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# Holiday greetings from the town of Webster

Нарру Holidays from the Town of Webster. At this festive time of year, we hope you join the Town for a few Holiday activities. First, our Holiday Bazaar will take place on Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Town Hall Auditorium will be hosting various crafters and vendors of direct sale items. Come get some creative and different gifts for your friends and fam-That same evening at 6 p.m. will be our tree lighting ceremony with hot chocolate and Santa's arrival on the fire

truck. We will also hold our

Winter Wonderland, on Dec. 14 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Town Hall at 350 Main St. We'll have arts and crafts, pony rides, snacks and family pictures with Santa.

During this time of year, we also want to remember those in need in our community. The Webster Police Department is heading up a toy drive for underprivileged children in our community. Please bring new unwrapped toys to the Webster Police Department from now until Dec. 16. Also, the Police Department's Annual Coat Drive is underway. Please drop your coats off at the Police Department vestibule. They will be delivered to the Webster-Dudley Food Share where they are redistributed to folks that could use a coat from Webster or Dudley.

This past month we also celebrated the fifth anniversary of the South Worcester County Communications Center (SWCCC). SWCCC provides services to Webster and Dudley as a Public Safety Answering Point for 911 calls as well as Emergency Dispatch Services for Police, Fire, and EMS

departments in both towns. The SWCCC also answers business calls and non-emergency calls for service, requests for Animal Control, and after hours Department of Public Works requests.

In a very literal sense dispatchers are the true 'first responders' for anyone dialing 911. Dispatchers are the bridge between law enforcement and the public, making sure the correct assistance is provided. The work of a 911 dispatcher is very challenging. They work around the clock to ensure appropriate help arrives when

it is needed most. We'd like to especially recognize Greg Lynskey, the SWCCC Director for the past five years. Greg's tireless work and expansive knowledge help keep all of us

Also, the new Engine 4 was delivered to the Fire Department on November 13th. The engine is dedicated to the Memory of Lieutenant William Gendreau who passed

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Nick Ethier Photo

# BARTLETT, SOUTHBRIDGE CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF HISTORIC RIVALRY

Alumni from Bartlett High and Southbridge High met in the end zone of Harry J. McMahon Memorial Field at halftime of the Indians' and Pioneers' Thanksgiving Day clash to help celebrate 100 years of the classic rivalry. When all was said and done, Bartlett defeated Southbridge in this year's edition of The Game, 46-36.

# Dudley to test cyber security

BY JASON BLEAU CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY - After neighboring Charlton encountered a breach of security leading to malicious software infecting their computer network the town of Dudley is working to take steps to make sure the same fate doesn't befall their network in the foreseeable future.

Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda told selectmen in early November that he has pursued funding that will allow the town to proceed with testing and improving their network with the hopes of exposing and fixing any security gaps before a more unfriendly party decides to target the town.

"Based on several factors, including my assessment of a need for the work and the expressed public interest by the Board of Selectmen in our cyber security posture I've been able to secure more than adequate state grant funding to hire an independent accredited cyber security firm which will conduct a thorough and detailed assessment of the town's IT infrastructure, network security and vulnerabilities," Ruda said.

In order to improve Dudley's security, though, the firm will have

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# Superintendent apologizes for soccer rules violation

**BY JASON BLEAU** 

DUDLEY/CHARLTON

Superintendent Steven Lamarche is apologizing to students and parents after the Shephard Hill Regional High School boys' varsity soccer team saw an early end to its season due to a rule violation.

Regional School During the Committee's Nov. 13 meeting, Lamarche started off his superintendent's update by shedding light on a disappointing turn of events that saw the boys' varsity soccer team prematurely eliminated from playoff contention after an unnamed athlete was allowed to play despite MIAA rules stating he was ineligible due to his on-field conduct.

"The student athlete should have been suspended from two contests or games during the season for sportsmanship violations, which are yellow cards, that he received in prior games. Subsequently, two contest games were forfeited as a result, bringing the team record below entry into MIAA playoffs," Superintendent Lamarche said.

The superintendent confirmed that the athletic director and coach were both being held partially responsible for the violation. The rule violated was MIAA 78.2.11, which dictates that for tournament eligibility, no team may exceed four red, or 15 total, cards during the regular season.

Lamarche called the situation "upsetting," and offered an apology to the athletes and their parents for being relinquished a chance at representing

their school in the playoffs. There are real frustrations for student athletes, for parents and for caregivers. We collectively take this seriously and own this error. From this point forward, we have established expectations that this cannot and will not happen again for any team or any sport in our district. It's completely unacceptable from my perspective,' said the superintendent.

# OMS brings "Frozen, Jr." to the stage this weekend

BY GUS STEEVES

OXFORD - Do you love "Frozen," or have kids who

This weekend may be the weekend for you.

That's because Oxford Middle School is doing "Frozen, Jr," a stage version of the famous Disney film. It runs this weekend: Thursday and Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 1 p.m., all at the middle school auditorium. Tickets cost \$7 for adults and \$5 for students or seniors.

"The minute it came out last spring, everybody wanted to do it," said high school drama teacher Catherine Looney, for whom this will be her second-to-last play

in the Oxford school system. (She's retiring in the spring.) "Everybody knows the song. We must've had 50 students singing 'Let It Go" during auditions.

Looney said the play is a little different from the film, mostly in that it was edited specifically with middle-schoolers in mind. It's only about an hour long.

"With middle-school students, that's about as much as you can get them to prepare for," she noted.

This time, though, a big part of the preparation duty is being handed off to a high school junior, intern director Danielle Johnson. She's been helping Looney direct for a couple years now, but this time a lot of the vision is hers.

"I've been on the acting side, but this is my first time directing and blocking," Johnson said. "I got some of my ideas late at night, and it was nice to see ideas in your head come to life on stage.'

In many cases, though, those ideas took on lives of their own when the actors got ahold of them. To her, that was one of the fun and challenging parts of directing - "Things come out different when you work with kids who have a wild imagination."

Sometimes, what they came up with worked better than what she'd planned, and sometimes new ideas came out just by how the kids delivered their lines,

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"Frozen's" Elsa made an appearance at Southbridge's Holiday Visions last week, coincidentally before Oxford's staging of "Frozen, Jr." this weekend.

# Board of Health postpones review of animal regulations

**BY JASON BLEAU** 

DUDLEY - A proposed controversial animal regulation in Dudley is being put on hold until 2020 after several months of discussion and public outcry.

The proposed regulation was the subject of a contentious public hearing in August where the Board of Health presented the concept to residents for discussion leading to overwhelmingly negative responses. Under the proposed regulations the number of small animals and foul would be limited based on property size. The new rules would apply mostly to properties of five acres or less exempting any properties that are zoned as farms or agricultural land. At the August hearing Board of Health Chair Jennifer Cournover implied that the proposal was a preemptive measure meant to help Dudley avoid problem experienced by other Massachusetts communities. The Board of Health was slated to hold other meetings discussing the proposal but on Nov. 19 Cournoyer confirmed there will not be any further debate, at least for the rest of 2019.

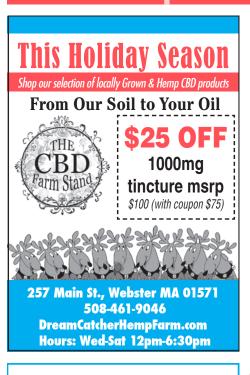
"At this time, we've gotten a lot of information in. We are going to put it on hold for a little bit because there are talks that they're going to reevaluate some zoning and look into that. So, we're going to put that on hold until spring," said Cournoyer.

The response to the regulations showed concerns that the Board of Health was overreaching with some accusing the board of trying to fix a nonexistent problem. Board of Health members defended the regulations as bringing the current rules for fowl and other animals more in line with other existing zoning regulations. It should be noted that in August many citizens did commend the Board of Health for their work trying to do what's best

for Dudley. Even still the opinion of the people was overwhelmingly against adding a new law they felt would be more cumbersome for property owners, especially those who already own multiple animals on their properties. Specific dates for which upcoming meetings will address the regulations further were not confirmed at the Nov. 19 meeting. Board of Health meetings dates, times and agendas are available at both the Town Clerk's office in the town hall or on the Town of Dudley Web site.



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# Housing rehabilitation program under eevelopment in Dudley; clients needed

DUDLEY — The Town of Dudley is seeking potential clients as it prepares to establish a housing rehabilitation assistance program. The Town is now working with the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) to develop an application for a fiscal year 2020 Community Development Block Grant to fund the program.

"The average home in Dudley is nearly fifty years old, and in parts of town many homes are much older" said Andrew Loew of the CMRPC, who is working with Dudley officials on the grant application. "Big repairs at older homes are beyond the financial ability of many seniors and other residents. This program can help.'

Eligible activities under the program focus on code-related repairs and other types of work needed to make homes safe and livable. Activities can include weatherization, handicapped-access improvements, roof replacement, heating and septic systems, window replacement, new paint and siding, electrical and plumbing upgrades, structural repairs, and many other types of work.

Homeowners who meet federal income guidelines are eligible to participate. The current limit for a single-person household is \$52,850 in annual income. For a four-person household, the maximum income is \$75,450. Financial assistance is in the form of a deferred-payment loan secured by a lien. Repayment of the loan is only required if the home is sold during the 15-year loan period. Investor-owned homes can also be eligible based on tenants' income. An owner contribution is required for investor-owned units. Assistance through the program is generally capped at \$35,000 per unit.

Interested residents are encouraged to sign-up for the program now to secure a place on the program's potential client list. The program, which funds repairs by private contractors for homeowners meeting federal low-to-moderate income guidelines, has revitalized homes in several nearby towns.

'A number of towns in the region

have successfully been awarded CDBG housing rehab program funds in recent years," Mr. Loew noted, including Leicester, Spencer, Charlton, Webster, and some of the Brookfields.

Residents who are interested in potentially participating should complete and submit a pre-application form by January 20, 2020 to be added to the list. The form is available on the Town's website at www.dudleyma.gov and on paper at the Dudley Senior Center at 71 West Main St. If the grant supporting the program is awarded, eligible clients will be selected by lottery or based on an emergency need.

In information session on the housing rehabilitation program will be held at the Dudley Senior Center on Monday, Dec. 16 at noon. A public hearing to formally discuss the application will also be held in the winter, either in Dudley or in a partner community. Results of the grant application (due next March) are expected to be announced next July or August. Dudley was awarded a similar grant in the previous round to

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complete an ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan and a study of public works infrastructure in the Brandon Road and Jericho neighborhoods.

Questions about the housing rehabilitation program or ongoing CDBGfunded projects can be directed to Andrew Loew, Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission, at (508) 459-3339 or Jonathan Ruda, Dudley's Town Administrator, at (508) 949-8030.

# bankHometown to hold annual holiday pajama drive

OXFORD — Robert J. Morton, president and CEO of bankHometown, announced that the bank will once again hold its annual holiday Pajama Time drive to help keep local children warm this winter season.

Customers, employees, neighbors, businesses, and community members are invited to donate brand new, unworn pajama sets, nightgowns, and slippers. While all donations are appreciated, children's sizes 4T and up as well as women's sizes small and medium are needed most. All of the sleepwear collected will be distributed to local

ST. ANDREW BOBOLA TO HOST

St. Andrew Bobola Church will be hosting its first annual Nativity Display and Bake Sale on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 14 & 15. Parishioners will be

sharing their nativity displays from 1-5:30 p.m. on Saturday and 8 a.m.-noon

on Sunday. We anticipate having more than 50 nativity scenes on display! What better way to remind ourselves of the meaning of Christmas? Coffee is

complimentary for all attendees. Pierogi, baked goods, paczki (filled dough-

nuts) and a variety of pies will be available for sale as well as delicious home-

made soups. A jeweled nativity set from the Bradford Exchange (value: more

than \$400) will be our holiday raffle. Come join us, view unique and unusual

nativity sets and get yourself into the true spirit of Christmas! All are welcome

to join us for this inspiring event. If you would like to exercise your baking skills, donations for the bake sale can be dropped off in the church hall at 54

West Main St., Dudley, either Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. Save the

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community schools and organizations expressing the greatest need.

Donations can be made from Dec. 2 to Dec. 19 at any of bankHometown's 15 branch locations. Visit bankHometown.com for a list of branches.

"Winters can be especially hard on families, given the added expenses for clothing and other necessities," said Morton. "bankHometown invites the community to come together during this season of giving to ensure children in need stay warm and comfortable." About bankHometown

bankHometown was founded in 1889 and is headquartered in Oxford, Massachusetts. bankHometown has \$1.0 billion in assets and 15 branches located throughout central Massachusetts northeastern Connecticut. Through its sponsorship and charitable giving program, bankHometown and the Hometown Bank Community Foundation support non-profit organizations and causes throughout Worcester and Windham Counties. In 2018, the Bank and Foundation donated more than \$200,000 to more than 110 organizations. For more information, visit bankhometown.com.



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Estrella and Militza Ages 9 and 10

Hi! Our names are **Estrella and Militza** and our nicknames are Mimi and Star.

Militza and Estrella are sisters of Caucasian and Hispanic descent who hope to be adopted together! Militza is outgoing, warm, and friendly. Her favorite activities include swimming, dancing, and singing. She loves to pretend that she is on stage and singing in front of a crowd. Militza has a strong bond with her sister and is very protective of her.

Militza's younger sister, Estrella, is a quiet and reserved girl who craves adult attention and nurturance. She does well

academically and enjoys going to school. Estrella loves animals, and, like her older sister, enjoys swimming and singing.

Legally freed for adoption, Militza and Estrella are looking for a family that can provide them with love, nurturance, guidance, and structure. Militza and Estrella's social worker is open to considering two-parent families of any constellation, with or without other children. A family should also be open to maintaining contact with the girls' birth mother and an adult sibling.

# Who Can Adopt?

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

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

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-964-6273 or visit www.mareinc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have "a permanent place to call HOME."



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# **Dudley Senior Center**

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Benefits Enrollment Center at Tri-Valley, 508-949-6640, or 1-800-286-6640 www.trivallevinc.org Helps low to moderate income Medicare eligible seniors and people with disabilities to identify and apply for benefit programs. You may be eligible for one or more of the following programs:

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\*Medicare Savings Programs- pays Medicare part B premiums. \*Mass Health- Medicaid coverage for working disabled, medical coverage and home and community based services

\*SNAP,- Access to nutritious food.

\*Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program-Fuel assistance/ utility discounts.

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GOOD NEIGHBOR ENERGY FUND Applications taken by appointment starting Dec. 2, 2019. Must be in need of assistance/pending shutoff/hardship. Supporting documents are required at time of application, such as: Applicant's ID, Income statements, Current Fuel Bills, (electric, oil, gas). We will also need names and birthdates of additional household members, and income. Any assistance will be paid directly to the utility service. Please call Margaret for more info. or to schedule an appointment 508-949-8015 x3.

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> about dementia. Please contact Jan Brady, Donna Mendelenakis, or Margaret Bussiere, if you would like to schedule a free group presentation complete with helpful handouts. 508-949-8015 X3.

> W e e k l ySchedule:

Mondays: Creative Crafter Workshop Donna. every Monday after program has been well received! Many people are learning new applications, and what can be done with leftover craft supplies. So many different and exciting crafts are on the horizon, come craft with us! Christmas crafts anyone?

Mondays and Fridays: Chair Yoga with Joanne is on Mondays and Fridays at 10-30-11:30 am, \$3.00 class.

Tuesdays: @ 1PM 13 Card Pitch and Dudley Senior Women Needleworkers. New Participants are always welcome! Wednesdays: @ 1PM Dudley Senior Women Needleworkers Group.

Thursdays: @1PM Cribbage Players. Fridays: Game Day is on Fridays after lunch 12N . We are playing Scrabble, Scattergories, Super Boggle, Apples to Apples. A Free & Fun afternoon with friends old and new; come join us!

What's Happening in December Dec. 3 @ 6PM Town of Dudley Tree Lighting, all welcome!

Dec. 6, 10-11AM BP Clinic with Nurse Joanne Grindel.

Dec. 9, @ noon, Ice cream Social, hosted by Lanessa. Free!

Dec. 16@9 AM, Tina Bemis Workshop creating a Grinch Tabletop Tree. \$15.00

Please RSVP by 12/12.

Dec. 19 3-5 PM, Common Ground Memory Café, at the Dudley Senior Center; for Caregivers, Family, Friends, Loved Ones, and Especially Individuals affected by memory issues due to Alzheimer's, Lewy Bodies, Dementia, Parkinson's, Stroke, PTSD, Brain Injury, or other Brain Challenges. FREE! Come and enjoy a fun date together with friends, complete with a light meal and refreshments. memory Café is meant to be a positive time out together, sharing laughter, and non-judgmental fun. Bruce Joy will be entertaining us with his Banjo Music, Trivia, Funny Slide Show, and Prizes; we'll also be crafting some Xmas/holiday ornaments together if you're interested! For more information or to RSVP, please call Margaret, @ 508-949-8015 X3. Walk-In friends are always welcome! If you would like to make a donation to the Memory Café, please contact Margaret or Donna in the COA office 508-949-8015 X3. We are grateful for any donations, to help us continue this valuable program, no donation is too small! Thank You. The Common Ground Memory Café is scheduled every third Thursday of the

Dec. 20 @ Noon, Annual Senior Christmas Party, featuring a Catered menu of Chicken Cordon Bleu with Supreme sauce, Tossed Salad, Red Potatoes, Roasted Acorn Squash, Rolls, Cheesecake Blueberries, Carrot Cake; Coffee/Tea/ Sm. Glass House Wine. Entertainment is by Frannie Mik, and (Santa may also make an appearance!) Tickets are \$10.00 and available now, until Dec. 13, through Margaret, Donna or Inge. We'll be collecting, Gift Cards, Cash, HBA Items, New Items/Clothing/Gifts, for the Salvation Army. Your donation ensures that someone in need will have a brighter holiday! Thank you for your donations!

