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Local WWII veterans presented with Quilts of Valor





Local World War II veterans received Quilts of Valor last month.



BY KEVIN FLANDERS STAFF WRITER

WEBSTER - Five local World

War II veterans received a spe-

cial honor last month, earning

Quilts of Valor for their heroic

service.



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The Webster-Dudley American Legion Post 184 presented the veterans with Quilts of Valor. A sixth local veteran of the Second World War chose not to receive a quilt, as he was already honored with one a few vears back

Terence Conville, the historian for Webster-Dudley American Legion Post 184, played an instrumental role in honoring the veterans. With precautions in place due to COVID-19, individual ceremonies were held for the veterans and their family members.

WWII veterans receiving quilts last month include William Adamuska; Norman Czyzewski; Anthony Stefanik; Victor A. Lempicki; and Alfred Nowicki.

Lempicki, who lives in Webster, served in the Navy during WWII. In the years following his service, he achieved his pilot's license and loved flying. He has always enjoyed helping friends and neighbors whenever they need assistance.

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Dudley officials seek to establish Gift account

BY JASON BLEAU CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – While the 2022 annual town meeting in Dudley is quite a long way off, we know at least one item that will be addressed by voters next year, a gift account in the town's budget.

During Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda's update to selectmen at a Nov. 8 meeting, he proposed a new account that would be specifically designated for monies procured for specific programs including holiday events. Ruda explained that this money often gets mixed in with the rest of the spending plan rather than in a devoted account making the budget more complicated.

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Webster PFAS issue gets a hearing

BY GUS STEEVES CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER – As Webster and many other communities are discovering, technological advances often have consequences later. "It's the legacy of our brilliant chemists at some American corporations that we're dealing with now," observed DEP Director of Research & Standards Mark Smith.

He was referring to a huge class of chemicals called PFAS (perand poly-fluoroalkyl substances), first developed in the 1950s by $Turn\ To\ \textbf{HEARING}\ page\ \textbf{A15}$

Dudley EDC prioritizes image, identity in LRRP plan

BY JASON BLEAU CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – Dudley's Economic Development Committee has finalized its priorities for the Local Rapid Recovery Program (LRRP) plan after months of deliberation and work with the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission.

After receiving reports in both June and September, the committee picked two priorities from the seven finalized

at prior meetings to put forth to the state where they will work with a team of experts to help locate resources the make these projects a reality.

On the list of seven projects were, in numerical order, activating vacant lots and storefronts, traffic calming and mitigation, town gateway improvements, creating and EDC strategy, creating a marketing and branding plan, connecting to area rail trails, and small business recruitment and retention. Members of the

EDC were asked to pick their own individual priorities and while small business recruitment and retention received one vote, three of the four members chose gateway improvements and all four felt activating vacant lots and storefronts was the most important project.

Town Planner Bill Scanlon discussed the list with the EDC during a Nov. 16 meeting and

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Arthur Robert, a resident of Oxford for more than 60 years, was recently able to re-unite with his family for the first time since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic as they gathered to celebrate his 91st birthday on Nov. 14. Arthur and his wife, Alma, have been married for 66 years, and have six children, seven grandchildren, and four great grandchildren, all of whom live locally.

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Larry Bernard Bradley, age 52, of Hyde Park was arrested on Nov. 12 in connection with an out of agency warrant.

Susan L. Bassan-Boyle, age 67, of Dudley was arrested on Nov. 13 in connection with an out of agency warrant for probation.

Jeremy Joseph Castagnaro, age 24, of North Grosvenordale, Conn. was arrested on Nov. 15 in connection with an out of agency warrant.

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5 ways to support small businesses this holiday shopping season

Small businesses long have been the heart and soul of local communities. There is something to be said about being on a first-name basis with a local restaurateur or another small business owner, as such familiarity often translates into

exemplary service. According the Business U.S. Small Administration, small businesses account for 99.9 percent of companies in the country, due in large part to the broad definition of small businesses (those with

fewer than 500 employees). However, the vast majority of businesses in the United States have a staff that's smaller than 20 workers, according to the Small Business Entrepreneurship Council. These firms employ nearly 60 million workers, says the SBA.

Despite the prevalence of small businesses, fewer than 80 percent of entrepreneurial small business ventures make it beyond their first year, and only around half make it beyond five

Consumers who want to help their favorite small businesses survive can use the holiday season and beyond to set the course for success. Consumers can make a concerted effort to fuel this important cog in their local economic engines.

· Shop local. The concept is simple but effective. Opting to shop in local stores over larger conglomerates and franchises can help small businesses take root. Before making holiday shopping lists, visit

local stores and base gift ideas on items they have in stock. Chances are those gifts will be one-of-a-kind.

 Purchase gift cards/certificates. businesses have slow periods, and post-holidays is often a time when sales stagnate. Gift cards may bring new customers into local businesses who might otherwise not have patronized them, potentially cre-

customers.

· Cater holiday meals and gatherings. The holiday season is chock-full of entertainment opportunities. Individuals can rely on nearby restaurants and other food and beverage businesses to cater holiday parties. Some businesses also may be willing to discount or donate food for nonprofit group activities, such as church holiday bazaars, school holiday concerts or fundraising fairs.

nesses on social media. The holiday season breeds excitement. Therefore, when shoppers are in local stores, they can snap pictures of products and overflowing shopping bags and post them online while prais-

· Think about subscription gifts. Enrollment in a health club or a massage therapy service are gifts that keep on giving for the recipient, but also

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service. When shopping this holiday season, consumers can look to the small, local businesses in their communities that help make towns and cities unique. products and overflowing shopping bags and post them online while praising local businesses.

 Think about subscription gifts. Enrollment in a health club or a massage therapy service are gifts that keep on giving for

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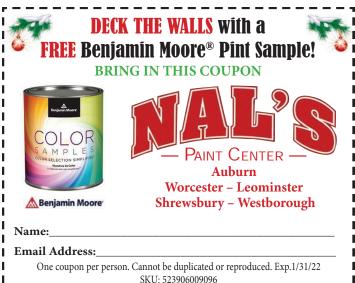
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bankHometown elects new board Chairman, Vice Chairman



Brian Galonek

— At its recent meeting, **OXFORD** the bankHometown board of directors recently elected Brian E. Galonek as its chairman and David E. Surprenant as vice chairman.

Galonek was first appointed to the bankHometown board in 2008 and chaired the Audit/Budget Committee and the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) Committee before serving three years as vice chairman. He is president and owner of All Star Incentive Marketing in Sturbridge, a leading national provider of employee engagement programs, and holds the designation of Certified Professional of Incentive Management (CPIM). Galonek earned a bachelor's degree in Marketing from the UMass Amherst Isenberg School of Management, and is active in the community, having served as a board member of both the Tantasqua Education Foundation and Tantasqua American Youth Football, and as president of Sturbridge Little League. Over the past 15 years, he has helped raise more than \$1.5 million for The Jimmy Fund and the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute through his membership on the board of the Cohasse Jimmy Fund Classic charity golf tournament as well as his participation in 10 Pan-Mass Challenge bike-a-thons. Galonek and his family live in Sturbridge.

Surprenant was first appointed to the board of trustees of Millbury Savings Bank in 2013 and joined the bankHometown board of directors when the two banks merged in 2019. He is an attorney and managing partner of the Worcester-based law firm, Mirick O'Connell. Surprenant is a graduate of Boston College with a bachelor's degree in accounting and received his juris doctor from Boston College Law School. He is a member of the



David Suprenant

board of directors and Audit & Finance Committee of the Worcester Business Development Corporation and continues to serve as a trustee of the United Way of Central Massachusetts, having previously served as the chairman of of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Worcester for more than 30 years, previously serving on the board of directors and as board president. Surprenant also is a member of the Catholic Schools Stewards Foundation and previously served as chairman of the Charter and Bylaw Review Committee and chairman of the Finance Committee for the Town of Sutton. He and his family reside in Sutton.

