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Webster Masonic Lodge honors first responders



Pictured from (l)to (r): Webster Lodge Members: Mark Swierzbins, Ken Wilson, Lodge Master Mike Chiler, and Richard Clark as lunch is delivered.

WEBSTER — If you watch commercial television, you are barraged with commercials from a variety of insurance companies. They all have their own way of telling you how they will be there for you in your time of need, Johnny on the spot.

No offense to those companies or their commercials, but there is only one group that you can truly depend on when your need is greatest. They do not make commercials. The folks who will be there for you when you need them most are the First Responders in your respective communities. Our real lifeline is that 911 number that will summon an ambulance, a fire truck, or a police cruiser. These are the professionals who will transport you to the hospital, put out a fire, or protect you from those who would do you harm.



The Webster Fire Department and Webster Masons.

Insurance companies might be there eventually, but not in those precious few minutes when everything may well hang in the balance.

On Feb. 22, Webster Masonic Lodge, A.F. & A.M., in a show of appreciation for the work of the First Responders in Webster provided homemade soup and sandwiches for members of the Police Department, Fire Department, Dispatch and EMS. The idea originated with the Master of Webster Lodge, Wor. Mike Chiler. A master chef in his own right, Wor. Mike is well acquainted with old slogan, "... nothing says loving like something from the oven." Accompanied by members of Webster Lodge, Wor. Mike dropped off the goodies in time for lunch and, as was noted by one firefighter, lightened the workload at one local pizzeria. It was hearty food and smiles all around and a well-deserved message of thanks to those who are always there first.

Oxford School Committee uses surveys to improve superintendent profile

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD – The School Committee took the next step toward finding a new superintendent at their Feb. 22 meeting by approving their candidate profile.

According to consultant Randall Collins, that document came from the results of seven focus groups, four interviews and 76 survey responses. In general, they all selected "visibility" and "excellent people skills" as top priorities, alongside "strong working knowledge of school finance," accountability, recruitment and retention of staff, he said.

More specifically, he added, respondents want a superintendent who wants to be in Oxford, rather than it being "a stepping stone or a retirement job." The person should not "come with a preset agenda," but should have a "well-defined transition plan" for identifying how they'll work with the community, he said.

When the search committee meets on March 4, it will review the questions based on these results and start looking at the completed applications. Collins intends to have them select the 6-8 candidates for the confidential first round of interviews March 9. Under state law, only the finalists become public record.

So far, he said, they've had 27 inquiries and 15 completed applications. Collins expects about 25 of the latter before deadline.

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Dudley library adapting programs to the "New Normal"

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – The Pearl L. Crawford Library has been hard at work reconnecting with its patrons since the facility reopened in late 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the library, like many public entities, has had to adapt to social distancing engaging visitors from afar due where they would normally host larger gatherings in the library itself.

The Pearl has taken the same path as many public programs by embracing Zoom and allowing locals a chance to be a part of activities virtually continuing the library's longstanding tradition of public engagement. During a meeting of the Library Board of Trustees at the end of February, Library Director Drusilla Carter said they saw great success with the online offerings they presented throughout the month showing that patrons are still very much embracing their local library.

"We did better than we thought we would or our first couple of Zoom programs. We weren't sure how attendance would be. We had I think it was nine at our gardening program and we had one that had registered and did not make it, so she requested the video player. But I felt like that one went well," Carter said.

In addition to the gardening program, the library offered three children's programs throughout the months: a Valentines craft, story time for older children and a birds of prey owls presentation by Wingmaster. Each program was handled in a different way with the crafts being presented to families who show up at the library to make at home, the story time being help on Facebook and the Wingmasters

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IN GOD, AND AMERICA, WE TRUST

On Tuesday, Feb. 23, St. Joseph School students, faculty, and staff joined together to display their love for God and our great nation. As part of their Catholic Schools Week celebration, everyone received a unique shirt to commemorate the occasion. The t-shirts, designed by St. Joseph School Class of 1981 alumnus and successful owner of The Airbrush Shack, Dave Laabs, featured the American flag with the words, "In God We Trust." The phrase emphasizes unity, the faith we have in God, and the spiritual foundation that students receive at St. Joseph School. Every student, from the Pre-K 3-year-old Program to Eighth Grade, proudly wore the shirts. To learn more about the St. Joseph School experience, visit us on Facebook, go to www.sjs-webster.com, or call 508-943-0378 to schedule an afternoon, evening, or weekend tour. Applications from new families are now accepted. Here, fourth grade students and their instructor, Sr. Jeanne Marie Akalski, look very patriotic standing on their flag-lined stairwell.

Hearing review details block grant studies

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — Over the last year, Dudley has made great strides towards improving infrastructure in the town thanks to funding through a 2019 Community Development Block Grant. The grant, which brought \$274,225 to the town through the Massachusetts Department of Community Development, helped fund two initiatives that will set the groundwork for future improvements in Dudley to make the town more ADA compliant and improve the areas of Jericho and Brandon Roads.

These projects should be nothing new to the people of Dudley. The studies exploring the needs for both initiatives have been discussed at length in town meetings through 2020 and early 2021, including a series of public hearings on the findings. However, on Feb. 22, the Dudley Board of Selectmen hosted the final meeting required for the grant funding, a hearing recapping everything that has been done with the money over the past two fiscal years.

Andrew Loew, a project manager for the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) was on hand to review the projects and what they mean for the future of Dudley. During the hearing he called the two studies "substantial" planning initiatives, and which lay out the basic needs and costs associated with bringing Dudley to full ADA compliance and bringing the aging Jericho-Brandon Road section

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Bay Path nursing students help give COVID-19 vaccinations

SOUTHBIDGE — Health departments and hospitals around the state are continuing to work to vaccinate as many people as possible, and for

Harrington Hospital, that means the inclusion of help from Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy students. Harrington Hospital and Bay Path

Practical Nursing Academy have partnered to help administer more vaccines to the community. The practical nursing students who are on term 2 and on

their medical-surgical nursing clinical rotation have been asked to help at the vaccine clinic at the Armory.

For clinical facilitators like Professor Cheryl Cahill, MSN Ed, RN, this is a wonderful opportunity for her students.

“The students are doing a wonderful job providing pre-vaccination teaching, obtaining informed consent for vaccines, administering COVID vaccines, and monitoring patients after the vaccines are given. They really feel part of the team at Harrington. We are so happy to be of service during this pandemic” said Cahill.

The sentiment is echoed by Gretheline Bolandrina, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN, Academy Director, who said “This is an unbelievable opportunity for our practical nursing students to participate in a history making event like this.”

Clearly in line with service learning. “The opportunity allows our students to fine tune their skills in something that we don’t always get a lot of opportunity to do IM injections,” said Bolandrina.

Over the past weeks, students under the supervision of their clinical facilitator worked alongside other healthcare workers at the Armory.

“We are grateful for the opportunity to assist at the Armory! On top of being able to practice giving vaccines, I enjoy being able to see all of the details to ensure that the clinic is able to run smoothly. It is a very informative learning environment!” stated Carolyn Jenkins of Cherry Valley.

“I am really grateful for the opportunity to be able to learn, help, and make change. The people’s appreciation makes me feel good too,” shared Tianna Welcome of Oxford.



Area fairs, festivals anxious but hopeful

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION – The state continues to recover from the pandemic, but not nearly fast enough to salvage major spring fairs and festivals.

Last month, West Brookfield’s Asparagus and Flower Heritage Festival became the latest local event to be scrapped for 2021. It joins several other canceled festivals and craft fairs, with others in jeopardy throughout the region.

For residents, it was disappointing to receive news that the Asparagus Festival tradition would be lost for the second straight year due to COVID-19. But for local crafters, vendors, and artists, the loss of festivals has devastated their businesses. While residents can always look forward to their favorite traditions returning in 2022, several crafters hope their businesses survive

that long.

Meanwhile, multiple vendors who attend the Brimfield Antique Show are desperate for the event to take place this year after all three shows were canceled in 2020.

“We are keeping our fingers crossed and hoping we can have the show in May,” said Pam Moriarty, a co-owner of the Heart O’ The Mart showgrounds in Brimfield. “The dealers and vendors can’t wait to get back. Everything is up in the air right now.”

Added Lori Faxon, who owns Dealer’s Choice Antique Shows in Brimfield, “This has been a very hard year, not just for dealers but also for all the local hotels, restaurants, and shops that rely on income from guests every year. This has impacted everyone’s business in one way or another.”

Lost parking revenue has also taken

a toll on local residents and businesses. On a single day at the antique show, thousands of guests are paying for parking throughout the day, then dining and shopping at local establishments afterward.

The 2021 antique show slate in Brimfield is scheduled for May 11-16, July 13-18, and Sept. 7-12. Owners and dealers were informed that a final decision on the May event will be made on or before March 31.

“Even if we can’t have the May show, we are confident that we will have the July and September shows,” added Moriarty, who has owned her business for 40 years.

Because festivals and craft fairs draw guests from throughout the state and the country, local officials and health boards are using caution about recommendations. They also must consider whether state restrictions on gatherings will be lifted in time for the events.

Gov. Charlie Baker’s administration has repeatedly promoted a phased, careful return of public events statewide to avoid outbreaks.

“We totally understand that everyone is trying to keep the event as safe as possible. A lot of this depends on state health officials,” Moriarty said of the May antique show in Brimfield.

Local officials recognize that even after the majority of residents get vaccinated, masks, social distancing, and other precautions may still be needed at spring and summer festivals to protect those who haven’t been vaccinated yet. This may change how local traditions look in 2021, but residents are prepared to make the sacrifices if they are able to salvage their favorite events.

To learn more about whether fairs and festivals will take place in your town this year, check the community website in the coming weeks. Plans have not yet been announced for the Leicester Harvest Fair, Christmas in July, the Spencer Fair, and several others.