FYI, The Senior Center will be closed from Dec. 23 until Jan. 2 to celebrate the holidays. We wish you and yours, a Happy Holiday Season, filled with Love, Good Health and Happiness in the New

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Thank you to all of our dedicated program leaders, COA members, volunteers, helpers, supporters, and generous patrons! We cherish and treasure each of you, as surely we know, that no one person can do it all without the many helpful hands and hearts dedicated to a common purpose. There is much kindness, teamwork, ideas, efforts, and sometimes tiresome actual work happening here at our senior center. Our satisfaction is measured when someone smiles and says, "What a welcoming and friendly place you have here!" Thank You all for your help and partic-

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# **CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Egyptian bull-god
- America
- 8. Type of field (abbr.) 11. Reagan's Deputy AG
- 13. Negative
- 14. Mother of Hermes 15. Summer and Winter Olympics 49. Power to perceive
- gold medal winner
- 16. In shape
- 17. Oh my goodness!
- 18. People of Guinea or Sierra Leone
- 20. A form of "to be" 21. Succulent plant
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- 25. Honest
- 30. Showing conviction 31. High schoolers' test
- 32. Implant
- 33. Acknowledgment Cash dispenser
- 41. Transferred to another 43. Superhero group
- 45. Photographers 48. Small, rich sponge cake
- 50. Heavy cavalry sword 55. Israel's first permanent
- UN delegate
- 56. Everything 57. Afflicted
- 59. Language spoken in Chad 60. Pioneering MC Kool Moe \_\_
- 61. Jewish spiritual leader
- 62. Keyboard key
- 63. Soviet Socialist Republic 64. Impudence

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- 1. Type of degree
- 2. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 3. Large, predatory lizard 4. River in Romania
- 5. Biased
- 6. Parties 7. TV's used to need one
- 8. Philly football player
- 9. Recognized ethnic group of China
- 10. Gradually disappear 12. Large, dark antelope
- 14. Vegetarians won't eat it
- 19. Takes the energy out of 23. Body part
- 24. Succeed in achieving 25. Where golfers begin
- 26. Computer memory
- 27. One who buys and sells
- securities

- 28. Midway between north
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# **POLICE LOGS**

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# Webster police log

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

Jesse P. Carpenter, age 40, of Southbridge was arrested on Nov. 24 for Operating Under the Influence of Drugs (second offense) and Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle.

Justin A. Cloutier, age 38, of Webster was arrested on Nov. 26 for Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License, Speeding in excess of the posted limit, and in connection with a warrant.

Helton J. Fortes, age 28, of Pomfret, Conn. was arrested on Nov. 26 for Speeding Violation of a Special Regulation, Possession of a Class

B Drug with Intent to Distribute, Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle, and in connection with a warrant.

An adult male whose identity has been withheld from publication was arrested on Nov. 27 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member and Strangulation or Suffocation.

Bernard R. Krasnecky, age 53, of Webster was arrested on Nov. 27 for Shoplifting By Asportation (third offense).

An adult female whose identity has been withheld from publication was arrested on Nov. 27 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

An adult female whose identity has been withheld from publication was arrested on Nov. 27 for Assault & Battery on a Disabled person over the age of 60, Assault & Battery on a Child With Injury, Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon against an individual over the age of 60, two counts of simple Assault & Battery, Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon, Malicious Killing or Injury of a Domestic Animal, Cruelty to an Animal, Wanton or Reckless Behavior Causing Risk to a Child, and Assault & Battery on a Police Officer.

Joseph E. Vancelette, age 49, of Dudley was arrested on Nov. 29 for Assault & Battery.

Quinn Allen Santerre, age 23, of Thompson, Conn. was arrested on Nov. 30 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, driving an Unregistered Motor Vehicle, and driving and Uninsured Motor Vehicle.



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# **CYBER**

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to invade the town's system. Ruda said the plan is to have a hired and trusted company attempt to hack into Dudley's network which, in turn, should expose any holes that need to be resolved to keep Dudley secure.

"They're going to do some penetration testing. They're going to try to hack into our systems. They're going to come back and give us a full report as to what our vulnerabilities are and which we need to do to fix them," said Ruda.

Dates for the testing were not divulged during the meeting but it was confirmed that the grant funding was more than adequate to cover the entire cost of the test and that the practice would also examine any security issues with Dudley's voting machines to ensure best practices with town elections as well.





# Gladys E. Kelly Library

2 Lake St. Webster, Mass 01570 508-949-3880

www.gladyskellylibrary.org; www.facebook.com/Gladys-E-Kelly-Library-182433071705; www.instagram. com/websterpubliclibrary

WEBSTER BOOK GROUP, Third Monday of the Month, 6:30 PM

Enjoy wonderful conversation and lively discussion about books that you help pick! December's selection is The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane by Lisa

LEGO CLUB, Tuesdays, 5:30 - 6:30 PM For ages 3-18 years. Come build and have fun. All supplies are provided and no sign up required.

RAISE A READER, Wednesdays, 10:00 AM

Children ages 2 - 5 years and siblings with their parents/caregivers are invited to explore and engage through story time, free play, and activities. Registration is required at sccpartnership.wixsite.com/mysite.

HOLIDAY CRAFT MAKING,

Saturday, December 7, 11:00 AM. Come to the library and make a holiday

Saturday, December 14, 11:00 AM. Come to the library and make a special craft.

For kids ages 3 and up

GAME DAYS, Friday, December 6

3:30 - 5:30 PM

Join us in playing Nintendo Switch and Playstation 4 games in the Meeting

HOLIDAY COMMUNITY SING ALONG,

December 11, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Join us for an evening of holiday song and community spirit! The holiday community sing will feature a holiday singalong led by WICN's folk radio host, Nick Noble, performances by area musicians and seasonal selections performed by students of John Redick and Mark Mandeville. Join us for this free concert and cookies and hot cocoa! Funded by the Janet Malser Humanities Trust.

UGLY-SWEATER JINGLE-MINGLE

RECIPE-SWAP

Tuesday, December 10, 6:00 – 8:00 PM Do you have an impressive recipe? Do you have an embarrassing sweater? SHOW THEM OFF! Email webstercirculation@gmail.com and we will make copies of your recipes.

# CHILDREN'S MOVIE,

Thursday, December 12, 4:00 PM Come enjoy "The Nightmare Before

Christmas" in the Children's Storytime Room.

STEAM PROGRAM,

Thursday, December 13, 3:30 - 4:30 PM Kids 2 and older are welcome to experience the wonders of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math.

PAINTING, Wednesdays at 3:30 PM December 9, and 16

Come and paint and draw what you like. No sign ups are necessary.

ANIME FILM, Saturday, December 14, 11:30 AM

For the Tweens and Teens. Come and watch an anime file on the big screen and enjoy fresh popcorn.

CRAFT DAY FOR TEENS & TWEENS Monday, December 16, 4:00 PM

Come to the library to make Christmas cards and faux succulents for the holiday season.

MAGIC THE GATHERING,

Tuesday, December 17, 4:00 PM Community led program for young adults, ages 11 and up are welcome. Players must bring their own cards to

MOVIE NIGHT - "ELF" Thursday, December 19, 6:30 PM

participate.

FOSTER CARE INFORMATION SESSION

Third Friday of every month, 10:00 -11:30 AM

Learn how you can open your heart and home to a child in need. A representative from the Department of Children and Families will meet to discuss this wonderful program.

GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN, Third Tuesday of the month, 6:30 PM This is a great opportunity for Grandparents and other relatives who are raising grandchildren to meet and share their strengths, experiences, resources and questions with others. Speakers are welcome to share information about resources that may be available to families as well.

SECURITY: SOCIAL QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Thursday, December 12, 6:00 – 7:00 PM Social Security will likely be the foundation of your retirement income. Before you retire, it's important to understand your options and the impact your decisions will have on your retirement. Join us for our presentation. We'll discuss: how does Social Security fit into my retirement income plan? When should I start taking benefits? What about taxes?

MAGIC OF THE SEASON: A HOLIDAY MAGIC SHOW, Tuesday, December 17, 4:00 PM

Join Todd the Magician as he entertains and amazes in the holiday spirit. Todd designed and developed his own unique comedy magic show filled with one-of-a-kind tricks and memorable audience interactions. His engaging and conversational approach to performing gives everyone an opportunity to be part of the show. Free for all ages.

COSTUME PARTY,

Monday, December 30, 6:00 PM Will you be the next MASKED singer? Come on New Year's Eve to a Tween/ Teen Costume Karoke Party.

YOGA WITH JULIE, Saturdays, 9:30AM - 10:45AM

The practice of yoga on the mat helps us to be better yogis "off the mat" through breath,

# Dudley Pearle L. Crawford **Memorial Library**

40 Schofield Ave., Dudley 508-949-8021

Online registration available at www. crawfordlibrary.org

Follow the Library on social media! crawfordlibrary Facebook: Instagram: @thedudleypearle Twitter: @thedudleypearle

TIME TODDLER Tuesdays 10:30AM-11:30AM

Come for songs, books, and crafts! Geared for ages birth through 3, but siblings are always welcome. Free. No registration required. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

POKEMON CLUB Tuesdays 3:30PM-4:30PM

Pokémon Fans! Kids ages 7 to 14 are

welcome. Bring your Pokémon cards! No registration required. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

LEGO CLUB

Wednesdays 3:30PM-4:30PM

Come build with Legos! Different challenge every week, and your creation will be put on display for others to see. Free. No registration required. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

PRESCHOOL POWER

Thursdays 10:30AM-11:30AM

Come enjoy songs, books, and crafts! Geared for ages 3 through 5, but siblings are always welcome. Free. No registration required. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

KNIT & CROCHET @ THE PEARLE Thursdays 5:30PM-7:30 PM & Fridays 10:00AM - 12:00PM

Knitters, crocheters and all other fiber artists are welcome. No registration required. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

ORNAMENT MAKING FOR KIDS

Monday December 2, 5:30PM-6:30PM Come to the story room and decorate a pinecone with glitter and small items to make an ornament! Free. Registration required. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult

CHAIR YOGA: FALL SESSION Wednesday December 10:30AM-11:30AM

Chair yoga modifies some of the basic poses to make them more accommodating for those who gain strength from a seated, more stable position. Dress comfortably. Free. No registration. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Thursday December 5, 6:00PM-7:00PM This month's discussion will be Lilac Girls by Martha Hall Kelly. Books are available at the circulation desk. No registration required.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BAUBLES AND BLING SALE

SaturdayDecember7,10:00AM-2:00PM The Friends of the Library will hold a sale of costume jewelry, jewelry boxes, and other surprises. Stop in and do your holiday shopping! All items will be under \$10 and most will be under \$5.

ORNAMENT DROP-IN **TEEN** MAKING

Monday December 9, 5:30PM-7:00PM Make your own sequined ornament! Drop in anytime between 5:30 and 7:00PM! All materials will be provided. Free. No registration required.

MONDAY MOVIE: "BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY?"

Monday December 9, 5:30PM-7:30PM Join us for movie night at the Pearle! Starring Rami Malek, Lucy Boynton, Gwilym Lee. The story of the legendary rock band Queen and lead singer Freddie Mercury, leading up to their famous performance at Live Aid. Rated PG-13. Free. Fresh popped popcorn provided. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Monday December 16, 5:00PM-6:00PM Hey teens! What would you like to see in the library? What kinds of programs do you want? Come help us plan and enjoy free pizza and drinks. Free. No registration required.

PEARLE JAM CONCERT SERIES: **HOLIDAY SING-ALONG** 

Monday December 16, 6:00PM-7:45PM Join us at the Pearle for an evening of holiday music for all ages. Returning favorite musician David Polansky will lead a holiday concert and singalong. Free. No registration required. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Sponsored by the Hugh W and Harriet K Crawford Foundation.

THE LIBRARY WILL CLOSE AT 2:00 ON DECEMBER 24 AND WILL **REOPEN ON DECEMBER 26** 

GENEALOGY GROUP

Saturday December 28, 610:00AM-12:00PM

Bring your genealogy questions or stories to share! Free. No registration required.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT: JINGLE **BELL JUMP** 

Friday December 27, 11:00am-11:45am Nothing gets kids on their feet and having fun quite like songs, dance and silly stories. Deb has been conducting children's programs that get kids up and moving since 1991. Join Deb for Fabulous Fall! No registration. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

GENE THE AMAZING!

Monday December 30, 1:00PM-2:00PM Come see Gene the Amazing perform all kinds of magic tricks! This family friendly event is open to all ages. Free. No registration required. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Sponsored by the Hugh W and Harriet K Crawford Foundation.

TEEN MOVIE NIGHT: "A WALK TO REMEMBER"

Monday December 30, 5:45PM-7:45PM Join us in the teen room for popcorn and a movie. Free. No registration. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

NEW YEAR'S EVE BAD ART CONTEST

Tuesday December 31, 11:00AM-12:00PM

Come in and create your worst art! All materials will be provided, glitter is encouraged! Free. No registration. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.









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# LEARNING

# Students of the Month

Courtesy Photos

Oxford Middle School is proud to present its Students of the Month for November. In grade 5 (far left): Lillian Demicco, Matthew Parmenter, Shayne Ryder, Kate Mayo, Shayla Boliver, and Jared Magnusson. Grade 6 (center): Ethan Ford, Harper Tozer, Julissa Parker, Delaney Burke, Jonathan Ardon, and Veronica Griffin. Grade 7 (far right): Matthew Twombly, Maya Staltare, Alyssa-Rae Anderson, Ella Kirkpatrick, Bryce Dube, and Annabelle Sanford.







# St. Joseph School celebrates Thanksgiving traditions

On Monday, Nov. 25, the students, faculty, and staff of St. Joseph School continued their annual Thanksgiving traditions. As the students began the holiday week, they joined together to give thanks for their many blessings as well as collect food for local families in need. Each class was responsible for bringing in items that would complete a Thanksgiving dinner. Younger students, including the three pre-kindergarten classes, contributed canned vegetables, while older students donated stuffing mix, gravy, cranberry sauce and potatoes. Turkeys were donated by the St. Joseph Basilica Knights of Columbus Council #12980. The food collection culminated with a prayer service led by the Sixth-Grade students.

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Courtesy Photo

# COMMUNITY READING DAY AT PARK AVENUE ELEMENTARY

Reading is important at Park Avenue Elementary and to celebrate its importance, a Community Reading Day was sponsored by the Reading Specialist, Debbie Puishys, and the team of Academic Intervention Specialists: Susan Ricard, Joy Sidebottom, and Faith Veronis. Members of the community came to read a book to each and every classroom at PAE and the students had a wonderful time! We would like to thank the following Community Readers for giving their time to the students in an effort to instill a love of reading: Cari Reed, Andrew Tai, Henry Bounphasaysonh, Catherine Charette, Bobby Phillips, Monique Pierangeli, Linda Wilga, Meagan Farraher, Tim Whiting, Brian Hickey, Susan Lannon, Ellen Nylen, Deb Horan, Mike Horan, Michael Shaw, Vernon Tyson, Kathy Baris, Sean Gilrein, Father Luke Veronis, Kaitlyn DiBuono, Sam Pappas, Diane Mara, Denise Angelo-Antos, Carol Lavallee, Ruthann Goguen, Robin Parmley, Sarah Phillips, Patty Mackay, Janice Daniels, Allison Lemire, Melissa Bovin, Kelly Seddiki, Diane Strzelecki, Jill Chapdelaine, Deb Zablocki, Stacey Easterling, Cari Reed, Sarah Kac, Sarah Connor, and Aaron Suss.



# Festival of Crafts continues a holiday tradition

BY JASON BLEAU

DUDLEY – For the 28th year, Shepherd Hill Regional High School played host to one of the biggest fundraisers for the school's music program, the Shepherd Hill Music Parents Association Festival of Crafts. Taking place on Nov. 23, the annual craft fair hosted between 150 and 200 vendors for 2019 on the first floor of Shepherd Hill Regional High School drawing crowds of hundreds who filed in to the cafeteria, hallways and gymnasium to kick off the holiday shopping season with a little bit of local flair. Both parents and music students helped bring the event together with raffles, food and, of course, holiday music helping add to one of Dudley and Charlton's most anticipated yearly holiday traditions.



Now a staple of the annual craft fair, ShishkaBerrys continued to be a popular option for



Alicia's Homemade was a very popular shopping spot showcasing homemade seasonings, dips and other delicious additions to any holiday party.



You can always count on some of these creative decorative bears at craft fairs designs included sports teams, military themes and, new for 2019, Harry Potter bears.



As usual, the craft fair saw a massive turnout in 2019, with near shoulder-to-shoulder gatherings in the cafeteria, hallways and gymnasium.



Shepherd Hill Music Department volunteers and parents helps cook and serve delicious food throughout the day.



A craft idea that is quickly growing in popu- Who would ever think of leaving the craft larity, Strings & Things offered these detailed fair without one of the countless hand-made showpieces made from just wood, nails and baked good items? colored string.





Shepherd Hill music students were on hand, and in full festive gear, to celebrate the holidays and help with serving food and assisting visitors to the craft fair.