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Pro Automotive of Webster and Dudley, in collaboration with the Dudley PTO, held a Holiday Contest with the students at the Dudley Middle School. Maya Kaminska, a fifth grader at the Middle School was declared the winner with her snowman card. Pro Automotive generously donated \$2,000 to Dudley's PTO. Pictured from left to right: Jason Rousseau- owner, Maya Kiminska, and Chris Gagnongeneral manager.

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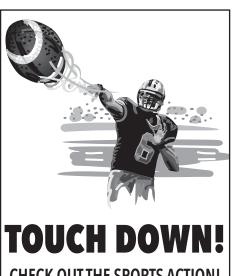
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Second Annual Swaterski event aims to raise money for Webster Dudley Food Share, National Brain Tumor Society

WEBSTER — On Saturday, Nov. 27 at 9 a.m., skiers from around England will descend on Webster Lake to waterski one last time

for the season, braving ice-cold water and air temperatures and then bundle up to hit the slopes at Mount Wachusett later that afternoon to complete the Water/Snow Ski in the same day event know as Swaterski.

This is the second year for the event, which is a charity fundraiser for the National Brain Tumor Society and Webster-Dudley Food Share. Last skiers literally year, broke through the ice to water ski on Webster Lake while raising over \$13,600, all of which was donated to the National Brain Tumor Society in memory of Christine Menard who passed away from Glioblastoma in 2016 after a two year battle.

"My mother wasn't a water skier. She wasn't a snow skier. But those are two things that have been passions in my life," Keith Menard, Christine Menard's son and event organizer, said. "The organizer, said. sport of water skiing, especially, as well as snowboarding, has given me so much that it's nice to try to find a way of taking those sports and giving back and doing

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something for others and not just yourself, and that is something my Mom was known for was doing for others"

This year, the Webster Water Ski Collective, Lakeview Marine, Point Breeze, and the Menard family have teamed up once again for this event and have added the Webster-Dudley Food Bank as another benefactor for this event.

"The Webster-Dudley Food Share is a vital resource for our community and one that provides so much support for local families and individuals. When we discussed the idea of doing Swaterski as an annual event, we approached Lakeview Marine and Point Breeze to combine SwaterSki with their annual 'Fill The Boat' campaign that has been supporting the food share for years.

Lakeview and Point Breeze have long been supporters of ours and it just made sense to combine our efforts supto port the Webster-Dudley Food Share,"

says Ryan

DesRoches, President of the Webster Water Ski Collective.

The Webster Water Ski Collective invites the public and asks them to bring non-perishable items to the SwaterSki event on Nov. 27 at Point Breeze while they watch and cheer on the frozen skiers.

"This is a really fun event for us, we encourage our skiers to dress in costumes and have fun with it. The water is freezing, but it is the best way to close out our water ski season and open our snow-ski season with our friends while giving something back to our community," DesRoches.

If anyone would like to participate in the event, they can do so by registering at https:// Webster Water Ski. org/Swaterski.

Anyone that is interested in sponsoring one of the skiers or donating to the National Brain Tumor Society or Webster Dudley Food Share can do so by going to https://websterwaterski.org/SponsorASkier or may contact Ryan WebsterWaterSki@ gmail.com.

About the Webster Water Ski Collective

The Webster Water Ski Collective is a 501c3 organization with a mission to promote water skiing and watersports in a safe and fun environment for all ages and skill levels. Founded in 2020, the Collective is embarking on its second full season with skiing out of Point Breeze Marina on Webster Lake and Glen Echo Lake in Charlton. In addition to the Swaterski event, the Webster Water Ski Collective is honored to be the only club in Massachusetts to have an Adaptive Water Ski Program for people with disabilities and will be running multiple adaptive ski clinics in Central Massachusetts during



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- 18. A restaurant needs one
- 19. Decent behaviors
- 21. Groans
- 22. Works hard
- 23. Upset
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- 25. One point east of due south
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- 29. Whittles
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- 1. Bodily substance
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- 47. 1,000 cubic feet (abbr.)
- 49. Gossipy
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- 55. Welsh name meaning "snow"
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Thank You also to the Members of the Club that donated HUNDREDS of hours of their own time and boats to make each of these LTS events, and many others, a success.

The Nipmuc Water Ski Club was founded in 1954 and is one of the oldest continuously-operating waterski clubs in the United States. Over the years we have hosted National Water Ski shows and many other competitions on Webster Lake. We are a 501c3 Charitable Organization under IRS rules.

Keep your eyes open for announcements regarding our annual Ice-Fishing Derby this Winter! We had a great turnout last year!!

The Club wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a Warm Holiday Season with friends and family.

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Nipmuc Water Ski Club

Charlton Dudley Rams earn impressive football campaigns



Lisa Mayville — Courtesy supporting them.



Seventh grade All-Stars Owen Lyons (80) and Josh LaBarge (54).

 ${\it CHARLTON/DUDLEY-The\ Charlton\ Dudley\ Rams\ foot-}$ ball seasons ended with some great performances.

The sixth grade Rams claimed the Central Mass. Super Bowl Championship on Nov. 14 with a 20-12 win over Tewksbury. That win advanced them to the State Championships on Nov. 21 against defending champions North Attleboro. The State Championship was a hard-fought game, but the Rams came up short, losing 26-12. Congratulations to the sixth grade Rams for finishing a great season as State Runners-up.

The seventh grade Rams advanced to their respective Super Bowl, also played on Nov. 14. The Rams battled against the No. 1 seeded Hudson Hawks, before losing 19-7. Congratulations for a great season.

The season does continue for two Charlton Dudley Rams players! Josh LaBarge and Owen Lyons were selected to the Central Mass. 12U All-Star team. They will travel with the team to Florida to represent Massachusetts in the National All-Star Tournament! Congrats to Josh and Owen! They are actively raising money to fund their trip. Keep your eyes open of upcoming fundraising events. You can also email cdyfcrams@gmail.com for information if you are interested in

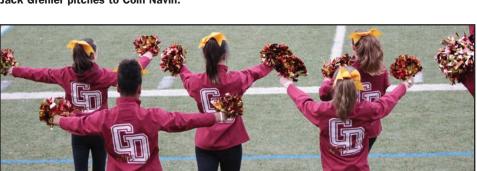


The Super Bowl trophy is handed to the sixth grade team!

The Charlton Dudley Rams sixth grade football team wins!



Jack Grenier pitches to Coin Navin.



The Charlton Dudley Rams cheerleaders in action.



Josh LaBarge with his convoy, headed for a touchdown.



The seventh grade Rams get ready to go.



Evan Remillard scrambles out of the pocket.

Rams represent well at Cross-Country State Championships



Shepherd Hill's Bronson Dubey



Andrew Trudel of Shepherd Hill



Shepherd Hill's Emery Mullen



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BY NICK ETHIER SPORTS EDITOR

WRENTHAM — Without an elite top runner like Emma Sullivan, Rebekah James, Julianna Schultz and/or Stella Worters from year's past, the Shepherd Hill Regional girls' cross-country program relied on one another, one through seven, to carve out their own niche and become a solid team. The Rams did just that, qualifying for the Division 1 State Championships, which were run at the Wrentham Developmental Center on Saturday, Nov. 20.

And Shepherd Hill produced a 21st place team finish, led by Emery Mullen crossing the finish line in 30th place of the 185 runners that completed the 3.1-mile 5K trek.

"I am as proud as ever," explained head coach Nicole Fossas. "Last week [at the State qualifying meet] when they raced, I knew it was going to be tight and tough. We had seven on the line for the first time all year. I'm pumped."

Injuries limited the Rams all season long, but it only made the team stronger. And it showed at States, with each of the five runners performing well under stressful conditions.

"They know there's no room for error," said Fossas. "It's going to be packed out there, and you've got to be mentally prepared. You've got to do it when you're in the middle of chaos."