Cecelia J. Smolenski/Millette Charitable Trusts announce grant funding opportunity

OXFORD — The Trustees of the Cecelia J. Smolenski/Millette Charitable Trusts have announced applications are available for grant funding for projects and programs that promote and foster recreational and literary opportunities and activities for children in Oxford.

The Smolenski/Millette Trusts were established in 1995 and 2000 to be used for the charitable, recreational, literacy, or educational purposes for the benefit of the youth of Oxford. The Trustees are comprised of various Town Officials as well as members of the public. The original donation to the Town totaled over \$2 million and distributions are made from trust income.

Previous projects and programs funded in whole or in part through the trust include the Splash Pad, the NJROTC program at the High School, the library pass program, the skate park, activities at Joslin Park, the Greenbriar osprey camera, playground equipment, upgrades to the Little League concession stand, and activities at the Community Center.

Applications can be found online at www.oxfordma.us/town-manager. Applications are due no later than April 30, 2021. Applications are also available by contacting the Town Manager’s Office at manager@oxfordma.us or (508) 987-6030, ext. 8.

Black Tavern Historical Society hosting food drive

DUDLEY – The Black Tavern Historical Society will be hosting a food drive from March 18-21.

Contactless donation drop-off will be available any time from Thursday, March 18 to Sunday, March 21 on the front porch at 138 Center Rd., Dudley.

The Black Tavern Historical Society and First Congregational Church of Dudley, UCC have once again partnered with Tammy Ducharme from TMD Small Business Group to collect non-perishable food items (monetary donations and gift cards will also be accepted) to benefit local nonprofit organizations and food pantries throughout our community.

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WARE — Country Bank, a full-service financial institution serving central and western Massachusetts, is pleased to announce that Seth Arvanites has joined their Commercial Lending Division.

Arvanites, who resides in Belchertown, has been in the commercial lending industry for 22 years. He came to Country Bank from Peoples United and earned a Bachelor's Degree in both Political Science and Geography from Syracuse University.

"The best part of this role is getting to meet, learn about, and serve the people and businesses in the community. The great people I've worked with over the years instilled in me the value of kindness, responsiveness, flexibility and teamwork," stated Arvanites. "I'm excited for the opportunity and I look forward to getting to know my clients and teammates."

"We are excited to welcome Seth to the Commercial Banking Team at Country Bank. Seth's commitment to a high



Seth Arvanites

level of customer service is evident, and we are excited for him to begin working

as a partner with our business customers to enhance their businesses and the communities they serve. Seth's trusted approach to Commercial Banking aligns with the Bank's STEP Corporate Values of Integrity, Service, Teamwork, Excellence and Prosperity, and we are pleased that he has chosen Country Bank to be his Employer of Choice," stated Miriam Siegel, First Senior Vice President, Human Resources.

Arvanites can be reached at sarvanites@countrybank.com or at 413-277-2106.

About Country Bank
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WEBSTER POLICE LOG

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of Feb. 21-27.

Maria P. Gutierrez, age 24, of Southbridge was arrested on Feb. 24 for Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle and not having a vehicle registration in her possession. Jose Ramos, age 30, of Webster was arrested during the same incident in connection with a warrant.

A 46-year-old male from Dudley was arrested on Feb. 25 for Violation of an Abuse Prevention Order.

Shaquill Burrell, age 27, of Worcester was arrested on Feb. 26 for Disorderly Conduct, Assault & Battery, and in connection with an out of agency warrant. A 27-year-old from Worcester was issued a summons during the same incident for Disorderly Conduct and Assault & Battery.

Yanniras Rivera, age 35, of Worcester was arrested on Feb. 26 for Distribution of a Class A Drug and Conspiracy to Violate Drug Law. Carlos Luis Sulsona, age 38, of Webster was arrested during the same incident for Possession of a Class A Drug with Intent to Distribute, Conspiracy to Violate Drug Law, and Distribution of a Class A Drug. A 55-year-old male from Peabody also received a summons during this incident for Possession of a Class A Drug.

A 44-year-old female from Webster was arrested on Feb. 26 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member. A 40-year-old male from Webster received a summons during the same incident for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

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MUSIC AND MOVEMENT
First Friday of every month at 11:00AM
Join Deb Hudgins on Facebook for Music and Movement, one of our most popular programs! Nothing gets kids on their feet and having fun quite like songs, dance and silly stories, and Miss Deb has been

No Facebook account is needed for this free program. Just point your

browser to <https://www.facebook.com/crawfordlibrary> to access the video.

HANDS ON NATURE PRESENTS BACKYARD BIRDS
Monday March 22 6:00PM-7:30PM

Meet the birds in your backyard with this fun free program for kids.

Free; registration is required. Participants will receive a link to the Zoom meeting 24 hours before the event. Sponsored by the Hugh W. and Harriet K. Crawford Endowment.

TRACING YOUR IMMIGRANT ANCESTORS
Thursday March 25 6:00PM-7:45PM
Most of us are here today because someone, somewhere, left everything they knew for something unknown. Find out how, find out why, find out more. This talk will give you the tools you need to identify the place of origin of your European ancestors. Margaret Fortier will cover how to start, what to watch out for, and how to use the whole family to find what you are looking for. Case studies tracing local immigrants will illustrate the method.

Free. Registration required.

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GROWING A SUMMER SALAD WITH BLACKSTONE VALLEY
Thursday April 8 6:00PM-7:30PM
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DUDLEY POLICE LOG

DUDLEY — The Dudley Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of Feb. 19-26.

An adult male whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Feb. 20 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

Shaquill Burrell, age 27, of Worcester was arrested on Feb. 26 for Disorderly Conduct, Assault & Battery, and in connection with an out of agency warrant. A 20-year-old male from Worcester was taken into protective custody during the same incident.

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\$150,000, 55 W Main St, Hammer, Diane, to Marzeotti Group Rlty Inc.
\$40,000, Lyons Rd, Gammetto, William J, to Galaxy Estates LLC.

Oxford

\$390,000, 16 Chestnut Hill Rd, Zolla, Richard, to Marble-Aiguier, Syrus K, and Perdomo-Vasquez, Victoria.
\$367,153, 58 Joe Jenny Rd, Christian, Thomas P, and Christian, Susannah M, to Greene, Ryan M, and Greene, Meghan.
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\$280,000, 53 Walnut St, Shiver, Max, and Shiver, Alexis, to Berry, Nicole M, and Coderre, Scott M.
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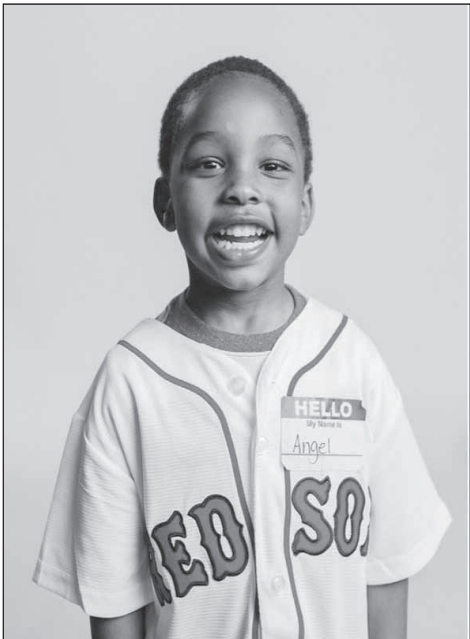
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\$850,000, 14 Mechanic St, Seifi, Abbas, to Dunworth, Eamon S, and Dunworth, Mary.
\$850,000, 16-18 Mechanic St, Seifi, Abbas, to Dunworth, Eamon S, and Dunworth, Mary.
\$359,900, 92 Birch Island Rd, Roncone, David A, to Honny, Matilda, and Colecraft, Samuel E.
\$305,000, 5-7 Emerald Ave, Central City Prop LLC, to Joseph, Philippe.

\$295,000, 302 School St, Prifti, Lirjan, to Knowles, Jason T.
\$295,000, 47 Upland Ave, Karlowicz, Tadeusz, and Wysocki, Katarzyna, to Shelsh, Athir.
\$245,000, 18-20 Hartley St, Young, Ronald J, and Young, Kathleen M, to Murtaza, Muhammad.
\$245,000, 55 Hillside Ave, Canterbury Martha B Est, and Moody, Jean M, to Kline, Justin L, and Conway, Heather L.
\$139,900, 10 Vecchia St #D, Loyko, Keith R, and Loyko, Joel H, to Brunner, Krysta J.
West Boylston
\$315,000, 188 Maple St, Coughlin Concetta M Est, and Leahy, Karen M, to Pavone, Jamie.
\$221,000, 318 Sterling St #E5, Baker, Dirk V, to Bair, Jeffrey.
\$275,000, 148 N Main St, Perrin, Louis J, and Perrin, Maria V, to KBG Realty Properties LLC.
\$268,900, 5 Litchfield Ln, Flat Rock Dev Co Inc, to Gilchrist, Lorna.
\$260,000, 3 Racicot Ave, Flores, Veronica, to Lopez, Giovanni, and Vividor, Attilio.
\$215,000, 5 Vecchia St, Vecchia Street RT, and Perrin, Louis J, to KBG Realty Properties LLC.
\$135,000, 171 Thompson Rd, Alec W Saviano IRT, and Grayden, Beverly A, to Guerrero, Victor H.
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Friday's Child



Angel
Age 7

Hi! My name is Angel and I love to be helpful!

Angel is a very polite and active young boy of Hispanic descent. He loves doing arts and crafts and playing with trucks! The foster family he is currently placed with describes him as being very helpful, intelligent, and a good listener. Angel does well with structure, routine, and guidance and would like a family who is able to provide him with that.

Legally freed for adoption, Angel would benefit being part of a two-parent family with or without older children in the home. A family for Angel must

ensure he thrives by continuing the services that are currently in place to address his intellectual and emotional needs. He would do best in a patient, nurturing, and consistent environment. Angel shares relationships with his birth parents, who he currently visits with individually on a bi-weekly basis, as well as two siblings he would need to have contact with after placement.