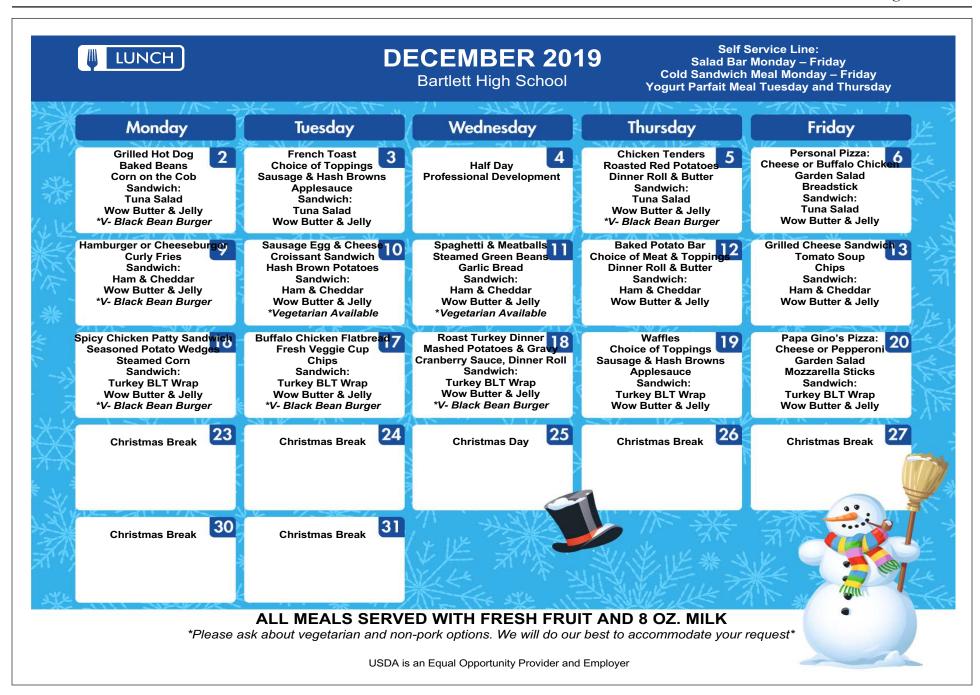
Among the more creative displays at this year's craft fair was this vendor who made everything from shirts to notebooks and frames using denim material.



where vendors offered their crafts for visitors to win.



Shoppers try their luck at the raffle table, Even the adults and staff got involved in the holiday spirit. Julie Shaw, Hilary Grabe and Mary Innamorati were on hand to help wherever needed at the craft fair.







# TRIPS OFFERED

The "Trips Offered" section is for non-profit organizations and will run as space allows. Mail your information to Trips Offered, c/o Brendan Berube, PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550; fax to (508) 764-8015 or e-mail to news@stonebridgepress.news.

BAY PATH ADULT EVENING **SCHOOL** 

Fall 2019 catalog offerings

A Country Christmas in Nashville, Tenn. at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel 4 days/3 nights Dec. 6-9

What's included: Roundtrip airfare from Logan Airport, including transportation, three-night lodging, seven meals, Gaylord Opryland exclusive dinner show, ticket for holiday show at Opry House, tour of the Ryman & Grand Ole Opry, ICE Gaylord Opryland, General Jackson Showboat river cruise, and so much more!

Standard view room \$1,899pp double occupancy, \$2,249pp single occupancy Atrium view room \$1,999pp double occupancy, \$2,399pp single occupancy.

For a brochure and complete itinerary, please contact Lori Doughwright at (508) 248-5971, ext. 1715.

Wine Country Pacific Coast Cruise 9 days/8 nights April 6-14, 2020

What's included: Roundtrip Motorcoach transfers, roundtrip airfare from Logan Airport, one night precruise stay in Los Angeles, 8 day/7 night cruise on board Princess Cruises-The Star Princess, visiting Los Angeles. Santa Barbara, San Francisco, Astoria Oregon, Victoria, B.C., Vancouver, B.C., winery tours, all meals on board ship, and more!

\*A valid passport is REQUIRED for this trip

Prices starting at \$2,499pp double occupancy (plus tax, transfers & government fees)

For a brochure and complete itinerary, please contact Lori Douthwright at (508) 248-5971, ext. 1715.

#### CHARLTON SENIOR CENTER

Trip Coordinator Dotti Murphy -Please call 978-424-7010

Sign up sheets & flyers available at the Senior Center / Flyers also available on our web page www.townofcharlton.net Click on Departments then click on Council on Aging/Senior Center

Pick up is from St. Joseph's Church 10 H Putnam Rd. Ext., Charlton

Please call Dotti Murphy at 978-424-7010 for details if interested in any trips.

# DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

The Daughters of Isabella proudly present our 2019 Fantastic Worldwide Tours!

For reservations contact Jan Caouette at (508) 887-2215. Make checks payable to Bernadette Circle #709 and mail to Bernadette Circle #709, PO Box 201, Webster MA 01570. The Daughters of Isabella is a nonprofit and charitable Catholic women's organization

# DOUGLAS SUNSHINE CLUB

Sunny Portugal next April. The Douglas Sunshine Club is planning a trip to sunny Portugal April 21-30, 2020. This trip is with Collette Travel. An informational meeting is planned for Wed. June 12th at the Douglas Senior Center, 331 Main St., Douglas, at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in the trip, this is a great opportunity to get a description of the travel arrangements and itinerary with a representative from Collette Travel who will also answer any questions you have about the trip. For more info call 508-476-4474.

# **DUDLEY SENIORS**

Dudley Seniors presents a Branson Show Extravaganza, Saturday, May 2 through Sunday, May 10, 2020, \$905 per person, double occupancy. Incredible price includes motorcoach transportation, eight nights lodging including four consecutive nights in the Branson, Mo. Area, 14 meals (eight breakfasts and six dinners), admission to seven fabulous Branson shows, including New Jersey Nights, Amazing Acrobats of Shanghai, Doug Gabriel, Presley's Country

Jubilee, "Noah the Musical," and the Hughes Show; and one dinner show on the Showboat Branson Belle. For pictures, video and information, visit www.GroupTrips. com/dudleysen-Departure iors. point: Dudley Town Hall, 71 W. Main St., 8 a.m. Saturday, May 2,

For more information, please call Evelyn at (508) 764-8254.

FRIENDS OF THE STURBRIDGE **SENIORS** 

Dec. 31 New Years Eve "DAY" at the Lake Pearl in Wrentham, Mass. Let's Celebrate the New Year during the "DAYTIME". Featuring the dynamic Tom LaMark Orchestra as they cover original classics from the Swing Era, the Best in Ballrooom Dancing, our Favorite Line Dances, and on up to the Best songs from the '50's, '60's and '70's. Sing along, Dance along and Party strong to this Live Band. For \$89, enjoy Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation, Salad, Breads, Choice of Entree, Potato, Vegetable, N.Y. Style Cheesecake, Coffee/Tea and let's not forget a CHAMPAGNE TOAST.

May 15, 2020 to May 22, 2020 Cruise 8 Days/7 Nights Boston to Bermuda aboard the Norwegian Cruise Lines "GEM" SHIP. Leave Boston Friday, May 15 and return Boston Friday May 22. Included are All of the Following, Roundtrip Transfers from Sturbridge to Boston and back. The Ultimate Beverage Package, The Ultimate 4 Night Dining Package, Specialty Restaurants for Free, Exclusive Best of Times Cocktail Party, All Luggage Handling Fees, Drivers Gratuities and Best of Times Professional Tour Director. Early Booking Discount for those people who Book a Balcony Cabin by October 1st. you will receive a 1 Category Upgrade & Special On Board Credit. Prices start at \$1,199 Double Occupancy for an Inside Stateroom, \$1,399 for an Oceanview Porthole Window, \$1.899 for a Balcony Stateroon on Deck 9, \$1,949 for a Balcony Stateroom on Deck 10, and \$1,999 for Balcony on Deck 11. ALSO Add \$400 for Taxes, Transfers, and Gov't Fees. Single Occupancy is Avaiable upon request. Please contact Dick Lisi at 508-410-1332 or at lisirichard15@yahoo.com for questions or information on any of the above Trips.

#### LEICESTER SENIOR CENTER

Friday, Jan. 17, 2020: Foxwood Casino. Free lunch buffet or \$10 food voucher and \$10 casino slot play. Cost is \$30.

Friday, Feb. 14, 2020: Foxwood Casino. Free lunch buffet or \$20 food voucher and \$10 casino slot play. Cost is \$30.

Friday, March 20, 2020: Foxwood Casino. Free lunch buffet or \$10 food voucher and \$10 casino slot play. Cost

MARY QUEEN OF THE ROSARY PARISH

SPENCER — Mary Queen of the Rosary Parish, 60 Maple St., Spencer, is offering the following trips. For more information, call Bernard Dube at (508) 885-3098.

\*Japan: March 26 to April 9, \*Japan with China extension: March 26 to April 22, 2020

\*USA: Wonders of Northern California Redwoods, Oregon Washington: August 3-15, 2020

\*Spain & Portugal: Sept.9-23, 2020

\*Galapagos Islands: Jan 4-13, 2021 \*Galapagos with extension to Peru (Machu Picchu): Jan 4-19, 2021

\*Botswana, Zimbabwe and Victoria Falls: May 5-16, 2021

\*Alaska (land and cruise): early August, 2021

# **PAXTON SENIORS**

Area Seniors are Planning Another Wonderful Trip

Our adventure will be an 11 day trip: River cruise on the Danube River plus couple of days on land. The trip begins on Thursday, Oct 8, when we will fly out of Boston.

Some details: 11 days- 24 meals, 7 day cruise on the Danube and 2 nights in Fussen( near Munich) Oner local tour from the Ship are included in each port. We fly into Budapest, Hungary and

fly home from Munich. Transportation from Paxton to and from Logan is included.

Four countries - Hungary, Slovakia, Austria and Germany

Cruise from Budapest to Passau, then coach to Munich/Fussen.

This is a wonderful trip and we sincerely hope that you can join us on December 3 and especially next

Bob Wilby, 508-792-4662 or rwilby@ charter.net

Please call or email me if you plan to come to the December 3 informational

SOUTHBRIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Contact Jim Julian at the Casaubon Senior Center Monday, Wednesday, or Friday 9-10 a.m. or call (774) 922-4049 or e-mail jimtrips@yahoo.com.

Trips are open to the public! Make checks payable to the Southbridge Senior Citizens Association, payment due at sign up:

SOUTHBRIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS 2019 TRIP SCHEDULE OPEN TO PUBLIC PAYMENT DUE AT SIGN UP

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Contact Jim Julian at the Casaubon senior center Monday, Wednesday or Friday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00 AM or call 774 922 4049, or e-mail me jimtrips@yahoo.com

#### Sturbridge Recreation

New York City Holiday bus trip: Saturday, Dec. 14; depart from Burgess Elementary School at 7 a.m. on our Lizak charter. Arrive approximately 10:30 a.m. (a rest stop will be made along the way) for a day to do as you please in the wonderful Big Apple! Ice skate at Rockefeller Center, take in a show on Broadway, do some Christmas shopping, marvel at the light displays, and more! Drop off will be as close to Rockefeller Center as possible. Depart from the city at 6:30 p.m. and enjoy a peaceful ride home. Arrive back home in Sturbridge by 10 p.m. Cost: \$50 per person. Contact the Sturbridge Recreation Departmetn at (508) 347-2041 or recreation@town.sturbridge.ma.us for more information.

#### UNION SAINT-JEAN-BAPTISTE CHAPTER 12

Union Saint-Jean-Baptiste, Chapter #12, Southbridge, is sponsoring a variety of excursions for all to enjoy in 2019. We are a non-profit family oriented Franco-American fraternal society since 1900. As always, you do not have to be a member to participate in any of the scheduled events. All are welcome. Gift certificates purchased in any amount can be used by the recipient to any event at face value. For information or reservations contact Ted at (508) 764-

2019

2019 is the Society's 27th anniversary in providing members and non-members alike the opportunity to experience excursions of a day or extended days. All are welcome to travel with our organization.

Dec. 14 — "Festival of Christmas Lights" at Our Lady of La Salette Shrine, seasonal concert with Fr. Pat, the singing priest, visit the International Museum of Creches, Gift and Book Shop, Chapel of Light, a Bistro for refreshments and snacks, a Carousel for the children, an optional trolley ride for a small charge to view the display of more than 400,000 lights and a complete inclusive luncheon at Wright's Farm Restaurant. Cost is \$54 per person, \$44 for children three to 10, under three free. Departure is 10:45 a.m. from Southbridge and 11:15 a.m. in Webster, with the return about 7:45 p.m. Reservation deadline is Dec. 5.

# UXBRIDGE SENIOR CENTER

All trips leave from the Whitinsville Walmart and the Stop & Shop at 32 Lyman St, Westboro. Make sure to include entree choice, phone # (esp. cell) and an emergency # when sending payment. "Like" us on FacebookThe Silver Club and The Uxbridge Senior Center. Please call Sue at (508) 476-5820 for more information.

The Silver Club BUS TRIPS for 2019

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The Uxbridge Senior Center is offering the following bus trips for 2020.

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# **EDITORIAL**

# The spirit of the season

It's official — the holiday season has arrived with a bang, leaving us with our first winter Nor'Easter of the year under our belts.

Thanksgiving is the perfect segue into Christmas and Hanukkah. It's when all of the fall decorations and the dilapidated pumpkins get tossed and the candy canes, reds and greens come out. Black Friday and Cyber Monday have passed, and now it's time to wait with anticipation until the big day arrives.

When we were younger, the holidays were magical and fun for most of us, with a minimal amount of stress and an abundant amount of gifts to those fortunate enough to receive them. As we get older and have families of our own, holidays remain fun, as we pour that magic into making our own children's holidays memorable.

However, there comes a time when our children are grown, and the holidays can seem to be more of an obligation, a day to get through with gritted teeth rather than one to savor and create lasting memories with. Not only that, but we long for the days when we had all of our family members alive, when the holidays were the 'good ol' days.' Moving forward, for some, can actually be quite depressing. Hopefully, that isn't the case for many, but for those who feel that sense of Grinchy dread (or is it Grinch-esque?), we have some tips that can help put the spark back into your hot apple cider.

If you remember what it felt like to have an amazing holiday, use those memories to pass down the same magic onto someone else. Even if it's not a child. Do something creative to make someone's holiday one they can remember, something they don't expect. When you take the time to essentially play Santa Claus, the joy you get back is

As for relieving stress, don't put too many expectations onto yourself and respect your own limits. You don't have to do everything, you can delegate. As for shopping, you can find just about anything online, even from local shops, making gift buying easier. If shopping isn't your thing, hand out gift cards with a handwritten letter.

Throughout the season, take in the lights and remember to take in the holiday spirit of those around you. Go for a walk in the snow and listen to how quiet everything is. Begin and end each day with something you find enjoyable. We find that watching holiday movies, eating sugar cookies and listening to Christmas music really can be uplifting. "A Christmas Carol," while a bit creepy at times, does put things into perspective. If you haven't read the book in a while or watched one of the myriad film versions (the 1951 adaptation with the incomparable Alastair Sim as Scrooge is our personal favorite), there is no better time than now.

The point of the holidays is to spend time with our favorite people. While we can't go back in time and re-live the days when trains circled our Christmas trees we can live in the present and create new adventures with memories that will put a smile on your face for years

"May you never be too grown up to search the skies on Christmas Eve.'



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# Life is better when you are laughing

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**SPEAKING** 

By Gary W.

MOORE

I love to laugh. Even more so, I love to make others laugh. Last week I wrote of my addiction to BPTS ... Breaded Pork Tenderloin Sandwiches. It was all, of course, meant to be tonguein-cheek. I do love the sandwich, but addiction may be an overstatement. The

column did create the largest Email response I have ever received, and surprisingly, it was all positive. I did worry after I submitted it for publication that some suffering from real addictions may think I was making light of a very serious problem. Fortunately, those who responded all thought it was funny

... until I picked up my daughter, the Pastor, at the airport and she said, "I was so worried and upset when I read the first half of your column. I could not believe you were confessing to the world you have an addiction and didn't bother telling your family first!"

A friend, and fellow columnist wrote, "I along with most of your readers were on my knees praying for you, until I realized your addiction was a sandwich!" The response has been surprising and huge. Thank you.

The biggest windfall of the column has been all the pictures of BPTS and suggestions of where I can find the best locations to quench my appetite. Thank you and trust me ... I'll try them all.

I think this verifies the need to laugh in our lives. Life is better when we laugh. The news of the world doesn't offer many opportunities for humor. Impeachment, corruption, collusion, foreign interference in our elections ... it's a wall of negative information trampling over us daily. As I have said before, never in my lifetime have I witnessed nor experience the vitriol coming out of our nations' capital. Politicians are fighting for airtime to deposit their prewritten and rehearsed sound bites rather than doing our business, the business of We the People. So, I think it is more important than ever that we smile and laugh more. Not because what is happening isn't important ... it is ... but because it is essential for our mental health that we look up from the fray, take a breath and find

Laughter really is the very best med-

vincing health benefits of laughter. Emily Lockhart, writing for "Active

Beat," lists the following eight benefits.

Laughter is a natural pain killer. Laughter produces endorphins, that serve as a "happy brain chemical" that soothes stress, reduces anxiety and eases chronic pain. Laughter strengthens

your heart. Believe it or not, laughing is cardio in the same way that walking benefits your heart. So, you can walk or laugh. Better yet walk with a friend and laugh together!

