.

“I would really rather

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Photos courtesy Lisa Kontoes


Bartlett's Brandon Boucher begins to pull up and take what turned out to be the 1,000th point of his high school basketball playing career.

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When can children brush their own teeth?

Parents quickly learn that their children go through a transition marked by a desire to be more independent. They're picking out their own mismatched clothes and no longer want any help when solving puzzles or complex toys. That newfound independence signals getting older and can be a healthy thing to nourish. But what happens when a youngster suddenly believes he or she is capable of brushing his or her teeth without assistance?


Parents wrestling with their kids' can-do attitude and if it's wise to allow them to brush their teeth unassisted can familiarize themselves with certain guidelines to determine their youngsters' readiness. According to Scripps Pediatric Dentistry & Orthodontics, most kids are at least six years old before they have developed the finesse and dexterity to handle a toothbrush in a manner that will effectively remove plaque. Dentists also may ask if the child can tie his or her own shoes, which can serve as a barometer of readiness to wield a toothbrush without assistance.

Pediatricians and pediatric dentists recommend that children visit a dentist as soon as a child's first tooth starts to appear. This also is when parents should begin to clean their children's teeth. As a child ages, the natural proclivity to want to take charge of brushing teeth takes hold. The child may not yet have the manual dexterity to brush alone, but parents can encourage the child to brush and then go over the teeth as a "double check." This helps foster independence while also ensuring teeth are fully cleaned.

Flossing may require even more dexterity than brushing, but it is essential for sloughing off plaque that accumulates between teeth and below the gum line, according to Parents magazine. Moms and dads can introduce their children to pre-threaded Y-shaped flossing tools, which are easier to handle than loose floss.

Parents will have to check on children even as they age to be sure they are practicing good oral hygiene. Parents who are in doubt about their children's readiness can work with dentists or dental hygienists to assess skills and get other pointers.

Dental hygiene is about more than just your teeth



Individuals tend to learn about dental hygiene at an early age. On the recommendation of their children's pediatricians, parents may begin brushing their youngsters' teeth the moment the first tooth breaks through the gums. While proper dental hygiene is vital to oral health, it also can have a profound effect on the rest of the body.

According to the Mayo Clinic, poor oral health might contribute to various diseases and conditions. Periodontitis is a severe yet preventable gum infection that can lead to tooth loss if left untreated. But the threat of periodontitis doesn't end in the mouth. The American Academy of Periodontology notes there's a connection between periodontitis and several other diseases. While bacteria was long suspected to be the link between periodontitis and other diseases in the body, the AAP notes that recent research points to inflammation as the culprit that connects periodontitis with diseases such as diabetes and heart disease.

DIABETES

The AAP notes that people with diabetes are at increased risk for periodontal disease, speculating that diabetes patients' risk is higher because people with diabetes are more vulnerable to infections than those without diabetes. While that suggests periodontal disease is a byproduct of diabetes, the AAP notes that research points to the relationship being a two-way street. Periodontal disease may make it more difficult for people with diabetes to control their blood sugar, making dental hygiene an especially vital component of routine healthcare for people with diabetes.

HEART DISEASE

The AAP notes that research indicates periodontal disease increases a person's risk for heart disease, with the inflammation caused by the former leading to the latter. People with existing heart conditions also may find that periodontal disease exacerbates those conditions. The Mayo Clinic notes that the link between heart disease and periodontal disease is not fully understood, but enough studies have been conducted for scientists to support the notion that the two are connected.

CAN PERIODONTAL DISEASE BE PREVENTED?

Periodontal disease is preventable. A daily dental hygiene regimen that includes brushing after meals, flossing at least once per day and swishing with mouthwash are some simple, healthy habits that can prevent periodontal disease. In addition, the AAP recommends that people at increased risk for periodontal disease, including the elderly and smokers, should discuss their risk with their dental professionals.

Dental hygiene can do more for individuals than produce a mouthful of pearly white teeth. In fact, people who prioritize dental hygiene may lower their risks for various diseases.

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St. Joseph students deliver Spanish Mass



St. Joseph School Sixth Grade student, Gabriela Pianka, reads the Prayer of the Faithful during a special Mass spoken entirely in Spanish. Rev. Angel Matos from St. Francis of Assisi Parish (Fitchburg, MA) looks on in the background.

WEBSTER — Many weeks and, in some cases, years of studying the Spanish language culminated on Wednesday, Feb. 10, when St. Joseph School fifth through eighth grade students gathered in the Basilica for a very special Mass.

Led by Spanish Instructor Verena Berthiaume, the students had the opportunity to participate in a Mass spoken entirely in Spanish. The school began this tradition last year as part of their Migration Mass and Catholic Schools Week celebration and was thrilled to continue the tradition this year despite the pandemic. The celebrant and homilist was Fr. Angel Matos from St. Francis of Assisi Parish (Fitchburg).

During the Mass, eighth grade students Alexandra Bergeron, and Dale Boudreau, proclaimed the Liturgy of the Word. Seventh grade student Hannah Watson and Eighth Grade students Dominik Gielarowiec and Dominic Lilley read the Responsorial Psalm. Sixth Grade students Leah Boudreau, Kaelyn Lechiara, Gabriela Pianka, and Gianna Rosario and Seventh Grade students Steve Mathu and Maeve Sullivan read the Prayer of the Faithful. Also, Seventh Grade students Connor Czechowski and Matthew Obrycki served on the altar. The Spanish language is part of the St. Joseph School curriculum, and we are excited that the students had this incredible opportunity to proclaim their faith in Spanish! A special thanks to cantor Connie Galli, who prepared the students’ favorite songs in Spanish, including Vine Adorarte (Here I am to Worship) and Mi Dios es Grande (My God is Greater). It was indeed a moving experience for all the students and teachers in attendance!

If you wish to view the St. Joseph School 2021 Spanish Mass, please visit the school’s official Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/stjosephwebster>. To learn more about the St. Joseph School experience, please go to [sjs-webster.com](https://www.sjs-webster.com) for a glimpse inside classrooms or call 508-943-0378 to schedule an afternoon, evening, or weekend tour.

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Kindergarten registration opens March 1 in Oxford

OXFORD — The Oxford Public Schools are pleased to announce Kindergarten registration for the 2021-2022 school year.

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This year, registration will occur between March 1 and April 30. If your child will be attending a private Kindergarten, or you have chosen not to register your child at this time, please call the school to let us know. The registration process begins

online. For all information needed, please go to the Oxford Public Schools website (www.oxps.org) and find the New Student Registration web page on the Parent Links dropdown in the top navigation panel.

Additionally, the Oxford Public Schools will be hosting a virtual Kindergarten Meet & Greet on Thursday, Feb. 25 at 5 p.m., where families will be introduced to the A.M. Chaffee Elementary School principal, Kindergarten teachers, and the district’s Registrar. Please view the Kindergarten Web page (also found on the Parent Links dropdown) for virtual meeting information.

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Worcester Polytechnic Institute announces Dean’s List

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Second hearing held on Jericho and Brandon Road study

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – On Feb. 8, the Dudley Board of Selectmen hosted the second of two public hearings concerning a gran-funded infrastructure study concerning the Jericho and Brandon Road areas of town. The study, funded through a Community Development Block Grant, seeks to direct selectmen in making need-ed improvements to both roadways in the years to come and was conducted throughout 2020 by Tight and Bond and the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission.

Andrew Loew, who represented the CMRPC, told selectmen than the plan identified existing infrastruc-ture in need of upgrades or replacement along the two roadways which are among Dudley’s oldest sections of town.

“These areas were mostly built from the late 1800s into the 1950s and have some of the oldest water, sewer storm water drainage, road and sidewalk infra-structure in Dudley. While it’s generally functional and safe these utilities are showing their age and will require improvements going forward,” Loew said.

The study is meant to be a “roadmap” for the town to prioritize projects on the coming years and will serve as a guide to help the town leverage state and federal grant opportunities to minimize local funding needs. Matt Zorek of Tighe and Bond said the company also approached the study keeping that goal in mind.

“We looked at projects already in the works and then we looked at potential funding sources and we kind of had all of that stuff in mind to determine what are the priority project,” Zorek said. “Obviously, you can’t fix everything in town, so we’re trying to high-light, and we had a separate meeting with the town

to try to figure out what are the priority projects and we ended up coming up with eight projects and give specific areas.”

The study exposed issues with water lines and sidewalks as well as sewer infrastructure and other items. It also laid out specific priority projects and their potential price tags. Acting Dudley Town Planner Bill Scanlon called the study a good starting point.

“I think what it shows is there’s a lot of bad news here in this report in terms of the town’s infrastruc-ture in these neighborhoods. I think there’s a lot of ticking time bombs here,” said Scanlon. “I would hope that we could use this study as a way to start talking about an infrastructure funding program of some sort. I don’t know what that would look like but there’s got to be a way to start tackling some of these issues that if we don’t take a proactive approach it’s going to come back and cause some significant problems later on.”

Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda also called the study a “stepping off point” to guide the town toward helping improve an often overlooked and neglected section of town in need of some major upgrades.

“This is getting closer to a shovel ready project that we can request additional CDBG type grants to make these repairs,” said Ruda. “Without knowing what our priorities were or knowing that the conditions of the roadways were or the infrastructure we couldn’t move further so the whole strategy behind this step is to move on to the next step which is to seek construc-tion funding through grants.”

The full Jericho-Brandon Road study presentation from the February meeting is available on the Town of Dudley Web site for public viewing.

DUDLEY POLICE LOG

DUDLEY — The Dudley Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of Feb. 5-12.

Erin Hammond, age 31, of Putnam, Conn. was arrested on Feb. 6 in connection with multiple out of agency warrants.

Michael Phillip Blake, age 19, of Worcester was arrested on Feb. 10 for Breaking & Entering (a misdemeanor), Trespassing, Vandalization of Property, and in con-nection with multiple out of agency warrants.

Webster poet to take part in online festival

NORTHFIELD — Online Feb. 27 at 11 a.m., Rich Holschuh, spokesman for the Elnu Abenaki, a Vermont State-recognized tribe, will open the Northfield Authors and Artists Festival: Honoring Nature.

Squakeag/Northfield is within the traditional Sokoki Abenaki homelands, and the festival opens with a grounding as to where we physically would be if we weren’t in cyberspace. Just afterwards, the first talk will be given by Sherri Mitchell of the Penobscot Indian Nation, followed by Christian McEwen, a west-ern Massachusetts resident originally from Scotland; Scott Russell Sanders from the midwestern US; Gay Bradshaw from the west coast; and Patrick Curry originally from Canada, now resident of London in the UK. The poets too bring a diversity of voices from Pakistan, Israel, Taiwan, the Passamaquoddy Nation, and the US. And that’s just Day 1 of the two-day free Authors and Artists Festival. Day 2 includes Deb Habib from Seeds of Solidarity Farm; Joan Maloof of the Old Growth Forest Network; Susan Cerulean Florida bird expert; and Simon Wilson speaking on religion and the ecological crisis from Canterbury Christ Church University in southeastern England.

The speakers from both days are equally diverse in how they participate in Honoring Nature. From the practical work of protecting old growth forests; maintaining animal sanctuaries; and growing organic food with no-till meth-ods; to the equally hard work of imag-ining a more respectful and sustainable way for humans to interact with the rest of Nature, the authors tell their stories and inspire others.

Lis McLoughlin, one of the festival organizers, says “We are grateful to have the involvement of so many peo-ple from around the world who Honor Nature in their own unique ways. Because so much of what we do is hard work, it is especially gratifying to have the chance to celebrate Nature, and our collaborations, in the festival. “

This year there is an additional rea-son to party: a book produced from authors and artists who participated in the festival’s first two years. The anthology “Honoring Nature,” pub-



lished by Human Error Publishing (Paul Richmond) contains work from 40 authors and artists and is available to buy separately or with a book launch ticket. The launch will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 27, and the cost of \$5 is to help fund a free book for each of the 40 contributors to the volume. Purchase a book and/or launch tick-et at: <https://ko-fi.com/lismcloughlin/shop>.

