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Gus Steeves photos

Among the physical training demos was how many sit-ups cadets could do in 60 seconds.

# Oxford hosts first JROTC drill contests

BY GUS STEEVES  
 TIMES CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD – Although the high school has had a Navy JROTC program for 22 years, it had never hosted one of the organization’s regular drill events — until last Saturday. “It was amazing, a huge honor to be hosting it,” said Bailey Brescia, a senior and the JROTC chapter’s unit commander. “It was definitely a lot of work. I and my XO [William Rivera] set aside class periods to work with Capt. [Russell]

Knights to make sure that everything had a place.” The event drew ROTC teams from all six Bay State high schools that have them, plus one each from Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Maine. Over the course of the day, squads and individuals competed to be the best at various things, including armed and unarmed regulation, physical training skills, academics, and new cadet drills. Master Chief David Youngsman, who teaches the

program with Knight, said the program is less about steering kids toward the military than it is “a citizenship program. That’s what we focus on – life lessons and that kind of thing. We don’t want them to do the stupid things I did in high school.” Historically, only a handful of Oxford graduates go into some military branch each year, and Youngsman speculated they’d be drawn to the

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# Investigators seeking answers to fatal fire

BY JASON BLEAU  
 TIMES CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – Investigators are searching for answers after an early-morning blaze led to a fatality on the morning of Dec. 4. Dudley firefighters and responders from nearby communities made quick work of the two alarm fire after initial calls came in around 7:20 a.m. from a neighbor for a fire at 48 Dudley-Oxford Road. Dudley Fire Chief Dean Kochanowski said the initial call had the incident as a car fire but when responders arrived they learned there was much more to the blaze. “When we arrived on scene it ended up being two cars in the driveway that were separate from each other and away from the house. When we arrived, the house was not on fire so we proceeded to put the cars out. We were at a first alarm,” the chief said. “As we were extinguishing the cars we noticed smoke coming from the back of the building. We saw that the house was on fire and also that the shed in the backyard was on fire. We put out a second alarm.” Firefighters took about 15 to 20 minutes to get the fires under control in a response effort that Chief Kochanowski called a huge success. He said crews had their priorities

straight and worked well to control a situation that was much more complicated than initially reported. “Obviously when we discovered the house was on fire we immediately upped it to a second alarm which brings in more manpower. The house is the priority because at the point that we discover it’s on fire we don’t always we don’t know if there’s anyone inside the house, so the house would be the most important structure to take care of because the cars and shed were remote. We started focusing on the house once we knew it was on fire,” the chief said. The situation took another turn when a body was located inside the house. This information was confirmed in a press release from the State Fire Marshal’s Office. “There has been one fatality. The person who died is believed to have been intimately involved with the start of the fires. The fire is being investigated by the Dudley fire and police departments and State Police assigned to the Office of the State Fire Marshal and to the Worcester District Attorney’s Office,” the press release stated. Chief Kochanowski confirmed the fatality as well in

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# MassDevelopment issues loan to continue Webster project

MassDevelopment has issued a \$1 million loan to the Worcester Community Action Council, Inc., an agency that offers a wide range of education, employment, and social service programs throughout 45 communities in central Massachusetts. After an exhaustive site search, WCAC recently signed a 25-year lease with the town of Webster to occupy a two-story, 8,400-square-foot building at 116 School Street. Originally constructed as an elementary school, the building most recently served as a senior center for the town. WCAC is currently in the process of converting the facility into classroom space for its Head Start program for south central Worcester County. WCAC has received \$1.7 million in federal and state grants for building renovations and has raised over \$500,000 in capital campaign contribu-

tions for the project. The organization will use proceeds of the MassDevelopment loan to complete the proposed renovations and improvements. “Thanks to federal, state, and community partners, the Worcester Community Action Council is well on its way to creating a new home for their Head Start program in the town of Webster,” said MassDevelopment President and CEO Lauren Liss. “MassDevelopment is proud to add to this support with a \$1 million loan and help the Worcester Community Action Council bring this project to life.” The Worcester Community Action Council was established in 1965 as the local “community action” agency under the federal government’s Economic Opportunity Act. The organization serves

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# Hundreds donate to Toys for Tots effort



Gus Steeves photos

Elf Natalie Cierpich shares a moment with Grace Anne Troiano and a giant bear.

BY GUS STEEVES  
 TIMES CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD – By coordinating the local Toys for Tots campaign, Dr. Antoinette Parvis has helped make Christmas fun for families who are hard-pressed to afford gifts themselves for the last 36 years. Last Saturday, her Main Street optometry office was loaded with this year’s toy supply – dozens of boxed trucks, dolls, games and other things – as people dropped them off for collection by the area’s Marine Corps League detachment. It’s become her hallmark – a big event “to end the toy drive on a high note, with the community getting together,” she noted. Because of the generosity of hundreds of people, “kids know

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# Security task force seeking updates to security study

BY JASON BLEAU  
 STONEBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Security looks to be a priority for the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District in the foreseeable future as the committee’s Security Task Force is looking into updating a report previous conducted to determine safety procedures and

security needs throughout the district. Committee member Catherine Kabala gave an update on the task force during a School Committee meeting in mid-November after the task force had met to discuss how they would like to proceed with ensuring the district is as safe

and secure as possible. “We were pleasantly surprised to find that back in 2015 our school resource officer did a wonderful comprehensive study of all the schools. He took pictures, noted what we have and what he thinks we should have,” Kabala said. “It’s very comprehensive so rather than

reinvent the wheel we thought we’d work off of that.” That study has provided the base for what’s to come in the district and while the task force is already aware of some improvements, they may want to examine Kabala said she could not delve into those details in a public forum.

Obviously, sense the point of the task force is safety and security, talks about what they would like to improve are confined to executive sessions for now. The one thing Kabala could explain however was that the

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# POLICE LOGS

## Webster Police Department

Editor's Note: The information contained in this police log was obtained through public documents kept by the police department, and is considered to be the account of the police. All subjects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Police agencies can no longer print the names of people who are arrested or charged with domestic assault related charges. The new law is designed to protect victims, so they are not re-victimimized through indirect identification.

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 2**  
8:26 p.m.: domestic dispute, arrest: adult male age 27 of Webster: A&B on family or household member; A&B on pregnant victim; A&B with dangerous weapon

**MONDAY DECEMBER 3**  
1 p.m.: attempt to serve (School Street) arrest: Rebekah E. Sumrall, age 34 of 12 Harvard St., Webster: warrant.

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 4**  
10:01 a.m.: attempt to serve (Main Street) arrest: Roneld Arty Jr., age 24 of 611 Oxford South St., Auburn: warrant.

2:53 p.m.: MV crash (Worcester Road) arrest: Sean F. Cunningham, age 34 of 321

Bridgeport Ave., Milford CT: OUI-drugs; negligent operation of MV; unlicensed operation of MV; failure to use care or caution when starting, stopping or turning.

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 5**  
2:02 a.m.: MV stop (Thompson Road) arrest: Anthony J. Rondeau, age 29 of 124 Thompson Road, Webster: warrant.

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 6**  
6:41 p.m.: EMS request (East Main Street) arrest: Samantha M. Olney, age 26 homeless in Webster: warrant; and arrest: David Koukoulis, age 24 of 106 Douglas Road #37, Webster: warrant.

10:42 p.m.: MV crash

(Thompson Road) summons: Jason A. Harrison, age 44 of 62 West Point Road, Webster: leave scene of property damage and negligent operation of MV. AND arrest: Moses L. Early II, age 23 of 11 Pearl St. #1, Webster: disorderly conduct; disturbing the peace; resist arrest; assault with dangerous weapon; assault.

11:08 p.m.: EMS request (Gorski Avenue) arrest: Anthony J. Rondeau Jr., age 29 pf 124 Thompson Road, Webster: warrant; and arrest: Joshua J. Wonoski, age 27 of 37 Batten St., Webster: warrant.

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 7**  
8:05 p.m.: domestic dispute, arrest: adult male, age 47 of Webster: A&B on family or

household member; A&B with dangerous weapon; violate abuse prevention order; violation of protection order.

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 8**  
7:56 a.m.: disabled MV (Gore Road) arrest: Austin Skidmore, age 32 of 96 Sarah Pearl Road, Hampton CT: unlicensed operation of MV; unregistered MV.

## Dudley Police Department

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 2**  
10:43 p.m.: domestic dispute, arrest: adult male: A&B on family or household member.



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**ELF HUNT**  
Month of December  
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### EVENTS

**STEAM AHEAD LAB**  
Friday, December 14th 3:00 - 4:00  
Snowflakes  
No registration required

**DEB'S SING AND SWING**  
Friday, December 14th 11:00 - 11:45  
Nothing gets kids on their feet and having fun quite like songs, dance and silly stories Join Deb for a Jingle Bell Jump!! No registration

**GENEALOGY GROUP**  
Thursday, December 20, 6:00-7:30  
Annual holiday gathering. Please bring a dish to share and some ideas for future programs! No registration required. All are welcome.

**1/2 DAY" ART CLUB**  
Friday, December 21, 2:00-3:30  
Half day of school? No problem. Join us for art club. Recommended for ages

5 and older. *Registration is required. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.*

### Ongoing

**POKEMON CLUB**  
Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30  
Pokemon Fans! Children ages 7 to 14 welcome. Bring your Pokemon cards, Nintendo DS games, and anything else you would like to share. No registration. Parents are not required to attend but must stay in the building.

**KNIT & CROCHET @ THE PEARLE**  
Fridays, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
Thursdays 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
An informal fiber arts group offering the opportunity for people to get together bringing a project to work on, or get help if needed. Knitters and all other fiber artists are welcome.

**STORYTIMES**  
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Thursdays @ 10:30 for ages 3-5 years old

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**TECH TUESDAYS ARE BACK!**  
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**LEGO CLUB**  
Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30  
No registration required. Drop in. Build and play! Recommended for ages 5+. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

## AREA HOLIDAY FAIRS

Saturday December 15

**SANTA VISITS THE FARM:** December 15th from 1pm to 7pm. Holiday open house at the Douglas Orchard and Farm, 36 Locust St., Douglas with hot mulled cider and holiday cookies. Come get your holiday shopping done. Unique gifts at the country store. Santa wants to hear what you want for Christmas! Come tell Santa your wishes and get your photo taken with Jolly Ol' St. Nick. Photographer Kayla of Kayla Photographer & Art will be there to capture the moment.

Santa will be in a private room.  
**HOLIDAY BASKET FESTIVAL:** Grace Episcopal Church, 270 Main St, Oxford will hold its annual Holiday Basket Festival on Saturday, Dec. 15 from 9 AM to 1 PM in the parish hall. Chances on Baskets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5. A free ticket will be given for a donation of food, hats or gloves/mittens which will be given to the Oxford Food Shelf. In addition to Baskets, we will have Christmas hats and stockings which can be embroidered with a name for \$5. A hearty lunch will be available for \$5 as well as a bountiful bake table. Tours of our beautiful sanctuary on request. Contact Carol Uppgard for more info at 508-987-5680.

**HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR:** the sixth annual holiday craft fair, presented by the Auburn Recreation and Culture Committee is planned Saturday, Dec. 15 with a snow date of Dec. 16; at the Auburn High School, 99 Auburn St., 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 80 craft vendors to get you into the spirit, Santa will make an appearance, and other activities for the kiddos as well. Food available, schedule of events at www.auburnguide.com.

## TIMES CAPSULES

**Blessed Backpack Brigade Meal Schedule Update**  
Beginning in January, the Blessed Backpack Brigade will be changing its meal schedule to the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. Don't worry, we still have our wonderful chef Dave Hebert and his crew. The only thing changing are the dates.

Our next meal will be on Wednesday, January 2nd at the American Legion, 9 Houghton St, Webster. Dinner will be served at 5:00PM. See you then!

**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**  
**BATON ROUGE, LA** — The following local residents recently were initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. Gina Manzi of Oxford initiated at MCPHS University and Cristhel Villafuerte Davila of North Oxford initiated at MCPHS University.

These residents are among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

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### WEBSTER

\$540,000, 54 W Point Rd, VanRoon, Danny F, and VanRoon, Kellie A, to Miranda, Thiago, and Miranda, Alyssa.

\$370,000, 30 Colonial Rd, JD& D Construction Inc, to Poplawski, Beth A.

\$362,900, 44 Colonial Rd, Miranda, Thiago O, and Miranda, Alyssa, to Bullen, Theodore.

\$150,000, 2 Goddard St, RFR Development Inc, to Sang LLC.

\$150,000, 39 Lake St, RFR Development Inc, to Sang LLC.

\$150,000, 41 Lake St, RFR Development Inc, to Sang LLC.

\$80,000, 2 Goddard St, Rochette, Gary A, and Rochette, Diane J, to RFR Development Inc.

\$80,000, 39 Lake St, Rochette, Gary A, and Rochette, Diane J, to RFR Development Inc.

\$80,000, 41 Lake St, Rochette, Gary A, and Rochette, Diane J, to RFR Development Inc.

\$54,000, School St, Didonato, Richard J, to Borski, Robert, and Arpin, Kenneth.

### DUDLEY

\$455,000, 5 Corbin Rd, Dumas, Paul F, and Sweet, Elaine M, to Krevis, Sisomphone, and Krevis, Andrew.

\$415,000, 3 Queen Cir, Hogan, Michael P, to Page, Jason M, and Page, Molly K.

\$380,050, 310 Dudley Southbridge Rd, Choinski, Keith R, and Choinski, Victoria L, to Paquette, Timothy, and Paquette, Sarah.

\$275,000, 26 River St, Burlingame, Scott E, and Burlingame, Debra M, to Manzano, Nicholas A, and Manzano, Heather M.

\$190,000, 12 Dalessandro Ave, Duteau, Lucas D, and Carlson-Duteau, Tammy L, to Ortiz-Berrios, Luis D, and Rodriguez, Angela.

\$189,000, 8 Sunrise Shrs E, Surette, Jennifer A, and Wilmington Svgs Fund Soc, to Wilmington Svgs Fund Soc.

\$155,000, 9 Pine St, BIC Realty LLC, to Campolito, Christopher.

\$105,000, 14 Prospect Ave, Sanders, Michael A, and US Bank NA Tr, to MK 3 Properties LLC.

\$56,500, 3 Wysocki Dr #11, Mader, Richard I, to Tremblay, Mary.

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\$225,000, 38 Fairlawn Ave, Boyle, Stephen J, to Harding, Bruce, and Harding, Nancy.

\$146,000, 605 Main St, Nichols, Robert F, to Stone, Andrew D.

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# Roof project set to take shape

BY JASON BLEAU  
TIMES CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – Now that the new cooling system has been installed in the municipal complex the attention turns to the ongoing roof replacement process, the second half of Dudley's \$450,000 investment approved at town meeting earlier this year.

Town Administrator Greg Balukonis gave an update on the project by request during the Board of Selectmen's Dec. 3 meeting where he explained the process is ongoing with the planning stages coming to an end.

"For the roof project, we have hired an architect. That cost is \$7,500. That's a relatively low cost for design of a new roof," Balukonis said. "The reason why it's relatively low is we anticipate using the state bid process. There's a joint bid out there for roofing materials so the

most cost-effective means of replacing the roof is to purchase the materials under the state contract and then go out to bid competitively for the installation of those materials. That's typically how it's done nowadays."

Balukonis said this is part of the reason the process has seemingly stalled but in reality, they're right on track. The town plan to do the state bid on materials and have those materials stored offsite. Then they will go out to bid for the installation. The architect needs to develop the bid specifications of both parts of the process to proceed. Balukonis stated the roof project has been capped at \$355,000 and the warranty will be a 25-year minimum, which resolves one of the biggest controversies involving the current roof.

"That's one of the things that's been lacking. We only had a ten-year roof on this building. This building had a

PVC membrane roof. That roof had a ten-year warranty on it and it failed," said Balukonis. It was proven that it failed because we had a company come through when the weather was warm and do infrared testing. That testing detected the presence of water under the roof structure. Not only did the roof leak, that leaking ruined the insulation that was underneath. One of the questions we wanted to know going into the project is if we had to replace the roof and the insulation and the answer is yes. The good news is the project can be completed over the winter months and it will involve the removal of the membrane roofing and the underlying insulation."

Balukonis added there is an advantage to doing the project in the winter time. This eliminates competition from other projects like school roofs and thus will help keep the cost down among

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other advantages. The project is expected to go out to bid before the end of the year. The town administrator noted the \$355,000 price tag was a high-end number so the town fully expects the bid to be lower.

# Police seeking donations for annual holiday drive

BY JASON BLEAU  
TIMES CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – The police department is hoping to see a larger influx of donations for their annual toy and clothing drive over the next week after a slow start to the annual collection that helps local families in need during the holiday season.

Police Chief Steve Wojnar said the department is seeing an oddly low number of donations compared to last year despite the need being just as significant in 2018 as it has been through the 10-year history of the drive. On Saturday, Dec. 8 the department sent out a plea for donations over Facebook and the chief said this was all part of an attempt to try and get ahead and remind everyone of how important the drive is.

"We usually serve around 25 families and the kids range anywhere from 50 to 60 between those families. Sometimes it's even more depending on the year and the size of the families. People might look at a small town like Dudley and think we may not have the need for it, but there definitely is the need," Chief Wojnar said. "We try to work with our community partners to determine who those people are that need this service and we distribute everything accordingly. Everything that's left over we bring down to the Webster-Dudley Food Share to continue to help people in need in both Dudley and Webster. That really helps to make a difference. It really does make an impact on a lot of people."

While toys for younger kids are always accepted, the chief said monetary donations, clothing and even gift cards can all help families in need. Whatever anyone can donate the Dudley Police is more than happy to utilize everything to help families enjoy the holidays.

"Anything we can get in is good. Most people make monetary donations because then what we'll end up doing is specializing it with the families that we have and even get things for kids in specific age groups. Certainly, anything anyone can spare is really appreciated. We always kind of struggle too with kids who are in their early teens. So, you get a lot of young kids toys that come in, which are certainly

fine, but we're also looking for things like sweatshirts and work boots that can be used for kids in their early teens. That always helps," the chief said.

Chief Wojnar didn't show any concern that the Dudley Police would not hit their quota for those in need this holiday season, but that can't happen without the support of the community. The chief said he doesn't feel the lack of contributions is any sign of a lack of generosity in the community. The department has seen time and time again that Dudley residents are more than willing to help their neighbors. But he did admit that it was a bit of a surprise that this holiday season has been slower than normal.

"Maybe people don't have the

same type of urgency or whatever. Maybe it's because the holiday seems to be far away. Whatever the case may be our numbers are down for donations. We usually have some decent financial contributions by this point. We just noticed things were kind of slow so far and we like to get these things distributed the week before Christmas so that only gives us another week to get things to where we need them to give families a good holiday," said the Chief.

Donations can be made at the Dudley Police Department at 71 Main St. in the town's municipal building. Checks should be made payable to the "Dudley Police Association" with a note on the memo line that says "Holiday Drive."

# bankHometown kicks off 16th annual Pajama Drive

OXFORD — bankHometown kicked off its 16th annual pajama drive on Nov. 26 with a challenge to residents to help support local children in need of new pajamas or slippers.

Until tomorrow, Dec. 15, all 13 bankHometown branches will be accepting pajama donations for children sizes 4T and up, as well as small and medium sizes in men and women. Pajamas must be in complete sets (top and bottom) or an appropriate nightgown. The pajamas and slippers will go to local shelters throughout central Massachusetts and northern Connecticut.

"We believe in giving back to our community all year round, but especially for children during the winter and holiday season," said Matthew Sosik, President and CEO of bankHometown. "This initiative is to give children in our communities the warmth and comfort they may need during the cold winter nights."

The pajamas and slippers are sent to local schools in central Massachusetts and northern Connecticut, as well as the TEEG (Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group) in Thompson, CT. bankHometown was founded in 1889 and is headquartered in Oxford. bankHometown has 13 branches located throughout central Massachusetts and northeastern Connecticut. For more information, please visit www.home-

towncoop.com.