Laughing wards off disease. A Harvard study revealed that the more you laugh and approach life positively (like reading this column, I'll strategically insert) the fewer chronic diseases

you will develop. Laughter tones your abs. Spending hours doing sit ups? Get off the floor and laugh your way to an abdominal six-pack!

Laughing boosts immunity. Laughing activates your body's T-cells (immune system cells) that help you ward off germs, flues and illness.

Laughing decreases blood pressure. The number of American's on blood pressure medicines is at an all-time high. Don't stop taking your prescription medicines but laugh more and you and your doctor may be positively surprised at the result.

Laughter banishes stress. Rough day at home or at work? Laughter won't solve all your problems, but it is proven that it reduces the anxiety produced by living or working in a stressful environ-

Laughter helps those suffering from depression. A 2011 study from Oxford University shows how laughter improves our overall outlook on life.

Long before Loma Linda, Harvard and Oxford, my grandmother always said, "Laughter is the best medicine," and it appears, even though she never attended medical school, she was right.

I hope last weeks spook on my addiction made you laugh. I laughed for hours writing it and laughed all week at the responses.

Thank you for improving my health!

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# Invest in your family and community



FINANCIAL Focus

**DENNIS** ANTONOPOULOS

Why do you invest? For many people, here's the answer: "I invest because I want to enjoy a comfortable retirement." And that's certainly a great reason, because all of us should regularly put money away for when we're retired. But you can also benefit by investing in your family and your community.

Let's start with your family members, particularly the younger ones. How can you invest in their future? One of the best ways is to help send them to college. A college degree is still a pretty good investment: The average lifetime earnings of a college graduate are nearly \$1 million higher than those of someone with a high school degree, according to a study by the U.S. Census Bureau.

To help your children or grandchildren pay for any college, university, vocational school or other postsecondary education, you may want to open a 529 savings plan. With this account, withdrawals are federally tax free, as long as the money is used for qualified higher education expenses, including those from trade and vocational schools. (However, if you withdraw some of the earnings on your account, and you don't use the money for qualified expenses, it will be taxable and can also incur a 10 percent federal tax penalty.) Plus, you retain control of the funds until it's time for them to be used for school, so if your original beneficiary chooses not to pursue some type of higher education, you can name a different eligible beneficiary.

Another way to invest in your family is to help your adult children avoid feeling obligated to provide financial assistance to you. For example, if you ever required some type of long-term care, such as an extended stay in a nursing home, could you afford it? The average cost for a private roo nursing home is more than \$100,000 per year, according to a study by Genworth, an insurance company. And Medicare typically pays very few of these expenses. So, to avoid burdening your adult children - while also preserving your own financial independence – you may want to consider some type of long-term care insurance. A financial advisor can help you determine what coverage may be appropri-

Moving beyond your family, you may want to invest in the social fabric of your community by contributing to local charitable, civic, educational or cultural groups. Of course, now that we're in the holiday season, it's the perfect time for such gifts. Furthermore, your gift will be more appreciated than in years past because one of the chief incentives for charitable giving a tax deduction – was lost for many people due to tax law changes, which raised the standard deduction so significantly that far fewer people chose to itemize deductions. However, you might still be able to gain some tax benefits from your charitable gifts. To name one possibility, you could donate financial assets, such as stocks that have risen in value, freeing you of potential capital gains taxes. In any case, contact your tax advisor if you're considering sizable charitable gifts.

Saving for your retirement will always be important. But don't forget about investing in your family and your community - because these investments can provide satisfying

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# Antique and auction news



ANTIQUES,

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My antique and auction news column from a month ago focused on recent finds of antiques and other treasures. I'll share antique auction news in this column.

A rare painting of Mozart sold well above estimate at a recent auction. Reuters reports that it was painted by Italian painter Giambettino Cignaroli in 1770. It depicts Mozart as a teenager, wearing a white wig and red coat and playing the harpsicord. There is musical score visible on the side of the WAYNE TUISKULA frame. It is only known from the painting, and is believed to

have been written by Mozart himself. The painting was estimated for between 800,000 to 1.2 million Euros but brought 4 million Euros (\$4.4 million U.S.).

Some valuable pieces of Hollywood memorabilia will go on the auction block on Dec. 16. A jacket worn by William Shatner when he played Captain Kirk in "Wrath of Khan" will be one of the items being auctioned. It has a pre-auction estimate of \$80,000 to \$100,000. The cape worn by Christopher Reeve in the 1978 "Superman" movie will also be going to auction this month according to the New York Post. It was one of six capes made for the movie. It is estimated to sell for \$100,000 to \$200,000. A smoking pipe from "Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring" will also be auctioned. It was used by

Sir Ian Holm when he played the hobbit Bilbo Baggins. It also has a \$100,000 to \$200,000 estimate.

The New York Times reported that the bat Babe Ruth used to hit his 500th home run is being auctioned this month. Ruth had gifted it in the 1940's to Jim Rice who was the mayor of Suffern, N.Y. After the mayor and his wife passed away, the bat was handed down to the couple's only son, Terry. He was afraid to display the valuable bat, or even to let anyone know he owned it. It is conservatively estimated to sell for at

least \$1 million. The bat that Ruth used to hit his first home run sold for \$1.26 million in 2004.

A near mint copy of the first Marvel comic book from 1939 recently sold at auction. It was in fantastic condition, grading a 9.4 out of 10. Fox News reported that it was originally purchased by a mail carrier at a Uniontown, Pa. newsstand in 1939 "who made a practice of buying the first issue of comic books and magazines." It changed hands a few times before going to auction, where it sold for \$1.26 million.

Space photography is being offered in an auction ending this week. The New York Post reported that UFO images are

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# Hunting forges a special bond between mother and son



THE GREAT OUTDOORS RALPH **TRUE** 

The start of the Mass. shotgun deer season was different from many of the past season openers. Rain, snow, wind, and downright nasty conditions kept many hunters out of the woods for Monday & Tuesday, but then the action picked up on Wednesday, as hunters took advantage of some real good tracking conditions in the freshly fallen snow. It is normal for deer to hunker down during snow storms, but when the weather breaks, they start to feed again, and in this case, bucks were still looking to breed does.

It sure is going to be a long winter for residents in New England this year, with numerous meteorologist predicting a very active weather pattern this winter, and It will come with a lot of snow. By the time March & April get here, we will sure be ready for spring, if the predictions are right.

Although shotgun season for deer opened this past Monday, hunters are reminded that bows and black powder guns are also allowed. Numerous deer hunters that I know use their black powder guns during the shotgun deer season. They like the challenge of having only one shot, and they also like the accuracy of the new rifled barrels. They are extremely accurate right out of the box, but they should always be checked for accuracy prior to hunting.

Back in the day, the 56 caliber smoothbore guns required hunters to use a ball, patch & gun powder to load them. The loading of the new rifled barrel guns makes using the weapon a lot more enjoyable, and more accurate, which has hunters harvesting more deer, and less deer wasted because of a bad shot.

This past week, I had the pleasure of meeting 14 year old Thomas Stinchfield and his mom Jenifer at Jerry's archery pro shop In Milford. Tom was getting some new arrows made up for his future hunting expeditions in the valley. Tom had already harvested two deer this season with his compound bow, one being a nice doe during the Mass. youth hunt. The second was a nice buck. His mom Jen had accompanied young Thomas on both hunts, sitting in a ground blind.

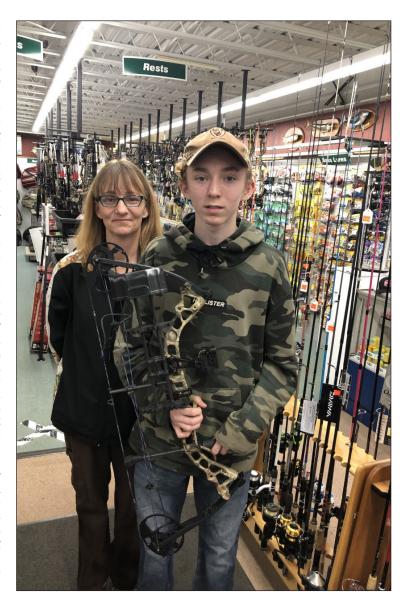
"I got to admit, I never could picture myself accompanying my son on deer hunts," she stated, "but now I get as excited as my son."

This week's picture shows Tom and his Mom at the archery pro shop last week. The family belongs to the Blackstone Valley Beagle club in Douglas, and has a long record of hunting. They also eat all of the venison they harvest, and rarely purchase meat from the market. Venison is sure a lot better eating than market beef, and it is better

On Jan. 18, 2020, the Whitinsville Fish & Game Club will hold their annual "Founders Day" prime rib dinner at the club grounds in Douglas. The dinner is always a sellout, so be sure to get your dinner tickets early. You can call the club at 1-508-476-7204 to reserve your tickets, or you can purchase them at the club on White court in Douglas on weekends. Do not miss this great dinner and fun night at the Whitinsville Fish & Game

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# Selecting and caring for your Christmas tree



GARDEN Moments MELINDA **MYERS** 

The holiday tree is the center of many family celebrations. Ornaments collected over the years decorate the boughs while brightly wrapped gifts are carefully placed underneath.

But the hunt for the perfect tree can be an important part of the tradition. Many try to find the right size and shape for the space allotted, a fragrance the whole family prefers and good needle retention for long lasting beauty. Load the family into the car or walk to the corner Christmas tree lot and let the hunt begin.

Size and shape are important. Your tree needs to fit but finding a fresh tree to last through the holidays is equally important. Here are a few tips to help you find



Proper selection and care of your Christmas tree will ensure that it lasts throughout the holiday season.

looking its best throughout the holidays.

Buy local. You'll support local Christmas tree growers and reduce the risk of spreading unwanted pests into your landscape when purchasing locally grown trees. Your local University Extension Service and Department of Natural Resources will provide updates on any threats.

Select the right variety. Family tradition may dictate your tree choice. Many prefer the fragrance of balsam fir and the needle retention of other firs like Fraser. white, Grand and Noble. Though not a true fir, Douglas fir needles have a wonderful aroma when crushed. White pines lack the fragrance that many prefer. Its pliable branches only support lightweight ornaments, but the soft needles have less bite than the popular Scots or Scotch pine. This evergreen has stiff branches that support heavier ornaments and

when dry.

Check for freshness. A fresh tree will last throughout the holidays. Run your hand along the stem. The needles should be pliable, yet firmly attached to the branch. Avoid trees with lots of moss, lichens, vines, broken branches and other signs of poor care. The right fit. Look

closely at the overall shape and size of the tree. Stand the tree upright to make sure it will fit in the allotted space. Check the trunk. It should be straight and the base small enough to fit in your tree stand.

Make a fresh cut. Remove at least an inch from the base of the trunk before setting it in the stand. Straight or diagonal cuts work equally well. A diagonal or V-shaped cut may make it difficult to properly support the tree in the stand.

Proper watering is key. Fill the stand with water and check it often. Fresh

the right tree and keep it its needles hold even trees can absorb as much as 2 quarts of water in the first 24 hours. Keeping your tree stand filled with water is the best way to keep your tree looking its best throughout the season.

> Once your tree is in place you can add lights and decorations. Then be sure to take time throughout the busy holiday season to sit down, relax with your favorite winter beverage and enjoy the beauty of your Christmas tree.

Melinda Myers has written numerous books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD seriesand the nationally-syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and her Web site is www. MelindaMyers.com.

# **TRIPS**

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dining and exceptional hospitality on this great Christmas holiday tour.

On Wed, Dec. 18 we will travel to the Newport Playhouse to see "A Christmas Cactus" For \$79, you will enjoy a great play, a bountiful buffet and the Christmas Cabaret.

Show Synopsis: Christmas Eve is tough for private investigator Cactus O'Riley, a white-hot

redhead with the holiday blues. She is trying to lure her secretary Fred away from his protective mother, dodging the affections of Deputy D.A. Windsor, and considering closing her business. She doesn't need the added aggravation of two fugitives who burst into her office looking for justice and a dead detective named Jake Marley. Cactus also doesn't need Fred's mother, who arrives to take Fred home but decides to stay because she thinks this is the Christmas murder mystery party she has always dreamed of attending. Christmas turns into a dickens of a holiday for Cactus as she solves mysteries, delivers small miracles and takes a second chance on love and sleuthing.

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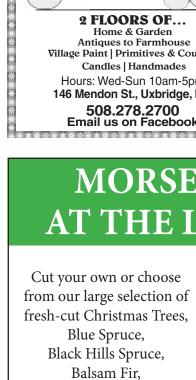


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# **SPORTS**

# Paranto's all-around effort enough for Bartlett to outpace Pioneers

Indians win 100th year of Thanksgiving football over Southbridge, 46-36



Nick Ethier photos

Bartlett's Ryan Spitz celebrates with head coach Dane Laboissonniere following the Indians' 46-36 Thanksgiving Day victory versus Southbridge.



Bartlett's Logan Paranto makes a miraculous interception late in the first quarter.

**BY NICK ETHIER** SPORTS STAFF WRITER

SOUTHBRIDGE — Harry J. McMahon Memorial Field was the host for the 100th year of Bartlett versus Southbridge Thanksgiving Day football (but maybe not the 100th game, as that is up for debate), and the Indians and Pioneers delivered for the hundreds in attendance.

Although nearly 100 points were scored in the contest, it was surprisingly Bartlett's defense that paved the way to their 46-36 victory.

"Defense came to play in the second half," said head coach Dane

Laboissonniere, as the Indians held Southbridge to just eight points over the final two quarters.

Bartlett's Logan Paranto — the winner of the Captain Vincent F. Sabatinelli Award as the game's MVP — also created scoring separation for his team with a late first-quarter interception. The Indians had five first-half drives and scored five touchdowns, while the Pioneers also had five drives but only scored four TDs because of the INT. Paranto also closed the game with another pick.

"It might have been different if that didn't happen," Laboissonniere said of

Paranto's early interception, with Southbridge driving down the field in a 14-14 game. "It definitely mattered."

'We got some space with that," added Paranto of being able to ultimately take a twoscore lead into halftime, 38-28. "They ran the play about three plays before and we knew it was coming. Coach called it from the sideline, and I was in great position to make that play."

It took only four plays for Bartlett (419 yards of total offense) to take the lead, 22-14, a lead that they would not relinquish. Donald Speight rushed untouched 83 yards to pay dirt on a sweep to the right, and



Logan Paranto of Bartlett was named the Thanksgiving Day MVP and took home the Captain Vincent F. Sabatinelli Award.

Paranto added the two-point conversion rush. The Indians' prior two touchdowns came on a Paranto 3-yard quarterback keeper (Paranto tacked on the two-point conversion) and a Speight 7-yard end-around to the right.

Now trailing, Southbridge (362 yards of total offense) responded with a touchdown in the hands of Juan Tula-Rojas from 3 yards (the Pioneers had scored prior on an Alex Torres 53-yard rush on the first offensive play from scrimmage — plus a two-point conversion from Torres — and a Tula-Rojas rush from 5 yards) as the deficit was cut to 22-20 with 7:57 to go until halftime.

But the Indians responded rather quickly, as Paranto rolled out to his right and uncorked a 27-yard scoring pass to Sam Kontoes. Paranto's two-point run made it 30-20.

Torres then followed with a 7-yard TD rush for Southbridge, and Ben Lazo added the two-pointer.

The final score of the half came with only a few seconds to go when Paranto (6 of 11, 134 yards) hit Speight from 12 yards out. Paranto, again, tacked on the conversion rush as Bartlett led by 10 at the half

"People might have their opinions on other big ones — this is the biggest rivalry in Central Mass. It's the 100th year...both teams came out and battled and we just made a couple more plays than they did," said Laboissonniere of the thrilling affair.

It appeared that the second half would feature bundles of additional points when Torres (25 carries, 202 yards) scored his third touchdown of the contest, this one from 6 yards, with 7:35 remaining in the third quarter. Quarterback John Cortez then hit Thomas Dupuis with the two-point conversion pass, and it was now 38-36.

But Paranto added a 1-yard QB keeper for the TD with 3:54 to go in the third quarter to account for the final touchdown. Alex Nunez rushed in the two-point conversion for the final points.

That was because both defenses then forced turnovers on downs. And Paranto grabbed another interception with 37 seconds to go to seal the all-important victory.

"He's an MVP, for sure," Laboissonniere said of Paranto, who rushed 17 times for 60 yards and two scores, plus he added four two-point conversions. "We have eight seniors and they went out on top. They went 3-0 in their last three Thanksgiving Day games."

Speight, another senior, added 182 rushing yards on 20 carries. He garnered the Harry J. McMahon Most Valuable Defensive Player Award.

"I thought running backs from both teams did a fantastic job," Southbridge head coach Frank Koumanelis said of his back in Torres, in addition to Speight. "I thought both teams played well. Usually you put up 36 points and you win, but they were able to make a couple more plays than us."

"They have a hell of a running back, a hell of a line, they have some great kids — I was just happy to see us come out on top today," added Laboissonniere, as the VFW Trophy, given to the winning team, will go back to Webster. "They went out on top, for sure. They saved their best for last."

Southbridge, meanwhile, had a much-improved 2019 season after a 1-10 record last year.

"There's a lot of positives to this team and a lot are coming back," said Koumanelis. "The seniors we're going to lose we're going to miss, but we have a lot coming back."