Mullen (19:11.7), Grace Bateman (105th place, 20:11.4) and Karlee White (124th, 20:28.5) all set personal records at the meet. The other Shepherd Hill run-

ners were Anna Thomas (171st, 21:44.8) and Rachel Zannotti (176th, 22:16.0).

Three Shepherd Hill boys also competed in their Division 1 State Championship race as individuals. Bronson Dubey (16:38.1) placed 75th, Andrew Trudel (16:56.3) placed 122nd and Conor Fitzgerald (17:01.6) posted





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EDITORIAL

Thanksgiving through the years

From 1621 to the present, Thanksgiving has always been about celebrating an abundant fall harvest. The holiday's roots date back to the Plymouth colonists and the Wampanoag Native Americans who shared the first Thanksgiving meal together.

The celebratory feast was held by individual colonies up until 1789 off and on with a proclamation from President George Washington. President Thomas Jefferson chose not to observe Thanksgiving, and it wasn't until Abraham Lincoln's Presidency in 1863 that it became a federal holiday.

Many of the food items on our Thanksgiving menu are not what was served during the first few traditional Thanksgivings. For one, turkey was not served.

There aren't many documents from that time regarding that first Thanksgiving, however one note did describe wildfowl (duck or geese) cod, bass, deer, bread, corn and porridge being served. The birds were described as being stuffed with onions and nuts. Seafood such as mussels and lobster was also served. For vegetables, squash, beans, corn, cabbage, carrots and peas were on the table.

Not on the table was mashed potatoes and gravy (gasp) and there was no cranberry sauce or

"I am grateful for what I am and have. My thanksgiving is perpetual. It is surprising how contented one can be with nothing definite - only a sense of existence. Well, anything for variety. I am ready to try this for the next ten thousand years, and exhaust it. How sweet to think of my extremities well charred, and my intellectual part too, so that there is no danger of worm or rot for a long while. My breath is sweet to me. O how I laugh when I think of my vague indefinite riches. No run on my bank can drain it, for my wealth is not possession but enjoyment," wrote Henry David Thoreau in 1856.



VIEWPOINT

THE DEADLINE to submit letters to the editor and commentaries for next week's newspaper is Friday at noon. **SEND ALL ITEMS** to Editor Brendan Berube at The Webster Times — news@stonebridgepress.news

An attitude of gratitude

them to maintain

a spirit of joy and

"You need an attitude of gratitude!" This was the response that an amazing prisoner gave me, when I asked him how he maintained a positive spirit inside the medium security prison where he lived. I met this man when I visited a prison weekly during my years as a seminarian. During friendship that developed, this man shared with me how he was serving a life sentence with no chance of parole. Yet, while in prison he encountered

Jesus Christ and had a radical conversion of faith - a turning away from one's sinful past and a sincere turning towards our loving and merciful God.

Now, I'm not naïve to believe every so-called conversion I hear in prison or anywhere else, but what convinced me of this man's sincere change was how the other prisoners viewed this man. They saw something in him and turned to him for encouragement and support. Inside the prison, they witnessed the genuineness of this man's conversion to God and the authenticity of his life in Christ.

When I asked this man what his secret to living a Christ-centered life in prison was, he surprisingly responded, "An attitude of gratitude. I need to see things for which I'm grateful and then consciously thank God for them. I never focus on what I don't have, or on how unfair life is, but thank God for what I do have, and for the blessings He gives me each day. Such an attitude of gratitude changes one's

Now that sounds like good advice for anyone but it's even more amazing coming from someone who will spend the rest of his life in prison! An attitude of gratitude!

Think about our nation's upcoming holiday of Thanksgiving. Do we realize that Abraham Lincoln declared the last Thursday in November to be celebrated as a Day of Thanksgiving in 1863, when the country was in the midst of the Civil War – a time of great calamity and tragedy, and yet President Lincoln wanted all Americans to pause and thank Almighty God! It's amazing to think of why he would declare a day of thanksgiving in the midst of civil war. Yet, he understood the central importance of maintaining an attitude of gratitude.

Saint Paul offers similar advice to the Christians in Philippi when he himself languished in a prison and they suffered the threat of persecution. "Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I say rejoice." Imagine, St. Paul was suffering in prison and the Philippians lived under the fear of



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gratitude. Later in this same letter in the Bible, the Apostle Paul reveals his own secret of peace and joy: "For I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty." In any and all circumstances, St. Paul learned to not only be content, but to actually carry a spirit of gratitude! And how could he do

this? He reveals in the same letter that "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens

Jesus Christ is his source of contentment and the well-spring of his gratitude. In St. Paul's letter to the Christians in Thessalonica he advises "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." In fact, throughout Paul's letters, he admonishes his readers to thank God more than 50 times. "Give thanks to God at all times" he guides Christians in Ephesus. "Devote yourself to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving... In whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God" he advised Christians in Colossai.

Maintaining a spirit of gratitude and seeing all of life – even with its surprises, struggles, disappointments, and crises –through this prism of thankfulness is an important spiritual discipline. It doesn't come naturany or easny many, but it's a discipline we cultivate over time. One's inability of expressing gratitude reflects a serious spiritual sickness! When we don't express an attitude of gratitude, our pride is fooling us. We do not thank others because we must acknowledge that they've done something special for us. Our pride hinders us from thanking God because we don't understand life itself as the most precious gift which He has given us.

Some sociologists call our present generation the "complaining generation" because we have such high expectations and demands while offering little patience and passion to change things. We think we deserve to have everything now and are perplexed if we don't have instant gratification. This unhealthy attitude and self-righteous spirit of indignation leads to ingratitude - a mind-set totally contrary to the spirit of our Lord. Contrast the demanding spirit of expecting everything here and now with the Christ-centered attitude of "rejoicing always and giving thanks in all circumstances."

Remember the story of the ten lepers who approached Jesus from a distance, crying out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." Our Lord did not heal them immediately but instead told them to go and show themselves to the priests. As they journeyed to the priests, suddenly all ten realized their dreaded disease of leprosy disappeared!

Yet only one out of ten returned to thank Jesus. Only one out of ten! It's quite shocking to think after such an incredible miracle only one made the effort to return and express gratitude. Maybe the others were grateful. Maybe they praised God in their hearts. Maybe they thought about going back to Jesus but first wanted to share their good news with their family. Whatever their intentions, only one out of ten actually made the effort to return and thank Christ.

Unfortunately, such ungratefulness appears too often? How many people turn to God when they are in trouble or in need, yet forget God when all is well The longer we live in comfort and prosperity, the more we deceive ourselves thinking that we deserve all we have! We may even feel that we have earned our blessings through hard work, great effort, and our brains, forgetting who gave us our health, our physical strength, our intelligence, and even the opportunity to live in this country.

Beware of forgetting to express gratitude for our many blessings, of being ungrateful for all we have and even complaining about what we don't have, and thinking that we ourselves are the source of all our bless-Learn to thank God daily for the gift of life and for whatever life

Practicing gratitude is a divine discipline. Strive to make gratitude an integral part of your life. Thank those all around us - our parents for giving us life, our families for showing us love, our friends who stay near us during our times of need, our teachers and other special people who have inspired us, guided us, and enlightened us. Reflect on the numerous people who have touched your life in positive ways and take the time to write a letter, send a text, drop an email and express your gratitude.

How about this? Try to write one thank you note (an email, a text, or a hand written note) to a different person every day until Christmas. Write them to people who have touched you in a meaningful way at some point in your life.

We've all been blessed in countless ways. Instead of complaining and noting what we don't have live with an attitude of gratitude. May this spirit of thanksgiving weekend not end as we celebrate this week but continue every day for the rest of our lives.

Don't get stuck with an obsolete phone



CHIEF'S CORNER **STEVE** WOJNAR

Some important information brought to our attention from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). It is some importinformation about your mobile phones and devices. Changes in the technology will make some phones obsolete soon, and they could even be incapable of dialing 911.

I wanted to bring the FCC information to everyone and encourage you to reach out to your provider to determine what, if anything, you many need to do in your situation.