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Ecological forum urges treatment of Earth “as a relationship”

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

What would an ecological civilization look like? Last Thursday’s hour-long online forum could only touch the surface, but its Yes! Magazine-recruited panelists did hone in on one crucial thing: a change of attitude in how we treat Earth.

“If you respect Mother

Earth” it’s possible, Winona LaDuke said. But today’s system practices “Windigo economics” – a reference to the cannibal monster seen in several Native legends, which often drives people mad before eating them. To her, that’s what capitalism does to people and Earth, while Native peoples “hung out here 10,000 years and didn’t

make a mess of things.” LaDuke, an Anishinabe activist and Green Party vice presidential candidate in 1996 and 2000, joined food sovereignty activist Leah Penniman (a former central Mass resident) and author Jeremy Lent to talk for an audience of about 3000. They were moderated by Yes! Publisher Zenobia Warfield and

Institute of Ecological Civilization cofounder Andrew Schwartz.

“Our entire food system and our entire economy is based on the exploitation of land and labor,” with indigenous and other minorities often the workers while the few, often white, profit, Penniman said. In the past, that often manifested as overt slavery; today, it’s a little more subtle, with people routinely being jailed and “rented back” to corporations to labor for far-below-minimum wage.

“To corporations, people and land are resources to be gobbled up for the few,” she said.

Citing an elder from her Yoruba/Dahomey heritage, she added, “Clearly, you are all sick because you treat Earth as a commodity, not as a relationship.” Change that, “and everything flows from there.”

A big part of it, she added, is that we’d normally ask another person’s consent to do something to them, but our culture never asks Earth. To indigenous peoples the world over, “we are the younger siblings of Creation,” with other species, mountains, rivers and other parts of Nature being our elders, with experience they’re willing to impart if we listen and ask.

Traditionally, tribes asked using countless forms of divination, dance and prayer, which exist in all cultures if you delve into the history far enough. That point led to something the participants all saw as important: the need to find roots in one’s own heritage without stealing from others. Even in European ancestry, there were cultures who honored the human-Earth relationship,

and threads of those ideas were picked up by the mainstream culture and religions.

Indigenous peoples, Penniman added, “have been survivors of apocalypse” and can therefore teach how to move on. By that, she’s referring to colonial conquest and, especially in the Americas, the massive death-toll from European diseases over the last several centuries.

To Schwartz, such a mentality change is part of “reclaiming the commons.” While that has typically meant reclaiming the right of communities to use the land for sustenance in the face of privatization for commodity agriculture and other development, he said he also means it in the sense of taking the Internet and other aspects of society from corporate control.

Lent agreed, saying technology, language, the Web and other things are “part of untold generations of our ancestors creating something that’s everyone’s heritage.” It’s “the common wealth,” so “every human being who’s born has a right to share that,” he said.

“We’ve got to stand up as a global community and bring back the commons,” he added.

In some ways, that’s slowly happening. Lent cited fairly recent changes in European law to “declare ecocide a crime” and confront corporate polluters.

Elsewhere, there are efforts to enshrine Earth rights into law – for example, Toledo OH voters approved doing so for Lake Erie, and Orange County FL did so for rivers last year. In a few places, such as Bolivia and Ecuador, such rights are in the national constitution.

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LaDuke noted such relocation is critical. Everywhere has seen similar “conflict between the cannibals and Mother Earth,” so there are many ways to get involved. Often, that can take the form of being “a water protector,” but in general it means first getting to know “the land to which we belong” – an idea that’s polar opposite to Western practices.

Overall, her goal is “to end the slavery of Mother Earth,” she said.

“We don’t have to solve all the problems ourselves,” Lent observed, noting we just need to “be a small part ... and connect to [the larger effort] like a mycorrhizal fungal network underground.”

In forests, such networks allow trees and other plants over a wide area to share nutrients and communicate biochemically as an interdependent community. Penniman compared it to traditional susu economics in Ghana, where everyone contributes something and gets back what they need.

Comparing it to a butterfly’s winglets, she noted there are four main ways people can get involved: resist further abuses of Earth, work to reform the laws, help build alternative institutions, and be healers of both land and people because “there’s a whole lot of trauma out there.”

“If you care about life, ...it’s going to happen because all of us move together ... toward a life-affirming future,” Lent added. “It’s possible to transform it when enough of us work together.”

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CLUES ACROSS

1. One of Noah’s sons
5. Openings
11. Rising from the dead
14. Expressions for humorous effect
15. North American country
18. Flowed over
19. Tags
21. Long-lasting light bulb
23. Off-Broadway theater award
24. Khoikhoi peoples
28. Beloved movie pig
29. South Dakota
30. Tai language
32. Get free of
33. Afflict
35. Transmits genetic information from DNA
36. Commercials
39. Digits
41. Expression of sympathy
42. Bleats
44. Swiss Nobel Peace Prize winner
46. Vegetable
47. Turf
49. Disorganized in character
52. Takes
56. Rules over
58. More fervid
60. Sweet drink
62. Cry loudly
63. A friendly nation

CLUES DOWN

1. A title of respect in India
2. His and ____
3. Employee stock ownership plan
4. A type of bond (abbr.)
5. Acting as if you are
6. Affirmative
7. Not caps
8. Type of medication
9. Monetary unit
10. Private school in New York
12. Small stream
13. A person of wealth
16. Exclude
17. Someone who vouches for you
20. Vegetable part
22. Gov’t lawyer
25. Term to address a woman
26. Swiss river
27. About senato
29. ____ Paulo, cityr
31. Native American tribe
34. “Titanic” actor
36. Campaign for students’ rights (abbr.)
37. Capital of Senegal
38. Slang for military leader
40. Football’s big game
43. Women who threw themselves on funeral pyres
45. Equally
48. Forest animal
50. Heavy stoves
51. Releasing hormone (abbr.)
53. Song
54. Type of pickle
55. Offer in return for money
57. Soviet Socialist Republic
58. Burns wood (abbr.)
59. Beloved singer Charles
61. Three-toed sloth

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Vaccine hopefuls experience issues with state Web site

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION – State officials approved new priority groups for vaccine eligibility last month, but residents encountered immediate problems.

Within hours of the state announcing COVID-19 vaccine eligibility for residents 65 and over, as well as individuals with two or more health conditions, the state’s vaccine scheduling website crashed.

“Vaccine appointments are being added throughout the morning on vaxfinder.mass.gov,” read a Feb. 16 statement posted by state officials on the Web site. “Due to very high website traffic, you may experience a delay in booking.”

Local officials were worried about an unmanageable swell in vaccine registration attempts, after Governor Charlie Baker announced an honor system policy for comorbidities. As of Feb. 26, anyone in the state could schedule a vaccination and claim to have two or more health conditions, with no medical documentation required for proof.

State officials also saw problems with the newly created COVID-19 phone hotline for priority groups. The hotline was quickly inundated with calls from throughout the state, and many residents

were unable to reach a service agent.

Over the last two weeks, frustrated residents from across the region have reached out to their legislators for assistance.

“People have had a lot of difficulties with trying to schedule their vaccines. It’s a tall order to ramp up something like this so quickly,” said State Representative Peter Durant, of Spencer. “I understand the frustration everyone is feeling. People have been very patient with this process, and we have pushed the state to fix these problems as quickly as possible.”

Local legislators have also helped navigate seniors who do not have access to computers or technologies. Additionally, family members and neighbors have been forced to step up and assist seniors with the scheduling process. Legislators wish the state’s rollout plan could have been better organized to prevent the many issues that have arisen.

“It has been very frustrating not to hear of the Governor’s plans in a timely manner, or to have more input on the decisions that not only change daily, but have a disproportionate effect on our rural areas,” said Sen. Anne Gobi.

Officials and seniors

are also upset with the widespread abuse that has occurred with the vaccine scheduling system. Last month, state officials were pressured by legislators to do away with a policy enabling caregivers of seniors to receive the vaccine alongside them. This led to extensive fraud, officials said.

Local leaders also believe the honor system policy might need to be evaluated as more priority groups are approved. Officials are committed to ensuring that there are enough available slots on the schedule for seniors wishing to get vaccinated.

“Unfortunately, there are always going to be people who will abuse any system that comes along,” Rep. Durant said.

Local legislators commend the work of the Harrington Healthcare System staff, which continues to run a vaccination site at the Southbridge Community Center.

To learn more about the Harrington vaccination site, or to schedule a vaccination appointment, visit www.harringtonhospital.org. You must register your appointment through the Harrington Healthcare System’s online portal.



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March is National Noodle Month

Whether you call it pasta or macaroni, the noodles that deliciously bulk up almost any soup or dish are the ultimate comfort food. After all, who can resist homemade macaroni and cheese? How about cheese laden layered lasagna? Or thick forkfuls of Fettuccine Alfredo? If recent meals haven't made your macaroni quota, here's an excuse to pile on the penne: March has been deemed National Noodle Month! Retailers reveal sales of noodles typically rise as the temperature drops. As we look to the comfort of home during cold weather, hot noodle soups, stews and casseroles serve as yummy "feel good" foods. But how much do you really know about macaroni and pasta beyond its taste factor? Read on for pointers (and more) on perfect pasta!

Macaroni Mood: Want an excuse to say "pass the pasta" more often? Nutritional scientists have proved certain foods are fixes for less than perfect moods. Studies show pasta, which is rich in complex carbohydrates can help relieve anxiety and help fight depression.

No Fail Noodles: There

are a few "tricks of the trade" to perfecting pasta. Some cooks prefer to use a lightweight pot for boiling pasta. The light pot allows the water to come to its initial boil quicker and to also return to the boiling faster. This efficiency not only saves time, it prevents the pasta from clumping at the bottom of the pot.