The online Authors and Artists Festival: Honoring Nature, Feb. 27-28, is free and includes two online art shows with work from children and adults. Sign up at www.authorsandartistsfestival.wordpress.com

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Big tech firm

4. Picked

10. Type of whale

11. A woman of refinement

12. New England state

14. Common gibbon

15. Tall coniferous tree

16. State capital

18. Making a liquid muddy

22. Vinegary

23. Peninsula

24. Thee

26. Atomic #55

27. Used in units of measurement

28. Welsh female name

30. Arab ruler title

31. One’s mother

34. Trap

36. Soviet Socialist Republic
37. Assn. of oil-producing countries

39. Holy fire

40. Emit coherent radiation

41. Atomic #81

42. Orthodox Jewish college

48. Herbs

50. Ran after

51. Begin again

52. Named

53. Barbary sheep

54. Unwell

55. Postscript

56. Drivers

58. One point east (clockwise) of due north

59. Prim

60. A facility equipped for sports or physical training

CLUES DOWN

1. Small islands

2. Skullcap

3. Unexplained events

4. One hundredth of a meter

5. Beloved baseball announcer

6. Repulsive

7. Northern European languages

8. Match or surpass

9. Northeast

12. Chew the fat

13. Innovative industry

17. Land to put down to grass

19. Products

20. Nostril

21. Surprise Icelandic politician

25. Conclusive acts
29. Inform on

31. Grinding tooth

32. Keep up

33. Tablelands

35. Raising

38. Mythical creature

41. Hums

43. Mountain in Antarctica

44. Neighborhood in Manhattan

45. Distinctive practice

46. Vice president

47. Contributes to

49. Small bones

56. Oil company

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	Saturday 2/27/21	Sunday 2/28/21
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2:00-3:00pm	Scott Russell Sanders: <i>The Way of Imagination</i>	Susan Cerulean: <i>I Have Been Assigned the Single Bird</i>
3:00-4:00pm	Gay Bradshaw: <i>Talking with Bears</i>	Simon Wilson: Religion and the Ecological Crisis
4:00-5:00pm	Patrick Curry: <i>Enchantment</i>	Poetry

Dudley resident Katherine Deyette completes intensive research project

WORCESTER — Katherine Deyette, a member of the class of '21 majoring in Computer Science at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), was a member of a student team that recently completed an intense research project titled Analyzing Migration Trends through Credit Card/Foot Traffic with WPI FinTech (MQP).

At WPI, all undergraduates are required to complete a research-driven, professional-level project that applies science and technology to addresses an important societal need or issue. Nearly 90 percent of students typically complete a project in collaboration with partners in communities across the country and around the world, through the university's 50-plus project centers.

Students usually travel to the project center for seven-week terms; this fall, however, due to the global coronavirus pandemic, they worked remotely, using video conferencing and other technology to complete their projects. A signature element of the innovative undergraduate experience at WPI, the project-based curriculum offers students the opportunity to apply their scientific and technical knowledge to develop thoughtful solutions to real problems that affect the quality of people's lives and make a difference before they graduate.

"The WPI project-based curriculum's focus on global studies brings students out of their comfort zones to apply their knowledge to solve real problems for people in communities around the globe," said Professor Kent Rissmiller, interim dean of the WPI Interdisciplinary and Global Studies Division. "Students have the opportunity to learn about a different culture, from the way people live and work to the values they hold to the foods they eat - all valuable perspectives for surviving and thriving in today's global marketplace. They also learn the meaning and magic of teamwork; make a real and meaningful difference; and gain a competitive edge for any resume, or graduate or professional school application."

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DWC'S JANUARY GIVING PROJECT A HUGE SUCCESS

At the Dudley Woman Club's Zoomed January meeting, for our giving project "Walk-in Their Soles," we collected 871 pairs of socks for an estimated value of \$900. These were collected thruout January and donated to the folks under the care of the Webster-Dudley Food Share and the Dudley Veteran's Agent. The photos were taken at Empire Travel, West Main St., Dudley where the socks were dropped off. The DWC would like to publicly thank member Mary Anne Fontaine for offering her business as that drop off location!

DWC hosting February Sunshine Basket Raffle



DUDLEY — Tickets are now on sale for the Dudley Womans Club February Sunshine Basket Raffle - check it out online! This Basket Raffle is part of the Dudley Woman's Club's ongoing effort to creatively raise money to support our annual scholarship program and many charitable undertakings during the absence of our usual fundraisers due to COVID.

Tickets are \$1 each, with a minimum purchase of \$10 when purchasing online. You may also buy tickets from one of our February meeting Captains (contact Nancy at 508-943-4850 to arrange that, or for assistance with your online purchase).

Tickets will be sold through 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, with the drawing at 7 p.m. that day. The winner will be announced on the Dudley Womans Club Facebook page and also notified by phone. This Sunshine basket includes a sunflower table runner, four decorative sunflower plates, a sunflower candle, wafer cookies, a hand-painted sunflower wine glass, and a bottle of wine. Not pictured but included is a framed photograph of the club's iconic sunflower. Please feel free to share this link with your friends and family and BUY your tickets here:

<https://www.dudleywomansclub.org/sunshinebasketraffle>. Good luck, and thanks in advance for your support! P.S.: Watch for future monthly raffle announcements!



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Lenten Recipes Clone Restaurant Favorites

As we gear up for meatless meals, whether due to Lent, which begins this week, or simply a desire to cut down on meat, preparing creative new dishes can pose a challenge. So why not take the cue from some popular restaurant dishes? This week's column will feature a few delicious restaurant "clones" sure to have your family praising your culinary talents.

The following are easy recipes that require nominal effort. Best of all these dishes boast the same tastes as the eateries that inspired these yummy copycats.

Outback Steakhouse Coconut Shrimp

Crisp coconut shrimp dipped in a sweet and savory sauce is a favorite dish at the Outback. Thanks to this easy clone recipe, you can bring the taste to your dining room table.

Ingredients: 1 (16 ounce) bag large frozen cooked shrimp; 1/2 cup flour; 1/2 cup cornstarch; 1/2 Tablespoon salt; 1/2 Tablespoon white pepper; 1 cup cold water; 2 Tablespoons vegetable oil; 2 cups vegetable oil (for frying); 3 cups sweetened shredded coconut

Marmalade Dipping Sauce
Ingredients: 1 cup orange marmalade; 1/8 cup Dijon mustard; 1/3 cup honey; 1 teaspoon hot sauce

Directions: Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.

Rinse off thawed shrimp and pat dry, set aside. In a medium mixing bowl combine flour, cornstarch, salt, and white pepper. Then add in water and 2 Tablespoons vegetable oil. Whisk together until well blended. Set aside. Heat 2-3 inches oil in a large pot until oil reaches 325 degrees F. Place coconut on a small cookie sheet or pan. Dip each shrimp in the batter and then roll in the shredded coconut. Fry shrimp in hot oil just until they start to turn golden brown. Place fried shrimp on a large cookie sheet

and bake in preheated oven 5 minutes to finish cooking. While shrimp is baking, make the Marmalade Dipping Sauce by combining the orange marmalade, Dijon mustard, honey, and hot sauce in a bowl. Serve shrimp with the marmalade dipping sauce.

Source: Six Sisters Stuff

Olive Garden Alfredo Fettuccine Clone

This is one of my favorite recipes and has appeared previously in this column. But be forewarned, it is rich. So rich in fact, that the first time I prepared it over a decade ago, my husband accused me of trying to "do him in!" But he ate it anyway, and with great gusto, I might add! The original recipe does not call for shrimp, but it tastes great and makes for a perfect Lenten supper.

Ingredients: 8 ounces cream cheese, cut in bits ; 3/4 cup Parmesan cheese , grated; 1/2 cup butter; 1/2 cup milk; 8 ounces fettuccine; cooked and drained; 1/2 pound of fresh medium shrimp, peeled and cooked (optional).

Directions: In large saucepan combine cream cheese, Parmesan, butter and milk, stirring constantly on low to medium heat until smooth. Remove from heat and add shrimp if desired. Toss pasta lightly with sauce, coating well. Leftovers freeze well.

Source: Gloria Pitzer's Secret Recipes

Applebee's Faux Baked French Onion Soup

This hearty yet elegant soup presents well, and it's easy enough for an everyday dinner.

Ingredients: 3 tablespoons vegetable oil; 6 medium white

onions, sliced; 8 cups beef broth (Swanson is best); 1 cup water; 2 1/2 teaspoons salt; 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder; 1/4 ground black pepper; 5 plain hamburger buns; 10 slices provolone cheese; 10 teaspoons shredded Parmesan cheese.

Directions: Add 3 tablespoons oil to a large soup pot or saucepan over medium/high heat. Add the sliced onions and sauté for 20 minutes until the onions begin to soften and start to become translucent. Do not brown. Add the beef broth, water, salt, garlic powder and black pepper to the pan and bring mixture to a boil. When soup begins to boil, reduce heat and simmer for 45 minutes.

To make the croutons cut off the top half of each top of the hamburger bun so that the bread is the same thickness as the bottom half of each bun. Throw the tops away. Now you should have 10 round pieces of bread, 5 bottom buns, and 5 top buns with the tops cut off. Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Place the bread in oven directly on the rack and bake for 15 to 20 minutes or until each piece is golden brown and crispy. Set these giant croutons aside until you need them.

When the soup is done, spoon about 1 cup into an oven-safe bowl. Float a crouton on top of the soup, then place a slice of provolone cheese on top of the crouton. Sprinkle 1/2 teaspoon of shredded Parmesan cheese over the provolone.

Place the bowl into your oven set to high broil. Broil the soup for 5 to 6 minutes or until the cheese is melted and starting to brown (you may need to broil longer if you are making more than one bowl at a time). Sprinkle an additional 1/2 teaspoon of shredded Parmesan cheese over the top of the soup

TAKE THE HINT

KAREN TRAINOR



and serve.
Makes 10 servings

Flashback: The Soup Nazi's Crab Bisque Copycat

Who can forget the famous Soup Nazi Seinfeld episode? With this flashback copycat recipe, you can once again enjoy the famous crab soup taste, without the long trip to the city - or the strict rules!

Ingredients: 4 pounds snow crab clusters (legs); 4 quarts water (16 cups); 1 small onion, chopped; 1 1/2 stalks celery, chopped; 2 cloves garlic, quartered; 2 potatoes, peeled and chopped; 1/4 cup fresh chopped Italian parsley; 2 teaspoons mustard seed; 1 tablespoon chopped pimento; 1/2 teaspoon coarse ground pepper; 2 bay leaves; 1/3 cup tomato sauce; 2 tablespoons half and half; 1/4 cup unsalted butter; 1/4 teaspoon thyme; 1/8 teaspoon basil; 1/8 teaspoon marjoram

Directions: Remove all the crab meat from the shells and set it aside. Put half of the shells into a large pot with 4 quarts of water over high heat. Add onion 1 stalk of chopped celery, and garlic, then bring mixture to a boil. Continue to boil for 1 hour, stirring occasionally (The white part of the shells will start to become transparent), then strain stock. Discard the shells, onion, celery and garlic, keeping only the stock.

Measure 3 quarts (12 cups) of the stock into a large sauce pan or cooking pot. If you don't have enough stock, add enough water to make 3 quarts.

Add potatoes, bring mixture to a boil, then add 1/2 of the crab and the remaining ingredients to the pot and bring it back to boiling. Reduce heat and simmer for 4 hours, uncovered until it reduces by about half and starts to thicken. Add the remaining crab and simmer for another hour until the soup is very thick. Makes 4-6 servings.