Bartlett finished 7-4 as Laboissonniere has now won four of his last six Thanksgiving games. And Paranto was thankful for finishing his career on such a high note.

"I'm at a loss for words. The 100th game, this game means everything to us — more than Gillette. If you win this game, it's a great season," he said.



Sam Kontoes of Bartlett hauls in a pass to score on a 27-yard play.

# SPORTS BRIEFS

# Bartlett High School announces Hall of Fame inductees

The Bartlett High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee is pleased to announce the Inductees of the 2020 Inductions: Francis Bonczek, Class of 1954 Peter Russell, Class of 1975

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The Induction Ceremony will be held Saturday, Oct. 24, 2020 at the Raceway Restaurant and Golf Club in Thompson, Conn. at 6 p.m. Further information regarding the ceremony will be announced at a later date. The Committee will be hosting a Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 13, 2020 at the Raceway Golf Club in Thompson at 1 p.m. For more information regarding the induction or golf tournament, please contact Athletic Director Anthony Paranto at 508-943-8552 Ext. 34028 or visit our website at www. bhsathletichof.org.

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# Dudley Charlton Women's Basketball to hold pickup games

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# **SPORTS**

# Thanksgiving Day rubber match goes to Rams, 37-14, over Tantasqua



Shepherd Hill's Nate Cooper runs for a first down as Tantasqua's Owen Stanton dives in to make a tackle.

BY JASON BLEAU

DUDLEY—For the Shepherd Hill Regional and Tantasqua Regional upperclassmen, this year's Thanksgiving Day varsity football game — played at Carmignani Field — was the ultimate rubber match. The Warriors won back in 2017 for their first holiday victory in nine years, 32-15, while the Rams took last year's contest, 35-34.

In 2019 it was the home team that earned the victory as Shepherd Hill dominated Tantasqua to earn a 37-14 victory in the 46th annual affair. With the win the Rams padded their Thanksgiving Day record to 37-8-1 over the Warriors.

Shepherd Hill head coach Ryan Dugan said the windy weather played into his team's playing style but noted that the Rams came prepared even without Mother Nature's help as they expected Tantasqua to be a worthy opponent.

"It was a huge win. Tantasqua is a really good team. They were divisional champions. They have great players. After we got beat by St. John's in the playoffs we knew we came to work the next Monday knowing that we had to play well and get better and be prepared," he said. "It was just hard work, getting better

strong effort to win."

The Hill finished 8-3 on the year with the Thanksgiving win. Dugan credited his seniors with helping maintain a strong offense throughout the game and setting a standard for the underclassmen to follow in the years to come.

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as players, better as coaches

and the kids came here today

fired up knowing we needed a

"This group of seniors set a great foundation for this program. They did a fantastic job and we had a lot of young players step up today. We've got some good underclassmen coming up. A lot of credit goes to the senior group. They've been through a lot and in their last game together they came out, they played hard and they got the job done," said Dugan.

Tantasqua finished 8-4 on the season after being eliminated from the state semifinals the week before the Thanksgiving matchup. Head coach Jon Hargis said it was a good, successful season and they plan to build off that momentum into 2020.

"The kids fought hard to the end. I have to give it up to my seniors who have been with me the past three years. It's not the way they wanted to go out, but they battled. It was a great season," Hargis said. "We're going to work hard on the offseason to continue to build on our success this year."

At the end of the day the difference was converting on offense as Shepherd Hill scored points on all but two possessions, one in which they turned the ball over on downs and the game's final possession where they took a knee to end the game. The Rams found their success carrying the ball. Junior Mike Raymond had a game-high 119 yards on 10 carries with one touchdown, while senior James Labarge earned 83 yards on six carries, including two touchdowns. Sophomore Zack Christenson earned a touchdown run, while quarterback Ethan Quinn also earned a running touchdown in the first half. The Warriors only managed two touchdowns and found it difficult to get anything going on offense for much of the game despite scoring the first points of the day on their opening possession. Freshman quarterback Dante Reno hit junior Tyler Hall with a TD pass, and Senior Liam Gore scored a rushing touchdown for the Warriors

With the final game of the season in the books, it was the end of an era for both teams as numerous seniors bid farewell



James Labarge of Shepherd Hill celebrates a touchdown with quarterback Ethan Ouinn (10).

to the gridiron one last time as high schoolers. Gore said it was a bittersweet game but, looking back on 2019, he has no regrets.

"You don't like to go out this way, but we had a great season. We made it far in the playoffs and accomplished more than we thought we would at the beginning of the year. I can't complain at all. I think the underclassmen are going to do well. They know exactly how they're supposed to play," said Gore.

One of those underclassmen, Reno, admitted that it's going to be hard to see the seniors depart, but he and the rest of the underclassmen are looking forward to building on the success the Warriors had this past season

"This year's success is all seniors. They took us far. Next year we just have to keep going and work hard on the offseason," Reno said. "We just have to win. That's a big thing. No matter how we get it done we have to get it done. It's cool to play in this game and I look for-

ward to the next three years."

For Shepherd Hill, the big win capped off an emotional day for the senior players. Running back Nate Cooper said helping his team win his final game as a Ram was a proud and sad moment.

"It's impressive. We've all been together since eighth grade and it's going to be sad seeing everyone leave," Cooper said. "This means a lot to me because it is our last game together. We'll remember this game for a long time."

Another Shepherd Hill senior, Anthony Oriente, took home the Offensive MVP honor and said he was full of pride to take the field with his team one final time.

"We had an awesome day on offense and scored a lot of points. It was awesome running behind the big guys again. I'm glad we won but I can't believe it's over," Oriente said.

Tantasqua sophomore Aiden Filler was awarded the Defensive MVP honor at the conclusion of the game.



Anthony Oriente of Shepherd Hill, the Thanksgiving Day Offensive Player of the Game, gains a good chunk of vardage on this carry.



Shepherd Hill's Ethan Quinn gets mauled by teammates in celebration after rushing into the end zone for a touchdown.

# Let's get fired up for Charlton-Dudley U10 Cheer



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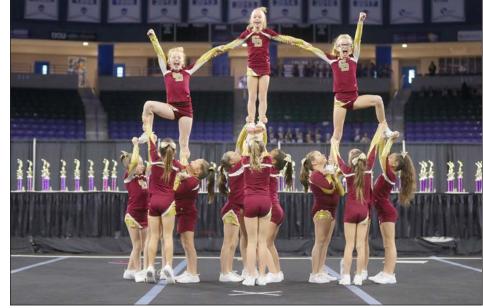
The Charlton-Dudley U10 Cheer squad recently took first place at the American Youth Cheery New England Region cheer competition, advancing to Nationals in the process.

As New Englanders we're used to bragging about our championship teams. We've all watched the Patriots, Red Sox, Bruins and Celtics bring titles home to Massachusetts. This year, Charlton added a new title to its own growing list of championships. The Charlton-Dudley U10 Cheer team recently took first place at the American Youth Cheer New England Region cheer competition, which earned them the right to

compete for the National cheer title in Florida this month.

When U10 cheer is not besting the top cheer teams in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Connecticut and Rhode Island, or delivering sideline cheers for the Rams' youth football players on weekends, they can be found practicing their routine three to four days per week as they have done since July.

These talented yet humble fourth and



The Rams compete in one of their many competitions, while ultimately paved their way to the National cheer competition in Florida later this month.

fifth graders have been out fundraising in full force around town for their trip to the National competition, and they cannot thank this amazing community enough for the unparalleled level of support they've been shown.

So, how does this team like its chances at bringing home a National title — and the bragging rights that go along with it — to our community? A verse from one of the songs in their routine

sums it up best: "It's going down! This team's about to rock the crowd and you know we're representing, making them proud."

As New Englanders we already have a lot of reasons to be proud. In a couple weeks, maybe U10 Cheer will give Charlton one more thing to brag about. Let's go Rams!

# **SPORTS**

# Pirates rush past Bay Path in annual Battle for Buffums



Mathew S. Plamondon photos

Oxford's Teegue Olson and Joseph Szela crunch Bay Path's Tyler Gillespie

BY KEN POWERS ORTS CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — Oxford High junior Sam Wing rushed for 188 yards and three touchdowns to lead the Pirates to their third straight win in the Battle for Buffums Thanksgiving Day game, defeating Bay Path Regional, 26-14, at George L. Fowler Memorial Field on Thursday, Nov. 28.

Oxford (4-7), which trailed 8-0 early in the first quarter thanks to a 30-yard run by Bay Path's Tyler Gillespie and a conversion run by Justin Orrell, scored 26 consecutive points to put the game away.

The Pirates tied the game, 8-8, late in the first quarter on a 42-yard touchdown run by Wing, who also ran in the two-point conversion. Wing's touchdown run came on the second play of the ensuing pos-

session. In the second quarter Wing gave Oxford the lead, 14-8, with 6-yard scoring scamper. Ben Wing, Sam's younger brother, added the conversion run to push the Pirates lead to 16-8, which was the score at half-

Oxford went ahead, 18-8 on a safety in the third quarter, Nick Geragonis tackling a Bay Path runner in the end zone. On the ensuing drive following the free kick Sam Wing scored his — and Oxford's — third touchdown of the game on a 15-vard run. Ben Wing again added the conversion run to extend the Oxford lead to 26-8 late in the third quarter.

Bay Path (2-9) scored the final touchdown of the game on a 37-yard run by quarterback Michael Keeler late in the fourth quarter.

'We played well; it was a good day. It's always nice to win on Thanksgiving. It's

a good way to finish the season," Oxford head coach Jeff Clarkson said. "The field conditions were tough, it was very muddy out there, but Sam ran well and the offensive line did a great job opening holes for

Geragonis, a senior, received the Outstanding Player of the Game Award for his work at left tackle on offense and nose tackle on defense. Fellow senior Alex Green was named Pirates' Outstanding Offensive Player of the Game while another senior, defensive back Michael DeLaCruz, was named Oxford's Outstanding Defensive Player of the Game.

"Nick played fantastic; he really killed it," Clarkson said about Geragonis' performance. "Our offensive and defensive lines played great.'

Oxford's offensive line senior Jacob Sund-Lussier (RT), junior Dylan Sadd (RG), senior Teegue Olsen (C), Green so well in fact it got the attention of Bay Path head coach Matt Fall.

"They gashed us pretty good up the middle a few times," Fall said. "No. 77 [Green] was their offensive player of the game and it was well deserved. Any time they needed a first down or needed some big yardage they ran right behind him.

"Their line is strong and powerful and they're very precise with their steps," Fall continued. "If you have a defensive player that's over penetrating or over pursuing their offensive linemen have no problem catching up to them and getting them squared away. That allows their running backs to get to the holes they need to

Despite the disappointment that comes with a sub-.500 year,



Ben Wing of Oxford finds a nice hole to run through while carrying the ball.

Clarkson was upbeat when he spoke of the season.

"We had a good finish; I think we learned a lot this year. But, my expectations going into preseason was that we were going to be better," Clarkson said. "I spoke after the game and praised the seniors and told the younger guys on both teams that they had a tough year, but I hope they learned something and I hope they use what they learned next season."

Fall said he was pleased with the fact that his team got better as the season went along.

"I know a 2-9 record is not anything to write home about, but the last four or five games the kids really came together and that solidified the team a little bit," Fall said. "That was nice to see.

"When you have a losing record it's pretty easy to lose players and we didn't lose a single player throughout the season," Fall added. "Every kid stuck it out and hung in there. That's the big thing we can take away from the season. At the end of the day that's kind of a life lesson for them and lessons they take away from football are just as important as the winning seasons.

Orrell received the Outstanding Player of the Game Award for Bay Path while Brian Lavoie received the Minutemen's Outstanding Defensive Player of the Game and Noah Vazquez received the Outstanding Offensive Player of the Game Award.



Alex Green of Oxford stops the progress of Bay Path ball carrier Tyler



Oxford's Sam Wing is off to the races for a touchdown versus Bay Path.

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# Tips to Drive Safely in Snow

Hot on the heels of a Nor'easter, it's time once again to review some winter driving tips to keep safe while navigating icy, snowy roadways. When the wintry weather finds you slip sliding away this season, keep in mind these common sense strategies to up your odds of a safe trip.

And remember readers, send in your best wintertime hints - you could win dinner for two at the Publick House!

Accelerate slowly to reduce wheel spin. If starting from a standstill on slick snow or ice, start in second gear so the vehicle is less likely to spin the tires. The automatic transmissions on some vehicles have a winter mode that automatically starts in a higher gear.

Reduce your speed and drive smoothly. In slippery conditions, tires lose their grip more easily, affecting all aspects of your driving: braking, turning, and accelerating. The key is to drive as smoothly as possible, avoiding sudden actions or rapid movements of any kind. Drive as if you have a bowl of water in your lap and don't want to spill any.

Don't lock your wheels when braking. Locked wheels can make the vehicle slide or skid. If you have a vehicle without an antilock braking system (ABS), you may need to gently apply the brakes repeatedly to avoid having them lock up the wheels.

Perform one action at a time when accelerating, braking, and turning. Asking a vehicle to do two things at once-such as braking and turning, or accelerating and turning-can reduce your control. When taking a turn, for

instance, slowly apply the brakes while the vehicle is going straight. When it's at the right speed to take the turn, let up on the brakes and smoothly turn the steering wheel. After you're through the turn, slowly depress the accelerator to regain your speed.

From the Archives: This ten year old tip from Robert P. Beauregard of North Oxford bears repeating each winter. Thanks to him for pointing us in the right direction when it comes to steering clear of skids. His tip is worth remembering:

'What's the best advice when a front wheel drive automobile (and that includes almost all cars on the road) goes into a skid? Most people would say to cut the front wheels in the direction of the skid and gently apply brakes. That's fine if you have a rear wheel drive vehicle. But with a front wheel drive, you steer away from the direction of the skid by accelerating the vehicle, since the drive wheels are up front. And there's no reason to tap on the brakes. This way, you'll come out of the skid."

TAKE THE

HINT **KAREN** TRAINOR

Did you know tires are your most important weapon against slipping and sliding? Take into account these top tire tips:

Cold temperatures decrease the air pressure in tires, which

adds to the rolling resistance caused by snow and slush. So be sure to check tire pressure regularly, especially after there has been a sharp drop in tempera-

When buying allweather or snow tires have them installed on all four wheels. This provides even traction all the way around and gives you top notch steering and stopping.

Can't replace all four? If you can only afford two snow tires, some tire experts suggest you get them mounted in the rear. Here's why: If your front tires skid, you can still maintain some control over the car by steering those wheels. But if your rear tires lose contact with the road, it's much harder to control where the car goes. For that reason, the tires with the greatest amount of traction are supposed to go on the

Make sure you have enough tread on your tires. The drive tires must provide traction to push your vehicle over wet pavement and through snow. The steering tires must have traction to steer the vehicle. Experts say you should have at least one eighth inch of tread to plow through snow effectively.

Note: The driving advice above was culled from various sources including State Farm Insurance Agency, Consumer Reports, and Michelin Tires.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick

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

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

# School district exploring software upgrade

BY JASON BLEAU

DUDLEY/CHARLTON - As technology improves, businesses and organizations must improve with it. That has become a primary goal for the Dudley Charlton Regional School District over the next two years.

During a meeting on Nov. 13, budget timeline talks were briefly sidelined to discuss a new technological purchase that is expected to be implemented by the end of the 2020/2021 budget year. District Director of Finance Operations Richard Mathieu revealed to the School Committee that they have had productive talks with Tyler Technology about upgrading the software used for payroll, human resources, purchasing and other housekeeping and financial matters to bring it up to date with modern systems.

"It provides robust, modern tools to be able to be as efficient as possible. For example, it has e-procurement built in so you can go to Amazon, create a shopping cart, download those items and directly create a purchase order straight from that. The advancement in terms of technology is a decade leap. The software was bought ten or twelve years ago so it's time to be upgraded and come into a modern software program that I think will benefit the entire district," Mathieu said.

He added that this system is the "heart and brains" of everything the department does and is essential to keep the district up to speed on handling its finances and purchasing. The general ledger software would come at a cost of a little bit challenging given \$150,000 taken from the school everybody's schedule.

choice fund although that estimate was presented two years ago by Tyler Technologies and is subject to change. If it stands \$100,000 of the cost would go towards the software while the rest would be for training and implementation purposes.

Mathieu said the changeover would not be immediate. The new software won't be up and running for 2020 but could be in place for early 2021 or sometime that summer.

'It all depends on the time that we can take away from the day to day jobs that we're currently doing and invest in the software," said Mathieu. "Given those timelines, we'd be looking at either January 2021 or possibly June 30, 2021. In some ways, it will be very exciting to bring it forward but to do that in January may be

might look for that new fiscal year clean cut off."

While training and other expenses would not immediately come into play Mathieu noted the district does have to commit to buying the modules which is why the district is exploring the upgrades so early. For now, the schools will continue to utilize the current system until the software is updated.

# **ANTIQUES**

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featured in some of the photographs. One of the lots has an image used in the "I Want to Believe" poster featured in the first three seasons of "The X-Files." That image is included in an auction lot of "seven vintage chromogenic prints." The pre-auction estimate for that lot is \$6,000 to \$9,000, which may be a little pricey but isn't completely out of this world.

We are still accepting quality consignments for our Jan. 30 live auction in Worcester. Other events are also being scheduled. Please see www.centralmassauctions.com for details on the January auction and other events.

