



# Dudley prepping for COVID vaccine rollout

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – Like many communities, Dudley has seen a significant increase in COVID cases over the last few months, specifically since Thanksgiving. In the weeks leading up to the holiday Dudley recorded only around 27 cases, but in the week prior to Thanksgiving, the numbers in 46 cases and continued to grow from there.

While Dudley saw a dip in cases on Thanksgiving week and the first week of December to 21 and 27 cases, respectively, recorded new cases have not dropped below 39 as of the week of Jan. 21 with several weeks topping 40 and as least two weeks exceeding 60 new cases.

This increase didn't come as a surprise to Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda who said the entire state expected the holidays to bring an increase in COVID numbers. In fact, the increases were in line with the local trend where numerous communities, including neighboring Charlton, also faced highs for recorded new cases of COVID-19.

“Even with the small holiday gatherings order, and the majority of residents adhering to the order, short of local public health orders ‘canceling’ the holidays or closing businesses and banning religious gatherings, which in my opinion was never an option, increased exposure due to increased traffic from holiday shopping, mailing gifts, etc. was inevitable,” Ruda said confirming that in early January active cases of COVID-19 in town reached 145. “Our local numbers are not as bad as some, and better than many, and on a micro-scale, Dudley is an example of why the governor decided to extend the 25 percent capacity ban for an additional week. That said, and thankfully, over the course of the week following New Year’s, Dudley’s cases once again began to show a decline, and with the new year I think comes a new optimism. The local increase over the holidays provides an actual, local, real example of why it remains critical to follow the guidance and not let down our guard on the eve of benefitting from the widespread testing and vaccinations that will be available.”

The promise of vaccines has caused Ruda to activate Dudley’s emergency management team to assist the Dudley Board of Health with the impending distribution. While there are still a lot of unknown, Dudley is working to be prepared when new vaccines are available to that citizens can be given access as the year rolls on.

“The first phase of vaccines for first responders and healthcare providers began on Jan. 11, but thanks to some good work done by the fire chief, Dudley’s fire, police and EMS have for the most part already received the first of two vaccines and received it ahead of the Commonwealth’s schedule. This forward-leaning approach hardens our public safety services and further protects them from the virus to the benefit of Dudley residents. According to the Commonwealth’s plan, in phase two, our high-risk seniors age 75 and over, with two or more comorbidities will be vaccinated, along with early childhood educators, K-12, public health, grocery, public works, food, sanitation and agriculture workers and in phase three, the general public will receive the vaccine,” Ruda said. “The Commonwealth’s plan is to provide for the delivery of vaccinations to the general public by April of this year. In Dudley, our plan is to be ready to provide vaccines, according to the priority set by the Commonwealth, as soon as they are available, and to provide them in a manner that will work for all demographics and physical abilities.”

Dudley Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director Dean Kochanowski confirmed he had his COVID-19 vaccine and that his department is working closely with the Board of Health and awaiting news and guidelines from the state to prepare for the next rollout. While the chief said this is like nothing he has ever seen before as a first responder he is confident Dudley will be ready when the vaccines arrive.

“The Board of Health is the lead on this, but emergency management is put into play from an operations standpoint. That’s how Dudley has it set up. The Board of Health is working with the state to get the vaccines and we’re trying to provide the places where we can distribute it and give the shots. We’re working really closely together on this,” Kochanowski said. “This is going to be widespread over months, and we’re really looking for guidance from the state and federal government because we really can’t do anything until they give us the direction to move in and we get the vaccine and the supplies to distribute it. It’s probably the big-

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## A TRIBUTE IN BRONZE

A finely detailed life-sized bronze firefighter memorial statue of a kneeling firefighter is the Town of Dudley’s stunning tribute to its firefighters. It was installed last summer in front of the fire station at 128 West Main St., and was fabricated from photos in the lost wax method by Richard Devuono of the Bronze-Depot.com under the watchful eye of Chief Dean Kochanowski. It is a true work of art.



# Oxford selectmen frustrated by Sacarrappa Road delays

BY GUS STEEVES  
CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD – Selectmen expressed frustration at the ongoing delays in the Sacarrappa Road project after new DPW Director Jared Duval noted he’s still awaiting permits from the Department of Environmental Protection and Army Corps of Engineers.

Project design, he said,

“has been complete for some time,” and Town Manager Jen Callahan said she intends to put it out to bid soon anyway, aiming to have work begin in July.

Selectman Cheryl Leblanc noted a March 2020 DPW memo had an identical timeline, and she decried the fact “these are the exact same things we heard a year ago,”

and 18 months ago. She noted it wasn’t Duval’s fault, saying “shame on the state” for not acting more efficiently.

“I’m so disappointed that this project is not nearly as far along as we were told in the past,” she said. “... I think we’re just about at the end of our rope ... I fear we’ll have to go back to the townspeople for more money,

and they aren’t going to like that.”

Oxford set aside about \$800,000 for the work a few years ago, before Callahan became manager. She essentially agreed with Leblanc, noting she’s concerned “what the price tag will be.” Putting it out to bid will make that clearer, and give her figures to put

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# Shepherd Hill seniors honored with awards

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY/CHARLTON – The Dudley Charlton Regional School District recognized three outstanding seniors during a meeting on Jan. 13 who received honors presented by the superintendent and high school principal.

Superintendent Steven Lamarche congratulated Shepherd Hill Regional High School seniors Henry Weiland and Serena Veilleux for receiving the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents Certificate of Academic Excellence Awards. The

annual award is given to high school students who have distinguished themselves in the pursuit of excellence during their high school careers.

Speaking about Henry Weiland first, Superintendent Lamarche said Weiland is an accomplished cross country and track star

and “integral leader” in several clubs including National Honor Society and the Dudley-Charlton Leadership Council as well as serving as Board of Selectman student representative. He was also named a Bank of America Student Leader and has

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# St. Joseph runners qualify for Cross Country Championships

WEBSTER — St. Joseph School is proud to announce that 11 members of their newly formed middle school cross-country team qualified for the New England Virtual Middle School

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Courtesy

St. Joseph School 8th Grade students (L to R) Justin Dooner, Dale Boudreau, Dominik Gielarowiec, Krystian Kowalczyk, and Samantha Keller pose with the medals and t-shirts they received for participating in the New England Virtual Middle School Cross Country Championships. Dale & Dominik finished in the Top 10 for the two-mile long course completion.





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BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

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Danielle Perron belongs to a unique cadre of local experts who look forward to the dreaded tax season. Her business, Everyday Business & Tax Solutions, is located in Leicester’s Northeast Pizza plaza (1205 Main St.). She has been in operation for more than two years, and she is always eager to assist residents seeking guidance.

“I love tax language, but I surely know that’s not the case for everyone,” Perron said. “One of my favorite parts of being a tax professional is the opportunity to help taxpayers understand their taxes and what factors into their refund or tax due. [I enjoy] helping them plan for any changes ahead and making them feel confident in knowing how their changes will affect their bottom line.”

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# Search underway for new superintendent in Oxford

OXFORD — Oxford Public Schools has begun its search process for a new Superintendent of Schools. The School Committee has contracted with the New England School Development Council (NESDEC) to assist the District throughout the entire search/hiring process. Within the new few weeks, the School Committee intends to appoint a Superintendent Screening Committee to assist in the search process. While the School Committee has the sole authority to appoint the Superintendent, it wishes to have the benefit of input from a Screening Committee made up of various members of the community and schools. The Screening Committee will review applications, interview candidates, and recommend several candidates to the School Committee for further consideration.

The Oxford School Committee seeks community members to serve on the Screening Committee. Interested individuals should be available to attend several evening meetings, including all the candidate interview sessions, and should understand that much of the business of the Screening Committee will require a high degree of confidentiality. Interested parties must be available the following evenings: Thursday, March 4; Tuesday, March 9; and dates to be determined between March 11 - March 22. The search consultant will

facilitate a training workshop at the first meeting and will assist in reviewing applications and in the selection of candidates. The interview schedule and questions will be developed.

In subsequent meetings, it is anticipated that the Screening Committee will interview a total of approximately eight to 10 candidates who best meet the profile that has been established for the Superintendent position. At the conclusion of the interviews, the Screening Committee will recommend three to five candidates for further consideration by the Oxford School Committee.

Selecting a new Superintendent of Schools in an important activity for the entire community, and it requires an extraordinary commitment of time and energy. The School Committee would greatly appreciate community participation in the process. Individuals interested in submitting their names for consideration should email the Executive Assistant at [hcoffin@oxps.org](mailto:hcoffin@oxps.org) by Monday, Feb. 1 . The email should include your full name, telephone number, and confirmation that you are available during the aforementioned dates. The names of all interested individuals will then be passed along to the School Committee for consideration, with appointments to be made on Feb. 8.

## Connor Hansen named to American International College Dean’s List

SPRINGFIELD — Connor Hansen, of North Oxford, has been named to the American International College (AIC) Dean’s List for the fall 2020 semester. Dean’s List students are full time students who have achieved a 3.3 to 4.0 GPA. AIC commends the efforts and accomplishments of these scholars during this unprecedented time.

Founded in 1885, American International College (AIC) is a private, co-educational, doctoral granting institution located in Springfield, Massachusetts, comprising the School of Business, Arts and Sciences, the School of Education, and the School of Health Sciences. AIC supports and advances education, diversity, and opportunity for its students and the community.

## WEBSTER POLICE LOG

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of Jan. 10-16.

A 32-year-old male from Worcester whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Jan. 10 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member, Strangulation or Suffocation, Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon, Armed Assault with intent to Murder, Armed Robbery, Intimidation of a Witness, Juror, Police Officer, or Court Official, Kidnapping, and Larceny From a Building.

Jacob Ryan Merritt, age 28, of Webster was arrested on Jan. 11 for Disorderly Conduct and Disturbing the Peace.

Elaine Wawira Gachinga, age 26, of Worcester was arrested on Jan. 11 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol and Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle.

Edwina L. Duffy, age 46, current address unknown, was arrested on Jan. 12 in connection with multiple out of agency warrants.

A 32-year-old male from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication on Jan. 12 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

Jamie Martin Joensson, age 27, of Webster was arrested on Jan. 15 in connection with a warrant.

Jose L. Castro, age 21, of Worcester was arrested on Jan. 15 for a Number Plate Violation, a Missing Registration Sticker, and in connection with a warrant.

Matthew Owanisian, age 44, of Webster was arrested on Jan. 16 for Wanton or Reckless Behavior Causing Risk to a Child.

