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2018: THE YEAR THAT WAS

Tornado swirls through Webster



Neighbors band together to cut apart downed trees at the dead end of River Court Aug. 4.

Photos Gus Steeves

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER – All of the other events aside, it’s almost certain 2018 will be most remembered for the Aug. 4 tornado that whacked parts of downtown and left a big hole where an old Main Street building once was. About 25 people and several small businesses were temporarily homeless, but everyone survived.

“I kept getting tornado warnings [on my phone]. I’d just got out of work and come home,” said Brian Walsh of Union Street the day of the storm. “I could tell something

was going to happen. [The sky] just didn’t look right. Then the wind picked up, the rain started going sideways, trees started bending. That transformer [he pointed across the street] exploded. It was the loudest thing I’ve ever heard.”

Despite all that and his girlfriend “screaming for me to come in,” Walsh weathered what he described as “two or three minutes” of tornado on his home’s second floor porch, capturing it on his phone’s video.

The tornado was relatively weak, an EF-1 with peak winds of about 110 mph on the stan-

dard 1-5 scale used to measure such storms. A weaker one hit Woodstock the same day, and others had hit the region in the previous couple of weeks.

The storm’s track took it across part of Dudley and downtown Webster before dissipating near the Quinebaug River. It left several homes damaged and streets and the railroad blocked by downed trees and powerlines. Even before the day was out, cranes had begun demolishing the Webster Music building, although its rubble would sit on-site behind

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Town still working out the kinks of pot laws

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WEBSTER – If one thing stands out in the Webster of 2018, it’s the long-running – and still not complete – process of legalizing marijuana commerce in town.

Since voters approved it statewide a couple years earlier, medical use got off the ground first in town, with Curaleaf opening a growing facility on Worcester Road and a dispensary in Oxford early this year.

“It was really surprising how quickly medical [use] got embraced by everybody. I expected that to take five years,” noted CEO Patrik Jonsson back in June.

He predicted “tremendous growth in the industry” over the next two to three years, but the prices are likely to remain relatively high for a while due to limited supply. Afterward,

though, he said he expects prices to stabilize as the market gets “much more competitive,” with most towns having “one or two” dispensaries of some type.

In Webster, Town Meeting gave the green light to recreational adult use at its Dec. 10 meeting. Although voters then approved multiple pot-related articles overwhelmingly, the concept took a somewhat convoluted, months-long path to approval.

Back in October, it first came up in six related articles, all of which passed except the first one. That one, a proposal to ban retail pot sales, failed narrowly, 48-54, and an attempt to reconsider it later that night was rejected, 48-61. But the voters passed zoning for four other forms of recreational pot business.

The October debate on retail started with Town Administrator Doug



File Photo

Buds and leaves of Cannabis sativa in their natural form. Many medicinal and recreational retailers sell pot this way, but also in edible forms in which the THC, CBD and/or other cannabinoids are infused directly into candy, brownies and other food.

Willardson advocating a ban by claiming such facilities would make it easier for kids and “vulnerable populations” to get pot and would “downgrade the commercial areas that retail dispensaries are

located in.”

But Nick Adamopoulos noted Oxford approved such a proposal with an estimated \$300,000 per year tax revenue, and believes people will drive to Oxford to get it, so “why lose

the potential revenue?”

Another man agreed, saying people get it now on the black market in town, and it could be contaminated or “moldy.” “Marijuana is being controlled very well [with legalization],” he said. “Who knows what the kids and adults are getting now?”

In one of the more confused parts of the October meeting, voters initially voted to extend the existing moratorium on retail sales until next June,

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Several Bay Path students watch a teacher troubleshoot a wiring problem during the construction of the new Webster School Administration offices at Bartlett High School in 2017.

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Local schools see a whirlwind of change

BY GUS STEEVES
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WEBSTER – As the schools continue to climb out of trouble, the district saw several changes in 2018.

First and most notable are the changes in personnel, some of them visible to students, others not. New principals took the reins at both Bartlett and Park Avenue School, with Peter Cushing replacing Steve Knowlton at the high school and Robin Parmley moving into Park Ave. Additionally, the middle school’s Michael Zajac joined the district in 2017, the same year it hired a new Superintendent, Ruthann Goguen.

Despite the changes, perhaps Cushing summarized the overall rationale best back in September: “You can really feel the tradition here, and it’s our job to

build on that. ...I’m happy to be part of Webster, a strong culture that’s focused on improvement.”

He came to town from Narragansett Regional High School, and immediately noted Webster’s diversity, which Narragansett lacks. So did Parmley, who just shifted by one town. She was in Dudley, but looked forward to the challenge and fell in love with the Goguen’s vision.

“I was not looking, but I chose to come here,” she said. “... I love that Webster’s diverse. I love being able to look over the cafeteria and see different shades of color. To me, that’s beautiful.”

Over the course of a few years, Parmley’s goal – and that of the other administrators – is to help Webster have “a lot of pride in the [school] sys-

tem” and see Park Ave specifically as “an exemplar.” She hopes people will be able to say “Park Ave has it going on,” and the students themselves have pride in being Park Ave students.

Behind the scenes, Business Manager Ted Avlas, a former School Committeeman, retired after 10 years in his role, giving his long-time assistant Monique Pierangeli a chance to step up. She said Avlas has always been “a team player,” and brought “very good experience for policy and procedure” from the private sector.

When asked for an incident that was particularly telling about him, Pierangeli recalled a time when he showed up at school early, “put on a crossing guard vest and

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Library’s reopening leads other key 2018 changes

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WEBSTER – The town gained, or more accurately regained, a critical asset in September when the doors of the new Gladys Kelly Library opened after a couple years of construction.

“I’m really excited to have been part of this project, starting from design, choosing furniture and now we’re open,” Library Director Amanda Grenier said. “It’s been a great experience, something I never thought I’d do.”

Its previous incarnation had been the Chester Corbin Library, but the named changed to commemorate the mother of the project’s biggest donor, Marilyn Fels. The new space is about three times larger than the library’s original 7000 square feet, and she already has people asking to host a variety of events there. Those have already begun, including book groups, kids’ events, yoga classes, a knitting group, game nights, Literacy Volunteers’ classes, and a performance

and talk on American roots music, among others.

It was originally slated to open in the spring, but got delayed for various construction reasons, including issues with window delivery and design problems with the parking lot retaining wall that required buying two neighboring properties to make access to Negus Street possible. Town Meeting approved that purchase back in 2017.

“It was a long time coming,” said Trustee Mary Chabot. “Originally, I wanted to save the [old] building until I got a good look at it. It was beyond saving.”

The formal opening ceremony featured the usual collection of local notables wielding giant scissors on a red ribbon, music from the Bartlett High band and show choir, an appearance by the Worcester Wildcats mascot, a display by the Aldrich Astronomical Society, and self-guided tours of the

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File Photo

The red ribbon gets sliced in many pieces to formally mark the Gladys Kelly Library’s opening in September.

Bent retiring; Shaw takes top cop job

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WEBSTER – The new year will begin (almost) with a few old faces in new roles at the Webster Police Department.

Effective Jan. 13, long-time chief Timothy Bent is retiring and veteran Deputy Chief Michael Shaw will be taking over the top job. That creates some openings for promotions, with Lt. Bobby Wheeler taking Shaw’s deputy slot and Sgt Gordon Wentworth moving into the lieutenantancy.

“I’m very excited for [Bent], glad he can retire and relax on a beach somewhere,” said Town Administrator Doug Willardson, adding that Bent spent much of the last year “making sure the department would run well when he left.”

Bent was chief for 13 years, and spent his entire career – 31 years – as an officer in Webster. Shaw described that as “tough to do in this town,” especially in the early years. When Bent became chief, he said, it was “a tough place to work” and “tumultuous,” with the department being “loosely run at times.” Shaw said Bent made things “a lot more professional than we were.”

He saw that firsthand, since he’s been here nearly 22 years himself. Shaw was hired as a part-timer in May 1997, became full-time soon thereafter, and rose through the ranks as time passed: Sergeant in 2006, Lieutenant in 2012, Deputy Chief last year.

Willardson said he sees Shaw as “a people person” who “helps people feel comfortable with what the police are doing,” that has made him critical to such things as the Opiate Task Force; Willardson noted “without him, we wouldn’t have seen the drop in overdoses we have.”

The administrator notes the two chiefs’ styles differ. Bent has “a lot more of the delegate and make sure things get done” leadership style, while Shaw “is a little more hands-on” and “more experienced with what’s going on out in the street.” He sees Shaw as being likely to promote “data-driven policing” and “directed patrols.”

He specifically said he was trying to avoid using the term “more aggressive,” but Shaw had no problem saying it that way. For him, one goal going forward will be putting officers in neighborhoods that have issues and addressing them. Among other things, he hopes to increase the force’s size by filling three existing slots (the one opened by Bent’s retirement, the likely retirement of an injured officer during the next year, and a third full-timer he expects to hire soon), then adding several part-timers. The force now has one, but Shaw hopes to add four.

Somewhere in that mix, he hopes to add a detective to “take some of the burden off our patrol officers” and get them back on patrol. Doing that, he said, will “make a definite change out

on the streets.”

“2017 crushed us” in terms of staffing, Shaw recalled, noting there were two unexpected deaths and “unforeseen retirements.” since then, they’ve largely rebuilt the department into what Willardson noted is “a much younger department,” but that hasn’t always been easy. Since Webster’s a Civil Service department, the process is “time consuming,” with Shaw saying it “took nine months to fill three positions in 2012.”

For some time, the police leadership has been discussing the idea of jettisoning civil service, which Shaw argues would make the process a lot shorter and easier to find candidates. Currently, they can only hire those who score well on the civil service exam, not experienced officers from departments that don’t use it or skilled officers who might not test well.

Admittedly, that was how Shaw himself came to Webster, though. In 1997, Webster didn’t have a resident preference (it does now), so Shaw was able to use a good civil service score to join the force despite living in Shrewsbury then.

He has no desire to leave. “I plan on staying here until I retire in nine years or so,” he said.

Bent was not available for comment, since he is currently using his remaining vacation time.



Courtesy

Retiring Chief Tim Bent, left, incoming Chief Mike Shaw, right, and new Deputy Chief Bobby Wheeler hang out with a couple of young visitors to the station recently. They were formally sworn into their new jobs Friday, Dec. 21, and Bent’s retirement begins Jan. 13

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Fattman, Durant provide update from State House

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DUDLEY – The Dudley Board of Selectmen hosted the semi-annual appearance by State Rep. Peter Durant and State Sen. Ryan Fattman on Dec. 17, a month after both were re-elected for new terms representing the town on Beacon Hill.

The primary topic of the discussion was the state of the state and both lawmakers took the opportunity to recap the progress the commonwealth has made in 2018 and what they expect from the new year. Fattman started things off saying that the state showed significant improvement from where it was at the end of the previous governor’s administration.

“The good news, I think, is the budgetary picture has improved over where it was

when we first started in this session. When the governor was inaugurated into office there was a billion-dollar budget shortfall. There was a \$600 million current operating deficit at that point as well so you’re looking at \$1.6 billion dollars which is a significant amount of money. You fast forward four years we’re at a billion dollar surplus, the revenues just came in I think \$430 million over what was benchmarked and this is really optimistic and positive results,” Fattman said.

However, the senator said they are approaching 2019 with cautious optimism noting that economists predicts a downturn in the economy as things level out, meaning that lawmakers have to be cautious and prepared for anything in the new year. Durant felt the same way saying the economy has

definitely improved but they need to stay alert for potential shifts.

“The economy is doing very well. One thing we just found out is that we will have an income tax increase this year because we’ve hit those different benchmarks that take place and it’s about five different items that have to be hit along the way. We’re doing very well throughout the state, but we do take that with a grain of salt because we do expect that there will be a slowdown. We’re nine years into a great run so we expect that’s not going to last forever,” Durant added.

Both lawmakers said they plan to continue to help the state grow and improve in 2018 with many of their goals being the same as the prepare to continue their service to their respective districts.

“For me, some legislative

priorities moving into this next 191st session is, and always has been, first and foremost, local aid. That takes many forms. One form is Chapter 90 money for roads and bridges and making sure that cities and towns have access to that money as quickly as possible so they can improve their roads. Second and probably foremost is education and local aid. Unrestricted general government aid has been a major priority. I was very proud that the State Senate took up the Chapter 70 reforms that have been waited on for such a long time. I think the biggest disappointment is that this didn’t get done this session. It got to the final step,” Fattman said.

Durant said his concerns are in line with the Senators and he will be fighting a lot of the same battles in the House.

“I think Sen. Fattman and

I line up on a lot of issues, and I think that benefits the town of Dudley and the district as a whole. Our importance locally and with education has transcended both the Senate and the House throughout our terms here so those are things that we’re working on and we’ll continue to work on going forward,” Durant said.

Other priorities presented included a continued fight to end the opioid crisis on Massachusetts, improving assistance and safety protocols for law enforcement, and even the potential to implement a five-year review process for judges to help reduce improper releases of criminals and repeat offenders.

The 2019 legislative session in Massachusetts convened on Jan. 2.

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DPW study to be discussed Jan. 14

BY JASON BLEAU
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DUDLEY – The town of Dudley will start 2019 off in a big way with a meeting scheduled for Jan. 14 to discuss a study that may lead to a complete reorganization of several town departments.

One of the biggest stories out of Dudley in 2018 was the consideration of a Department of Public Works with the Highway Superintendent retiring in October. The Board of Selectmen decided to take the opportunity to examine the possibility of updating the town’s departments and consolidation options leading to a study exploring the potential cost savings of such a reorganization. Highway Superintendent Dan Gion retired on Oct. 11, with Foreman Vincent Pollette stepping in on an interim basis to fill the position. Selectmen called for an independent audit in the spring after Selectman Jonathan Ruda proposed the concept of a combined DPW.

Town Administrator Greg Balukonis met with the Personnel Board in December to

inform them of the status of that study and revealed that citizens and town officials will get to see the results this month.

“The selectmen will be reviewing the management study report on the highway water and sewer departments at their meeting on Jan. 14. They’ve invited in the consultants that prepared the report and that report may recommend changes in terms of the management structure of those departments possibly and including a department of public works,” Balukonis said. “If it’s accepted by the selectmen, then the next step will be to kind of line up the process that is necessary to make that happen.”

That process will not be limited to Board of Selectmen approval. Citizens will have their say and the Personnel Board will also have to be involved, something that board chair Peter Fox said will be a priority for them in the new year.

“I think it’s important

that we be involved in that process,” said Fox. “I would like as many board members as possible to be as active as possible.”

Selectmen will meet to discuss the study and other business on Jan. 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Municipal Complex.

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Deadlines set for town administrator applications

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DUDLEY – This year looks to be one of change for the town of Dudley, with the impending retirement of Town Administrator Greg Balukonis setting the stage for one of the bigger shifts the town will see in 2019.

As the town prepares to seek applications for a new managing authority, Balukonis is making good on his promise to help the town bring in the most qualified candidates possible. This starts with adjusting the job description and setting a schedule for when applications will be accepted. Balukonis presented recommended changes to the job description to the Board of Selectmen in mid-December calling the description he works under antiquated especially after numerous approved changed to

the post during town meetings in 2018.

“The original job description was done back in 2006. It was a page and a half long. I thought that to get a head on the competition you wanted to have a job description that encompasses everything. What I did was I took certain things right out of the Town Administrator bylaw that was approved at town meeting,” Balukonis told selectmen.

Balukonis said he left a few areas of the draft blank, especially when it comes to the qualification required for the job, as he wanted to allow selectmen room to debate exactly what they wanted from candidates in terms of training, certifications and experience. The draft includes two articles from town meeting in 2018 that altered the expectations of the Town Administrator. He said he wanted selectmen to act on the draft

soon and have a firm job description in place before seeking applications later this month.

That shifted the discussion to the first phase of the hiring, which is a timeline of when applications will be accepted for the job. Balukonis suggested two dates that he feels are key to getting the hiring process off to a good start. He recommended the town start accepting resumes on Jan. 18 and set a deadline of Feb. 22, allowing for any resumes postmarked by that time to be accepted as well.

“I feel that month is more than ample time,” said Balukonis. “I think those two dates kind of govern what happens after that.”

Selectmen did not make a motion on the draft job description with several of them wanting to further review the document before making a decision on

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the wording. The Personnel Board will also need to address the document if it is to be approved. Selectmen did however approve the two dates recommended by Balukonis virtually guaranteeing that Dudley will start off the new year making a hard push for qualified candidates to fill the highest hired post in the community.

Dudley still waiting on Historical District approval

BY JASON BLEAU
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DUDLEY - Despite hopes that progress would be made this year on establishing a historical district in Dudley, 2018 has brought little news concerning the project and that has the town's Historical Commission seeking answers.

At the end of 2017, the Dudley Historical Commission expressed optimism that 2018 would be a big year for the planned Dudley Hill National Register Historic District,

but 2019 has now begun, and Dudley still remains without an officially recognized historical district.

Commission Chair Ed Bazinet addressed this matter during the final meeting of the commission for 2018 in mid-December, saying he wants to see Dudley be aggressive in getting the designation approved in the new year.