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# **HOLIDAY GREETINGS**

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away earlier this year. May we always remember Lt. Gendreau and His dedication to the Webster Fire Department. This new apparatus will serve our community well for years to come.

On Nov. 18, the Board of Selectmen approved the fiscal year 2020 tax rate. For the second year in a row the Town voted a single tax rate. This is the most important thing a community can do to support its local businesses. Additionally, the rate dropped for the third year in a row and is the lowest the rate has been since 2015.

The Town of Webster recently hosted the local town administrators/managers in the region to discuss options to collaborate and improve services or save our communities money by partnering with each other. We hope these discussions continue and we see new and innovative ways to improve services and save taxpayers money in addition to the regionalization efforts we currently have.

As always, we are working hard to support local businesses in Webster. We recently launched our shop local for the holiday's program. When you see Webster Shop Local flier in a local business that is your cue to ask for a punch card. Take that card to other participating businesses and get a stamp. When you get eight stamps, bring it to the town hall to be entered in a drawing for cash prizes. You can patronize the same business more than once and get a stamp for each visit. The number of businesses participating is increasing daily. If a business you enjoy is not participating encourage them to get involved.

Lastly, we wanted to give you an update on some of our ongoing capital projects. First, in our October Town Meeting, funds were approved and grant funds were accepted to improve the Memorial Beach. We are currently soliciting proposals from landscape architects and design firms for design services for the beach. We'll work with the firm over the winter and spring and start construction on the project in early July. Second, the Board of Selectmen approved easements for the sidewalk and roadway reconstruction project on Lake Parkway/Klebart Ave. This project will be bid out in December and begin construction in the spring. Also, the Town received grant funds for design work at Town Hall. Recently, a team of architects and engi-

neers evaluated our historic Town Hall and will be making recommendations to preserve the historic integrity of the building. You may have seen them in the Fire ladder truck in front of town hall as they got an up close look at the clock tower. Lastly, the water filtration plant is at its final steps of testing and will be live in early December. We'll update you more on this monumental project in next month's update.

Seasons' Greetings to you and your family!

# **FROZEN**

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she added.

Looney wasn't too surprised at that. "Because it's animated, there's a lot to be interpreted," she said. "Every director and school will have their own interpretation of the cartoon version."

Johnson observed that was true here because they're using a single stage for the film's various scenes, particularly walking through the forest. But she also thinks her age helps make directing

"I was in their shoes only a couple years ago. I know what they're thinking, and can say 'When you do this, think of this," she said. "I think theater is something anyone can do.'

To Johnson, this year's cast are "more

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focused on the production" in various ways that in recent years, leading some actors to "dissect their parts and know them inside-out." The play itself also drew so much interest, they needed to hold a lottery to select people for backstage duties.

In total, about 70 people have some role in "Frozen, Jr." The major characters are as follows: Elsa (Sarah Parker),

Anna (Milon Sneed), Prince Hans (Jameson Burke), Kristoff (Harper Tozer) and Olaf (Amina Peterson). Kev staff members are Looney, Johnson, Music Director Sarah Rutkiewicz and Art/Props Director Karalyn Crutcher.

"It's been quite and experience mentoring a student director," Looney said. "Danielle has been a huge help and we all learned something in the process."

Gus Steeves can be reached at gus. steeves2@gmail.com.



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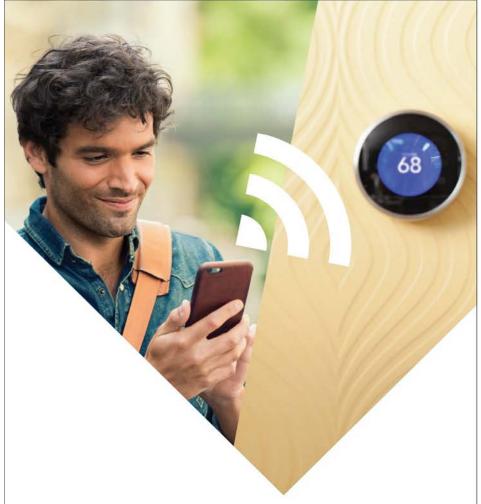
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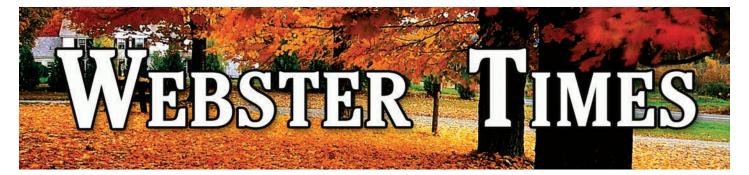
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# **OBITUARIES**

# Albert Gaboury, Jr., 81



WEBSTER – Albert Gaboury, Jr., 81, died Sunday at Saint Mary's Health Care, Worcester.

He leaves his wife of 57 years, Helen M. (Decoste) Gaboury; 4 children, Lynn A. Tetreault and her

companion Stanley Petka, Albert P. Gadoury III and his wife Joyce, Robert F. Gaboury and his companion Christine, and Rebecca G. Desrosiers and her husband Roy, all of Webster; 7 grandchildren, Nicole Saksa, Jason Gaboury, Samantha Cross, Steven Gaboury, Matthew McKay, Emily Desrosiers and Sarah Desrosiers; 5 great-grandchildren, Korin, Madalyn, Jacey, Ryder and Alise; 3 brothers, Robert Gaboury of Southbridge, Roland Gaboury of Webster, and Norman Gaboury of Agawam; 2 sisters, Pauline Stevens of Westminster and Linda Gaboury of Webster; many nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by a son, Michael E. Tetreault in 1989, and by a sister, Marion Gaboury

He was born and raised in Dudley, the oldest of the 7 children of Albert and Gabriel (Ricard) Gaboury and lived in Dudley and Webster all his life. He was a Navy veteran of the

Vietnam War.

He first worked in home construction for R. H. White in Worcester and then for Soper Construction in Southbridge. He was a truck driver for Wheelabrator Company in Millbury. After retiring, he was a van driver for several years.

Mr. Gaboury was a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church. He enjoyed coin collecting, hunting and fishing. He was a loyal fan of the Boston Red Sox, the Boston Bruins and the New England Patriots.

A memorial Mass was held on Thursday, December 5 at 10:00 AM in Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 16 East Main Street. Burial will be held privately at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster.

www.sitkowski-malboeuf.com

# Kenneth R. MacDonald, 51

PUTNAM- Kenneth R. MacDonald, 51, passed away on Wednesday November 20, 2019 while surrounded by his family at the Trinity Hill Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Hartford.

Kenneth leaves his longtime companion Malissa Christy of Webster; his son Shawn MacDonald of Webster; his mother Pauline (Dorighi) MacDonald; three brothers: David MacDonald of Woodstock, CT, and Scott and Jonathan MacDonald both of North Carolina; he was predeceased by his father, the late David MacDonald.

Kenneth lived in Putnam for most

of his life; he was a music enthusiast, who was also interested in sports, baseball being his favorite.

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

Kenneth's family kindly requests that memorial contributions be sent to Vitas Hospice, 628 Hebron Avenue Suite 300 Glastonbury, CT 06033.

A guest book is available at www. shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle of remembrance.

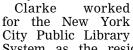
# Clarke P. Conway, 90,

CAMBRIDGE/ ATHOL-Clarke P. Conway, 90, passed away Monday November 18, 2019 at the Fitchburg Health Care Center in Fitchburg, MA; he is survived by his dear friend Glenn E. Degere of Athol. Clarke was preceded in death by his life-partner of fifty-two years, Dr. Paul Brazeau.

Clarke was born in Bethesda, Maryland on July 18, 1929, son of the late Clarke and Mary (Torbet) Conway.

Clarke attended the Swathmore College in Pennsylvania, earning his Bachelor's degree. After completion of his studies at Swathmore, Clarke earned his Master's degree in arts and teaching from Yale University, and attended post-grad at Yale drama

Upon completion of his education, Clarke served honorably in the United States Army during the Korean War, after which he moved to New York City and began singing at various night clubs. Clarke was the last surviving cast member of the original production of West Side



System as the resident expert of Russian Ballet. Clarke served as the press director for Carnegie Hall for thirty-five years.

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

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# David A. Froehlich, Sr., 72



WOODSTOCK VALLEY · A. Froehlich, Sr., 72, of Barber Rd., passed away Friday, November 29, 2019 at his home surrounded by his family. Born in Putnam, he was the son of the late Alfred

and Winifred (Wonoski) Froehlich.

David worked as a truck driver and heavy equipment operator for the town of Woodstock for 40 years. He also operated Froehlich's Sawmill and helped out in the operation of the Happiness Brothers Hereford Farm. David was a jack of all trades and enjoyed tinkering and puttering with just about

David is survived by his children, Brian Froehlich and his wife Janet of Woodstock Valley, David Froehlich, Jr. and his wife Misty of Killingly and Stacey Hopkins and her husband John of Pomfret; his brothers, Donald Froehlich of Woodstock Valley,

and Steven Froehlich of Woodstock Valley; and his sisters, Jean Plaza of Webster, MA, Barbara Liszka of Woodstock Valley, and Linda Szpyrka of Woodstock Valley; his eight grandchildren; his five great grandchildren; and his former wife Lorraine (Boucher) Froehlich of Woodstock. He also leaves behind a good friend and care giver, Lillian Hopkins.

Relatives and friends were invited to visit with David's family from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 in the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam. A gathering began on Thursday, December 5, 2019 in the funeral home at 9:00 a.m. with a Funeral Service for David at 10:00 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will follow in Barlow Cemetery, Barlow Cemetery Rd, Woodstock, CT. Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Northeastern Connecticut, PO Box 632, Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook visit www. GilmanAndValade.com.

# Elizabeth P. "Betty" Guskey, 92



OXFORD Elizabeth P. "Betty" Guskey, 92, of Main Street, died November 26, 2019, at Webster Manor after a brief illness. She was predeceased by her husband, Lawrence T. Guskey, who died in

2013, and by her sister, Mary G. Taft, who died in 1991. She is survived by her two sons, David L. Guskey and his wife Deborah of Webster and Stephen L. Guskey and his wife Marianne of Holland; two grandchildren, Alisa and Kyle Guskey; and several nephews and nieces. She was born in Southbridge, the daughter of the late Alice E. (Guertin) Olney and William R. Olney.

Mrs. Guskey was the legal secretary at American Optical in Southbridge for many years and was most recently employed at the Proctor Law Office in Oxford until her retirement in 2008.

She was a member of St. Roch's Church in Oxford for many years. She loved spending time with her family and tending to her flowers and gardens.

The family would like to thank the staff at Webster Manor for their very kind and compassionate care.

A funeral was held on Friday, November 29, 2019, from Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford, followed by a Mass at 11 a.m. at St. Roch's Church, 332 Main St., Oxford. A calling hour was held on Friday morning from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home prior to Mass. Burial will follow at St. Roch's Cemetery in Oxford. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Roch's Church, 334 Main Street, Oxford, MA 01540.

paradisfuneralhome.com

# David J. Majka, 76



David J. Majka of Plymouth, passed away on November 22, 2019, surrounded by his family, at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital in Plymouth at the age of 76. For 51 years, he was the beloved husband of

Georgia L. (Velarides) Maika. He was the loving father of David W. Majka and his wife Kristin of Plymouth, James C. Majka and his wife Catherine of Kingston and Jennifer Majka of Boston. He was the proud grandfather of Matthew, Elise, Olivia, Charlotte and Addison.

David was born on May 11, 1943

in Worcester to Isadore and Anna (Slattery) Majka. He grew up in Webster and graduated from Bartlett High School. He received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia. David was a fan of all of the New England sports teams.

A period of visitation took place on Saturday, November 30, 2019, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Cartmell Life Celebration Funeral Home, 150 Court Street, Plymouth. A memorial service will begin at 12:00 pm. Burial will be held at Vine Hills Cemetery, Samoset Street, Plymouth, following the services. For more information or to sign the online guestbook please, visit www.cartmelldavis.com.

# Dr. Anthony R. Kopas DDS, 85

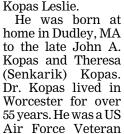


WORCESTER-Dr. Anthony Robert Kopas, DDS, age 85, passed away on Friday, November 29, 2019 at St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester. He leaves his lovcompanion, ing Lynda Schaefer, of Worcester, two sons, Anthony R. Kopas II of Wrentham, MA, and Atty. Jan Adam Kopas II and his wife Cheryl of Worcester, MA, as well as two

daughters Kathleen

Kopas, of Webster,

MA, and Mary Lou Kopas and her husband Atty. Charles Caldart of Seattle Washington. He also leaves nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He had four brothers and three sisters who predeceased him: John, Francis Charles, Charles Francis and Joseph Kopas, Anna Kopas Placzek, Mary Kopas Kozlowski, and Albina





and had a dental practice in Worcester for 45 years. He was a member of the American Dental Association and his greatest joy was flying.

There are no calling hours. A private graveside service will be held with military honors in St. Anthony Cemetery Webster. Please omit flowers and consider making a donation in his memorv to the Webster-Dudley Veteran Council, Veterans Way, Webster, MA 01570. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book is available at www. shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

# David Eastland

WORCESTER- David Eastland passed away peacefully on Friday November 22, 2019 at the Parsons Hill Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Worcester. He leaves his companion Lydia Labrecque of Franklin, MA. No calling hours and services are private. Donations may be made

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# Edward T. Bedard, 62



OXFORD - Edward T. Bedard, 62, of Dana Road, died Friday, November 29, 2019, at UMass Memorial Medical Center University Campus in Worcester, after a long illness. He is

survived by his wife of 27 years, Alicia A. (Babb) Bedard of Oxford; his sister, Gail A. Bedard and her husband David Alden of Jersey City, NJ; and five nieces. He was born in Worcester, son of the late Edgar H. and Ursula T. (Donovan) Bedard, and

was a lifelong resident of Oxford.

Mr. Bedard was a wood technology teacher and department head at Auburn High School.

Memorial calling hours were Thursday, December 5, 2019, from 5-7:30 p.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. Burial will be private at a later date at St. Roch's Cemetery in Oxford. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, P.O. Box 414238, Boston, MA 02241-4238.

paradisfuneralhome.com

# Gary "Gus" W. Grenon, 70

OXFORD - Gary "Gus" W. Grenon, 70, died Tuesday, November 19, 2019, at UMass-Memorial Medical Center -University Campus in Worcester, after a courageous battle with heart disease. He is survived by his sister, Noreen C. Chuplis of Charlton; and several nephews and nieces. He was predeceased by a sister, Sandra L. Bacon who died in 2019. He was born in Worcester, son of the late Wilfred L. and Mary (Garabedian) Grenon, and lived most of his life in Oxford. He graduated

from Oxford High School in 1966. Mr. Grenon worked for Schott Corporation in Southbridge for over 20 years, retiring several years ago. Previously, he worked for American Optical in Southbridge. He loved cars, motorcycles, and karate.

A private funeral service was held on Tuesday. Burial was at Worcester County Memorial Park in Paxton. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241-7005. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements.

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# Joseph Mercik, 100



PUTNAM - Joseph Mercik, 100, of Grove St., passed away on Sunday, November 24, 2019 at Matulaitis Rehabilitation and Nursing Home sur-rounded by his family. He was the loving husband of Dolores

(Marroquin) Mercik, the love of his life. They were married on August 21, 1948 in St. Mary Church of the Visitation. Born in Newmarket, NH, he was the son of the late John and Appolina (Grochmal) Mercik. He is predeceased by his daughter in 1993, the late Joy Kempain; as well as his sisters, Mary, Beatrice and Celia.

Joseph graduated from Putnam High School and from Ellis Tech as a machinist. He was a veteran of the United States Army serving during WWII. Upon his return from the war he married Dolores. He was co-owner of LaBonte & Mercik Refrigeration in Putnam. Joe was an ambitious and talented man who had many interests. His interests as a young caddy turned into a membership at Putnam Golf Course and became one of the original members of the Quinnatisset Country Club. He was a member of the Putnam Elks which he enjoyed for many years. He was an avid fisherman, golfer, coin collector, reader, made furniture and lamps as well as carved decoy ducks.

In addition to his wife Dolores, Joseph is survived by his daughter, Deborah M. Dunn and her companion Kevin Paulhus of Dudley, MA. The light of his life was his family, especially his grandchildren, Hollis (Kempain) Abram and her husband Adam, and Jordan Joseph Kempain and his fiancé Sarah Rickaby, Steve Kempain was Joys husband and he and his present wife Pam Kempain continue to be part of the family.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the exceptional staff at Matulaitis Nursing Home.

Funeral services are private and have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

# **OBITUARIES**

# Janice A. Kettle, 84



FARMINGTON, CT – Janice A. (Graham) Kettle, 84, died Saturday, November 2, 2019, at her daughter's home in Salado, Texas. She was predeceased by her husband of 55 years, Frank G. Kettle

who died in 2010. She is survived by two children, Gary L. Kettle and his wife Marcia of North Grosvenordale, CT, and Louise A. Whitaker and her husband Lonnie of Salado, TX; two brothers, George Graham of Clinton and Robert Graham of Lebanon, PA; four grandchildren, Jaimee Taborda, Tammie Smith, Shaun Whitaker, and Jeremy Whitaker; nine great-grandchildren, and many nephews and nieces. She was predeceased by her sister, Evelyn Graham; and two broth-

ers, Donald Graham and William Graham. She was born in Lancaster, MA, daughter of the late James W. and Harriet D. (Tuttle) Graham, and lived in Farmington for many years and North Grosvenordale for several years, before moving to Texas five years ago.