Hometown Financial Group (HFG), a \$2.1 billion mutual holding company headquartered in Easthampton, is the parent company of bankESB and bankHometown. Both banking franchises offer a complete line of commercial, business, and consumer products to customers throughout its 24 branches located throughout western and central Massachusetts and northeastern Connecticut. For more information on Hometown Financial Group, please visit www.bankhfg.com.



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## OH MY GOSH! IT'S SANTA!!

Photo courtesy Brian Loveno

Santa explored the town of Oxford last weekend courtesy of the Oxford Fire Department and when Matteo Loverno discovered him right ON HIS STREET! Well, joy knew no bounds, Matteo waves happily with mom Ashley to Santa and his helpers.



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Chicken Pot Pie with Cranberry Sauce  
Baked Lobster Stuffed Haddock Casserole (add \$20.00)

~ AND ~

### SIDES (choice of one)

Fresh Mashed Potatoes  
Rice Pilaf  
Oven Roasted Potatoes  
Seasoned Sweet Potatoes

~ AND ~

### SIDES (choice of one)

Fresh Butternut Squash  
Broccoli & Cauliflower in Butter Sauce  
Carrots in Butter  
Seasoned Green String Beans  
Buttered Corn

~ AND ~

### DESERTS (choice of one)

Pumpkin Cream Pie  
Mixed Fruit Pie  
Chocolate Cream Pie  
Pumpkin Pie  
Pecan Pie  
Lemon Meringue Pie  
Apple Pie

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# Painting with ‘personality’ perks her up



Gus Steeves photos

Annie Spear give her niece Molly a hug overlooked by two of her paintings. Her favorite, “Cleo,” is the one at left.



A goofy dog named “Gus.”



“Mabel” and “Murray” gaze out from the Booklovers’ Gourmet wall.

BY GUS STEEVES  
TIMES CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER – Dogs and more dogs. That’s what visitors to Booklovers’ Gourmet’s latest art show will see.

But they’re definitely not your typical canines, since painter Annie Spear generally tries to avoid painting animals naturalistically, although she can.

“I paint these crazy animals to make people laugh,” she said.

That came from her own need to laugh at a world that seemed to be throwing her a lot of curveballs. She

said she got “really sick” about 12 years ago and experienced six major organ failures since then, but is still walking. Since she can’t work, she took up painting, taking classes at Silver Circle Gallery in Putnam, where she lives.

Teacher Karen Reid initially tried to teach Spear to paint realistically, but quickly saw it wasn’t going that way, Spear recalled.

“She brought me a long way,” Spear said, noting Reid and others have greatly encouraged her creativity. “You find the nicer people in life when you’re down and out. You find either the best or the worst.”

They started with real photos (something she still does), but let the work go wherever it wants – animals that are abstractly curved like “Gus” or wearing clothing like “Murray” or “Cleo,” Spear’s favorite in this

show. When asked why “Cleo” is her favorite, she said “because she’s a hippie dog,” and that’s one of several adjectives Spear uses to describe herself.

“You can’t force it in a certain direction,” Spear noted, adding that the names come to her to suit the personality of the animal. To her, “It’s just like naming people,” and she feels humans tend to underestimate animals’ intelligence, among other things.

Although dogs dominate the current show, she said her favorite subjects are actually cows. About a year ago, her art inspired a notable lifestyle change – she became vegetarian.

“I found a few years ago I really liked painting animals and found I couldn’t eat them anymore,” she said. “Cows are my friends. I created my own world of fun friends.”

It’s not the first time Spear has painted; she took art classes in high school (Blackstone Valley Tech). Back then, “I’d come home with these crazy paintings and [my mother] would say ‘Those can go in your room.’”

Her mom, she said, was also a paint-

er, but far more traditional, so her art ended up in their living room.

Beyond that, Spear spent several years working in the auto body field, painting cars and even houses. But she hated it.

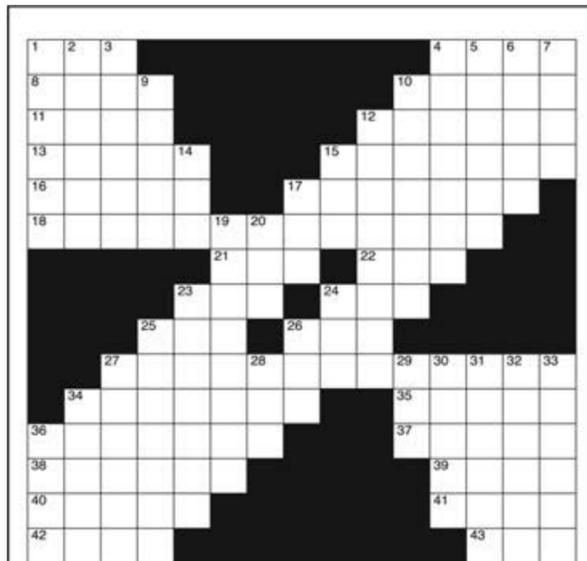
“This is my personality,” she said of the show’s art style. “I despised doing body work because you have to stay in the lines, can’t have any imperfections. I love imperfections.”

Among other things, she noted, she likes adding quirky random hairs, hats, moles, and other features to her animals. Although they come off as a little cartoon-like, Spear said she’s particularly inspired by artists like Georgia O’Keeffe and Frida Kahlo.

Most recently, though, inspiration is coming in the form of a squirrel in her pantry. Spear named him Franklin and said she plans to write a children’s book about him.

Her art will be on display through December.

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



**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. A great lunch
- 4. German composer
- 8. Expresses pleasure
- 10. Unit of energy
- 11. Genus of beetles
- 12. Type of respect
- 13. City in Netherlands
- 15. Showing lack of skill
- 16. Irish surname
- 17. Exaggerated or affected sentiment
- 18. Diversion
- 21. Journalist Tarbell
- 22. Wrath
- 23. Current unit
- 24. Sixers’ Simmons
- 25. Makes honey
- 26. Tributary of the Rhine
- 27. Once home to a notorious wall
- 34. Gets back
- 35. She was beheaded in France
- 36. Cheer
- 37. Tropical Asian palm
- 38. Darker
- 39. Figures
- 40. Old World trees
- 41. Protects a broken bone
- 42. Dried-up
- 43. An enclosure for swine

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Blab
- 2. \_\_\_ Bacall, actress
- 3. Declaration of an intention to inflict harm
- 4. The most direct route
- 5. Affirm to be true or correct
- 6. Riff
- 7. Oil company
- 9. Alphabetic character
- 10. Large marsh bird
- 12. Hollywood event
- 14. Scottish port
- 15. French river
- 17. Something frustrating (abbr.)
- 19. More in time
- 20. Payroll company
- 23. Pokes holes in
- 24. A way to steal
- 25. Blacken with dirt
- 26. Autonomic nervous system
- 27. A lab tech’s tool
- 28. A place to stay
- 29. UK school
- 30. Moroccan
- 31. Where rockers work
- 32. Most friendly
- 33. In a state of turbulence
- 34. “Bridget Jones” actress
- 36. Hebrew liquid units

## Dudley approves draft hazard mitigation plan

BY JASON BLEAU  
TIMES CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – The town is continuing to examine adjustments to its Hazard Mitigation plan in the wake of the 2018 tornado that tore through Dudley and Webster and the expiration of the most recent plan that was approved in 2013.

Town Administrator Greg Balukonis spoke with selectmen on Dec. 3 about the need for a newly revised Federal Hazard Mitigation Plan explaining this is not about emergency response, but about how to prevent issues from happening in Dudley in the first place especially in cases of inclement or violent weather.

“It’s not an emergency response plan so the most important thing to understand is to intend to identify hazards, whether they be natural hazards due to flooding, winds, hurricanes, tornados, winter storms earthquakes, landslides, extreme temperatures, drought etcetera,” Balukonis said. “We began the process back in

August right after the tornado and we formed a committee. This committee, which consisted of the fire chief, assistant fire chief, police chief, town planner, town administrator, water and sewer superintendent, and treasurer collector met several times with the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission that helped us put all this together.”

The committee also held a public hearing to solicit input from local residents on how the Hazard Mitigation Plan can be improved. Balukonis said all of these discussions combined have led to the identification of some specific focus areas that are to be addressed in the plan.

“We identified and mapped out the areas that the town felt were most at risk at for any of these natural hazards and most importantly what options we could take in the future to minimize adverse actions effective these facilities and structures,” said Balukonis. “The plan is ready. We have a copy of it. It’s similar to what was done back

in 2013 but it’s updated to reflect the input of the staff that’s here today.”

Among the areas that were identified as the primary focuses of the plan were completing drainage improvements along West Main Street and other flood prone areas, improvements to the town’s dams, development and implementation of a debris management plan, continuing to enhance coordination with local utilities, educating residents and businesses about hazard preparation, and Code Red and social media alert enhancements as well as other planning priorities and bylaws. The plan also addresses beaver dams, storm drain maintenance and drain cleaning. Balukonis noted that by putting this plan in place Dudley will be eligible for federal funding which could help pay for some of these improvements in the long run.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the draft plan, which now needs state approval to be officially implemented in Dudley.

## Dudley Womans Club announces scholarships

The DWC is pleased to announce four \$1,000 scholarships to be awarded to female residents of Dudley, Webster and Charlton. Three scholarships will be offered to graduating female senior students residing in the three towns. One of these will be offered strictly to a Dudley resident, and the other two will be selected from the three towns. In addition, one scholarship will also be offered to a non-traditional adult woman student returning to college or accredited training program who resides in the towns of Dudley, Webster or Charlton, or who is a current DWC member in good standing. Applications are available online on the DWC

website: <http://dudleywomansclub.org/> or by emailing Diane Perry at [dwcscscholars@gmail.com](mailto:dwcscscholars@gmail.com). All applications should be submitted via email by February 15, 2019 to [dwcscscholars@gmail.com](mailto:dwcscscholars@gmail.com).

The high school scholarship winners are not limited to SHRHS, BPRVHS, or Bartlett High School. Any qualified students from any high school who reside in Dudley, Webster or Charlton are eligible. The Dudley Woman’s Club’s mission is public service, with an emphasis on literacy and learning. In our 11th year, the DWC is excited to be able to continue our scholarship award program

**PUZZLE SOLUTION**



**FIRE**

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an interview but declined to comment further on that situation and could not indicate whether or not arson or foul play were suspected as the cause of the fire due to the ongoing investigation.

According to court records the owners of the home are Julie and James Soares. Julie Soares has a recorded restraining order against her husband and both were due in court the day of the fire for a divorce hearing. The identity of the victim in the blaze had yet to be identified by press time for this report.

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# Mischief (sorry,) Project managed

Courtesy photos

Derek Lemberger, a Boy Scout in Troop 273 Dudley took on an Eagle project involving building a new access bridge. The photos above show the finished project and the workers who helped accomplish it. It was declared a success and finished on Nov. 24.



## Too Juul for school

BY EMMA TYLER  
THE HILL TELEGRAM

CHARLTON - Cigarettes, hookahs, bong and now the e-cigarette, Juul, are among the top forms of smoking used by middle and high school students. Recently, the biggest contender in the smoking world of high school students is the company JUUL. According to the Massachusetts Tobacco and Smoking Cessation Industry, "Make Smoking History," 44.8% of high school students have tried vaping, and that the number of kids vaping versus adults vaping is nine times higher. The vape product, Juul - a small sleek device that has been widely compared to a USB flash drive - was created by two former Stanford University students, James Monsees and Adam Bowen. However, the use of juuling in schools has increased mainly due to how easy it is to conceal and how easy it is to smoke - anywhere from the most popular spot, the bathrooms, to right out in the middle of crowded hallways. While the prevalence of e-cigarettes and Juul are growing concerns for all school districts, Shepherd Hill has tried to take a positive, proactive approach.

As a freshman, I was surprised the first time I saw a pupil smoking - especially because we were in the middle of a crowded hallway. What surprised me even further was that the student proceeded to blow the smoke into the back of a faculty member's head who was walking directly in front of them, without being caught. At Shepherd Hill Regional High School, more and more students are beginning to use vaping devices, especially Juuls, according to Shepherd Hill Assistant Principal Andrew Leach.

"It's become a social magnet when it's around, [some] just hang out in that [environment]; whether they are participating or not, it's a social norm."

These products are easier to access than one might think. An anonymous student source at Shepherd Hill claims, "You can just buy them off of online stores like Ebay or Amazon."

The easier to access, the more likely kids will use, causing a domino effect. These new vape products are far more improved and easier to use than the "old-school" cigarettes, making it easier to "take a hit" in school. However, Mr. Leach added that the administration and faculty are taking the necessary precautions and punitive steps to assist with this evolving conundrum.

"Ten years ago, cigarette smell and use was awful, but back then we just did what we are doing now. We catch you and you're suspended."

However, Shepherd Hill has also taken an educational approach to this epidemic, seeking to instruct students on the potential dangers. The school hosted a vaping presentation by a professor from the University of Massachusetts Department of Psychiatry and the university's medical team, who informed students of the long-term dangers of vaping and how to prevent it.

The smell produced by a vape or Juul blends into smells like perfume, making it much harder for administrators to

identify versus the stench cigarettes left behind. Due to the new, easy process, being able to vape has almost become some type of competition, as in who can get away with the more public display of vaping at school. When going after students vaping in the school, Shepherd Hill's Resource Officer Phil Meagas added that while they catch the students, many have found ways to evade the system. "Do we catch them? We do. Yet, some of them beat us to it because they are communicating." Due to improvements in technology, it has become easier for students to inform each other when they need to scatter, in order to avoid being caught.

The increased number of teens using JUUL has caused the company to stop selling most of its flavored pods in retail stores and cutting back on its social media influence. While this may be a large step towards a smoke-free environment for teenagers, the number of students that regularly use devices such as Juul is constantly climbing. In a school environment where peer pressure is at its peak, both administrators and parents need to take the time to educate teenagers on the dangers of vaping. Many students who vape using Juul are unaware that a single pod contains just about the same amount of nicotine as a pack of cigarettes. We as a community need to do better for the upcoming generation so they are not pressured into making a decision that could affect them for the rest of their lives. We must face this problem head on, before it is too late to fix the upcoming vaping epidemic. Shepherd Hill hopes to lead the charge.



## DWC HELPS DUDLEY LIGHT UP THE HOLIDAYS

Courtesy photo

On November 29th, volunteers from the Dudley Womens Club served the goodies at Dudley's Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony, held in the Senior Center of the town hall. Ladies from left to right are Judy Joy, Nancy Vajcovec, Alex Smith, Norma Connors, Jean Tilly, Rose Haggerty, Cindy Renaud, Cis Bernier, Deb Johnson and Patty Biron.



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# Webster creates Winter Wonderland

There was no snow, but Saturday's temperatures justified the thoughts of the season that Webster celebrated with its annual Winter Wonderland. Last year held at the beach, this year the event moved to town hall. Santa walked in with police escort; the athletic lit up a pedal-powered electric tree; and kids of all ages spent some time with llamas, sheep and goats despite the chill. Once everyone wanted to warm up, local volunteers provided hot cocoa and popcorn, among other things.



Gus Steeves photos

A pair of goats ignores the audience to munch hay (and maybe discuss the humans).



Elizabeth Wall walks away from checking out the glowing snowman.



Aalyah, Steven and Elle Vovolakis check out the llama.



Melissa Kemp of Enchanted Animal Parties makes it easier for visitors to pet a baby goat.



Stella LaFountain and Caelyn Thibeault make cards.



A family gets their photo taken with the Jolly One.



Several young people hop on the bikes that power the electric tree set up in front of town hall.



Lynn Bent makes popcorn.

# LEARNING

## DUDLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL ANNOUNCES HONOR ROLL

The following students have earned a place on the honor roll for the first term at Dudley Middle School.

### GRADE 6

High Honor: Sarah Arnold, Audrey Bonaventura, Damian Burgos, Jackson Checkosky, Ryan Choinski, Philippe DaSilva, Ashley Dickhaut, Lily Durda, Emma Dwyer, Midrose Freeman, Alex Giarnese, Trinity Gosselin, Bryce Hutchinson, Jonathan Hutchinson, Bishoy Ibrahim, Cameron Iwanski, Robert Jadczyk, Skylar Johnson-Mello, Madeline Joyce, Nathan Karalus, Alexander Kenney, Timothy Krynski, Aurora Lavigne, Avery Lincoln, Izabella Lorente, Ava Millette, Maggie Montville, Collin Moody, Piotr Namera, Sadie Mae Nobert, Laura Orn, Lindsey Paradise, Isabel Poplawski, Hannah Roberts, Hazel Rucci, Jonathan Vitkus, Sydney Vyskocil.

Honor: Corey Berube, David Boyce, Christopher Boyd, David Breault, Kaiden Brochu, Kendra Brooks, Katie Bulak, Joshua Cacciapouti, Gianna Cariglia, Aidan

Caron, Matthew Chatterton, Nathan Clemence, Olivia Cronauer, Julianna Croteau, Dakota Dancause, Deijah Delgado, Grace Delisle, Lillian Deuyour, Rori Donohoe, Charli Easton, Edward Ermlick, Trevor Flanders, Caroline Freeman, Marye Gaffney, Brady Gelineau, Alicia Graveson, Jaden Ingraham, Dylan Jagiello, Harrison Jordanoglou, Isabella Kalmin, Eliza Kalwarczyk, Niamh Keegan, Cody Koszewski, Samuel Lamont, Margaret Marshall, Jeffrey Martel, Emma McLaughlin, Jase Mongeon, Brendan Moran, Naya Nayfeh, Nathaniel Nocchi, Brooklyn Page, Krish Patel, Ava Pederson, Brad Piekarczyk, Amber Quadarella, Johnathan Rumrill Andino, Kyle Sgariglia, Lucas Soto, Dante Sousa, Domadius Tawadrous, Maximous Tawadrous, Serenitee Wheeler, Kaeden Zajkowski Gonzalez, Sydney Zmetra.

### GRADE 7

High Honor: Daniel Adamuska, Amelia Anuszkiewicz, Annalease Arnberg, Vanessa Baclawski,

Nicolas Benoit, Nathan Card, Ethan Casey, Natalie Cierpich, Quinn Cushing, Cora Dubey, Liam Gravel, Katelyn Hakala, Heidi Jarosz, Ola Jaroszewski, Kierce Jarvis, Jadyn Katz, Taya Lawrence, Payton Leone, Joanna Lepper, Morgan Lewandowski, Makenzie Lovely, Albert Luciano, Jadier Maldonado, Cayleigh Mayen, Sofia McCarty, Lillian Nelson, Riley O'Connor, Luke Poirier, Sema, Isabella Serrano, Rachel Reynolds, Joseph Salonis, Kyra Santora, Cassidy Semo, Isabella Serrano, Maggie Sullivan, Athanasia Towadros, Athanasios Towadros, Lea Vanskike, Marc Watroba, Helene Weimbs, Zachary Wennerberg, Emily Zanauskas.

Honor: Kasey Babkauskas, Ethan Bayrouy, Abigail Boggio, Nathaniel Booth, Allison Castaneda Moreno, Katelyn Rae Choinski, Abigail Connole, Landon Corriveau, Nicholas Damelio, Cooper Devish, Lauren Dobson, Calli Ey, Jared Ferschke, Jada Franszen, Kathryn Gadoury, Kyle Gallo, Leah Garvey, Devin Gavaletz, Alexis Germain, Emily Grammer, Lily Guardiani, Ariana Hanna,

Laisha Hansen, Nicholas Henley, Ian James, Stanislaw Janusz, Anthony Kimball, Owen Kondek, Kyle LeBlanc, Caleb Leoncio, Tristan Lepage, Daniel Lincoln, Olivia Lonchiadis, Rowan Magee, Zoey Masterson, Colby Mayen, Sophia McClay, Lucas Miglionico, Mackenzie Millette, Blake Norcross, Alexis Perrin, Leo Perry, Lola Phranasith, Elijah Pickering-Hennes, Wylems Pierre Paul, Brooke Piselli, Nicholas Pollone, Victoria Roberts, Abigail Ruda, Margaret Russell, Samantha Russell, Jandel Sanchez, Tracy Sarkodee, Aden Shultz, Bella Stanley, Colton Tittle, Kylee Trahan, Greyson Zimmer.