“I did have a chance to talk to the town administrator about the lack of movement, and he is going to prod Boston I'll put it that way. We're going to try

and nudge the process forward because we're just not getting any information,” Bazinet said. “We know it's in the cue, but we want this done. We want this district named and sent to the feds.”

The Historical Commission had hopes for the district to be approved by the summer of 2018 which did not happen. The town has heard little in the way of updates on the process, but that has not stopped the commission from planning ways to draw attention to the historical aesthetic of Dudley

Hill.

Bazinet announced that while the town awaits news of the district classification they have applied for a grant that would help create brochures to inspired walking tours of the designated historical district which he hopes will lead to tourism and awareness for a treasured section of the small town.

“It would have a little piece of narrative and a map from point A to Point C. It would be self-guided so that anybody could take it and get a

little sense of what's going on,” Bazinet said.

If received the grant would cover the printing cost of the brochures but it would be up to the Historical Commission to design it and determine where it will be distributed. Commission members expressed interest in putting the documents at the town library or at a kiosk close to the historical district as well as other relevant locations throughout the community where visitors might frequent.

DWC donates Holiday ‘Baskets’

Photos Courtesy

On Dec. 20, members of the Dudley Woman's Club assembled baskets of food and clothing for donation to 20 local needy veterans and their families. All items to fill those baskets were donated by club members. Baskets contained not only hams, turkeys and all the fixins for a holiday dinner (and then some), but also scarves, mittens and socks. Families with children were also given gifts for the kids! Many thanks for all the donations and to the committee chair, Cecile Bernier, for her yearly dedication to this event!



Dudley's Veterans Agent, Stephen Rogerson, and the donated holiday goodies at the town hall.



The baskets and gifts assembled and donated by the DWC to local veterans and their families who are in need of some good cheer!



The DWC volunteers who assembled the baskets on Dec. 20. Left to right: Cecile Bernier (coordinator of the donations), Deb Johnson, Rose Haggerty, Kathy L'Hereaux, Jean Tilly, Jackie Valle, Nancy Vajcovec, Maryellen Huck!

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Community helps Dudley police make the season bright for families in need

DUDLEY — The Dudley Police Department collected donations for needy families during the holiday season. Many people and area businesses made generous contributions to this worthwhile cause. A large volume of toys, clothing, and other gifts were provided to Dudley residents who needed assistance during these difficult times. These were distributed on Thursday, Dec. 20.

Thanks to the generosity of those who donated, approximately 25 local families, including some 60 children, will enjoy the holiday season when they would have otherwise gone without.

This year, the department put out a public plea in early December, due to lower than normal donations. The incredible response from the community was beyond any expectation. More than 200 gifts and several thousand dollars were donated toward this effort. A special thank you goes out to Solar Wolf Energy, the Fels' Family Foundation, Jimmy's Pizza, Dean Mason Paving, and the Rottman family for their generosity. Several other fam-

ilies and individuals made significant contributions toward this campaign. Large toy donations were made by members of the Dudley Women's Club, Nichols College and the Public Safety Department, and Shepherd Hill Regional Student Council. Tremendous thanks and appreciation go out to everyone who contributed. Any leftover toys will be distributed to local families in conjunction with organizations such as Webster Dudley Food Share. Credit and thanks go out to Officers Chandler Boyd and Marek Karłowicz (as well as Admin. Assistant Steve Chlapowski) for another outstanding job coordinating and organizing this year's drive.

The Dudley Police Department would like to thank the many residents and others who answered the call for assistance with extreme generosity toward this worthwhile cause. This was a tremendous success once again. We wish everyone a Happy, Healthy, and Safe Holiday Season and New Year.



Photo Courtesy

Pictured are members of the Dudley Police Department with the many donations received. From left to right: Officer David Carpenter, Chief Steve Wojnar, Officer Chandler Boyd, and Officer James Annese.

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21. One thousandth of an inch

22. Midway between south and east

23. Article

24. Pitchers have them

26. Steps

28. Mars crater

30. ___ route: on the way

31. Diego, Francisco, Anselmo

32. A baglike structure in a plant or animal

34. These three follow A

35. Frail

37. Platforms

39. Level

40. Computers

41. Where spiders live

43. An enemy to Batman

44. Mineral

45. Body part

47. Give

48. Atomic #21 (abbr.)

50. European tax

52. Bleated

54. Capital of Norway

56. Pa's partner

57. Stephen King's clown tale

59. Atomic #50

60. Military policeman

61. One quintillion bytes

62. Where impulses manifest

63. Offers as a candidate

66. Spielberg film

67. Great job!

70. Live in

71. Cares for

CLUES DOWN

1. Form a whole

2. Indicates position

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5. Old English letter

6. "Save the Last Dance" actress

7. Dab

8. Digits

9. Female cattle's mammary gland

10. Yes

11. Improves

12. We all have one

13. Book of Esther antagonist

14. Invests in little enterprises

15. Organs that produce gametes

25. Mediterranean city

26. Peter's last name

27. Unhappy

29. Swollen area within tissue

31. "No ___!"

33. Soap

36. Chop or cut

38. "Atonement" author McEwan

39. Bullfighter

41. Of the universe

42. Founder of Babism

43. Not good

46. Large, flightless bird

47. Punitive

49. Makes less messy

51. Belts out a tune

53. Aboriginal people of Japan

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MAPFRE strengthens leadership team with strategic hires



Mick Noland



Andrea Zemaitis

WEBSTER — MAPFRE USA has announced the hiring of two senior leadership team members. Mick Noland, former Senior Vice President of Product Management at MetLife Auto & Home, has joined MAPFRE as Executive Vice President & Chief Technical Officer. Andrea Zemaitis, former Vice President of Strategic Opportunities for Small Commercial Insurance at Liberty Mutual, has joined MAPFRE as Senior Vice President of Business Development.

Noland, who has more than 25 years in the insurance industry, oversees Product, Underwriting and Predictive Analytics at MAPFRE. The Claims organization also reports directly to him. Previously, Noland was responsible for product development, pricing, underwriting and catastrophe/risk manage-

ment in property and casualty at MetLife.

As head of MAPFRE USA's Business Development organization, Zemaitis leads the marketing and distribution strategy in the United States, including client and agency management, business development, channel development and marketing. She has more than 20 years of experience at Liberty Mutual, where she held leadership positions focusing on distribution strategy and execution in small commercial and personal insurance.

"Mick and Andrea have deep industry experience that will help us better understand and meet our clients' changing needs," said Alfredo Castelo, President and Chief Executive Officer of MAPFRE USA. "Bolstering our talent is critical

to our strategy, announced just a year ago, to focus on our core states of operation, and positions us for long-term success in the evolving insurance landscape."

About MAPFRE Insurance

MAPFRE Insurance, rated "A" (Excellent) by A.M. Best Company, serves policyholders in 19 states across the United States through a network of more than 5,000 independent agents and brokers. MAPFRE Insurance is the 19th largest provider of personal automobile insurance and the 20th largest personal lines insurer in the United States. MAPFRE Insurance is also the largest private passenger automobile insurer, homeowners' insurer and commercial automobile insurer in Massachusetts. MAPFRE Insurance provides a full range of insurance products, including coverage for automobiles, homes, motorcycles, watercraft and business. MAPFRE Insurance is part of the MAPFRE Group.

MAPFRE is a global insurance company with a worldwide presence. It is the benchmark insurer in the Spanish market and the largest Spanish multinational insurance group in the world. The company is the main multinational insurer in Latin America and is among the Top 5 largest Non-Life European insurers by premium volume. MAPFRE employs more than 36,000 professionals globally and in 2017, MAPFRE's revenues surpassed \$34 billion, and net earnings were above \$850 million.

SENIOR SCENE

Webster Senior Center

5 Church St., 949-3845.
Open Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Email: SeniorCenter@Webster-ma.gov. Like the Webster Senior Center Facebook page to view our photos, news

Hot times are coming to Webster

WEBSTER — The Third Annual Webster Masonic Lodge Chili Cook Off will be held Saturday, Jan. 19 from noon to 4 p.m. Admission is \$8, and there will be a 50/50 Raffle and Live Music

Competition. Raffle winners will be announced at 2:30 p.m. Dessert will follow announcement of winners.

Please note: We will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Webster Food Bank.

The Masonic Lodge is located at 27 Brandes St., Webster, MA 01570.

and announcements!

Tri-Valley Lunches: Served Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Fridays at 11:30 a.m. Please call 949-3845 at least 48 hours in advance to reserve your meal or to cancel a reserved meal.

The Webster Senior Center offers a SHINE Counselor. Dates and times may vary. Please call The Webster Senior Center 949-3845 to make an appointment.

Fallon Representative Brian Guagnini will be at the Webster Senior Center on Wednesday, Jan. 9 at 10 a.m.

Free Blood Pressure Screening on the second Thursday of every month at 10:30 a.m. Sponsored by Webster Manor.

Mondays: Knitting/Crocheting Social 10 a.m.- noon

Monday: Exercise Classes with Forty Arroyo – Chair Dancing 10-11 a.m. Move While U Groove (dance fitness) 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost: \$3 each class

Wednesday: Exercise Classes with Forty Arroyo - Chair Dancing 10-11 a.m. Move While U Groove (dance fitness) 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost: \$3 each class

Friday: Exercise Classes with Forty Arroyo - Chair Dancing 10-11 a.m. Move While U Groove (dance fitness) 1 – 2 p.m. Cost: \$3

each class.

Bingo: Every Tuesday, starts at 1 p.m. promptly. Please plan to arrive by 12:45 p.m. to allow time to buy your bingo sheets. Our bingo group is looking for volunteers. Stop by the front desk or call 949-3845 for more information.

Progressive Pitch: Every Monday and Wednesday at 1 p.m. No need to commit to a league, come and play when you can make it.

Mahjongg Group: Wednesdays at 1 p.m.

13-Card Pitch: Thursdays at 1 p.m.

9-Card Pitch: Fridays at 1 p.m.

Cribbage Group: Fridays at 1 p.m.

S.C.M. Elderbus Inc. Passengers: Please note that you need to call 1-800-321-0243 at least 48 business hours (2 days) in advance to schedule a ride.

Please call the Senior Center at 949-3845 or stop in and pick up our monthly newsletter for a complete list of additional activities and upcoming events.



LIBRARY CORNER

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS AT THE PEARLE L. CRAWFORD LIBRARY

DUDLEY — The Pearle L. Crawford Library, 40 Schofield Ave., Dudley, announces the following upcoming programs and special events.

POKEMON CLUB
Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. (No registration)
Pokémon Fans! Kids ages seven to 14 are welcome. Bring your Pokémon cards! No registration required. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

STORY TIMES
Toddler Time – Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. for ages one to three years old
Preschool Power – Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. for ages three to five years old
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.

LEGO CLUB
Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
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 AT THE PEARLE
Thursdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Fridays, 10 a.m. – noon
Knitters, crocheters and all other fiber artists are welcome. No registration required.

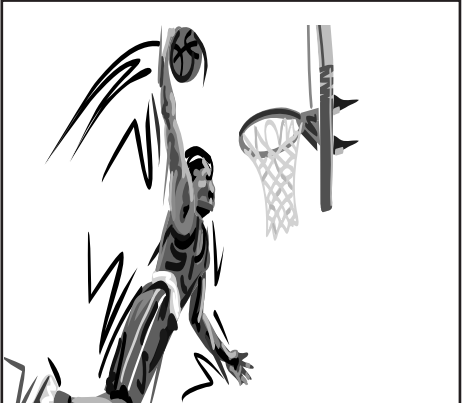
BOOK DISCUSSION – “Reading With Patrick: a teacher, a student, and a life-changing friendship” by Michelle Kuo.
Thursday, Jan. 3, 6-7 p.m.
No registration required.

BEGINNING READERS (First Monday of the month)
Monday, Jan. 7, 3:30-4 p.m.
Beginning Readers is a book club recommended for children ages five and older. We will take turns sounding out words and reading along with a small craft or activity related to the book. Registration is required. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

MOVIE NIGHT: “Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again”
Thursday, Jan. 10, 5:45-7:45 p.m.
Join us for a screening of “Mamma Mia! Here we go again” starring Lily James, Amanda Seyfried and Meryl Streep. Freshly popped popcorn will be served. No registration required. Film rated PG-13. 1 hour 54 minutes.

Indoor flea markets to be held in Oxford

OXFORD — Two indoor flea markets will be held on Saturday, Jan. 19 (snow date Feb. 2) and Saturday, March 23 (snow date March 30) from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the First Congregational Church of Oxford, 355 Main St. (Route 12) in Oxford. Expected to be on sale are household items, books, toys, clothing, crafts and more. Morning coffee and donuts and lunchtime hot dogs, beverages and snacks will be available. Reservations from vendors are now being accepted. Each space is \$25, and must be paid in advance. Vendors may not sell food and must remove their own trash at the end of the day. Space is limited. For more information or to reserve a table, contact the church office at 508-987-2211, officeadmin@oxford-firstucc.org. or Fran at 508-987-8961.



BUZZER BEATER!

CHECK OUT THE SPORTS ACTION!

POLICE LOGS

Webster police log

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department made the following arrests during the week of Dec. 16-22.

Elix Perez, age 42, of Webster was arrested on Dec. 16 for Disorderly Conduct, Disturbing the Peace (Subsequent Offense), Threatening to Commit a Crime, and Assault and Battery on a Police Officer.

Dennis Cruz, age 26, of Webster was arrested on Dec. 16 in connection with an outstanding warrant.

Amanda L. Androwski, age 33, of Webster was arrested on Dec. 16 in connection with an outstanding warrant, and for two counts of Possession of a Class B Drug (Subsequent Offense); one count of Possession of a Class A drug (Subsequent Offense); and two counts of Possession of a Class E Drug (Subsequent Offense).

John J. Dyer, Jr., age 32, of Gardner, Mass. was arrested on Dec. 17 for Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, driving an Unregistered Motor Vehicle, driving an Uninsured Motor Vehicle, and a Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID.

David Joseph Dittmar, age 30, of Webster was arrested on Dec. 18 in connection with an outstanding warrant.

Joshua J. Wonoski, age 27, of Webster was arrested on Dec. 18 in connection with an outstanding warrant, and for Resisting Arrest.

Mistirain Bow Regimbal, age 25, of Webster was arrested on Dec. 18 in connection with an outstanding warrant.

An adult male whose name has been withheld by police was taken into protective custody following a domestic dispute on Dec. 19 and subsequently charged with Assault and Battery on a Family or Household Member, Strangulation or Suffocation, Kidnapping, Vandalization of Property.

Andrew J. Obert, age 28, of Webster was arrested on Dec. 19 in connection with an outstanding warrant.

Richardo J. Otero, age 29, of Webster was arrested on Dec. 19 in connection with an outstanding warrant.

An adult female from Webster whose name has been withheld by police was arrested on Dec. 19 for Assault and Battery on a Family or Household Member, Disorderly Conduct, Disturbing the Peace, and Assault and Battery on a Police Officer.

Christopher L. Wells, age 50, of Webster was arrested during the same incident in connection with two outstanding warrants.

Ryan D. Hackenson, age 35, of Webster was arrested on Dec. 19 for Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, and Leaving the Scene of Property Damage.

Dalton Joseph Doherty, age 23, of Webster was arrested on Dec. 20 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, and Vandalization of Property.

An adult female from Webster whose name has been withheld by police was arrested on Dec. 20 for Assault and Battery on a Family or Household Member and Intimidation of a Witness, Juror, Police Officer, or Court Official.

Clifford L. Regimbal, Jr., age 40, of

Webster was arrested on Dec. 20 for Larceny Under \$1,200 by False Pretense and two counts of Uttering a Counterfeit Note.

An adult male from Webster whose name has been withheld by police was arrested on Dec. 21 for Assault and Battery-Serious Injury.

An adult male from Webster whose name has been withheld by police was arrested on Dec. 22 on two counts of Assault on a Family or Household Member.

William S. Tetreault, age 62, of Webster, current address unknown, was arrested on Dec. 22 for Violating a Harassment Prevention Order.

Dudley police log

DUDLEY — The Dudley Police Department made the following arrests during the week of Dec. 14-21.

Michael Perzichino, age 47, of Dudley was arrested on Dec. 14 for Speed Exceeding the posted Limit and a Suspended License.

John G. Boucher, age 62, of Quinebaug, Conn. Was arrested on Dec. 15 for Operating Under the Influence and Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle.

An adult couple were taken into protective custody during a domestic disturbance on Dec. 16.

Clifford L. Regimbal, Jr., age 40, of Webster was arrested on Dec. 20 on two counts of Uttering a Counterfeit Note and Larceny in an amount less than \$1,200 by False Pretense.