Mrs. Kettle worked at Progressive Specialty Glass of Southington for 7 years, retiring in 2001. She was a member of the First Congregational Church in Farmington. She enjoyed duckpin bowling, camping with her husband, riding her motorcycle, and spending time at the ocean.

A graveside service will be held at Eastwood Cemetery in Lancaster, MA, at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverly Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA 02452. paradisfuneralhome.com

# Lois D. Carr, 60

THOMPSON- Lois D. (Jaros) Carr age 60 passed away Wednesday, November 27, 2019 at the University of MA Healthcare Center Hospital, Worcester, MA. She leaves her husband of twenty nine years, Jeffrey R. Carr of Thompson, four daughters, Jacqueline Alexander and her husband Daniel of Killingly, Emily Carr of Putnam, Rachel and Anna Carr of Putnam, two grandchildren, Claire Alexander and Carter Moroz. She also leaves a brother Gregory Jaros of PA, a sister Charlene Carr of Dudley. She also leaves her father Stanley Jaros of

Florida. She was born in Worcester daughter of Stanley Jaros and the late Jacqueline (Depasse) Jaros and lived in Thompson since 1987 prior to that living in Webster and the area. Lois enjoyed cooking and quality time with her family. There are no calling hours and a celebration of life will be announced at a later date. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

# Roger T. Forcier, 66

OXFORD – Roger T. Forcier, 66, died Friday, November 1, 2019 in UMass/Memorial University Campus, Worcester after a period of declining health.

He leaves no known relatives.

He was born on February 2, 1953 in Fall River, a son of Joseph and Lorraine (Turgeon) Forcier.

Mr. Forcier was a cook at Point Breeze Restaurant in Webster at vari-

He attended the United Church of Christ, Federated in Webster. He enjoyed volunteering at Food Share and at the Bread of Life suppers.

A memorial service was held at 11:00 AM on Monday, December 2, in the United Church of Christ, Federated, 4 Church Street, Webster, followed by a collation in the church hall. There are no calling hours. Donations in his name may be made to the United Church of Christ, Federated, 4 Church Street, Webster, MA 01570. Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main Street, Webster is assisting Pastor Ann Gibert in organizing his service.

www.scanlonfs.com

# Kenneth Butkiewicz, 82

DUDLEY- Kenneth Butkiewicz age 82 passed away Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at the Univ. Of MA Hospital, Worcester. He leaves his wife of 26 years, Beverly E. (Carpenter) Butkiewicz. He also leaves a son Steven Pantos of Dudley, two daughters, Deborah Janowicz and her husband Joseph of Homosassa, FL and Nicole Cimochowski of Dudley, three grandchildren, Ryan, Andrew and Victoria and one great grandson Kyle. He also leaves a brother Frank Butkiewicz of NY. He was born in Brooklyn, NY son of the late Frank Butkiewicz and Henrietta (Zabo) Butkiewicz and lived in Dudley for the past 40 years prior to that living in Holden, MA. He was a Vietnam era, US Army veteran. Ken was a purchasing agent for Dana Corp.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, canoeing, bicycling and kayaking. Ken donated his time on the Rail Trail for 14 years. There are no calling hours. Please omit flowers, family requests donations in his memory may be made to the



may be made to the Second Chance Animal Shelter, 111 Young Rd. East Brookfield, MA. 01515. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

# Marilyn N. Van Dyke, 82

WEBSTER- Marilyn N. (Carpenter) Van Dyke age 82 passed away Friday, November 29, 2019 at Harrington Hospital, Southbridge. She leaves a son Robert Van Dyke of Spencer, four daughters, Kathleen Knapp of Putnam, CT., Karen Swanson of Grafton, MA, Rita Todd of Stafford, CT and April Daviau of Dudley, MA, twelve grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother and four sisters, Bernard Carpenter of Quinebaug, CT, Eileen Fougere of North Grosvenordale, CT, Joyce Bomba of Webster, MA, Evelyn Bates ofThompson, CT and Phyllis Spurgeon of Woodstock, CT, She also was predeceased by a granddaughter in 2019.

She was born in Wilsonville, CT, daughter of the late Walter Carpenter and Antoinette (Latour) Carpenter and lived in Wilsonville most of her life. She was the manager at the former Hess gas station in Dudley, MA for many years. At Marilyns request there are no calling hours and flowers are to be omitted. Burialwill be private. Donations in her memory may be made to charity of donors choice. . The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

# Rosemarie D. Bove Tustin, 89

OXFORD- Rosemarie D. (Mayer) Bove Tustin age 89 passed away at the Charlton Manor, Charlton, MA Friday, November 29, 2019. She was the wife of the lat Anthony Bove who died in 1973 and the late George Tustin.who died in 2009. She leaves her daughter Patricia Wheeler of Oxford two sons, Anthony Bove and his wife Donna of Brookfield, MA and Mark Bove and his wife Diane of Panama City, FL., ten grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and 9 great great grandchildren several nieces and nephews. She was

born in Montreal, Canada daughter of the late Edwin Mayer and Patricia (Faubert) Mayer and lived most of her life in Oxford. A special thank you to the staff at Charlton Manor and the Jewish Home in Worcester.

There are no calling hours, all services are private. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

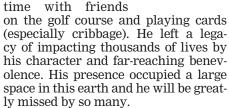
# Bertram "Bert" J. Vanderhoof, 86,



Bertram "Bert" J. Vanderhoof, 86, of Sturbridge died at home after a period of declining health on Thursday, November 28th surrounded by his loving family. He was the son of the late John W. and Helen

(Walsh) Vanderhoof. He was the devoted husband of Lucy Anne (Suprenant) Vanderhoof since 1952. Beloved father of Frank Vanderhoof and his wife Kathy of Webster, Karl Vanderhoof and his wife Annie Rose of Worcester, Carol Ann Vanderhoof of New Mexico, Linda Ann Smeltzer and her husband Roger of Southbridge, MaryAnn Gagnon and her husband Ronald of Oxford. Bert was Grandfather of 18 grandchildren and he was great-grandfather of 29. He leaves his brother Fred A. Vanderhoof of Virginia and is predeceased by one brother and five sisters; John W. Vanderhoof Jr., Jacqueline Peterson, Helen Inman, Doris Gordon,

Shirley Pintado and Margaret Olson. He proudly served in the United States Army during the Korean conflict. He was Pastor at Life Spring, formerly Apostolic Pentecostal Assembly in Worcester 1969 until his retirement Bert took every opportunity to spend time with his ever-growing family and different ministering events around the globe including Israel and Haiti. He enjoyed spending



Calling hours were Wednesday December 4, 5-8 pm in The Belanger-Bullard Funeral Home, 51 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA. Interment is private.

Memorial Celebration service on December 13 at 5:00PM at the SouthbridgeHotel&ConferenceCenter, 14 Mechanic Street, Southbridge, MA 01550

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Bert's name be made to: Overlook Hospice, 88 Masonic Home Rd., Charlton, MA 01507.

An online guestbook is available at http://www.BelangerFuneralHome.com

# Victor A. Brezniak, 74



WEBSTER - Victor A. "Vic" Brezniak, 74, died Sunday, December 1, 2019 in UMass/Memorial University Campus with family at his

He leaves his wife of 44 years, Eleanor

M. "Ellie" (Trojanowski) Brezniak; a son, Gregory A. Brezniak of Oxford; a daughter, Catherine E. Brezniak of Webster; 2 brothers, James Brezniak and his wife Lorraine of Putnam, CT, and Timothy Brezniak and his wife Sandra, of Woodstock, CT; 3 sisters, Constance Hvizdos and her husband Richard of Douglas, and Margaret M. Belec-Brezniak and Theresa M. Pelletier and her husband John, all of Webster; a sister-in-law, Natalie Ostrokolowicz of Webster; nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by 2 brothers, Thomas P. Brezniak and David P. Brezniak.

He was born in Webster on September 18, 1945, the son of Victor F. and Mary T. (Przystas) Brezniak and was a lifelong resident. He graduated from the Franciscan Friars Catholic School in Pulaski, Wisconsin.

He was a decorated US Navy veteran of the Vietnam War. As a Petty Officer, he made 231 combat patrols as a river boat gunner. In that capacity, he boarded and searched over 6,000 craft. He supported U.S. Navy Seal Troops which often took him deep into enemy controlled territory on narrow, heav-

ily fortified canals defended by opposing troops. He was a superb marksman and operated a 50-caliber machine gun in protecting our troops from the enemy. He was awarded a bronze star for his bravery.



Mr. Brezniak worked in quality control at Stevens Linen Associates in Dudley and then at Guilford of Maine in Douglas before retiring.

He was a member of Saint Joseph Basilica. He greatly enjoyed stamp collecting and belonged to the Oxford Stamp Club. An accomplished carpenter, he built the family home and always had projects to complete. In his retirement he worked as a delivery man for the former Cindy's Flower Shop and Gifts in Webster. He was an amateur photographer for many years.

His funeral was held Thursday, December 5, from the Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School Street, with a Mass at 10:00 AM in Saint Joseph Basilica, 53 Whitcomb Street. Burial will be in Saint Joseph Garden of Peace, with the Webster-Dudley Veterans Council performing the military honors. Visiting hours were held from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Wednesday, December 4, in the funeral home. Donations in his name may be made to Saint Joseph Basilica, 53 Whitcomb St., Webster, MA 01570.

www.sitkowski-malboeuf.com

# Alan P. Jacques, 74



QUINEBAUG, CT: Alan P. Jacques, 74, of Center Lane and formerly of Leicester died Monday, November 25 in Harrington Hospital after an illness.

He leaves his wife of 42 years; Carol A. ques. four sons; Robert,

(Gaudette) Jacques. four sons; Robert, Joseph, Jeffrey & Thomas, three daughters; Kimberly, Melissa & Jessica, several grandchildren including; Bobby, Matty, Alicia, Taylor & Joey, three great granddaughters; Grace, Natalie & Harmony. a brother Barry Jacques of Cherry Valley, three sisters; Charlene Patricks of Auburn, Mickey Lyon of Leicester and Lisa Landry of Melrose and several nieces and nephews.

Alan was born in Worcester,

son of Paul and Beatrice (Neiderer) Jacques. He worked for R.H. White Co. in Auburn for many years before retiring. He was a volunteer Fireman for 35 years at the Cherry Valley Fire Department. He was a member of High Pointe Church in Thompson, CT. He was an avid New England Patriots fan. He was an antique car enthusiast and enjoyed attending car shows. He loved spending time with his family especially his grandchildren.

A Funeral Service was held on Tuesday, December 3 at 6:30 PM in MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main Street, Leicester. Burial will be private at the convenience of the family in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Webster. Calling hours will precede the service from 4:30-6:30 PM in the funeral home.

www.morinfuneralhomes.com

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



# Therese "Terrie" Ozaniak, 73



WEBSTER-Therese "Terrie" (Langlois) Ozaniak age 73 passed away Wednesday, November 27, 2019 at the Univ. Of MA Healthcare Center Hospital in Worcester. She

leaves her husband of 52 years, Adam A. Ozaniak, a daughter and her husband, Karolyn and Keith Champagne of Douglas, two grandchildren, Natalie and William. She also leaves a sister Anne Ricci or Melbourne, FL and nieces and nephews. Terrie was born in Southbridge daughter of the late Gerald Langlois and Therese (Lafleche) Langlois and lived in Webster most of her life. Terrie was a service representative for NYNEX for 35 years. She is a member of St. Anthony of Padua Church and is a Eucharistic Minister, a member of the Elizabeth Ann Seton Society, daughters of St.

Ann and active in all church activities. Her and her husband took part in marriage encounters through the years. She was also a member of the Red Hat Society, enjoyed travel, but closest to her heart was quality time with family, especially her grandchildren. The funeral was held, Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2019 from the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster with a Mass of Christian burial at 10:30 am in St. Anthony of Padua Church, Dudley Hill Rd., Dudley, MA. PLEASE GO DIRECTLY TO THE CHURCH. Calling hours at the funeral home were Saturday, Nov 30, 2019 from 5 PM -8 PM. A guest book is available at www. shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to UMASS Memorial, Office of Advancement, 333 South Street, Shrewsbury, MA 01545, Attn: Department of Gynecological Oncology or Palliative Care Team.

# CALENDAR

# Saturday, December 7

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: 7:30-10:30 a.m., Shepherd Hill Regional High School, 68 Dudley Oxford Rd., Dudley. Hosted by the Dudley Lions Club. All you can eat pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage and beverages. \$8 for adults, children six to 12 \$4, senior citizens \$6 and children under six free. Have your picture taken with Santa! All proceeds from the event will help with local Lions charities.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA: 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., First Congregational Church, 355 Main St., Oxford. Featuring a gift center, delicious baked goods, Granny's Attic, gently used treasures sure to please, a raffle room, book nook, and door prizes. Luncheon selections served from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: The First Congregational Church of Dudley at 135 Center Rd. is having a Christmas Fair on Saturday, Dec. 7 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. The fair will include Selfies with Santa, Great shopping with Crafters and Vendors, LBS Christmas and Gift Shop, Handmade Quilt Drawing, Basket Drawings, Baked Goods Table, Café for lunch and our famous homemade Apple Crisp! plus Live Entertainment. A Goods and Services Auction begins at 2 p.m. The building is handicap accessible. For more information visit our website-events at www.uccdudley.org. Come and join us -- bring the whole family and close friends for Lunch, Shop the Fair and enjoy the Auction Bargains!

GOODS AND SERVICES AUCTION: The First Congregational Church of Dudley at 135 Center Rd. is having a Goods and Services Auction on Saturday, Dec. 7 starting at 2 p.m. Some of the items included in the auction are: Signed autograph baseballs from Red Sox Second Basemen Dustin Pedroia and Outfielder Andrew Benintendi, Restaurant Gift Cards, Gift Certificates from Local Businesses, Assorted Baskets with Goodies - values \$60 - \$100-plus and so much more Plus the coveted Hike with Pastor John. The building is handicap accessible. For more information and a list of auction items visit our Web site-events: www. uccdudley.org. An auction has never been so much fun!! Come grab a bite for Lunch, shop the Fair, and enjoy the **Auction Bargains!** 

OPEN MIC POETRY SHARE: 2-4 p.m., Booklovers' Gourmet, 55 East Main St., Webster. Bring original or favorite poems to read in a round robin style. Free, but space is limited. To register, call (508) 949-6232.

# Sunday, December 8

ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET WITH SANTA: 7:30-10 a.m., United Church of Christ, Federated, 4 Church St., Webster. Your breakfast favorites will be served, including eggs, pancakes, French toast, corned beef hash, fresh baked pastries and much more! First 24 kids get a special gift, but all will receive a treat from Santa and Mrs. Claus. Adults \$9, children 12 and under \$4.

# Tuesday, December 10

RETIREMENT BY DESIGN: 6 p.m., Brookdale Eddy Pond East, 667 Washington St., Auburn. Join us for our presentation. We'll discuss how you can translate your vision for retirement into tangible goals. Whether you are 10 or 40 years from retirement, you'll learn investment strategies you can use

to help design the retirement you want tomorrow. Hosted by Edward Jones Financial Advisors of Auburn.

# Wednesday, December 11

MONTHLY WRITERS GROUP: 5-7 p.m., Booklovers' Gourmet, 55 East Main St., Webster. Free. Open to all genres and styles. Bring a piece to share or just come listen and offer feedback. Call (508) 949-6232 or e-mail deb@bookloversgourmet.com to register.

HOLIDAY COMMUNITY SING, SING, SING, SING!: Join the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library at 6:30 p.m. for an evening of holiday song and community spirit! The holiday community sing will feature a holiday singalong led by WICN's folk radio host Nick Noble, performances by area musicians and seasonal selections performed by students of John Redick and Mark Mandeville. The community sing will enrich your spirit and lighten your heart as we usher in the holidays! Join us for this free concert and cookies and hot cocoa! Funded by the Janet Malser Humanities Trust.

# Thursday, December 12

SOCIAL SECURITY – YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED: 6 p.m., Gladys E. Kelley Library, 2 Lake St., Webster. Social Security will likely be the foundation of your retirement income. Before you retire, it's important to understand your options and the effect your decisions have on your retirement. Hosted by Edward Jones Financial Services, Auburn. Presented by Dennis Antonopoulos, Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

### Friday, December 13

SHEPHERD HILL REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR: 7 p.m., Shepherd Hill Regional High School, 60 Oxford Rd., Dudley. Join the Shepherd Hill Choirs as they present an evening of holiday cheer featuring performances by the show choirs Fantasy, Illusion and concert and select choirs, soloists and even a special appearance from Santa and his friends. Kids and adults of all ages are welcome. Reserve your tickets at shepherdhillchoirs.ticketleap.com/holiday-spectacular, or contact Becky Bussiere at (508) 948-6700, ext. 182 or bbussiere@dcrsd.org.

# Saturday, December 14

SHEPHERD HILL REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR: 2 p.m., Shepherd Hill Regional High School, 60 Oxford Rd., Dudley. Join the Shepherd Hill Choirs as they present an evening of holiday cheer featuring performances by the show choirs Fantasy, Illusion and concert and select choirs, soloists and even a special appearance from Santa and his friends. Kids and adults of all ages are welcome. Reserve your tickets at shepherdhillchoirs.ticketleap.com/holiday-spectacular, or contact Becky Bussiere at (508) 948-6700, ext. 182 or bbussiere@dcrsd.org.