### GRADE 8

High Honor: Daniel Durda, Cheyenne Ghiz, Maya Golemo, Keller Holmes, Aria Humphries, Ethan Kalmin, Aiden LaFrance, Mateusz Lojewski, Manar Morgan, Natalie Nayfeh, Tenderness Onyekwere, Maria Piekarczyk, Alek Poirier, Jocelyn Sitko, Evan St. Cyr, Jessica Surmiak, Julie Traverso, Nicholas Veronis, Hannah White, Olivia Youssef.

Honor: Yarellys Acosta Bernazar, Teddie Amaral,

Jessica Awad, Mireya Ayala, Grace Bateman, Madison Beckman, Brooklyn Bonczyk, Emma Boulet, Olivia Bowes, Chandler Boyd, Andrew Burdick, Alexander Card, Makayla Collins, Anthony Comforti, Victoria Cravedi, Alicia D'Amour, Angelina Demce, Abigail DeWitt, Michaela Ebbeling, Alayna Gadoury, Ashley Gendreau, Reese Gendreau, Devon Goulet, Kaia Gray, Julia Hickey, Rebeka Janusz, Jenna Jordan, Matthew Kallgren, Charles Karp, Marissa Keefe, Logan LaFleche, Brianna Lauziere, Alison Lotter, Sean Malboeuf, Hunter Mayville, Bailey Meece, Calyn Meece, Jerry Pagan, Pancham Patel, Tirth Patel, Tomasz Pater, Joelle Peluso, Jacob Perzanoski, Damien Petrie, Natalie Piecka, Mackenzie Remick, Natalia Rucinski, Jonathan Saad, Olivia Salem, Olivia Sansoucy, Madison Stewart, Natalia Sudyka, Brady Taylor, Natalie Taylor, Brayden Therrien, Wiktorija Ucher, Jocelyn Van Minos, William Vanskike, Daniel Vitkus, Marissa White, Meridan Wildes, Gregory Winans, Jackson Wright, Gabriella Yovan.

## ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES HONOR ROLL

The following students have earned a place on the honor roll for the first quarter at St. Joseph School.

### GRADE 8

High Honors: Logan Edwards, Nicholas Fennelly, Remonda Mankarios, Kaileigh Strong, Caroline Villa.

Honors: Benjamin Duquette, Alexandro Montreuil, Morgan Royston, Julia Zdrok.

Credit: Anthony Barbale, Patrick Mahler, Olivia Montione, Kaeleigh Sullivan, Jadyll Williams

### GRADE 7

High Honors: Daniel Gronek, Tessa McCabe, Katrina Piekielek, Wiktorija Potem

Honors: Sophia Buffone, Roksan Chruslicka, Jack Dooner, Abigail Kibaru, Matthew Krynski, Cheyanne Matthews, Gracie Scott, Jacob Sirard, Adrian Sobczak.

Credit: Peter Barbale, Kylie Berthiaume, Bridget Carrascal, Kyleigh Czechowski, Jillian Edwards, Sara Grupposo, Jordan Kippax, Dominic Pigeon.

### GRADE 6

High Honors: Dale Boudreau, Maya Podskarbi.

Honors: Alexandra Bergeron, Justin

Dooner, Dominik Gielarowicz, Lauren Gingo, Nicholas Janeczek, Krystian Kowalczyk, Evan Pomfret, Grace Pomfret.

Credit: William Colebourn, Rylee Conlon, Elizabeth Mahler, Ava Williams.

### GRADE 5B

High Honors: Miah Carrascal, Treyton Dery, Aleksandra Kurowski, Adam Podgorny, Maeve Sullivan.

Honors: Philopateer Basha, Connor Czechowski, Rylie Edwards, Sebastian Ketnovoung-Ung, Brayden McNair.

Credit: Steve Mathu.

### GRADE 5F

High Honors: Andrew Bergeron, Gloria Bromberg, Amelia Duquette, Paul Mankarios, Isabella Mello, Matthew Obrycki, Rocco Rudnicki, Hannah Watson, Matthew Zdrok

Honors: Alexandra Parafinowicz, Juliana Rudnicki.

GRADE 4  
High Honors: Cadence Benes, Leah Boudreau, Bobbi Enman, Faustina Kohu, Sangey Lama, Kaelyn Lechiara, Brett McCarthy, Gabriela Pianka, Olivia Price, Gianna Rosario, Natalie Smith.

Honors: Tyler Bushey, Vanessa Cieszynski, Marissa Grieco, George Khalif, Jacob Perry, Ike Rudnicki.

## ALL SAINTS ACADEMY ANNOUNCES HONOR ROLL

The following students have earned a place on the honor roll at All Saints Academy for the first quarter.

### GRADE 8

High Honors: Sophia Civitenga, Jack Marshall

First Honors: Elisabeth Adams, Rayliana Bonnell, Grace Booth, Aleana Brayton, Keira Giles, Kaiden Keddy, Finley Luippold, Brady Parmentier, Logan Preston, Emma Raps, Noah Richards

Recognition: Gabrielle Oikle

### GRADE 7

High Honors: Greyson Baldaro

Recognition: Gabriella Guay

### GRADE 6

Head of School: Lara Boulmetis, Lillian Maglich, Lysette Parmentier

High Honors: McKenzie Duffy,

Logan Mueller, Dylan Polinski, Willow Windoloski

First Honors: Alyssandra Bonnell, Briana Duffy, Joseph Santora

Recognition: Lily Sargent

### GRADE 5

Head of School Honors: Natalie Megas

High Honors: Kenneth Arpin, Tiana Chahine, Hunter Coombs, Anna Guay, Iris Lathrop

First Honors: Alivia Argentieri, Gianna Keddy

Recognition: Caleb Grochowski, Sarah Guinto, Avery Montigny, Natalie Vigeant

### GRADE 4

Head of School Honors: Samuel Guay, Emily Kelly, Jackson Meehan, Jamison Paradise, Mayli Pederson, Bronwyn Petkus

High Honors: Haleigh Creighton, Alyssa Duclos, Robert Hastings, Alicia Santora, Liam Simao

## PROJECT

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as the designated anti-poverty agency for the region with a mission of helping individuals and families achieve economic self-sufficiency through its programs, partnerships, and advocacy. Based in Worcester, WCAC employs more than 110 people throughout central Massachusetts and serves more than 75,000 clients annually with programs like fuel assistance for the elderly, summer employment for youth, childcare and Head Start services, and food assistance for families and individuals. WCAC previously operated its Head Start program in Oxford until February 2016, when heavy snow, ice, and subsequent leaking compromised the building's roof and resulted in a need to evacuate. The new program, at 116 School Stt. in Webster, will initially serve income-eligible families from Webster but will eventually expand to serve more than 70 children from Webster and the surrounding communities of Dudley, Oxford, and Southbridge.

"WCAC is delighted to receive this significant support from MassDevelopment," said WCAC Executive Director Jill Dagilis. "This loan, coupled with state, federal and private funding, helps us bring this long awaited project to fruition."

MassDevelopment, the state's finance and development agency, works with businesses, nonprofits, financial institutions, and communities to stimulate economic growth across the Commonwealth. During FY2018, MassDevelopment financed or managed 384 projects generating investment of more than \$4.1 billion in the Massachusetts economy. These projects are estimated to create or support 10,994 jobs and build or rehabilitate 830 housing units

Since 1965, the Worcester Community Action Council has served as the federally designated anti-poverty agency for central and southern Worcester County, with a mission of helping people move to economic self-sufficiency through programs, partnerships and advocacy.

Serving the city of Worcester and 45 neighboring communities of Auburn, Blackstone, Boylston, Brimfield, Brookfield, Charlton, Clinton, Douglas, Dudley, East Brookfield, Hardwick, Holden, Holland, Hopedale, Hubbardston, Grafton, Leicester, Mendon, Milford, Millbury, Millville, Monson, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Northborough, Northbridge, Palmer, Oakham, Oxford, Paxton, Rutland, Shrewsbury, Southbridge, Spencer, Sterling, Sturbridge, Sutton, Upton, Uxbridge, Wales, Warren, Webster, West Boylston, West Brookfield and Westborough.

## Friday's Child



Selena

Age 5

Hi! My name is Selena and I like to color!

Selena is a sweet, smart and determined five-year-old girl of Caucasian descent. Her favorite activities include doodling, coloring and counting. She is able to count up to 20!

Selena is on the Autism Spectrum. She has some words, but is not yet able to utilize expressive language. Selena has impressed her caregivers with her ability to retain information like letters and colors, as well as her ability to follow directions that she is given. Selena is currently enrolled in a public school setting where she is receiving extra supports.

Legally freed for adoption, Selena's social worker is open to exploring a family of any constellation where Selena can be the youngest or only child in the home. An ideal family for Selena will be able to advocate for Selena's needs, seek appropriate resources, and provide her with unconditional love and support. They must also be willing to maintain contact with Selena's birth parents in Massachusetts.

### Who Can Adopt?

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

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# VIEWPOINT

THE DEADLINE to submit letters to the editor and commentaries for next week's newspaper is Friday at noon. SEND ALL ITEMS to Editor Ruth DeAmicis at THE WEBSTER TIMES — ruth@stonebridgepress.news

## Holiday stress? What stress?

Recently, while leading worship one Wednesday afternoon at Christopher Heights of Webster, as I do every fourth Wednesday of the month at 2:00 p.m., a spontaneous conversation occurred during which everyone gathered began reflecting upon the stresses people feel today around the holidays as opposed to the stresses, or lack of stresses, in years gone by. Leaving it all anonymous, here is some of what was shared.

**BEYOND THE PEWS**

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FROM REV. JOHN R. WHITE  
 THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DUDLEY, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

One woman who particularly touched my heart said: "I have lots of siblings. My father died when I was very young so my mom raised us as a widow. We all helped her as we could. I helped mom by sewing and washing clothes, which mom did for others to raise money for us all. Around the holidays my mom would get together with other widows and their families. It was great! We never had much of anything, yet there was always plenty of love to go around."

Everyone gathered nodded their heads with approval and understanding of this story. The circumstances of each person's life in that room were different, of course, yet all remembered and all yearned for a simpler time, a time of less stuff, less stress, and more love and caring amongst family, neighbors and friends.

Another woman, someone with an ever present smile and laughter always at the ready blurted out: "Holiday Stress? What Stress? I don't remember any stress. We didn't have much stuff, yet we didn't even think about that. We had each other. That was enough. We used to go outside and have fun and run around. I was the mischievous one amongst my siblings you know."

She said this last line while giving me a wink, so I smiled and laughed back. These moments were the highlight of that particular day for me, this simple sharing.

Yet, truth be told, the holidays can be enormously stressful for many, especially, I believe, those who are a bit younger than those I was speaking with. It's not that younger people have less stuff than in days gone by as indeed many of them have more stuff and even, in some cases, too much stuff, yet holiday expectations for purchasing stuff has increased more and more and the notion that the amount of stuff you purchase for others equals the amount of love you want to give them, seems, to me, to have set in much more firmly in our society in these past several decades. While I love the lighting of Advent candles and the Christmas story, the stress I see some people go through at this time of year often weighs heavy on my heart.

This stress which seems to be felt particularly strongly around the holiday of Christmas is not partial to Christians in December however. I have Jewish

relatives and am a friend of others in other traditions. From what I hear and see this stress which comes from equating the amount of stuff you purchase as gifts with the amount of love you're trying to convey to family and friends has seeped into many religious traditions and certainly also affects those who claim no religious tradition at all.

Recently I listened to another person who will also remain anonymous, a younger woman...about my age, therefore very young. She said: "I raised several children as a single mom. From Halloween through Christmas it was always stressful. I dreaded when the seasons turned to Fall. As soon as October rolled around those children came home from school saying they needed this and that, and I tried, yet I couldn't always do it, and that felt terrible. I believe I suffered PTSD for years, even after my children were grown, feeling that stress come into me every time Halloween started coming close."

How sad this is. Jesus calls us to live differently. Without saying it directly, since radio, television and social media hadn't been invented yet, I believe Jesus urges us to turn off the voices urging us to stress out in our pursuit of equating the acquisition of stuff with the showing of our love. He says: "So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today." (Matthew 6:34 NLT) Or, in other words, during this season of Advent and always, recognize the hope, peace, joy and love residing within you now, while also expectantly waiting for them to be born again, through you, to and for the world around you.

Henri J.M. Nouwen writing in The Genesee Diary: Report from a Trappist Monastery (Crown, 2013) said: "Advent does not lead to nervous tension stemming from expectation of something spectacular about to happen. On the contrary, it leads to a growing inner stillness and joy allowing me to realize that he for whom I am waiting has already arrived and speaks to me in the silence of my heart."

"Just as a mother feels the child grow in her and is not surprised on the day of the birth, but joyfully receives the one she learned to know during her waiting, so Jesus can be born in my life slowly and steadily and be received as the one I learned to know while waiting."

Holiday stress? What stress? We have each other and the love which urges us to care for one another.

So Happy Holidays! Merry Christmas! Happy New Year! Peace, Pastor John

## Caution required at intersections no matter what...



Road improvements and the upgrades of signs and signals occur often. The flashing yellow left turn arrow remains a point of interest for many people. What exactly should drivers do at this type of signal?

Turn arrow signals are generally found at intersections where there is heavy traffic flow. These lights allow vehicles to make uninterrupted turns to alleviate back-ups and provide clear guidance to drivers. In fact, green turn arrow lights have been activated at our busy intersection of West Main Street and Schofield Avenue. This has made a difference. The rules for these turn arrows are generally contained in the state highway regulations and/or in local traffic by laws or ordinances. Most intersections have only red or green turn arrows.

A local example of a flashing yellow arrow is at the intersection of Thompson Road and Lake Parkway in Webster. While traveling north on Thompson Road, drivers will see this arrow flashing yellow on occasion.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Drivers Manual, provided by the Department of Transportation, specifically addresses these yellow flashing turn arrows. It states in part, "A flashing yellow arrow allows you to turn left when oncoming traffic has a green light, but the traffic is clear. You must carefully determine that there is an adequate gap in the oncoming traffic and ensure that there are no pedestrians in your path before making your turn."

Therefore, this signal serves as a caution to drivers. It allows for the left turn if the driver properly yields to others with the right of way.

It is very important to note the presence of signs, posted at some intersections, which make certain movements illegal. Like the "No Turn on Red" signs for right turns, some intersections may allow turns on green arrows only. The Lake Parkway and Thompson Road intersection has one of these signs informing drivers of what is permitted when the arrow is flashing yellow. Take the time to look for any possible signage to make your turn safely. This is especially true if you are in an unfamiliar location. Drivers should exercise caution at all intersections. Take the time to cautiously enter these locations to avoid accidents and possible injuries.

Our department is once again collecting Christmas gift donations for local families in need. New and unwrapped toys and clothing can be brought to the Dudley Police Department at 71 West Main Street. Of particular need in the past were gifts for children between the ages of 10-17 years old. Monetary donations are also accepted. Checks should be made payable to the "Dudley Police Association" with a special note for the Holiday Drive. The Dudley Police thanks everyone in advance for their outstanding support in the past and the continued generosity. We have assisted numerous local families in the past. Anything you can give will help bring some happiness to those who would otherwise go without during this holiday season.

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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## EDITORIAL Traditions

What are holiday traditions in your family?

Some of that depends on whether your family observes a religious aspect to the holidays or not of course; and therefore which of the holidays matter to you.

The end of the calendar year is rife with holidays. They are, whether they mean something deeply and truly important to us or not, part of our lives.

The modern world is inundated with messages bombarding us 24 hours a day, some of them so subtle we aren't even aware of them. Some of them engrained into us; to the point we think everyone else around us must do and think the same we do and we are startled when we discover they don't.

Example: we all know, or think we know, Santa Claus.

But there are people who would prefer not to have that tradition in their homes.

Yet how do they keep it out? And, how do they justify their reasons for the choice not to play into it?

It's a small thing in it's way.

But we do it. We all do it. And the expectations are huge.

One of the hugest (like that word?) is that Santa brings the biggest, most expensive gifts...and they are monstrous. TVs; video equipment; bicycles; even puppies. The concept is that Santa brings what the parents can't or won't. He's something that guy.

But what happens when the kids compare notes later. When someone finds out Santa managed a mega-toy or huge pile of toys at one house; but could only manage a single, smaller toy at a less affluent house? Why the disparity?

How is that fair? How do the kids justify it? Do they get it? Do they blame the parents? Or an unfair practices Santa?

Which is why there are people in the world, especially the USA, who have quietly told their children that Santa skips their house altogether. That no matter what they have been told about Santa, it isn't entirely so, and their own family just aren't part of it.

It can be done. It has been done. It is being done.

It isn't easy. And there can still be gifts.

It is between the members of a household who want to acknowledge one another with a token of respect and love. Not with an obligation and an expectation.

So what is your tradition?

## Rebuttal to the editorial on Helen Thomas

I take umbrage to the editorial by Ruth DeAmicis and her remarks concerning the President of the United States, Donald Trump. First she describes the set-up for where the press conferences are held, and mentions how it's supposed to be a Neutral playing field, and how it is no longer is under Donald Trump. But let's face it, the Media has been anything but Neutral or should I say unbiased for many years now, and has gotten worse ever since Trump took office.

**YOUR TURN**

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**PAUL LARIVIERE**

The press conferences are not the Media's press conference, not CNN's press conference, nor are they Jim Acosta's press conference; they are the Presidents press conference, which he is not obliged under any law to have. Acosta was in the Presidents face, would not sit down when told to, and pushed the girls arm away when she reached for the mike. Personally, I would have had the Secret Service physically remove him, for the way he acted.

As we all know, unless you are a Trump hater like CNN, and other Networks, the Media has been anything but kind to the President, matter of fact, since Trump was elected, the President has received 92% negative coverage. CNN has never given the President any Kudos whatsoever for any of his accomplishments. Accomplishments I might add he did mostly on his own, despite the opposition by the Media, the Democrats, and in some cases, even members of his own party.

The Editor points out that the White House is now attempting to put in place some ground rules, such as reporters only being allowed to ask a single ques-

tion, and then giving up the mike. I guess Ms. DiAmicis conveniently has forgotten the run in that President Obama had with a Fox news reporter, and no longer called on him at the press meetings. In addition, Obama would come out holding a card with the names of ten pre-picked reporters to call on, and they were allowed to ask one question.

Ms. DiAmicis also states how she would love to see Ms. Thomas (a reporter who died in 2013) go against the present cast of characters...any of them. Of course she must be referring to the President, as well as Sarah Sanders, and others within the Trump Administration. She also makes reference to the suspicious nature of business and collusions with the government and the President. Of course, nothing has been proven, even after two years of Mueller investigations.

The editor concludes with being thankful that Ms. Thomas is no longer present for the trouncing of the press during the Trump era. But it's been the trouncing of the President, no matter what he does by the Media for the past two years. At the top of the list is CNN, a network that says and does anything for ratings, to be the first with breaking news, even if that news is false, or the information gathered was never collaborated, right or wrong it does not matter as long as it fits their agenda. We have seen it with the Caravan of Illegals, how CNN berated the force that was used to repel them, denying that the Illegals were throwing rocks which was clearly seen live.

Sadly, even the request by former President George H. W. Bush and his family that politics should be kept out of the funeral ceremony was ignored.

It mattered not that the Country lost a President, it mattered not what the Bush family requested, not even for one day could the ugly head of hatred be silenced by the Media towards President Trump. Is this the type of Media that Ms. DeAmicis is supporting? Is this the type of Media the framers of the Constitution gave the Freedom of the Press to, I think not.