## DUDLEY POLICE LOG

DUDLEY — The Dudley Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of Jan. 15-22.

Kamil A. Sandeck, age 34, of Millbury was arrested on Jan. 16 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol and Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle.

Gina M. Daniels-Christenson, age 51, of Webster was arrested on Jan. 18 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Use of an Electronic Device while Operating a Motor Vehicle, and Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License.

An 18-year-old male whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Jan. 19 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member, Destruction of Property valued at less than \$1,200, and Cruelty to an Animal.

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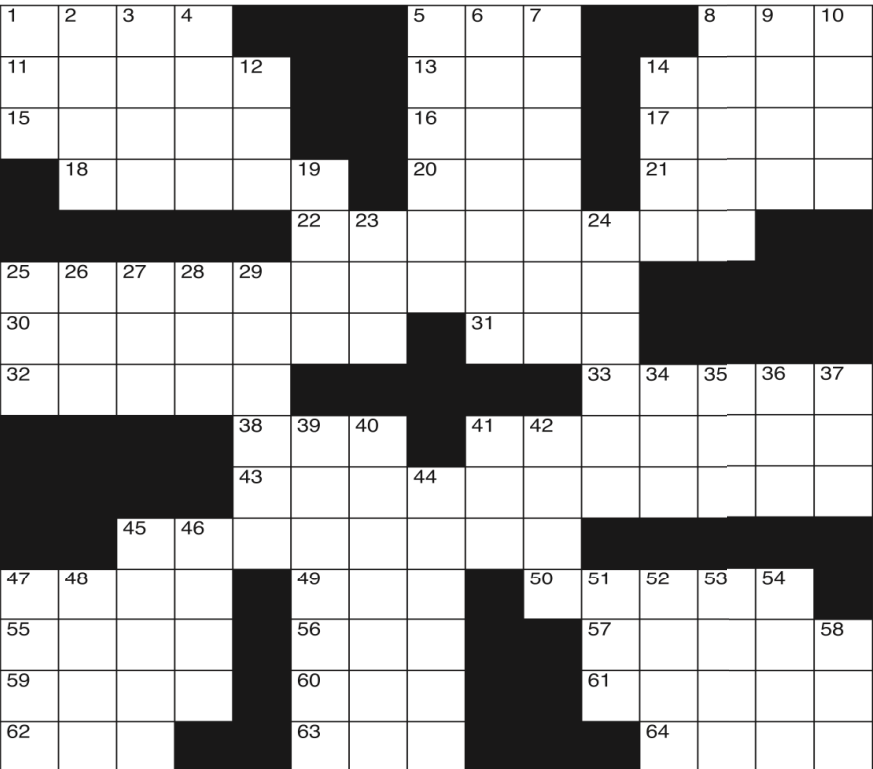
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18. Credit associations

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25. Arriving early

30. Called it a career

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33. Easter egg

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41. Lack of success

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50. Partner to “ooohed”

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60. Patti Hearst’s captors

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62. Midwife

63. Of she

64. S. Korean statesman

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1. Cool!

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9. Cain and \_\_

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12. Type of amino acid (abbr.)

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19. Satisfy

23. Misfire

24. Nearsightedness

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26. Increase motor speed

27. When you hope to get there

28. Indicates position

29. Where rockers perform

34. Substitute
35. \_\_ juris: of one’s own right

36. Earliest form of modern human in Europe: \_\_-magnon

37. Adult female bird

39. Do away with

40. Lens

41. Flattened appendage

42. Post or pillar in Greek temple

44. A medieval citizen of Hungary

45. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation

46. Abba \_\_, Israeli politician

47. Sew

48. Evergreen trees and shrubs having oily one-seeded fruits

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# The pandemic of pessimism vs. the opportunities of optimism

“The sky is falling! The end is near!” In a variety of words, we are hearing these dire warnings issued by the talking heads on television and on talk radio, daily. The fear then permeates into the minds and hearts of listeners who then spread to their friends, family, and coworkers. Yes, fear and pessimism can travel just like a virus. Washing your hands and wearing masks won’t help. Social distancing will, but it requires far more than staying six feet away. Avoid the carriers of pessimism like the plague.

Pessimism is a tendency to see the worst aspect of things or believe that the worst will happen. Sound familiar? How many people do you know live this way? A pessimistic outlook causes lack of hope or confidence in the future. It’s a terrible feeling to live without hope. Even worse, pessimism is a self-fulfilling prophecy. If you live your life believing the worst is coming, your mind and



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body conspire together to make it so. What you look for, you usually find.

We speak often about optimism and the opportunities for a successful and happy life. But like the typical optimist, I usually avoid pessimism like a nasty virus.

The typical pessimist doesn’t realize he or she is a pessimist. They say things like, “I call them the way I see them,” or, “I’m a realist.” When you believe the worst is coming, what do you think you look for? And when you look at life through pessimistic eyes, everything looks negative. When you see the worst in situations and people, you respond in kind, while creating a negative and unhappy life.

I spent a lot of years

in leadership positions and as a CEO. In searching for future leaders, experience and education was always important but took a back seat to attitude and outlook. I always sought out the optimists. I wanted people who saw a successful and bright future at the helm. If they were optimistic about success, they were far more likely to succeed. No, optimism alone will not always win, but an optimistic person with the right experience and training will.

I’ve mentioned this before, but it’s appropriate to mention again. On February 15, 2020, an oncologist told me that I had nine months to a year at the most to live. I was stunned, and asked, “so what’s the plan?”

He shrugged and said, “We’ll make you as comfortable as we can until the end.”

“What are my other options?” I asked.

He looked confused, so

I rephrased the question. “What is our plan to beat this cancer?”

He said firmly, “You have stage four gastric cancer. It’s inoperable and unbeatable. You need to get your life in order and enjoy what time you have left.”

That type of pessimistic outlook just doesn’t compute in my optimistic brain, so I decided to find a doctor more in line with my philosophy. I began my search for an optimistic physician who would fight with me and find a way to extend my life or beat this cancer all-together. I found Dr. Kasi at the University of Iowa, Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center and he said, “We’ll explore every option and fight this cancer. There’s a new treatment that’s a combination of an immunotherapy called Keytruda and chemo that’s creating promising results. I like our chances.”

I thoroughly checked out his education and

background and realized I had found the best physician for the job and he was an optimist. I’m past the nine-month death prediction and I’ll fly by the year. I promise you I’ll be writing this column for years to come.

If you think optimism isn’t important, think about this. If I were a pessimist, I would have accepted my first doctor’s death proclamation and gone home to die. But the eternal optimist inside me screamed, “No way!” I searched and found a way, and today, I’m still living my life fully and making plans for the five-year anniversary party of my death proclamation and I fully expect to attend ... and you are invited!

No. Being an optimist will not cure cancer but being an optimist will push you to not give up. Your optimism will search for a positive outcome. Being optimistic doesn’t always mean you’ll find a solution, but it will give you a dramat-

ically better chance than pessimism.

I’m roughly four weeks away from my projected “death day” and I believe I’m healthier now than I was a year ago. And that’s not just optimism. My blood tests and scans agree.

So, what about you? There is a cure for the “Pandemic of Pessimism” and it’s the choice to become an optimist. What is your picture of a happy and successful future? Believe the best is yet to come and go to work to make it so.

I’m optimistic that 2021 will be my best year ever. What about you?

Will you join me?

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# Managing a difficult insect pest on houseplants

A sticky substance on plant leaves, plant stands, and the floor are often the first clue alerting gardeners to a problem. If a closer look reveals bumps on the upper and lower surface of leaves and stems, it means scale insects have moved in to dine on your houseplants. Severe infestations can cause leaf yellowing, stunting and die-back of the plant.

If you have battled these insects, you know they can be challenging to control. Arm yourself with an understanding of their lifecycle and be persistent to successfully manage these pests.

Scale insects have needle-like mouthparts that allow them to pierce the leaf and stem surfaces. They suck plant sap through a tube-like structure just as if they were drinking from a straw. These are one of several insects that secrete drops of a clear, sticky substance, called honeydew, as they feed. A black fungus known as sooty mold may grow on the honeydew. It does not directly harm the plant, but it looks bad. In severe cases, sooty mold can prevent sunlight from reaching the leaves, causing them to



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yellow.

Adult scale insects form coverings that protect them from adverse environmental conditions and most chemical controls. Eggs hatch under this protective covering and the immature scale, called crawlers, emerge looking for a place to feed. Once settled, the crawler continues to grow, shedding layers of skin. These layers of shed skin, or waxy layers, form their protective covering.

Isolate infected plants as soon as you discover the problem. This will reduce the risk of this pest spreading to your other plants.

You can remove the adult scales with a toothpick, tweezers, or an old toothbrush. Repeat every few weeks until you have this pest under control. This may be sufficient to control small populations, but if you miss even one adult the problem persists.

The crawler stage is the most susceptible to chemical control. You will need a hand lens or magnifying glass to see these short-lived crawlers. Insecticides and washing small plants with a plant-

safe soapy water solution can help manage small populations. Cover the pot and soil to prevent any scale knocked off during the bath from crawling back onto the plant.

Increase your chance of success with the help of an organic insecticide like Summit Year-Round Spray Oil (SummitResponsibleSolutions.com). This lightweight oil suffocates and controls all stages of the scale insect, including the adult and eggs housed under the protective covering. Repeat applications are needed to get this insect under control.

This product is safe for people and pets while harmful to this and other houseplant pests. As always read and follow label directions for the most effective results.

Clean the pot, saucers, plant stands and the area around infected plants to remove any honeydew and unseen crawlers. This along with proper control will reduce the risk of these insects infesting treated and nearby plants.

Continue to monitor all your plants for scale and other insects each time you water. It is much easier to manage small populations than larger infestations on more plants.



Melinda Myers

Scale insects may be dining on your houseplant if you notice a sticky substance on its leaves and bumps on the upper and lower surface of the plant’s leaves and stems.

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



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into the budget or capital plan, but they might have to adjust the actual cost later with change orders to fulfill whatever DEP or the Corps require.

Chair Dennis Lamarche said, if necessary, Oxford could “derail another project in town to make sure this gets done” by using Chapter 90 funds to make up any difference.

In other business, the board put off deciding on whether to give the police chief formal authority to handle a officer Roy Aquafresca’s request to transfer to Millbury. Leblanc and Meghan Troiano requested an executive session to discuss the issue, but Lemarche refused to schedule one.