As mobile carriers seek to upgrade their networks to use the latest technologies, they periodically shut down older services, to free up infrastructure to support new services. As a result, mobile carriers are shutting down their 3G networks, which rely on older technology, to make room for more advanced services, including 5G. As a result of this shut down, many older cell phones, and other mobile devices, will be unable to make or receive calls and texts, including calls to 911, or use data services. This will affect 3G mobile phones and certain older 4G mobile phones that do not support Voice over LTE (VoLTE or HD Voice). According to the FCC, the transition can impact many other industries and technologies, such as medical devices, home, and commercial, security systems, monitored fire alarms, personal emergency alert devices, and vehicle SOS systems, and other technologies.

This process may begin as early as Jan. 1, 2022, depending on your service provider. They recommend you consult your mobile provider or their website for the most up-to-date information. AT&T announced that it will finish shutting down its 3G network by February 2022. Verizon will be by December 31, 2022. T-Mobile / Sprint's 3G can happen as soon as Jan. 1, 2022. Many carriers, such as Cricket, Boost, Straight Talk, and several Lifeline mobile service providers, utilize AT&T's, Verizon's, and T-Mobile's networks, so it is important to check with your provider.

It is important to plan now so that you don't lose connectivity, including the ability to call 911. Some carrier websites provide lists of devices that will no longer be supported after 3G networks a shut down. You may need to upgrade to a newer device, or possibly install a software update to enable VoLTE (HD Voice) or other advanced services, to ensure that you can stay connected. Some carriers may be offering discounted or free upgrades to help consumers. Visit the FCC Web site, https://www. fcc.gov/consumers/guides/plan-aheadphase-out-3g-cellular-networks-and-service, for more information about the 3G phase out, suggested next steps for consumers, and resources to help stay connected.

As a reminder, our department is collecting Christmas gift donations for local families in need. New and unwrapped toys and clothing can be brought to the Dudley Police Department at 71 West Main St. Of certain need in the past were gifts for children between the ages of 10 – 17 years old. Monetary donations are also accepted. Checks should be made payable to the "Dudley Police Association" with a special note for the Holiday Drive. All contributions are for Dudley families, and anything left over is given to local charities, such as Webster-Dudley Food Share. The Dudley Police thank everyone in advance for their continued generosity. Anything you can give will help bring some happiness to those who would otherwise go without during this holiday season.

We continue to experience issues with our Facebook account, and we hope to have this corrected soon. On behalf of the Dudley Police Department, I wish everyone a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

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

LETTERS

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Mail your letters to the Webster Times, P.O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550.

Or e-mail your letters to the editor at news@stonebridge press.news. You'll need to provide your name and place of residence, along with a phone number, so we can verify the letter is yours.

We don't have a set limit, but if you keep it around 600 words or so, you're going to have a better chance at seeing all your words in print. If you want to write a bit longer about a particular issue, maybe a guest Your Turn column is your cup of tea. If you do that, try to keep it between 700-800 words.

Remember, libelous remarks and/or personal attacks are a no-no and could lead to your letter not being published.

So, what are you waiting for? Start writing!



Covid in the deer population



Courtesv

Paul Newman with his Rhode Island state record Tautog.

Shotgun deer hunting will start on Nov. 29 this year in Massachusetts, and the harvest should be very good, if the weather cooperates. Archers have already harvested a good number of big bucks, but there are still plenty of them out there. The rut continues to have bucks chasing does, providing hunters with some exciting moments in the woods.

Recent news on the Covid virus in deer populations by a Pennsylvania state study has caused a lot of concern among hunters. Are they safe to eat? The reports that I have read state that they "should" be safe to eat. Evidently, they

are not positive. Reports of 60 percent of the Massachusetts deer population have the Covid virus, which is a bit

Practicing good hygiene is highly recommended in most reports, when cleaning or cutting up the deer for human consumption. Wearing of gloves and mask when field dressing or cutting up deer should be practiced. Breathing in of gasses from a freshly killed deer when field dressing them, should be avoided as much as possible. Being aware of tick bites from deer are also a concern among the hunting public. Hunting could be dangerous to your health!

What is next? Can our beef and pork be infected? Becoming a vegetarian is sounding better every day, if you want to stay alive a bit longer. If deer can become infected, I am sure that cows and pigs can also. This Covid virus sure has changed the way we live and die, and is a bit scary. The real truth about the effects of the covid pandemic on humans and animals, is in the trial stages and we will not know the truth about the results of scientific studies until it is out of control. I hope I am wrong!

Back in the day (1949), this writer enjoyed taking short trips with my Uncle, the late Paul Hale, Sr. to the deer park in Whitinsville. I was only nine or ten years old when he would take my brother Mel and I to watch the deer at the park. The deer had huge antlers, but were somewhat smaller than the whitetail deer we have today. The property was owned by the former Whitin Machine Works and was part of the Whitinsville Water Co. The fenced in area included a hundred acres or more, for the deer to roam in. It was not long after that the deer were killed and sent to a processing facility.

The recent loss of a fellow sports writer for the Telegram & Gazette, Mark Blazis, this past week was a shock to his readers friends and family. His columns that were published twice a week in the Gazette were read by thousands of outdoors men and women, along with much of the general public. He lived life to the fullest traveling to numerous parts of the world to hunt and fish, and study wildlife. Mark was only 74 years old. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mark's family and friends.

Hope everyone is enjoying Thanksgiving with friends and family! We sure have a lot to be thankful for, after the terrible pandemic we endured



This week's second picture shows a huge buck harvested in Mass. a few years ago. It was on display at the Big -E Sportsmen's show in Springfield! Hopefully, the sportsmen's shows will open this year!

over the last 12 months. Hopefully, everyone has had their shots, and are ready for a somewhat normal living in 2022. Buying Christmas gifts for that special man or woman? Gift Certificates are the way to go. They can go shopping for what they really want, and it will go a lot further as everything will be on sale!

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy holiday season.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

A Grab Bag of Hints

Sometimes it's fun to share a potpourri of tips and tricks that didn't fit into a themed hint column. With that in mind, this week's column will feature a grab bag of (mostly unrelated) ideas that are sure to make your life a little easier!

Baking Hint: Buy a new (organic or chemical free) powder puff to keep in your flour container. It's perfect for dusting cake pans before you pour in batter!

If a recipe calls for clarified broth, simply pour regular broth through a coffee filter to clarify it quickly and easily!

And here's the easiest way to degrease cooled meat soups and stews. Just put a sheet of waxed paper directly on top of the liquid before refrigerating.

Want to reduce your cholesterol? Try topping soups and stews TAKE THE HINT

KAREN TRAINOR

with ground flaxseed to reduce heart attack risk. In a study, forty grams of ground flaxseed every day for three months reduced cholesterol by six percent.

Fighting cholesterol? Try this tip too: Scottish studies showed that over a three week period, a daily snack of two carrots lowered cholesterol levels by 10 to 20 percent! Research reveals a cup and a half of dried lentils or kidney beans a day, has lowered total cholesterol levels by up to 19 percent!

This Thanksgiving want to avoid that after dinner-have-to-nap syndrome? Try these tips: In the morning, eat small, light foods and avoid junk food. Eat your Thanksgiving dinner slowly and stop when you're full. Don't binge on carbs, drink plenty of water with your meal, and finally, take an outside walk to digest your

Thanksgiving's over you'll likely be left with heap of leftovers! Did you know for safety's sake your leftover turkey should be refrigerated or frozen within two hours after roasting? Wrap the turkey as airtight as possible in aluminum foil and refrigerate. Store the meat in zipper bags in one- or two-cup portions for easier thawing and use. For the best quality and flavor, freeze for no more than two months.

Here's a quick energy saving tip! Sometimes it's the little things that add up to save energy dollars! Simply cleaning vour dryer lint screen with every use and avoiding overloading the dryer

can save you up to five percent on your electricity bill!