Win Dinner for Two

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

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

Michael Blake was arrested for breaking and entering into the Stevens Mill

WORCESTER TEEN
ARRESTED FOR BREAKING
INTO STEVENS MILL

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – Dudley police have released details on a breaking and entering arrest at the historic Stevens Linen Mill on Mill Street.

On Wednesday, Feb. 10, Dudley Police responded to the Stevens Mill at around 3:49 p.m. after receiving a report of a breaking and entering in progress. Officers arrived on scene to find a male suspect standing in the third-floor window of the building which is currently vacant and the subject of a renovation project.

Police identified the suspect as 19-year-old Michael Blake of Worcester who fled into the building away from the window upon the arrival of officers. Webster Police officers and a K-9 unit were brought in to assist in locating Blake who was apprehended by a Webster officer after trying to exit a first-floor window of the building. He was taken into custody without incident.

After being taken into custody, Blake was found to have two active warrants out for his arrest. Blake was charged with breaking and entering, trespassing and vandalizing property. He was released on \$200 cash bail and scheduled for arraignment at the Dudley District Court.

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Friday's Child



Tatiana
Age 12

Hi! My name is Tatiana and I want to try gymnastics!

Tatiana is a funny and lovable girl of Hispanic descent. She loves playing with dolls, coloring and riding her bike outside. One day she hopes to join a gymnastics team.

Tatiana receives extra supports in school to help address her academic, intellectual and social/emotional needs. Tatiana particularly struggles with relating to her peers and often presents as a much younger child. She is on the Autism Spectrum.

Not yet legally freed for adoption, Tatiana will benefit from joining a loving family of any constellation who can provide her with stability, structure and a dependable routine. She will do best as an only child or with older siblings. An ideal family will be comfortable navigating the mental health and educational systems, and be able

to act as a strong advocate for Tatiana. A family should also be open to helping Tatiana maintain a relationship with her four siblings and birth parents, who she currently visits with monthly.

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

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Lost time is never found again

Lately, we’ve been hearing an awful lot of chirping about how people are too busy. Too busy to catch up with extended family; too busy to grab a workout; too busy to read a book; too busy to do the things we forgot we enjoyed doing. The largest contributor to the lack of free time boils down to time spent at work. Many people in today’s world have two or three jobs to make ends meet. Sometimes, however, we need to make some cuts in our lives to give ourselves something more valuable than money, time. Time is a treasure.

For one, you can’t make more time. Ways to earn money will always be at your fingertips however there is never a way to create more time. There is not a spell book that has the answer to creating more hours in a day or a way to give you more years on Earth. Time is finite, something we all can stand to remember.

Take a moment to think about the fact that you can do more with time off than with a day’s pay. While we all can earn a different amount of money during a shift at work, a day off is the same to all of us. During a day off, you can choose to do what you want with it. Catch up on chores, hike a mountain, catch a movie, enjoy a nice lunch or pick up your dusty guitar and remember how to play the C chord.

Memories hold more stock in our lives, than money. When we think back on our past experiences that brought us fond memories, how many of those were because of money and how many were because of another person? Travel of course costs money, or the purchase of a fancy boat, however it is the simple moments that are always the ones that count.

At the end of a person’s life, you will never hear them say they wished they had more money, however you will hear them say they wished they had more time. A good question to ask yourself if you had a short time to live, ‘would you like \$5 million dollars or ten more years to live?’ The answer is obvious.

A survey of roughly 5,000 people was conducted to back up the fact that most people prefer time over money. Most people opted to take a position with less hours and less money over long hours with a high salary. Young people, who have more time ahead of them, did choose to make more money, however this proves the point that if you have less time, you value it more.

Money changes in value every day; time does not. Think about the price tag you would place on a three-hour beach day with good friends. In the time of a pandemic these moments become even more important.

Time brings us awareness and clarity and gives us a chance to figure out the person we want to be or already are. These things cannot be bought. Sure we need money to live, however time is what puts life, into our lives. Often we need to get creative about how we can give ourselves more time. We must always remember to protect and prioritize our time.

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Tom Brady and what we do with our talents

Imagine, Tom Brady. Forty-three years old and winning another Super Bowl. He’s the oldest player in the NFL outside of a kicker, and at 43 years old, he’s still one of the best quarterbacks winning an unprecedented seventh Super Bowl! In the sports world, this is simply unbelievable.

Every professional athlete, whether in the NFL or NBA or any other sport, has incredible talent. Yet, there are many other athletes that may have just as much or even more talent than someone like Brady, yet they never make it into the professional leagues. Why? What does it take to become a professional athlete? Surely at that level you need God-given talent as well as certain opportunities! Yet what makes the athlete a professional is precisely what they do with their talent. How do they develop their talent? How do they fulfill the potential they were given?

Many of us here in New England know the story of Tom Brady and how he was chosen the 199th person in the 2000 draft. Imagine being picked in the sixth round, with teams choosing six other quarterbacks before New England drafted Brady! All the teams in the NFL thought that other quarterbacks had more talent and would become better quarterbacks, yet 20 years later Brady’s still playing in the NFL as one of the most feared quarterbacks who wins his seventh Super Bowl!

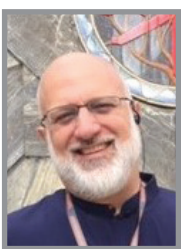
I highlight Brady not simply because he won the Super Bowl again but because he offers an extremely relevant example which sheds light on Jesus’ Parable of the Talents. God gave Brady certain talent. He is not the most talented athlete ever in the NFL but he will go down as the greatest quarterback of all time. Why? Because he took the talent God gave him, he took the opportunities that God offered him, and made the most of them from an athletic perspective.

In a much broader sense, this is what God wants to see in each of us. God gives each person special talents, gifts, and opportunities. We don’t need to compare ourselves to anyone else because each of us have our own unique life. God has given us our particular family, our upbringing, our opportunities, our education and intellect, our charismatic spirit, our seeds of faith, our second chances, and our entire beautiful life.

The fundamental questions, however, that Jesus raise in the Parable of the Talents is “What are we doing with all that God has given us? How are we using these gifts and opportunities to fulfill our God-given potential? Or are we lazily squandering all that God has given us?”

Let me recap this Gospel story. Jesus tells a story about a king who entrusts to his three servants a responsibility. To each one he entrusts his property, giving a different amount of talents. In antiquity, talents equated to a weight of money. To the first servant he gives five talents, to another three, and to the third one talent, each according to their ability. Then, the king leaves his servants for a period of time, waiting to see what they will do with their talents. Eventually he returns and asks each servant to give an accounting of their balance. What did they do with the talents they received? How did they increase them? Did they fulfill the potential their Master saw in them? And to those who used their gift wisely, even more would be given to them.

The first servant responded that he received five talents and increased his talents by five. The second received two and increased his talents by two. One servant, however, lazily did nothing with the talent he received. He returned it back to his Master just as he received it, yet with plenty of



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excuses accusing the Master that it was his fault he did nothing. He could have complained that he only had one talent compared to the five the other servant got. In the end, he did nothing with what the Master gave him!

Think about this! Can we reflect on this story and use it to evaluate our own lives? God has blessed each one of us in our own different ways. Remember, God does not give every person the same gifts as someone else, nor does he expect the same results. God gives to each one of us our own unique ability, potential, and opportunity. He then expects us to fulfill our own potential, not someone else’s, and to use the gifts He has given us in a way that will glorify His Name. Keep this in mind. God does not compare us to someone else and see whether we have done as much as they have done. One day, we will stand before God and He will simply reveal to us our lives and show us what we have done with what He gave us!

Thus, here lies the question with which we need to wrestle. As followers of Jesus Christ, we believe that our life, and all that we have, is not our own but a loan entrusted to us by God. He has given us the gift of life, along with every blessing that we possess. He has given us our health, our faith, our families, our intelligence, our physical abilities, as well as each experience in life. These are the “talents” He has entrusted to us. One day, however, he will call us to account and ask, “What have you done with what I have given you? How have you used my blessings wisely? Have you used them mainly for your own benefit or for the sake of others? How have you lived out the great commandment, the divine calling of loving God and loving our neighbor with all that I have given you?”

We must constantly remember that we are but stewards of all we have, not the owners of our gifts and talents. A steward lives for their Master and strives to please the Master. An owner thinks all they have is their own to use however they want. How we perceive our relationship to God and the talent and blessings He’s given us will guide us in what we do with all we have.

In the end, when we encounter Christ, we will have an opportunity to share our story and to show how we have used God’s gifts and blessings for the glory of His Name. For the servant who has acted as a faithful and good steward with all they have, our Lord will welcome them to “enter into the joy of your Master.” God has given us divine potential and wants only what is good for us. He longs for us to enter into His joy and happiness. Yet this happens only when we understand life from His perspective and properly relate to our potential and all our blessings.

God has entrusted to each of us unique blessings. He reminds us that we are but stewards. He waits to see what we will do with our blessings, how we will increase them, and how we will glorify His name through our lives.

We all marveled at 43 year old Tom Brady, the 199th person drafted in the 6th round, winning another Super Bowl. He is not the most talented quarterback in the history of the NFL but he is one who has lived up to his God-given potential as an athlete. And his athletic accomplishments and example can guide us to reflect on our own divine potential and blessings and inspire us to act as good and faithful stewards with all that God has given us, increasing our talents and fulfilling our potential all for the glory of God’s Name.

Don’t get taken in by tax scams



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It is tax season. Due to a variety of “scams” today, people can unwittingly become a victim of a larceny or identity theft. During the pandemic, many people have been victims of false unemployment claims. When it comes to tax filings, the IRS tries to provide warnings to citizens. I wanted to remind the readers of this column of some precautions to take during tax time.

According to the Internal Revenue Service, victims have been called, or notified electronically, and told they owe money to the IRS. Generally, victims are informed they must pay promptly, for example through a pre-loaded debit card or wire transfer. If the victim refuses to cooperate, they are then threatened with arrest, deportation or suspension of a business or driver’s license. In many cases, the caller becomes hostile and insulting. These scams have occurred in nearly every state in the country. The IRS warns of the following:

Scammers may use fake names and IRS badge numbers. They generally use common names and surnames to identify themselves. Scammers may be able to recite the last four digits of a victim’s Social Security Number. They can spoof the IRS toll-free number on caller ID to make it appear that it is the IRS calling. The same is true for other scams where Local Town Hall or even Police Department numbers can be listed on the caller ID. Scammers sometimes send bogus IRS emails to some victims to support their calls. Victims hear background noise of other calls being conducted to mimic a call site. After threatening victims with jail time or driver’s license revocation, scammers hang up and others soon call back pretending to be from the local police or DMV, and the caller ID supports their claim.

The IRS provides the following recommendations: If you know you owe taxes or think you might owe taxes, call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040. The IRS employees at that line can help you with a payment issue – if one really exists. If you know you don’t owe taxes or have no reason to think that you owe any taxes (for example, you’ve never received a notice or the caller made some bogus threats as described above), then call and report the incident to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 1-800-366-4484. If you have been targeted by this scam, you should report this to phishing@irs.gov. You can also contact the Federal Trade Commission and use their “FTC Complaint Assistant” at [FTC.gov](https://www.ftc.gov). Please add “IRS Telephone Scam” to the comments of your complaint. More information can also be found at <https://www.irs.gov/irs-scams>.

IRS reminds everyone they do not initiate contact with taxpayers by email, text messages or social media channels to request personal or financial information. Additionally, the IRS does not threaten taxpayers with lawsuits, imprisonment, or other enforcement actions. Being able to recognize these tell-tale signs of a tax scam could save you from becoming a victim. You can always contact your bank, tax professional, the police, or other organizations before you conduct any transactions. If everything is legitimate, there should be time to research any request or demand. Some simple steps can allow you to make informed decisions and avoid becoming a victim.

As the pandemic continues and cases rise, we ask everyone to stay safe and continue to take the necessary precautions to protect yourselves. 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.