While everyone seemed to agree they feel Chief Tony Saad can handle the issue – which they couldn’t speak in much detail about – Leblanc and Troiano both noted they’d just received the background information that day. Although they said they had read it, they wanted more information, with Leblanc noting it is unusual for an officer to reach out directly to the selectmen in such a case. Both argued their decision “has implications” because Oxford still uses civil service and Leblanc said she didn’t think it was “as black-and-white as it’s being portrayed to be.”

Noting “we appoint but we do not oversee,” Lamarche said he felt this was “interfering” and did not recall the board getting involved in similar transfers before. He said he didn’t have any more information, but they could speak with the chief and Aquafresca. Troiano already had spoken to the chief.

Selectmen also approved changes to the Harwood Scholarship Fund that will open eligibility to any Oxford student, whether they attend public or private high school. Recipients need to be seniors already accepted to a college who meet financial and grade-point limits and are going into an allied health field, but Troiano said the changed rules will allow the board to choose someone who meets four of the five criteria if no applicant meets all five. It still has a \$1,200 maximum dependent on how much is in the account any given year; this year, the award will be \$1,000.

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gest undertaking we’ve had to do since I became chief in Dudley.”

Dudley Health Agent Jamie Terry says the town has also partnered with Harrington Hospital during the initial rollout of the vaccine. She confirmed what many have already stated, that the rollout with be a phased approach and Dudley specifically will be utilizing a vaccine registration form to help organize and prioritize who will get the vaccine and when.

“This list will be used to assure that every resident who is interested in receiving vaccine will be given the opportunity to get one as soon as they are eligible. The Town of Dudley is reliant on the release and delivery of the vaccine from the Commonwealth to proceed with distribution. As the vaccination is released to the Town, those signed-up to receive it will be notified,” said Terry, who went on to compliment the town of Dudley for being proactive and diligent in its responses to the changing climate surrounding the pandemic.

“This has certainly been an incredibly long and demanding emergency response and has been felt by every single citizen and staff member in Town,” Terry added. “I am excited to be at the stage of working as part of the team to bring the vaccinations home to Dudley.”

Details about the COVID vaccine can be found by visiting mass.gov/covid-19-vaccine.

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served as co-president of A Better Hill, a new equity group at Shepherd Hill. Weiland is also class treasurer and has been nominated for the Air Force Academy.

“Henry represents our district and Shepherd Hill with distinction. As a student Henry has put forth a palpable, prodigious effort to experience and learn from all that we have to offer our students academically and through other available activities within Shepherd Hill,” Superintendent Lamarche said. “In turn, through his dedication and commitment to his experiences, family and community he quietly and unassumingly leads with confidence and mature convictions. Henry never backs down from an academic challenge. He gives every academic study his all to deepen his knowledge and aptitude.”

The superintendent then recognized Class of 2021 senior Serena Veilleux, an academic powerhouse at Shepherd Hill that Lamarche called an accomplished musician and mathematician who has led numerous clubs in addition to tutoring her fellow students and serving as

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Cross Country Championships. The students qualified by running sub-10 minutes miles.

The top four St. Joseph School female runners are: (4) Hannah Watson – Grade 7, (3) Leah Boudreau – Grade 6, (2) Samantha Keller – Grade 8, and (1) Molly Hachigian – Grade 5. The top five St. Joseph School male runners are: (5) Adam Podgorny – Grade 7, (4) Jack Keller – Grade 5, (3) Ryan Gruppiso –

class president for two years. She has been a member of the National Honor Society, Envirothon, student council and the mathematics team and maintains the highest GPA in her class.

“Serena is an established Shepherd Hill High School student who has consistently and continuously exhibited her potential to be everything she wants to be,” Superintendent Lamarche said. “Serena sets goals for herself and has taken the opportunity to reach new heights and try new things during her high school experience as she prepares for graduation and what is next. Serena is an academic force who is self-aware. She recognized her interest in high level mathematics at an early age and sought out greater knowledge from her family of engineers. Along with her exceptional aptitude Serena identifies the importance of one’s emotional health and wellbeing. Serena maintains the highest GPA in the class of 2021 and received a perfect score on the mathematics SAT. While Serena’s academic interests are heavily weighed to the studies of mathematics and sciences, she’s leaves nothing on the table in all areas of learning.”

The final award presented of the eve-

Grade 5, (2) Dale Boudreau – Grade 8, and (1) Dominik Gielarowiec – Grade 8.

Also competing for St. Joseph School were eighth grade students Krystian Kowalczyk and Justin Dooner. Congratulations to eighth grade students Dale Boudreau and Dominik Gielarowiec for finishing Top 10 overall for the two-mile-long course competition. The students completed their run for the New England Virtual Middle School Cross Country Championships at the Blackstone River Greenway Trail in Uxbridge. The team is coached by

ning was the Principals Awards chosen by Shepherd Hill Principal William Chaplin. The Class of 2021 honoree was Michaela M. Cluett, a School Committee Student Representative and Shepherd Hill athlete. Cluett has served in leadership roles on student council, National Honor Society, and as a member of the softball team. She has also served as captain of the school’s women’s soccer team where she played keeper. Finally, she has served as secretary for the class of 2021. Principal Chaplin called the decision to honor Cluett one of the easiest of his five years with Shepherd Hill Regional High School.

“If you look up student leadership in the encyclopedia there’s a picture of Michaela Cluett there,” Chaplin said also recognizing Cluett as a go-to student for him professionally as she has served as a principal’s advisor for four years. “She’s a person who is strong academically, but her leadership qualities and her task management are going to provide her unlimited possibility throughout her life.”

While the students were all honored through an online meeting all are expected to be honored in person before graduation in June.

# How valuable is your antique painting?

We often find antique paintings in the New England estates that we handle. Prices vary greatly, as some paintings are worth little while others can be quite valuable. This column will offer tips to determine if that painting on your wall will help you with your retirement fund.

The first thing you should do is check to see if what you have is an actual painting. Prints can often look like paintings to the naked eye. If you check your piece with a magnifying glass, you may find dots, the © copyright mark and other indications that it is just a print. You may also see a number such as 246/500 signed in pencil along with the artist name. These markings are seen on limited edition prints or AP (artist proof) prints. They have some value, but typically are not as valuable as an original painting. There are exceptions though. Nearly 20 years ago, we sold a group of prints that were signed by Andy Warhol. They brought around \$500 then and may be worth even more if they were auctioned today.

If you are certain you have a painting, there are other things you can check for or you can ask someone more knowledgeable to help you check it. Look at the painting detail. Do the details, such as hands in a portrait or items in the background of a scene, look like they are painted well? Try to estimate the age by examining the frame. If it is in an antique gold leaf frame, the painting could very well have been done in the 19th century. Also examine what material it was painted on. If the painting is on canvas, turn it around and check to see if the canvas has the discoloration that you would expect with an older painting. Paintings on canvas are typically more valuable than those painted on board. Oil paintings typically bring more than watercolors or pastels.

The subject matter also makes a difference in value. An artist may be well



known for their seascapes, but they could have also painted portraits or landscapes. The paintings that they specialized in are typically more valuable. Painting size is also important. Some painting appraisals are based on the price per square inch. Condition is another important factor. Holes, tears and repairs will detract from value. The provenance (definition according to Merriam Webster: “the history of ownership of a valued object or work of art or literature”) is important with paintings, as with other antiques. We sold an abstract painting by a French artist at one of our auctions. The winning bidder asked for the family name from the estate who consigned it so that he could track the provenance of the painting and prove it was original.

Lastly, look for the name of the artist and see if it is dated. When you have

the artist name you can look it up in Davenport’s Art Reference and Price Guide or an online database. Paintings that we found in local estates have brought five figures at auction. There are plenty more in this area that could bring six or seven figures. If you have a valuable painting, you can sell it and always replace the space on the wall with a reasonably priced limited-edition print.

Our current online auction features paintings by well-known equestrian artist Fay Moore from her estate. Bidding ends Feb. 17. We will soon be running our next auction of antique, vintage and more recent toy vehicles and trains. We continue to accept quality consignments of gold jewelry, sterling silver, paintings, coins, and better collectibles such as 1960s and earlier comic books and baseball cards for that sale. Keep watching [www.centralmassauctions.com](http://www.centralmassauctions.com) for more details on upcoming events.

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EDITORIAL

Facts are stubborn things

John Adams was right when he said “Facts are stubborn things.” It’s pretty funny, albeit disturbing, to sit and listen to what some individuals believe to be true, not based on facts, rather hearsay. We’ve become a society where facts just don’t seem to hold much weight anymore.

The sky is blue, grass is green, milk is good for your bones, helmets prevent head injuries in accidents, a cow has two eyes, and George Washington was our first President. All of these things we know to be true because we’ve either seen it with our own eyes, or trust the documents of history. Our grandparents tell us stories of days gone by about other family members and the way things were, and we sit and listen intently and enthusiastically, and while we take in this information, we know it to be true.

We can dig through old newspaper archives, old and current court documents, valid witness testimony, police reports, judges’ orders, and we accept this information as fact. This isn’t to say that certain things ought not to be questioned; however, when facts upon facts upon facts are staring you dead in the eye and you still believe them not to be true, well, that’s simply dumbfounding.

We know that surgeons wear masks to prevent infection. We know that vitamin C boosts our immune systems. We know what elements make up oxygen and water. We know that Ibuprofen is an anti-inflammatory. We know that too much alcohol can hurt our livers, we know that plants need sunlight and water to grow. We know all of this to be factual, because of science.

So now, when scientists express how important mask wearing is during a pandemic to prevent the spread of a deadly virus (a practice done even in 1919), we have some individuals who just brush it off. It would be humorous if it wasn’t so disturbing. The fact is, based on science, that proper masks prevent the spread of airborne viruses, just like sunblock can prevent a sunburn. Why is one scientifically proven technique widely accepted and the other not? Well, a sunburn has never been politicized. Science has been saving lives and keeping our parents, friends and family members alive for longer, since the dawn of time.

Enter the ever interesting topic of conspiracy theories. A conspiracy theory is an explanation for an event or situation that invokes conspiracy by sinister and powerful groups, often in political motivation when other explanations are based on actual, proven facts.

Such theories have been around forever. They are nothing more than fairytales. Recently, psychologists have begun to unravel why certain individuals are more likely to believe in conspiracy theories and what attributes about them, make them so gullible.