Culinary Coverup: Want to prevent macaroni from sticking together? After adding the pasta and stirring, put a cover on the pot to keep it flowing freely. There's no need to add oil to the pasta water to prevent sticking. Just remember to stir the pot every now and then.

To Salt or not to Salt: That is the question. The answer is usually yes. Salt flavors the pasta. But don't add the salt until the water boils because adding salt first will actually delay the boil. On a restricted sodium diet? Add a squeeze of lemon or a shot of vinegar to the cooking water instead.

Think Outside the Box: While dry, boxed pasta is still the traditional choice for sauces that have an olive oil or tomato base, butter and cream based sauces call for a step up. If you don't have



TAKE THE HINT
KAREN TRAINOR

the time or patience to make homemade macaroni, try using fresh refrigerated pasta for dishes that call for cream sauces and gravies.

Use your Noodle: Think pasta can't be a part of a weight loss plan? Think again. Studies in the New England Journal of Medicine and the Journal of the American Medical Association report there are no significant differences in weight loss between low-carbohydrate diets and conventional weight loss plans. The studies attribute weight-loss to a reduction in calories, not carbohydrates.

Here are some pasta pointers from the National Pasta Association:

When pairing pasta with a sauce, remember that: Thin, delicate pastas, like angel hair or thin spaghetti, are better served with light, thin sauces. Thicker pasta shapes, like fettuccine,

work well with heavier sauces. Pasta shapes with holes or ridges, like mostaccioli or radiatore, are perfect for chunkier sauces.

To reheat cooked pasta, portion out the amount you need and place in boiling water. For extra easy draining, you can place the pasta in a stainless steel colander or strainer and then submerge in boiling water. Count 40 to 60 seconds of reheating time for a four ounce serving. Drain the pasta well, toss with sauce and serve immediately. Pasta can also be reheated in the microwave oven. Reheat single servings on high for 45 seconds at a time, checking between intervals for doneness.

Refrigerate cooked pasta in an airtight container for three to five days. You may add a little oil (one to two teaspoons for each pound of cooked pasta) to help keep it from sticking. Because cooked pasta will continue to absorb flavors and oils from sauces, store cooked pasta separately from sauce.

The best pasta shapes for freezing are those that are used in baked recipes, such as lasagne,

jumbo shells, ziti and manicotti. You'll have better results if you prepare the recipe and freeze it before baking. To bake, thaw the dish to room temperature and bake as the recipe directs.

Did you know? In 18th century England, macaroni was a synonym for perfection and excellence. That's why, for example, the feather in Yankee Doodle's cap was called "macaroni."

Thomas Jefferson is credited with introducing macaroni to the United States. It seems that he fell in love with a certain dish he sampled in Naples while serving as the U.S. Ambassador to France.

The first American pasta factory was opened in Brooklyn, New York, in 1848, by a Frenchman named Antoine Zerega. Mr. Zerega operated with one horse in his basement to power the machinery. To dry his spaghetti, he placed strands of the pasta on the roof to dry in the sun.

Tripolini or "little bows" were named to honor the Italian conquest of Tripoli in Libya.

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Dudley seeking grant opportunities for dam mitigation

BY JASON BLEAU
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DUDLEY – Dudley continues to examine the needs of its town-maintained dams with town officials looking into any grant funding opportunities available to offset the cost.

During a meeting of the Board of Selectmen on Feb. 22, Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda stressed the need for Dudley to find a way to help fund maintenance and repairs to some of the eleven dams in town. As of that meeting the town was preparing to put its name in for consideration for a Dam and Seawall Grant on the state level by the Feb. 26 deadline,

but other funding opportunities are also being explored. Ruda said town officials have been working with engineers to understand more about the dam needs and what resources Dudley could potentially utilize.

"The town has been working with the engineering firm of Fuss and O'Neal to address dam inspection and mitigation requirements as we continue to research and look for a source of funding to begin addressing some mitigations," Ruda told selectmen. "The grant application window for the Dam and Seawall Grant was open late this year and they gave us a very short timeframe for submission which was of course during the pandemic."

Although the dams had taken a backseat to more pressing matters during the pandemic Ruda said the town has done everything within its power to stay on top of the project. The plan is to address issues with the most critical dams first, but it won't be cheap. Ruda said that each dam serves a different level of functionality and those that need the most attention could cost much more than the town is prepared to shoulder.

"It continues to be our goal to explore as many options as possible to protect the general fund from the cost of the regulatory mandates that are associated with town owned dams on an ongoing basis," Ruda said, later adding details about potential price tags. "Some need to be immediately addressed. Some just need to have ongoing inspections, but of course those that need to be addressed come with about almost a million-dollar price tag. That's certainly not a cost we can absorb into the general funds at this point."

Dudley officials will continue to explore other grant opportunities to help address as many of the dams as possible in the coming years. Ruda did note that Dudley Fire Chief Dean Kochanowski had attempted to procure a FEMA grant for dam mitigation but was unsuccessful.

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EDITORIAL

Reserve
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judgment

We see it on Facebook, and other social media accounts — seemingly happy people carrying on about their lives without a care in the world. As we scroll, we tend to pass judgements on what is in reality, a blip in the lives of those who’s photos we are currently looking at. A mere moment that perhaps lasted less than a second is captured, and in that moment, we feel that we are free to make a distinction on what that individual is going through in the moments and days prior, or what they may be feeling like in the moments just after. Don’t do that.

The best way to find out how a friend, co-worker or family member is, is to simply ask them. With the past year being what it was, mental health issues and rates of suicide are sky rocketing. Is this really a time to pass judgement? Or is this an opportunity to lift those up around us and to make sure that we’re all hanging in there?

As humans, some of us can handle any given situation with more grit than others. Some can carry on for just so long until it just becomes too much. Those that have that grit, are those who have the ability to extend their hand, tell someone that they will be ok and that they are not alone. Support for a person overwhelmed, depressed or anxious is paramount to their well being. Sure, it feels good to act tough, and announce that X, Y, or Z doesn’t bother you, but the world is not all about you and it never will be. Be kind, it just feels better.

When a person breaks their leg and can no longer work for a time, they are sent flowers, offered encouraging words of support, given sick time and sent home with casseroles. If a person with a mental health condition takes time off to regroup and to seek the help and therapy that they need to ya know... live...it becomes an issue. Because you can’t SEE the injury. What you might see is a smile that lasted a split second, and you pass judgement — “Oh they aren’t really sick.” Guess what — you are wrong. Make no mistake, we all go through challenging times, but that doesn’t mean that we all handle them in the same way.

Discrimination against a person with any health issue, wether it be physical or mental, is illegal. Furthermore, it is morally wrong. Do we really want to be a society that has stopped supporting one another? We vote no. When we see a neighbor plow the driveway of the house down the street, or three neighbors pulling a strangers car out of a ditch, we are reminded of how at our cores, we are all kind.

Take note — mental illness is not a character defect. There are many reasons a person may develop an issue, wether it’s temporary, brought on by stress, illness or whether it’s genetic. Some anxiety may resurface as an adult, due to childhood trauma. Either way, we don’t know, unless we know.

When people do not understand mental illness, they tend to exhibit prejudice against those who admit they have an issue. Those people are often treated as though they don’t have a real health issue and are then discriminated against. This leads to shame in the person who openly admits that they need help, and so the stigma surrounding mental health is born.


Many workplaces have excellent support systems in place for employees who need help, these to include police and fire departments. These places are to be commended for looking out for one another.

Here are ways to decrease the stigma, be in the know and help your neighbors. Educate yourself, be aware of your attitude towards those who confide in you, pay attention to your judgements and choose your words carefully. When you do educate yourself, spread the word. Treat those around you with respect and offer encouragement, or a slice of pizza; anything goes. We say it often — take care of each other, now more than ever. You will find that it’s easy to be kind.

VIEWPOINT

Capturing the spirit
of the Loving Father

A number of years ago under Communism, there was a certain old priest in Romania who would never greet anyone with the typical “Hello” or “Good Morning.” Instead, whenever he greeted anyone, he would say, with a shining smile on his face - “Rejoice always!” Now this may seem like an unusual way to greet someone, but it is even more incomprehensible when one realizes that this priest was in jail, he had a son who was in a Soviet prison, a daughter who was sentenced to 20 years of hard labor, and two sons-in-law who were in jail with him. This man realized that his grandchildren were starving and his whole family suffered. Still, he could greet people in prison by saying, “Rejoice always!”



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lost and is now found, was dead and is now alive! Mercy, joy, love, and grace abound in the Father’s spirit towards his fallen son!

Well, the story doesn’t end with the return of the lost son and the divine love of the Father. Here is where I want to draw our attention. As the Father welcomes the younger son back and begins to celebrate over his resurrection from death to life, the older son returns home from working in the fields.

Now we need to remember that the older son has never left the side of the father. He has been the dutiful son obeying his father’s wishes. The only problem, though, is that even though the older son has physically stayed close to his Father, he never cultivated nor understood nor adopted the Father’s spirit of divine love and mercy, of joy and grace. The older son obeyed his father out of duty, not out of love. The older son focused more on the rules and regulations of what an older son should do, instead of striving to understand and imitate the Father’s heart, cultivating the same spirit of joy and love which the Father possessed. Although outwardly the older son never rejected his Father and left his Father’s house, as the young son did, the older son’s spirit departed from the Father long ago, becoming hard, cold, and unloving.

As the Father rejoices that his younger son has returned safe and sound, the older son returns from the fields hearing music and a celebration coming from the home. He’s quite annoyed, and after talking with a servant, basically responds “What??? A feast for my good-for-nothing brother who wasted all his money on prostitutes and prodigal living? Why all this celebration and joy, instead of punishment? Where is the justice that my brother rightly deserves? My father shouldn’t give him a feast, but a beating! My brother deserves nothing more and I won’t take part in any unjust celebration!”