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What can investors learn from 2020?

Now that we're a few weeks removed from 2020, it's a good time to reflect on such a momentous year. We can think about developments in the social and political spheres, but we also learned – or perhaps re-learned – some valuable lessons about investing.

Here are four of them:

A long-term perspective is essential. Volatility in the financial markets is nothing new, but, even so, 2020 was one for the books. Of course, the COVID-19 outbreak was the driving force behind most of the wild price swings. Soon after the pandemic's effects were first felt, the S&P 500, a common index of U.S. large-cap stocks, fell 34 percent but gained 67 percent by the end of the year. Consequently, investors who stuck with their investment portfolios and kept their eyes on their long-term goals, rather than on shocking headlines, ended up doing well. And while 2020 was obviously an unusual year, the long-term approach will always be valuable to investors.

Investment opportunities are always available. The pandemic drove down the prices of many stocks – but it didn't necessarily harm the long-term fundamentals of these companies. In other words, they may still have had strong management, still produced desirable products and services, and

move in a different direction from stocks. So, during a period of volatility when stock prices are falling, such as we saw in the weeks after the pandemic hit in March, the presence of bonds in your portfolio can lessen the impact of the downturn and stabilize your overall returns. And this, in essence, is the value of maintaining a balanced and diversified portfolio. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification can't guarantee profits or prevent all losses.)

The market looks ahead. The pandemic-driven market plunge may have been stunning, but it made a kind of intrinsic sense – after

all, the sudden arrival of a pandemic that threatened lives, closed businesses and cost millions of jobs doesn't sound like a positive event for the financial markets. But the strong rally that followed the initial drop and continued into 2021 has surprised many people. After all, the pandemic's effects were felt throughout the rest of 2020, and are still being felt now, so why did stock prices rise? The answer is pretty straightforward: The financial markets always look ahead, not behind. And for a variety of reasons – including widespread vaccinations, anticipated economic stimulus measures from Congress and the Biden administration, and the Federal Reserve's

continued steps to keep interest rates low – the markets are anticipating much stronger economic growth, possibly starting in the second half of 2021.

All of us are probably glad to have 2020 behind us. Yet, the year taught us some investment lessons that we can put to work in 2021 – and beyond.

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An ice fishing update



This week's picture shows Adam with his nice largemouth bass he caught this past weekend. Another picture will follow along with this week's column.

Local ponds and lakes all have a substantial amount of ice on them, as of this past weekend, and if the weather forecast is correct, safe ice should last a couple of weeks, if not longer. That is not to say that fishermen and the general public should assume that every body of water has safe ice. Constantly checking ice thickness needs to be practiced. Snow covered ice is the most dangerous. Numerous near fatalities from people falling through the ice have been reported this year, with snowmobilers being at the top of the list in Maine & New Hampshire.

Numerous deer have fallen through unsafe ice in the past two weeks, and more are sure to lose their life in the coming weeks. I have spotted many ponds with deer tracks in the snow, as they navigate ice covered bodies of water. Local residents should not walk

their dogs alongside lakes ponds and rivers, unless they are on a leash. They can get into trouble real fast, as we have already observed dogs falling through thin ice on local news channels. It is also time to license your dogs in most area towns! They do require certification of a dog's rabies shots. Hopefully, a few veterinarian's will be holding rabies clinics next month in local towns.

This past weekend had a lot of ice fishermen enjoying the great outdoors, and there were many families out enjoying it also. This week's two pictures show a couple of anglers with their impressive largemouth bass. Many reports of bass, pickerel, perch, calico bass, and trout are being reported daily. Wallum Lake in Douglas has been giving up some nice trout, if you have the patience to wait for the bite, that can start fast and end fast, or not start at all. Anglers are reminded that Wallum Lake is an interstate body of water, & that it is governed by Rhode Island regulations. The lake closes to all fishing on Feb. 28, and will reopen on April 10!

Fishing for smelt in the state of Maine can be a lot of fun, and can provide some great eating, if you can catch them before March 31, in Aroostook County. The smelt are called the «French Fry» of the lake, and have local anglers fishing for them every year. They have elaborate bob houses to fish in, and often fish for the smelt at night. Placing a light near the hole draws the smelt to the hole, and they can be caught with a light jig rod similar to the jig sticks we use here. Be sure to check all regulations and dates for smelt fishing. Using nets is illegal. Back in the day, local anglers fished for smelt on Lake Quinsigamond in Shrewsbury. This writer spent many nights catching smelt near the boat ramp. Unfortunately, pollution and acid rain pretty much cleaned them out.

Numerous attempts to reintroduce smelt into Lake Quinsigamond and Wallum Lake were unsuccessful. Mass. Fish & Wildlife was netting thousands of smelt from the Quabbin Reservoir and stocking them in those two lakes, but they failed to spawn in some of the tributaries around both lakes. That was before the MDC poisoned the smelt at the Quabbin. Soon the state was placing egg screens at the tributaries of both lakes, but they also failed to work. In a last-ditch effort to get smelt back into Wallum Lake, Shoal Spawning alewives were placed in the lake to provide a forage fish for the trout. That was thirty or more years ago.

The Alewives reproduced for many years, and some still do keep a small population in the lake. Trout do not grow fast on insects, and need a good forage fish to get big fast. Attempts to get MFW to procure some of the brown trout fry from New York's Lake Ontario failed many years ago, would have now been reaping rewards. Anyone that has fished Lake Ontario for brown trout, know how fast they grow, and how big they get. With the loss of the federal brood trout program maybe the state can revisit the possibilities of receiving some brown trout from New York and stocking them at Wallum Lake!

At one time back in the day, the state was supposed to work with Rhode Island to make Wallum a trophy brown trout pond. Unfortunately, both states could not work together, and the communications were stopped. Catching four to 10-pound brown trout were common when the two states were actively supporting the program. The lake was also limed by a company called "Living Lakes" bringing in numerous tankers loaded with lime which was loaded onto a large boat & digitally spread over the



Another largemouth bass caught last weekend.

entire lake. It solved the problem of acidity at the lake for many years, right up to this day.

The Whitinsville Fish & Game club will sponsor a fishing derby at the club pond on Feb. 20, for club members and their family. The pond will receive another stocking of trout prior to the derby. A full breakfast will be served starting at 8 a.m. The club is also planning a Wild Game supper in March. It is a carry-out only meal. Call the club or check their web site for all particulars & tickets.

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club is planning a Clam Bake this Summer. It was one of the best attended events, the club held annually. There will be a limited number of tickets, so get them early. Lobster, clams, corn, chowder, and much more.

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Victoria Lindberg named to Fall 2020
Dean's List at Stonehill College

EASTON — Victoria Lindberg, of Dudley, a member of the Class of 2022, has been named to the Fall 2020 Dean's List at Stonehill College.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must have a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better and must have completed successfully all courses for which they were registered.

Stonehill is a Catholic college located near Boston on a beautiful 384-acre campus in Easton, Massachusetts. With a student-faculty ratio of 12:1, the College engages over 2,500 students in 80+ rigorous academic programs in the liberal arts, sciences, and pre-professional fields. The Stonehill community helps students to develop the knowledge, skills, and character to meet their professional goals and to live lives of purpose and integrity.

HARRISONBURG, Va. — Dudley resident, Paige Samia, has been named to the dean's list at James Madison University for the fall 2020 semester. Students who earn dean's list honors must carry at least 12 graded credit hours and earn a GPA of between 3.5 and 3.899. Samia is a intelligence analysis major.

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Dennis F. Giles, 73

PUTNAM, CT – Dennis F. Giles, 73, died Sunday, February 7, 2021, at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester after a long illness. He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Susan (Duquette) Giles of Putnam; his children, Nicole M. Deasy and her wife Taylor of Hanover, Kimberly A. Giles and her wife Jess of Dayville, CT, along with Jolyne Giles and her husband Steve, Paul Giles and his wife Barbara, and Peter Giles and his wife Rebecca, all from Connecticut. He also leaves his sisters-in-law, Nancy Giles and Pat Jones; as well as his brother-in-law Dennis Duquette; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brothers, Bert Giles and Arthur Bates.

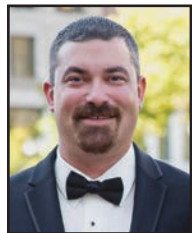
He was born in Webster, son of the late Albert and Amelia (Germain) Giles, and was raised in Oxford. He attended

school in Oxford and joined the U.S. Marine Corps from 1965 until 1976 serving in the Vietnam War from 1967 until 1969.

Dennis worked for Norton Company in Worcester for 10 years. In 1986, he went to work for the U.S. Postal Service in Framingham until retiring due to illness in 2002. He lived in North Grosvenordale, CT, for 25 years before moving to Putnam in 2019. He was a member of the American Legion Post 58 in Oxford. He enjoyed reading, puzzles, hunting, and fishing.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, no services are scheduled at this time. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the M.S.P.C.A., 350 South Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02130.

Stephen D. Chickering II, 39



Stephen D. Chickering II, 39, of Poway, California passed away suddenly on February 7, Steve was the beloved husband and father of Christina (Endriga) Chickering and sweet daughter Cassidy.

Steve was the son of Stephen and Cheryl (Kilian) Chickering of Dudley, Massachusetts. Steve also leaves behind his loving brother Kyle, sister-in-law Kelsey, and niece Dorothea of Boston, Massachusetts. He also leaves behind Teresa Endriga, Henry and Balbir Socorro, Albert and Maite Socorro, Thaddeus and Maria Endriga, many Aunts, Uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and many dear friends. Steve was born in North Adams, MA in September of 1981 and was raised in Dudley, MA where he established his life-long love of golf at the Nichols College Golf Course and his passion for fishing at many local ponds with his Dad and Grandfather. Steve attended school in Dudley and graduated from Marianapolis Preparatory School in Thompson, CT. Marianapolis was where Steve met his adoring wife Christina. He also graduated from San Diego Golf Academy in Myrtle Beach, SC with a degree in Golf Course Management. Steve moved to the San Diego area in 2003 where Christina and Steve, and later Cassidy, made their home for the last 17 1/2 years. The San Diego area was the ideal place for Steve, where he could enjoy many overnight fishing expeditions, daytime fishing adventures with friends while always in pursuit of tuna. Steve also made sure that, even when Cassidy was very young, she too would learn how to fish. They took several day trips together. The California sunshine allowed Steve to play golf whenever the opportunity presented itself. Steve worked in the Telecom Systems Infrastructure industry, starting at Berg Electric as an Installation Technician and worked his way up to a Project Manager position. He later carried that knowledge to Baker Electric. Throughout his career he made numerous long-standing friendships. Through Cassidy's love of dance, Steve made another circle of friends that were called the "Dance Dads". They loved to hang out and support their daughters from the prop areas backstage. They even formed a softball team "The Bad News Bears". All of these friendships meant the world to Steve. Calling hours will be held Wednesday, February 17, 2021 from 4-8 p.m. at Poway-Bernardo Mortuary, 13243 Poway Road, Poway, CA 92064. Due to gathering restrictions, additional services will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American