Last official visit from a “Worthy of a Man”

BY BRO. VINCENZO JIMMY FALZONE
QUINEBAUG MASONIC LODGE

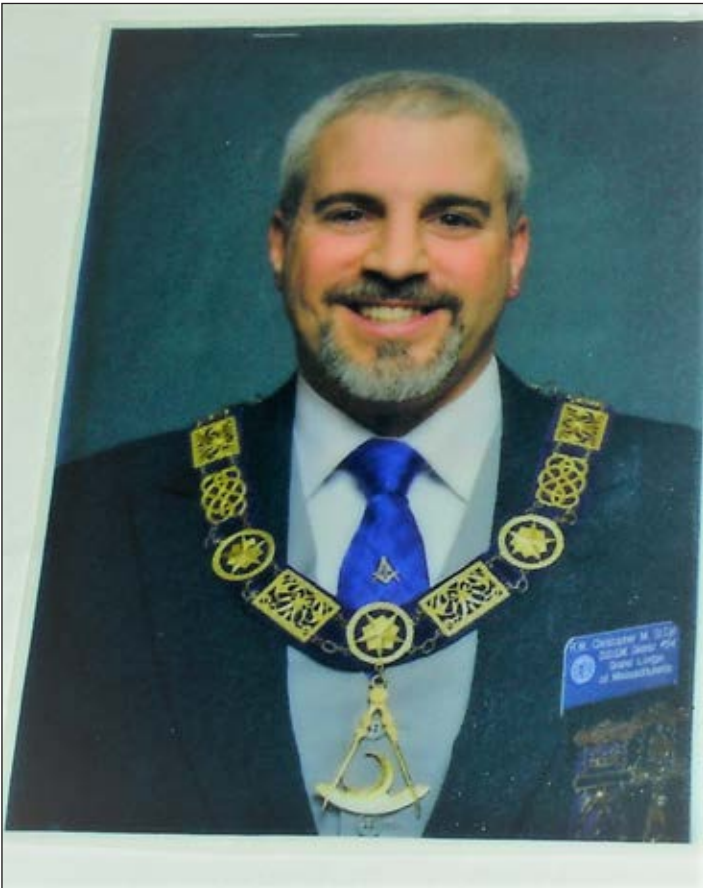
SOUTHBRIDGE — On this blistering cold night on Dec. 3, a local man who is also the 24th District Deputy Grand Master and a member of the Quinebaug Masonic Lodge in Southbridge, made his last official visit to the lodge with over 100 Master Mason in attendance from all over Massachusetts to say thank you. Right Worshipful Chris St. Cyr served three years as our 24th District Grand Lodge representative.

Simply put, we Master Masons witnessed the rise of a “Worthy of A Man,” Worshipful George Makara was quoted as saying.

As Master Masons, we had the opportunity to witness and experience, first hand the results of “cause and effect” or simply put the ripple theory. As we go about our day to day life, we sometimes forget the small and large gestures we experience with others. The very simplest of things could mean the world to someone especially during this time of year. As Master Masons, we always strive, to make that “ripple” extend far beyond our pond.

District Deputy Grand Master Right Worshipful Chris St. Cyr had exemplified this ripple theory. The light of masonry shined bright in him as he traveled to other masonic lodges thru-out the state, with the simplest of a handshake, well wishes, determination and participation in all the lodge endeavors. Everything from gathering food and clothing for those in need, to just being an attentive ear when needed.

This Master Mason went on to be our representative to the Grand Lodge in Boston. When asked to serve a third year he didn’t hesitate. Members of Quinebaug Lodge and the 24th Masonic District are honored to have witness this “Worthy of A Man’s” last official visit as our grand lodge representative.



Chris St. Cyr

SENIOR SCENE

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Dudley Senior Center

Emergency Fuel assistance application, from Good Neighbor Energy Fund, for those in need, is available. Applications will be filed here; available by appointment only. (You must bring supporting documents, income statements, and energy bills, to apply for this assistance). All grants are paid directly to the utility company.

Thank you to everyone who helped us with our Senior Center indoor Tag and Bake Sale! We were able to raise \$600 for the Common Ground Memory Café! Also, thank you to everyone who gave a donation for the Salvation Army at our Christmas Party! Thank you to Donna, and Norma for making some fantastic fabric shopping bags which were given out to everyone at our party, and memory cafe! Thank you to Maryann for the great raffle gifts! Thank you to all of the talented needle-workers for their beautifully crafted hats, scarves, mittens, blankets, lab robes. Thank you to all of our talented bakers, for all the delicious goodies you made for the bake sale, memory café and Christmas party! A Big Shout Out Thank you, to Brookside, Lanessa, and Christopher Heights for helping us out in the yummy department, for the Memory Café and Christmas Party!

January 2019 Activities at the Dudley Senior Center.

Jan. 4, 10-11 a.m., BP Clinic, with Nurse Joan Grindle.

Jan. 11, at noon, Choosing MY Plate, USDA’s Guideline to healthy eating, a presentation by Tri Valley Dietician Mary Brunelle, Come and join us for this free program!

Jan. 14 at Noon, Ice Cream Social hosted by Lanessa, Come join us!

Jan. 17, 3-5 p.m., Common Ground Memory Café, at the Dudley Senior Center. A Free Program 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. Come and enjoy a fun date together with friends, complete with a light meal and refreshments. The Memory Café is scheduled every third Thursday of the month 3-5 PM. The Jan. 17 Memory Café, featuring a Neal Diamond Tribute with Singer/ Entertainer Michael Cormier. Free Program! For more information or to RSVP, please call Margaret, at (508) 949-8015, ext. 3. Walk-In friends are always welcome! This Memory Café is sponsored by a grant from MCOA, through the Office of Elder Affairs.

Jan. 21, Closed in honor of MLK, Jr.

Jan. 25 at Noon, European-Cuisine Lunch! A Delicious Catered meal featuring authentic culinary favorites: Stuffed Cabbage, aka (Golumbki),

Pierogis, Kielbasa & Kapusta, Bread. Also includes: Desserts, Coffee/Tea/wine/Beer. Tickets, \$8 p/p. available Jan. 4; call Margaret for more information, or to reserve your tickets. 949-8015, ext. 3.

Jan. 28 at Noon, Happy Birthday Cake, Sponsored by Brookside Rehab.

Our Weekly Schedule:

Monday: Chair Yoga 10:30-11:30 a.m., With Joanne LaLiberte HHP. Tri Valley Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. Please call Inge Gassner to reserve a lunch at 949-9081. (\$3 Donation is requested for lunch).

Tuesday: at 1 p.m. 13 Card Pitch, and also at 1PM Dudley Senior Women’s Needle-worker Group.

Wednesday: 1 p.m. Needle-worker Group.

Thursday: 1 p.m., Cribbage. (Please note, Chair Dance with Forty Arroyo has been postponed until spring).

Friday: Panera Bread Donation is here at 10 a.m. until it’s gone. Thank You Panera! Chair Yoga at 10:30-11:30 a.m., with Joanne. Tri Valley Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. Please contact Inge at the number listed above to reserve your meal. Board Game Day, 12:30 p.m. for anyone interested in playing Scrabble/Upwords/Boggle.

Seniors, did you know, you are welcome to attend any of our events or activities regardless of where you live? If you see something on our schedule you’d like to try, come and join us! We like making new friends!

“Every Town Deserves a Good Local Newspaper”

LEARNING

Nichols students spread holiday cheer, Bison give back to local community

BY HOPE RUDZINSKI

DUDLEY—Christmas for children here who are less fortunate can leave a hole in little hearts. But with the help of Nichols College community members, that void was filled—at least a little.

The Nichols College Men of Distinction (MOD) helped to raise awareness across campus for YOU Inc.’s annual Adopt-A-Child program. The group teamed up with Adjunct Professor Lesa Patrock, who is also a teacher at Dudley Middle School, and YOU Inc. to find sponsors and gift-wrappers.

YOU Inc. is a private, nonprofit child welfare and behavioral health agency serving troubled and at-risk children, adolescents, and families in Worcester County. It holds an event each year at Dudley Middle School to find sponsors for these children, who each receive three gifts of their choice from their sponsor. Forty children were sponsored by Nichols community members.

“Thank you to everyone who signed up to sponsor a child for the holidays,” Nichols College Human Resources Director Darcy Vangel stated in an email to Nichols faculty and staff. “I am so pleased to tell you that we have a sponsor for every single child on the

list. This means that Nichols College is donating over 120 gifts to this project! Amazing effort!”

Including the Nichols donations, approximately 900 gifts were donated by others in the Dudley community.

MOD members promoted the event on campus with help from the Office of Human Resources. They and other Nichols students as well as faculty and staff later sorted through and wrapped stacks of gifts Dec. 6, 2018, at Dudley Middle School. President Susan West Engelkemeyer, Dean of Students P.J. Boggio, Career and Professional Development Center Director Liz Horgan, Residence Life Director Marney Buss, Professor Jean Beaupré, and Sports Information Director Pete DiVito were only SOME of the Nichols community members wrapping presents.

“This was MOD’s first year helping YOU Inc., with its Adopt-A-Child program,” said Nichols College senior James Singletary of Marlborough, Mass. “We want to participate in this every year. Lesa Patrock reached out to us, and we thought it was a very good idea to get others involved.”

Singletary, a criminal justice and

business management major, is MOD’s founder and president.

“Within our group we encourage our men to have weekly goals and to teach people about community. Teaching our men what community is very important,” he said. “Our members are prepared to demonstrate leadership. We often explore different ways to demonstrate kindness and leadership skills they learn from others.”

The Adopt-A-Child event was a success, as Nichols volunteers collected, stacked, wrapped, and distributed hundreds of donated gifts from fellow Nichols community members.

“My hope for next year is that this becomes an even more successful event. We lots of help and volunteers however, we always strive to achieve our goals even higher. For next year, the Nichols Men of Distinction group hopes that even more gifts are wrapped and that there are even more gifts to give,” said Singletary.

MOD member Nick Anderson, a sophomore from Melrose, Mass., majoring in general business, said: “Words cannot describe how rewarding it is to impact the lives of underprivileged children. Some of these children don’t

have all the love and care they deserve. All they need is someone to show that they care. Through this opportunity, we were able to show that we care. That’s priceless to a child in need.”

Anderson founded the Nichols Relay for Life chapter last year, during his freshman year, to raise money for the American Cancer Society. He and his fellow students are organizing and raising money for the 2019 Relay, which will be held Saturday, April 6, on Vendetti Field at Nichols.

“Men of Distinction has impacted me tremendously, from seeing what true leadership looks like from our president James Singletary, and it’s inspired me in my other endeavors at Nichols,” he said. “The Adopt-A-Child event has taught me that there’s always time to give back, and around the holidays it’s greatly needed.”

In addition, the Nichols Office of Public Safety held its annual Tickets-for-Tots toy drive to benefit the Dudley Police Department’s donation to Webster-Dudley Food Share.

Hope Rudzinski is a junior English major at Nichols College and a public relations intern for the Nichols Office of Marketing and Communications.

Dudley police announce winner of 10th annual Holiday Card Contest



Photo Courtesy

In Maria’s fourth grade class - Left to right – Dudley Police Sergeant Dean Poplawski, Officer James Annese, Officer David Carpenter, (Maria with card), Chief Steve Wojnar, Dudley Elementary School Principal Diane Seibold, Maria’s Mom.

DUDLEY — The Dudley Police Department held their tenth annual Holiday Card Contest with the fourth-grade students from Dudley Elementary School. All fourth graders were given the opportunity to submit a drawing which would be used as the cover picture of the holiday card sent out by the Dudley Police Department for 2018.

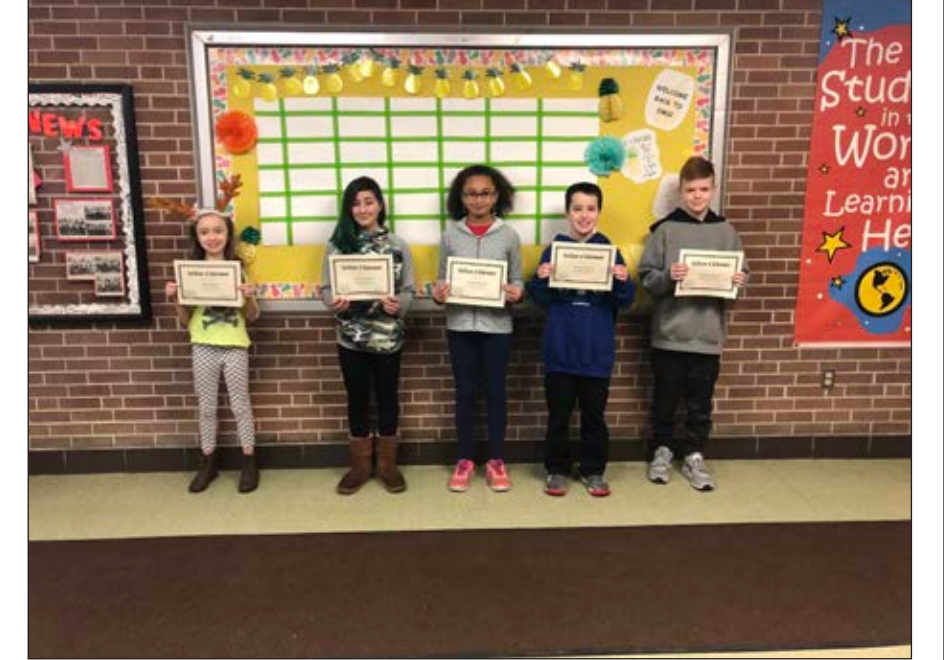
The program is designed to solicit the help of local children to promote the fun and excitement of the holiday season. Officer David Carpenter and Sergeant Dean Poplawski headed the program on behalf of the department.

More than 100 entries were submitted. The winning design was made by Ms. Maria Jordanoglou. On Thursday, Dec. 20, she was presented with a poster

sized copy of her drawing and a gift card to acknowledge her efforts. The holiday cards were sent out to numerous businesses and citizens in the town and local area. They were also sent to area police departments and numerous other locations, including our local professional sports teams, Governor Charlie Baker, and President Trump and his family.

The Dudley Police Department would like to thank Dudley Elementary Art Teacher Dawn Gravel for her work coordinating this program. Special thanks also go out to Principal Diane Seibold and all the teachers and students for all their participation and efforts in making this program a success.

Oxford Middle School announces Students of the Month



Grade 5: Mya Federico, Andy Nguyen (not pictured), Sarah Wassenar, Elizabeth Byfield, Andrew Cloutier, Nolan Remington



Grade 6: Valerie Hilner, Alexander Paradise, Matthew Nowak, Valerie Magill, Annabelle Sanford, Colin Vaillancourt



Photos Courtesy

Grade 7: Jacob Emilyyta (not pictured), Evan Byrnes, Nicholas Jablonski, Lauren Gullbrand, Melanie Noonan, Jewelisa Richardson, Catherine Sirard

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WCAC project returning Head Start to Webster

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WEBSTER – From an educational point of view, one of 2018’s most important projects was the work to refit Webster’s old Senior Center into a new Head Start school. Although not quite complete yet, the project garnered widespread support before and after breaking ground in early winter of 2017.

“The Senior Center moved into an old school, and this is moving into the old senior center, so it’s a great circle of life thing,” said Town Administrator Doug Willardson back in November. He praised Head Start for helping kids who would “otherwise be behind in life” and generally thanked the agency for helping “the community become a better place.”

This facility is being built to serve about 71 students, mostly from Webster. Most of them (63) are now going to the Head Start site in Southbridge, but Worcester Community Action Council spokeswoman Ellen Ganley said the agency planned for them to move mid-year by having them in a separate classroom to “minimize the disruption for the kids.”

In total, the project has been estimated at \$1.7 million, with the bulk of it coming from state and federal grants, but about \$500,000 coming from various private donors. In May, WCAC named Randy and Donna Becker, the Remillard family and James Alkire this year’s “Action Heroes” for their support. The Beckers and Remillards each donated \$200,000 to help covert the old Webster Senior Center into a new Head Start location, while Alkire was credited for his “tireless advocacy of the same project.”

Contractor Madigan Construction is converting the senior center into four classrooms for 71 kids, plus space for community services that can be sealed off from the classrooms, a small kitchen, and a room for teaching “gross motor skills and where kids can let off steam, basically,” said Katie Crockett,



Photo by Gus Steeves

During a November tour of the unfinished project, WCAC Executive Director Jill Dagilis talks to US Rep. James McGovern as State Rep. Joe McKenna listens.

president of Lamoreaux-Pagano, the project’s architect in November. She noted they saw “a lot of complications to [using] the square footage to accept the federal funds,” including having to include an elevator, handicapped ramp and other issues.

The project has been in the works

since 2015, when WCAC’s previous site in Oxford suffered roof damage from a major snowstorm. Since then, most of Webster’s students were being bussed to the Southbridge Head Start site. For the current school year, Webster’s students have been in self-contained classes to make the transition back to

Webster easier. WCAC has the property under a 25-year lease, and is slated to open in January.

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SCHOOLS

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to facilitate traffic. He always pitched in when needed.”

Those personnel changes were mirrored by a significant physical change: In March, the administrative offices moved from the old Filmer School (subsequently demolished) to newly-renovated digs in Bartlett’s long-unused tech workshop wing. Its official address is 77 Poland St.

That project had funding and other issues over a couple of years, but was finally completed by a combination of outside professional contractors and Bay Path Tech students. Pierangeli said the work cost a bit less than \$1 million, and Goguen noted “It was a great team effort; everybody pitched in with moving and cleaning. It was a project in the making for a long time.”