How many of us can relate with the older son? Truth be said, the father hasn’t been just! He hasn’t given the younger son what he deserves. Instead of justice, the Father shows mercy. Instead of a reprimand, the Father shows love and compassion. Instead of rightly justifying himself to his younger son, the Father rejoices that his son is alive again!


The older son, and it’s probably the older son who represents many religious people who regularly go to Church, can’t comprehend his Father’s unconditional love and mercy, his infinite forgiveness and kindness. And because of his inability to understand, the older son chooses to stand outside the feast, angry, jealousy, and self-righteous.

If one were to say to the older son, “Rejoice with those who rejoice,” as the Romanian priest did, the older son would simply look at you with a blank stare, or maybe even with self-righteous contempt. He judged others according to an outward law, instead of according to divine love and God’s mercy.

The Father of the story, who represents our heavenly Father, is truly divine agape, divine love. The most important characteristic that any of his followers must imitate and cultivate is such love. Divine love which rejoices in the joys of others. Divine love which forgives, not according to what one deserves, but according to how God forgives each of us. Divine love which does not wish the death of a sinner but that any and every sinner, no matter how terrible they are, will return to their heavenly father and partake in His feast of joy. Divine love which knows no jealousy or envy, and does not rejoice in the sufferings of others but instead is kind and compassionate, rejoicing in and hoping for the good of others!

Let us strive to capture the loving Father’s spirit of mercy and compassion, of grace and kindness. Let us cultivate a spirit of “rejoicing with those who rejoice.”

Sex offender
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explained



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I receive questions from time to time pertaining to sex offenders. Some sources of confusion are the classification levels of 1, 2, or 3 offenders. I was asked to provide some further information about this and how this status is determined.

Sex offenders’ regulations are contained in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 6. In general, a person must be convicted of a crime which meets certain criteria. The matter is then forwarded to the Sex Offender Registry Board for a “classification” hearing on the individual. These classifications are rated on a system which is based on a “risk to re-offend.” Those determined to have a low risk of re-offending are classified as a Level 1. Those with a moderate risk are classified as Level 2’s, and individuals determined to have the highest risk of re-offending are given a Level 3 designation.

A great deal of the information for most of these offenders is available to the public. Only the information on Level 1 offenders is not available for public dissemination. People can request this information through the Sex Offender Registry Board or the local police departments. It is important to note the information obtained about sex offenders cannot be used to commit crimes against those individuals. Section 178N of Chapter 6 states, “Information contained in the sex offender registry shall not be used to commit a crime against a sex offender or to engage in illegal discrimination or harassment of an offender.” Penalties include, “not more than two and one-half years in a house of correction or a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by both such fine and imprisonment.” More information, including locating offenders in your area, can be found at <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/sex-offender-registry-board>.

The purpose behind this public notification system is to enhance awareness of the presence of these individuals in a particular neighborhood. The system is by no means perfect, however; it is far better than anything we had in place years ago. This information is another tool for people, in particular parents, to use in their overall safety and protection plans.

As the pandemic continues, we ask everyone to stay safe and continue to take the necessary precautions to protect yourselves. For those eligible, vaccination information can find it at www.dudleyma.gov or by calling 508-949-8036. 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 officials, and all other “essential” personnel for their continued hard work and service. We greatly appreciate the support we receive from our community.

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

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Resilience is key to meeting financial goals

You can demonstrate this resilience by answering these questions: What is your specific goal? What obstacle do you face in achieving this goal? How can you overcome this obstacle?

Here are some examples of how this resiliency process works:

Goal: Building sufficient retirement funds
To build sufficient retirement income, you need to invest in the financial markets through your 401(k), IRA and other accounts. But how should you respond when these markets go through periods of volatility? Your best defense is to remain invested. If you were to jump out of the market every time it dropped, you'd probably miss out

on the rebounds that followed. Also, over a period of decades, the effects of short-term market fluctuations tend to diminish, so while the results of any particular day or week may not look good on your investment statement, the importance of these results may diminish in 10 or 20 years.

Goal: Maintaining steady cash flow
Keeping a steady cash flow is essential to meeting your daily and monthly expenses. So, it's obviously important that you maintain sufficient earned income. But what happens if you encounter a serious illness or injury that keeps you from work for an extended period? Depending on the length of time you're not



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working, you could feel a real financial pinch, so you may want to consider some type of disability insurance. Your employer may offer a short-term policy as an employee benefit, but it might not be sufficient, so you may need to look at private coverage.

Goal: Keeping retirement accounts intact
Ideally, you'd like to leave your IRA, 401(k) and other accounts intact until you need to start tapping into them when

you retire. But what if you face an unexpectedly large medical bill or you need to replace your furnace or get a new car? If you don't have the money readily available, you might be forced to dip into your IRA and 401(k), incurring taxes and potential penalties and leaving yourself fewer resources for retirement. You can help avoid this setback by creating an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account.

Goal: Having confidence in your strategy
To achieve your important financial goals, you need a strategy – and you need to believe in it

strongly enough to keep following it during all types of stress on the financial markets. It's not always easy to maintain this conviction – less than half of Americans are confident in their abilities to recover quickly from difficult financial situations, according to a new survey from Edward Jones. One way to help gain this confidence is by working with a financial advisor.

In fact, 36 percent of those surveyed began working with a financial advisor in 2020 for help navigating the past year. The importance of receiving good advice became apparent during the COVID-19 pandemic, which brought about a variety of financial worries, such as job

loss, retirement considerations, caregiving for elderly parents or providing financial support to adult children.

You will face some challenges on your journey toward achieving your financial objectives. But by being resilient, you can stay on the right road.

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By Ralph W. True, Sr.

March 20 signals the start of spring, but it could actually start earlier. Signs of spring are all around us if we look hard enough. In my travels around the valley this past weekend, I spotted a pair of wood duck flying into a small stream in the valley area. Three deer were observed feeding on grass where the snow had melted, and a few turkeys were feeding not far away. Although I have not spotted any robins locally, I am sure they will be here by the time you read this column.

This writer also brought my boat out of mothballs this past week. I always try to get it ready early in case I have a problem. Finding a mechanic at this time of year to repair outboard motors is easy, but in another few weeks it will be a lot harder. If you have a small outboard motor that needs a tune-up, now is the time to drop it off at a marina. Using an impact wrench to remove the lug nuts from your wheel is very important if you fish saltwater. I use a good penetrating oil like Blast before removing them. While the trailer is off of the ground it is a good idea to

spin the wheel, listening for any noise. If you hear a growling noise, it is a good time to replace the wheel bearings. If your trailer wheels have bearing buddies, they should get a good dose of grease. Do not overfill them, as you can blow out the back seal.

This is a good time to check all of your fishing rods, both salt & freshwater. Often, the rod windings need a new coat of lacquer, worn guides should be replaced, and the reel seat needs to have a bit of oil applied to the threads. All reels need to be inspected for wear. Place a light coat of oil on the level wind and on all other moving parts including the reel handle. Checking the fishing line on all reels for wear is very important. Fortunately, the braided lines do not need to be replaced as often as the monofilament lines, but they do wear out.

The next job is to check all of your fishing lures. That can be a long process if you do a



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lot of fishing and have numerous fishing tackle boxes loaded with many lures and plugs. Fresh water lures do not need as much attention, but saltwater lures and sharpening and or replaced. The hooks often become rusty if you used them in saltwater, and did not wash them off with freshwater before putting them away. Replace the bucktail on some of the plugs is easy, and requires very little time if you have a fly-tying vice. I often save a couple of deer tails from my deer, or someone else's, and dye them a few different colors. You can also buy them from Bait & Tackle shops.

Fishing lures and saltwater plugs are very expensive. This writer often finds old fishing lures at yard sales and flea markets. They do not have much value, but sometimes you can find a very expensive lure or plug in the bunch that I put in my collection. Most of the plugs only need a coating of paint and new hooks. They

are a lot cheaper, and many times, are a lot better to use than a new one. New saltwater fishing plugs can cost over \$15, and often go as high as \$30 or more. These are just a few jobs that can be done before the fishing season arrive.

Massachusetts saltwater recreational fishing regulations could be the same as last year, and will keep the slot size limit on stripers. Circle hook requirements are still pending for both recreational and commercial anglers when fishing for stripers, in both Mass. & Rhode Island. A one fish daily limit on Cod in The Gulf of Maine is also pending, along with haddock regulations. Be sure to read the regulations on final season dates.

The Massachusetts hunting and fishing license fee increase for 2022 will be hosted on three online information sessions in March by Mass Fish & Wildlife. The dates are March 9, 17, and 25 from 6:30 to 9 p.m.! Instructions for joining the sessions are posted on the Massachusetts Wildlife Web site. There will be a question-and-answer period after the presentation, explaining the need for license and permit



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This week's picture shows a figure of a happy fisherman that was awarded to a lucky angler at the Singletary Rod & Gun Club back in 1982, during one of their fishing derbies. I found the trophy at a yard sale back a number of years ago!

increases for 2022.

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I've written about this several times and in different ways. If I comment on "the beauty of God's creation," most will see visions of stunning landscapes and the beauty of the oceans. When I ponder the beauty of God's creation, my mind goes to my fellow human beings and their kindness.

I understand if you have difficulty going there. All you must do is go to the political opinion columns and talk shows. They're full of hatred for others whether you are on the left or right. "If you disagree, your spreading hate!" Both sides make the same claim. How

sadly absurd.

Most of you know that I'm battling Stage 4 Stomach Cancer, and wow ... it's been a roller coaster of a journey. I'm writing you today from my local hospital where I spiked a fever after my recent surgery and was admitted last night.

When I was rushed into the ER, I was surrounded by caring nurses. Because I didn't get permission, I'll not use real names. Bill, the triage nurse didn't ask me who I voted for but instead showed genuine concern. He saw me, my value, and my worth - not by my political party - but because I am simply human. And I saw him - a human. I asked his name and about his family. He

seemed grateful.