Heart Association, 300 Fifth Avenue, Suite 6, Waltham, MA 02451. Stephen D. Chickering II, 39, of Poway, California passed away suddenly on February 7, 2021. Steve was the beloved husband and father of Christina (Endriga) Chickering and sweet daughter Cassidy. Steve was the son of Stephen and Cheryl (Kilian) Chickering of Dudley, Massachusetts. Steve also leaves behind his loving brother Kyle, sister-in-law Kelsey, and niece Dorothea of Boston, Massachusetts. He also leaves behind Teresa Endriga, Henry and Balbir Socorro, Albert and Maite Socorro, Thaddeus and Maria Endriga, many Aunts, Uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and many dear friends. Steve was born in North Adams, MA in September of 1981 and was raised in Dudley, MA where he established his life-long love of golf at the Nichols College Golf Course and his passion for fishing at many local ponds with his Dad and Grandfather. Steve attended school in Dudley and graduated from Marianapolis Preparatory School in Thompson, CT. Marianapolis was where Steve met his adoring wife Christina. He also graduated from San Diego Golf Academy in Myrtle Beach, SC with a degree in Golf Course Management. Steve moved to the San Diego area in 2003 where Christina and Steve, and later Cassidy, made their home for the last 17 1/2 years. The San Diego area was the ideal place for Steve, where he could enjoy many overnight fishing expeditions, daytime fishing adventures with friends while always in pursuit of tuna. Steve also made sure that, even when Cassidy was very young, she too would learn how to fish. They took several day trips together. The California sunshine allowed Steve to play golf whenever the opportunity presented itself. Steve worked in the Telecom Systems Infrastructure industry, starting at Berg Electric as an Installation Technician and worked his way up to a Project Manager position. He later carried that knowledge to Baker Electric. Throughout his career he made numerous long-standing friendships. Through Cassidy's love of dance, Steve made another circle of friends that were called the "Dance Dads". They loved to hang out and support their daughters from the prop areas backstage. They even formed a softball team "The Bad News Bears". All of these friendships meant the world to Steve. Calling hours was held Wednesday, February 17, 2021 from 4-8 p.m. at Poway-Bernardo Mortuary, 13243 Poway Road, Poway, CA 92064. Due to gathering restrictions, additional services will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 300 Fifth Avenue, Suite 6, Waltham, MA

Gloria A. Perry, 86



OXFORD – Gloria A. (Stone) Perry, 86, of Hall Road, died Monday, February 8, 2021, in her home. She was predeceased by her husband of 59 years, Gerald F. Perry Sr. who died in 2011. She is survived by five children, Patricia Duszak and her husband Steve of Pomfret, CT, Thomas Perry and his wife Cynthia of Saint Pete Beach, FL, Donna Nicholas of Oxford, Gerald F. Perry Jr. and his wife Peggy-Sue of Scottsdale, AZ, and James Perry and his wife Donna of Oxford; 9 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren. She was

born in Oxford, daughter of the late Harold and Marion (Bonneau) Stone, and was a lifelong resident of Oxford. She graduated from Oxford High School in 1952.

Mrs. Perry spent many years at home caring for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed gardening and bird-watching.

Calling hours were Monday, February 15, 2021, from 5-8 p.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. Due to gathering restrictions, a funeral service and burial will be held privately. Burial will be at St. Roch's Cemetery in Oxford. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverly Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA 02452.

Theresa R. DeVries, 91



WEBSTER – Theresa R. "Terri" (Dupre) DeVries, 91, died Friday, February 5, 2021 at home after being stricken ill. Her husband, Douglas DeVries, died in 2004.

She leaves 3 children, Georgianna Sgariglia of Worcester, Deborah Thibaudeau and her husband Thomas, and Brian G. Sgariglia and his wife Nancy, all of Webster; 4 grandchildren, Lionell D. Thompson, Jr. and his wife Amy of Douglas, Moriah S. Mensah of Washington, DC, Adam Sgariglia and his wife Miranda of Woodstock, CT and Eric Sgariglia of Webster; and 2 great-grandchildren, Anna T. Thompson and Max J. Thompson. A granddaughter, Tara Thompson, died in 1992. Terri was looking forward to the birth of a third great-grandchild at the end of this month.

She was born in Dudley on September 13, 1929, the daughter of Henry and Caroline (Sobota) Dupre and lived in Webster and Dudley all her life. She

graduated from Bartlett High School in 1947.

Mrs. DeVries worked at several jobs during her life, including being a cashier for many years at the former Iandoli's Market in Webster. She was a clothing clerk at T.J. Maxx in Auburn before retiring.

As an artistic woman, Theresa enjoyed braiding rugs, creating stained glass, tole painting and mosaics. She was an avid reader. She was a former member of the Red Hat Society.

The family would like to thank her dedicated caregivers, Francis and Monica, for the excellent care they provided for Theresa.

No funeral services are planned. There are no calling hours. Donations in her name may be made to either Alzheimer's Support Network, PO Box 839, Southbridge, MA 01550 or to Compassus Hospice, 19 Mid State Drive, Suite 130, Auburn, MA 01501. Arrangements are under the direction of Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main Street.

www.scanlonfs.com

Theresa Zabka, 94



DUDLEY- Theresa Zabka, 94, passed away Thursday, Feb. 11, 2021 at her home in Dudley after a long illness. Theresa has now joined her loving husband of 73 years, Steve Zabka, who died in 2017.

Theresa lived for the past 26 years with her devoted son David Zabka, daughter-in-law Barbara and their children Aaron Zabka and Madison LaPointe of Atlanta, GA. She also leaves son Joseph Zabka and his wife Florence of FL, daughter Carol Scott of MN, daughter-in-law Joan Zabka of Dudley, son Ronald Zabka and his wife Rosemary of NH, daughter Kathleen Deroko and her husband Kevin of GA, daughter Cynthia Hibbard and her husband Bryant of CT, daughter Patricia Brissette and her husband Glenn of Dudley, and daughter Stephanie Knowlton and her husband Robert of ME. She leaves another twenty grandchildren; eighteen great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. Theresa was also predeceased by her infant son Stephen Zabka, son John Zabka, and son-in-law Kenneth Scott.

Theresa was born in Webster, daughter of the late Anna (Papierski) and Joseph Piasta Sr. She leaves one sister Barbara Novak of Webster, several nieces and nephews, including her devoted neice, Sylvia Medeiros of Taunton, MA. She was predeceased by her siblings, Cecelia Milas of Dudley, Dorothy Peters of Webster, Josephine Wagner of Florida, and Joseph Piasta of Webster.

Theresa met and married Steven in 1944. They settled in Wilsonville, CT where they built their home and raised their children. Theresa was a

very strong and hardworking woman. In addition to raising 10 children and caring for various others over the years, she also worked for years as a textile worker in the area mills. Once their children where grown, Theresa and Steve moved to Clermont, Florida where they enjoyed several years at their home hosting their family and friends. Theresa continued to work in Florida as a housekeeper, meticulously cleaning and caring for the homes of her employers. They returned north in 1994 to spend their remaining days close to their family in Dudley. Once settled, she again went to work at an area hotel where she would rise every weekday at 4 am to go manage the continental breakfast room with same pride and commitment she gave everything. Retiring finally in 2010 due to illness.

Theresa loved her family and instilled in them a strong work ethic and pride to care for their families and belongings. She was an avid pitch player and enjoyed playing in several area pitch leagues for many years where her team was usually in contention for the championship. She also loved hosting card nights, playing BINGO, visiting the casino, red wine, polkas, game shows, CSI, and Maddie's dog Trigger!

In lieu of flowers, donations in her name can be made to Shriner's Hospital for Children at <https://donate.lovetoth-erescue.org>

A Mass of Christian burial will be held Friday April 23, 2021 at 10 AM St. Anthony of Padua Church 24 Dudley Hill Rd. Committal to follow in St. Josephs Columbarium.

Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel, 33 Schofield Ave., Dudley, MA. www.bartelfuneralhome.com

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MUSEUM

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building at Disneyland,” Robert said. “... I want to educate people. That’s the objective; we want people to be smarter, and want to make it stick. They won’t forget the rats or the kids working the mill equipment.”

In practice, the museum will be split in two halves. The first is Slater himself, with his story beginning in the 1760s, his journey here, and how he set up the first cotton spinning mill in Rhode Island before coming to Webster. The second jumps forward about a century

to let people walk down Main Street when the Maanexit Hotel, Dugan’s Drug, Racicot Brothers, the Webster Times and the Liberty Theater were linchpins of the community. At the same time, Webster Lake had at least four amusement parks on its shores, and the town hummed with trolleys.

“The Rhode Island part of his story is really well known, but the Webster part is kind of faded,” Spratt said. “Even many lifelong residents don’t know who Slater was.”

“Before Slater came here, there was no Webster, just Dudley and Oxford,” Robert added.

After his first year

here, Slater petitioned the Legislature to liberate parts of those towns for a new town centered on the lake. Since Sen. Daniel Webster was the bill’s sponsor and there already was a Slaterville, Slater named it after him.

For nearly four years, Robert has been using connections accumulated as owner of Indian Ranch to bring this museum to life. That’s included support from the town, which gave him a dollar-a-year lease for 30 years. Some of that time was a waiting game, as special legislation wound through Boston to allow a museum when the original transfer to Webster’s owner-

ship called for making it a Boys & Girls Club. While the armory was in good overall condition, it needed a lot of work to replace defunct heating systems and utilities, remove asbestos, and build the exhibits themselves.

He said he originally wanted to use one of the old mill buildings, but “most were in very bad shape.” He has spent \$1.5 million on the project so far.

The exhibits themselves have been collected from a wide range of places, some of them local, and/or based on surviving images of those times. For example, they were given a bas relief of

horses racing from the hotel’s wall by the man who demolished it, know the films that were showing when the theater opened, have the original wooden mortar and pestle Dugan’s used to grind drugs, own an original Jacquard card that ran the looms, and have access to bound Webster Times papers and printing equipment from that era. The latter provided a lot of their research base, but so did interviews with surviving people who remember some of the early 20th century.

Some items aren’t exactly what Webster had then, but as close as they could find to them. For exam-

ple, the trolley was built in the same timeframe, but from San Francisco; the hotel guestbook actually came from a similar hotel; the theater seats came from one in New York; and many items are being built from photos by a museum designer in Georgia. Often, there’s a little guesswork, since they only have one or two images to work from.

“History gets a bad rap for being dry and boring, especially museums,” Spratt said. “We want to make it fun again.”

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were reviewed and accepted by the Personnel Board. The chair of that board, Lorna Wade, told selectmen that they found Don Jacobs’ work to be exceptional.

“We met with Mr. Jacobs several times over from last summer to a couple of weeks ago. He very competently explained the principles he used to develop the documents and the philosophy he used behind it. He answered all of our questions and the board voted unanimously to accept the documents that were presented by Mr. Jacobs to (selectmen) consideration,” Wade said. “We think this is a good starting point to begin to look at how we view people in the town and how we compensate them and how we look at trying to make things justifiable or equitable I the future to move forward.”

Selectmen unanimously accepted the report, minus selectmen Paul Joseph who was not present for the meeting. The documents will now serve as a guideline for helping Dudley adjust its pay system to compete as a desirable and fair employer in the regional market.

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\$100,000 under budget.

Becker also noted the school transportation costs have been “significantly lower because children are staying home, so there may be some surpluses there.”

Willardson said he plans to present next year’s town budget to the Finance Committee March 4, and has tentatively slated the annual three-boards meeting (Finance, School and Selectmen) on it for March 15.

Coincidentally, that’s also the due date for nomination papers for this year’s town election, which is being held May 3. The following seats are available: one each on the Selectmen, Finance, School Committee, Bay Path School Committee, and Redevelopment Authority; two each on the Library Trustees and Housing Authority; and the Town Clerk’s job.

Regarding police, Chief Michael Shaw summarized the last six months of 2020, citing arrests for drugs (several), robbery and murder, but also several first-time com-

munity events, including a blood drive, cruise night and community meal. It also has received a long-awaited grant to fund half of a social worker for a year.

“When [Willardson] told me that, I could have done cartwheels around Town Hall,” Shaw said.

In general, he noted Covid has reduced the number of arrests, accidents and traffic stops, but increased the overall number of reports because of unemployment fraud claims. It has also made the department hold arraignment and civil commitment hearings at the station that would normally got to Dudley District Court, because courts have only been open sporadically, he said.

The virus itself stayed out of the department until December, when one officer got the virus. Four have had it since then, but Shaw said all have recovered. Under the law, asymptomatic officers can continue working with masks and other precautions, but those with symptoms must quarantine.