Throughout the year,

administrators have been seeking funding for a host of other physical upgrades to the system. Back in March, Goguen said they’re hoping the Mass School Building Authority will accept Webster’s request for a Bartlett renovation project next year that would “help us with a lot of these problems,” but it has rejected Webster a few times already. That prompted School Committee Chair Dave Hurton to observe, “If we continue to get denied, this is a potential town capital issue, and we will have to do something.”

Specifically, between now and 2023, it seeks to do some painting at the middle school and a long list of things at Bartlett, including replacing doors, the roof and windows, fixing the security, plumbing, and clock/bell systems, doing some paving, and other things. Cushing oversaw some of the less costly changes when he arrived in

the summer, but back in March, Avlas noted Bartlett’s list adds up to \$15.6 million, and many of them are critical.

For students (and everyone else), what’s truly critical is food, and the schools started breakfast-in-homeroom programs at Park Ave and the middle school in the fall. That was announced in early August at a Food Roundtable featuring US Rep James McGovern, an event highlighting the district’s “Summer Eats” program, which helped feed kids outside the school year.

In Washington, “when it comes to supporting a bomb or a weapons system, it’s automatic, but when it comes to supporting a nutrition program, it’s always a fight,” McGovern observed. “Supporting programs like this should not be controversial.”

About 400,000 kids in Massachusetts are eligible for free/reduced school lunches, but just

60,000 participate, according to Project Bread President Erin McAleer. She attributes much of the overall need to the high cost of living in the Bay State, noting the lack of participation is partly due to inability to get to food sites and partly due to stigma.

The latter is a key reason the state changed how it “branded” the program this year, emphasizing the “Summer Eats” and “kids and teens” and making sure it’s the same statewide, while not mentioning the income issue.

Students took food issues in their own hands in April, when Bartlett’s art department ran its second Empty Bowls fundraiser to help support the local FoodShare pantry. To some of them, Alex Polanco among them, the fact the schools expanded their free lunch/breakfast policy last year has been a good thing for helping local hungry families.

“They’re adding to

the space that is school. Eating well is important for some kids to feel good coming to school and reduces the worry of their day to day lives, reduces their stress,” he said.

Going forward, several educators feel one of the district’s most critical needs isn’t unique to Webster. In December, the School Committee voted to put pressure on the state legislature to change the Chapter 70 funding formula. Chapter 70 is the means by which districts get state aid, but it has been underfunded to the tune of about \$1 billion per year statewide for many years.

Pierangeli pointed to the specific figures affecting Webster. This year alone, she said, the state’s foundation budget formula calls for Webster to spend \$2.07 million on employee benefits, but it actually spends \$4.9 million. Regarding special education, the formula calls for \$2.1 million in

spending, but the district’s actual cost is \$6.4 million before the “circuit breaker” reimbursement and minus benefits. Elsewhere, she said, the district spends less than it should (for example, on professional development and maintenance), but the “overall gap in spending is \$5.3 million across the district.”

Webster Educators’ Association co-president Ellen Jeffers said if the need was fully funded, it would give Webster about \$2.9 million extra annually. That money could decrease class sizes, add to professional development and support for special ed and the accelerated learners, increase the available supplies and help the district “offer school employees new affordable health care options,” she said.

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LIBRARY

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new facility.

Once the books returned to their real home, elections and other events were able to reoccupy the Town Hall Auditorium, which housed the library during construction. The first of those elections to happen there was November’s midterm, which saw a turnout of about 50 percent in part driven by three statewide ballot questions. Previously, the polls had been split between two sites – the Senior Center and Congregational Church, across from each other on Church Street.

The auditorium has already begun hosting other public events, including Winter Wonderland and a Nichols College-sponsored leadership day.

The past year also brought Webster a long list of other, possibly less-visible but often equally important changes:

- * The start of a new drinking water treatment plant next to Memorial Beach in the spring. Sometime during the new year, residents should see the discolored and staining water they’ve had to deal with stop coming out of their taps if the project goes as planned. For years, water in town has had issues with high levels of iron and manganese, which are not generally considered a health threat but are a common aesthetic complaint.

The project was designed by and is being overseen through construction by Project Manager Jeff Faulkner of Tighe & Bond. He said it will use a “green sand” system to filter the water from six town wells – one right next to the new building, the other five about 1,000 feet away. Three of those wells are currently offline due to bad water quality, while a seventh well across town hasn’t been affected by the problem, he said.

- * The restoration of domestic violence advocacy services to the Webster Police Department after a hiatus of a couple of years. According to Gabrielle Alan, the agency will have a full-time clinical counselor assigned to the region – two days in Webster, three in Southbridge weekly – plus expanded advocacy services helping survivors dealing with these issues find housing, jobs, day care, transportation and other services. The counseling is critical, she noted, because while some survivors have health insurance, “there are no specific providers” of domestic violence counseling in most networks.

- * For businesses, the long-awaited equalization of the property tax rate, when Selectmen voted to set a single rate in November after several years of slowly reducing the difference between rates paid by residential and commercial property.

- * A outpouring of opposition to a proposed marina on

Webster Lake, which sparked the creation of a new committee to come up with recommendations on how to use the beach and raise funds for its long-term upkeep.

- * New bylaws allowing private road residents to petition the town for significant paving and other work on their roads. Under state law, it is otherwise illegal to spend public funds on private property.

- * Voter approval of several charter changes, including making the Treasurer and Collector posts appointees (rather than elected, as they have been since the town’s foundation) and replacing the elected Board of Assessors with one appointed assessor; reducing the 15-member Finance Committee to nine members “by attrition;” increasing the Board of Health to five members by adding two appointees (the other three will remain elected); and creating a new, appointed Water-Sewer Commission with expanded powers and responsibilities.

- * Memorial Beach got its first floating devices for the handicapped.

- * French River Park hosted its first night of free Shakespeare in August, when Brown Box Theater regaled a crowd of about 100 with the comedy “As You Like It.”

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EDITORIAL

The truth
behind some
lunar legends

Is there any truth to the old legends inspired by the sight of the full moon? Does our closest celestial neighbor actually exert enough influence on the human body to turn people into lunatics? We're not so sure, but science has much to offer on the topic. With the latest full moon coinciding with Christmas — for the first time since 1977 — our curiosity on the subject was piqued, so we set out to investigate some of these lunar legends.

Some people claim that they become inexplicably moody for a few days whenever the moon enters its full phase, or have trouble sleeping. Some say they experience breakouts on their skin or other aches and pains that affect the joints. Typically, when people are observed acting slightly less than normal, you will hear the phrase “it must be the full moon.”

Logic would seem to dictate that since the tides are higher during the full moon phase due to the pull of gravity, our bodies, which are made up of 80 percent water, would experience similar effects. Such does not appear to be the case, however. According to experts, the gravitational influence exerted on the human body by the cup of morning coffee you hold in your hand at this very moment is thousands of times stronger than any such force exerted on us by the moon. So much for that.

Some myths claim that the full moon can incite epileptic seizures in people; however, a study in 2004 showed no such connection.

As far as the age-old tales of psychotic outbursts coinciding with periods of the full moon, one study in 2014 showed an increase of emergency room visits within 24 hours of the full moon; however, a study in 1996 showed no significant difference. The term ‘lunatic’ is derived from the word ‘Luna,’ the name of the ancient Roman goddess. Aristotle and Hippocrates once implied they thought the moon was at fault for abnormal behavior. Alas, that also does not appear to be the case if the scientific evidence gathered on the topic is to be believed.

Worthy of note is a study that took place in Colorado, where researchers found that the risk for pet injuries increased by 23 percent during the full moon phase. We have proof that animals behave differently during the full moon, in that the increased nocturnal light affects their hunting habits.

As for sleep deprivation, we all know that before modern times, the moon provided light during the nighttime hours. During the full moon, the increased amount of light was said to have wreaked havoc on those with bipolar or seizure disorders. Many people say they have trouble sleeping during a full moon; however, no studies have indicated a scientific correlation as of yet.

As far as myths go, the claim that a full moon increases fertility and births is as old as time. The truth, however, is that fertility methods based on moon phases have proven as inconclusive as the evidence for gravitational pull influencing human behavior.

February is the only month that may not experience a full moon because each full moon appears every 29.5 days. A super-moon takes place when a full moon coincides with the moon's closest approach to earth. The last time we witnessed a super-moon was in 2015. The next one will occur in 2033. Some say that the full moon is an unlucky sign if it happens on a Sunday. Interesting to note is that the word ‘Monday’ is derived from the Old English word ‘Monandaeg,’ which means ‘moon day.’ Another fun fact is that on March 28, the Royal Air force used the light from a full moon to attack Lubeck in Germany during WWII.

When there are two full moons in one month, the second one is called a ‘blue moon.’ This occurrence takes place every three years. A red moon happens when the full moon phase occurs during the same time as a lunar eclipse.

The man on the moon that we often see during a full moon is nothing more than a trick of the light playing across dark areas called basaltic plains, which contrast with the lighter colored highlands of the moon's surface. Interesting is that between 1765 and 1813, the Lunar Society of Birmingham, England met during the full moon because the extra light made the walk home safer.

June is said to be the best month to get married because it falls between the planting and harvesting of crops. The term ‘honeymoon’ is named after the first full moon in June for this reason.

Lastly, of course, we can't wrap up this discussion of full moon mythology and not mention werewolves. European folklore claimed for centuries that if you slept outside under a full moon on a Wednesday or a Friday, you risked being turned into a ravening werewolf. Once again, however, this myth appears to be just as fanciful as the notion of Lon Chaney, Jr. — star of Universal's original “Wolf Man” film in 1941 — being the long-lost son and heir of a British aristocrat.

The werewolf myth has, however, made for some entertaining fare at multiplexes over the decades, from Chaney's original “Wolf Man” to the astonishing transformation sequence in “An American Werewolf in London” to Michael J. Fox's comedic take on the legend in “Teen Wolf.” Rather than venture out into the nighttime in search of real werewolves during the next full moon, we recommend putting on one of these classics and settling in for the night with a heaping bowl of popcorn.

But remember to keep some silver close at hand...just in case.

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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

Creative Multipurpose
Tips Save Money

Saving money is tops on many New Year Resolutions lists, and one of the easiest ways to pinch pennies is to get the most use out of the products you buy. Thanks to some creative repurposing, many ordinary items can do double duty all around the house. Read on for some unusual uses for everyday things.

And remember, readers, send in your best tips and you'll be in the running to win a three course Dinner for Two at the Publick House!

Bamboo Skewers: Not just for shish kabob or fruit arrangements, a package of inexpensive wooden skewers come in handy! Use them to test the doneness of cakes; to easily turn doughnuts and other foods when deep frying; and insert into cake layers to invisibly stabilize a crooked confection.

Wooden skewers are also useful in the workshop. To camouflage a narrow nail hole, dip the end of a skewer in white glue, push it into the wall, break it off and paint over.

The most creative use of all? I once caught my niece using one of the wooden sticks as a hands-free Oreo dipper. She just stabbed the middle cream and dunked the whole cookie into milk!

Aluminum Foil: Hate to iron? Place a sheet of tinfoil under the ironing board cover (above the foam but below the cloth) to boost the heat of the iron and get the job done more efficiently and quickly!

Run out of steel wool pads? Crumple up a ball of tinfoil and use to clean pans (not non-stick).

And sharpening dull scissors is as simple as making several cuts through a double layer of aluminum foil!

Vodka: Is your potpourri losing its scent? Toss in a capful of vodka and mix it up to renew fragrance in the dried flower mix. Want your fresh flowers to last a bit longer? Simply add a few drops of vodka along with a teaspoon of sugar to the water in the vase. The vodka kills bacteria, extending the life of the blooms.

And you can whip up an effective air freshener with vodka.

To do: In a spray bottle, mix together six ounces water (distilled if possible), one ounce of vodka, and your choice of essential oil (about 20-30 drops). Shake up and spray!

Dental Floss: Hanging a picture and don't have any wire? Doubled up dental floss is strong enough to substitute on lightweight pictures; Are photos stuck together? Instead of pulling apart, lessen the risk of damage by gently shimmying the floss between the photos to pry them off. Swaging holiday greenery? Green mint dental floss serves as a strong (and invisible) tie to wind around garlands to hang down stair-



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temporary substitute.

Here are some additional multipurpose ideas:

Have extra roof shingles? Stow a few in your trunk during winter weather. If you get stuck, wedge the shingle under the tire for traction.

For a quick and inexpensive car air freshener, simply place a few drops of essential oil on a cotton ball and put in your car's open console niche (or ashtray) to discreetly refresh the whole car.

Save plastic newspaper sleeves. The long bags are the ideal size and shape to protect shoes from other clothing when packing a suitcase.

Wet boots from winter weather? Take a tip from the past: Stuff newspaper inside your shoes and they'll dry out faster.

Newspaper also works to prevent odors in thermos bottles between uses. Just pack crumpled newspaper into the bottle before closing to store.

Stuff Styrofoam packing peanuts into a bean bag chair to puff it back up without spending a dime!

Rejuvenate a grungy sponge with ordinary salt! Just soak sponges (and mop heads) in a solution of one quarter cup salt to one quart of water.

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 publications? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint!, c/o Stonebridge Press, P.O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550. Or e-mail kdr@.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

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The fall and winter seasons are difficult times of the year for driving. Dec. 21 marks the official start of winter. It is often dark earlier in the day and the sun is very low in the sky during the morning and afternoon

drive times. One way to add a measure of safety to driving is by using headlights. I was recently asked to remind drivers of the importance of using headlights when necessary.

The rules governing headlight use are contained in several sections of the law. Headlights (as well as taillights) are to be used on a motor vehicle “during the period from one half hour after sunset to one half hour before sunrise, and during any other period when visibility is reduced by atmospheric conditions so as to render dangerous further operation without lights being displayed.” In 2015, Massachusetts added to Chapter 85 Section 15 of the General Law by requiring both headlights and taillights to be used when, “visibility is reduced such that persons or vehicles on the roadway are not clearly discernible at a distance of 500 feet or when the vehicle's windshield wipers are needed.” Although it is important to remember to activate lights when the wipers are needed, the law covers other times of reduced visibility. A violation can result in a civil fine. The expanded use of lights can be beneficial to safe driving.

Remember to use your lights whenever necessary. Many newer vehicles are equipped with running headlights that are always activated during operation. While this is good, if the conditions require compliance with the law, drivers will need to activate the vehicle taillights as well. Expanded headlight use, especially at this time of the year, assists drivers to see other vehicles easier when atmospheric conditions are a factor. By using lights, there is a greater likelihood of your vehicle being noticed sooner. Your cooperation can result in safer driving habits and a reduction in accidents and injuries.

On behalf of the entire Dudley Police Department, we hope the best for a Merry Christmas and Holiday Season, as well as a Happy, Healthy, and Safe New Year.

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.

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Deer season comes to an end

2018 was a great year for sportsmen in the valley, and many hunting and fishing activities were reported by this writer in my weekly column.

Unfortunately, the politicians and Mass. Division of Fish & Wildlife failed to get a crossbow and Sunday hunting bill passed, but the sportsmen will try again this year.

Ice fishing the past couple of weeks was spotty, and when the rain came it stopped all ice fishing activities locally.

Ice fishing champ Dan Southwick managed to get in a few days of ice fishing at one of his hot spots as shown in this weeks picture. The pike weighed in at 21 pounds, 14 ounces. Dan releases all of his fish to be caught another day. A few local club ponds had safe ice for a few days which allowed my brother Ken and others to catch a few trout before the ice disappeared. Anglers are hoping for a good freeze soon so that they can do some ice fishing, but the latest report of warm weather in the near future is not good. In the past



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few years ice fishing on some of the Cape ponds was also minimal.

The last segment of the Mass. deer season ended on Monday, Dec. 31, in Massachusetts. There did not seem to be much participation by local deer hunters during the black powder season, but I am

sure some impressive deer were harvested. Very little information by Mass. Fish & Wildlife on the deer harvest was released, and local sportsmen are waiting for the final numbers to be released to the press. The new registration system of harvested deer is great, but it does stop writers from releasing the harvest numbers until the new year when they become available. Many reports of deer eating backyard plantings like strawberries and ornamental bushes is a daily conversation among residents at local coffee shops. You have not seen nothing yet! With very little food for deer in the woods, they will be feeding in local back yards all winter long.

Coyotes and beavers have become a daily nuisance, and reports by local resident about there encounters will continue for many years. Coyotes are here to stay, and have killed numerous

family pets this year. Beaver continue to devastate local rivers and streams, flooding out private property.

The destruction of trees along the river banks needs to be stopped. As I stated in previous columns, trapping needs to be brought back to Massachusetts. The little bit of trapping allowed by local towns annually will never solve the problem. Even the few beaver that are trapped, are killed, as relocation of the buck teeth tree choppers are not possible.

Residents need to make a decision to allow beavers to endanger the lives of humans or take action to preserve our natural forest and rivers and streams. Beavers also carry a disease that is transmitted to family pets and humans themselves. Diseases that can be transmitted to humans include the plague, leptospirosis, to mention a couple and can cause sever complications like swollen glands, rash, and flu like symptoms. Very few physicians are aware of the diseases, and often fail to administer the proper medications. Lyme disease is finally being recognized by physicians, which for many years was overlooked and properly diag-



A local woman navigates her stroller under a downed tree and powerlines on Wellington Street the day of the tornado.