Experts have surmised that characteristics of those people who are likely to believe in conspiracy theories include distrust of others, low agreeability and Machiavelliansim (when a person is so focused on their own interests, they will manipulate, deceive, and exploit others to achieve their goals.)

Low agreeability is typically defined as someone who is not very kind, nor dependable or cooperative with others. People more susceptible to conspiracy theories are more likely to have lower levels of analytic thinking.

When a person who believes in nonsense, is presented with demonstrable, thorough, proven, hard facts, they are often responded to with even further out there thinking, and it is noticeable that there is very little critical thinking.

Further it has been discovered that conspiracy theories make a person feel special. Some individuals who need to feel unique but can’t any other way, may fall prey. Conspiracy theories rely on ‘secret information’ which can give those believers a false sense of belonging.

It has been discovered that those individuals also are narcissists with a grandiose idea of the self and a touch of paranoia. Further, those who fall prey are likely more alienated, powerless and socially isolated.

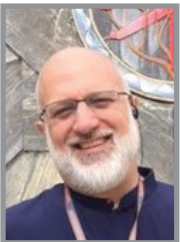
Remember, conspiracy theories are brought about by people, not actual facts. Take note that you cannot argue with those who believe in conspiracy because those beliefs are not rational.

The simple answer here is to not ignore the facts — wear your sunscreen, wear your mask, drink water, eat your vegetables, have some fun, laugh and be kind to one another.

VIEWPOINT

Don’t accept the grace of God in vain

Saint Paul warns the first Christians in Corinth to be careful that you “Don’t accept the grace of God in vain.”



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What does that mean? How can one accept the grace of God in vain? Is this warning for a person who says they believe in God and yet doesn’t live in communion with Him? Is this a warning for those who go to Church each week and then walk out of church into the world unchanged, acting like everyone else? Does this mean calling ourselves Christians and yet not trying to live our lives according to the ways of our faith, by loving God and loving our neighbor, including even our enemies?

“Don’t accept the grace of God in vain.” It’s a harsh warning, challenging us to look at ourselves and warning us not to waste the gifts that God gives us.

Jesus shares a relevant story to these words in the Parable of the Talents. A master had three servants to whom he gave different gifts according to their ability. To one he gave five talents, or large sums of money. To another he gives two talents. To a third he gives one. Each according to their ability. When the first returns after having doubled his gift, he is praised as a good and faithful servant. The second one receives the same praise even though he increased his original gift by two, specifically because he also doubled what was given to him. We could say that these two servants received “the grace of God” to a certain degree in their lives, and then increased their gift from God. They put forth effort and commitment, combining their faith with God’s grace and mercy to do something positive with what they were given.

This goes in line with the teaching that “to every person who has something, even more will be given, but the person who has nothing, even the little that he has will be taken away from him” (Mt 25:29). The scholar William Barclay says, “If a person has a talent and

exercises it, he or she is progressively able to do more with it. But, if one has a talent and fails to exercise it, they will inevitably lose it.”

This is what we see with the third servant. He received one talent and does nothing with it. Instead, he chooses to complain about the Master and his gift. He found excuses to justify his own laziness, even accusing the master of things untrue. He was not a self-reflective person, who tried to look honestly at himself. He wasn’t sincere in his self-evaluation. Instead, he took from the master, and lived a self-centered life. He accepted the grace of God in vain. And when the day of accounting came, he simply made excuses.

This story should lead each of us to look at our own lives. We all have been given different and unique gifts from God throughout our lives. Spiritual gifts. Material gifts. Emotional gifts. Think about the gifts and talents each of us have received in our lives. What have we done with them? How have we increased them for the glory of God?

In my own life, I often think of the special blessings God has given me. Next week I will celebrate my 56th birthday. Birthdays are always a time when I reflect on my life and think about the countless ways God has enriched my life. Of course, some of the greatest blessings have been in the many rich and deep relationships I’ve experienced. One day before my birthday my parents celebrate their 62nd anniversary. The example of my parents loving each other for so long and living a full life of service to God and in dedication to the world around them has always inspired me. My loving relationship with my parents gave me a rock-solid foundation upon which I started my life, and which has strengthened me throughout my life

Then, over the past two weeks, I celebrated the birthday of two of my four children, which makes me think of how blessed I have been with my wife and children. Over this same time period, I’ve also celebrated the birth-

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Keep your vehicle clear of snow



CHIEF’S CORNER

STEVE WOJNAR

We have not experienced much snow yet this season; however, it is inevitable that we will. During previous storms, many vehicles were operating with large amounts of snow still on them. This can be dangerous for the driver and other travelers. I wanted to remind people of the importance of taking this one additional safety step before travelling.

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

The danger lies in not removing this snow in a prompt manner. If it is left in place, it tends to melt and re-freeze, which creates an ice sheet. When traveling at higher speeds, such as on a highway, the wind can move under this ice and send it flying off the vehicle. It could then land on or around another vehicle traveling along the road. The results of this can be very serious. Despite the damage this may cause, it could have even greater consequences should this land on another vehicle’s windshield. The driver may be unable to see and this could result in an accident. If there is a crash involved, the fact that the snow/ice was not removed prior to the trip could be considered as a negligent act on the part of that driver. Therefore, this person may bear some responsibility for the accident. Please take a few extra minutes to completely remove the snow from your vehicle. This simple act could prevent and accident and possibly save a life, even your own.

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

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Oxford’s electric supplier

To the Editor:

A few years ago, Oxford contracted with Nextera to be the residential and commercial electricity supplier. If you had National Grid as your supplier, you were automatically switched to Nextera unless you filled out a form given by the Town to opt-out. If you were already with a different supplier, you would not be included in the program.

In November, I contacted my then supplier, Think Energy, to notify them that I was cancelling and signing with Constellation. I thought that everything was taken care of; was I wrong. My December bill showed National Grid as my supplier. Evidently, my contract with Think Energy closed in November, and National Grid took over before Constellation.

In December, I also received an e-mail from Constellation saying that my contract with them was cancelled. I called them to find out who cancelled it, and was told it was my utility company. I then contacted National Grid who said they did not cancel and their information showed Constellation was going to be my supplier in January.

Taking it one step further, I contacted the Massachusetts DPU and stated what happened. I was told that if National Grid was my supplier in between the changeover, then I was automatically enrolled with the supplier the Town

of Oxford contracted with, namely Nextera. I was told that I must contact them and opt-out (I had sent an opt-out notice that I had received from the Town earlier; evidently, it was never received).

Between my calls to Constellation, National Grid, the DPU, and Nextera, I was on the phone for well over an hour, an aggravation I did not need.

Oxford residents, be forewarned, if you change suppliers and there is even a one month delay where National Grid becomes your supplier, you will automatically be enrolled with Nextera, and need to call them to opt-out.

I place the blame on the Town of Oxford, the Massachusetts DPU, and National Grid, for contracting such a plan with Nextera.

The parties involved know full well that it takes at least one or two billing cycles to complete a changeover, and there should have been a grace period allowed where National Grid can be the supplier be it one or two months, before Nextera automatically takes over, and they not only take over but cancel the contract with your new supplier.

I asked National Grid that a block be placed on my account so no one other than myself can trigger a change.

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# With ultra-low rates, should you still invest in bonds?

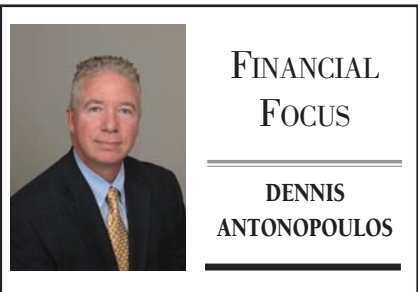
If you've been investing for many years and you've owned bonds, you've seen some pretty big changes on your financial statements. In 2000, the average yield on a 10-year U.S. Treasury security was about 6 percent; in 2010, it had dropped to slightly over 3 percent, and for most of 2020, it was less than 1 percent. That's an enormous difference, and it may lead you to this question: With yields so low on bonds, why should you even consider them?

Of course, while the 10-year Treasury note is an important benchmark, it doesn't represent the returns on any bonds you could purchase. Typically, longer-term bonds, such as those that mature in 20 or 30 years, pay high-

er rates to account for inflation and to reward you for locking up your money for many years. But the same downward trend can be seen in these longer-term bonds, too – in 2020, the average 30-year Treasury bond yield was only slightly above 1.5 percent.

Among other things, these numbers mean that investors of 10 or 20 years ago could have gotten some reasonably good income from investment-grade bonds. But today, the picture is different. (Higher-yield bonds, sometimes known as “junk” bonds, can offer more income but carry a higher risk of default.)

Nonetheless, while rates are low now, you may be able to employ a



strategy that can help you in any interest-rate environment. You can build a bond “ladder” of individual bonds that mature on different dates. When market interest rates are low, you'll still have your longer-term bonds earning higher yields (and long-term yields, while fluctuating, are expected to rise in the future). When interest rates rise, your maturing bonds can be reinvested at these new, higher levels. Be

sure you evaluate whether a bond ladder and the securities held within it are consistent with your investment objectives, risk tolerance and financial circumstances.

Furthermore, bonds can provide you with other benefits. For one thing, they can help diversify your portfolio, especially if it's heavily weighted toward stocks. Also, stock and bond prices often (although not always) move in opposite directions, so if the stock market goes through a down period, the value of your bonds may rise. And bonds are usually less volatile than stocks, so they can have a “calming” effect on your portfolio. Plus, if you hold your

bonds until maturity, you will get your entire principal back (providing the bond issuer doesn't default, which is generally unlikely if you own investment-grade bonds), so bond ownership gives you a chance to preserve capital while still investing.

But if the primary reason you have owned bonds is because of the income they offer, you may have to look elsewhere during periods of ultra-low interest rates. For example, you could invest in dividend-paying stocks. Some stocks have long track records of increasing dividends, year after year, giving you a potential source of rising income. (Keep in mind, though, that dividends can be increased, decreased or eliminated

at any time.) Be aware, though, that stocks are subject to greater risks and market movements than bonds.

Ultimately, while bonds may not provide the income they did a few years ago, they can have a place in a long-term investment strategy. Consider how they might fit into yours.

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## Anglers take to the ice

The old saying: if you do not like the weather in New England, just wait a day or two. Fishermen have been waiting for some safe ice, and it has finally happened. Numerous small ponds were safe this past weekend, but it was safe in some areas and not so safe in others. Caution still needs to be practiced as not all areas of the lakes and ponds are frozen equally. The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club had a few anglers catching some recently stocked trout this past Saturday, with Steve Bedard of Uxbridge landing a real impressive rainbow trout, as this week's picture shows.