“We haven’t seen it run through the building,” he said. “I’m very confident they

didn’t get it from each other.”

Going forward, Shaw said he expects to “face a staffing issue” with two retirements, one transfer and one injured officer. Three new people are going to the academy, but it takes about a year for them to be able to patrol on their own (including the academy time).

In other business, the board

appointed six people to three town committees, approved two business licenses, and forwarded a proposal to accept a mostly-wetland, 10-acre donation to the Annual Town Meeting for approval.

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BOUCHER

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give up the basket and have someone else score. I like passing the ball,” said Boucher, who has received interest from basketball programs at Western New England University, Salem State University and Anna Maria College. “When I make a good pass that leads to a basket it makes me feel good.

“It gets my teammates going and once they start going, we all start clicking together,” Boucher continued. “That’s one of my goals every game; to get my teammates going. That way they can play their game and then I can get going playing my game.”

Paranto said Boucher is successful because he puts in the time.

“Brandon is an outstanding worker. He’s a player you want younger kids to model themselves after as they continue to improve as a basketball player. He’s the ultimate leader. He’s been a captain for us for the last two years. He’s a member of the National Honor Society. I nominated him to be a Student Ambassador for the MIAA,” Paranto said. “Brandon’s one of those kids that teachers never say a bad word about. He’s a gentleman off the court as much as he is on the court.”

Gabrielle Lawrence named to Dean’s List at University of Findlay

FINDLAY, Ohio — Gabrielle Lawrence, of Dudley has been named to the fall 2020 dean’s list at the University of Findlay. To earn this achievement, a student must attain a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Located in Findlay, Ohio, the University of Findlay is known not only for science, health professions, animal science and equestrian studies programs, but also for cultivating the next generation of business leaders, educators and global citizens through a dedication to experiential learning,

both in and outside of the classroom. Established in 1882 through a joint partnership between the Churches of God, General Counsel and the City of Findlay, the University of Findlay has more than 80 majors leading to baccalaureate degrees and offers 11 master’s degrees, and five doctoral degrees. More than 3,500 students are enrolled at Findlay, and the University is nationally recognized by U.S. News and World Report and the Princeton Review.



LEGALS

MORTGAGEE’S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Andrew D. Corbett to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Mackinac Savings Bank, FSB, its successors and assigns, dated September 10, 2015 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 54276, Page 292, subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank National Association by Mortgage Electronic Registration System, Inc. as nominee for Mackinac Savings Bank, FSB., its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 58457, Page 66 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 AM on March 12, 2021 at 2 Pineview Road, Dudley, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit: The land in Dudley, Worcester County, Massachusetts, on the northerly side of Pineview Road, so-called, being Lot #117 on a plan of land in Dudley Hill Realty Co. Inc. by J.R. Kleindienst, Engr., dated June 9, 1956 and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 217, Plan 10, bounded and described as follows: Beginning on said Pineview Road at the southwesterly corner of said Lot #117; Thence northerly by Lot #118 on said plan, one hundred twenty (120) feet; Thence easterly by Lots #116 and #104 on said plan, eighty (80) feet; Thence southerly by Lot #103 on said plan, one hundred twenty (120) feet; Thence westerly along said Pineview Road, eighty (80) feet to point of beginning.

For title see Bk 54276 Pg 290

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

TERMS OF SALE:

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

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

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Present Holder of said Mortgage, By Its Attorneys, ORLANS PC PO Box 540540 Waltham, MA 02454 Phone: (781) 790-7800 19-010680 February 19, 2021 February 26, 2021 March 5, 2021

LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Susan B. Larose to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as nominee for Sherwood Mortgage Group, Inc., dated January 30, 2006 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 38334, Page 206 (the “Mortgage”) of

which mortgage The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association fka The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. as successor to JP Morgan Chase Bank, National Association, as Trustee for Residential Asset Mortgage Products, Inc., GMACM Home Equity Loan Trust 2006-HE1 is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS) solely as nominee for Sherwood Mortgage Group, Inc. its successors and/or assigns to The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association fka The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. as successor to JP Morgan Chase Bank, National Association, as Trustee for Residential Asset Mortgage Products, Inc., GMACM Home Equity Loan Trust 2006-HE1 dated November 5, 2015 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 54567, Page 1, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 76 Old Douglas Road, Webster, MA 01570 will be sold at a Public Auction at 12:00 PM on March 23, 2021, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land with the buildings thereon in Webster, situated on the southerly side of Old Douglas Road, being shown as Lot #13 on a plan entitled “Plan of Land in Webster, Massachusetts, surveyed for Finecamp K.O.A., Inc.” dated September 4, 1986 by Para Land Surveying, Inc., recorded with Worcester Registry of Deeds in Book 565 Plan 19. Being the same premises conveyed to the herein named grantor(s) by deed recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 12386, Page 1. For mortgagor’s title also see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 10992, Page 115.

The property will be sold subject to the redemption rights in favor of the Internal Revenue Service by virtue of the tax lien recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 58731, Page 43.

The property will be sold subject to a first mortgage in the principal sum of

\$135,000.00 given to Medford Savings Bank dated February 7, 2002 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 25949, Page 211.

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

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

The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association fka The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. as successor to JP Morgan Chase Bank, National Association, as Trustee for Residential Asset Mortgage Products, Inc., GMACM Home Equity Loan Trust 2006-HE1 Korde & Associates, P.C. 900 Chelmsford Street Suite 3102 Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 Larose, Susan B., 17-030004 February 19, 2021 February 26, 2021 March 5, 2021

LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Charlene L. Williams and William F. Williams, to Alliance Home Mortgage, LLC, dated December 21, 2007, and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 42374 at Page 155, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Alliance Home Mortgage, LLC to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., dated December 21, 2007, recorded at the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 42374, Page 171; and by an assignment from Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. to U.S. Bank Trust National Association as Trustee of the Igloo Series IV Trust, dated September 27, 2019, recorded at the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 61136, Page 209; and by an assignment from U.S. Bank Trust National Association as Trustee of the Igloo Series IV Trust to U.S. Bank Trust National Association as Trustee of the Cabana Series IV Trust, dated February 3, 2020, recorded at the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 61919, Page 387, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 A.M. on the 2nd day of March 2021, at 42 Bates Point Road in Webster, MA 01570, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, To wit:

The land in Webster, with the buildings thereon, situated on the westerly shore of Lake Chaubunagungamaug at Winter Cove so-called, and being: Lot#1006 on "Plan of Land prepared for Avy Morse, 42 Bates Point Road in Webster, MA" by Brett L. Rekola, PLS dated 7/11/2005, recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 836, Plan 49, and described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pipe in the northeasterly line of Bates Point Road at the southwesterly corner of land now or formerly of Czechowski on said plan; THENCE South 48 31' 39" E. 65 feet by the northeasterly line of said Bates Point Road to an iron pin to be set; THENCE turning and running North 41 28' 21" East 256 feet more or less to littoral area of said Lake; THENCE running along a tie line North 12 57' 37" West 61.21 feet more or less, by said Lake, to the south easterly corner of said land now or formerly of Czechowski; THENCE running South 44 27' 30" West 292 feet to the place of beginning. CONTAINING 15,850 square feet more or less.

The mortgagor(s) expressly reserve my/our rights of Homestead and do not wish to terminate my/our Homestead by granting the within conveyance notwithstanding my/our waiver of such homestead in paragraph 24 of the within mortgage.

Being the same premises conveyed to the herein named mortgagor(s) by deed recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 39199, Page 143.

The sale is subject to a senior mortgage recorded at the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 38089, Page 264.

Premises to be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

Terms of sale: A deposit of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Demerle Hoeger LLP, 10 City Square, 4th Floor, Boston, MA 02129 within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control.

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

U.S. Bank Trust National Association as Trustee of the Cabana Series IV Trust,
Present holder of said mortgage,
By its Attorneys,
Demerle Hoeger LLP
10 City Square, 4th Floor
Boston, MA 02129
(617) 337-4444

February 5, 2021
February 12, 2021
February 19, 2021

Notice is hereby given by Precision Auto Rebuilders, Inc., 243 W Main St Dudley MA 01571 pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.255, Section 39 A that on February 5, 2021 @ 5PM at: Precision Auto Rebuilders, Inc., 243 W Main St Dudley MA 01571 the following motor vehicle will be sold at a private sale to satisfy the garage keeper's lein thereon for storage, towing charges and expenses of notices of said vehicle:

Vehicle: VIN# 5NPE24AF3GH360516; 2016 Hyundai Sonata
Owner: Casie Morse, 48B Windbrook Rd, Auburn MA 01501
February 5, 2021
February 12, 2021
February 19, 2021

LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Scott Roseen and Karen Roseen to Household Finance Corporation II, dated April 1, 2003 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 29550, Page 155 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage DLJ Mortgage Capital, Inc. is the present holder by Assignment from Household Finance Corporation II to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A. as trustee for LSF8 Master participation Trust dated September 11, 2014 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 52797, Page 325, and Assignment from U.S. Bank Trust, N.A. as trustee for LSF8 Master participation Trust to DLJ Mortgage Capital, Inc. dated April 3, 2017 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 61008, Page 371, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 11 Dalessandro Avenue a/k/a 11 D'Alessandro Avenue, Dudley, MA 01571 will be sold at a Public Auction at 1:00 PM on March 8, 2021, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land with the buildings thereon of every nature and description and all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, situated on the westerly side of D'Alessandro Avenue, in Dudley, Worcester County, Massachusetts, and being Lot #15 on Plan of Lots surveyed for Stanley Deren et al, Dudley, Mass., dated August 28, 1952, drawn by Henry A. Racicot, Engr., and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 184, Plan 13, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the southeasterly corner thereof, at a stake on the westerly line of said D'Alessandro Avenue, said stake being at the northeasterly corner of Lot #16 as shown on the aforesaid Plan; Thence North 82 Deg. 18' West by the northerly line of said Lot #16 for a distance of ninety-eight and seventy-three hundredths (98.73) feet to a stake at land of John Ruda, Jr., Thence North 6 Deg. 18' East by land of said Ruda a distance of eighty-three and sixty-five hundredths (83.65) feet to a stake at the southwesterly corner of Lot #14 on said plan. Thence South 81 Deg. 19' East by the southerly line of said Lot #14 a distance of one hundred and fifty hundredths (100.50) feet to a stake on the westerly line of said D'Alessandro Avenue; Thence South 7 Deg. 39' West by the westerly line of said D'Alessandro Avenue, a distance of eighty-two (82) feet to the point of beginning. Subject also to the following restrictions:

1. No building or part of a building shall be erected or maintained thereon with thirty (30) feet of the street line.
2. No house shall be built thereon at a less cost than six thousand and 00/100 (6,000.00) dollars.
3. The premises and any building thereon shall be used for trade or manufacture but for residential purposes only;
4. No stable shall be erected thereon and no horses, cattle, swine, or poultry shall be kept on the premises.

Subject also to the rights of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company and the Worcester County Electric Company to erect and maintain poles and wires, as recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 3359, Page 56 and in Book 3489, Page 407. Being the same property conveyed from Henry R. Gelineau, not stated to Scott Roseen and Karen Roseen, husband and wife/T/B/E by Deed recorded 5/29/1998, in Book 20005, at Page 130, in the Register's Office of Worcester County, Massachusetts. For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 20005, Page 130.