TORNADO

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a fence for well over a month before the funds to remove it came in.
The disaster didn't for-

mally reach the dollar value (\$5 million) necessary to trigger federal assistance, but it did draw the attention of Sen Elizabeth Warren and US

Rep James McGovern. They visited about a week later to tour the downtown and pledge whatever aid they could bring to town.



Workers handle smaller details of the debris removal effort at the Webster Music site after most of the wreckage was hauled away in September.

Much of the subsequent aid came from local citizens, businesses and agencies, who provided such things as cleanup and housing assistance, a local disaster fund formed by Webster Five, food, clothing and more. An agency that would normally have been among those

providers was itself displaced, when the Blessed Backpack Brigade found its supply storehouse had been flooded due to roof damage.
The Brigade's Lauri Joseph said she saw tents impaled on fences after the tornado. She noted she was "afraid to look" for some of the homeless

people she knows, particularly one who has trouble walking, but doing so revealed "all of them were out and moving around."

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POT

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but when the town attorney asked to reconsider it to correct some language in the moratorium bylaw (specifically, to change it from giving time for a ballot vote that would have confirmed the ban they'd rejected to time to draft new regulations), they just missed the two-thirds majority needed to pass the amended bylaw by a fraction of 1 percent.
Afterward, Town Moderator Thomas Ralph said, the vote means "there is

no moratorium at the moment." The original moratorium on all forms of recreational pot facilities was slated to expire at the end of December.
That put town officials under the gun. They came forward with proposals for Dec. 10 they knew were not complete, and already plan to amend them in January. One key issue is that one area zoned for pot in December – the K-mart Plaza – actually can't hold it because the bank holding the mortgage on the property won't allow pot firms to lease there. Potential solutions that have been proposed at various forums included using

an area down on Thompson Road and allowing pot in the B4 and B5 zones.
State law prohibits sales to minors and public consumption of cannabis products, but allows households to grow some for their own use (up to six plants per person and 12 per household). As the law now stands, medical pot must be grown indoors, but recreational pot can be grown outside or in a greenhouse as well.
Jonsson noted the state is much stricter with medical pot than recreational. The former must be "vertical" and non-profit, that is, growing and

distribution must be done by the same company. The latter can be for-profit.
The state is creating regulations and licenses for several cannabis-related businesses that are not directly related to sales or production, including transport and other things. Those come under the Department of Public Health, but the Department of Agricultural Resources governs growing the hemp form of cannabis for non-medical/non-recreational uses.
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UNICEF Club: promoting mental health awareness



Members of the 2018 UNICEF Club.

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CHARLTON — On Oct. 2 the UNICEF Club at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy held their monthly meeting with activities coinciding with Mental Health Awareness Week (Oct. 7-13). UNICEF Club Chair Alicia Kerr of Charlton led the discussion on the ongoing mental health problems and raising awareness that UNICEF is now providing mental health services in the communities. According to the website, "UNICEF, with the support of partners, is working to fill this crucial data gap by developing a methodologi-

cal framework for the development of tools for data collection on adolescent's mental health, well-being, risk factors and access to mental health support or treatment among adolescent."
While relatively new and a work in progress, raising awareness is a helpful way to assist programs get off the ground.
During Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy's UNICEF Club meeting, Kerr presented the video "She Writes on Herself with Love" to the PN Class of 2019. The video educates on the pro-

gram that the protagonist now runs to help those battling mental health, addiction and self-harm.
Kerr stated, "I was happy to educate my classmates regarding Mental Health Awareness Day. I feel it is an important topic that is sometimes kept quiet because of the stigma a mental health diagnosis carries. I believe it was viewed by my fellow classmates as a topic they may use in their up and coming nursing

career."
Ashley Rivera of Webster, UNICEF Club co-chair added, "I am grateful to be part of such an amazing group with significant goals for a very important cause. I look forward to many opportunities to make a difference in the lives of people we support."

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nosed for patients. Common sense and control of all wildlife is needed to ensure the public's safety.
This past week, a segment of the "60 Minutes" program was addressing the plastics problem in our country, as well as global warming. We need our politicians to wake up and address the problem soon. Our ocean is so polluted with plastics that reversing the problem will take many years. Fish and wildlife are dying from ingesting plastic. Global warming is real even though our President does not believe it. Tornadoes, hurricanes, massive fires, and many other major weather related problems are not normal. Melting of glaciers and weather changes are real. Our children and future generations are being left with major problems, that will impact there lives with disease and suffering! We can do a lot better!
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SPORTS

Sutton holds off Indians for Bartlett
Holiday Hoops Tourney title



Brandon Boucher of Bartlett elevates for a layup versus Sutton.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER – Go figure. In a high school boys’ varsity basketball game that saw both teams make nine 3-pointers and combine for 127 points, both coaches talked about defense after the game.

Not surprisingly, Bartlett High head coach Tony Paranto, whose team was on the wrong end of a 76-51 final score in the championship game of the annual Bartlett Holiday Hoops Tourney — held on Saturday, Dec. 22 — did not speak as glowingly about his team’s defensive effort as the winning



Tyler Nuttall of Bartlett bumps into a Sutton defender while on his way to the basket.



Bartlett’s Colin Minarik pushes past a Sutton defender on his way to the basket.

quarter is, obviously, not very good. Scoring 18 is OK for us but, obviously, we expect to score a little bit more.

“After the first quarter lost focus of our defensive scheme,” Paranto continued. “Our scheme was, obviously, to take away the Grenon brothers [junior twins Trevian and Bryson] and Brendan Faucher, and those were the guys that hurt us.”

Faucher, a junior, poured in a game-high 21 points and hit three 3-pointers while Trevian Grenon added 17 points and drained five 3’s. Bryson Grenon added 11 points. The trio was the only Sutton players to score in double figures in the game, after which Trevian Grenon — who scored 22 points in a semifinal round win over Worcester South on Friday, Dec. 21 — was named tournament MVP.

“Defensively we’re not physically or mentally tough enough to make stops right now,” Paranto said. “That hurt, allowing those guys, who we knew could beat us, to beat us. We’re just a little bit inexperienced at times right now and we don’t have the tenacity to make stops when we need to.”

Niedzwiecki, in his first year leading the Sutton program after 15 years as head coach at Auburn High, said his team is making progress toward being the type of team it wants to be later in the season when, hopefully, playoff time rolls around.

“We’re still working on finding ourselves, especially defensively,” Niedzwiecki said. “When we make 3’s like we did today, we have to understand that’s when we have a big win; that’s not when we just eke out a win. I’m proud of them about that part, because that’s where we pulled away. Defensively, though, we still have to get a little better.

“We still have some work to do on the defensive end. But we’re seeing glimpses of how good we can actually be defensively. We’ve got some really good guards — and our bigs are solid, too — but we’ve got good defensive guards in the starting lineup and we’ve got good



Wilson Aybar of Bartlett lofts a shot up and over the reach of a Sutton defender.

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Series — Jackie Arpin 294, Lorraine Brezniak 291, Ester Lesse 280

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Thursday Men’s Industrial
Single — Bill Sgariglia 136, Noah Burrill 133, Mike Picard 132
Series — Noah Burrill 345, Sandor Bosci and Scott Gauvin 335
Series over average — Bill Sgariglia +62

Sunday Mixed
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Series — Dan Farrar 345, Angel Claudio 340, Chad Maramo 334, Briana Baillargeon 299, Leigh Farrar 297, Deborah Jeneral 280
Series over average — Chad Maramo +52, Deborah Jeneral +40

SPORTS

Rams top improving Bartlett to remain unbeaten



Nick Ethier photos
Kayla Berthiaume of Bartlett finishes off a pair of her team-high 18 points.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

WEBSTER — Not always can both teams walk away with positives following an 18-point game — a game that the Northbridge High girls’ varsity hoopers defeated Bartlett High, 62-44 — but that was the case for both the Rams and Indians on Thursday, Dec. 20.

Northbridge grabbed the victory (improving to 4-0 in the process), saw a high number of student-athletes score (nine) and witnessed a sophomore continue to shine on her way to potential stardom (Hannah Lomonaco). Bartlett, meanwhile, played the game evenly after falling behind by a 17-0 count and battled until the final buzzer, winning the final quarter (17-7).

“We try to make sure that there isn’t one person you can key on,” said Matt Gauthier, head coach of the Rams, when being told that six Northbridge players registered points in the opening frame, which they won, 17-2. “Everybody who steps onto that court has to make themselves a threat.”

Lomonaco was certainly the biggest threat, opening the scoring with a pair of fast break layups to make it 4-0 before finishing with a game-high 20 points.

“She had a few games where she could not hit a layup, I’m not kidding

you,” said Gauthier of Lomonaco. “I thought it was getting a little bit mental so we just worked on it in practice and my assistant coach [Jami Flauto] talked to her a little bit and clearly you can see the difference tonight, I don’t think she missed a layup.

“She is about as fast as they come,” added Gauthier of Lomonaco’s speed once she gets going in the open court.

Gauthier wasn’t crazy about his team’s defense, though, because they surrendered a season-high number of points. The Rams’ goal is to keep teams at 30 points.

“I’m happy with the win, we’re sitting at 4-0 so I’m never going to complain, but inconsistent with our defense,” he said. “There was times when we were playing phenomenal defense, which is what I expect, and then there was times where I didn’t think our defense was up to what it should be.”

The second quarter is where Northbridge’s defense began to dip, but it’s also when Bartlett’s offense got into a groove — “I give Bartlett credit, they started hitting some 3’s and that changes things a little bit,” said Gauthier — as the Indians won the frame, 18-14. Bartlett hit three 3-pointers in the quarter off the releases of Camden Heenan, Kayla Berthiaume and Breanna Ward.

Bartlett trailed by just 11 points at halftime, 31-20, but Lomonaco scored seven points in the third as the Rams won the frame, 24-7, to regain a big lead, 55-27, heading into the fourth.

The Indians never hung their heads, though, and kept battling. That showed in the fourth quarter as they won it by 10 points and Berthiaume led the charge with 11 points in the frame.

“Take away that little stretch in the third quarter and this is essentially a 10-point game. The effort that they showed to dig out of that early hole... I’ve coached teams in the past that just would have curled up and that would have been over for the rest of the night,” said Bartlett first-year head coach Anthony Pukalo. “That’s a testament to what I’ve tried to bring to this program is that we have no quit in us and Kayla [Berthiaume] really encapsulates that. She’s a hell of a player and she has so much potential. She’s my spark off the bench.”

Berthiaume finished with 18 points, while teammate Allison Grzembski scored 9 points and pulled down 7 rebounds.

Pukalo’s team is now 1-4, but he said that the group is growing into its potential each day.

“We got the first brick in the wall on Tuesday [Dec. 18] with the win [versus North Brookfield High], and then put together the stretches we had today and this is a team that’s trending in the right direction. Every little piece is a brick in the wall,” said Pukalo.

Northbridge — who also saw Madison Boormeester net 14 points, Jackie Puda score 8 and Jill Labrie add 7 — already has many bricks in its wall, and Pukalo had high praise for the Rams.

“The way that they play man-to-man defense, you really don’t see that at the girls’ level. To see a girls’ program, JV and varsity, play man-to-man defense like that, it’s really remarkable,” said Pukalo.



Bartlett’s Allison Grzembski begins her pass down low to teammate Kayla Berthiaume (10).



Brittany Ward of Bartlett drives into the paint versus Northbridge.



Bartlett’s Camden Heenan kicks the ball to the outside while sensing a double team by Northbridge.



Julia Podedworny of Bartlett holds onto the ball while pondering her next decision.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Dec. 19
Tantasqua 97, Grafton 66 — Competing at home, the Warriors won their boys’ swim/dive meet with the Indians. Jonah Green got Tantasqua started with another win in the diving, while Bryce Iller won the 200 and 100 freestyle. Andrew Wade won the 500 freestyle and the 100 breaststroke, while the 200 freestyle relay team of Ethan Hunter-Mason, Robert Wilson, Green and Iller also emerged victorious. The Warriors are now 4-1.

Grafton 119, Tantasqua 66 — Despite

losing to the Indians, Tantasqua’s girls’ swim/dive time saw Sarah Kersting-Mumm of Oxford win the 50 and the 100 freestyle. Alyson Locke also won the 100 backstroke. The Warriors are now 3-2 on the season.

Dec. 26
Tantasqua 92, Monson 52 — A victory was had for the Warriors in their girls’ swim meet. The medley relay team of Alyson Locke, Lauren Butler, Katie Wade and Erika Madden got Tantasqua started with a win, while Oxford’s Sarah Kersting-Mumm won

the 200 free and the 500 free, Wade won the 100 butterfly, and Locke won the 100 freestyle and the 100 backstroke. The 200 freestyle team of Wade, Butler, Julia Obrycki and Kersting-Mumm was also victorious, as was Butler in the 100 breaststroke, and Locke, Madden, Christina Izbicki and Kersting-Mumm in the 400 free relay. The Warriors are now 4-2.

Tantasqua 92, Monson 36 — The boys’ swim team at Tantasqua is now 5-1 after beating Monson. The medley relay team of Andrew Wade, Aden

Osimo, Ethan Hunter-Mason and Zach Lavallee took first place, as did Quaboag’s Robert Wilson in the 200 free, Hunter-Mason in the 200 IM, Eli Currier in the 100 fly, and Andrew Wade in the 100 free. The 200 free relay team of Lavallee, Wilson, Hunter-Mason and Osimo also took first, as did AJ Osimo in the 100 breast, and finally the 400 free relay team of Dan Sickenberger, Wilson, Currier and Wade.

SPORTS

Rams win get-back game from Fitchburg to claim first victory of season



Molly Springer of Shepherd Hill works offensively with her back to the basket.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — In team sports jargon, the Shepherd Hill Regional girls' varsity basketball team's home opener against Mid-Wach League foe Fitchburg High on Tuesday, Dec. 18, is known as a get-back game. A get-back game is where the clearly more dominant team, in this case the Rams, use the game to iron out some of the rough spots that's been troubling the team — and get back to winning in the process.

Shepherd Hill got back to its winning ways against the

Red Raiders, scoring the first 12 points of the game en route to a 15-point lead at the end of the first quarter on the way to a dominating 66-26 victory. The win was the Rams' first of the young season, allowing them to improve to 1-2. Fitchburg dropped to 0-2 with the loss.

Senior captain Molly Springer led the way for Shepherd Hill, scoring a game-high 18 points, grabbing 13 rebounds and recording five steals. Springer, doing all of her damage down on the low block, was 10 for 12 from the foul line.

"Going in against Fitchburg we knew we had to get the win;

we had started out 0-2 and we're not used to losing in the beginning of the season," Springer said. "We started off the game really strong and once we got enough of a lead to know we were going to win the game we tried to work on our plays and prepare for the season. It took a little while, but I thought we started to execute better in the second quarter."

A big key to the Rams' fast start against the Red Raiders was the play of guards Grace Nellis and Carly Snyder. Nellis, a junior, and Snyder, a senior captain, each recorded six steals, harassing Fitchburg's ball handlers every time they crossed half-court. Nellis also found time to score 10 points, Shepherd Hill's only other double-digit scorer on what was a balanced offensive night.

"Grace and Carly are both really fast; probably the two fastest players we have on the team," said Springer, who goes up against the duo regularly in between games. "Grace and Carly, they're tough to practice against. Their speed allows them to jump everything and double-team the girl bringing the ball up. The way they play really flusters the opponents up top and it leads to a lot of steals and easy layups."

Often those steals end up in the hands of Springer and her frontcourt teammates, including Reese Hammond, another senior captain, and junior Paula Barbale.

"A lot of times, because the opposing guards are so flustered, they end up throwing passes to no one in particular, or just lobbing the ball inside hoping one of their teammates will get it," Springer explained. "That allows one of our down-low defenders to grab the ball and start us off on a fast break going the other way. The way Grace and Carly play defense really helps us to get going and push the pace."

Shepherd Hill, this year, is definitely a work in progress. The Rams are younger than they've been in a while. Of the 12 players on the roster, five are juniors, three are sophomores and one is a fresh-



Shepherd Hill's Grace Nellis collects the opening tip and heads down to Fitchburg's side of the court.

man. Springer, Snyder and Hammond are the only three seniors on the team.

Because of that, combined with the always tough out-of-league schedule Shepherd Hill plays, longtime head coach Jim Hackenson knows the younger players on his roster will have to establish themselves as key pieces of the team.

"Our younger players have to become varsity players real fast; they can't be rookies anymore," Hackenson said. "As a coach you want to be patient and hope they develop, but playing the out-of-league teams we play — Holy Name twice, Tantasqua and Westford Academy — not to mention our league opponents like Shrewsbury, Wachusett and Leominster, you can't really just sit and hope they come along."

Shepherd Hill opened the 2018-19 season with an overtime loss to the Naps and a three-point loss to the Colonials

on back-to-back nights on the road.