Non Stick Green Tip: Here's a green way to make your pots non-stick! Pour white vinegar into a pan the desired level. Boil at medium heat for about five minutes. Allow to cool and you're done! You can even reuse the vinegar to treat other pans! This non stick treatment lasts at least a couple of months!

Think you've heard all the uses vinegar? Try these! Got a sore throat? Put two teaspoons of white vinegar in your humidifier for overnight relief. And dry up that cold sore fast by dabbing it with white vinegar three times a day!

Cast offs can find new life in the workshop here's how! Rescue a child's old foam bogev board for use in the workshop. The firm, yet cushiony surface serves as a great anti-fatigue foot mat when your standing at the bench for hours. And don't toss those old record albums, save the cardboard sleeves to safely sort and store saw blades.

Did you know ordinary sponges do double duty? It only takes a few swipes with a damp, clean sponge to remove lint and pet fur from clothes or upholstery. Pop a new sponge it in the freezer for a great pliable and drip-free compress for injuries. And put a damp sponge in a plastic bag with the stems of freshly cut flowers to keep them garden fresh until you

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House - Contest has resumed!

Your tips can win you a great three course dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per

month will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

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

Gift spring blooms for the holiday



Courtesy — Gardener's Supply Co.

Give a gift of Months of Bloom, pre-planted bulbs to brighten up the recipient's home during the winter months or all year long.

Give the gift of spring this winter to gardeners and non-gardeners alike. A pot of tulips, daffodils or other spring flowering bulbs is sure to brighten a dreary winter day and elevate the recipient's mood.

Spring flowering bulbs need 12 to 15 weeks of temperatures between 35

and 45 degrees to initiate flowering. This happens naturally in areas with cold winters. Bulbs are planted in the fall, receive the chill they need, and add welcome color to the spring garden.

Those in warmer climates, typically zones 8, 9 and 10, need a different approach. In those areas, low chill bulbs that don't need as long a cold period or pre-cooled bulbs are grown. The pre-cooled bulbs also sold as pre-chilled, have received the needed cold period and can be grown like annuals.

No matter where you garden, spring flowering bulbs can be chilled in a spare refrigerator. Keep bulbs away from apples and pears. These fruits give off ethylene gas, a natural hormone that does not harm people, but can hasten ripening and interfere with flowering when bulbs are stored in the same refrigerator compartment. Check the pots occasionally and water when needed to keep the soil slightly moist, but not soggy wet.

Some friends and family may appreciate a DIY bulb forcing kit as their gift. Spring flowering bulbs, potting mix,

GARDEN MOMENTS **MELINDA MYERS**

and a container with drainage holes are all that is needed. Provide directions for assembly, suggestions for providing the cold treatment if needed and proper care.

Others may prefer a gift that requires minimal care like Gardener's

Supply Company's Months of Bloom. Order once and these pre-planted bulb gardens are delivered to the recipient monthly for 3, 6 or 12 months. Just water when the potting mix starts to dry and enjoy watching the spring flowering bulbs sprout, grow and flower.

Keep spring flowering bulb gardens in a cool, bright location to extend their bloom time. Once the plants are done blooming, you can add them to the compost pile.

For those that prefer to enjoy them a second season and beyond, provide some post-flowering care. Remove the faded flowers and move the container to a sunny window. Keep watering thoroughly whenever the top few inches of soil begin to dry. Pour off any excess water that collects in the saucer to prevent root rot and apply a dilute solution of any flowering houseplant fertilizer.

Once the leaves turn yellow and die or the soil in the garden warms and the danger of frost has passed, you can move them into the garden. Tulips and hyacinths perform best in sunny areas with well-drained soils. These two bulbs tend to flourish for a year or two and then produce few or no flowers. Keep that in mind as you plan for the future.

Daffodils and grape hyacinths will grow in sun or shade and a variety of soil types. These tend to be long lived as they grow and spread over time.

It may be two years before you have flowers but it's a great way to extend the enjoyment of a holiday gift.

Melinda Myers is the author of more than 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Gardener's Supply for her expertise to write this article. Her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

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THE COMMONWEALTH **OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF** THE TRIAL COURT Docket Number: 21 SM 001483 **ORDER OF NOTICE**

Holly Lynn Rondeau and Chester Rondeau

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq) Trust Bank Association, as Trustee for Towd Point Master Funding Trust 2021-

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Webster, numbered 23 Victoria Drive, given by Holly Lynn Rondeau and Chester Rondeau to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., dated June 23, 2003, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 30570, Page 287, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before 12/27/2021 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on 11/15/2021. Attest: Deborah J. Patterson

Recorder November 26, 2021

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 Michael E. Zaczek Jr. to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for IndyMac Bank, F.S.B., its successors and assigns, dated March 1, 2007 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 41128, Page 87, subsequently assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Home Equity Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Trust Series INABS 2007-B, Home Equity Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates Series INABS 2007-B under the Pooling and Servicing agreement dated June 1, 2007 by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 45772, Page 84 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 17, 2021 at 38 Sunset Avenue, Oxford, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land situated on the easterly side of Sunset Avenue, Oxford, Massachusetts, being Lot #7 as shown on a Plan of Land in Oxford, owned by Mascor Homes, Inc., Albert L. Fitzback, Surveyor, dated April 25, 1975, and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 415, Plan 39, more particularly bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the northwesterly corner of the premises herein described at a point on the easterly line of Sunset Avenue, said point being two hundred twenty and 79/100 (220.79) feet measured southerly along the easterly line of said Sunset Avenue from a cement bound at the end of a curve at the intersection of said Sun-

set Avenue and Nottingham Road; THENCE N. 56° 45' 44" E. one hundred twenty and 00/100 (120.00) feet along Lot #8 to a point at land now or formerly owned by Kimball; THENCE S. 33° 14' 16" E. one hundred and 00/100 (100.00) feet along said land of Kimball to a point at Lot #6; THENCE S. 56° 45' 44" W. one hundred twenty and 00/100 (120.00) feet along said Lot #6 to a point on the easterly line of said Sunset Avenue; THENCE N. 33° 14' 16" W. one hundred and 00/100 (100.00) feet along the easterly line of said Sunset Avenue to the point of beginning. Containing 12,000 square feet. Subject to covenants and restrictions recited in Book 5782, Page 102 of said Deeds. Subject to easements for poles and wires which may affect locus. For Title see Deed recorded December 13, 1994 recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 16764,

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

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOL-LARS 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.

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TOWN OF DUDLEY PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 6, 2021 at 6:35pm at the Dudley Municipal Complex, 71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA 01571 in the Veteran's Memorial Hall, Room 321A. The Purpose of this Hearing: To Act on an Application for a Change of Manger for Eighty Ates Bar and Grille, Inc. d/b/a Firebrands Bar & Grill located at 8 Airport Rd., Dudley, MA 01571.

Anyone wishing to be heard on this matter should call the Board of Selectmen Office at 508-949-8001 to appear at the date and time specified or submit their concerns in writing. John Marsi

Chairman, Board of Selectmen November 26, 2021

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF WEBSTER PUBLIC HEARING TAX CLASSIFICATION

The Board of Selectmen, in coordination with the Assessor, will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 6, 2021 at 6:00pm in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, located at the Town Hall, 350 Main Street, Webster, MA 01570, second floor.