# Sunday, December 15

NEWENGLAND RINGERS PRESENT "CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD": 3 p.m., First Congregational Church of Oxford, 335 Main St. Tickets at the door are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and

under.

A PULASKI ITALIAN CHRISTMAS: 5 p.m., Fellowship Hall, United Church of Christ Federated, 4 Church St., Webster (across from Town Hall). Tickets include spaghetti, sauce, meatballs, garlic bread and entertainment by the Pulaski Band.

# Monday, December 16

WEBSTER LODGE A.F. & A.M.: 7:30 p.m., Masonic Building, 27 Brandes St., Webster. All members of Webster Lodge are urged to attend. Any man interested in Freemasonry is welcomed. Freemasonry is part of a rich tradition of men striving to improve both their own lives and the lives of others. We believe that the search for knowledge is the most noble pursuit there is. Webster Lodge, 161 years strong in 2019, is the oldest active fraternal organization in the Webster/Dudley area. For more information, please visit massfreemasonry.org.

# Wednesday, December 18

MYSTERY BOOK GROUP: 11 a.m.-noon, Booklovers Gourmet, 55 East Main St., Webster. Today, the book group meets to discuss "Pieces of Her" by Karin Slaughter. To sign up, call Deb at (508) 949-6232. Filled with intriguing turns, surprising revelations, and a compelling cast of characters, "Pieces of Her" is Slaughter's most electrifying, provocative, and suspenseful novel yet.

# Saturday, December 21

BOOK SIGNING: 12:30-2 p.m., Booklovers' Gourmet, 55 East Main St., Webster. Join us for an inspiring afternoon with medium Roland Comtois! His new book, "Signs of Spirit," contains beautiful messages of hope, love, and healing sent from spirits to the loved ones they left behind. For more information, call (508) 949-6232.

# ONGOING EVENTS & INFORMATION

COMMUNITY MEALS: Blessed Brigade Community Backpack Fellowship Meal served from 5-6 p.m. American Legion Hall, 9 Houghton St. Webster. Please note there is no handicapped access, but we will have volunteers to provide you with assistance. Free hot meals to anyone in need. Everyone is welcome. Join us for great food, fellowship, and fun! For more information, or to donate or sponsor a meal, call Lauri Joseph 774-230-8988. Blessed Backpack Brigade Community Fellowship Meals are served the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at the American Legion on Houghton Street,

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT: The Webster Alzheimer's Support Group meets the second Monday of each month at Webster Manor, 745 School St., from 6-8 p.m. Anyone in the area who feels they are in need of help, doesn't know what to do, or is a caregiver for someone with Alzheimer's, is invited to attend and express their concerns regarding the care for their loved one. The members of the group will discuss the ways, means, and the help you will need as your loved one progresses in this disease.

NUMISMATICS: Looking for a new

hobby? Come learn about the hobby of Coin Collecting. Or maybe you are an old time collector. Our club, the Nipmuc Coin Club, has both. We learn from each other through our monthly guest speakers, show and tell presentations, monthly coin auctions and free attendance prizes. Our group loves to share their knowledge with each other. Each month we have a simple dinner with dessert and refreshments just prior to our meeting, which allows us time to socialize too. Fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Oxford Senior Center located at 323 Main St., the building directly behind Oxford Town Hall. For information contact Dick Lisi at (508) 410-1332 or lisirichard15@yahoo.

HELP FOR HELPERS: Do you have a family member struggling with addiction or alcoholism? You are not alone. Join Families Helping Families Support Group. Meetings at Dudley Senior Center every first and third Monday of the month, 6:30-8 p.m. We spend so much time with our addicted loved one, that we become victims ourselves. Join us. It's informal, confidential, with tough love advice from the heart, sharing of resources, hope and hugs.

HOLISTIC HEALTH: Chair Yoga and so much more every Tuesday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at The First Congregational Church, 135 Center Road, Dudley (please park and enter through the right side basement entrance). Class Fee: \$5/class voluntary contribution (Cancer patients always free). Proceeds donated to the First Congregational Church of Dudley. Instructor: Joanne LaLiberte, Holistic Health practitioner..

KNOWING KNITTERS: Come join the Drop In Knitting Group from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday evenings and 10 a.m. to noon on Fridays at the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library, Schofield Avenue, Dudley. All ages and levels, from beginner to expert, are welcome. For more information, call Mary Kunkel at (508) 943-8107.

GOT FOOD? The Bread of Life Food Pantry, Calvary Assembly of God, located at 105 Southbridge Road, is open Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon and Thursdays from 5 to 7 p.m. They are closed on holidays. They can be reached at 508-949-3711.

SUPPORT: The Cancer Support Group meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on the second Monday of every month in the Boardroom on the 4th floor at Harrington Hospital, 100 South Street, Southbridge. Call (508) 764-2400 for more information.

POKEMON CLUB: Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Pearle L. Crawford Library, 40 Schofield Ave., Dudley. Pokemon fans! Kids ages seven to 14 are welcome. Bring your Pokemon cards! No registration required. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call 949-8021.

STORY TIMES: Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. for ages 1-3; Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. for ages 3-5, Pearle L. Crawford Library, 40 Schofield Ave., Dudley. Join Ms. Pam in the Story & Craft Room for songs, stories and crafts! No registration required. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call 949-8021.

LEGO CLUB: Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Pearle L. Crawford Library, 40 Schofield Ave., Dudley. Drop in. Build and play! Recommended for ages five and up. No registration required. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

KNIT & CROCHET @ THE PEARLE: Thursdays 5:30-7:30 p.m. and Fridays 10 a.m.-noon, Pearle L. Crawford Library, 40 Schofield Ave., Dudley. Knitters, crocheters and all other fiber artists are welcome. No registration required.

CHAIR YOGA — WINTER SESSION: Wednesdays, Jan. 16-Feb. 20, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Pearle L. Crawford Library, 40 Schofield Ave., Dudley. Chair yoga modifies some of the basic poses to make them more accommodating for those who need to gain or maintain strength from a seated, more stable position. Dress comfortably. No registration required. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

SUPPORT GROUP — OPENING THE WORD PEER RECOVERY CENTER: Are you feeling helpless, alone, confused or angry? Opening the Word Peer Recovery Center's mission is to provide support and resources to those suffering from addiction and their loved ones. Our newest endeavor is a support group for the family and friends of those suffering from this disease. It is a family and friends illness. The meeting is not affiliated with any other group. It is designed to provide an informal forum for those who are suffering where they can share experiences in a safe, anonymous and supportive place. The gatherings are on Thursday evenings from 7 to 8 p.m. at Opening the Word Peer Recovery Center, 10 Mechanic Street, Webster. If you have any questions, feel free to call Mark at 774-482-6013. We hope to see you there.





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WEBSTER LAKE - 50 West Point Rd! Killdeer Island! 4.700' Entertainers Dream! Magnificent Sunsets! Built Wet Bar, Sliders to 14x30' Deck! Bright & Airy Liv Rm w/Lake Views, Custom Built Cabinets, Gas Frole! 1/2 Bath + Tray Ceiling, Walk-in Closet + Private Balcony! Master Bath, Soaker Tub & Large Tile Shower! Walk-up Attic w/Expansion Possibilities! Lower Level w/Full Kit. 1/2 Bath, Lake Facing Fam Rm, Media/Exercise Rm + Lake Facing Bdrm w/Frplc



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ON DEPOSIT



CHARLTON - 105' WATERFRONT! Baker Pond! 63 Lincoln Pt Rd! East Facing = Fantastic Sunrises! Custom 9 Rm Colonial! Beautiful 1/2 Acre Lot w/Lawn to Water's Edge! 2 Story Foyer! Natural Woodwork! Open Flr Plan! Appliance Granite Kit wilst, Recessed Lights, Tile Fir & Water Viewl Din Area wSlider to Deck! Sunken Frptc Liv Rm w/Hrdwd Fir & Water Views! Din Rm w/Hrdwd! 1/2 Bath w/Pedestal Sink! 2nd Fir w/4 Bdrms, 3 w/Water Views! Master w/Cathedrals, French Dr to Balcony, Bath w/Separate Tub/Shower, Walk-in Closet & Laundry! Hall Bath! 3.5 Baths Total! Finished Walkout Lower Level w/31' Fam Rm! Full Kit! Full Bath & Laundry! Includes NEW A/C SPLITS SYSTEM! Enjoy Outside from the Farmer's Porch, Deck, Patio, Screened Porch or Dock! 2 Car Garage! Full Recreational Use! **\$524,900.00** 

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Cute 2 Bedroom Ranch! All hardwood Floors. gas Fireplace living room! 2 baths. Appliances included. 2 zone heat. Large deck! Young asphalt roof. Walk out lower living level. Town Wa-

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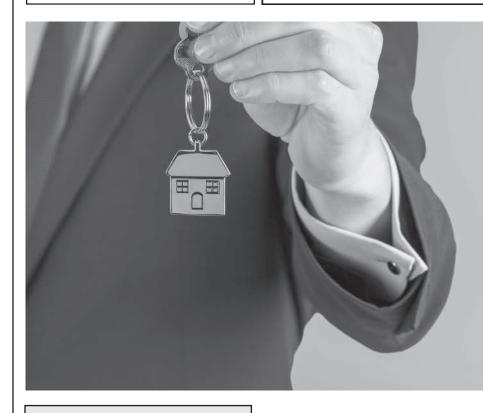




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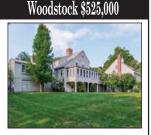


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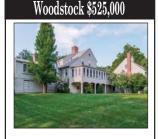
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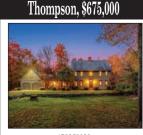
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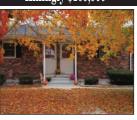
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#### MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Rodney L. Snyder and Dianne J. Snyder to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for NetBank, its successors and assigns, dated September 8, 2005 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 37284, Page 350, subsequently assigned to BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 46862, Page 18, subsequently assigned to Federal National Mortgage Association by Bank of America, N.A., as successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP by recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 48714, Page 71, subsequently assigned to Bank of America, N.A. by Federal National Mortgage Association by recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 53257, Page 16, subsequently assigned to Federal National Mortgage Association by Bank of America, N.A. by recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 53668, Page 145, subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF11 Master Participation Trust by Federal National Mortgage Association by recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 60068, Page 53 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 AM on December 13, 2019 at 35 Nelson Street, Webster, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land in Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts situated on the northerly side of Nelson Street, and consisting of two tracts bounded and described as follows: TRACT I: BEGINNING at the southwest corner of the premises hereby conveyed at a point in the northerly line of Nelson Street 330 feet easterly from the intersection of said northerly line of Nelson Street with the easterly line of Cody Street, so-called, and at the southeasterly corner of land now or formerly of John E. LaBonte; THENCE northerly at a right angle with the northerly line of Nelson Street, 145 feet by said LaBonte land to land now or formerly of S. Slater & Sons, Inc. THENCE easterly at a right angle with said last mentioned line, 66 feet by said Slater land to now or formerly of John E. LaBonte; THENCE southerly at a right angle with said last mentioned line, 145 feet by said LaBonte land to the northerly line of said Nelson Street; THENCE westerly by the northerly line of said Nelson Street, 66 feet to the point of beginning. BEING Lot #11 on a plan of lots owned by S. Slater & Sons, Inc. dated November 17, 1924. TRACT II: BEGINNING at the southwesterly corner of the premises herein described at a point in the northerly line of said Nelson Street 264 feet easterly from the intersection of said northerly line of Nelson Street with the easterly line of Cody Street, so-called, and at the southeasterly corner of land formerly of Annie D. Wood; THENCE northerly at a right angle with the northerly line of Nelson Street 145 feet by said Annie D. Wood land to land now or formerly of S. Slater & Sons, Inc.; THENCE easterly at a right angle with last mentioned line 66 feet by land formerly of said Slater to other land now or formerly of said Annie D. Wood; THENCE southerly at a right angle with last mentioned line 145 feet by said Wood to the northerly line of Nelson Street; THENCE westerly by the northerly line of Nelson Street 66 feet to the point of beginning. BEING Lot #10 on a plan of lots owned by S. Slater & Sons, Inc., dated November 17, 1924. However the same may otherwise be bounded and described being the premises conveyed to the within grantors by deed recorded in Book 28700, page 201.

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:** 

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 Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF11 Master Participation Trust Present Holder of said Mortgage.

By Its Attorneys, **ORLANS PC** PO Box 540540 Waltham, MA 02454 Phone: (781) 790-7800 19-007650 November 22, 2019

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#### **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 Judy Reeks and Frederick W. Reeks, Jr. to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for Lendia, Inc., dated September 13, 2005 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 37340, Page 75 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB. d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Lendia, Inc. to CitiMortgage, Inc. dated May 14, 2012 recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 49023, Page 306; assignment from CitiMortgage, Inc. to Pretium Mortgage Credit Partners I Loan Acquisition, LP dated December 1, 2015 recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 54641. Page 86 and assignment from Pretium Mortgage Credit Partners I Loan Acquisition, LP to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust dated December 21, 2015 recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 54834. Page 88, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 4 Allen Avenue, Oxford, MA 01540 will be sold at a Public Auction at 12:00 PM on December 30, 2019, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land, with the buildings and improvements thereon, situated on Allen Avenue in the Town of Oxford, Worcester County, Massachusetts, and being shown as Lot #46 on a plan of land entitled: "Huguenot Tract", dated August 26, 1927, drawn by J. R. Kleindienst, Surveyor, which plan is recorded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 51, Plan 16, and to which plan reference is made for a more particular description.

The premises is more particularly described in the Deed recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 21795, Page 340, to wit:

The land in Oxford with buildings thereon bounded and described as follows: Being Lot #46 on plan of Huguenot

Tract, dated August 26, 1927, drawn by J.R. Kleindienst, Surveyor, recorded in Worcester Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 51, Plan 16 and further described as follows:

Beginning at the most northerly point of the tract herein conveyed, which point is also the most westerly corner of lot #45, as shown on said plan.

Thence Southeasterly along said lot #45 a distance of 118 feet to a point on Allen Avenue;

Thence Southwesterly by said Allen Avenue, 60 feet to lot #47 as shown on said plan;

Thence Northwesterly along said lot #47, 122.7 feet to lot #43 as shown on said plan;

Thence Northeasterly along said lot #43, 60.2 feet to the point of beginning. For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 21795, Page 340.

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

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

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Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust Korde & Associates, P.C. 900 Chelmsford Street Suite 3102 Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 Reeks, Judy and Frederick, 14-016916 December 6, 2019 December 13, 2019

#### **NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S** SALE OF REAL ESTATE

December 20, 2019

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Barbara D. Gould, Joseph L. Cariglia to Chase Bank USA, N.A., dated February 7, 2007 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 40641. Page 114, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

Chase Bank USA, N.A. to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Federal National Mortgage Association, recorded on August 2, 2010, in Book No. 46112, at Page 287

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to Federal National Mortgage Association, recorded on November 8, 2011, in Book No. 48090, at Page 115

for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 PM on December 30, 2019, on the mortgaged premises located at 20 Marcam Village Road, Unit No. 20, Marcam Village Condominiums, North Oxford (Oxford), Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT:

20 Marcam Village Road, OXFORD, Worcester County, Massachusetts, being Unit No. 20, (the "Unit") of Marcam Village Condominiums, (the "Condominium") created pursuant to Master Deed dated January 11, 1990 and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds on January 24, 1990 at Book 12590, Page 203, which Unit is shown on the site plan filed with said Master Deed and on the copy of a

portion of said plan attached and made a part thereof, to which is affixed a verified statement in the form required by Chapter 183A, Section 9 of the General Laws.

The Unit is conveyed together with its undivided interest in the common areas and facilities described in said Master Deed and in the By-Laws of the Marcam Village Condominium Trust, the organization of Unit Owners through which the condominium is managed and regulated.

The Unit is conveyed subject to and with the benefit of (a) the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 183A; (b) the terms and provisions of said Master Deed, the Declaration of Trust of the Marcam Village Condominium Trust dated January 11, 1990 and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds at Book 12590, Page 238, the By-Laws set forth in said Declaration of Trust and any rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, and the obligations thereunder to pay the proportionate share attributable to said Unit of the Common Expenses duly established; (c) such taxes attributable to said Unit for the current fiscal year as are now due and payable, all of which the "grantees" by acceptance hereof agrees to comply with, perform, assume and pay; and (d) all rights, reservations, easements, including utility easements, restrictions and other matters contained or reference in said Master Deed.

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BEING THE SAME PREMISES **CONVEYED TO THE MORTGAGORS** BY DEED RECO RDED WITH THE WORCESTER DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN BOOK 24086, PAGE 90 AND BOOK 28263, Page 61.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 28263, Page 61.

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:

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

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE **ASSOCIATION** Present holder of said mortgage By its Attorneys, HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C. 150 California St. Newton, MA 02458 (617)558-0500 2012081457 December 6, 2019 December 13, 2019 December 20, 2019

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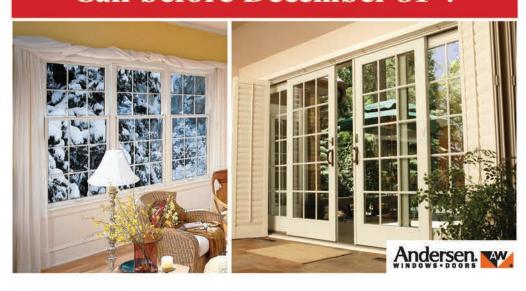


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