Not all sections of the pond were safe, but anglers concentrated on the safe areas to fish. While some anglers were fishing Steve Bedard was busy cooking breakfast prior to his big catch. Waffles and eggs were great, according to all in attendance. Steve loves to cook, and does a pig roast for the club every year!

This past week, I visit-

ed Jerrys' Bait & Tackle shop in Milford to get the latest information on fishing conditions in other parts of the state. One angler that I spoke with did not want to be identified, but he did reveal some great information on his success fishing for Northern Pike in the Western part of the state the week before. Trophy fishing for pike can be a bit on the pricey side when it comes to purchasing live bait, as I quickly found out. You want to catch big fish, you need to use large bait! Six- and seven-inch bait fish cost the angler \$5 each, while the four-inch bait cost \$3 each! He was just glad to get them, as bait fish that size are not easy to find.

I asked the angler if he had any pictures of his fish from the prior week of fishing, and he was quick to show me one fish that was a monster Northern Pike. I asked him if he would allow me to use it for my next column? Sorry, I do not want people following me to my favorite fishing hole! I can understand,

as one local angler that has some great fishing spots for Northern Pike had that happen to him. He found anglers parked down the road from his house, waiting for him to leave, and they would attempt to follow him to his fishing spot that morning.

He was smart enough to notice he was being followed, and managed to lose them on some of the back roads, prior to arriving at his destination. Deer hunters are also reluctant to disclose their trophy deer hunting spots for the same reason, and have gone through similar experiences. Is this what fishing and hunting is coming to? It also happens on the ocean. It makes reporting on trophy fish and deer success a lot harder. Oh, well! It is the world we live in today! I do not need to worry about anyone trying to follow me my hot spots, as they have been fished out by commercial draggers.

Dog owners need to keep their pets close to home and under their control at all times. The threat of losing them to predators is extremely high this time of year, and the other threat is to have them fall through thin ice. In the last few weeks, dog owners have had their pets fall through thin ice, but were lucky that they were rescued in time. Numerous deer are also falling through thin ice as they attempt to cross local ponds and lakes.

Even when you are taking walks with your dog at this time of year, they should be kept on a leash when walking near ponds and lakes. A few years back, I was taking my dogs Molly and Twig for a walk along the banks of the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club, when my wife's beagle Molly spotted a couple of mallard ducks flying by. As soon as she spotted them, she started to chase them by sight.

Not watching where she was going, the ducks banked to the right over the pond. She followed them and found herself under a thin layer of ice.

I quickly jumped into the water that, thankfully, was not too deep. I could see her swimming under the coating of ice (about an inch), and I managed to break the ice and grab her collar. I threw her towards the shore as my walking buddy looked on. This happened prior to my wife's passing, and I knew that if I had gone home without her, my life would be hell! She suffered no ill effects from the ordeal, and I was lucky the water was not too deep.

Talking to young family members about the dangers of thin ice cannot be stressed enough at this time of year. They need adult supervision at all times, and some adults need to be supervised by their children!

Bringing in your dogs to a warm place during extremely cold weather should be practiced, and there outdoor living quarters need to be clean, dry, with plenty of straw! They also need plenty of water at this time of year with plenty of high protein food.

The Massachusetts late Canada Goose hunting reopened on Jan. 15 in the Central District, and will remain open until Feb. 15, with a five-bird daily limit. Fortunately,

the fields are absent of snow having numerous geese frequenting them on a daily basis. Unfortunately, most fields are now frozen making food for the geese hard to get, and some fields that do have food and numerous geese in them, are off limits to hunting. Rivers should provide some great hunting opportunities to harvest a few geese before

the season ends on Feb. 15.

The 2020 black bear season in Massachusetts was a record year, with 325 bears harvested! The September season had 236 bear harvested, and the November season had five.

Take A Kid fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!



Jim Lavallee & Steve Bedard ice fishing at the Uxbridge Club Pond this past Saturday.



Steve Bedard with a monster rainbow trout caught this past Saturday!

## Friday's Child



Bailey  
Age 13

Hi! My name is Bailey and I enjoy spending time with animals!

Bailey is a kind and creative girl of Caucasian descent. Bailey has many interests and hobbies such as playing outside, swimming, cooking and baking. She also enjoys playing imaginative games with her stuffed animals and dolls. She will often ask others to compete in a game of Uno, Candyland, or Connect Four with her. She is a competitive, playful child who is always willing to try new games and activities. Animals are also very important to Bailey and she enjoys going to farms to visit and interact with different types of animals.

Bailey is very eager to have good relationships with adults and peers in her life. She puts in a lot of effort

and energy into forming positive relationships. In the school setting, Bailey has been able to create and maintain friendships with several peers in her classroom.

Bailey has identified that she wants to be an only child in a family that will love her and keep her safe. She would also like to be in a family that has pets and shares her love for ravioli! Bailey's team would love to see her placed in an active two-parent family that has a strong support system and is very involved in their community. Bailey's future family should be willing to engage in services and maintain contact and visits with her birth parents and siblings.

### Who Can Adopt?

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

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

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

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Apologies to the Dudley Democratic Town Committee

To the Editor:

My apologies for drawing the Dudley Democratic Town Committee into a confrontation with itself, but it's actually you that has made my point, and quite nicely. The quote that I referenced on Jan. 8 was not taken out of context, it was a salient point in your original letter. It was then reinforced in last week's response, “our letter expressed views about the roots of the current polarization of our nation.” Indeed it did. Your views, which are every bit as polarized and recalcitrant as those seen in your opponent. Each side is intractable. A product of their own hyperbolic echo chamber. Agitation sells, we are all being played. Political media has become a perpetual motion machine that is now

deriving a profit from “fact checking” the very information that its parent company is being paid to disseminate. That's not editorial oversight, it's an additional revenue stream. None of this is going away. Understanding the corporate media cabal is an essential component of informed political discourse. Activist scribes aligning themselves with the ruling class have always been the nemesis of a free press. See them for what they are. Seek out independent content providers. Especially those that you disagree with. Before they are all silenced.

BRUCE LARSSON  
DUDLEY



# OBITUARIES

## Norman P. Duclos, 58



**WEBSTER** – Norman P. Duclos, 58, died Monday, January 18, 2021 in UMASS/Memorial Healthcare in Worcester after a brief illness.

He leaves his wife of 38 years, Robin A. (Mulverhill) Duclos; a son, Ryan J. Duclos and a daughter, Amanda L. Jacobson both of Webster; 2 grandchildren, Sydney Jacobson and Nathan Jacobson; his mother, Jean (Bembenek) Duclos of Thompson, CT; 2 sisters, Elaine Boisvert and her husband David, and Linda Duclos; his mother-in-law, Joan (Barney) Mulverhill; his brother-in-law, Scott J. Mulverhill; a close friend Kevin Giroux, all of Webster; and nephews and nieces.

He was born on December 19, 1962 in Webster, the son of the late Norman C. Duclos and grew up in Thompson CT. He was a 1981 graduate of Ellis Tech in Killingly, CT and lived in Webster since his marriage in 1982.

Mr. Duclos first worked as a machinist and currently was a truck driver for J.B. Hunt Trucking Company for the last 8 years. He enjoyed fishing and spending time with his family. His true pride and joy were his grandchildren.

A graveside service will take place at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours. Memorial donations in his name may be made to Webster EMS, 67 Thompson Road, Webster, MA 01570. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main Street, Webster, MA.

- www.scanlonfs.com

## Elaine Carol Merrell, 73



**WOODBURY** CT- Elaine Carol (Johnson) Merrell, Beloved Wife, Mother & Grandmother, 73, of Woodbury, peacefully passed away after a long illness at home on January 20, 2021, surrounded by her family and friends. She was the wife of Richard Kendall Merrell, Jr. Elaine was born in Webster, Massachusetts in 1947, the eldest daughter of Durrell Henry and Arline May (Stevens) Johnson. She attended Oxford Memorial High School in Oxford, Massachusetts where she met her high school sweetheart and future husband and played junior varsity basketball, and continued her learning throughout her adult life, attending Syracuse University, Becker College, University of New Mexico, and Post College. She served as a partner in her husband Rick's architecture firm in Waterbury for over 30 years, after starting with his practice in Worcester, Massachusetts. She and Rick were co-proprietors of the Olde Rowley Inn in North Waterford, Maine, after renovating the original 1790 building, and they renovated several historically significant houses, including a fifteenth century adobe residence in Taos, New Mexico and an early Greek Revival house in Norway, Maine. An ardent genealogist, Elaine researched and collected histories for her family and many others. Elaine will be remembered for her many friends and for being a friend to everyone she met, for her beautiful house and gardens, for

her true stories that always sounded like tall tales, and for her sharp wit. She loved her husband and traveling the world with him for over 40 years, and in the same spirit of curiosity and discovery continued traveling even after his passing, bringing her world to those she visited, and the world she visited to her friends and family. Elaine was secretly a very talented artist, and not so secretly loved the UCONN Huskies Women's basketball team and spending time with her adoring family. Elaine is predeceased by her husband of 46 years, Richard Merrell; and her brother Raymond Johnson who is survived by his wife, Sandy and son, Brian of Millers Falls, Massachusetts; and she leaves behind a son, Todd Merrell of Hartford; a daughter, Kirsten McCasland and her husband Jeffrey of Middlebury; three grandchildren, Hannah, Abigail and Ella McCasland of Middlebury; two brothers, Durrell Johnson, Jr. and his wife Ellen of Paul, Idaho, and Russell Johnson of Worcester, Massachusetts; and a sister, Anne Couture of Spencer, Massachusetts.

Arrangements: Elaine's funeral service were celebrated on Monday, January 25, 2021 at 12 p.m. at Chase Parkway Memorial/The Albin Family Funeral Home, 430 Chase Parkway, Waterbury CT. Burial will follow at New North Cemetery in Woodbury. Calling hours were held on Monday morning from 10 a.m – 12 p.m. at the funeral home.

For more info or to send e-condolences visit: www.chaseparkwaymemorial.com

## Josephine Maheu Lariviere, 91



**WEBSTER** – Josephine A. (Salveggio) Maheu LaRiviere, 91, died Wednesday, January 13, 2021 in Brookside Rehabilitation & Nursing Center after an illness. Her first husband, Philip J. Maheu, Sr. died in 1957. Her second husband of 25 years, Ernest "Larry" LaRiviere, died in 1991.