Freedom of the Press is the 4th Cog in the wheel of politics, separate from the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches of government. They are the 4th Estate, given a special freedom, but along with that freedom, comes a great responsibility, a responsibility of telling the truth, a responsibility of reporting news that has been collaborated, not made up, not spun to the Agenda of the News agency. The Media is supposed to be unbiased in their reporting, something that has been totally disregarded for many years. We have seen their prejudice against George W. Bush, Mitt Romney, and especially Donald Trump. The Media along with the Democrats have been out to destroy the Trump Presidency since day one.

Yes Ms. DiAmicia, Helen Thomas must be rolling in her grave, as well as the framers of the Constitution, not because of what President Trump is doing, not because of his statement that the Media is the "Enemy of the People", but because of what the Media has become, how they have abused a special privilege given them, that people can no longer depend on the Media for unbiased information, that anyone with an R after their name is fair game, that they are to be harassed, taunted, even threatened, just because they are Republican. I fear if things continue on the present course, we may very well be faced with another Civil War.

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**CHECK OUT THE SPORTS ACTION!**

# Three factors to consider when making charitable gifts

The holiday season is here, which means gift-giving is probably on your mind. In addition to making gifts to your family and friends, you also may be interested in contributing to charitable organizations. But before you donate financial assets, such as stocks, you will need to consider several factors, including taxes, your portfolio balance and the reputation of the charity. Let's look at these areas:

**Taxes** – Your donations to qualified charities (those that are considered 501(c)(3) organizations by the Internal Revenue Service) can give you tax deductions – if you itemize deductions on your tax return. However, due to recent tax law changes, the standard deduction for 2018 has almost doubled, to \$24,000 for married couples, and to \$12,000 for single filers. As a result, you may be less likely to itemize deductions, so you could have less incentive, at least for tax reasons, to make charitable gifts. However, if you give appreciated stocks, you may be allowed a charitable deduction for the full fair market value of the gift on the date of the transfer, even if your original cost was only a fraction of today's value. Plus, you may not be subject to the capital gains tax you might have to pay if you eventually sold the stocks.

Also, depending on your age, you might be able to use your traditional IRA as a charitable-funding vehicle. Once you turn 70-1/2, you generally must begin taking withdrawals – called required minimum distributions or RMDs – from your traditional IRA. (Roth IRAs are not subject to RMDs during your lifetime.) These RMDs from your traditional IRA are taxable, but you may be able to exclude up to \$100,000 of RMDs per year from your taxable income if you transfer the funds directly to qualified charitable organizations.

In any case, consult with your tax advisor before donating appreciated assets to a charity.

**Portfolio balance** – When you donate financial assets to a charity, you are also taking them away from your portfolio. This could be an issue, especially if you repeatedly donate the same types of assets. For example, if you're donating some growth-oriented stocks, will you lower the overall growth potential of your portfolio?

You may want to consult with a financial professional to ensure your char-



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itable gifts will still allow you to maintain a portfolio balance appropriate for your goals and risk tolerance.

**Reputation of the charity** – You may want to do some homework to make sure you are giving to a reputable charity. Many experts on charitable giving say that a worthwhile charity should spend at least 75 percent of its income on programs, rather than administrative costs. You may be able to find this type of information on a charitable group's annual report and its website. You can also browse the web for the names of agencies that evaluate charitable groups.

By considering the aspects of charitable giving described above, you can get more satisfaction from your generosity – because you'll know that your gift not only supports a good cause, but also fits well into your overall financial picture.

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## SECURITY

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task force doesn't plan on approaching this study alone. They want administrators and staff involved to get input directly from those who know the schools the best.

"We decided at the next meeting we'd send a section of each school to that particular principal because this report was from 2015. Things may have been updated that we're not aware of. The principals may have concerns that we're not aware of. Basically, we're going school by school to see what we have and what we should have," Kabala said.

The task force also hopes to include town officials in the discussion as well. Police, fire and building officials will all be approached as discussions continue to try and make sure the Dudley-Charlton schools are as safe as can be.

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# Tips to turn forestry finds into rustic holiday décor

The holidays are here and that means decking the halls (and front doors) for the yuletide season. With a “back to basics” movement in full swing, there’s never been a better time to consider creating natural wreaths and swags from locally sourced “found” materials. In fact, nearly everything you need to pull together a rustic holiday décor is likely as close as your own backyard (or back roads)! The New England forest is a valuable source of evergreen branches, pinecones, bark and other materials that form rustic forest wreaths - rich in fragrance, texture, and old fashioned eye appeal. Read on for tips to choose, adorn and create a holiday wreath!

**\*\***  
**Fresh Evergreens:** Nature’s evergreens, vividly apparent among a blanket of fresh white snow, are celebrated by bringing their festive fragrance and natural beauty into the home at yuletide. Pine and fir varieties are plentiful in New England, and each brings their own qualities to the decorating mix. When foraging through your local woods (be sure to ask owners for permission), seek out broken or fallen branches, as this not only eliminates chopping chores, it’s an ecofriendly choice. Choose (or prune) branches from about six inches up to foot long, and always bring home more branches than you think you’ll need. Fuller wreaths always look better; and any leftover branches can be made into swags or used to adorn the holiday table!

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**Boxwood, laurel, fir, arborvitae, juniper and pine** are all classic holiday evergreens. If the preference is for strongly scented greens, choose juniper, pine, or balsam fir varieties. Spruce, and yew also emit a fresh tree fragrance but not as strong. Some of the best wreaths are constructed of mixed evergreens. Look for healthy branches with little or no needle loss. Careful pruning won’t harm the trees and shrubs, but be sure to look for fallen or broken branches before cutting. Don’t have woods nearby? Local Christmas tree farms often have spare branches for free or purchase.

If greens cannot be used immediately, store branches outside (preferably in the snow) until ready to use. Pliable greens, such as princess pine and arborvitae can be rejuvenated by dipping or spraying with water prior to use. Once you’ve collected the greens, shake them clean and lay them out on a clean floor or large table space (expect plenty of fallen needles and debris). Snip off sections of each branch to form generous “bundles” of greens.

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**Natural Embellishments:** pinecones, holly, bittersweet, and wild yew branches with their distinct bright red berries are just some common “forest freebies” that are very festive. If your search is started early in the season, look for acorns, seed pods, pig nuts, and miniature crabapples, all of which add texture and color to holiday wreaths. The addition of dried fruits, such as dried apples and lemons also contribute an impressive dose of eye appeal.

Keep in mind holly, yew berries, mistletoe berries, ivy plants and bitter-



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sweet are only some forest materials that are poisonous. Any of these plants used on wreaths and swags should be kept out of the reach of children and pets.

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**Wreaths with Swag:** Fresh, moist greens with a strong fragrance and pliable needles make the best wreaths. To construct a wreath, cut the greenery into six inch sections. Use your creativity when assembling a wreath and don’t be afraid to merge an array of evergreens. Greenery will be attached to a wreath form, such as a 3D wire wreath form, which is hollow inside, a double wire frame, or simply a homemade wire circle made from a coat hanger. Even narrow grapevine wreaths can serve as a suitable form, as the evergreens are both wired and tucked into the wrapped grapevine. Tie bundles of greens together to form a bouquet. Place each bundle on the form, overlapping each bouquet to produce a thick, full wreath. Attach each individual bouquet to the form with a florist wire. Twist around each bundle a two or three times to fasten it to the frame, working your way around the wreath. No florist wire? Improvise with metal trash bag ties.

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 The crowning glory of a wreath is its embellishments. Wrap wire around pinecones, bittersweet and berry branches, etc. to fasten them to the wreath. Dried fruits can be stabbed with metal wig picks and attached to the lush greenery. Or, if you prefer, most materials can be hot glued onto

greenery. Just be sure to attach to a thick, stable bundle. Homemade bows are easily tied or glued onto the completed wreath.

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 If you plan to hang the wreath on an outside door that also has a screen door attached, be sure to measure the allowance between the two doors. While a fluffy balsam wreath is a holiday beauty, a narrower princess pine wreath may deliver just as much festive décor and better fit into your space.

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## CONTESTS

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JROTC anyway. According to Andrea Singer, one of them is likely to be her granddaughter Alyssa, who was unit commander last year. While watching the events in the gym, Singer said Alyssa’s father and grandfather were in the Air Force and a great-grandfather was in the Navy, and Alyssa herself wants to go to the Coast Guard Academy enroute to a career in homeland security.

“I don’t really know” what interested her in JROTC, Singer said. “But she’s just grown so much.”

“The program itself is amazing,” she added. “It teaches them so much – discipline, responsibility, commitment, leadership. They’re just a great bunch of kids.”

Brescia agreed, saying she got interested in it after talking to other students who had done it.

“Coming to high school from middle school is a huge transition,” she said. “You don’t really know what you’re doing, and I was looking for something where I could be part of a team.”

Brescia said she has no plans to go to the military, but to

go to college for nursing. But she likes the fact the program teaches leadership skills, which she defines as “being able to work with a group for a common goal.” Leadership camps at Newport Naval Station and other events “taught me how to lead,” and that has helped her in athletics, Student Council and as class president, she said.

Youngsman said most of the JROTC programs are in rural areas or inner cities where they tend to work with “kids at risk.” They often fill kids’ need for positive role models and provide “a sense of family,” thus helping steer them away from associations that might get them in trouble.

This event was the last of four for this year, drawing about 250 teenagers. Some were brand new, to the point “they’ve never learned to march” in Youngsman’s words, while others have been in it all four years. At the end, during the awards ceremony, Rivera called out the seniors from all participating schools, so the audience and visiting Naval personnel could congratulate them.

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Capt. David Brennock passes the final scores to Oxford’s Bailey Brescia.



Members of Marine Corps Detachment 1094 talk during last weekend’s Toys for Tots collection. Clockwise from left, they are Jim Delisle, Lance Cpl. Chase Haines, PFC Diego Javier and Commandant Jim Sottile.

## TOYS

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people care and love them,” she said. Although a lot of the toys come from local donations, Parvis noted she also has friends across the country who send gifts for her drive.

“This has a life of its own. I’ve been doing this a long time and it resonates with people,” she said.

Area MCL Commandant Jim Sottile agreed, describing Parvis as “a real star for the Marine Corps League” and “a saint.” They don’t set specific annual goals but “just get buried” in donations

every year. Last year, he said, they collected about \$11,000 in cash and 9,500 toys across the region – enough for every participating child to get four toys.

Due to lack of staff this year, the League scaled back its involvement to some degree, handing coordination duty to the Lions Club.

“I hope she keeps doing it because it’s a great way to give back to the community, and I’m proud to be part of it,” said Selectman Meghan Troiano, whose family has been involved for years. When asked how many people in town she thinks need help, she said, “a lot

more than we realize. All of this will go, and then some. In a perfect world, we’d have everybody have what they need.”

According to 2014 Census data cited at www.usa.com (formerly www.city-data.com), 2.2 percent of Oxford’s 6500 households have incomes of less than \$20,000 a year. By comparison, median household income in town is just over \$69,000, and the official poverty level for a family of four is \$25,100 this year.

“There’s a huge need, and it’s so heart-warming to see how well they do,” said Carol Troiano. “This is wonderful, and a lot of hard work. The world needs more people to do this.”

Parvis said the toy drive has become “a family tradition.” She started it in New York after covering a story on a similar drive for a local newspaper there, and brought it with her to Oxford when she moved here. Because of her dedication to it, League Detachment 1094 inducted her as an associate member last year.

Sottile said collection formally ended Tuesday, Dec 11, and distribution would happen sometime shortly thereafter.

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Santa celebrates one of his favorite unofficial elves, Dr. Antoinette Parvis.



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# SPORTS

## Warriors produce strong first game performance, topping Bartlett



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Surrounded by a pair of Tantasqua defenders, Gabriela Piwowarczyk of Bartlett tries to maintain possession of the ball.



Bartlett's Camden Heenan gets past Tantasqua's Lindsey Zak on her way to the basket for a layup.



Brittany Ward of Bartlett launches a deep jump shot from the corner of the court.



Katelyn Picard of Bartlett focuses on the rim before attempting a free throw.

BY KEN POWERS  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — Co-captains Lindsey Zak and Lydia Boland each scored 13 points to lead the Tantasqua Regional girls' varsity basketball team to a season-opening victory over Bartlett High, 60-36, spoiling the debut of new Indians' head coach Anthony Pukalo in the process, on Thursday, Dec. 6, out on the Reservation.

The Warriors, who advanced to the Western Mass. Division 2 Tournament final last season, started the 2018-19 season quickly, scoring 12 of the game's first 14 points. Tantasqua led at all the stops: 18-4 after the first quarter, 30-17 at halftime and 45-28 after

three periods.

Zak, a senior, and Boland, a junior, paced Tantasqua's first-half effort, scoring eight and five points, respectively, in the first 16 minutes.

"I thought it was a good opening night. You never know what to expect sometimes on opening night," Warriors' head coach Tom Goyette said. "It was kind of a rush, playing so early. You've got tryouts and then you've got a week to get going. You try to throw a lot of things in and hope that the kids pick up on a lot of it. They've been working hard. We've had a couple of scrimmages, so to come out here and get a win feels good."

Like her coach, Zak was happy with the way

the start of the season unfolded.

"I think overall it was a really good opener for us. I thought the team played great. A few errors here and there, but that's common in an opener. I'm excited for another season," Zak said.

Zak was particularly impressed with the performances turned in by the two freshmen on the Tantasqua roster, Sophie Law and Shea Coleman, who finished with three and four points, respectively.

"I thought Sophie and Shea played great," Zak said. "I think they really stepped up and played very well in their first varsity game."

Goyette said he thought his ninth-graders answered the challenge of their varsity debut well.

"I told Sophie Law before the game the biggest thing I needed from her was rebounds at the five position and she finished with double figures [10]. That was huge. It was a great game for her and I know she was a little nervous going out there," Goyette said. "But that's Lindsey and Lydia, our two captains going out there and leading the way. They lead by example out there and they play the game the way you're supposed to play it and they play hard."

Also finding the scoring column for the Warriors were junior Kylee Fortuna (two points) and sophomores Madison Varney (eight points), Ainsley Way (six points), Emmy Cherry (six points) and Grace Farland (five points).

Bartlett, coming off a 3-17 season, was led in scoring by Allison Grzembksi, Kayla Berthiaume and Brittany Ward. Grzembksi, a senior, netted a team-high 12 points, while Berthiaume added eight and Ward six.

Bartlett, which trailed at one point by 19 in the second quarter and 17 in the third, made runs in both periods to cut the Tantasqua lead down to 11 and 13 points, respectively.

"Against a team of that caliber, to come out and continue to fight the way they did, there's a lot more positives than negatives there. This is a group with a lot of

fire and they don't quit. They're starting to buy into my way of doing things," Pukalo said. "I'm seeing a spark that I've heard hasn't been there the past few years. I like guards that are going to give you fits, and I have a handful of them and they keep fighting for me and they fought all night."

"At the end of the day there's a crooked number up there, but this was a ball game halfway through the second quarter and this was a ball game halfway through the third quarter, against a team that was a district [finalist] last year," continued Pukalo. "Like I said, a lot more positives than negatives."



Bartlett's Allison Grzembksi looks to create space while dribbling on a Tantasqua defender.



Bartlett's Julia Podedworny keeps the ball high and away from a Tantasqua defender while looking to make a pass.

### MOHEGAN BOWL FALL LEAGUES, WEEK ENDING DEC. 9



Monday Men's Business  
Single — Michael Kustak 142, Joe Antos 135, Michael LeBlanc and Matt Bergeron 134

Series — Scott Gauvin 369, Michael LeBlanc 360, Steve Poissant 356

Series over average — Michael LeBlanc +60

Ten Pin City  
Single — Claudia Allen 191, Robin Altiery 185, Joanne LaBonte 184

Series — Robin Altiery 498, Claudia Allen 486, Joanne LaBonte 478

Chet's Social  
Single — Dave Lamontagne 148, Joe Pranaitis 137, Ben Allaire 117, June Carpenter 104, Jackie Arpin 103, Dawn Horne 101

Series — Dave Lamontagne 381, Joe Pranaitis 346, Ryan Pelletier 325, Jackie Arpin 294, Marsha Kallgren 272, Erin Van Dam 269

Series over average — Dave Lamontagne +78, Jackie Arpin +36

Wednesday Women's Industrial  
Single — Lynne Smith and Marie McNally 113, Monique Pierangeli and Joanne Grzembksi 109

Series — Marie McNally 308,

Monique Pierangeli 300, Lynne Smith 294  
Series over average — Jessica Jacques +29

Summit Tenpin  
Single — Division 1: Nat Wood and Nick Wood 203, Laura Payne 189  
Division 2: Philip Viens 236, David Lavallee 204, Mitchel Smith 197  
Series — Division 1: Nat Wood 556, Nick Wood 519, Laura Payne 506  
Division 2: David Lavallee 568, Philip Viens 558, Mitchel Smith 531

Thursday Coffee  
Single — Joan Wiczorek 109, Marsha Kallgren 107, Betty Lefort and Virginia Manstream 104

Series — Marsha Kallgren and Virginia Manstream 295, Ruth Defoe 282

Series over average — Virginia Manstream +37

Thursday Men's Industrial  
Single — Steve Poissant 142, Tim Labay 134, Bo Gauvin 131

Series — Steve Poissant 357, Tim Labay 344, Ryan Pelletier 332

Series over average — Erick Mauke +52

Sunday Mixed  
Single — Dan Farrar 150, John Dupuis 128, Brian Lavallee 126, Carol Turner 104, Briana Baillargeon 94, Leigh Farrar and Rebecca Cloutier 93

Series — Dan Farrar 401, Brian Lavallee 353, Angel Claudio 343, Carol Turner 282, Briana Baillargeon and Leigh Farrar 272  
Series over average — Dan Farrar +68, Lisa Wondolowski +47

## SPORTS

# Cross-country, track specialist James to continue career at UMass-Amherst

BY KEN POWERS  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — When Rebekah James was 5 years old she would accompany her mother to various team sports practices in which her older sister Michaela was participating.

Often during these practices, because someone had made a mistake or the team was putting forth a lethargic effort, Michaela — now a sophomore at Salem State University — and her teammates were told by their coaches to go run a lap and come back ready to practice harder and smarter.

Every time this happened Rebekah's eyes would light up, she would quickly get to her feet and pester her mother Corrine to let her go running with the big girls. Corrine explained to her middle daughter why the team was running and there was no need for her to participate, but Rebekah would plead with her mom until Corrine relented and told her she could go run with the big girls.

"They were running as a punishment, but to me it was like, 'great, another chance to run,'" James

said when recalling the story last week. "My mother would say, 'no, honey, you don't have to do that.' And I would say, 'but I want to.' And my mother would say, 'well, OK. Go ahead then.'"

James, a senior at Shepherd Hill Regional, has never stopped running since those early days of her youth, and she will continue to do so for at least four more years. Last week James signed a National Letter of Intent to attend UMass-Amherst on an athletic scholarship.

When James signed on with UMass last week, she did so in front of family, friends and members of the Shepherd Hill administration. They all crowded into the school library, wanting to be on hand for the momentous occasion. Sean Burke, the Rams' Athletic Director, told perhaps the best story.

"I remember Rebekah running long before she ever got here to Shepherd Hill," Burke told the crowd. "When she was 7 or 8 she and I participated in the same 5K road race in one of the local towns and I got to be honest — she beat me pretty bad. I wasn't even close."

James recalls running her first 5K at age 7, and then running any time she had the chance. It's a part of her that continues even today.

"I've loved to run ever since," James said. "When I was younger it was fun for me. I like the scene and the adrenaline that went through my body when I would run. As I got older it was still like that — it's always been fun — but it became a big stress reliever, too. It was a way to clear my head. And if I was mad, I ran fast. Afterward I would feel calm and relaxed."

"Now, when I don't run, I feel really stressed out," James explained. "My week off between seasons [cross-country to indoor track] seemed really long. When practice finally started back up I was so relieved. I said to my coach [Nicole Fossas], 'can I go run now?' I was so thrilled to be back running."