This is in conformity with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, chapter 40, section 56, for the purpose of holding a Tax Classification Hearing to establish the relative tax burden to be borne by each class of properties for

All interested parties are invited to attend and participate. Written and oral comments will be accepted from the public, prior to, and during the meeting. November 26, 2021

December 2, 2021

(SEAL)

THE COMMONWEALTH **OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF** THE TRIAL COURT 21 SM 001142

ORDER OF NOTICE

To: Rebecca Amaral, Conservator of Jean M. Fitzgerald

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq)

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claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Oxford, numbered 5 Homestead Avenue, given by Jean M. Fitzgerald and Richard D. Fitzgerald to Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a Subsidiary of IndyMac Bank, F.S.B., dated April 27, 2006, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 38906, Page 1, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, has filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's Servicemembers status

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before 1/3/2022 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on 11/17 2021. Attest: Deborah J. Patterson

Recorder

November 26, 2021

(SEAL) THE COMMONWEALTH **OF MASSACHUSETTS** LAND COURT **DEPARTMENT OF** THE TRIAL COURT 21 SM 001407 **ORDER OF NOTICE**

To: James E. Adams

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq) **Legacy Mortgage Asset Trust** 2019-SL2, U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity by solely as owner trustee claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in

Thayer Pond Drive, Unit 9-2, Thayer Pond Village Condominium, given by James E. Adams to Fleet National Bank, dated February 5, 2003, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 29319, Page 171 and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before December 20, 2021 or you may

pliance with the Act. Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on November 3,

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Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder 20480

November 26, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court**

Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608

(508) 831-2200 Docket No. WO21P3504EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of:

Marjorie L Schremser Date of Death: 09/09/2021 To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Michael A Greene of Oxford MA and Jane L Sanders of Oxford MA

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that

Michael A Greene of Oxford MA and Jane L Sanders of Oxford MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised admin-

IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of

the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/07/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.

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OBITUARIES

William "Uncle Bill" J. Jedrzynski 89



Dudley-William Bill" "Uncle Jedrzynski 89 passed Monday, away November 8, 2021 with his loving family at his side.

He leaves a beloved sister-in-law Rochelle W. Jedrzynski of

Dudley, nieces; Thomasine and Joseph Tavormina of Incline Village at Lake Tahoe, NV, Katherine and Gary Bushey of Dudley, Eileen M. Jedrzynski and her husband David Bolivar of Dudley, Helen and Marvin Kessner of Webster and Anne and Steven Englehard of Oxford, a nephew Thomas Lovelace and his wife Oleta of TX. Uncle Bill had two nephews who predeceased him, John W. Jedrzynski of Dudley and Raymond Decoteau of Douglas. He also leaves great nephews, Spenser, Brandon, and Britt; great nieces Melissa, Julie, Tracy, Carla and Erica. Bill was predeceased by his brother Thomas Jedrzynski of Dudley; his sisters Marcella Decoteau of E. Douglas and Sophia Lovelace of

He was born in Dudley son of the late John C. Jedrzynski and Josephine H. (Duszlak) Jedrzynski and lived here all his life. He was a US Navy Veteran. Bill worked for Jamesbury and Microtech in Worcester as a machinist for many years. His talents were numerous, he would be the go-to person for any information one may need for repair or life in general. Bill was a great story-teller

and loved sharing his vast knowledge with friends and family. He enjoyed reading, fishing, motorcycle riding, magic, he loved the outdoors, from insects to animals, large and small.



was loved back beyond words. will take what you taught us all and keep it in our hearts. We miss you so much. He could tell the how and the why in respect to many subjects. Bill was everyone's "Uncle Bill"! He was an extraordinary, brilliant, and caring person. Special thanks to the nurses Peggy,

Lisa, and Paula from Overlook VNA and Hospice for their "oh too brief services, and Dr. Tony Samaha, Dr. Kronlund, Dr. Sungarian, and all others who cared for him in the offices of those doctors and more. You all were wonderful.

There are no calling hours, all services are private. Please omit flowers and make donations to your local Audubon Society. 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

Tessie M. Bielik, 98



Tessie M. (Godzik) Bielik, age 98, of Webster, joined her husband and daughter in eternal life on November 17, 2021. She passed away at home peacefully in her sleep. She is survived by one son, Paul

F. Bielik III of Dudley, and one daughter. Mary M. Bielik of Webster, with whom she lived. She is also survived by her grandson, Brian P. LaLiberty of Dudley, and his father Ronald. She was predeceased by her husband, Paul F. Bielik Jr, who died in 2002, and her daughter, Patricia A. (Bielik) LaLiberty who died in 2019. She was also predeceased by her parents, John and Mary (Misiolek) Godzik, brothers Walter, Stanley, and Francis Godzik, and a sister, Florence (Godzik) Jolda.

Tessie graduated from Bartlett High School and attended Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, NY. She also attended Becker Junior College in Worcester. She did secretarial work at Stevens Linen for many years prior to her marriage. She also worked in the family business, Grand Furniture Shops in Dudley.

Most of all, she was a dedicated, loving, and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She enjoyed traveling to Europe and the Caribbean. She enjoyed summering at Windi Haven on Webster Lake and at Harborside Village in Wellfleet on Cape Cod. She enjoyed cooking and spending precious time with her family, especially her grandson Brian. She was a member of St. Anthony of Padua church in Dudley. She was past president of the St. Anthony of Padua Woman's Club, a member of the Webster Woman's Club, the Emblem Club, the Serra Club of Southern Worcester County, and an honorary director of the Hubbard Regional Hospital Guild. She was also a volunteer at the Hubbard Regional Hospital gift shop, as well as a member of Catholic Charities and the Webster Historical Society.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Anthony of Padua Church, 24 Dudley Hill Rd, Dudley, MA 01571. There will be a family greeting from 9:00-10:00am, with a funeral mass at 10:00am on 11/27/21 at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Dudley, MA. The burial will be private and at the convenience of the family. Bartel Funeral Home and Chapel in Dudley is handling the arrangements.

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Robert W. White, Jr., 61



OXFORD - Robert W. White, Jr., 61, of Bird Court, died Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester, after being stricken ill at home. He was predeceased by his wife, Linda S. (Bylund)

White of Oxford who died in 2017. He is survived by two sons, Neil R. White and his girlfriend Kerri Connors of Danielson, CT, and Chad M. White of Oxford; his mother, Carol A. (Skeates) White of Oxford; his brother and best friend, David P. White and his fiancée Michelle Broadard of Webster; and several nephews, nieces, and cousins. He was born in Worcester, son of the late Robert W. White Sr., and lived in Oxford for many years and Dudley for 10 years, before moving back to Oxford

in 2006. He graduated from Oxford High School in 1978.

Mr. White was a baker at Automatic Rolls of New England for over 25 years, retiring in 2017 to care for his son, Chad. He loved the outdoors, working in his yard and was an avid NASCAR fan. He enjoyed all of the Boston sports teams. Most important in his life was his family, and he will be lovingly remembered as a wonderful husband, father, son, brother, uncle, and friend to many people.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, November 23, 2021. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. Burial will follow at North Cemetery in Oxford. Calling hours are Monday, November 22, 2021, from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Life Skills, 44 Morris St., Webster, MA 01570

Thomas P. Welch, III, 65



THOMPSON, CT -Thomas P. Welch III, age 65, passed away Friday November 12. 2021 with his family by his side after fighting a long, heroic battle with chronic illness.

Tom leaves behind his best friend and devoted daughter, Leah Welch; his longtime girlfriend, Debbie Clark; Leah's mother and his former wife, Betsy Welch; his father, Thomas P. Welch Jr. and his step-mother Joan Welch of Vernon, CT; 3 sisters, Donna Magowan and her husband Bill, Lynne Hamilton and her husband Paul, and Reneé Welch, all of Connecticut; and 3 nieces, 1 nephew, and other extended family members. He was predeceased by his mother, Lorraine Welch and by his sister, Lisa Sharon

Tom grew up in Dudley, MA where he graduated from Shepherd Hill Regional High School in 1977 in the first graduating class. He moved to Thompson, CT

thirty-three years ago where he resided until his passing.

Tom was always a hardworking man! He formerly owned two package stores. Princeton Spirits in Princeton, MA and Lakeside Beer & Wine in Webster, MA. More recently, he worked in the car sales business at both Westboro Toyota and Patrick Subaru up until his retirement in 2012.

His favorite pastimes were working in his yard and keeping it in pristine condition, puttering in the garage, going to Misquamicut beach, eating out for breakfast, washing his BMW, spending time with his pets, and most importantly, spending time with his

There will be no services at this time. In lieu of donations, please honor Tom's memory by taking care of your family members who need help and always advocating for them whenever possible! Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster, MA.