"I'm not making excuses; playing teams of that caliber back-to-back with no recovery time to start the season, that's tough," Hackenson said. "We needed this game against Fitchburg; we needed it as a team."

Springer is confident the team will develop its identity as the season goes along.

"I knew coming in it was going to take us a little bit to get going, but I feel we're starting to progress into the type of team Shepherd Hill is used to having," Springer said. "Everybody on this team plays a huge part in our success; there is no girl on this team that isn't a key part of the team. Everybody on this team has a role. It's going to take a few more practices, but I think we'll be the team our fans are used to seeing once we really get into the rhythm of the season."

Minutemen defeat Pathfinder, march to 5-0 start to season

CHARLTON — The Bay Path Regional girls' varsity basketball team, in slow and steady fashion, defeated Pathfinder Regional, 50-22, back on Tuesday, Dec. 18, to start the year 5-0. Pathfinder scored the first basket of the game but, after a Nekelle Waskiewicz 3-pointer and six straight points from Madison Paulhus, the Minutemen grabbed a 9-2 lead and never looked back from there.

Bay Path led at all the stops: 13-2 after the first quarter, 30-9 at the half and 45-18 through three before winning by 28 points.

In all, eight Minutemen scored and 10 grabbed at least one rebound. Leading the charge were Kiara Coates (14 points, 12 rebounds), Waskiewicz (14 points) and Paulhus (8 points, 6 rebounds).

Bay Path completed the sweep with Pathfinder, having won a 30-14 decision in the season opener.



Bay Path's Kiara Coates shoots the ball up and over the reach of Pathfinder's defense.



Bay Path's Emily Wong Kam eyes the basket while driving the ball into the paint.



Alexxus Afriye of Bay Path heads toward the basket on the fast break.

Nick Ethier photos



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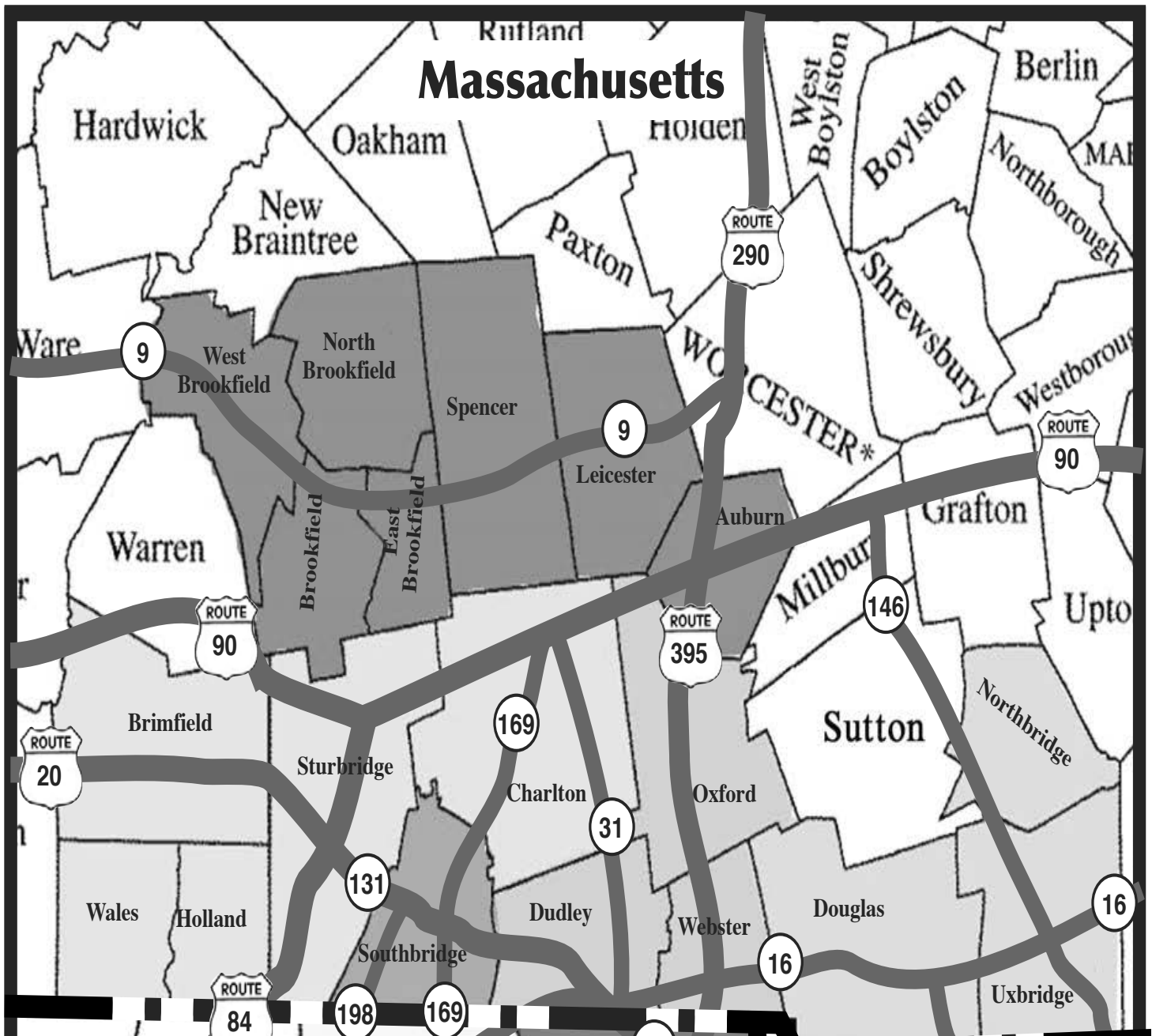
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OBITUARIES

Sandra A. Cristina , 73



DUDLEY- It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of Sandra A. Cristina , 73, of 66 Mason Rd. Dudley. She leaves her loving husband Donald Cristina of 24 years. Donald was the main caretaker for Sandra in the final months of her life and for that her children will be forever grateful. Sandra was predeceased by her first son Paul Kubiak Jr. Sandra had two other sons, Timothy Kubiak and Kerry Kubiak and his wife Lisa, a daughter Jeana Spahl and her husband Erik all of Dudley. She had 2 grandchildren, Connor and Nicholas Spahl as well as 8 step grandchildren. Sandra was born to James and Phyllis Scurry in Saint John's, Newfoundland, Canada. She had 9 brothers and sis-

ters as well as many nieces and nephews. She moved to the United States in 1965. She worked for many years as the Executive Director for the Dudley Housing Authority. She then moved on to Bay Path Regional Technical High School, from where she retired. Sandra was extremely outgoing with a wonderful sense of humor and a quick wit. She loved to travel (especially with her Newfie sisters) and has seen many parts of the world. She loved a hot cup of tea while doing a crossword puzzle. She loved her family and her friends and will be deeply missed by anyone that knew her. We love you Mom. Services are private at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours. Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel 33 Schofield Avenue ,Dudley is assisting her family. Condolences can be left at WWW.bartelfuneralhome.com

James “Jim” J. LaCerte, 78



James “Jim” J. LaCerte, 78, died Saturday, December 22, 2018 at the Webster Manor Nursing Home following an illness. Born January 2, 1940, in Charlton, MA, he was the son of the late Philip and Mathe (Pare) LaCerte. Jim is survived by his sons, Brian LaCerte of Wales, MA, and Troy LaCerte of Thompson, CT; by his loving daughter and her family; his 2 grandchildren, including Jake LaCerte of Wales, MA; his brother, Peter LaCerte and his wife, Shirley, of Webster, MA; and his very dear friend, and the mother of his children, Cynthia Henrickson.

Jim was a Firefighter and EMT for the Town of Southbridge for 20 years. Following his retirement, he ran and operated LaCerte & Sons Painting in Southbridge, MA for many years. He was a Vietnam Veteran, serving for four years in the US Air Force. He later served as a medic for many years in the National Guard. Jim enjoyed Ford Mustangs, swimming, the New England Patriots, and the beaches of Florida. Calling hours for Jim were Friday, December 28, 2018 from 5-7PM at Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA. Military honors were at 7PM. Burial will be private.



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Stanislava Benes, 62

OXFORD- Stanislava (Holzbach) Benes age 62 died Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at UMASS Memorial Healthcare Center, Worcester, MA. She was the wife of 42 years of Pavel Benes. Besides her husband she leaves a son Paul Benes Jr. of Leominster, three grandchildren, Kadence, Kinsley and Owen. She also leaves a brother Vlasta Holzbach of the Czech Republic. She was born in Prague, Czech Republic

daughter of the late Stanislav Holzbach and Vlasta (Stastna) Holzbach and lived in Oxford since 1986. In Prague she was a hairdresser. She enjoyed cooking. There are no calling hours. 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.

Edward C. Stefanov, Sr.

Edward C. Stefanov, Sr., formerly of Webster, MA passed away on December 22, 2019 after a brief illness. He leaves his wife of 68 years, Jeannette A. (Scheffler) Stefanov; his daughter Marianne of Connecticut and his sons Edward Jr. and his wife Carmel of Florida, and William of Texas; grandsons Nico, Kristian, and Kalen; granddaughter Ariana; great granddaughters Stella and Verity; and many nieces, nephews, and friends. Edward was predeceased by siblings Anthony, Frank, John, and Josephine and by daughter Susan. Edward was born in Webster, the son of Joseph and Anna Stefanov. He graduated from Bartlett High School in 1942. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy serving proudly in World War II as a sonarman with the anti-submarine force in both the Atlantic-Mediterranean and Pacific Theaters of operation. He was honorably discharged in 1946.

Following military service, he worked for New England Telephone Company for 36 years, 28 as an installer/repairman, eight years as a test man. After retiring in 1986, he enjoyed time with family and trips with senior citizens. He was life member of the Telephone Pioneers, the American Legion, and G.O.A.L. He will be interred at the Massachusetts Veterans Cemetery in Agawam, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the American Foundation for the Blind (https://www.afb.org/donate.aspx), Resource Development, American Foundation for the Blind, 1401 S. Clark St., Ste. 730, Arlington, VA 22202. To leave an online condolence please visit www.holmeswatkins.com



James A. Carmel, 47



PIC OXFORD – James A. Carmel, 47, of Wheelock Street, died peacefully at home on Monday, December 24, 2018. He is survived by his son, Richard J. Carmel of Spencer; his mother, Kathleen M. Ramsey and her husband James of Oxford, two sisters, Carole M. Carmel and Cheryl M. Smart, both of Oxford; three nephews and a niece, Sullivan Smart, Aaron Smart, Shayla Smart, and Michael Davis, all of Oxford; a step-brother, Robert Ramsey of Jackson, TN; two step-sisters, Kimberly Ramsey of Northbridge and Judi Osborne of Webster; and sev-

eral step-nephews, step-nieces, aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was born in Worcester, son of the late Barry E. Carmel, and lived most of his life in Oxford. He graduated from Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School in 1989. Mr. Carmel was an electronics technician for several years. Later, he worked in the construction industry. He enjoyed fixing things, watching movies, building models, and working on computers. He could fix anything and would help anybody in need. Calling hours were Friday, December 28, 2018, from 6-8 p.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. Burial will be private at a later date. paradisfuneralhome.com

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OBITUARIES

Anna Rose Pierce, 86



DUDLEY – Anna Rose (Bazara) Pierce, 86, of Charlton Road, died Friday, December 21, 2018, in her home. She is survived by seven children, Linda M. Lindsey and her husband Walter of Ware, Diann L. Kosla of Gilbertville, her daughter and caregiver with whom she lived, Kathy A. Bedard and her husband Jay of Dudley, Gordon E. Pierce and his wife Consuelo

of New Mexico, Steven M. Pierce of Worcester, Valerie R. Milosh and her husband David of Dudley, and Kelly A. Clark and her husband Ty of Southbridge; her best friend and “sister” Jean “Magnolia” Brown of New Mexico; 13 grandchildren, Jennifer, Sarah, John, Eddie, Rose, Michael, Stevie, Erica, Lauren, Jacob, Robert, Alyssa, and Matthew; 11 great-grandchildren, Devin, Trevor, Dannilyn, Dustin, Landon, Joshua, Elizabeth Ann, Madison, Owen, Stephanie, and Tyler; and several nephews and nieces. She was predeceased by her husband, Gordon T. Pierce who died in 1973; her brother, Michael Bazara Jr.; and her sister, Dorothy M. Lattinville. She was born in Amherst, daughter of the late Michael and Anna Rose (Kruglis) Bazara Sr., and lived in Dudley for

the last 9 years. She graduated from Amherst High School in 1951 and then received her associate’s degree in nursing.

Mrs. Pierce was a school nurse at the Devereux School in Rutland for over 10 years, retiring in 1995. Previously, she worked at Monson State Hospital, Belchertown State Hospital, Quaboag Nursing Home in West Brookfield, and Rutland Heights Hospital. She had her own ministry at home of crocheting for those in need. She enjoyed her time in Maine and loved to be near the ocean. Most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren - actively participating in their lives.

Mrs. Pierce recently completed her children’s book she started 28 years ago. “Willie and Willamena” was published just prior to her passing.

The family would like to thank Michelle, Jenn, Amy, Shirsty, and Angela from the VNA of Southern Worcester County and Central Mass Hospice, for their weekly visits and exceptional care during her illness.

A private graveside service will be held at North Cemetery in Oxford. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1942, or to Shriners Hospitals for Children, 516 Carew St., Springfield, MA 01104. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements.

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Donald E. Prunier, 47



WEBSTER- Donald E. Prunier, 47, passed away December 17, 2018 at home.

He leaves 2 sons; Alex N. Prunier of Putnam, CT., and Scott Kapurch of Webster, a daughter, Meghan E. Prunier of Putnam, one brother; Armand ‘Pete’ Prunier and his wife Ann of Webster, 6 sisters; Doris Kruzewski (Jerry) of Dudley, Sharon Magnant, Peggy Benkowski, Pamela Adams (Russell) and Carol Krasnecky of Webster and Susan Barlow (Robert) of Georgia, an aunt, Kay Lanciault of Dudley and many nieces and nephews.

Donnie was predeceased by a sister, Diane Gendreau who died April

24, 2018.

He was born in Webster, son of the late Armand and Betty (Lanciault) Prunier and lived in Webster most of his life.

Donnie was a graduate of Bartlett High School, and worked as a self employed carpenter. He was a softball player in the Sunday Morning League and also used to enjoy bowling. There are no calling hours.

Graveside Services will be at the convenience of the family.

The ROBERT J. MILLER FUNERAL HOME and LAKE CHAPEL, 366 School St. is assisting the family with arrangements.

To leave a message of condolence, of to Share a Memory of Don, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net

James V. Misak Jr., 63

WILLIMANTIC, CT- James V. Misak Jr. age 63 died Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2018. He leaves a brother Jeff Misak of Putnam and a sister Jamie Slotnick of Burlington, MA, he had a brother that predeceased him Jed Misak of Willimantic. He was born in Willimantic son of the late James Misak and Betty (Kelly) Misak and lived there all his life. Jim was a heavy equip-

ment operator till becoming disabled. His joys were working on cars and gardening. There are no calling hours and services are private. 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.

Peter J Hartman, 67



Peter J Hartman age 67, passed away peacefully on Thursday December 20 surrounded by family after a battle with bladder cancer. He leaves his wife of 45 years, Lynn (Johnson) Hartman, 3 children- Sunday Marro of Yorktown, VA, Ross Hartman of Belchertown, MA and Carissa Hartman-Wozniak & her husband Todd of Barre, MA. He leaves 5 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. He was born in Oxford the son of the late Peter Hartman and Anna (Borowick) Curtis. He was predeceased by his Stepfather, Wilfred Curtis. Peter was a graduate of Oxford High, Class of 1969 and a 1971 graduate of Worcester Industrial Technical Institute in welding. He worked for Norton Company, Schmidt Equipment and Charles G Allen Company before leaving his job to work with his wife on the family farm for the past 30 years. Together they grew herbs, vegetables, dried flowers and showcased their work at flower shows in Worcester & Boston. Peter

could always be found outside watering in the greenhouses, transplanting or on the tractor tilling the fields. In 1990 after a house fire they rebuilt the farm and added a Bed & Breakfast where Peter was the breakfast cook. Later a function room was added for weddings and groups. He enjoyed waiting on customers at the farm in Barre as well as at the Canal District Farmers Market and Lynn’s family farm- Kenny J Farm in Oxford, MA where the road side stand still operates. He was a lifetime Red Sox fan. He loved all genres of music and was a wonderful singer and musician. He shared his talents, love of music, hard work ethic and humor with his family. There will be a Celebration of Life on Sunday, January 6, 2019 from 1pm-5pm at Hartman’s Herb Farm. Peter wanted to extend his sincere gratitude to his friends and neighbors for all of their kindness. He lived a Wonderful Life! The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home was entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

Robert D. Perron , age 73

OXFORD- Robert D. Perron , age 73 died Monday evening, Dec. 17, 2018 at St. Vincent Hospital Worcester, MA. He leaves a son Robert D. Perron Jr. of Oxford, five daughters; Brenda Perron of CA, Etta Ocker of FL, Priscilla Perron Lavinsky of MA, Shawna Perron of Oxford, Paula Perron of Dudley and seven grandchildren. Robert also leaves his former wife Gloria (Lambert) Perron. He also leaves three brothers; Raymond E. Perron Jr. of Randolph, Jerry Perron, William Perron both of MA, a sister Betty Perron of Spencer. He was predeceased by a brother Vernon Perron and a sister Marjorie Perron both of VT. He was born in Rutland, Vermont son of the late Raymond E. Perron Sr. and Bertha E. (Murray) Perron Whittemore and lived in Oxford since 1999 prior to that living in Worcester. He was also

predeceased by his step father Carlton Whittemore. He was a US Navy Vietnam Veteran. Robert was head of housekeeping for AD Care Hospital in Worcester for thirty years. Bob enjoyed fishing the casino and quality time with his family. There are no calling hours. The family requests please omit flowers and donations in his memory may be made to St. Jude’s Children Hospital or the Shriner’s burns center hospital, Boston, MA. 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.