Bill passed me into a treatment room in the ER where I was quickly met by a Dr. He also saw me not by my political party, but as a human who needed care and attention. He showed genuine concern and compassion. The subject of climate change never came up, but instead we were two humans who saw value and worth in one another.

I was taken care of by a nurse's aid named Sam. I found out he's finishing up his RN certificate and said, "I'm excited to make a difference." I assured him that he already is ... he paused, smiled, and said thank you. I'm guessing he may be twenty. The last thing I said

to him was, "Sam, your parents must be so proud of you." His face lit up and he said, "I'll tell them you said so."

I was then moved to a room on the fifth floor. I make it a point to get everyone's name, ask them where they were from, and compliment them on something. In return, the care I've received has been amazing ... and through it all there was not a single political discussion, and everyone smiled. Here, we are humans who have value and worth, not predicated by our political affiliation, but simply because we are humans who are created in the image of God.

I've really enjoyed my time here being kind and

receiving kindness in return. I've tried to get them to open as I opened myself to them. I've experienced the beauty of God's creation, up close and personal.

In today's polarized environment, and often behind computer screens, we demonize one another by spewing hateful words simply because someone else voted differently than I did. As one Pastor Andy Stanley once remarked, "You're scaring the kids!" And for what?

The deeper we dive into God's creation, the more we realize, there's so much we don't know. And yet, so many act as though they are experts, and the rest of the world is foolish. But what if it

isn't our job to know? What if our purpose is much more significant and even simpler than knowing everything? What if we are fighting over the wrong thing? What if we are missing the mark entirely? Maybe it's just this simple: we are here to love and be loved. Perhaps one of the greatest reminders comes from Jesus himself, "Love your neighbor as yourself." I think he was onto something.

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All-America Selections winner Patio Choice Yellow Sweet is a compact tomato variety perfect for containers, patios or balconies

Be the first in your neighborhood to enjoy a garden-ripe tomato. Then continue harvesting an abundance of flavorful tomatoes throughout the growing season. A little planning and strategic planting can help you get an earlier and bigger tomato harvest.

Grow an earlier and more abundant tomato harvest

Jumpstart the season by warming the soil for an earlier start. Cover the planting space with a floating row cover, clear plastic or a cloche. Once the soil is warm, you are ready to plant your tomatoes. Use the row cover or cloche to protect your plants when cold temperatures or frost is in the forecast. You will get a two- to four-week jump start to the season.

Further shorten the time to harvest by planting an early ripening tomato like Early Girl, Fourth of July, and Quick Pick. Check the catalog description or plant tags for the number of days the tomato variety needs to reach maturity. Growing these or others that require fewer days between planting and harvesting means you'll be enjoying fresh tomatoes sooner.

Train at least one of your tomato plants onto a stake for an earlier harvest. Loosely tie one or two stems to a tall stake. Continue securing the stems throughout the season as the plant grows. Remove the suckers, the small branches that form between the main



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stem and leaf, as they appear. You'll have fewer fruit, but they will be ready to harvest sooner than those caged or grown sprawled on the ground.

Staking also saves space and helps reduce the risk of disease. If staking seems like too much effort, grow your tomatoes in cages. Use tall, sturdy cages for larger indeterminate tomatoes that grow, flower, and produce fruit until frost. Caging tomatoes also increases airflow and light penetration for greater yields and fewer pest problems.

Save even more space while bringing the harvest to your kitchen door, balcony, or window box with compact tomato varieties, like Patio Choice Yellow Sweet and Neat or Tumbling Tom. Plant one in a 10-inch pot or grow several in a larger container. You'll have a large crop of bite-sized tomatoes in about two months.

To improve the quality of your harvest, choose disease- and crack-resistant varieties. Cooks and canners will love Early Resilience Roma-type tomato. It is resistant to late blight, blossom end

rot and several other common tomato diseases. This determinate tomato plant only grows two feet tall, so will not need staking. It is great for containers, small spaces, and traditional vegetable gardens. Reducing the risk of disease means a bigger harvest with less effort on your part.

Further reduce your workload and increase your success with mulch. Spread a two-inch layer of shredded leaves, weed-free straw, or evergreen needles over the soil surface around your plants. You will conserve water, suppress weeds, and improve the soil as the mulch decomposes.

With a little planning you will be ready to enjoy an early and bountiful harvest of tasty tomatoes from this season's garden.

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OBITUARIES

Ursula B. Wisniewski, 73

WEBSTER – Ursula B. Wisniewski, 73, died at Rose Monahan Hospice Home, Worcester on January 31. She leaves her sister, Erma H. Wisniewski; many cousins here and in England and Poland and many treasured friends. She was born on January 11, 1948 in Worcester, the daughter of Peter and Leopolda (Rudnicki) Wisniewski. She graduated from Bartlett High School in 1966, earned an Associate Degree in Business from Chamberlayne Junior College in Boston and later received a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree with honors and a concentration in painting and art history from the Mass College of Art. Her paintings and drawings hang in the homes of many friends and family. One of her drawings appeared in the Quincy Patriot Ledger and she received an award for her painting submitted to a juried art show in New York City. In addition, she illustrated a book related to diabetes care. She resided in Boston for many years and left her heart there. Before returning to her studies at Mass. College of Art, Miss Wisniewski was

a Medicaid fraud investigator for the Department of the Attorney General in Boston. After completing her studies, she returned to Webster working as a substitute art teacher in the Webster and Dudley-Charlton school systems. Some of her students kept in touch with her after she retired. They were very special to her. She ended her career working at New England Antiques in Dudley. She enjoyed traveling with her sister, maintained a lifelong interest in anthropology and was an environmentalist. Ursula was a loving, generous and kind spirit. She will be missed by all whose lives she touched, especially by her sister. 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 either Harrington Cancer Center, 55 Sayles Street, Southbridge, MA 01550 or to the Sierra Club Mass. Chapter, 50 Federal Street, 3rd Floor, Boston, MA 02110. Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster.

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of town up to date. With the ADA project, Loew said that the study confirmed Dudley has some work to do, but overall has done a decent job keeping up with the its infrastructure in terms of accommodating those with disabilities. “Completion of an Americans With Disabilities Act self-evaluation and transition plan is a requirement of the ADA and has become a prerequisite for a growing number of state grant programs,” Loew said. “There were not major building related obstacles - Dudley has done a good job with keeping up with your main public facing facilities being ADA accessible in large part.” Among the recommended projects in the ADA compliance study, which was created with the help of the Center for Living and Working, were improvements to

sidewalks and ramps, improvements to parks and the town beach, adoptions of communications of certain ADA policies and some limited improvements required in town building. The second project, the Jericho-Brandon Road study, was done with the help of Tighe and Bond and provides insight into road, sidewalk, sewer and water issues facing that neighborhood in the years to come. “A lot of the existing infrastructure is either aging or getting toward poor condition,” Lowe told selectmen. “The consulting team along with the town partners developed five specific improvement projects each intended to be funded primarily by future grants.” The reports and finding for both the ADA study and the Jericho-Brandon Road study were presented at public hearings. Those reports can be found on the Town of

Dudley Web site. At the end of the hearing Loew revealed that Dudley actually has money left to spend front the grant which needs to be expended before the end of March. “A little more than \$7,000 in grant contingency funds are currently unexpended and not under contract. These funds can be used for additional work on the two projects that were funded by the grant or with state approval could be reallocated to other CDBG eligible activities,” Lowe said. Among the options for the remaining funds are adding more work to the two projects or expanding on the sewer investigation of the Jericho-Brandon Roads study. The funding could also be used to start implementing less costly projects within either study. Selectmen did not make a final decision during the hearing on how that money would be used.

Dorothy M. Kasierski, 83



WEBSTER – Dorothy M. “Dottie” (Hencinski) Kasierski, 83, died Saturday, February 14, 2021 in Harrington Memorial Hospital, Southbridge. Her husband of 30 years, Frank A. Kasierski, died in 1990. She leaves 2 brothers, Robert J. Hencinski and his wife Sylvia of Albany, GA, and George E. Hencinski and his wife Rosemary of Fort Worth, TX; her best friends Cindy Bourbeau, Jack and Michelle Daveau, Jane Jewell and her family, Carol Murray and her family, and many nieces and nephews. Her neighbors on Birch Island were her second family. An aunt, Helen Dziedzic, predeceased her. She was born on November 23, 1937 in Webster, the daughter of Joseph and Stasia T. (Dziedzic) Hencinski and was a lifelong resident, living on Birch Island for the past 60 years. She graduated from Bartlett High School in 1955. Mrs. Kasierski worked at Webster Lens in Webster and at Gentex Optics in Dudley before she retired. For many years, she and her husband Frank ran the Cosmos Club in “The Hub.” Dottie was a communicant of Saint Joseph Basilica and a member of

the Holy Rosary Sodality where she once served on the executive board, the Sacred Heart Society, the St. Ann Society and the St. Joseph Polish Women’s Club. She co-chaired the cash calendar committee for years. Dottie’s life focused on family friends and faith. She was a weekly adorer at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and often substituted for others. She was an excellent baker. Parties and holidays, everyone wanted to have what she had made. She enjoyed shopping trips with friends to the old Spag’s and to K Mart. She was a member of the Webster Lake Association. Her sweet and calm manner, knowledge of the Town of Webster and dry wit will be sorely missed. Her funeral will be held on Wednesday, March 10, from the Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster, with a Mass at 11:00 AM in Saint Joseph Basilica, 53 Whitcomb Street. Burial will be in Saint Joseph Garden of Peace. A time of visitation will be held from 9:15 to 10:15 AM Wednesday in the funeral home, prior to the Mass. Current health guidelines will be in place and everyone must wear a mask. Donations in her name may be made to Saint Joseph Basilica, 53 Whitcomb St., Webster, MA 01570. www.websterfunerals.com

Lucy A. Testa, 83



Lucy A. (DiSilvestro) Testa, 83, of Dudley, MA, died peacefully in her home, surrounded by her family, on Saturday, February 27, 2021. She is survived by her beloved husband of 65 years, Toussaint “Sam” Testa, of Dudley; her four children, Samuel Testa and his wife, Linda, of Clinton; Carolann Testa of Webster; Rosemary Testa of Hudson, FL; and John Testa of Dudley; nine grandchildren, Gina, Anthony, Maria, Justin, Jamie, Dillon, Zachary, Austin and Joshua, and one great grandchild, Brianna; her sister, Carmella Flynn of Oxford; sister-in-law, Mary DiSilvestro, of Worcester; brother-in-law Carlo Testa and his wife, Marie, of Shrewsbury; sister-in-law, Adeline Bujnowski, of Shrewsbury; many nieces and nephews. Lucy was born in Worcester, the daughter of the late Giacomo and Josephine (Santanstaro) DiSilvestro.