She leaves 2 children, Carol A. Leboeuf and her husband Ronald, and Susan M. Curtis, all of Webster; 6 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers, John Salveggio of Brooklyn, CT and Richard Salveggio of Florida; 2 sisters, Mary Jarvis of Lebanon, CT and Jeanne Ruta of Preston, CT; nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her sons Philip J. Maheu, Jr. and Mark A. Maheu, by her brother Frank Salveggio and by her sister Anna DiNolfo.

She was born on November 26, 1929 in

Willimantic, CT, the oldest of the 7 children of Frank and Adele (Nowakowski) Salveggio and grew up there. She had lived in several towns in Connecticut before moving to Webster in 2015.

Mrs. LaRiviere was a cashier at "Better Valu" Supermarket in Lisbon, CT for 35 years, retiring in 1998.

She liked to crochet, work with ceramics, play cards and dance the polka.

The family would like to thank the wonderful caregivers at Brookside Rehab for their care and love of Josephine.

A graveside service will be held in Pachaug Cemetery in Griswold, CT at the convenience of the family. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date. There are no calling hours. Donations in her name may be made to Ascend Hospice, 100 Locke Dr, Marlborough, MA 01752. Arrangements are under the direction of Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main Street, Webster.

www.scanlonfs.com

## Pauline M. Sroczynski, 84



Pauline M. (Kozlowski) Sroczynski, 84, died Monday, January 18, 2021 in St. Vincent Hospital after a long illness. Her husband of 48 years, Henry L. Sroczynski, died in 2007.

She leaves 2 daughters, Joyce A. Gergich and her husband Timothy J. Gergich of Slingerlands, NY, and Elaine E. Norowski and her husband James A. Norowski of Rockfall, CT (formerly of Dudley); 2 sisters, twin Evelyn Nieszczezewski of Dudley and Elizabeth Scheyd of Beavercreek, OH; 5 grandchildren, Natalie Mayo and her husband Sean, Haley Wilsey and her husband David, and Benjamin, Aaron and Rebecca Norowski; a great-granddaughter, Maeve Pauline-Marie; nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was born on June 19, 1936 in Webster and raised there, a daughter of Ignatius "Monty" Kozlowski and Monica (Serwa) Kozlowski. She graduated from Bartlett High School in 1953. She moved to her new home in Dudley, which her husband built, in 1968.

Mrs. Sroczynski worked briefly as the secretary of Saint Joseph School. She then was a clerk at Dugan's Drug Store in Webster for several years. She retired from the evening circulation desk at Nichols College in 2017 after 30 years of service. She also was the

bookkeeper for her father's business as a distributor.

Pauline was a communicant of Saint Andrew Bobola Church and a member of its Holy Rosary Sodality. Along with her husband, she worked at the church festivals every year, and volunteered in the kitchen for the church's bingo from its inception. She helped with meals for the poor and in counting the Sunday collection.

Pauline enjoyed shopping for antiques, vacations at the beaches in Maine and Daytona Beach, and reading. She was devoted to her grandchildren and especially her great-granddaughter. She loved to visit her daughters' homes and talk on the phone with her family often.

Her funeral was held Saturday, January 23, at 10:00 AM in Saint Andrew Bobola Church, 54 West Main Street. The family greeted relatives and friends at the church starting at 9:30 AM. Visitation is private by invitation. Burial was in Saint Joseph Garden of Peace. Donations in her name may be made to the American Heart Association, 3400 5th Avenue, Waltham, MA 02451 or to the American Lung Association, 1661 Worcester Road, Unit 301, Framingham, MA 01701. Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster.

www.websterfunerals.com

# Planning a Therapeutic Backyard Garden

If you plan to have a spring or summer garden, these winter days likely find you plotting out a planting strategy. If your garden inspiration includes growing health promoting plants, read on. From flowers and herbs to vegetables and wild plants, nature provides a wide variety of natural healers that aid in everything from taming a tummy ache to fighting off a fever blister. Here are some garden favorites that offer the bonus of being beneficial health aids. Note: Information is offered for general interest only and should not be taken as health advice. Contact your physician before ingesting or applying any herbs or plants.

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Marigolds a.k.a. Calendula, with their bright yellow and orange hues, are not only lovely in the garden, they are useful, with their unique properties offering a variety of benefits. The Marigold not only repels mosquitos and other pests from the garden, its anti-inflammatory properties also aid in treating minor cuts and abrasions - and the flower may be antibacterial (it was used during the Civil War to draw out infection in wounds). Marigolds are also used to soothe and heal such skin ailments as burns and acne.



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HINT  
  
KAREN  
TRAINOR

Here's a recipe for Marigold Balm from Old Schoolhouse magazine's Homestead Newsletter: You will need: 1/2 cup dried calendula petals (available in bulk at a health food store or from your garden), one ounce beeswax, 1/2 cup olive oil, a sterile tin to hold your finished project Place the petals and oil into an oven proof dish. Preheat the oven to 200 degrees. Place the oil and herbs into the oven, then turn it off and leave for three to four hours. Remove from oven to cool for an hour or so on the counter. Once cool, strain out the herbs with cheesecloth. Add the beeswax to the remaining oil and put back into the oven (or you can use a microwave for this part). Heat just until the beeswax is almost melted. Stir until it is completely melted and combined. Pour into your prepared tins and let sit 15-20 minutes until cool. Makes two tins of balm, about two ounces each.

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Many backyard gardeners grow tomatoes, and

the season's first ripe, red tomato on the vine is a summer pleasure worth waiting all year for! Whether they are in a vegetable plot, container garden, or upside down planter, tomatoes are not only delicious and nutritious, they also offer an array of health benefits. In fact, it's been well publicized that tomatoes are rich in lycopene, a powerful antioxidant. But did you know the tomato is one of the top five food sources of vitamin C, vitamin A, vitamin E, potassium and fiber? Tomatoes are also excellent sources of phytochemicals, polyphenols and carotenoids. And research shows tomatoes an aid in lowering blood pressure. According to an Israeli study, adding tomatoes to a diet can reduce systolic blood pressure by 10 points and diastolic pressure by four points. The secret weapon once again, is the tomato's high concentration of lycopene. The delicious dosage? About four whole tomatoes daily, which is easy during peak season. Off season, use chopped and canned garden tomatoes in chili, tomato sauces and soups to reach your daily dose.

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The pansy is a common, easy to grow flower. With their colorful "faces" a plot of pansies add personality to a garden or

window box, but the ancient, edible flower is also a valuable detoxifying and anti inflammatory agent. In addition, its been claimed the pansy is also helpful in treating eczema, asthma and allergies. Pansies grown without pesticides can be enjoyed in their natural state, simply washed and tossed in a salad or cold drink, or the flowers may be made into a healthful tincture or tea. To make a pansy poultice for external skin application to treat eczema and impetigo, simply add two tablespoons of pansy petals to two cups boiling water. Allow to steep for about 20 minutes and cool. Soak clean cloth in mixture and apply to skin.

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Growing garlic? The health virtues of garlic have been touted for generations. Here are a couple of garlic remedies to try:

\*The book, "The Healing Power of Garlic," suggests garlic nose drops can kill the viruses that cause cold or flu. Here are the book's instructions on concocting the drops: Crush some garlic to obtain juice, and add ten parts water and mix well. Apply as you would regular nose drops. \*According to a home remedy promoted by generations past, if you place

a clove of garlic on each side of the mouth between the teeth and cheek, a cold will disappear within a day. It's worth a try!

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Tea Tonic Natural teas are used to treat many maladies. If you are growing these herbs, you already have the ingredients for some healthful healers!

\*Fever Treatment Tea: Some Native American tribes treated a low grade fever with sage, as in this old time recipe. As a bonus, the dried peppermint supplies the tea with a soothing, cooling effect. To do: Pour one cup boiling water over two teaspoons dried, edible sage and one teaspoon dried peppermint. Steep. Strain, and sweeten with honey if desired. Slowly sip up to three cups a day.

\*Cold Sore Cure: Drinking sage tea can prevent and treat fever blisters and cold sores. To do: Pour one cup boiling water over edible sage leaves and a small piece of ginger root (or substitute ginger powder). Steep, cook and drink two to three cups of hot sage tea everyday to get rid of fever blisters.

\* Shoo Flu: One of peppermint's claims to fame is that it can alleviate the chills and aid with symptoms of fever and

the flu. Try drinking a cup or two of strong peppermint tea made from fresh leaves to relieve cold and flu complaints

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

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



# Roger Williams University announces Fall 2020 Dean’s List

BRISTOL, R.I. — Select students have been named to the Fall 2020 Dean’s List at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I. Full-time students who complete 12 or more credits per semester and earn a GPA of 3.4 or higher are placed on the Dean’s List that semester. The following students have earned this achievement:

Ashlee Bartels of Webster  
Morgan Richardson of Webster  
Camryn Sullivan of Webster  
Dariane Tooley of Webster  
About RWU

With campuses on the coast of Bristol and in the heart of Providence, R.I., Roger Williams University is a forward-thinking private university committed to strengthening society through engaged teaching and learning. At RWU, small classes, direct access to faculty and guaranteed opportunity for real-world projects ensure that its nearly 4,000 undergraduates - along with hundreds of law students, graduate students and adult learners - graduate with the ability to think critically along with the practical skills that today’s employers demand. Roger Williams is leading the way in American higher education, confronting the most pressing issues facing students and families - increasing costs, rising debt and job readiness.

# Hannah Harwood Fund scholarship applications available

OXFORD — The Oxford Board of Selectmen has announced the availability of Hannah Harwood Fund scholarship applications.

The Hannah Harwood Fund Scholarship has provided aid to Oxford students pursuing degrees in medicine and allied health fields for many years. The fund was established through the 1902 will of Charles Harwood in memory of his late mother Hannah.

Beginning in January, Oxford residents may come to the customer service window located at the rear of the Town Hall at the top of the entrance ramp Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to receive application materials. The Town Hall is located at 325 Main St. Application materials will also be available on the town’s Web site at [www.oxford.ma.us/board-selectmen](http://www.oxford.ma.us/board-selectmen). Completed applications are due to the selectmen’s office on April 1 by 4:30 p.m.

The board of selectmen will select the recipient of the scholarship. To qualify for the scholarship, the student must be a resident of Oxford and entering their undergraduate freshman year, enrolled in the field of medicine or allied health. Economic need and grade point average or class rank will be considered in the decision.