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

and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

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

DLJ Mortgage Capital, Inc.
Korde & Associates, P.C.
900 Chelmsford Street
Suite 3102
Lowell, MA 01851
(978) 256-1500
Roseen, Scott, 19-036572
February 12, 2021
February 19, 2021
February 26, 2021

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage dated September 27, 2005 from Marcello C. Miranda and Fabiana S. Miranda to Downey Savings and Loan Association, F.A. recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 37405, Page 359, as affected by modification agreement recorded in Book 48917, Page 77, the undersigned U.S. Bank National Association as Legal Title Trustee for Truman 2016 SC6 Title Trust being the present holder of said mortgage by Assignment of Mortgage dated January 27, 2010 from Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation as Receiver of Downey Savings and Loan Association, F.A. to U.S. Bank National Association recorded in Book 45536, Page 252, and Assignment of Mortgage dated January 31, 2019 from U.S. Bank National Association to U.S. Bank National Association as Legal Title Trustee for Truman 2016 SC6 Title Trust recorded in Book 60058, Page 78, for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at: **11:00 A.M. on Thursday, March 11, 2021** upon the hereinafter-described premises, known as and numbered as 25 Susan Drive, Dudley, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singularly the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land shown as lot #67, 25 Susan Drive, Dudley, Worcester County, Massachusetts, as shown on a plan titled "Subdivision of Land Prepared for Robert F. Raffi, Jr., Trustee of Foxwood Realty Trust Owner-Developer Phase IV", dated July 28, 1997 which plan is recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 722, Page 11 (sheet 3 of 4), to which plan reference may be made, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning on the westerly side line of Susan Drive at the South East corner of land now or formerly of Raymond L. Marchi and shown as Lot 69 on said plan; thence North 87 degrees 46' 51" West along Lot 69 for a distance of Two Hundred Twenty One and 15/100 (221.15) feet to a point; thence North 02 degrees 20' 26" West along land now or formerly of Raymond L. Marchi for a distance of One Hundred and 12/100 (100.12) feet to a point; thence South 87 degrees 40' 15" East along Lot 65 for a distance of Two Hundred Seven and 72/100 (207.72) feet to a point, thence South 01 degrees 24' 47" East along a curve with a radius of 760 feet along Susan Drive for a distance of Eighteen and 74/100 (18.74) feet to a point; thence South 07 degrees 15' 42" West along a curve with a radius of 655.00 feet along Susan Drive for a distance of Eighty Three and 02/100 (83.02) feet to the point of beginning.

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

For mortgagors title see deed recorded in Book 37405, Page 356.

The above-described premises shall be sold subject to all easements, restrictions, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, outstanding tax titles, building, zoning and other land use laws and all permits and approvals issued pursuant thereto, including, without limitation, orders of conditions, and existing encumbrances of record created prior to said Mortgage, if there be any. Said premises are to be sold

subject to the right of redemption of the United States of America, if any there be.

TERMS OF SALE: The highest bidder shall be required to make a deposit of \$10,000.00 to the holder of said Mortgage, in cash or by certified or bank cashier's check at the time and place of said sale of said premises. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid to said holder in cash, by certified check or bank cashier's check, and thereupon the deed shall be delivered, in thirty (30) days from the date of sale at the firm of Cunningham, Machanic, Cetlin, Johnson, Harney & Tenney, LLP, Attorneys for said holder, 220 North Main Street, Suite 301, Natick, Massachusetts. The successful bidder shall be required to sign a Memorandum of Terms of Sale. The description of the premises contained in said Mortgage shall control in the event of an error in publication. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the time and place of sale. U.S. Bank National Association as Legal Title Trustee for Truman 2016 SC6 Title Trust, Present Holder of Said Mortgage, By its Attorneys,
CUNNINGHAM, MACHANIC, CETLIN,
JOHNSON, HARNEY & TENNEY, LLP
220 North Main Street, Suite 301
Natick, MA 01760
(508) 651-7524

February 12, 2021
February 19, 2021
February 26, 2021

TOWN OF WEBSTER, MASSACHUSETTS ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the construction of the "Town of Webster, 2021 Water Main Replacement Project" will be received by the Town Administrator's Office at the Town Hall, 350 Main Street, Webster, MA 01570 until 2:00 p.m. local time on March 11, 2021 at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. Sealed Bids must have outer envelope marked as "Town of Webster, 2021 Water Main Replacement Project".

The work consists of the installation of approximately 2,400 linear feet of 12-inch ductile iron water main on Whitcomb Street, 1,800 linear feet of 8-inch ductile iron water main on Lincoln Street and 1,850 linear feet of 8-inch ductile iron on Nelson Street. Work includes side street connections, replacing hydrants, replacing all water services, paving and related appurtenant work. Bids shall be on a unit price basis, with deductive and additive alternate bid items as indicated in the Bid Form.

All Bids for this project are subject to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30, Section 39M as amended.

Bidding Documents may be obtained electronically from the Tighe & Bond website at: http://www.tighebond.com/Projects_Out_to_Bid.php

Prospective bidders must complete a one-time registration process on the web site in order to receive log-in credentials. Bidders must log in to the web site to download bidding documents for the project. Bidders will be added to the "planholders" or prospective bidders list upon downloading the bidding documents for the project.

A bid deposit shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

This Contract contains price adjustments for hot mix asphalt mixes, diesel fuel, gasoline, and Portland cement contained in concrete. See Section 01270 for payment procedures and base prices for this Project.

Minimum Wage Rates as determined by the Commissioner of Department of Workforce Development under the provision of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27D, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the Contractor, before Bid opening, to request if necessary, any additional information on Minimum Wage Rates for those trades people who may be employed for the proposed Work under this Contract.

TOWN OF WEBSTER,
MASSACHUSETTS
Consulting Engineer:
Tighe & Bond, Inc.
120 Front Street, Suite 7
Worcester, MA 01608
508-754-2201
February 19, 2021

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LEGALS

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
Docket No. WO21P0335GD
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L.c. 190B, §5-304
In the matter of:
Corey J Glode
Of: Douglas, MA

RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by James R Glode, of Douglas, MA, in the above captioned matter alleging that **Corey J Glode** is in need of a Guardian requesting that James R Glode, of Douglas, MA, (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that a protective order or appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **03/09/2021**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by said return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s). Additionally, within thirty days after said return day (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Guardian pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court. You have the right to send to the Guardian, by registered or certified mail, a written request to receive a copy of the Petition and account(s) at no cost to you.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the abovenamed person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: February 05, 2021
Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
February 19, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
Docket No. WO20P3521GD
NOTICE AND ORDER:
Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor
In the interests of
Naomi Rose Morales
of **Webster, MA**
Minor
NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on **12/14/2020** by **Beronica Castillo** of Webster, MA **Shomari S Rose** of Worcester, MA will be held **02/23/2021 08:30 AM Guardianship of a Minor Hearing** Located **“Virtually-See Enclosure”**
2. Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:
File the original with the Court; and
Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.
3. Counsel for the Minor: The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.
4. Counsel for Parents: If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at

the court location where your case is going to be heard.
5. Presence of the Minor at Hearing: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.
THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for legal advice.
Date: January 19, 2021
Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
February 19, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
Docket No. WO20P3520GD
NOTICE AND ORDER:
Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor
In the interests of
Omar Alexis Guzman-Morales
of **Webster, MA**
Minor
NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

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Date: January 19, 2021
Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
February 19, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO18P0736EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Estate of:
Evelyn A Huff
Date of Death: 01/16/2018

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Sale of Real Estate has been filed by:
Donald A. Ball of Worcester MA requesting that court authorize the Personal Representative to sell the decedent's real estate at a private sale.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/02/2021**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: February 02, 2021
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
February 19, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: February 02, 2021
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
February 19, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO16P2353EA
Estate of:
Susan F Jakubowski
Date of Death: 06/01/2016
CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by **Maryanne Ward of Vienna VA** and **Terrence M. Ward of Vienna VA** requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, and first account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.
IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before: **10:00 a.m.** on the return day of **02/23/2021**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
Witness, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court
Date: January 26, 2021
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
February 19, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO21P0320EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Olga Pappas
Date of Death: 12/25/2020

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Robert Baxter of Lake George NY** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that **Robert Baxter of Lake George NY** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/02/2021**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to

this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: February 04, 2021
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
February 19, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Docket No. WO21P0133EA
Estate of:
John R. Szeredy
Date Of Death: November 29, 2020
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Joyce E. Szeredy of Webster, MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate
Joyce E. Szeredy of Webster, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
February 19, 2021

Town of Dudley
Notice of Public Hearing
PETITION FOR JOINT OR IDENTICAL POLE LOCATIONS
In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L Chapter 166, § 22, a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, March 8, 2021 beginning at 6:45pm at a virtual meeting via Zoom.
The Purpose of this Hearing: To Act on a petition from National Grid and Verizon New England to install 1 JO Pole on Tracy Road. Install a JO Pole and Anchor across from existing pole 15 on Tracy Road due to road widening. No. 28082529.
Also for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and building as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.
Anyone wishing to be heard should contact the Board of Selectmen office at 508-949-8001 to be included in the virtual meeting or forward their concerns in writing via email at selectaa@dudleyma.gov.
Kerry Cyganiewicz, Chairman
Board of Selectmen
February 19, 2021



REAL ESTATE



Jules Lusignan



T.A. King



Maureen Cimoch



Ellen Therrien



John Kokocinski



Adrienne James

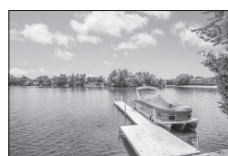


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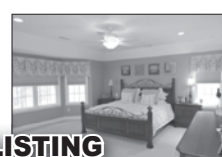
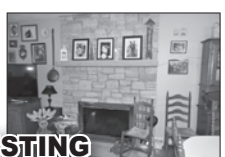
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WEBSTER LAKE – 7 Cedar Drive! Middle Pond! 8 Rm English Tudor across the street from w/Direct Waterfront Lot – Full Lake Access! Offering the Option of an In-Law Apartment or Plenty of Room for Family & Friends! Entry Foyer enters from 3 Sides w/locked door access into the house, stairway to the lower level In-law and the convenience of a Half Bath! The 1st Floor features Applianced Kit w/Breakfast Bar, Open Floor Plan – Frplcd Beamed Cathedral Ceiling Great Rm (Dining & Living Rms), Comfortable Bdrm & Hall Full Bath w/Laundry! Upstairs to the Spacious Master w/Master Bath & Slider to Lake View Deck! Additional Bdrm w/Built-ins! Lower Level with 2nd Kitchen, Open Dining & Living Area w/Brick Hearth, Full Bath & Possible (4th) Bdrm! Central Air! Huge Carport! Detached 3 Car Garage! Lakefront Lot w/Deck, Concrete Patio & Boat Dock! Take Advantage of the Low Interest Rates & make this House Your Home! Summer's Just Around the Corner! **\$489,900.00**

WEBSTER – 6 Nicholas Circle! 8+ Rm Center Hall Colonial! 1.22 Acres! Sought After Neighborhood! Great Commuter Location Accessible to Many Major Routes! Spacious Stainless Steel Applianced Cabinet Packed Eat-in Kitchen & Formal Dining Rm! 23 x 24 Frplce Family Rm w/Cathedral Ceiling & Slider to the Huge Deck! Front to Back Living Rm! 1/2 Bath w/Laundry Closet! The 2nd Floor You'll Find the Comfortable 12X17 Master w/Walk-in Closet & Full Bath w/Linen Closet! 2 Additional Bedrooms plus an Office/Nursery/Bedroom all w/Ample Closets! 2nd Full Bath off the Hall w/Linen Closet! 2.5 Total Baths! Lower Level Ideal for Storage or Future Expansion! 2 Car Garage w/Electric Openers w/Double Door Entry to the Basement for Moving Larger Items aka Boys Toys! 2 Z Oil Heat, 2 AC, Separate Oil Water Heater! Irrigation! Don't Delay! **\$418,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 124-2 Gore Road! 1.68 Acres! Private Retreat Lot with 320' of Road Frontage and 200' of Waterfront! Located in North Pond! Beautiful Panoramic Views! Sucker Brook Cove! Lot has been split from a larger parcel! Survey, Home Rendering and Conservation Items Addressed - Order of Conditions Pending! This is the Opportunity to Build a Unique Home with Spectacular Views! Direct Lake/Boat Access! Water and Sewer in the Road! Walk to Restaurants! Surrounded by Wildlife, including Swans and Eagles! **\$175,000.00**