She is predeceased by her brother, Joseph DiSilvestro, and her sisters, Michelenia Childs, Jenny Parslow and Mary Simpson. Lucy lived most of her life in the Shrewsbury Street neighborhood of Worcester, before later moving to Dudley. She worked for many years at Spag’s in Shrewsbury. She loved to cook and bake foods in the Italian tradition. Lucy’s greatest enjoyment was her family and she was a loving and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. Funeral services and burial will be private. There are no calling hours. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home of Webster is assisting the family with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Lucy’s memory may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital or to a charity of the donor’s choice. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may offer condolences, share fond memories, or light a candle in remembrance of Lucy.

OXFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

OXFORD — Oxford Middle School has released its honor roll for the second quarter of the 2020-2021 school year.

High Honors
Grade 7: Justine Anderson, Jonathan Ardon, Sadie Bond, Cassidy Burke, Delaney Burke, Jaelynne Caracciolo, Keegan Comeau, Nathan Dube, Mya Federico, Ethan Ford, Chloe Gabis, Lily Gosselin, Veronica Griffin, Gwen Gustafson, Jeffrey Guzman, Kolton Hemenway, Matthew Hilman, Abigail Hoyt, Jack Johnson, Rosy Krantz, Kyra Krasinskas, Lucas Lyons, Emily McDonald, Addisen Monson, Alexis Nolin, Samuel Paradise, Noah Proctor, Ava Vincent, Vanessa Walker, Ethan White, Abigail Worster

Grade 6: Shayla Boliver, Ariana Byrnes, Catherine Cloutier, Marie Cosentino, Abigail Davis, Cameron Davis, Emily Dupuis, Randi Flynn, Finnian Keefe, Damon Libby, Daymyin Lopez, Jared Magnusson, Kate Mayo, Colin McIlvaine, Ava Rennie, Zachary

Sirard, Lillian Vaillancourt

Grade 5: Khloe Anderson, Laura Grenier, Olivia Hammond, Colin Joyce, Brooke Nitti, Victoria Sullivan

Honors
Grade 7: Rachel Arndt, Sarah Arndt, Logan Barriere, Milo Biedron, Elizabeth Byfield, Maddix Castle, Savanna Cioppa, Andrew Cloutier, Dylan Cordova Del Cid, Lorelie Curboy, Cameron DeAdder, Anastasia Ford, Tyler Forgione, Craig Grenier, Alexander Hamilton, Nathan Hutchins, Joshua Irons, Abigail Kimbal, Madison Labay, Dominic Latuga, Kaius Monson, Kamryn Nourse, Daniel Palmer, Leonardo Peterson, Jacob Pratt, Samuel Prefontaine, Paige Reynolds, Camden Stone

Grade 6: Michelle Annancy, Teegan Borowy, William Brambilla, Emma Brindisi, Audri Chalifoux, Grace Crouch, Eric Day, Lillian Demicco, Ariana Dolan, Nathan Donnelly, Turner Goyette, Jordyn

Grazulis, Keegan Grieco, Abbie Lambert, Darrian Lambert, Henry LaMountain, James Mack, Collin McAuliffe, Leighya McDowell, Nicholas Meneguzzo, Jayden Minardi, Riley Moody, Chase Paul, Philip Rouillard, Benjamin Rucho, Shayne Ryder, Jordyn Sabotka, Hailey Sprague, Kyle Twombly, Alorah Yanis, Alyssa Yanis

Grade 5: Travis Beaudette, Samantha Boyley, Jaelyn Bronzo, Sydney Chisholm, Ayva Coffey, Andrew Collins, Kaeli Cordova Del Cid, Nathan DeAdder, Rylie Dwyer, Liam Fahey, Michael Faust, Benjamin Francis, Chloe Hosley, Ella Kasprzycki, Sophia Keefe, Kaiden Labay, Laycie Leverone, John McMahon, Kyleigh Minardi, Jacob Rondeau, Isabella Roskowski, McKaelyn Shine, Adam Sliwoski, Torin Stone, Jackson Stuart, Keagan VanArsdalen, Abby Vignali, Christina Vitale, Larry Wade

LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Robert F. Clinton, Sylvia M. Clinton to Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a subsidiary of IndyMac Bank, F.S.B., dated May 24, 2007 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41234, Page 317 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Financial Freedom Acquisition LLC, recorded on October 5, 2009, in Book No. 44930, at Page 291 Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Financial Freedom Acquisition LLC to Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust, recorded on July 11, 2019, in Book No. 60687, at Page 70 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 2:00 PM on March 26, 2021, on the mortgaged premises located at 150 Lake Street, Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and sin-

gular the premises described in said mortgage,
TO WIT:
The property at 150 Lake Street, Webster MA more particularly described as follows:
TRACT I
BEGINNING at the northwesterly corner thereof on the southerly side of Lake Street and at the northwesterly corner of Lot 8 on a plan herein after referred to, which point is 350 feet more or less easterly from land now or formerly of one DeForest;
THENCE southwesterly by said Lot 8 now or formerly of Joseph P. Love 130 feet to a stake at the northwesterly corner of Lot 16 on said plan;
THENCE southeasterly by Lot 16 a distance of 65 feet to the northwesterly corner of Lot 15 on said plan;
THENCE northeasterly by Lot 10 on said plan 130 feet to Lake Street;
THENCE northwesterly to the point of beginning BEING LOT 9 on said plan.
TRACT II
Beginning at the northwesterly corner thereof on the southerly side of Lake Street and at the westerly corner of Lot 9;
THENCE southwesterly 130 feet by said Lot 9 to a stake at the northwesterly corner of Lot 15 on said plan;
THENCE southwesterly 65 feet by said Lot 15 to Beacon Street (so-called) as

shown on said plan;
THENCE northeasterly by said Beacon Street 130 feet to said Lake Street;
THENCE northwesterly by said Lake Street 65 feet to the point of beginning. Being shown as Lot 10 on said plan. Said Lots 9 and 10 are shown on a plan of land entitled “Lakeside Park” drawn by John A. Wakefield Engineer, and dated 1988.
Said plan is recorded at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds. For Grantor’s title see Deed recorded in Book 28385, Page 338.
For mortgagor’s(s’) title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 28385, Page 338.
These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.
TERMS OF SALE:
A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00)

Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.
Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.
BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT SERIES I TRUST
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California St.
Newton, MA 02458
(617)558-0500
17202
March 5, 2021
March 12, 2021
March 19, 2021

LEGALS

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Andrew D. Corbett to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Mackinac Savings Bank, FSB, its successors and assigns, dated September 10, 2015 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 54276, Page 292, subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank National Association by Mortgage Electronic Registration System, Inc. as nominee for Mackinac Savings Bank, FSB., its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 58457, Page 66 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 AM on March 12, 2021 at 2 Pineview Road, Dudley, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit: The land in Dudley, Worcester County, Massachusetts, on the northerly side of Pineview Road, so-called, being Lot #117 on a plan of land in Dudley Hill Realty Co. Inc. by J.R. Kleindienst, Engr., dated June 9, 1956 and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 217, Plan 10, bounded and described as follows: Beginning on said Pineview Road at the southwest-erly corner of said Lot #117; Thence northerly by Lot #118 on said plan, one hundred twenty (120) feet; Thence easterly by Lots #116 and #104 on said plan, eighty (80) feet; Thence southerly by Lot #103 on said plan, one hundred twenty (120) feet; Thence westerly along said Pineview Road, eighty (80) feet to point of beginning. For title see Bk 54276 Pg 290 The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney's fees and costs. TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale. U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Present Holder of said Mortgage, By Its Attorneys, ORLANS PC PO Box 540540 Waltham, MA 02454 Phone: (781) 790-7800 19-010680 February 19, 2021 February 26, 2021 March 5, 2021

LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Susan B. Larose to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as nominee for Sherwood Mortgage Group, Inc., dated January 30, 2006 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 38334, Page 206 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association fka The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. as successor to JP Morgan Chase Bank, National Association, as Trustee for Residential Asset Mortgage Products, Inc., GMACM Home Equity Loan Trust 2006-HE1 is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS) solely as nominee for Sherwood Mortgage Group, Inc. its successors and/or assigns to The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association fka The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. as successor to JP Morgan Chase Bank, National Association, as Trustee for

Residential Asset Mortgage Products, Inc., GMACM Home Equity Loan Trust 2006-HE1 dated November 5, 2015 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 54567, Page 1, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 76 Old Douglas Road, Webster, MA 01570 will be sold at a Public Auction at 12:00 PM on March 23, 2021, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: The land with the buildings thereon in Webster, situated on the southerly side of Old Douglas Road, being shown as Lot #13 on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Webster, Massachusetts, surveyed for Finecamp K.O.A., Inc." dated September 4, 1986 by Para Land Surveying, Inc., recorded with Worcester Registry of Deeds in Book 565 Plan 19. Being the same premises conveyed to the herein named grantor(s) by deed recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 12386, Page 1. For mortgagor's title also see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 10992, Page 115. The property will be sold subject to the redemption rights in favor of the Internal Revenue Service by virtue of the tax lien recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 58731, Page 43. The property will be sold subject to a first mortgage in the principal sum of \$135,000.00 given to Medford Savings Bank dated February 7, 2002 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 25949, Page 211. The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession. Terms of the Sale: Cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a topographical error in this publication. Other terms to be announced at the sale. The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association fka The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. as successor to JP Morgan Chase Bank, National Association, as Trustee for Residential Asset Mortgage Products, Inc., GMACM Home Equity Loan Trust 2006-HE1 Korde & Associates, P.C. 900 Chelmsford Street Suite 3102 Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 Larose, Susan B., 17-030004 February 19, 2021 February 26, 2021 March 5, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Division Worcester Probate and Family Court