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John D. Wayman



WEBSTER-John D. 'Johnny" Wayman, 68, died Saturday, November 13, 2021 in Lanessa Extended Care Facility after a courageous battle with cancer.

He leaves 3 broth-Carleton R. Wayman, Jr. and his wife Joyce of Webster, Charles W. Wayman of Fairborn, Ohio and Gregg S. Wayman of New Ipswich, NH; 2 sisters, Susan P. Perry of Thompson, CT and Caryl P. Savard of Webster; and many nephews and nieces.

Wayman and lived here all his life. He enjoyed spending time at Dunkin Donuts on Main Street and many people knew him from his presence there. Johnny was always available to volunteer to collect money for the Disabled American Veterans, the Special Olympics and the Webster-Dudley Rotary Club.

No funeral services are planned. Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street.

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Vayman John was born in Webster on September 4, 1953, the son of Carleton Wayman, Sr. and Cecile (Perron) Wayman, Sr. and Cecile (Perron) Randolph in Division 8 State Semifinal BY KEN POWERS "But I'm really happy for

SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

SUDBURY — In the immediate aftermath of its 8-6 loss to Randolph in a Division 8 state semifinal on Saturday, Nov. 20 at Lincoln-Sudbury High, a stunned Oxford High varsity football team went about the business of clearing the sidelines and making the long walk to the team bus for what was sure to be a quiet ride

Meanwhile, on the other sideline, the Randolph High team and its fans were whooping it up, celebrating its victory and the opportunity to play for a state championship that

came with it. Jay Royster, Oxford's offensive coordinator, quickly gathered the team around him. Royster, who previously coached at Blackstone Valley Tech, was part of a Beavers' program that went to a state final game and lost one year and then went back the next year and won. Royster had a message for his obviously disappointed players.

Guys, watch and listen to everything that's going on around you right now," Royster said, looking across the field to the Randolph side. "Let it fuel you. Let it fuel you through the winter. Every rep that you do, every exercise that you do, you think about what you're seeing right now around you. Remember this. Remember the feeling you have right now. Because next year you'll be back here and you'll have this experience to draw on."

Jeff Clarkson, Oxford's seventh-year head coach, was happy to see Royster step up and deliver that message to this band of Pirates.

"I am absolutely disappointed for these kids, this team," Clarkson said.

all that they have accomplished this year so far. We got to within a game of playing for a state championship. We were one

game away.

"We have six seniors on this team, but the bulk of the team are juniors and sophomores and they'll be back next year to put the success we had this season to good use," Clarkson added. "We expected to be this good this year and I think we're going to be right back here again next

year." Oxford (8-3, the No. 11 seed in the Division 8 tournament) took a 6-0 lead late in the first quarter, junior Jadan Morales scoring on a 2-yard run. The Pirates' ensuing twopoint conversion attempt,

a pass, fell incomplete. Morales finished the game as the Pirates' leading rusher, gaining 70 yards on 12 carries. Classmate Lucas Lambert gained 48 yards on 11 rushing attempts.

"We moved the ball well in the first quarter," Clarkson said, "but our execution just wasn't there after that. I don't know what happened. We just kind of went a little flat on ourselves. It was odd. We came out raring and ready to go. Throughout the game we had plenty of opportunities: we just didn't capitalize on them."

Randolph (7-4, the No. 10 seed) tied the game in the second quarter on a 2-yard run by Sebastian Jouissance. The Blue Devils also attempted a two-point conversion after the touchdown by Jouissance, and they got it, on a run by Makhi Barnes.

Neither team could generate much in the way of offense the rest of the way.

"Our defense played phenomenal," Clarkson

said. "The game really came down to four good plays, four big plays that they were able to execute. But, that's the double wing offense. That's what they run and they run it well. They have a humongous, humongous offensive line. Our defense has been our mainstay all season, and I thought it played well again against

Randolph."
Junior Quinn Clarkson, coach Clarkson's son, led the Pirates' defensive effort, finishing with 15 tackles (six unassisted) and a quarterback sack. Classmate Brett Morgan made 10 tackles (five unassisted). Senior Antoine LaCourt-Ramos recorded eight tackles (three unassisted) and a sack.

In addition, junior Zak Parmenter finished with seven tackles (four unassisted) and a sack, Lambert was in on five tackles (two unassisted) and intercepted a pass, while sophomore Jordan DeLeon made four tackles (three unassisted) and recovered a fumble.

At about the midway point in the fourth quarter it looked like Oxford would get a legitimate shot to take the lead, the Pirates' defense having forced the Blue Devils into punt formation on fourth down, Randolph needing 15 yards for a first down. Oxford was called for a roughing the kicker penalty, however, which gave the Blue Devils an automatic first down.

The Blue Devils took the air out of the ball at that point, running off 17 plays and making first downs on three third downs and once on fourth down. Oxford finally got the ball back — on its own 5-yard line — with 5.3 seconds left in the game.

"That was it; that was the game right there,' coach Clarkson said.

Thomas F. Meagher Jr, 83



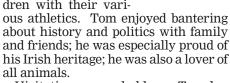
Dudley – Thomas . Meagher Jr, 83, passed away peacefully in his sleep while in the comfort of his home on Thursday November 18, 2021.

Tom is survived by his loving wife Emily M. (Minarik)

Meagher; his two daughters Kelly Hamill and her husband Peter of Rye, NH and Tara Galante and her husband Daniel of Hubbardston, MA; his brother Robert Meagher of Thompson, CT; four grandchildren: Jack, Maggie, Avery, Addison; his cousin Walter Gion of Dudley.

Tom was born in Webster on May 19, 1938, son of the late Thomas F. Meagher Sr. and Margaret (Canty) Meagher, living in Dudley all his life. Tom taught history and coached soccer for the Uxbridge High School for

many years. Tom served honorably as a Captain in the Army National Guard for many years. Tom enjoyed all sports, especially soccer, and mentored his children and grandchildren with their vari-

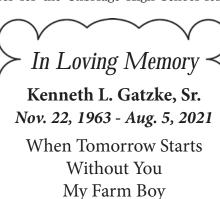


Visitation was held on Tuesday November 23, 2021 from 8:30 – 9:45 am in the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA followed by the Funeral Mass being celebrated at the St. Anthony of Padua Church, 24 Dudley Hill Road, Dudley at 10:00 am. Committal Services with Military Honors will follow in St. Anthony's Cemetery in Webster.

In lieu of flowers, please make a memorial contribution to the MSPCA in honor of Tom.

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

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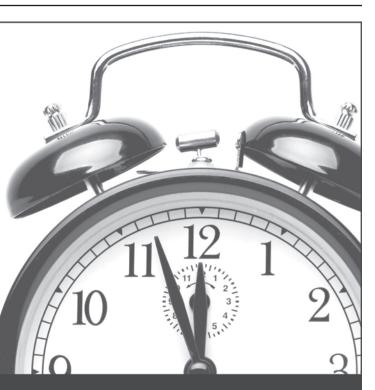
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QUILTS

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Nowicki also served in the Navy, and his four brothers were members of the service as well. Now 96, Nowicki still has his uniforms and a foot locker he used during the service.

Nowicki is an avid viewer of football, baseball, and basketball. He is also wellversed on the history of local sports teams.

Czyzewski is a veteran of the Army Air Forces who lives in Webster. He was surrounded by family and friends at his quilt presentation ceremony. Stefanik, who also resides in Webster, was presented with a flag-themed quilt outside

Yet another WWII veteran from Webster, Joseph LaPlante, chose not to receive a quilt this year, as he was previously honored with a quilt. The Army veteran landed on Utah Beach in France during the Normandy Invasion.

The Quilts of Valor presentations were made possible by the

Freedom Quilters of Millbury, a group of women who create each of the quilts.