Avis (Althen) Meskus, 82

PIC



CHARLTON- Avis passed away peacefully on the morning of December 15, 2018 at the Overlook Health Center, born March 11, 1936 in Ambler, PA., she and her family moved to Cheshire, CT. when she was 10; she lived an exciting life in many communities including San Francisco, CA., Detroit, Mich., Longmeadow, MA., Massapequa Park, Rhinebeck, N.Y., and Lexington, VA.

After caring for her mother Dorothy (LaChance, Althen) Basile, Avis moved to Charlton to be near her sons 20 years ago. She leaves behind her brother, Lee Althen of Centerville, Ohio, her sons; Curtis and his wife Cheryl, who she loved like a daughter along with grandson Kyle of Charlton, Roger and his wife Kathy of Charlton and Eric of Worcester. She also leaves her niece Heidi and her husband Paul Wilkens of Centerville, Ohio and her nephew, Mark Althen and his wife Jane of Mohnton, PA, along with grand nieces and grand nephews.

Avis was a homemaker most of her life, she was an artist who could pick out colors, most couldn’t see, she had an eye for the abstract and contemporary and enjoyed painting with oils, sketching and quilting as she earned the designated Master Crafter in quilt

John Nicholopoulos, 93



WEBSTER- John Nicholopoulos, 93, passed away December 23, 2018 at the St. Francis Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Worcester. His wife of 64 years, Mary (Douglas)

Nicholopoulos died September 29, 2012.

He leaves four sons; Peter and his wife Nadine of GA., Nick and his wife Linda of Dudley, John and his wife Linda of Fitchburg, and David and his wife Kathy of Webster. Six grandchildren; Kelly Yap and her husband Kevin of Sturbridge, Dawn Nicholopoulos of Hubbardston, Kayla Kenyon and her husband Richard of Palmer, Aija and Trent Nicholopoulos of Webster, five great grandchildren; Alexis and Aiden Yap, Gavin and Athena Nicholopoulos, and Alexandria Kenyon and several nieces and nephews.

John was born in Webster, January 28, 1925 ,son of the late Peter and Eva (Kallas) Nicholopoulos and lived here all his life.

He proudly served in the U.S. Marine Corps during WWII, and was part of



the first wave in the battle of Iwo Jima, he was wounded 3 times and was also awarded a Purple Heart for his service.

John worked as a yard conductor for Con Rail for many years before retiring.

A Calling Hour was Saturday, December 29, 2018 from 10-11 AM (At Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church) 35 Lake Parkway, followed by a Funeral Service at 11 AM in the church.

Burial with Full Military Honors provided by the Webster-Dudley Veterans Council was in Mt. Zion Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be made to: The Wounded Warriors Project, P. O. Box, 758517, Topeka, KS. 66675-8517.

The ROBERT J. MILLER FUNERAL HOME and LAKE CHAPEL, 366 School St., Webster is Honored to be assisting John’s family with arrangements.

To leave a message of condolence or to Share a Memory of John, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net

Rebecca Marie Plourde, 29



CHARLTON - Rebecca Marie Plourde, 29, passed away December 13, 2018 at Berkshire Medical Center in Pittsfield, after a brief illness.

She leaves her mother, Marie Hebert Plourde and sister Summer Taylor of Charlton.

Rebecca was predeceased by her father, Jeffrey P. Plourde of Spencer who died in 2010.

She also leaves her loving step-mother, Denise Boudreau of Holden, her sister, Brittany Plourde of Holden, and her brother, Anthony Leblanc of Spencer, her grandfather, Donald Hebert of Charlton, and grandparents, Tomas and Holly Pluta of Beckett, MA., her grandparents, Paul and Gwen Plourde of Upton, and grandmother, Paula Robson of Spencer and also leaves her

longtime companion, Joshua Peltier of North Adams and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Becca was a painter, she loved the outdoors. She was a pistol, selfless, loving, and always put others needs before her own.

She was a free spirit, wildthing and was loved dearly, and by many.

She also enjoyed fishing, camping, horseback riding, and driving 4 wheelers with the big boys, and just being free.

There are no calling hours, Services will be Private.

The ROBERT J. MILLER-CHARLTON FUNERAL HOME, 175 Old Worcester Rd. is assisting the family with arrangements.

Whenever you see a Black Eyed Susan, or a Butterfly, think of Becca, they were her favorite.

To leave a message of condolence or Share a Memory of Becca, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net

Walter W. Clark, 84



STURBRIDGE- Walter W. Clark, 84, of Vista Lane, passed away on Friday, Dec. 21th, in the Harrington Memorial Hospital, Southbridge, after an illness.

He leaves his longtime companion, Marilyn R. DiGregorio; his two sons, Larry Clark and his wife Theresa of Southbridge and Richard Clark and his wife Rose of West Brookfield; his two daughters, Diana Corriveau and her husband Russell of Brookfield and Jennifer Tanacea and her longtime companion John Colman of Port St. Lucie, FL; his former wife, Shirley Girouard of Palm Coast, FL; his three sisters, May Langlois of Inverness, FL, Anna Wolfenden of Charlton and Ruby Vitkus of Dudley; 9 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; and nieces and nephews. His son, Clifford Clark, passed away in 2011. He was also predeceased by his brothers, George Clark, Theodore Clark, Harry Clark and Charles Clark and his two sisters, Grace Mongeon and Dorothy Downs. Walter was born in Charlton the son of the late Harry and Minni (Beckwith) Clark. He was a graduate of the former Cole Trade High School in Southbridge and was a US Air

Force Veteran of the Korean War.

Walter was a service manager for A & M Tool & Die in Southbridge for 39 years, retiring in 1993. He was a member of the VFW in Southbridge and was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Southbridge. He was a former Southbridge Little League Baseball coach. Walter was an avid golfer. He also loved going to Florida and the beach. He had a great memory and enjoyed telling philosophical stories. Above all his greatest love was for his family.

The family would like to thank the staff at Southbridge Rehab and Healthcare Center and the staff of the 3rd floor at Harrington Memorial Hospital for all of the care and compassion they gave to Walter.

Calling hours for Walter were held on Sunday, Dec. 23rd, from 4:00 to 6:00pm in the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, with a funeral service following in the funeral home at 6:00pm. Burial in West Ridge Cemetery, Charlton, will be held at the convenience of the family.

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WEBSTER – 3 Blueberry Lane! Blueberry Hill - Stunning 9 Rm Colonial! Level Acre Lot! Sought after Neighborhood! Move-in Ready! Expansive Fam Rm w/Stone Fireplace & Cathedral Ceiling! Slider to the Deck! Custom Kit w/Granite Counters and Island Opening to the Dining Rm! Great Living Rm for Entertaining! Large, Bright 4th Bdrm/Office w/Double Closets, Cathedral Ceiling & Private Slider to the Deck! Half Bath w/Laundry! Master Bdrm w/His & Hers Closets, Master Bath w/Dble Sinks! Generously Sized 2 Additional Bdrms w/Large Closets! Halfway 2nd Full Bath! Partially Finished Lower Level - Great TV or Game Rm! Large Storage Area! Private Backyard w/Shed & Basketball Court! 2 Car Garage w/Plenty of Storage! Charm & Character that can't be Beat! Minutes from 355, an Ideal Location! 3 Z C/Air, Newer Windows & Furnace! This Could Be Yours! **\$359,900.00**

DUDLEY – 73 Tracy Rd! Majestically Perched on a Knoll, 1.47 Acres Beautifully Landscaped, Spacious 2252' 8 Rm Colonial! Stainless Appliance! Eat-in Country Kit w/Center Isl, Pantry Closet, Recessed Lighting, Tile Flr & French Dr to Deck! Formal Din Rm w/Hrdwd Flr & Classic 3 Windowed Bumped-out Wall! Entry Foyer! Formal Living Rm w/Hrdwd Flr! The Fireplace Family Rm w/Wide Plank Hrdwd Flr will Keep the Family Close! Side Entry Hall Dble Closet, Half Bath w/Laundry Closet! Upstairs 4 Comfortable Bdrms, 2 w/Hrdwds, 3 w/Wall to Wall w/Plenty of Closet Space! 18' Master Bdrm w/Hrdwds, Ceiling Fan, Walk-in Closet, Master Bath w/Granite Vanity & Tile Flr! Off the Hrdwd Hall the 2nd Full Bath w/Dble Sinks, Granite Vanity, Tile Flr & Linen Closet! Breezeway Attached 2 Car Garage! Quick Closing Possible, Start Packing! **\$369,900.00**

THOMPSON – 854 Thompson Rd! Appealing 9 Room Split! Beautiful 63 Acre Lot! Appliance! Granite Kitchen! Dining & Fireplace! Living Rm w/Hardwoods! 17x18 Cathedral Ceiling Great Rm w/Tile Floor! 3 or 4 Bedrooms, 3 w/Hardwoods! Fireplace Family Rm! Updated Full Bath! 15 Baths Total! 2 Car Garage! Recent Furnace! 18x24 Deck! Shed! Convenient to 355 in both Directions, Close to Raceway Golf Course & Thompson Speedway! **\$249,900.00**

WEBSTER – 26 Spring St! 5 Rm Ranch on Quiet Side Street! Walk into the 3 Seasons Rm w/Tile Flr, Ceiling Fan & Slider to Deck! Cabinet Packed Eat-In Kit! Spacious Liv Rm w/Hrdwds! 3 Bdrms! Finished Lower Level w/Tile Flr, 10' Bar w/Drop Lights! Vinyl Siding! Replacement Windows! **\$249,900.00**



WEBSTER – 23 Lincoln St! 3 Family w/ Great Curb Appeal! Owner Occupied or Investor! 554 Rooms! 2/22 Bedrooms! Hardwood Floors in Most Rooms! First Floor Apart Freshly Painted! Replacement Windows! Off Street Parking! 2 Car Garage! Easy Highway Access! Conveniently Located! **\$239,900.00**



WEBSTER – 7 Oak St! 2 Family! 5/5 Rms! 22 Bdrms! Both Flrs w/Eat-in Kitchens! Liv Rms w/Wall to Wall! Bdrms w/Wall to Wall! 3 Season Porches! Gas Heat w/Recent Buderus on 1st! Electric Heat on 2nd! Recent Roof, Siding & Windows! Off Street Parking! Owner Occupied or Investment! **\$169,900.00**



THOMPSON – 48 Smith St! 2 Family! 3/8 Rooms! 14 Bedrooms! 1/1 Baths! Major Rehab 2005 – Roof, Gutter & Downspouts, Vinyl Siding, Windows, Entry Doors! 2018 Electric Heat Conversion! Gas Hot Water! Off Street Parking! Garage! Town Services! **\$139,900.00**



WEBSTER – 5 Chestnut St! 6 Rm Ranch, 3 Bdrms, Remodeled Bath, Finished Lower Level! Corner Lot! Frplc Liv Rm w/Hrdwds! Hrdwd Flr, French Drs to 16x24 Deck! Din Rm w/Hrdwds! Remodeled Kit w/Cherry Cabinets & SS Appliances! Solar Hot Water! 1 Yr Old Roof! A/G Pool! Shed! **\$269,900.00**



AUBURN – 9 Lorna Dr! 2680' Split Entry! Appliance! Oak Eat-in Isl Kit w/Corian Counters! Spacious Liv Rm w/Hrdwds! Sun Rm Cathedral to Trex Deck! 3 Bdrms w/Hrdwds! Frplc Fam Rm! 2 Full Baths! 4th Bdrm/Office! Laundry! C/Air & Vac! Professionally Landscaped! 46 Acre Lot! 2 Car Garage! **\$389,900.00**



WEBSTER – 21 Spring St! 6 Rm Ranch! Eat-in Appliance! Kit w/Mahogany Cabinets & Tile Flr! Liv Rm w/Carpet over Hrdwd! 3 Bdrms w/Hrdwds! Master w/Walk-in Closet! Full Tile Bath! 14'x40' Fam/Game Rm! 2nd Bathrm w/Laundry! Workshop! Utility Rm! 2 Z Oil Heat! C/Air! 2 Car Garage! Porch! Don't Miss Out! **\$219,900.00**



DUDLEY – 13 Pineview Rd! 7 Rm Colonial! Tiled Foyer! Kit w/Din Area & Slider to Composite Deck! Din Rm! Liv Rm! Den! 1/2 Bath w/Laundry! 2nd Flr w/3 Carpeted Bdrms & Full Bath! Master w/Walk-in Closet & Bath! Finished Lower Level w/Gas Frplc! Patios! Fire Pit! Roof 2017! Attached 2 Car Garage! Town Services! **\$359,900.00**



DUDLEY – 9 Page Ln! Newly Renovated 6 Rm, 3 Bdrm, 2.5 Bath Cape! 1 Acre Lot! Cul-de-sac! Hrdwds Throughout! Open Liv Rm, Kit & Din Area! SS Appliance Granite Kit w/Is! Slider to Composite Deck! 1st Flr Master w/Walk-in Closet & Master Bath! 2nd Flr w/2 Large Bdrms & Full Bath! Garage Under! **\$309,900.00**



SUTTON – 30 Jones Rd! 9 Room, 2,156' Colonial! 5.31 Acres of Privacy! Long Circular Drive! New Granite Kitchen! Dining, Living & Fireplace! Family Rooms w/Hardwood Floors! Year Round Sunroom w/2 Skylights! 124' Master w/Master Bath! 2.5 Bathrooms Total! 12x24 3 Season Porch w/3 Skylights! Expandable Attic! Wraparound Deck! 2 Car Garage! Central Air! Generator! Super Easy Access to Rte 146! **\$464,900.00**



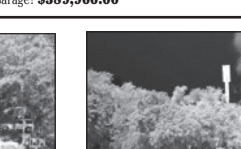
WEBSTER LAKE – 54 West Pt Rd! North Pond - Killdeer Isl - West Expo - Beautiful Lake Views & Sunsets! 2002 Built 6+ Rm Colonial! Ideal 2nd Home or 1st! Full Living! Appliance! Kit w/Center Isl! Lake Facing Din Rm w/Panoramic Water Views & Recent Wood Plr! Lake Facing Liv Rm w/L Gas Frplc, Recent Wood Flr & French Door to Deck! 1st Flr Laundry & Half Bath! 2nd Flr w/3 Spacious Bdrms! Lake Facing Master Suite w/Fantastic Lake Views, Frplc, French Dr to its Deck, Dressing/Office Area & Full Bath w/Whirlpool Tub! A 2nd Full Bath off the Hall! Huge Lake Facing Walk-out Lower Level w/Gas Stove & Slider to Stone Patio is Ready for "Finishing"! Additional Lakeside Deck! Dock! **\$559,900.00**