James put the finishing touches on a stellar high school cross-country career last month, finishing second overall at the Central Mass. Division 1 Championships and sixth overall at the Massachusetts Division

1 Meet.

James chose UMass from a list of three schools that also included the University of Rhode Island in South Kingstown and Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Conn. She said she felt for a while that she would probably end up at UMass, but an official visit to the school and the fact that the UMass coach [Julie LaFreniere] was on hand at the State Meet really confirmed what she knew all along — she was Amherst-bound.

"On my visit I really seemed to click with the team. Just hanging out with them I felt really welcomed. There was a certain vibe that I got from the team and it gave me the feeling that UMass was the school for me," James said. "I visited the other schools and they were fine. They were in the mix until I visited UMass, but I just knew coming out of my visit I was going to UMass."

"Then, seeing the coach at the All-State Meet, and her call to me afterward to tell me that they loved having me up for a visit and were excited about the possibility of my joining the team, confirmed



Ken Powers photo

The James family at Rebekah's signing of her National Letter of Intent to attend UMass-Amherst, where she will run cross-country and participate in indoor and outdoor track. In front, from left, Matt James (father), Rebekah, Corrine James (mother) and Olivia James (younger sister). Standing behind Rebekah and Corrine is Judy Heney, Rebekah's maternal grandmother.

things," James said. "But I still needed a little more time to think about it and process everything before I was absolutely sure. Deciding where you're going to go to college, that's a big step."

James lives with her family in Dudley, but she

is looking forward to the large-school atmosphere of the Amherst campus of UMass, not to mention an excellent pre-med academic program that will allow her to begin to pursue her dream of working in the field of holistic medicine.

## Pirates, Millbury produce thriller on Opening Night; Oxford loses in 2 OT's



Jason McKay photos

Oxford's McAddai Owusu goes left in an attempt to shoot a layup past a Millbury defender.

BY KEN POWERS  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

MILLBURY — The Oxford High boys' varsity basketball team began the first game of the Dave Aldrich era with a heartbreaking loss, 66-62 in double overtime to Millbury High, at Martin J. Roach Gymnasium on Friday, Dec. 7.

"We struggled a little bit offensively. Our execution on offense just wasn't there and I take full responsibility for that," Aldrich said after the game, following a 22-minute postgame meeting with his team. "We spent eight days working on defense preparing for this game and then missed 20 shots in the paint on layups."

The Pirates were in control for most of the first three quarters. They led 26-14 at halftime and held that double-digit lead until the final two minutes of the third period. The Woolies made a run at that point, however, scoring five straight points to cut the Oxford lead down to 39-34 as play headed to the fourth quarter.

"We just lost our focus on defense, but that will come with time," Aldrich said. "We did a great job for the first 22 minutes. With two minutes to go in the third period I thought we lost a little focus and we lost that 10-point lead. But, I wasn't really worried; I thought we could settle them down."

Millbury managed to tie the game,

45-45, with four minutes remaining in the fourth quarter, but Oxford junior Alex Duval, who scored a game-high 24 points, hit five consecutive free throws late in the period, putting the Pirates ahead, 50-45, with 2:15 to play.

Millbury, however, rallied to tie the game, 50-50, and send it into overtime. After a drive by Jack Ezold (20 points) cut the Oxford lead down to 50-47, the Woolies' Lucas Boulanger, with 50 seconds to play in regulation, hit a free throw to draw Millbury to within two, 50-48. Boulanger (10 points) then stole the inbound pass and scored on a layup to tie the game, 50-50, with 47 seconds remaining.

In the first overtime, after both teams hit one of two free throws early, Duval gave Oxford a 53-51 lead with 2:20 to play by scoring on a twisting, turning drive through the lane. Ezold tied the game on a runner with 1:30 left in the first overtime.

Millbury took control of the second overtime early, scoring the first five points on two free throws by Ezold and a 3-pointer by Boulanger to go ahead, 58-53, with 2:48 remaining in the second extra four-minute period.

Duval scored on a drive with two minutes to play to cut the Millbury lead down to 58-55, but an Ezold left-side 3-pointer pushed the Woolies' lead to six, 61-55, with 1:42 remaining. Duval pulled Oxford to within three, 61-58, on a three-point play — he was fouled scoring on a layup and hit the free throw — with 1:32 to go. The Pirates then made it a one-point game, 61-60, on a layup by senior McAddai Owusu (20 points) with 53 seconds remaining.

After a free throw by the Woolies' Matt Marden gave Millbury a 62-60 lead with 35 seconds to play, Duval tied the game, 62-62, with a pair of free throws with 28.5 seconds to play.

Millbury junior Micah Friedman then scored four of his five points in the game to close out the victory for the Woolies, hitting a floater in the lane with 16 seconds left to put Millbury up, 64-62, and then sealing up the win with a pair of free throws with six seconds to play to account for the 66-62 final score.

His team's late-game heroics made a winner out of Woolies' head coach Jim Donnelly, who was making his debut as Millbury head coach after spend-

ing several years coaching the Sutton High boys' varsity basketball team and, before that, coincidentally enough, the Oxford High boys' varsity basketball team.

"I'm proud of my kids. We're learning how to win and be competitive and control our emotions," Aldrich said. "We

just tried too hard. Everybody tried to do it themselves instead of letting everybody do it together as a team.

"I'm happy for Jimmy and his kids; they played hard and never gave up," Aldrich added. "But that was a tough first one. I would have liked to have been on the other side of this one."



Elijah Williams of Oxford makes his move versus Millbury.

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# SPORTS

## Experience paves way for Minutemen to beat Southbridge



Bay Path's Kiara Coates focuses on the rim while shooting through defensive traffic.

Nick Ethier photos



Bay Path's Madison Paulhus catches a pass in transition while getting ahead of a Southbridge defender.



Nekelle Waskiewicz of Bay Path dribbles the ball down the length of the court.

BY NICK ETHIER  
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

CHARLTON — Experience was the name of the game for the Bay Path Regional girls' varsity basketball team when hosting Southbridge High on Monday, Dec. 10. The Minutemen's opening five boasted over a dozen years of starting experience, and it showed during their 55-25 victory.

"There's one sophomore and four seniors — very experienced," said Bay Path head coach John Selen. "This is their year to shine. They have high expectations for themselves this year and they want to go as far as they can. They have a lot of chemistry together. It's a great unit."

Sophomore Madison Paulhus is a two-year starter, while seniors Alexxus Afriyie and Nekelle Waskiewicz are four-year starters. Senior Kiara Coates is a two-year starter, and senior Emily Wong Kam has three years of experience while taking the jump into the starting rotation.

The Pioneers, meanwhile, lack experience at every position.

"We're young. I have no juniors, no seniors," said Southbridge head coach Elvin Rodriguez. "I have nine girls on my team. We're going to have our growing pains, speed bumps throughout the season."

"I just want to see improvement from game to game and I definitely saw that today from certain individuals," continued Rodriguez.

The Minutemen opened up a 4-0 lead and, after a Pioneers' 3-pointer, they proceeded to score the next 16 points to grab a 20-3 lead. Bay Path led, 24-5, after the initial eight-minute quarter.

The aforementioned starting five made its mark almost immediately. Once Paulhus made a layup with 4:30 to play in the first quarter, all five had found the scoring column.

Then, in the second quarter — where many substitutes got valuable minutes on the court — the Minutemen scored

nine points to Southbridge's five to take a 33-10 halftime lead.

Bay Path's starters played a majority of the third quarter — a frame they won, 13-7 — before giving way to the bench in the fourth, which they also won, 9-8, to produce the 30-point victory.

Coates finished with team-best totals of 15 points and 8 rebounds, with Paulhus right behind her with 9 points and 7 rebounds. Afriyie added 6 points, Wong Kam 5 and Waskiewicz 2, with Emily Margoupis coming off the bench to drain a pair of 3-pointers for 6 points.

The win improved Bay Path's record to 2-0, but Selen mentioned that the game



Bay Path's Alexxus Afriyie beats her Southbridge counterpart to the basket on a dribble-drive.



Emily Wong Kam of Bay Path prepares to release a free throw attempt.

had added significance because they renewed a rivalry with the Pioneers.

"This was a special game for them. We haven't played Southbridge in a few years and a lot of these girls are from Southbridge," explained Selen. "It's a friendly rivalry so it was a lot of fun for them."

The Minutemen hope to take the momentum this victory produced and parlay it into many wins throughout the season.

"We hope to make districts again — three years in a row in districts, so we hope to make it a fourth," said Selen. "This group has never not known a year where we didn't go to districts. They hope to have a really good record and maybe host a home game for districts."

And although the Pioneers dropped to 0-2, Selen predicts some success for them down the road.

"Southbridge is very young, there's some good things to come for them,"

he said.

Rodriguez noted that Ashanti Morales and Jomarieliz Lebron — the only two Pioneers with "extensive varsity time" from last season — will be called upon to provide bigger roles this winter.

"She's going to have to carry the load," Rodriguez said of Morales, who finished with a game-high 16 points. I'm hopefully getting Jomarieliz to be the [recently graduated] Julitza [Delgado] of the team as far as bringing the ball up and running the offense to keep [Morales] in the corner and just let it fly with her 3-point shot."

Morales catted three triples versus Bay Path and made eight treys in a game last season versus David Prouty Regional, so her shooting skills are high.

Lebron (5 points) and Aleysha Cruz (4 points) were the Pioneers' other point producers.

### HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Dec. 6

**Tantasqua 130, Worcester 52** —

In a co-ed swimming and diving meet, the Warriors got off to a good start to open the season with a victory. The medley relay team of Andrew Wade, Bryce Iller, Robert Wilson and Zachary Lavallee got Tantasqua's first winner, while Sarah Kersting-Mumm — part of the team's co-op with Oxford — got two firsts in the 200 and 50 free. Jonah Green won the diving, Robert Wilson (by way of Quaboag) won the 100 fly, Iller took first in the 100 free and the 100 back, and Wade swam away with first in the 500 free. The 200 free relay team of Lavallee, Kersting-Mumm, Ethan Hunter-Mason and AJ Osimo took first. Hunter-Mason also won the 100 breaststroke. The 400 free relay team of Wade, Eli Currier, Kersting-Mumm and Iller took home another victory.

Dec. 8

**Tantasqua 99, Nashoba 81; Tantasqua 116, Advanced Math and Science Academy 62** —

The girls' swim and dive team at Tantasqua is undefeated (2-0) after defeating both the Chieftains and Eagles. The medley relay team of Sarah Kersting-Mumm (Oxford) Lauren Butler, Katie Wade and Rebecca Turley started the Warriors out with a first place finish. Alyson Locke won the 200 free, Wade won the 50 free and the 500 free, Butler took first in the diving, Kersting-Mumm was the winner in the 100 backstroke, Erika Madden won the 100 breaststroke and the 400 free relay team finished the day off with another win (Wade, Locke, Turley and Kersting-Mumm).

**Tantasqua 86, Nashoba 79; Advanced Math and Science Academy 89, Tantasqua 84** — The boys split their decision to get to 1-1. The medley relay team took first (Bryce Iller, Ethan Hunter-Mason, Robert Wilson of Quaboag and Andrew Wade), and Iller won the 100 breaststroke.

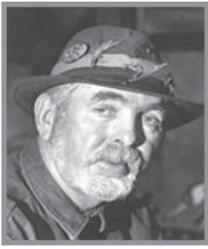
### SPORTS BRIEF

#### Worcester State University to hold baseball clinics

Worcester State Baseball Indoor Clinics are now held in the \$52 million gymnasium and wellness center. The second floor multipurpose gym allows for live practices with plenty of storage for the six indoor mounds, bats and balls, etc. Hitters will use the double-barrel cages on the first floor. Here kids will bunt/bat off the Hack Attack pitching machines (uses real balls; speed adjusted for ages), hit close-range BP, use soft toss nets, tees, and utilize slow-motion video analysis.

There are multiple upcoming clinics to choose from. For questions, please call (508) 929-8852 or (774) 230-3872, or email dbaker1@wsculancers.com/camps-clinics for more information.

# Shotgun season yields magnificent harvest



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The shotgun season ended this past Saturday for Massachusetts deer hunters, but there is still time to harvest some venison during the primitive arms season which opened this past Monday. The season will end on Dec. 31. Deer hunters are hoping for a few inches of snow for tracking deer during the last segment of the primitive arms season.

This week's pictures show Ralph Godin with the first buck of his life, although he has harvested numerous other deer over the years.

The second picture shows a very happy deer hunter with a magnificent buck taken locally.

This year has had deer hunters take 200 pound deer that had some very magnificent antlers. Although there were very few acorns for the deer to feed on, most were in good health and were doing well on grass and other browse available to them in the woods. Fortunately, no serious accidents were reported. Hunting has become a very safe sport for deer hunters after the regulation of wearing blaze orange for deer hunters was passed!

The news of a dog being found shot in the woods, was an act that is outrageous, and needs to have the person held responsible and prosecuted. There is always one idiot that makes the sport of hunting look bad. The owners of the dog also need to have some sense of guilt after they allowed their family pet to roam free during the hunting season or at any time of the year. Most towns have a law that requires dog owners to keep their pets under their control at all times. There is also a state law that requires dog owners to keep their dogs from running free. As the owner of two dogs, I need to have them under my control at all times. They are like family, and allowing them to roam free could have them being hit by cars, or meet some other form of dangerous incident that could cost them their life. The family must be heart broken and I feel their pain!!

The cold weather predicted this week could have some ponds safe for ice fish-



Ralph Geddes with the first buck he's managed, despite years of hunting. He has a bevy of does to his credit, but this is his first buck.

ing, but extreme caution needs to be practiced on first ice as I mentioned in last week's column. Ice fishing with a jig stick is this writer's favorite method of fishing. It requires cutting a lot of holes, but when a school of yellow perch are found the action can be fast. Using a Swedish pimple lure with a single hook baited with a piece of garden worm is usually the best way to catch the first perch. Removing the eye from the perch, and attaching it to your hook is the best method to catch numerous perch and other fresh water fish. During a feeding frenzy pickerel, bass, and other fresh water fish are often caught and need to be retrieved slowly to avoid breaking the line. Numerous 4 lb. bass have been caught by anglers using jig sticks. A few years ago an ice fishing angler caught a large pike on a jig stick at Manchaug Pond which required some tricky maneuvering to get the huge fish thru the hole.

Next week we will discuss some of my favorite fishing spots, and the methods that I use to catch numerous species of fresh water fish through the ice. My first catch of yellow perch often has my wife cooking them the next day. An order of shrimp fried rice and vegetable chow mein from the Food Works Chinese Restaurant in North Uxbridge makes for a great meal with the pan fried perch.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!



This is a local hunter with a magnificent buck taken locally.

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# OBITUARIES

## Janet E. Higgins, 74



**DUDLEY** - Janet E. (Lamerine) Higgins, 74, of Joshua Place, died Thursday, November 29 at Overlook Healthcare. She leaves 3 sons Kevin Higgins of Central Village, CT, companion Lisa Mileski, Scott Higgins of Dudley, companion Lisa Blanchard, Derek Higgins of Southbridge, 2 daughters Laurel Robidoux of Sturbridge, her husband Alvin Robidoux, Carlene Higgins of Webster, companion Michael Paschopoulos, 5 grandchildren Nicholas Marchessault, Nicole Higgins, Melynda Fife, Matthew Higgins,

Caitlin Higgins along with 3 Great grandchildren. she was predeceased by her former husband John "pinky" Higgins. Janet was a CNA for many years and worked at the Samaritans, Liberty House and the Masonic Home. She loved spending time with her family, enjoyed country music and was an avid Garth Brooks fan.

She also enjoyed the ocean and long scenic drives. Her funeral was on Wednesday December 5th from the Belanger-Bullard Funeral Home, 51 Marcy St. Southbridge followed with a Mass at

10AM in Norte Dame Church (of the St. John Paul II parishes) 446 Main St. Southbridge. Burial will be private.

## Bernice B. Antul, 98

**BROOKLYN, CT/ WORCESTER, MA** - Bernice B. (Bojarski) Antul age 98 passed away Thursday evening at Pierce Care, Brooklyn, CT. She was the wife of the late Paul J. Antul Sr.

She leaves her daughters Paula Antul of Pomfret Center, CT, Pamela Antul of Brewster, MA, Debra Patchak of Jackson, Michigan and Loren Filgerleski of Gilbertville, MA, several grandchildren and great grand. She also was predeceased by a son Paul Antul Jr. of Worcester. Bernice was

born in Worcester daughter of the late Alexander Bojarski and Josephine (Jasinski) Bojarski and lived in Worcester for 64 years and for the past several years living in Brooklyn, CT.

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

## Donald C. Wolfe, 88

**OXFORD** - Donald C. Wolfe, 88, died Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at the Southbridge Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center, following an illness.

His wife of 29 years, Shirley M. (Proulx) Wolfe, died March 14, 2011. Donald was born in Worcester, MA on January 2, 1930, one of five children of W. Rudolph and Doris A. (Girouard) Wolfe. He is survived by three sons, Donnie Wolfe of Boulder, CO; Richard Wolfe of Washington; and Gerald Wolfe of Charlton; his step-daughter, Patricia Ziemba of Southbridge; 11 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren. Donald was predeceased by his

step-son, Robert Desaulniers.

Donald graduated from Worcester Vocational High School. He retired as a Heat Treat Room supervisor from Hyde Manufacturing in Southbridge. He enjoyed boating, woodworking, and traveling.

Donald's calling hours will be Friday, December 14, 2018 from 9-10:30AM at Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA 01550, immediately followed by a graveside funeral service at 11AM at New Notre Dame Cemetery, N. Woodstock Road, Southbridge, MA. [www.sansoucyfuneral.com](http://www.sansoucyfuneral.com)

## Janice R. Dixon Lengas, 76

**BARNSTABLE/ WEBSTER** - Janice R. (Mott) Dixon Lengas age 76 passed away Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2018 at the Beth Israel Hospital, Plymouth, MA. She was the wife of the late Gerald Dixon and Harry Lengas. She leaves a son James Dixon of Fall River, a daughter, Kelley Pace of Missouri, a sister Sandra Merchant of GA, two grand daughters and many nieces and nephews. She was also predeceased by a son John Dixon of Kansas, a daughter Theresa Niles of Fitchburg, a brother Arthur Mott of Sandwich and Barbara Lecuyer of Webster. She was born in Worcester daughter of the late John H. and Rita (Murray) Mott and lived

in Barnstable since 1984. Janice was operations manager copy center for Cape Cod Community College in West Barnstable. She enjoyed cake decorating and quality time with family. There are no calling hours and all services are private. Please omit flowers and donations may be made in her memory to the Webster/Dudley Veterans Council, Webster, MA 01570. 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](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

## John Joseph Berry, 60



**WORCESTER** - John Joseph Berry, 60, of Worcester died unexpectedly on Friday November 30, 2018. John is survived by his mother, Loretta (Adamiak) Berry; his siblings, Debby Ashford, Louanne Kustak and her husband Mike, Glen Berry and his wife Terry, William Berry and his wife Cyndi, Ken Berry, Jackie Rucci, Diane Smith, Ronald Berry and his wife Maila, Laurie Falkenburg and her husband Douglas, Jennifer Quigley and her husband Chris, and Jessica Bristol. He leaves many nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, aunts, uncles

and cousins. John lost his longtime girlfriend Tina Bria.

He is predeceased by his father Harold; his siblings Cathy, Michael, Gayle, Gregory and Jeffrey; his brother-in-law Dana Ashford; his nieces Emma Louise Marrone and Leah Berry.

John will be remembered for his love of Beatles music, watching sports, especially the big bad Bruins and spending simple time with family.

John enjoyed a good home cooked meal especially the cooking of his sister Jennifer. John always wanted "Ma" to know that he loved her.