225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 Docket No. WO21P0564PM CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 & §5-405 In the matter of: Chase J Zaczek Of: Dudley, MA RESPONDENT

(Person to be Protected/Minor) To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Lisa A Maraglia of Dudley, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Chase J Zaczek** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Lisa A Maraglia of Dudley, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **Without Surety** on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or

your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **03/23/2021**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

Stephanie K Fattman Register of Probate

March 5, 2021

TOWN OF DUDLEY PUBLIC HEARING CLASS II LICENSE APPLICATION

The Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 6:35pm at a virtual meeting via Zoom. The Purpose of this Hearing: To Act on an Application for a Class II license for Card's Auto Sales located at 199 Oxford Ave., Dudley, MA. President, Jacob Cardinale. Anyone wishing to be heard should contact the Board of Selectmen office at 508-949-8001 to be included in the virtual meeting or forward their concerns via email to selectaa@dudley-ma.gov. Town of Dudley - Board of Selectmen Kerry Cyganiewicz, Chairman March 5, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Division Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 Docket No. WO21P0514PM CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 & §5-405 In the matter of: Kaiya F Zaczek Of: Dudley, MA RESPONDENT

(Person to be Protected/Minor) To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Lisa A Maraglia of Dudley, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Kaiya F Zaczek** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Lisa A Maraglia of Dudley, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **Without Surety** on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **03/23/2021**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense. WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A Keamy First Justice of this Court. Date: February 18, 2021

Stephanie K Fattman Register of Probate

March 5, 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. WO20C0336CA CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME In the matter of: Paul Cole LaMountain-Marrama

A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by **Paul Cole LaMountain-Marrama of Oxford MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Cole Henry LaMountain**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/16/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court. Date: February 18, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman Register of Probate

March 5, 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. WO21C0020CA CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME In the matter of: Maliati Bt Maisham

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Maliati Bt Maisham of Brookfield MA**

requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Malia Cayman Wexler**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/23/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court. Date: February 17, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman Register of Probate

March 5, 2021

Public Notice

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 March 26, 2021 @ 5PM at: Precision Auto Rebuilders, Inc., 243 W Main St Dudley MA 01571 the following motor vehicle will be sold at a private sale to satisfy the garage keeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges and expenses of notices of said vehicle: Vehicle: VIN# 5NPE24AF3GH360516; 2016 Hyundai Sonata Owner: Casie Morse, 48B Windbrook Rd, Auburn MA 01501 March 5, 2021 March 12, 2021 March 19, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Division Docket No. WO21P0354EA Estate of: Wendy Lee Hickey Date Of Death: December 24, 2020 NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Brian Hickey of Webster MA**

Brian Hickey of Webster MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. March 5, 2021



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

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SURVEYS

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“There’s great interest in Oxford, and you should take comfort in that,” he said.

Most of the rest of the meeting was addressing covid-related concerns. A key part of that was Business Manager Justin Leduc’s announcement of the state’s recent relaxation of bussing rules. He said the state eliminated them for elementary school students entirely and increased the number of middle and high school students per bus seat to two, but other controls are still in place.

Interim Superintendent Kristine Nash said the change will “lessen the financial impact because we can put more students on buses.” Furthermore, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines encourage states to “phase in more in-person learning.” Massachusetts is mostly already doing what CDC recommends, but some other states have barely begun the agency’s five “mitigation strategies:” masking, handwashing, cleaning, distancing and contact tracing, she said.

One thing the state has just begun is offering grants for pool Covid testing when schools reopen. Nash said she applied for one, but doubts Oxford will get it because she doesn’t expect to reopen until mid-April at the earliest.

To some degree, testing is in local hands, but vaccination timing is not; teachers are in the next round, slated to begin in April. Nash said the state has determined vaccination “will not be a prerequisite for staff or students” returning to class, but she thinks having it will help many parents be more comfortable with doing so.

Going forward, Nash said she plans to survey parents regarding their concerns about returning and identify the

major steps necessary.

“It would be pretty involved,” she said. “There are lots of hurdles we have to cross to make it safe. ... It will take time, planning and resources.”

Member Corey Burke urged her to include a staff survey, and said he thinks re-opening sooner would be better. In his school, survey resulted surprised them by showing many parents were willing to return with students at three-foot distance. That’s what CDC recommends, but Massachusetts has been using six feet.

Nash was a little skeptical, saying there’s already evidence showing minimal transmission at six feet, but nothing clear on reducing that. Additionally, she said, Oxford has never measured its classrooms to see if students fit using three feet. Before Covid, they just stuck in as many desks as needed.

One non-Covid issue was introduced by Leduc: replacing the high school sign. He said the classes of 2018, ‘19 and ‘20 all donated their remaining class funds – about \$11,000 – to the project, and he asked the committee for input on design and wording. Some of the money will go to running an electrical conduit from the school to power it, since it’s now generator-dependent.

Dan Coonan said its new location needs consider line of sight, and avoid blocking the view of people leaving Carbuncle Drive.

David Cornacchioli agreed, adding he’d like to see it be “a comprehensive sign that has messages from all four schools.”

The remainder of their session discussed the four schools’ improvement plans. Most elements of those plans have been at least partly put on hold due to Covid.

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LIBRARY

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presentation being shown over Zoom. The library will continue to welcome guests to digital activities in March with a full schedule of events available on the library’s website.

Carter also addressed the budget outlook for the library during the meeting saying that she plans to maintain the status quo with minimal changes to the spending plan.

“Essentially, I am asking for the restoration of the staff items

to what they should be. Remember they were cut this year. Since we are mandated to have a certain percentage increase by the state, I’ve already double checked with the State Board of Library Commissioners what that dollar amount has to be, and we are aiming to get just above that,” Carter told the Trustees. “There won’t be any major changes to anything. It’s really hard normally when you do a budget you base it off what the previous year has been like, but under the circumstances that’s really

difficult. We’re basically taking (into consideration) what we’ve done the previous two years.”

As for the current year’s budget, Carter said the library is “in good shape,” and that the only thing to note was that they have money to spend in their material list line item where the state requires that the library spend so much of the allotted budget. Carter plans to work with Youth Services Librarian Lida Carroll to determine where this money would be best used before the end of the fiscal year.

Grace Wenzel named to Gettysburg College Dean’s List

GETTYSBURG, Pa. — Grace Wenzel of Dudley has been placed on the Gettysburg College Dean’s Honor list for outstanding academic achievement in the Fall 2020 semester.

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Spencer’s newest business owner pursues dream despite pandemic

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – Dr. Grant Pattee had plenty of reasons to scrap plans for starting his business – the pandemic chief among them – but he hasn’t let any obstacle deny his dream.

Even with businesses throughout the region downsizing or closing altogether, Pattee decided to take a risk and launch his physical therapy business in December. Located at 133 West Main St., Choice Physical Therapy offers a range of services to residents. These include post-surgical services and chronic pain therapies.

For Pattee, who has worked in physical therapy for nearly 20 years, the process of opening his own business has seen its share of anx-

ious moments – but also excitement and hope for a bright future.

“Who opens a business during a pandemic? I asked myself that question several times, but the answer was always the same: people will eventually need therapy again,” Pattee told the New Leader. “A pandemic can really change a person’s perspective. I had time to reflect and think about life goals, family goals, and eventually my career goals. I feel fortunate to have this opportunity and am truly humbled by the support I received from family, friends, and colleagues along the way.”

Pattee’s opportunity in Spencer arrived at the perfect intersection of family interests and career goals. He knows the Route 9 corridor well,

and he can’t wait to meet more residents and business owners.

“I have always loved the small-town rural feel. I grew up in Auburn and my wife grew up in Oxford. When my own family began to grow, we wanted to take root in that same type of community,” Pattee said. “The Spencer-East Brookfield area was a perfect fit. The people in town have been friendly and welcoming, and the local school systems have been wonderful for our kids.”

Pattee began his career as a rehabilitation aide before applying to graduate school. He went on to pursue a doctorate degree in physical therapy, graduating from the University of Massachusetts-Lowell in 2007.

Over the last decade-plus, Pattee has worked predominantly in the outpatient orthopedic setting. He brings to Spencer a wealth of experience gained from working with multiple experts.

“Over the years, I was fortunate enough to work with so many great therapists that really helped shape my therapy skills and treatment philosophies,” Pattee said. “I eventually managed a small and successful clinic in Charlton before a brief stay in home care.”

In his new business, Pattee enjoys working with residents dealing with all kinds of challenges. These include patients recovering from surgeries or injuries, as well as those facing chronic back pain, neck pain, or joint pain. Whether you’re a senior recovering from a fall at home, or a high school athlete sidelined with a nagging injury, you’ll want to check out Pattee’s offerings.

“I look forward to continuing this partnership with the Spencer community as a local and trusted therapy provider for many years to come,” Pattee said. “Quality care will now be that much closer to home.”

Since arriving in Spencer, Pattee and his family have kept plenty busy. Pattee serves as a coach for the Spencer



Courtesy
Dr. Grant Pattee recently opened a new physical therapy business in Spencer.

Soccer Club, and his wife is a member of the Parents Interested in Education committee.

community between two great local businesses, Klem’s and Timberyard Brewing,” Pattee said.

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