# LEGALS

## LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by 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 4:00 PM on February 16, 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 typographical 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  
January 22, 2021  
January 29, 2021  
February 5, 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;  
2012 Hyundai Sonata  
Owner: Casie Morse, 48B Windbrook Rd, Auburn MA 01501  
January 15, 2021  
January 22, 2021  
January 29, 2021

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 5 Fifth Avenue, Webster, Massachusetts  
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Elite Rivers LLC to Sun West Mortgage Company, Inc., said mortgage dated March 14, 2019, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 60150 at Page 115, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on **February 8, 2021 at 10:00 AM Local Time** upon the all and singular premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land with the buildings thereon of every nature and description and all privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, situated on the easterly side of Fifth Avenue in Webster, County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts and being Parcel on Plan of Property owned by Telesphore Leboeuf, dated October 11, 1945 and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a spike on the easterly line of said Fifth Avenue, one hundred twenty (120) feet southerly by the southerly line of Negus Street at land now or formerly of Henry Carey ;  
THENCE N. 73 degrees 24’ E., sixty-one and twenty-four hundredths (61.24) feet by land now or formerly of said Carey to an iron pipe;  
THENCE EASTERLY with an included angle of 178 degrees 46’ 30” a distance of ninety-seven and eight-tenths (97.8) feet by land of Lilian I. McQuaid and land of the Roman Catholic Bishop to a spike;  
THENCE SOUTHERLY forty-five (45) feet by land of said Bishop to a stake;  
THENCE S. 83 degrees w. one hundred sixty-one and seven-tenths (161.7) feet by remaining land of Telesphore Leboeuf, now or formerly, to a spike on the easterly line of said Fifth Avenue;  
THENCE NORTHERLY with an included angle of 90 degrees 11 ’ a distance of twenty-three (23) feet to the point of beginning.  
Also the land with the buildings thereon of every nature and description and all privileges and appurtenances there-

to belonging, being a certain triangular tract of land in said Webster on the easterly side of Fifth Avenue, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a spike on the easterly line of said Fifth Avenue at land of grantor;  
THENCE N. 70° 15’ E., sixty-one and twenty-four (61.24) feet by land of grantor to an iron pipe;  
THENCE Westerly with an interior angle of 12° 14’ 30”, a distance of sixty and forty-nine hundredths (60.49) feet by land of Francis E. Cassidy, Temp. Gad., now or formerly to an iron pipe on the easterly line of said Fifth Avenue;  
THENCE SOUTHERLY with an interior angle of 87° 10’ 30”, a distance of thirteen (13) feet by said Fifth Avenue to the point of beginning.

Property commonly known as: 5 Fifth Ave, Webster, MA 01570

The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor’s Title, see deed dated, and recorded in Book 60150 at Page 111 with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds. TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer’s or cashier’s check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer’s or cashier’s check within sixty (60) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

**BENDETT & MCHUGH, PC**  
270 Farmington Avenue  
Farmington, CT 06032  
Attorney for Sun West Mortgage Company, Inc.  
Present Holder of the Mortgage  
(860) 677-2868

January 15, 2021  
January 22, 2021  
January 29, 2021

## PUBLIC NOTICE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM

**Notice of General License Certification Application pursuant to 310 CMR 9.29 21-WW-PRE-0004-APP NOTIFICATION DATE: January 29, 2021**

Public notice is hereby given of the application for Certification to the General License by Linda J. Candela to construct/maintain a seasonal aluminum boat dock in the waters of Webster Lake at 76 Union Point Rd., Webster, MA, Worcester County.

The Webster Planning Board will consider all written comments on this Waterways application received within 30 days of the “Notification Date”.

Project plans and documents for this application are on file with the Webster Planning Board. Written comments must be addressed to: The Webster Planning Board. Please send comments to: Town Hall, 350 Main St., Webster, MA 01570.  
January 29, 2021

**(SEAL)**  
**COMMONWEALTH  
OF MASSACHUSETTS  
LAND COURT  
DEPARTMENT OF  
THE TRIAL COURT  
Docket No. 21 SM 000081  
ORDER OF NOTICE**

TO: Michael A. Medeiros, Jacqueline L. Fraser  
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq):  
Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB d/b/a Christiana Trust not in its individu-

al capacity but solely as trustee for SC Park Lane II Trust 2019-1

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Webster, numbered 8 Windy Ridge Road, given by Michael A. Medeiros and Jacqueline L. Fraser to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for 1-800-East-West Mortgage Company, dated March 13, 2007, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 40837, Page 54, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant’s/Defendants’ Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before 3/1/2021 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of non-compliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER Chief Justice of this Court on 1/15/2021

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson, Recorder  
January 29, 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. WO21PO100EA  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION  
Estate of:**

Marilyn Remington  
**Date of Death: 10/17/2020**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Mark A. Remington of Attleboro MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Mark A. Remington of Attleboro MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/09/2021**. 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: January 14, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman,  
Register of Probate

January 29, 2021



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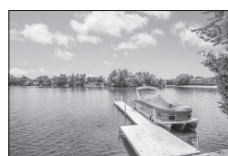


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**WEBSTER LAKE** – 7 Cedar Drive! Middle Pond! 8 Rm English Tudor across the street from w/Direct Waterfront Lot – Full Lake Access! Offering the Option of an In-Law Apartment or Plenty of Room for Family & Friends! Entry Foyer enters from 3 Sides 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 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 LAKE** – 112 Gore Rd! NORTH POND! Sucker Brook Cove! 8 Rm, 3 Bdrm, 1.5 Bath Ranch is Ready for You! Southwestern Exposure! Gorgeous Sunsets! Unique Waterfront! An Open Floor Plan! Lake Views from Nearly All Rooms! 2x6 Construction! Energy Efficient Blinds in Every Room! 4 Oil Tanks – Fill Up Once a Year! C/Air! Gas Fireplace! Whole House Fan! Meticulously Cared For! Large workshop! 3 Car Garage! Carport! 2 Sheds w/Electric! Back Yard is Perfect for Family Gatherings! Plenty of Off Street Parking! Summer is Here! **\$539,900.00**

**WEBSTER** – 55 Hillside Ave! 7 Rm, 4 Bedroom Cape! Great Highway Access! Walk to Memorial Beach! View July 4th Fireworks from Your Backyard! Liv Rm w/Hrds, Ceiling Fan & Pellet Stove! Eat-in Kit! Fam Rm! Full Bath! 1st Flr Master w/Hrds & Ceiling Fan! Oil Heat! Vinyl Sided! Younger Roof! Replacement Windows! Town Services! Fenced Yard! 1 Car Garage! **\$239,900.00**

**WEBSTER LAKE** – 20 Bates Point Rd! Middle Pond! Western Exposure w/Panoramic Lake Views! Beautiful Sunsets! 7 Rms, 3 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths! Recently Renovated from Top to Bottom! Move-in Ready! Professionally Landscaped! Exterior Stonework Front & Back! Open Floor Plan! 1st Level w/Huge Family Rm w/Lake View & Access out to Stone Patio, 1/2 Bath & Laundry, Travertine Tile Throughout! 2nd Level w/Custom Granite Kitchen w/Stainless Steel Appliances, Center Island w/Seating & Large Pantry! Spacious Living Rm w/Sliders to 14X34 Composite Deck! Dining Area w/Water Views, Hardwood Floors Throughout, Bath w/Tiled Shower, Guest Bedroom or use as Office! Lake Facing Master Bedroom w/Walk-in Closet & Private Deck! Bathroom w/Double Sinks, Tiled Shower & Separate Tub! Comfortable 3rd Bedroom w/Lots of Storage! Level Lot w/Room for Entertaining and Enjoying All The Lake has to Offer! **\$749,000.00**

**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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### DUDLEY - 22 ROBERTS ROAD



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Lovely 3 bedroom Ranch! Single door 2 car garage with storage! Eat-in kitchen. Fieldstone Fireplaced Living Room! 3 bedrooms, hardwood floors, Remodeled bathroom! Lower Level fieldstone walls/fireplace! In-ground pool! - 3.58 ACRES includes extra lot. **\$312,000.**

### OXFORD - 12 WINTER STREET



**SORRY, SOLD!**

Home "Sweet" Home! TOTALLY Renovated! New Roof – Updated Electrical – New Heating System!! Bedroom, 1.5 Bath – 2 Story Conventional Home. Dead-End St. Rare find, Large Lot .77 Acre – Inside -Neutral Palette of Complimentary Paint Colors throughout the Entire House! Loads of Character! **\$281,000.**

### THOMPSON - 5+ ACRE WATERFRONT LAND - BECOLA ROAD



**ON DEPOSIT**

**5+ Acre Waterfront Land** - on "Little Pond". Also known as Schoolhouse Pond. Private, pastoral setting. Open Field surrounded by tree line. 250+ feet waterfrontage. At the end of a Dead end road! **\$179,900**

### THOMPSON - 25 TERRACE DRIVE



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Off Thompson Hill! At the end of a Dead end road well maintained & loved! Kitchen with double wall ovens, gas cook-top, granite countertops. Formal dining room. Fireplaced Living room! master, on the first floor, 4 bedrooms total! 2nd full bath -second level. 2 car garage! assisted sale **\$325,000.**

### WEBSTER - 103 UPPER GORE RD



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### LAND

#### WEBSTER/OXFORD/DUDLEY/DOUGLAS

Oxford - 4 Leicester St - Approx. 8.47 ACRES! River Frontage Possible to be Subdivided! **\$89,900**

Webster - Upper Gore w/View of the Lake! 1+ Acre! Artesian Well, Septic Design & Conservation - DONE. **\$115,000.**

Webster - Cooper Road 2 Buildable Lots! Water & Sewer Access. Zoned Lake Res! **Each \$24,500.**

Douglas-Mount Daniels 2.5 Acres about Douglas State Forest! **ON DEPOSIT! \$132,900**

### WEBSTER - 29 WEST AVE.



**SORRY, SOLD!**

Cozy 2 Story House with 3 BIG Bonuses! #1. Land almost 1 ACRE! #2. Zoning is MR-12 - Possible Multi Family Use - Investment Opportunity! #3. Large Over-sized 2+ Car Garage, Work Bench, Power & 2nd Floor! Great Space for the Hobbyist, DIY or Contractor! 1ST Floor - Living rm, Bedroom, Large Kitchen/Dining Area with Galley Pantry & Full Bath! 2nd Flr, 2 Bedrooms! All New Carpets - Recent Paint! Multi Level Back Deck with Jacuzzi! **\$255,000.**