At the request of the family, the services will be private. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements. [paradisfuneralhome.com](http://paradisfuneralhome.com)

## John E. Grzembki, 73



**BROOKFIELD** - John E. Grzembki, 73, died Friday, December 7, 2018, at Mary Lane Hospital in Ware, after being stricken ill at home.

He leaves the love of his life, his wife of 54 years, Gloria (Richard) Grzembki. They were married May 9, 1964.

He also leaves 2 sons, Emil and his wife Kimberly Grzembki of Southbridge, Richard and his wife Tammy Grzembki of Sturbridge, and a daughter Barbara Johns and her husband Donny of Seattle, WA, 10 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. He also leaves 2 brothers William Grzembki of Orlando, FL, and Richard Grzembki of Southbridge, 2 sisters Maryann Antil and her husband Ray of Webster, and Diane Goulet and her husband Michael of Sturbridge, nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by 2 brothers Joseph Grzembki, James Grzembki, and a nephew Joseph Goulet.

He was born in Dudley, son of the late Joseph and Anna (Clark)

Grzembki. John lived most of his life in either Sturbridge or Southbridge. He attended Tantasqua Regional High School, and proudly served in the US Army, and later the Army National Guard for many years. John was a retired cook, working at many restaurants, and at one time owned the Medical Center Coffee Shop. He was a fan of the Boston sports teams, especially the New England Patriots and Boston Red Sox. He had many hobbies, but really enjoyed camping with his wife and family and taking care of his babies... two ShiTzu's named Max and Annie.

Calling hours were Tuesday, December 11, 2018, from 5-7PM at Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA 01550. The funeral was held on Wednesday, December 12, 2018, at 9AM from Sansoucy Funeral Home, followed by a graveside service with Military Honors at 10AM at New Notre Dame Cemetery, 746 N. Woodstock Road, Southbridge, MA 01550.



## Suzanne Hamel Gibbons, 85

**WORCESTER** - Suzanne Hamel Gibbons, 85, died peacefully on December 4, 2018, at Christopher House after years of excellent care there. She was a daughter of Wilfred and Aurida LaCroix Hamel of Worcester, sister of the late Lucille Hamel Kuehnle and widow of the late Donald Gibbons. Susie was a graduate of the former Commerce High School and was a big fan of the Boston Red Sox, lobster rolls and the Democratic Party.

She is survived by her sister, Virginia Hamel Stringer of Norfolk, Virginia and four nieces - Cynthia, Stephanie, Amy and Sarah. Susie was especially close to Stephanie who provided loving support and guidance for her well-being. All will remember

Susie's sunny and uncomplaining disposition, despite the challenges in her life.

The family wishes to thank Christopher House, JHC Hospice, Paula Cooney and Megan Cooney Doherty for their special help. Burial will be private. Donations may be sent to Christopher House Activities Fund, 10 Mary Scano Drive, Worcester, MA 01605 or Citizens United for Research in Epilepsy, 430 W. Erie, Suite 210, Chicago, IL 60654 ([cureepilepsy.org](http://cureepilepsy.org)). 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](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you may post a condolence or light a candle

## Carl P. Jankowski, 93



**DUDLEY** - Carl P. Jankowski age 93 died Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at the Harrington Hospital, Southbridge, MA. He leaves his wife of 69 years, Irene (Wedda) Jankowski.

He also leaves three daughters, Christine Laroche and her husband Gui of Milford, Debra Jankowski of Dudley, and Carol Parks of North Grosvenordale, CT., five grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Carl was predeceased by three brothers, Louis, Chester and Ralph and a sister Josephine Patterson all of Webster. He was born in Webster son of the late Jacob and Anna (Tschierzy) Jankowski and lived here most of his life. He was a WWII US Marine Corp veteran. Carl was a machinist, and worked for Pratt Whitney in Hartford, CT. He

was a past commander of the PAV, and a longtime member of the Webster-Dudley Veterans Council. He was part of the invasion of Guam and Saipan. Carl received the honor of being the first Grand Marshall of the Veterans Day Parade.

There are no calling hours. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book at [www.shaw-majercik.com](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you may post a condolence or light a candle. A Memorial Mass will be held Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 11 am in Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Webster, MA.. Please omit flowers and the family requests donations in his memory be made to a charity of donor's choice.



## James R. Soares, 58

**DUDLEY** - James R. Soares age 58 died Tuesday, December 4, 2018. He leaves his wife Julie E. (Norton) Soares. Jim leaves a son, Scott Tirrell and a daughter Jacqueline Chandy. He also leaves a step-son Nicholas Almond of Lincoln, RI a step-daughter Cassandra Beaugard and her husband Edward of Bellingham and three grandchildren, Victoria Almond and Hailey Lucas. James also leaves brothers, Jose of Milford, Manuel of Whitinsville and John of Framingham, sisters, Valademira Pimentel of Fall River, Angie Ferreira of Northbridge, Aldina Newcomer of NC and Tina Smyth of CA. He was born in Calheta, Portugal son of the late Nael Doares and Maria (Muniz) Soares and lived in Dudley for the past eleven years

prior to that living in Charlton. James formerly worked for General Dynamics as a Logistical Engineer. He was a member of the Army National Guard. One of his joys was his Harley. Calling hours at the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA were Thursday Dec. 13, 2018. from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm with a graveside service with military honors at 1 pm, Corbin Cemetery, Dudley. Please omit flowers and donations may be made in his memory to the Webster, Dudley Veteran Council, Webster, MA. Burial with military honors will be private for the family in Corbin Cemetery. A guest book is available at [www.shaw-majercik.com](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

## Jeannette L. Gelineau, 84



**Jeannette L. Gelineau, 84, of Dudley died Friday, December 7, 2018 at Harrington Memorial Hospital in Southbridge, MA. Jeannette was born September 3, 1934 in Dudley, one of 12 children of Wilfred and Annette (Bousquet) McDonald. She was predeceased by her husband of 49 years, Armand E. Gelineau.**

She is survived by two daughters: Lynn Gelineau of Dudley, Gail Bazinet and her husband David of Vero Beach, FL and one son: Brian Gelineau and his wife, Kelly of Dudley, and daughter in law, Tina Gelineau of Oxford.

She is survived by two sisters: Noella Farraday of Dudley and Connie Wagner of Webster and four brothers: Norman McDonald of Sedona, AZ, Richard McDonald of Charlton George McDonald of Sturbridge, MA, Roger McDonald of Sturbridge, 8 grandchildren Nathan, Nicholas and Allison Bazinet, Megan Andrzejewski, Matthew and Marialaina Gelineau, Brady and Cooper Gelineau. She also is survived by 4 great grandchildren

and many nieces and nephews.

Jeannette was predeceased by her son, David A. Gelineau and by 4 brothers and 1 sister.

She worked at A.O. in Southbridge for 25 years and retired from Stevens Linen in 1993. She was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua and a member of the Daughters of Isabella. She loved playing cards and yahtzee, attending her grandchildren's sporting and musical events and playing board games with family. Jeannette was blessed with a large circle of many close friends and went on special trips with them.

Her funeral was held Tuesday, Dec. 11 at 10:00 AM from Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel, 33 Schofield Avenue with A Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 am in St. Anthony Of Padua Church, 24 Dudley Hill Rd., Dudley. Burial followed in St. Anthony Of Padua Cemetery, Webster.

Calling hours at the funeral home were on Monday, December 10 from 4 to 7 PM.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to The Center of Applied Behavioral Instruction, 345 Greenwood St. Worcester, MA 01607. [www.bartelfuneralhome.com](http://www.bartelfuneralhome.com)

## Joseph "Roger" Garceau, 69

Joseph "Roger" Garceau, 69, of Candler, NC passed away peacefully at the Charles George VA Medical Center on December 8, 2018.

He was born November 22, 1949 in Webster, Massachusetts, son of late Byron and Marie Gingras Garceau. He served 2 tours in Vietnam, '67 & '68 with the US Army. Employed 30 years by New England Telephone/ Verizon. 20 years of service with Quinebaug Volunteer Fire Dept. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and camping.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 35 years, Charolett Latour Garceau; son, Spencer Garceau of Hilo, HI; son, Michael LePage (Gail) of Asheville, NC; grandsons, Benjamin & Kristopher

LePage; sister, Jovette Gauthier of Southbridge, MA; brother, Michael Garceau (Mary) of Woodstock, CT; many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by son, Eric LePage. He is also survived by life-long friend, Bernie Chausse of Barefoot Bay, FL, and devoted dog, Charlie.

The family expresses a special note of thanks to the hospice team at Charles George VA Medical Center for their phenomenal care and compassion.

Moore Funeral home is assisting the family. No services. Donations may be made to Autism Society of NC. Visit [www.moorefh.net](http://www.moorefh.net) to sign the online guest book.

# OBITUARIES

## Joshua A. Proulx, 35



**N O R T H G R O S V E N O R D A L E,** CT – Joshua A. Proulx, 35, of Riverside Dr., unexpectedly passed away surrounded by loved ones on Sunday, December 2, 2018 at UMass University Hospital from an illness. He was born in Southbridge, MA but lived his childhood in Dudley, MA. He attended school at Bay Path High School in Charlton, MA. He was the loving companion of Callie Parker for 19 years. They have two wonderful children, Jameson and Kaylynn Proulx who both love and will miss him dearly. Josh was the son of Paul Proulx and Cindy (Leduc) Proulx, both of whom reside in Southbridge. He also leaves behind his grandparents, Roland and Shirley Leduc; two loving sisters, Kasey Proulx of Southbridge and Erin Proulx along with his brother-in-law, Christopher Nichols also of Southbridge; and his nephews, who will miss him tremendously, and Jordan and Jionni Nichols. Josh has a big loving family which includes his aunt and uncle, Donald and Lynn of Texas; and their children, his close

cousins, Dawn Santasieri and Andrew Proulx, also from Texas. He spent many of his younger years close to his Taunte, Madelene Stubbs of Worcester, MA. He leaves behind his Minoke, Christopher Leduc of Woodstock, CT as well. Josh was loved by many and leaves behind many friends and family. He is predeceased by his grandparents, Gerald and Jeannette Proulx.

Joshua enjoyed fishing, the outdoors sitting by the fire and most importantly, more than anything, his two children. He worked most of his life in the manufacturing business, mainly running around on his forklift truck and making everyone laugh. Josh was a loving father, boyfriend, son, brother, and will be missed very much by all of his loved ones.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Joshua's family on Saturday, December 15 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Valade Funeral Home and Crematory, 23 Main St., N. Grosvenordale. Memorial donations in Joshua's memory may be made to the Jameson Proulx Memorial Fund, or the Kaylynn Proulx Memorial Fund c/o Key Bank, 163 Providence St., Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

## Edward C. Prunier, Sr., 90



**C H A R L T O N** – Edward C. Prunier, Sr., 90, died Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at home after a period of declining health. His wife, Nancy M. (Stone) Prunier, died in 1992.

He leaves 3 sons, Edward C. Prunier, Jr. & his wife Sylvia of Albuquerque, NM, Gregory J. Prunier & his wife Paula of Germantown, MD and Wayne S. Prunier & his friend Suzanne Bourque of Charlton; a daughter, Dawn M. Myers & her husband Thomas of Charlton; 10 grandchildren, Aaron Prunier, Heather Abrego, Karen DeMarco, Melanie Cooper, Laura Alden, Edward Prunier, Elizabeth Myers, Kelsey Prunier, Stephen Myers and Claire Myers; 10 great-grandchildren; 3 sisters, Shirley Wolfenden & her husband Wesley of Lutz, FL, Barbara LePage & her husband Paul, and Bernadette Davidson & her husband Donald all of Sturbridge; nephews and nieces.

He was born and raised in Worcester, a son of Edward A. and Jennie (Wroblecka) Prunier. He was a Charlton resident since 1938.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving on the Aircraft Carrier U.S.S. Leyte. After the war the Leyte was involved in a Good Will Mission Cruise. He was one of the organizers of the Leyte Group, which met every year in different parts of the country. He was a member and past commander of the Charlton American Legion Post #391.

Mr. Prunier was employed as a die

sinker with Wyman-Gordon in Worcester for 40 years retiring in 1991. After retirement he worked as a limousine driver and a funeral attendant at several funeral homes, including Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home. He served on the Dudley Charlton Regional School Board from 1970-1974 and was part of the building committee that was responsible for planning and building of Shepherd Hill Regional High School, Dudley.

He was a communicant of Saint Joseph Church. He enjoyed traveling and fishing and sailing on Narragansett Bay. His greatest joy came from the time he spent with his family.

The family would like to thank Dr. Paul Harrington, Dr. Christopher Seidler and Suzanne Bourque for their exceptional care for Ed since he became ill.

The funeral was held Monday, December 10, with a Mass at 10:30 AM in Saint Joseph Church, 10 H. Putnam Road Extension. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family. Visiting hours were held on Sunday, December 9, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM in the Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster and again from 9:30 to 10:30 AM, Monday in the Narthex of Saint Joseph's Church, prior to the Mass. Donations in his name may be made to Harrington Hospital Cancer Center, 55 Sayles Street, Southbridge, MA 01550. [www.sitkowski-malboeuf.com](http://www.sitkowski-malboeuf.com)

## Virginia A. Bigelow, 94



**O X F O R D** – Virginia A. (Smith) Bigelow, 94, died peacefully on Sunday, December 2, 2018, at Overlook Masonic Health Center in Charlton, with family members by her side. She was predeceased by her

husband of 47 years, Merrick H. Bigelow who died in 1997; and a brother, Earle H. Smith who died in 1992. She is survived by her brother, Robert M. Smith and his wife Janice of Shrewsbury; her sister-in-law, Primrose M. Smith of Norfolk; and many Smith, Hunter, McCann, Bigelow, and Olney nieces, nephews, and cousins, including her goddaughter Judith McCann Yarossi. She was born in Worcester, daughter of the late Earl D. and Agnes (Hunter) Smith, was raised in Worcester and North Grafton, and lived most of her life in Oxford. She graduated from Grafton High School in 1942.

Virginia, or "Ginny" as she was known, served 45 years supporting the Executive Office at State Mutual in Worcester, retiring as the office manager in 1987. She was a consummate professional, an expert in her role, respected for her skill, and beloved by those whom she served and worked with. She was a long-standing member of the First Congregational Church in Oxford.

Virginia married Merrick, her devoted husband in 1950. Throughout their marriage, Merrick a decorated WW II combat veteran severely wounded during the Italian campaign and Virginia lived in the home that Merrick and his father built on Walcott Street in Oxford. Virginia maintained fabulous flower gardens. They enjoyed traveling the world together ranging from annual visits to Cape Cod, to

the national parks out west, Scotland, England and trips throughout Europe. Each adventure was always carefully documented and shared with the family in memorable slide shows upon their return.

Most of all, Virginia's life revolved around her family and close circle of friends. She counted herself blessed delighted in being with family. Throughout the years she enjoyed nothing more than gathering with them at the homestead on East Street in North Grafton, Thanksgiving at Uncle Tommy's and for decades hosting the family Christmas celebrations in their home. The latter was always an opportunity for showcasing multiple generations of family recipes, still enjoyed to this day and an excuse to spoil all the nieces, nephews and cousins with a bonanza of gifts. Later in life, she would enjoy Easter, Mother's Day and Thanksgiving holidays with family in Grafton, Shrewsbury and accompanied the family on expeditions to Florida, New Hampshire and Southport, Maine.

A greeting from Virginia was always accompanied by her winning smile. To her family and all who were blessed to know her, she will forever be remembered for her warmth, caring nature, dignity and grace.

A funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, December 10, 2018, at the First Congregational Church, 355 Main St., Oxford. Burial followed at North Cemetery in Oxford. Calling hours were Monday from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First Congregational Church, P.O. Box 585, Oxford, MA 01540, or to Tower Hill Botanic Gardens, P.O. Box 598, Boylston, MA 01505-0598. [paradisfuneralhome.com](http://paradisfuneralhome.com)

## Keith C. Dupras, 52



**W E B S T E R** – Keith C. Dupras, 52, transcended peacefully on Dec 4th, 2018 at UMass -Lake Ave, Worcester with his family by his side.

He leaves his wife, Jodi Kubilis Dupras of Little River, SC. A son, Matthew Dupras and only beloved grandson Benjamin Dupras, both of Webster. Mother, Edna LaPan of Millbury, sisters Cheryl Belanger of Millbury, Linda Luks and husband Joe of Auburn, Melissa and husband Don Hermans of Grafton, Sharon Spatol of Webster, one stepister and three stepbrothers. Many nieces, nephews, and was predeceased by his father Edward Dupras, stepfather Richard LaPan, brother Steven Dupras and sister Christine Geer.

He was employed over 35 years as an expert in his trade at canvas fabrication and stitching. Most recently employed with Zmetra Clear Span Structures, aka Tents for Rent in Webster in a supervisory role.

His favorite thing to do was spend quality time with his grandson. He enjoyed playing the lottery, NASCAR, fishing, camping, and visiting the White Mountains in NH.

A memorial service will be held at Millbury Baptist church, 17 N Main St. Millbury, MA on Sat Dec 22, 2018 at 2PM. Immediately followed by a celebration of life in the church hall. The family welcomes you to join them. In lieu of flowers,

they also request a donation to cancer research in his name and honor. [www.bartelfuneralhome.com](http://www.bartelfuneralhome.com) for Keith's condolence book

## Robert M. Harris, Sr., 86



**L E I C E S T E R** – Robert M. Harris, Sr., 86, of King Street died Wednesday, Dec. 5 in his home after an illness.

He leaves his wife of 64 years, Carolyn A. (MacIntosh) Harris, two sons;

Robert M. Harris, Jr. and his wife Jane of Leicester and Kenneth S. Harris and his wife Sharron of Leicester, two sisters; Winifred Mangano of Holden and Rita Giles of Oxford, three grandchildren; Erin Stimson, Ryan Harris and Nicholas Harris and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by 15 brothers and sisters.

Robert was born in Cherry Valley, son of John A. and Annie C. (Flanagan) Harris. He worked for the Town of Leicester Highway Dept. for 29 years retiring as a foreman. After retiring he worked as a transporter at Becker

College for several years. He was a past member of the Sons of the Legion Post 443. He was a member of St. Joseph's St. Pius X Parish, the Knights of Columbus Council 4528, the Quinebaug Valley Campers Association and camped at Oak Haven Camp Ground for 37 years. He was a Lieutenant at the Cherry Valley fire station for many years. He enjoyed camping, playing cards and horseshoes and spending time with his family.

The funeral was held Saturday, December 8 from MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main Street, Leicester with a Mass at 11:00 AM in St. Pius X Church, 1153 Main Street, Leicester. Burial will be at a later date. Calling hours preceded the funeral from 9:00-10:30 AM in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to St. Joseph St. Pius X Parish, 759 Main Street, Leicester, MA 01524.

## Yvette A. Pleau, 90

**N O R T H G R O S V E N O R D A L E** – Yvette A. (Demers) Pleau, 90, of Blain Road, died Sunday, November 18, 2018, in Matulaitis Nursing Home. She was the loving wife of the late Roland Pleau. Born in North Grosvenordale, she was the daughter of Levis and Maria (Santerre) Demers.

Yvette was a lens inspector for American Optical and also worked as a winder for Cluette Peabody. She enjoyed playing the piano, reading, cooking, gardening and camping.

Yvette is survived by her children, Lorna Wade and her husband Joseph of Dudley, Massachusetts, David Therrien and his wife Susan, of Bangor, Maine, Robert Therrien and his wife

Marie-Jeanne of Putnam, Sherry Ann Lavallee and her husband Dennis of Putnam, Gerard Therrien and his companion Connie of Esmond, Virginia, Jeffrey Pleau and his wife Linda of Dudley; her daughter-in-law Gail Pleau of Jewett City; her sisters, Harriet Demers of Quinebaug and Janet Fafard of Ballouville; sixteen grandchildren; and nine great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her son, Robert Pleau.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Yvette's family from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a. m. on Saturday, December 15, 2018 in the Valade Funeral Home & Crematory, 23 Main St. N. Grosvenordale, followed by a Funeral Mass at 10:00 am in St. Joseph Church, 20 Main Street, N. Grosvenordale. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery. For memorial guestbook please visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

## Alexandria 'Sandra' Thomas, 90

**F A B Y A N,** CT- Alexandria 'Sandra' Thomas, 90, passed away peacefully on December 3, 2018 at Westview Nursing Home where she was a resident for the past few months. She was a lifelong resident of Fabyan, Ct.