WEBSTER – 69 Minebrook Rd! Conveniently Located 7 Rm Split Entry! 1.04 Acre Lot! House set well off the Road for added Privacy! Open Floor Plan! Eat-in Applianced Kit w/Island & Seating, Tile Flr, Tile Backsplash & Ceiling Fan! Din Rm w/Hrwd Flrs & Slider to the Deck Overlooking the Private Backyard! Frplcd Liv Rm w/Hrwd Flr! Ideal for Entertaining! Down the Hrwd Liv find a Full Bath w/Tile Flr & 3 Bdrms w/Wall to Wall Carpeting! Master Bdrm w/2 Dble Closets, Ceiling Fan & Master Bath w/Marble Tile Flr & Shower Surround! Hrwd Stairs, the Finished Lower Level Fan Rm w/Recessed Lighting, Stone & Tile Hearth w/Woodstove, 1/2 Bath w/Tile Flr, Laundry Rm w/Sink & Tile Flr, Utility Rm w/Storage! 2 Car Garage w/Electric Openers & Door to Backyard! Oil Heat! Steel "T" Beam Construction! Shed! Won't Last!! **\$349,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 11 Henry Road! Bates Point - Middle Pond & Panoramic Views + Western Exposure = Beautiful Sunsets! Never 2 the Same! 3,184' 9 Room Fully Furnished Colonial Built from the Ground Up as a New Home in 2005! This Home Features 4 Bedrooms, 2 of which are Master Suites, 1 of which Overlooks the Lake, 4.5 Bathrooms, 2 of which have Separate Showers & Whirlpool Tubs, 3 of which have Double Granite Vanities, 2 Complete Granite/Stainless Kitchens! The First Floor Open Floor Plan with Hardwood Floors Features an Eat-in Kitchen with LP Gas Jenn-Air Range, Double Drawer Dishwasher & Trash Compactor! Spacious Formal Dining Room with Crown Moldings & Chair Rails! Lake Facing Great Room/Living Room with Gas Fireplace, Wet Bar with Bottle Cooler, Surround Sound & Slider to Composite Deck! Half Bath with Laundry Closet! The Second Floor with 4 Bedrooms! Comfortable Front 16x16 and Back 17x17 Masters with Tray Ceilings, Recessed Lighting, Ceiling Fans, Surround Sound & Full Tile/Granite Bathrooms! Full Hall Bath for the other 2 Bedrooms! Fully Finished Walk-out Lower Level with Full Summer Kitchen, Family Room with Gas Fireplace, Surround Sound, Slider to Paver Patio & Full Bath! Buderus 3 Zone Oil Heat! 3 Zone Air Conditioning! Central Vac! Security! 2 Car Heated Garage! Boat Dock! **\$1,099,900.00**

CHARLTON – 74 Daniels Road! Completely Renovated 9 Rm, 4 Bdrm, 2.5 Bath Gambrel w/Attached In-Law Apt! Picturesque 3.39 Acres! Deeded Water Rights to South Charlton Reservoir! Extensive Updates! House w/New Roof, Siding, Kit, Bthrms, Windows, Int Doors, Electrical, Flooring, R60 Insulation in Attic, Water Heater, Well Pump & More! In-Law w/Open Flr Plan, Kit, Bdrm w/Walk-in Closet, Full Bath w/Laundry! Both Fully Applianced! 2 New Driveways, Irrigation, AG Pool! Shed! Security! Generator Hookup! **\$489,900.00**



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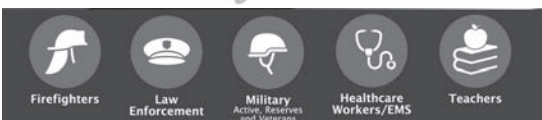
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A step back a few decades with my friend Rob ...

Our dear friends, Rob and Tracey Shirk from Waterloo, Iowa were passing through our area on Thursday and came to visit. The following day at breakfast, Rob walked in carrying what appeared to be a big magazine. As he sat at the table, I realized it was a road atlas of the USA ... something I have not seen nor used in at least fifteen or more years.

I asked, "Where did you pick up that antique?" He looked confused. I continued, "Where'd you find that old relic?"

"It's a map," he responded while turning to a map of Indiana.

"I know it's a map," I said with a laugh, "But why do you have it?"

"Because I'm traveling and I don't know how to get to Marion, Indiana from here." He

looked down at the map and began tracing a route with his finger.

At this point, I thought he was still kidding. "Use the GPS on your phone ... step out of the 1980's and into the 21st century!" I held up my phone.

Rob looked at my phone, grunted, then looked back at his atlas saying, "That's a phone. I need a map."

I must confess that I'm lost without my GPS, but not too many years ago, my phone was only a phone. We travelled from coast-to-coast years ago with our little family in our motor home and enjoyed every minute and every mile. Much of the fun was sitting at our dining room table with Arlene and our three children, gathered around a big road atlas, deciding where we'd go,



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what we'd see, and how we'd get there.

I think our first trip was our most memorable and that was our trip to Yellowstone. We took off before cell phones with an Atlas opened on the dash and we were rolling ... our first stop was the Mitchell "Corn Palace" in Mitchell South Dakota. I remember our oldest, Toby looking at the building and saying, "We drove all this way to look at a building made of corn?" However, the next stop promised to be better as we headed off to "Wall Drug!" It's amazing how a little ingenuity

and the promise of "Free Ice Water" transformed a small-town drug store into an internationally known tourist stop.

The badlands followed and then a stop at Mount Rushmore. I'll confess, I was awestruck at the first sitting of this incredible monument. I hope to see it again someday. Then we were off to Devils Tower and the magnificence of Yellowstone. We made it all the way there and home, without the use of a phone or GPS.

We headed East the following year to the history of the Williamsburg area and Washington DC. The following year, we headed south to Texas and the Alamo. All incredible memories with the help of Rand McNally and their big and beautiful road atlas.

I must admit, some of

the happiest times of my life were planned around that Rand McNally Road Atlas. It was like an instruction manual for our travel dreams, providing the guidance and recipe for family fun and togetherness. The excitement and anticipation ... all the laughs and love along the way warms me still and always brings a smile to my face. All great family memories. Weeks after returning from one vacation, we were sitting around the table with our map plotting our next adventure.

After ridiculing Rob and his relic of a guidance system, I need to make an admission. I ordered a new 2021 road atlas online. So maybe I owe Rob an apology?

Nah ... he deserves a little laughing at his expense. Maybe in real-

ity, he has inspired another road trip, as he brought to my mind some of the most precious family times we've experienced. There is still so much to see and do and Arlene and I deserve to get out on the road.

Our children are all grown and on their own, but we have two wonderful grandsons, Caleb, and Noah. Maybe they need to see the Mitchell Corn Palace?

As Willie Nelson so eloquently sang, maybe it's time to get "On the Road Again."

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Planning and designing a productive vegetable garden

Whether planning your first, second or tenth vegetable garden it can be overwhelming. There are so many tasty vegetables and never enough space and time to grow them all.

Start with a plan. Locate your garden in a sunny location with moist, well-drained soil. Save those partially sunny areas for greens like lettuce, chard and kale as well as root crops like radishes and beets. These prefer full sun but will tolerate more shade than tomatoes, peppers, squash, broccoli and other plants we eat the flowers and fruit.

Review your favorite recipes and make a list of family favorites and those vegetables most



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often used. Then check the list to see which vegetables are suited to your climate and growing conditions and those that make the most economic sense to include in your garden.

Tomatoes and peppers produce lots of fruit from one plant and are common ingredients in many recipes. Sweet corn is fun to grow but needs lots of space for a relatively small harvest. If space is limited, consider buying

your sweet corn at the farmers' market and use that space to grow other edibles.

Every gardener struggles with determining how many of each type of vegetable to grow. This depends upon the productivity of the variety selected, your family's eating habits and of course the impact of weather on the harvest. It is always better to start small, build on your successes and expand the garden in the future. Track your planting and harvesting results to help when planning future gardens.

You will need to plant more if you plan to preserve or donate a portion of your harvest. Purchasing vegetables from your local farmers' market is a way to ensure you have sufficient fresh produce when you are ready to can, freeze and ferment.

Sound overwhelming? Consider enlisting help from Gardener's Supply by using one of their vegetable garden plans (gardeners.com). You'll find customized plans for those who like to cook, want to grow ingredients for a garden-fresh salad, salsa or cocktails, or are following a Mediterranean diet. Many come with seed packets for all the featured plants.

Maximize the available space by growing vertically. Train pole beans, peas, tomatoes, cucumbers and even squash and melons up trellises. Growing vertically not only saves space, but also increases disease resistance by increasing light and airflow through the plants. And picking beans at waist height is much easier than harvesting from low-growing, bushy plants.

Increase space with containers. Consider growing some of your fre-

quently used herbs and vegetables in pots on the patio, balcony, or deck for convenience. You can quickly grab what you need when creating your favorite meal.

Grow multiple plantings in each row. Start the season with cool season veggies like lettuce, peas and radishes. Once the temperatures climb and these plants are harvested and enjoyed, replace them with warm weather vegetables like tomatoes, peppers, beans,

cucumbers, squash and melons. Finish off the season by filling any vacant rows with fall crops like greens, beets and radishes.

Take some time to plan a garden that will provide you and your family with fresh produce you can enjoy all season long. Involving everyone in the planning process just might get them to show up and help weed.

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Shoppers' guide to Presidents' Day sales

On the third Monday in February, Americans stop to remember the contributions of the many great leaders who have served as President of the United States. Certain Presidents' Day traditions have developed over the years, including an opportunity for shoppers to find great deals on a host of items. Originally established in 1885 to recognize President George Washington, the day we now know as Presidents' Day was then known as Washington's Birthday and was traditionally celebrated on February 22. The holiday became known as Presidents' Day after it was moved to the third Monday in accordance with the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which enabled the nation's workers to enjoy more three-day weekends. In addition, the Uniform Monday Holiday Act served as a way to combine the celebration of Washington's birthday and Abraham Lincoln's birthday, which is February 12.

In addition to serving as a chance to celebrate and reflect on the contributions of our nation's past presidents, Presidents' Day has emerged as a day to rest and shop. Stores across the country advertise special prices to tie into the day and capitalize on the three-day weekend. For many retailers, Presidents' Day is the first major sales opportunity of the new year. The following are some ways shoppers can capitalize on Presidents' Day sales.

- Stock up on winter apparel. Now is the time to enjoy deep discounts on winter apparel. Purchase clothing, coats and boots that your family can wear next year. Parents can estimate sizes for growing children. Discounts on winter apparel as winter winds down may be as high as 70 percent, meaning savvy shoppers can save substantial amounts of money.
- Score big on big-ticket items. Appliances may go on sale at steep discounts on Presidents' Day. Shoppers who need new appliances for their kitchens may find Presidents' Day sales have what they need at the prices they want to pay. Save even more on big-ticket items by using cash-back or points balances on credits cards to lower out-of-pocket costs even further.
- Shop around for electronics. Computers, laptops and many different electronic devices go on sale on Presidents' Day. Compare and contrast items you have had your eyes on for some time, determining regular prices and sale prices will help you determine if the Presidents' Day sale price is a good deal.
- Don't overlook deals on automobiles. Certain holidays, such as Presidents' Day, provide opportunities for consumers to find great deals on new vehicles. That's because sales tend to be slow in February. Scout out the deals being offered on the car or truck you want. Sales personnel may be more open to negotiations if it will close the sale.

Presidents' Day is, first a foremost, a chance to reflect and honor past presidents. But it also is a day for shoppers to find great deals on a host of items.



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