### WOODSTOCK - 33 DEER MEADOW LANE



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Beautiful 2,422 Sq Ft Colonial! 4 Bedroom! 3 Bath! Fireplace, 2 Car garage! So much more! assisted sale **\$415,000**

### OXFORD - 115 CHARLTON ROAD



**SORRY, SOLD!**

Beautiful home set back off road providing privacy and oversized yard. Kitchen w/granite counters & abundance of cabinets. Cathedral ceilings kitchen, dining and living room. Open floor plan! large deck with large backyard through sliders in dining room. Hardwood floors! Tile baths. Master bedroom/master bath! Finished walkout lower level w/bat 2 car garage. Extras: above ground pool! **\$369,900.**

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### Webster Lake - 100 Lakeside Ave



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**WEBSTER LAKE! PANORAMIC VIEWS! BEAUTIFUL SUNSETS!** Extraordinary Waterfront Contemporary! Architect designed with Lake Living in mind. Custom Built with Attention to High Quality & Detail. Outstanding open concept, water view from almost every room. Nicely situated on a .25 acre level peninsula, 180'+/- prime lake frontage! Enhanced by a all natural shoreline! All you need to live is located on the 1st floor. Grand 2 story foyer, cozy fireplace living room, gourmet kitchen, lake facing dining , formal dining room, media room & spacious 1st floor guest BR Suite w/ private bath. Incredible 2nd floor fireplace lake-facing corner master suite w/luxurious private bath, 3 more 2nd floor BRs & full bath! Something Special! **Remember, Timing is Everything!** **\$1,075,000.**

### Lake Shirley - 647 Reservoir Rd



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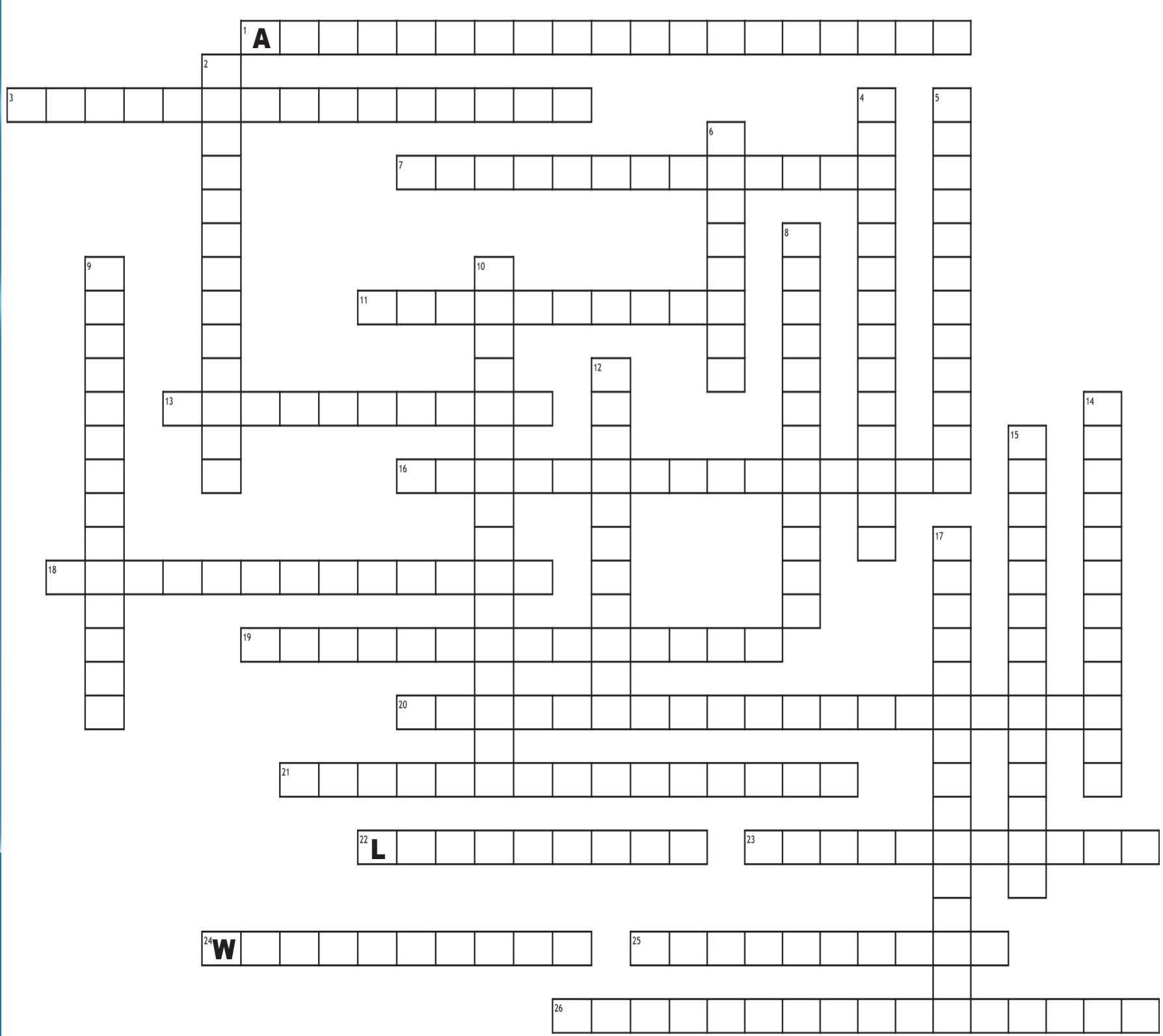
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DUDLEY — The Town of Dudley is announcing that beginning on Jan. 22, Dudley residents will have the ability to go to dudleyma.gov to complete a brief form to be notified when a local COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic becomes available for residents, business owners and employees.

As the vaccination becomes available, in accordance with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts’ Phased COVID-19 Distribution Plan, enrollees will be contacted by the Dudley Board of Health and provided with the date, place and time to receive the vaccines. Residents that do not have the ability to access the Internet are encouraged to first ask for assistance from family members, caregivers or friends who will be able to go to dudleyma.gov and complete the form on their behalf. The entire online process takes approximately five minutes.

Additionally, a vaccination phone number has been established to enable residents that are unable to complete the online form to receive assistance from a Dudley Board of Health Assistant to complete the form over the phone. The vaccination phone number is (508) 949 8036. Residents that call the vaccination phone number for assistance can expect to be asked to leave a message and to receive a callback within five business days. Because of the volume of local vaccination requests that the Town is expecting, online form submission at dudleyma.gov is strongly encouraged. The Town recognizes that members of the community may have difficulty in traveling to receive vaccinations, and different methods of delivering the vaccines locally are being developed through a cooperative effort between health care providers, the board of health and the Dudley Fire Department Emergency Management Division. The Town of Dudley does not have the ability to purchase additional vaccines or expedite the process. The phased approach which is being followed across the State has been developed by medical and health professionals at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) to best deliver the vaccine in a coordinated effort across the Commonwealth.

# Know your employer’s retirement plan options

REGION — Edward Jones financial services will host a Webinar entitled “Leave It, Move It, Roll It, Take It: Know Your Employer Retirement Plan Options” Wednesday, Feb. 10 from 6-7 p.m.

How you handle your 401(k), pension or other employer retirement plan when you leave your job is one of the most important financial decisions you can make.

Join us for “Leave It, Move It, Roll It, Take It: Know Your Employer Retirement Plan Options” and learn:

- The most common distribution options
- How to avoid having the IRS withhold 20 percent of your retirement distribution
- How taxes, penalties and investment options factor into your decision

Knowing your options when you leave your job can help you make the right choice for your retirement savings. Call today to reserve space for yourself and a guest at this complimentary educational seminar.

This program will be presented by Dennis Antonopoulos, a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones in Auburn.

To register, call Karen Rieser at 508-832-5385 or email Karen.rieser@edward-jones.com by Feb. 9.



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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**RIGHT OF WAY MAINTENANCE**

As required by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 132B, National Grid (New England Power and/or Massachusetts Electric Company) hereby gives notice that it intends to selectively apply herbicides along specific transmission line rights-of-way in 2021.

The selective use of herbicides to manage vegetation along rights-of-way is done within the context of an Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) program consisting of mechanical, chemical, natural and cultural components. In right-of-way vegetation management the pest or target is vegetation (primarily tall growing) that will cause outages and safety issues. National Grid’s IVM program encourages natural controls by promoting low growing plant communities that resist invasion by target vegetation. The selective use of herbicides and mechanical controls are the direct techniques used to control target vegetation and help establish and maintain natural controls.

Rodeo, and possibly one of the following herbicides, Arsenal or Arsenal Powerline, will be applied directly to the surface of stumps immediately after target vegetation is cut (Cut Stump Treatment). Garlon 4 or Garlon 4 Ultra will be applied selectively to the stems of target vegetation using hand-held equipment (Basal Treatment and Dormant stem treatment). Krenite S or Rodeo, mixed with Escort XP, and one of the following herbicides, Arsenal or Arsenal Powerline, or Milestone will be applied selectively to the foliage of target vegetation using hand-held equipment (Foliar Treatment). Applications shall not commence more than ten days before nor more than ten days after the following treatment periods. The herbicide mixes and additional information about rights of way management in Massachusetts can be found here: <https://www.mass.gov/rights-of-way-vegetation-management>

Municipalities that have rights-of-way scheduled for herbicide treatments in 2021:

Oxford

Municipalities that have rights-of-way that were treated in 2020 but may require some touch-up work in 2021:

Webster

**Treatment Periods**

February 1, 2021 – May 30, 2021	May 30, 2021 - Oct 16, 2021	Oct 16, 2021 – Dec 31, 2021
CST	Foliar	CST
Basal	CST	Basal
Dormant Stem	Basal	Dormant Stem
	Cut stubble	

\*The exact treatment dates are dependent upon weather conditions and field crew progress.

Further information may be requested by contacting (during business hours, Mon-Fri from 8:00 am-4:00 pm):  
Mariclaire Rigby, National Grid, 939 Southbridge Street, Worcester, MA 01610.  
Telephone: (508) 860-6282 or email: mariclaire.rigby@nationalgrid.com

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Interested applicants should call Peggi Corsi at (508) 248-5971, Ext. 1700 or [mcorsi@baypath.net](mailto:mcorsi@baypath.net) for an application and guidelines.

Visit our website at [www.baypath.net](http://www.baypath.net) to view pictures of houses built.

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