Sandra attended Tourtellotte Memorial High School and worked many years at the former American Optical Co. and was a member of the Quarter Century Club, before retiring. She was a member of Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Webster and was also a member of the Philoptochos Society at her church.

She was born in Fabyan, Ct. May 22, 1928, a daughter of the late Demetri and Afroditi (Daniels) Thomas and lived in the home where she was born all her life.

Sandra is survived by two brothers, Peter Thomas and his wife Jeanne, and Philip and his wife Barbara of Quinebaug, Ct., also two sisters, Marian Thomas of Fabyan, Ct.,

and Irene Stefani and her husband Joseph of New Jersey, a sister-in-law, Katherine Thomas of Fabyan, Ct. and many nieces and nephews who were fond of her.

She was predeceased by a sister Sophie Bendo of New Jersey and three brothers, William, Michael and Vangel Thomas all of Fabyan, Ct.

During her younger years she enjoyed travelling and visiting several European countries.

There are No calling hours.

A Funeral Service for Sandra was held on Friday, December 7, 2018 at 10AM in Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 37 Lake Parkway, Webster, burial followed at Mt. Zion Cemetery in Webster.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial contributions may be made to: Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, P.O. Box 713, Webster, MA. 01570.

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

To leave a message of condolence, please visit: [RJMillerfunerals.net](http://RJMillerfunerals.net)

## Stephen D. FitzGerald, 64



**S T U R B R I D G E** – Stephen D. FitzGerald, 64, of First Street, died Tuesday, December 4, 2018, at UMass Memorial Medical Center – University Campus in Worcester, after a short illness. He

is survived by his son, Robert C. FitzGerald and his wife Jennifer of Dudley; his mother, Maxine (Westcott) FitzGerald of Upton; two sisters, Debbie Turner of Oxford and Linna Cleggett of Brookfield; three grandchildren, Sydney, Conor, and Madyson FitzGerald, all of Dudley; and many nephews and nieces. He was predeceased by a son, Stephen D. FitzGerald II who died in 2001; a grandson, Joshua S. FitzGerald who died in 2017; and a brother, John FitzGerald. He was born in Rutland, VT, son of the late Maynard

FitzGerald, and lived in Vermont, Worcester, and Oxford before moving to Sturbridge.

Mr. FitzGerald worked as at Saint Gobain in Worcester for 44 years, most recently as a research technician. He loved woodworking and muscle cars. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and attending their sporting events.

A funeral was held at 11 a.m. on Friday, December 7, 2018, at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. Burial followed at North Cemetery in Oxford. A calling hour was held on Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Dudley Fire Family Relief Fund, c/o Webster Five, 208 West Main St., Dudley, MA 01571. [paradisfuneralhome.com](http://paradisfuneralhome.com)

# OBITUARIES

## Walter R. "Skip" Barys, Jr., 73



AUBURN – Walter R. "Skip" Barys, Jr., 73, of Phoenix Road, died Saturday, December 8, 2018, at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester, with his family by his side. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Judy A. Barys of Auburn; two children, Barbara A. McKeon and her husband Matt of Oxford, and Bob J. Barys and his companion Spring Libutti of Fort Myers, FL; his brother, James A. Barys and his wife Elizabeth of Oakham; three grandchildren, Justin, Matthew, and Jenna; a nephew Mitchell; a niece Julia; and several cousins. He was born in Fort Monroe, VA, son of the late Walter R. and Ruth E. (Burns) Barys, and lived in Holden before moving to Auburn in 1970. He graduated from Wachusett Regional High School in 1963, received his bachelor's degree from Clark University in Worcester in 1967, and received his master's degree in guidance and psychology from

Assumption College in Worcester in 1969. Skip was a guidance counselor at Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School in Charlton for over 30 years, retiring in 2003. During the summer, he worked at Jack's Boat Rentals in Wellfleet. While attending Clark University, he excelled at basketball and eventually entered into the Hall of Fame at Clark. Skip's favorite place to spend time was Wellfleet. He enjoyed skiing, boogie-boarding, walking on the beach, kayaking, hiking, biking, and most of all loved spending time with his family. He was an avid reader, a fan of the Boston sports teams, and most of all he loved to watch his grandchildren playing sports. The family would like to offer a special thank you to the ICU staff at St. Vincent Hospital that cared for Skip. Memorial calling hours were Thursday, December 13, 2018, from 4-7 p.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. Services and burial will be private at a later date. paradisfuneralhome.com

## Paul T. M. Sweeney, 62



OXFORD – Paul T. M. Sweeney, 62, of Leicester Street, died Tuesday, December 4, 2018, at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester. He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Cheryl A. (Corey) Sweeney of North Oxford; four children, Jamie L. Matthews and her husband Jared of Auburn, Kristi M. Sweeney of North Oxford, Elizabeth A. Sweeney of North Oxford, and Jonathan D. Sweeney of North Oxford; three brothers, Neil Sweeney of California, Joseph Sweeney of Worcester, and James Sweeney of New York; two sisters, Cathy Sweeney of Oxford and Debra Hurd of Pennsylvania; two grandchildren, Gabriel I. Sweeney of North Oxford and Jared L. Matthews of Auburn; two step grandchildren, Julisa and Kyra Matthews; and a large extended family. He was predeceased by three children, Rachael (1992), Erica (1993), and Paul (1996); and a brother, Peter Sweeney (2006). He was born in Worcester, son of the late Neil and Joan (Grandmaison)

Sweeney, and lived in Worcester and Auburn before moving to North Oxford last year. Mr. Sweeney was a truck driver for many years. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam War. He also served in the Air National Guard and belonged to the Marine Corps Reserves. He enjoyed reading and was an avid outdoorsman who loved camping and fishing. A funeral service was held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 8, 2018, at Oak Hill Bible Church, 40 Sacarrappa Rd., Oxford. Burial with military honors was held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, December 10, 2018, at the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Winchendon. There were calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements. paradisfuneralhome.com



# CALENDAR

## Friday & Saturday December 14 & 15

**BARTLETT DRAMA:** Bartlett Drama Presents: "Just in the Nick of Time" (a Detective Red Mistletoe mystery) written by Linda Daugherty, Dec. 14th & 15th. Showtime 7 PM at the Jacqueline D. Puliafico Theater at Bartlett High School. Admission Prices: Adults \$10 & \$5 for Senior Citizens/Children 12 and Under. Park Ave Kids: Free Admission with Kid of Character Pledge

## Saturday December 15

**SANTA VISITS THE FARM:** December 15th from 1pm to 7pm. Holiday open house at the Douglas Orchard and Farm, 36 Locust St., Douglas with hot mulled cider and holiday cookies. Come get your holiday shopping done. Unique gifts at the country store. Santa want s to hear what you want for Christmas! Come tell Santa your wishes and get your photo taken with Jolly Ol' St. Nick. Photographer Kayla of Kayla Photographer & Art will be there to capture the moment. Santa will be in a private room.

**HOLIDAY BASKET FESTIVAL:** Grace Episcopal Church, 270 Main St, Oxford will hold its annual Holiday Basket Festival on Saturday, Dec. 15 from 9 AM to 1 PM in the parish hall. Chances on Baskets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5. A free ticket will be given for a donation of food, hats or gloves/mittens which will be given to the Oxford Food Shelf. In addition to Baskets, we will have Christmas hats and stockings which can be embroidered with a name for \$5. A hearty lunch will be available for \$5 as well as a bountiful bake table. Tours of our beautiful sanctuary on request. Contact Carol Uppgard for more info at 508-987-5680.

Sunday December 16

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** Sunday,

Dec. 16, 2 p.m., The First Congregational Church of Dudley at 135 Center Road. Filled with holiday favorites of days gone by, as well as contemporary pieces of joy, love and peace will have you bursting with enjoyment. Step away from the Christmas madness and be filled with a true sense of the reason for the season. Join us in the church sanctuary, Admission is free and open to all, with a free-will offering collected during the concert. Following the performance there will be a reception downstairs in Jacob's Hall, providing a time for socializing while enjoying delicious treats provided by church members.

## Monday December 17

**LODGE MEETING:** Webster Lodge A.F. & A. M. next regular meeting is Monday, Dec. 17 at the Masonic Building, 27 Brandes St., Webster. Dinner is at 6:30 PM and the meeting at 7:30 PM. All members of Webster Lodge are urged to attend. Any man interested in Freemasonry is welcomed to be our guest for dinner. For more information, please visit: <http://massfreemasonry.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

## 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.

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

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

**HELP FOR HELPERS:** Do you have a family member struggling with addiction or alcoholism? You are not alone.

Join Families Helping Families Support Group. Meetings at Dudley Senior Center every first and third Monday of the month, 6:30-8 p.m. We spend so much time with our addicted loved one, that we become victims ourselves. Join us. It's informal, confidential, with tough love advice from the heart, sharing of resources, hope and hugs.

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

**KNOWING KNITTERS:** Come join the Drop In Knitting Group from 10 a.m. to noon on Fridays at the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library, Schofield Avenue, Dudley. All ages and levels, from beginner to expert, are welcome. For more information, call Mary Kunkel at (508) 943-8107 or Jacqueline Vassar at (508) 892-4754.

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

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

**SUPPORT:** Overeaters Anonymous group meeting every Wednesday at 6 p.m. Come to Room RHF-1 at Day Kimball Hospital, 320 Pomfret St., Putnam, CT. We will welcome you! For more information, contact Kathryn at (508) 949-0819.

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## Seasons Greetings & Happy Holidays to All



**DUDLEY** - 5 Corbin Road! Welcome Home! Beautiful Tri-Level Home Set on 4.5 Acres! 9 Finished Rooms, 3-4 Bedrooms, 2 Full Baths! Huge Oak Cabinet Packed Kitchen w/ Gorgeous Granite & Pelia Slider to Enormous Trex Deck & In-ground, Heated Pool! Dining Room w/ Bay Window, Hardwoods, Wainscot & Crown Molding w/ French Doors Leading to the Sunroom which has Heat & AC where You Can Enjoy Your Morning Coffee Watching the Wildlife Around Your Pond or Take a Walk Across the Bridge to Check on Your Blueberry Bushes! Fireplaced Living Room w/ Large Bow Front Window, Custom Built-ins & Hardwoods! 3 Large Bedrooms w/ Lots of Closet Space! Office Could Be Easily Made into 4th Bdrm! Master has Private Balcony Over Looking the Pool! Master Bath has W/D Hookups, Double Vanity & Walk-in Closet! Finished Walk-Out Lower Level Would Make a Great Game Room! 2 Car Garage which Leads to Rest of Basement which Houses the Utilities, another W/D Hook-up and Storage Galore! Too Many Updates to List Here! A Must See House! **\$459,900.00**

**DUDLEY** - 73 Tracy Rd! Majestically Perched on a Knoll, 1.47 Acres Beautifully Landscaped, Spacious 2152' 8 Rm Colonial! Stainless Applianced 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 Fireplaced 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, 2 w/ Walk in 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! Applianced Granite Kitchen! Dining & Fireplaced Living Rm w/ Hardwoods! 17x18 Cathedral Ceiling Great Rm w/ Tile Floor! 3 or 4 Bedrooms, 3 w/ Hardwoods! Fireplaced Family Rm! Updated Full Bath! 1.5 Baths Total! 2 Car Garage! Recent Furnace! 18x24 Deck! Shed! Convenient to 395 in both Directions, Close to Raceway Golf Course & Thompson Speedway! **\$249,900.00**

**WEBSTER** - 35 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! 5/4 Rooms! 2/2 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! 2/2 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! 1/4 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! Frp! Liv Rm w/ Cathedral, 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/V Pool! Shed! **\$269,900.00**

**AUBURN** - 9 Lorna Dr! 2680' Split Entry! Applianced Oak Eat-in Isl Kit w/ Corian Counters! Spacious Liv Rm w/ Hrdwds! Sun Rm Cathedral to Trex Deck! 3 Bdrms w/ Hrdwds! Frp! 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 Applianced 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/ In Area & Slider to Composite Deck! Din Rm! Liv Rm! Den! 1/2 Bath w/ Laundry! 2nd Flr w/ Carpeted Bdrms & Full Hall Bath! Master w/ Walk-in Closet & Bath! Finished Lower Level w/ Gas Frpl! Poles! Fire Pit! Roof 2017! Attached 2 Car Garage! Town Services! **\$359,900.00**

**DUDLEY** - 9 Page Ln! Newly Renovated 6 Rm, 3 Bdrms, 2.5 Bath! Cape! 1 Acre! Lot! Cul-de-sac! Hrdwds! Thruought! Open Liv Rm, Kit & Din Area! SS Applianced Granite Kit! w/ 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 Driv! New Granite Kitchen! Dining, Living & Fireplaced Family Rooms w/ Hardwood Floors! Year Round Sunroom w/ 2 Skylights! 3 Bedrooms! 2 1/2 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**

**DOUGLAS WATERFRONT!** 36 Cedar St! Badluck Pond (110 Acres) aka Cedar Lake or Laurel Lake! Western Expo - Beautiful Sunsets! 2.74 Acres! 633' Waterfront! 471' Road Front! Beautiful Private Setting! Huge 2836', 2688' Custom 6 Rm Cedar Ranch w/ Hrdwd Flrs Throughout! Spectacular, Open Din Rm & Great Rm w/ Stone Frpl, Soaring Beamed Cedar Cathedral Ceiling, 6 Sky Lights, Recessed Lighting, 1/2 Bath & 3 Sliders to 96' Lake Facing Screened Porch! Custom Kit w/ 2 Skylights, Recessed Lighting, Slider to Porch, Wall Oven & Center Island w/ Triple 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! 2 Story Heated Boat House/ Garage/ Workshop 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** - 54 West Pt Rd! North Pond - Killdeer Isl - West Expo - Beautiful Lake Views & Sunsets! 2002 Built 6+ Rm Colonial! Ideal 2nd Home or Yr Rd Living! Applianced Kit w/ Center Isl! Lake Facing Din Rm w/ Panoramic Water Views & Recent Wood Frp! Lake Facing Liv Rm w/ P Gas Frpl, Recent Wood Fr & French Door to Deck! 1st Flr Laundry & Hall Bath! 2nd Flr w/ 3 Spacious Bdrms! Lake Facing Master Suite w/ Fantastic Lake Views, Frpl, 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**

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

**WEBSTER LAKE** - 130 Killdeer Island - North Pond! West Expo - Beautiful Sunsets! 6 Rm 3 Season Home! Add Heat & Use Tr Room! Great Potential! 4 Bdrms w/ Hrdwds, 2 Lake Facing! Frpl! Liv Rm w/ Lake Views! Spacious Kit & Dining Area! 2 Baths! 55' of Sandy Beach! **\$475,000.00**

**WEBSTER LAKE** - 7 Point Pleasant Ave! Panoramic Lake Views! Eastern Expo! Super Sunrises! 9,000' Level Lot! 2,300' Custom Contemp Colonial! Built 2015! Like New! Open Fr Plan! Custom Granite Kit w/ Island, Stainless Appliances, Gas Range, Soft Close Cabinets & Recessed Lights! Spectacular Lake Facing Great Rm, Stone Gas Frpl, Surrounded by Custom Cabinetry, Recessed Lights & Ceiling! Living 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/ Being Waterfront! Lake Facing Master w/ Slider to Deck, Hrdwds, Recessed Lighting, Walk-in Closet & Bdrm Access! Lake Facing Bdrm w/ Hrdwds, Dble Closet & Door to Deck! 3rd Bdrm w/ Hrdwds & Dble Closet! Full Hall Bath w/ Dble Granite Vanity & Tile Flr! C/Air! Gas Heat! 2x6/2 Story Detached Garage! Deck! Get Packing! **\$789,900.00**

**WEBSTER LAKE** - 194 Killdeer Island! North Pond Views! Sandy Shore! 6 Rm Cape! Open Liv & Din Rm w/ Newly Renovated Fireplaced! New Lake Facing Windows! 2 1st Flr Bdrms, 1 Lake Facing 3 Bdrms! 2 Updated Bathrooms! Huge Composite Deck w/ Vinyl Balis! Walk-out Lower Level to Courtyard! Garage Under! **\$559,000.00**

**WEBSTER LAKE** - 12 Kenneth Ave! South Pond! 5 Rm Ranch! 80' Waterfront! Completely Remodeled! 10 Yrs Ago! Kraftmaid Cabinet Kit w/ Island & Silstone Counters! Bamboo Wood Flrs Throughout! Open Fr Plan! Composite Deck! Lake Facing Master! 2 Bdrms! Full Bath! Fam Rm! **\$399,900.00**

**WEBSTER LAKE** - 60 Bates Point Rd! Middle Pond! Absolute Prime 52' Level Waterfront Lot w/ Western Expo! Beautiful Sunsets! Panoramic Lake Views! 8 Rms, 3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, A/C'd, Ranch! Custom SS Applianced Granite Kit! Din Rm w/ Hrdwds & Slider to Waterfront Deck w/ Awning! Lake Facing Frpl! Liv Rm w/ Cathedral, Skylight & Hrdwds! Comfortable Master Bdrm! Frpl'd Lower Level Fam Rm! 2 Car Garage! **\$729,900.00**

**WEBSTER LAKE** - 8 Reid Smith Cove Road! Panoramic Lake Views! West Expo! Super Sunsets! 5,698' Lot! Gently Sloping! 2,254' Custom Contemp Cape, Built 09 as 2nd Home! Like New! Open Fr Plan! Spectacular Lake Facing Great Rm w/ Tile Ceiling, Recessed Lights, Sliders to Trex Deck, Stone Gas Frpl, Surround Sound & Grooming Hrdwds! Granite Kit w/ Isl, 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 Frpl, Surround Sound, Wet Bar & Slider! Full Bath w/ Tile Flr! Utility Rm w/ Laundry & Storage! Nice Decks! Get Packing! **\$724,900.00**

**WEBSTER LAKE** - 37 Bates Grove Rd! South Pond! As a Second Home, Getaway or Expand it into Your Dream Home - Have Possible Plans! 4 Rooms! Open Fr Plan! Applianced Kit! 2 Bedrooms! Bathroom! Covered Deck! Ideal Gradual Sloping Lot w/ Panoramic Lake Views! **\$399,900.00**

**WEBSTER LAKE** - 104 Treasure Island! 1,974' Townhouse! Oak Cabinet Kit w/ Breakfast Counter! Formal Din Rm! Frpl! Liv Rm! Screened Porch! 1st Flr Master w/ Walk-in Closet & Bath! 2.5 Baths! 2nd Level w/ 2nd Master Bdrm & Bath! Recent C/Air! Attached Garage! 2 Boat Slips! Heated Pool! Sandy Beach! **\$324,900.00**

**WEBSTER LAKE** - 905 Treasure Isl! WATERFRONT! Townhouse! 6 Rms! 1,874' Hrdwds! SS Applianced Quartz Kit! Open Fr Plan! 2 Bdrms! Master Bath w/ Dble Vanity! 2.5 Bath! Frpl'd Fam Rm! Newer C/Air & Gas Heat! Trex Deck! Garage! 2 Boat Slips! Heated Pool, Sandy Beach! **\$449,000.00**

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**THOMPSON, CT - 653 QUINEBAUG RD**  
Fantastic Ranch - One Floor Living with 3 Bedrooms / Hardwoods, 2 Full Tile Baths! Eat-In Kitchen with Built-Ins. Appliances Included. Fireplaced Family Room with Hardwoods. Lots of Natural Light. Ceiling Fans, French Doors, First Floor Laundry, Screened in Porch - walks right out to your own private pond. New Roof in 2014. Spacious Flat Level Lot with Circular Driveway. Two separate 1 Car Garages. **\$279,900**