"I love to sew and it is very gratifying to present these quilts," said Deborah Havalotti, who leads the Freedom Quilters of Millbury, in a previous interview. "We are a small group of women that sew together quilts for our veterans."

To date, the Freedom Quilters of Millbury have created more than 200 quilts. The group started in 2016, and each quilt requires a detailed process to create. This involves picking out the different fabrics needed; cutting the proper pieces; and sewing the pieces together. Sometimes quilters begin their process by drawing and coloring on graph paper for each design. It's a labor of love for each member, and they always appreciate the opportunity to honor veterans.



PLAN

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explained the process that will take place now that the EDC has made their top two priorities known.

'There's something called the funding resource team that's part of this program. They will set up a virtual meeting with the committee to talk about the two projects that we submit. Their main focus is to help us target other programs that we can apply for," said Scanlon. "They'll give us some

"It seems like every time we do a

budget in the spring, I'm finding dif-

ferent accounts with money here and

there. There's a lot of gift accounts

and it's kind of inefficient the way

it's set up," said Ruda. "There should

be one account to receive gift money

into, spend it on the gift specified and

move on to the next instead of gifts for

this and that. Our line items are get-

ting a bit jumbled with the amount of

gift accounts that we have with small

Ruda proposed a single gift account

items.' Members of the EDC were in agreement that identity and presentation is the most important focus an that many of the other items on the list would fall into place if Dudley presented itself as livelier and business friendly. EDC Chair Todd Donohoe even brought up

kind of a matrix that lists the number of

programs and what they offer and what

be the best fit for us - I think they're

really intent to just help us figure out

where we go next, not to actually do a

more in-depth kind of analysis of these

for the budget where all of those funds would be placed and designated for their specific purpose. Dudley Town Treasurer Richard Carmignani felt this was a good idea as it would help "eliminate some of the red tape" for those

monies to be allocated.

"The idea is, the Town Administrator should be able to spend some money for the pieces that don't fit into the puzzle. You have a highway superintendent, and you pay him through a budgeted salary line item. There's going to be something that he might need as kind of a quasi-expense. What can you do? We can go through and take care of a few of those things with this," said a strategy from Killingly, Connecticut, which has a prominent Main Street area of its own, that showed that community's determination to bring new life to vacant storefronts while it was also noted that both Webster and Dudley have committed to making great strides with their presentation. The hope is that through the LRRP Plan Dudley can do the same and become part of a growing trend of beautification that is slowly making Southern Worcester County a more and more welcoming place to live, visit and work.

Carmignani. "It's a tool. The money that comes in isn't tax money. It's not really a budgetary account."

Carmignani further stressed that this would not be an account for something like overtime pay. It would pay for items that fall outside of normal expenses that would normally not be funded through taxation. Town Administrator Ruda stated the overall goal is to protect the intention of the people generous enough to donate the money.

We'd make sure that was the first

and foremost priority," he concluded. Selectmen unanimously voted to bring the concept to the town voters for approval in 2022.

HEARING

ACCOUNT

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amounts of money.'

3M and later used in hundreds of ways, some of which have leached into the ecosystem, human bodies and the water supply.

September. Back in Webster shut down its Bigelow Well because of PFAS contamination above the state's 20 parts per trillion limit, but left the six wells at Municipal Beach running. Last week, the Water/Sewer Commission held a public hearing to discuss the problem and look at how to solve it.

Smith and his DEP colleague, Regional Director Mary Jude Pigsley, summarized the science and law underlying Webster's situation.

Pigsley said the state uses such a strict standard (as opposed to the federal EPA 70 parts per trillion guidance) to take into account "rapidly developing scientific information" and growing "understanding of toxic effects," particularly on the most susceptible parts of the population, including children and pregnant/nursing women.

Currently, the state regulates six of the thousands of PFAS chemicals in drinking

water, and Smith said it's likely the state will gradually reduce the acceptable limits and add chemicals to that list. That's likely to create "analytical issues" due to the present limit of testing capability, as well as spur development of technology to destroy PFAS and get them out of production.

At present, the only thing that will destroy PFAS are "super-high temperatures" of certain incinerators (none in Massachusetts today), Pigsley said. They do not biodegrade, can accumulate in the bodies of living beings causing some cancer risks and immune/endocrine disruption, and "toxicity occurs at low exposure levels." They're particularly dangerous when people drink or cook with water contaminated by them, but are less risky for bathing, rinsing vegetables and some other acts, Pigsley explained.

"Everybody in the entire world, almost, has been exposed to PFAS in some way," she said. She noted DEP wants to work with affected towns to solve the problem, including by buying back toxic firefighting foam and other things. The agency also provides free private well testing in about 60

Webster started testing

its water last spring, with Bigelow Well showing levels above 10 ppt, the DEP's standard for monthly sampling. That has not been an issue with the six Municipal Beach wells, in part because the standard allows sources to be blended and tested at the point they actually enter the water supply system, according to Water/Sewer Superintendent Tom Cutler.

He said Municipal Beach wells, with a combined flow of 2600 gallons per minute and a PFAS average of just 5.8 ppt, can handle the town's needs now, but expects a problem when summer's increased demand comes. Bigelow's 1500 gal/minute (PFAS average 22 ppt) can be reactivated "in an emergency situation," and he noted summer demand is "something I lose sleep over."

If the town finds it needs to use Bigelow, it must have plan to provide other water to the various at-risk groups, Pigsley said. That can include bottled water or rebating their purchase of such water, among other things.

That sparked a hearing participant's question regarding who tests bottled water. Smith said that's the Department of Public Health's bailiwick, but some testing does exist.

On the local level, Tighe & Bond engineer Jeff Faulkner said he and the town are working on "a shorter-term plan and a longer-term plan" to address the issue. The "best solution" is to reduce the PFAS levels by treating the water, probably at Memorial Beach, but that will require building a connecting pipeline from Bigelow (cost: about \$4 million). There are three potential treatment methods: reverse osmosis. granular activated carbon, or ion exchange resin, but all of them will still require the PFAS to be transported elsewhere for destruction. Such a plant also needs to be situated after the existing manganese and iron treatment, he noted.

Faulkner said the first step is a pilot study to evaluate which option works best and at what size. Webster can get on the next list for DEP's revolving fund program in January, becoming eligible for no-interest loans to cover construction (\$4-8 million) once the town funds design work and some (19.8 percent recently) principal forgiveness. Design would happen through 2023, with construction in 2024, he said.

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The Gladys E. Kelly Public Library Adult Book Discussion Group meets at 6:30 pm. New members are always welcome! Next month's book discussion will be on Monday, November 15th at 6:30PM the meeting will take place via Zoom, and will be about the book The Widow's War by Sally Gunning. Stop by the library, or reach out by phone to 508-949-3880, or by email to ehale@cwmars.org for inqui-

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LEGO Club - Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30PM

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Masks are required for everyone in the Children's Room over the age of 2 years. Disposable masks will be available.

Songs and Stories Storytime - Wednesdays at 10AM

Join Miss Emily Wednesday mornings at 10am (starting Sept. 1st!) to read books, sing songs, and do rhyme games. Meet other children and caregivers at this community event. After stories, catch up with other community members over a simple craft. This Storytime is best for children 0-5, but all ages are welcome!

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Applications may be obtained at the West Brookfield Water Department Office, 2 East Main Street, Lower Level 6, West Brookfield, MA 01585 Monday – Thursday 9-3or the Town website: waterdept@wbrookfield.com. Submit cover letter and resume with Applications will be accepted until December 1, 2021.

If you have any questions please call the office at (508) 867-1421 Ext. 8. The West Brookfield Water Department is AA/EOE Robert E. Benson, Chairman - Water Commissioner

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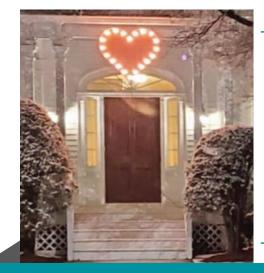


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