DOUGLAS WATERFRONT! 36 Cedar St! Badluck Pond (110Acres) aka Cedar Lake or Laurel Lake! Western Expo - Beautiful Sunsets! 2.74 Acres! 633' Waterfront! 471' Road Front! Beautiful Private Setting! Huge 28'x96', 2,688' Custom 6 Rm Cedar Ranch w/Hrdwd Flrs Throughout! Spectacular, Open Din Rm & Great Rm w/Stone Frplc, Soaring Beamed Cedar Cathedral Ceiling, 6 Sky Lights, Recessed Lighting, 1/2 Bath & 3 Sliders in 96' Lake Facing Screened Porch! Custom Kit w/2 Skylights, Recessed Lighting, Slider to Porch, Wall Oven & Center Island w/Triples Bowl Sink, Cooktop & Dishwasher! Mud Rm Entry w/2 Dble Closets, Tile Flr, Door to Kit & Door to Full Bath! 2 Lake Facing Bdrms w/Walk-in Closets, Skylights & Sliders to Porch! Full Tile Bath w/Separate Shower & Whirlpool Bath w/Door to Master & Hall! Office w/Dble Closet! 2.5 Baths Total! Cedar Lined Closets! Full Basement! Plus 36'x72' 2 Story Heated Boat House/Garage/Work Shop w/Half Bath! Upper Level 5 Rm Caretaker/In-Law Apartment w/2 Full Baths! Game Rm w/Full Bath! 5 Full + 2 Half Baths Total! One of a Kind Waterfront Home! **\$599,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE – 7 Point Pleasant Ave! Panoramic Lake Views! Eastern Expo! Super Sunsets! 9,000' Level Lot! 2,300' Custom Contemp Colonial! Built 2015! Lake New! Open Flr Plan! Custom Granite Kit w/Island, Stainless Appliances, Gas Range, Soft Close Cabinets & Recessed Lights! Spectacular Lake Facing Great Rm, Stone Gas Frplc! Surrounded by Custom Cabinetry, Recessed Lights & Ceiling Fan! Dining Area w/Custom Ceiling! Full Bath w/Granite Vanity & Custom Tile Shower! Laundry Rm! "Wood Look" Tile Floors throughout the First Floor! 2nd Flr Features 3 Comfortable Bdrms w/2 Being Waterfront! Lake Facing Master w/Slider to Deck, Hrdwds, Recessed Lighting, Walk-in Closet & Bthrm Access! Lake Facing Bthrm w/Hrdwds, Dble Closet & Door to Deck! 3rd Bthrm w/Hrdwds & Dble Closet! Full Hall Bath w/Dble Granite Vanity & Tile Flr! C/Air! Gas Heat! 24x30 2 Story Detached Garage! Dock! Get Packing! **\$789,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE – 9 Reid Smith Cove Road! Panoramic Lake Views! West Expo! Super Sunsets! 5,698' Lot! Gently Sloping! 2,541' Custom Contemp Cape, Built 09 as 2nd Home, Lake New! Open Flr Plan! Spectacular Lake Facing Great Rm w/17' Ceiling, Recessed Lights, Sliders to Trex Deck, Stone Gas Frplc, Surround Sound & Glistening Hrdwds! Granite Kit w/Is, SS Appliances, Soft Close Cabinets, Hrdwds & Recessed Lights! 1st Flr Master w/Tile Bath, Whirlpool Tub/Shower, Dble Sink & Linen Closet! Upstairs Sitting Area Overlooking Great Rm w/Lake Views! Hrdwd Hall to 2 Bdrms w/Recessed Lights, Ceiling Fans & Dble Closets! Full Bath & Linen Closet! Lower Level Walkout Fam Rm w/Tile Flr, 10' Ceilings, Recessed Lights, Ceiling Fans, Stone Gas Frplc, Surround Sound, Wet Bar & Slider! Full Bath w/Tile Flr! Utility Rm w/Laundry & Storage! Nice Docks! Get Packing! **\$724,900.00**



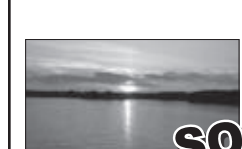
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WEBSTER LAKE – 905 Treasure Isl! WATERFRONT! Townhouse! 6 Rms! 1874' Hrdwds! SS Appliance! Quartz Kit! Open Flr Plan! 2 Bdrms! Master Bath w/Dble Vanity! 2.5 Baths! Frplc! Fam Rm! Newer C/Air & Gas Heat! Trex Deck! Garage! 2 Boat Slips! Heated Pool, Sandy Beach! **\$449,000.00**



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WEBSTER LAKE – 209 Beacon Park! 1280' Townhouse! 5 Rooms! Spectacular Sandy Beach! Fantastic Lakeside Pool! Appliance! Kitchen! Carpeted Dining Rm & Fireplace Living Rooms! 2 Spacious Bedrooms! Master Bath! 2.5 Updated Tile Bath! Central Air! Garage! **\$239,000.00**



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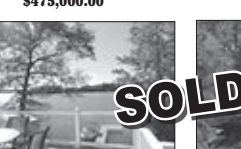
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Webster: 4 bedrooms, 1+ acre, open floor plan & spacious kitchen w/dining area, 2.5 baths
11 Blueberry Ln ~ \$329,900

Dudley: 6.7 acres! 3 level-barn, cherry kitchen w/ quartz counters, 3.5 baths, great for privacy.
7 Dudley Oxford Rd ~ \$400's

West Boylston: Antique Colonial! Character

CALENDAR

Thursday, January 10

NEW YEAR'S SOCIAL, 6:30-8 p.m. All local businesses are invited to attend a New Year's Social hosted by the Webster-Dudley Business Alliance at the Thai Lemongrass Restaurant, 129 East Main St. (Friendly's Plaza), Webster. Come network and share your plans for success in 2019! Cash bar and appetizers. Pre-registration required. E-mail contact@thewdba.org by Jan. 8.

Saturday January 12

MEAT RAFFLE: TSKK holds its monthly meat raffle beginning at 2 p.m. at TSKK, 21 Harris St., Webster.

Wednesday, January 16

USING OUTLOOK TO ORGANIZE YOUR BUSINESS. The Webster Dudley Business Alliance will host this workshop from 6-8 p.m. at Caryl's Studio and Creative Design, 148 Thompson Rd., Webster. Free for WDBA members, \$10 for all others. To register, email contact@thewdba.org by Jan. 14. The workshop will cover all the basics — how to create contacts and groups, set up task reminders, notes, meetings, and how to customize the look.

Saturday January 19

Pork Roast Dinner—Dudley: The First Congregational Church of Dudley, 135 Center Rd. is having a pork roast dinner on Saturday Jan. 19. Servings will be at 5:00pm AND 6:15pm. Adults: \$12; Preteens: \$6. Children 5 and under FREE. Handicapped Accessible. For Reservations Call (508) 943-7320. When prompted press *2. Leave the time of the seating you want, your name, telephone #, and the number in your party. Call backs will only be made if there is a question about your reservation. We look forward to seeing you!

Monday, January 21

WEBSTER LODGE A.F. & A.M. Masonic Building, 27 Brandes St., Webster. Dinner is 6:30 p.m., and the meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. All members of Webster Lodge are urged to attend. Any man interested in Freemasonry is welcome to be our guest for dinner. 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, 160 years strong in 2018, is the oldest active fraternal organization in the Webster/Dudley area. For more information, please visit [http://mass-](http://mass-freemasonry.org)

[freemasonry.org](http://mass-freemasonry.org).

Saturday January 26

GRAND TASTING: On Saturday, Jan. 26 a GRAND TASTING at the VFW on 20 Federal Hill Road, Oxford, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Wine, Beer, Spirits, Food and Raffles! Tickets are \$20 per person in advance or \$25 at the door. This is a 21 and over event. All proceeds benefit Oxford High School Operation Graduation 2019. To purchase tickets, please text or call: Michelle Parmenter at 774-276-0606 or Donna Caissie at 774-641-3325.

Tuesday, January 29

SOCIAL SECURITY: YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED. 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 have on your retirement. Join the Auburn branch office of Edward Jones as we discuss some of the questions might have, such as How does Social Security fit into my retirement income plan? When should I start taking benefits? What about taxes? Presented by Dennis Antonopoulos, Financial Advisor for Edward Jones, at the Webster Library, 2 Lake St. Registration begins at 5:45

p.m.; seminar begins at 6. We hope you and a guest will join us. To register, please call Karen Rieser at 832-5385 or e-mail Karen.rieser@edwardjones.com by Jan. 25.

Saturday February 9

MEAT RAFFLE: TSKK holds its monthly meat raffle beginning at 2 p.m. at TSKK, 21 Harris St., Webster.

ONGOING EVENTS & INFORMATION

COMMUNITY MEALS: Blessed Backpack Brigade Community 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, Webster.



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FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:**
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Date of Death: 10/02/2018
To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of
Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Carol A Bussiere of Webster MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Carol A Bussiere of Webster MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Personal Surety** on the bond in **an**

unsupervised administration.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/22/2019.** 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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ministration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 18, 2018
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
January 4, 2019

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 18 SM 007045 ORDER OF NOTICE TO: Jan T. Mathieu and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. § 3901 et seq.: U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Webster, numbered 26 Hall Road, given by Jan T. Mathieu and Alice L. Chmura to Springfield Institution For Savings, dated October

15, 1993, and recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 15662, Page 11, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, has 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 January 28, 2019 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act. Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on December 12, 2018 Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder 01-04-2019
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Premises: 21 Elm Street, Webster, Massachusetts

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Borrower(s): Kevin Dixon
Property Address: 21 Elm Street, Webster, Massachusetts 01570

A tract of land and dwelling, with buildings thereon of every nature and description and all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, situated in the Town of Webster, County of Worcester, Commonwealth of Massachusetts on the southerly side of Elm Street, so-called, being Lot #11 on a plan made by H.J Clarke for John B. Day, dated October 2, 1890, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a post in the Southerly bound of said Elm Street, being the corner of lot numbered #10 in said plan and now or formerly owned by one Davis;

THENCE by land now or formerly of said Davis South 16 degrees East, seven (7) rods and six (6) feet to a post at land now or formerly of one Burlesow;

THENCE by land now or formerly of said Burlesow, South 78 degrees West, four (4) rods to a post at lot numbered #12 on said plan and owned now or formerly by A.J. Bates;

THENCE by land now or formerly of said Bates seven (7) rods and four (4) feet to a post on the Southerly line of said Elm Street;

THENCE by said Elm Street four (4) rods to the place of beginning, Being the same premises conveyed to the herein named mortgagor (s) by deed recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 42938, Page 153.

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

For Mortgagors' Title see deed dated May 28, 2008, and recorded in Book 42938 at Page 153 with the Worcester County (Worcester) Registry of Deeds.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

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

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

BENDETT & MCHUGH, PC
270 Farmington Avenue
Farmington, CT 06032
Attorney for U.S. Bank
National Association
Present Holder of the Mortgage
(860) 677-2868

December 21, 2018
December 28, 2018
January 4, 2019

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 William F. Lavigne and Stacey N. Lavigne F/K/A Stacey N. McBow to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., dated August 21, 2009 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 44765, Page 333 as affected by a Loan Modification recorded on May 1, 2015 in Said Registry of Deeds at Book 53665, Page 352 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 PM on January 11, 2019 at 1 Dalessandro Avenue, Dudley, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land in Dudley, Worcester

County, Massachusetts, with the buildings thereon, on the westerly side of D'Alessandro Avenue extending northerly from Dudley Hill Road, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the southeasterly corner thereof, at an iron pin on the westerly line of said D'Alessandro Avenue 143.09 feet from the northerly line of Dudley Hill Road; THENCE North 60° 44' West by land now or formerly of Nicola D'Alessandro one hundred twenty-five (125) feet to an iron pin at land now or formerly of Kozlowski; THENCE North 8° 12' East by said Kozlowski land sixty-two hundredths (62.02) feet to an iron pin at land now or formerly of Leroy B. Starbuck, et al; THENCE South 82° 32' East by said Starbuck land one hundred forty-four and eighty-eight hundredths (144.88) feet to an iron pin at the westerly line of said D'Alessandro Avenue; THENCE southerly by the westerly line of said D'Alessandro Avenue along a curve to the right having a radius of two hundred twenty-three and forty-four hundredths (223.44) feet, a distance of one hundred fourteen and seventy-one hundredths (114.71) feet to the point of beginning. REF: Bk 24355 Pg 414

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

TERMS OF SALE:

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

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

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

Present Holder of said Mortgage,

By Its Attorneys,
ORLAND PC
PO Box 540540
Waltham, MA 02454
Phone: (781) 790-7800
18-005560
December 21, 2018
December 28, 2018
January 4, 2019

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Michael P. McCarthy and Christina L. McCarthy to "MERS", Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a separate corporation that is acting solely as nominee for "Lender"; Advanced Financial Services, Inc. and its successors and assigns dated July 15, 2005 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 36812, Page 164, as assigned by Assignment of Mortgage dated December 15, 2010 and recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, Book 47834, Page 204, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction at 12:00 PM, on January 11, 2019**, on the premises known as **1 Minuteman Lane, Oxford, Massachusetts**, the premises described in said mortgage, together with all the rights, easements, and appurtenances thereto, to wit: Certain parcel of land shown as Lot 1 as shown on a plan entitled, "Definitive Subdivision Plan of Land for Liberty Heights in Oxford, Mass." Dated May 4, 2001, said plan recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Plan Book 779, Plan 40 together with the fee in Minuteman Lane as shown on said plan to which reference is made for a more particular description of said parcels.

Terms of Sale: These premises are being sold subject to any and all unpaid real estate taxes, water rates, municipal charges and assessments, condominium charges, expenses, costs, and assessments, if applicable, federal tax liens, partition wall rights, statutes,

regulations, zoning, subdivision control, or other municipal ordinances or bylaws respecting land use, configuration, building or approval, or bylaws, statutes or ordinances regarding the presence of lead paint, asbestos or other toxic substances, sanitary codes, housing codes, tenancy, and , to the extent that they are recorded prior to the above mortgage, any easements, rights of way, restrictions, confirmation or other matters of record.

Purchaser shall also bear all state and county deeds excise tax. The deposit of \$10,000.00 is to be paid in cash or bank or certified check at the time and place of the sale, with the balance of the purchase price to be paid by bank or certified check within thirty (30) days after the date of the sale, to be deposited in escrow with Guaetta and Benson, LLC, at 73 Princeton Street, Suite 208, North Chelmsford, Massachusetts.

In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of the foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the property by foreclosure deed to the second highest bidder or, thereafter, to the next highest bidders, providing that said bidder shall deposit with said attorney, the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within five (5) business days after written notice of the default of the previous highest bidder.

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

Dated: December 12, 2018

Present holder of said mortgage

The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York as Trustee for the Certificate Holders CWALT, Inc. Alternative Loan Trust 2005-48T1 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-48T1

by its Attorneys

Guaetta and Benson, LLC

Peter V. Guaetta, Esquire

P.O. Box 519

Chelmsford, MA 01824

December 21, 2018

December 28, 2018

January 4, 2019

Notice of Sale of Motor Vehicle Under G.L.c. 255, Section 39A

Notice is hereby given by: School St Towing 17-31 School St Webster MA 01570. pursuant to the provisions of G.L.c. 255, Section 39A, that on 5 JAN 2019 at 9AM at 17-31 School St Webster MA 01570 by Private Sale the following Motor Vehicle will be sold to satisfy the garagekeeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicle. Vehicle description: Year: 2013 Make: Toyota Model: RAV - 4-XLE Registration#/State: UnReg VIN: JTMRFREVX88005140 Name and address of vehicle owner: Edward & Deborah Weber, 10 Main St, South Grafton, MA 01560 by: Frank A Czechowski Jr Dated: 15 Dec 2018 This notice has been given under the provisions of G.L.c. 255, Section 39A
December 21, 2018
December 28, 2018
January 4, 2019

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 3 Camile Road, Webster, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Chad J. Rivard and Amy Rivard to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. and now held by U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Structured Asset Mortgage Investments II Inc., Bear Stearns ARM Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-12, said mortgage dated September 17, 2004, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 34648 at Page 3, as affected by an Assignment of Mortgage dated May 16, 2018, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 58896 at Page 141, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on January 18, 2019, at 11:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land designated as Lot 2 Camile Road, Webster, Massachusetts 01570, as shown on a plan recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 700, plan 80.

TOGETHER with the right of way over all street, as shown on said plan, in common with others, without however, granting a fee therein.

Subject to restrictive covenants of record.

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated September 16, 2004, and recorded in Book 34648 at Page 1 with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within forty five (45) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Marinosci Law Group, P.C.

275 West Natick Road, Suite 500

Warwick, RI 02886

Attorney for U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Structured Asset Mortgage Investments II Inc., Bear Stearns ARM Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-12

Present Holder of the Mortgage

Telephone: (401) 234-9200

MLG File No.: 18-06541

December 28, 2018

January 4, 2019

January 11, 2019

(SEAL)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 18SM007247 NOTICE

To: Deborah S. Augustynski a/k/a Deborah S. Geraghty, a/k/a Deborah Sue Geraghty, William J. Augustynski and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 et seq.: Ditech Financial LLC f/k/a Green Tree Servicing LLC

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Dudley, numbered 9 Lyons Road, given by Deborah S. Augustynski and William J. Augustynski to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as a nominee for Mortgage Lenders Network USA, Inc., dated June 19, 2006, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 39229, 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 January 28, 2019 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on December 17, 2018.

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson

Recorder

18-033569

January 4, 2019

TOWN OF DUDLEY PUBLIC HEARING PETITION FOR JOINT OR IDENTICAL POLE LOCATIONS NATIONAL GRID AND VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 22, Chapter 166, of the Massachusetts General Laws, you are hereby notified that a Public Hearing will be held at the Dudley Municipal Complex, 71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA on **Monday, January 14, 2018 @ 6:35pm** in the Veterans' Memorial Hall, Room 321A. **The purpose of this Hearing: To act on a Petition from National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. to install 1 JO Pole on Baker Pond Road beginning at a point approximately 15 feet east of the centerline of the intersection of Causeway Shores Rd. National Grid to install 1 new JO pole 17-1 and anchor in the Public Way to replace/remove an existing tree guy and to service a new hum on lot of 74 Baker Pond Road. Also for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.**

Anyone wishing to be heard on this matter should appear at the date and time specified.

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Town of Dudley

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January 4, 2019

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NEW Retail Price: \$20,395
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2016 DODGE JOURNEY

#D9392R • 3RD ROW SEATS, SE TRIM, ALL-WHEEL DRIVE, V6

NEW Retail Price: \$27,895
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2015 LINCOLN MKC SUV

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