**WEBSTER - 7 HICKORY LN**  
New Listing Warm and Inviting, This Lovely Ranch Sits on A Beautifully Landscaped Yard Nestled in A Very Quiet, Wanting Neighborhood. This 3 Bedroom 1.5 Bath Home Has So Much To Offer! Fully Applianced Eat in Kitchen, Newly Carpeted Living Room and Three Cozy and Comfortable Bedrooms All On One Floor. Walk Down To The Lower Level To The Open And Spacious Family Room With Pellet Stove! **\$259,000**

**THOMPSON, CT - 359 E. THOMPSON RD**  
ON DEPOSIT  
Very Interesting property, to a home owner or developer. 47+ Acres! Home is a 1300 sq ft ranch with a barn. The home consist of 3 bedrooms, and 1-1/2 bath, basement, farmers porch and 1 car garage. Much of the land is cleared. This property has 300' +/- of road frontage on East Thompson Rd. and road frontage on the entire length of pavement on Roy Rd. Rectangular in shape greater than 1300' wide x over 1600' deep. Needs TLC! **\$300,000**

**WEBSTER - 6 BROOKSIDE AVE**  
OPEN HOUSE, SUN • 2-3:30  
Beautiful 4 bedroom Colonial, new granite counter, stainless appliance kitchen. Dining room and large living room, hardwood through out the first level, 3 seasoned porch for added living area. Over sized master with double closets, and 3 additional bedrooms. Finished basement with pellet stove. Outside, a patio and above ground pool. **New Price \$269,900**

**WEBSTER - 12 ERNEST ST**  
Welcome home to this Huge, Sprawling, Ranch Style Home! 2,848 SF +/- of Living Area on One Level! Curved brick walkway! Level lot in-ground pool, built-in hot tub, custom stone work & landscape w/ fire pit! Carport/pavilion for entertaining! Separate wings for private family living & entertainment. BR suites, 10 rooms total! Simply Amazing! **\$329,900**

**WEBSTER - 20 NORTH MAIN ST**  
2 Family - Spacious 3 bedrooms each apartment. Hardwoods, pocket doors, 10ft ceilings, New gas furnaces! Partially finished 3rd floor. 1st floor handicapped accessible. 2 car garage. All town services **New Price \$189,900**

**LAND!**  
**WEBSTER/DOUGLAS BUILDABLE LOTS**  
Douglas-Mount Daniels Lot #2-2.5 Acres of flat land that abuts Douglas State Forest **\$132,900**  
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**SORRY SOLD**  
**Webster Lake - 22 South Point Rd.** Waterfront, Southern exposure! Town Water & Sewer **\$250,000**  
**Thompson - East Thompson Rd.** White's Highway 23 acres! Abuts Mass. Line Beautiful view! **\$99,900**

**DUDLEY - 12 ASH LANE**  
SORRY, SOLD!  
Meticulously maintained colonial home! Landscaped w/ brick walk ways, water fountain/coy pond! In ground pool w/ hot tub! Large kitchen, h/w flrs, Jenn-air stove, 2 Bosch ovens! Fireplaced 3 Bed, 3 baths, 1-1/2 bath! Lower level offers ample room, w/ full bath, wired for surround sound inside & out! 2 Car Garage. **Assisted Sale \$389,900**

**THOMPSON, CT - 25 BONNETTE AVE**  
New Price! Roomy 1300 sq ft., Hip roof Ranch Attached 2 car garage! PLUS 32x32 Detached Garage! Eat in Kitchen, Fireplaced living room with bow window! 3 bedrooms, enclosed heated sun room, central air, Koi Pond, on .87 +/- acre! **New Price \$265,000**

On The shores of Lake Chargogagogmanchauggagoggchaubunagungamaugg

**WEBSTER LAKE - 118 POINT BREEZE RD**  
Excellent Opportunity to Finally Own Your Own Webster Lake Waterfront Property! Prime Location, 5,697 +/- SF Lot, 50' Rd & Water Frontage & A Great First Contemporary Ranch offers 996 +/- SF of Living Area w/ BRs & full bath. Plus, convenient, indoor access to swimming! Lower level w/ tremendous potential for additional living area. Main level features Open Floor Plan windows to full front deck! Spectacular Waterfront views across Middle Pond! Additional land & shore frontage available. **\$345,000**

**WEBSTER LAKE - 54 KILLDEER RD**  
KILLDEER ISLAND! A RARE OPPORTUNITY ON WEBSTER LAKE! ABSOLUTELY THE WATERFRONT PROPERTY YOU'VE BEEN WAITING! LOOKING FOR! 2.45 +/- Acres! 345 +/- road front, 336/364 +/- depth, 275 +/- Lakefront! Mature landscape provides unprecedented privacy, & a friendly level lot at water's edge - like very few waterfront properties! The possibilities for this property are only limited by your imagination. The 3700 SF +/- Mid-Century Modern Home is unique w/ massive modern windows that invite your eyes to venture outside to spectacular 180 panoramic views across the lake to stunning Western sunsets and beautiful natural shoreline beyond Relax & Entertain in the tiled, stone fireplaced family rm, wet bar w/ sliders to an enormous outdoor patio! The house features a 36 +/- open concept combination living/dining area with a stone fireplace, an open stairway, & interior 2nd flr balcony w/ access to 5 spacious BRs that overlook the rooms below. A 30x32 +/- det'd garage w/ summer kitchen, 1/2 bath & huge fireplaced patio! Family owned gem for 60+ years! **\$1,495,000**

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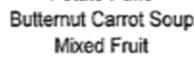
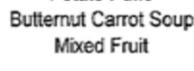
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ADDRESS	STYLE	TIME	PRICE	REALTOR/SELLER/PHONE
<b>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15</b>				
<b>DUDLEY</b> 22 Aldea Ave	S	Noon-2	\$295,000	Re/Max Professional Assoc. Patrick Sweeney 774-452-3578
<b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16</b>				
<b>SOUTHBRIDGE</b> 19 Mary Ellen Ln	S	Noon-2	\$214,900	Aucoin Ryan Realty 508-765-9155
<b>WEBSTER</b> 6 Brookside Ave	S	2-3:30	\$269,900	Hope Realty /Laurie Sullivan 508-525-0611
<b>WOODSTOCK, CT</b> 158 W. Quasset Rd	S	1-3	\$1,299,000	Hope Realty/ June Cazeault 860-377-2044

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>3</b> French Toast Sticks Crispy Chicken Sandwich Potato Smiles Applesauce 	<b>4</b> Cheese Burger Personal Pizza Baked Beans Broccoli Blueberries 	<b>5</b> Spaghetti Beef Steak Smokie Mixed Vegetables Peaches 	<b>6</b> Tacos Rib-B-Q Sandwich Carrots Chicken Rice Soup Strawberries in a Cloud 	<b>7</b> Papa Gino's Hot Dog Tossed Salad Potato Chips Mixed Fruit 
<b>10</b> Buffalo Chicken Sandwich Beef Steak Smokie Potato Soup Potato Puffs Peaches 	<b>11</b> BBQ Chicken Personal Pizza Mashed Potato Carrots Pears 	<b>12</b> Tacos BBQ Pork Sandwich Three Bean Salad Applesauce 	<b>13</b> Pork and Gravy Rib-B-Q Sandwich Potato Puffs Butternut Carrot Soup Mixed Fruit 	<b>14</b> Papa Gino's Hot Dog Tossed Salad Potato Chips Mixed Fruit 
<b>17</b> Meatball Sub Crispy Chicken Sandwich Green Beans Jersey Fresh Tomato Soup Applesauce 	<b>18</b> French Toast Stick Personal Pizza Sweet Potato Fries Mixed Fruit 	<b>19</b> Tacos American Chop Suey Soup of the Moment Corn Peaches 	<b>20</b> Roasted Turkey & Gravy Rib-B-Q Sandwich Mashed Potato Broccoli Soup Pears 	<b>21-23</b> WINTER 
<b>24</b> 	<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b> 	<b>27</b> 	<b>28</b> 
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**MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE AT PUBLIC AUCTION**

**Wednesday, December 19, 2018**

**3:00 PM-DUDLEY**  
180 Ramshorn Road  
sgl fam, 3,332 sf liv area, 6,57 ac lot, 10 rm, 5 bdrm, 2 bth,  
Worcester(Worc): Bk 38497, Pg 289

TERMS: \$5,000 cash or certified check at the time and place of the sale. The balance to be paid within thirty (30) days at the law offices of Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851, Attorney for the Mortgagee.

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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16**

**FREE CONCERT AT MARY QUEEN OF THE ROSARY CHURCH**  
60 Maple St., Spencer, Ma  
The Anna Maria College Music Department presents a "Christmas Festival Concert" from 2-4 p.m.  
The concert features the Bel Canto Chamber Choir, Wind Ensemble and Concert Chorus.  
All are welcome to this FREE concert.

**ONGOING**

**MARIACHI BAND**  
First Thursday of the month  
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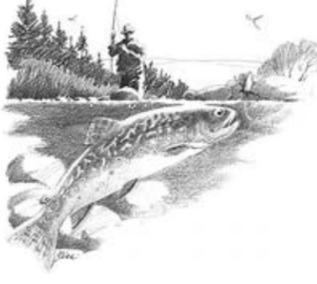
**WISE GUYS TEAM TRIVIA**  
Every Tuesday, 8:00 - 10:00 p.m.  
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**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FRIDAY NIGHT**  
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**THE CENTRAL MA CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED** meets the first Monday of every month from September through May.  
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# LEGALS

## Town of Webster Legal Posting

Article 7 of the May 14, 2018 Annual Town Meeting received a positive vote at the Annual Town Meeting and approval from the Attorney General's Office.

Pursuant to provisions of General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 as most recently amended, a new bylaw establishing various revolving funds was created.

Complete copies of the Town meeting vote and the approved bylaw are available in the Town Clerk's Office.

Robert T. Craver  
Webster Town Clerk  
December 7, 2018  
December 14, 2018

(SEAL)

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 18 SM 006049 ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:

**John P. Healy**

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. App. § 3901 *et seq.*:

**The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of CWABS, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-10**

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Dudley, numbered 40 Fish Road, given by **John P. Healy to "MERS", Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., a separate corporation that is acting solely as nominee for "Lender", Countrywide Home Loans Inc., dba America's Wholesale Lender**, dated May 17, 2007, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41197, Page 90, and now held by 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 JAN 7 2019 or you may 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 NOV 23 2018.

Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson  
Recorder  
December 14, 2018

(SEAL)

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 18SM006843 ORDER OF NOTICE

To:

Kevin M. Caissie; Keri A. Caissie a/k/a Keri A. Cassie

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

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Webster, numbered 9 Oakmont Street, given by Kevin M. Caissie and Keri A. Caissie to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Shamrock Financial Corporation, dated February 13, 2009, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 43818, Page 386, as modified by a certain modification agreement dated August 3, 2017, and recorded with said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 57691, Page 212, 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 14, 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 November 30, 2018.

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson  
Recorder  
14127  
December 14, 2018

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Division Docket No. WO18P3928EA Estate of: Rita B. Dumouchel Also Known As: Rita Dumouchel Date Of Death: December 25, 2015 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Gerald L. Dumouchel of Dudley, MA**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Gerald L. Dumouchel of Dudley, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

December 14, 2018

## TOWN OF DUDLEY Notice to Bidders

The Town of Dudley is requesting bids for the following construction material items for various departments for the period of January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019.

ITEM #1 All grades of medium curing asphalt and emulsion type asphalt  
ITEM #2 Bituminous concrete, at plant  
ITEM #2A Bituminous concrete, in place  
ITEM #3 Gravel and Washed screened sand at owners pit and delivered  
ITEM #4 Screened stone at owners pit and delivered  
ITEM #5 Manhole frames & covers, catch basin frames and grates  
ITEM #6 Corrugated pipe, steel and aluminum, delivered to highway garage  
ITEM #7 Corrugated pipe, polyethylene delivered to highway garage  
ITEM #8 Cold Planing  
ITEM #9 Stone Sealing  
ITEM #10 Pavement Striping

Bidders of items # 2A & # 9 must be pre-qualified and a Certificate of Approval from Mass Highway.

All materials must conform to Mass Highway Specifications. Bids will be received by the Chief Procurement Officer in the Dudley Town Hall, 71 West Main St. MA 01571 until 1:00PM on December 27, 2018 and at that time they will be opened and read. All envelopes must be sealed and marked "BID" and appropriate "ITEM #" indicated.

The Town of Dudley brings to the attention of bidders, Chapter 149, sections 26D & 27D of the Mass. General Laws concerning minimum wage rates where applicable. All bids must be in compliance with all Mass. General Laws. Specifications available at the Selectmen's Office, 71 West Main St, Dudley MA 01571, Monday – Thursday between 9:00a.m. and 4:00p.m., Friday from 9:00a.m. – noon. Specific questions may be addressed to Vincent Polletta, Highway Superintendent at (508) 949-8020.

The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids/proposals if deemed in the best interest of the Town.

Town of Dudley  
Greg Balukonis  
Town Administrator  
Chief Procurement Officer  
December 14, 2018

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Marlon F. Blandon a/k/a Marlon Blandon, Michelle Blandon to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Guaranteed Rate, Inc., dated July 10, 2009 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 44568, Page 1, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Guaranteed Rate, Incorporated, its successors and assigns to Wells Fargo Bank, NA, recorded on September 29, 2017, in Book No. 57811, at Page 18

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 21, 2019, on the mortgaged premises located at 20 Central Avenue, Dudley, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

The land with the buildings thereon situated in Dudley on said Worcester County, on the Westerly side of Central Avenue, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a stone bound on the westerly side of said Central Avenue at land of one Gadoury; Thence northerly forty-seven and fifteen hundredths (47.15) feet by said Central Avenue to a stake at land of Noel Poulin; Thence westerly with an interior angle of 88° 49' by land of said Poulin a distance of one hundred and eight hundredths (100.08) feet to a stake at land of John McQuaid, Est. to a stone bound; Thence southerly forty-two and twenty-five hundredths (42.25) feet by land of said McQuaid Est. to a stone bound Thence easterly ninety-seven and seven tenths (97.07) feet by land of said Gadoury to the point of beginning. For out title reference see that deed of Theresa Govina by Maureen P. Horam having POA to Pamela J. Boutiette, dated Jun e 23, 1999, and recorded with the Dudley, Worcester(S) County Registry of Deeds on June 30, 1999 at Book 21568, Page 32.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 44567, Page 391.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

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

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA  
Present holder of said mortgage  
By its Attorneys,  
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.  
150 California St.  
Newton, MA 02458  
(617)558-0500  
11445

December 14, 2018  
December 21, 2018  
December 28, 2018

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. WO18P3969EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of:

Robert K. Mansfield, Jr.

Also known as:

Robert Kenneth Mansfield, Jr.

Date of Death: 08/11/2018

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Cathy Morris of Raynham MA** and **Joan Brown f/k/a Runkal of Millbury 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 **Cathy Morris of Raynham MA** and **Joan Brown f/k/a Runkal of Millbury MA**

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without 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 01/08/2019.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a dead-

line 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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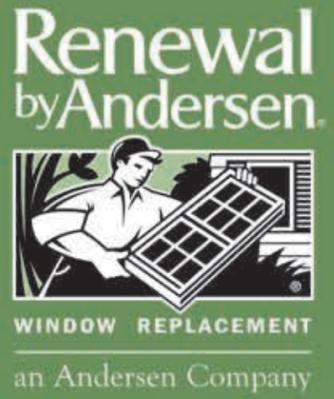
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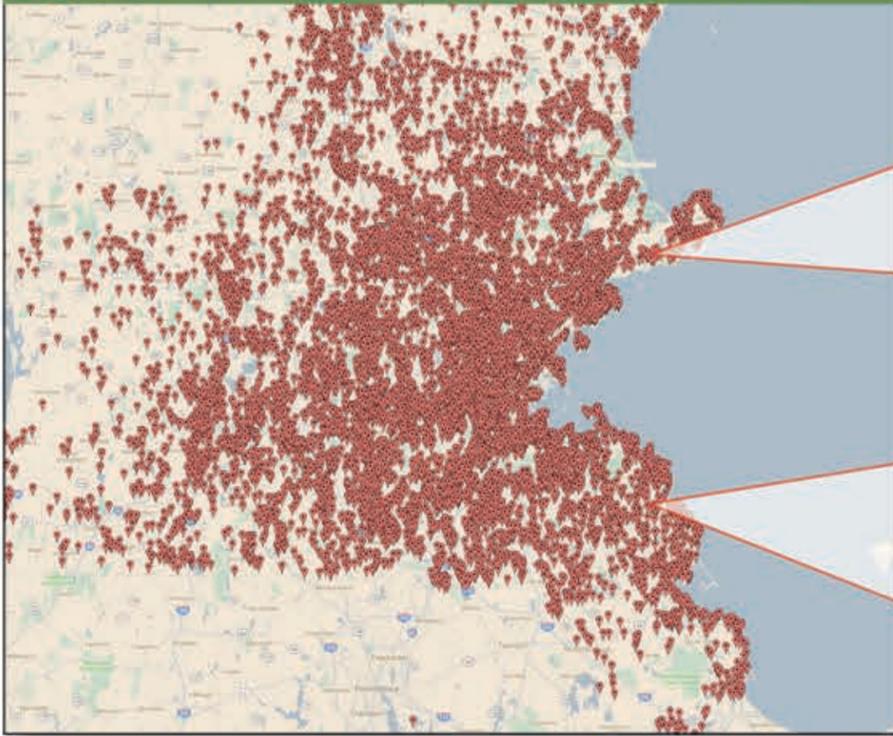


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# HOLIDAY DRINKS

## Warm up with a classic hot toddy this holiday season

Come the holiday season, hot toddies are ideal for entertaining, providing spirited fun and a means to chasing away the winter chill.

Hot toddies have been around for centuries. Usually a mix of a spirit — either whiskey, rum or brandy — hot water, honey and spices, some believe the word “toddy” comes from an Indian drink of the same name that is produced by fermenting the sap of palm trees. Other sources say the hot toddy was created by Dr. Robert Bentley Todd, an Irish physician who prescribed a drink made of brandy, white cinnamon, sugar syrup, and water. The drink was dubbed the “hot toddy.”

Hot drinks embellished with alcohol were long used for medicinal purposes. While alcoholic beverages are no longer used as medicine, hot toddies can still chase away a chill. “Grog” is another name given to hot alcoholic drinks, or any drink in which unmeasured amounts of spirits are mixed with other ingredients. Grog may also refer to a water-and-rum mixture that sea merchants once drank. The water kept the merchants hydrated, while the rum prevented the water from spoiling during voyages.

The classic hot toddy can be a versatile drink used to keep guests comfortable and cheerful. This warm libation is soothing and savory,



Soothe holiday visitors with a hot toddy. The combination of lemon, honey and whiskey makes hot toddies a comforting libation.

mixing citrus, honey and spices, which each have their various health benefits.

Although hot toddy recipes vary, the following is the recipe for a classic hot toddy, as culled

by recipes from Wine Enthusiast, Imbibe and PBS Food.

### CLASSIC HOT TODDY

1 1/2 ounces bourbon,

whiskey or another brown liquor

1 tablespoon honey

1/2 ounce fresh lemon juice

1 cup boiling water

Cinnamon stick  
Lemon wedge  
Cloves or star anise

Combine liquor, lemon juice, honey, and boiling water together in a mug or Irish coffee glass. Push

cloves or star anise into the lemon wedge. Add the cinnamon stick and lemon wedge to the mug. Allow lemon and cinnamon stick to steep in the beverage for a few minutes. Stir and enjoy.

## Sweet sangria adds fun to the festivities



with juice, spices and sweet liqueurs, such as brandy. Sangria is a punch that can be prepared in advance and served in a decorative bowl so guests can simply refill their drinks as needed.

Even though sangria is a summertime staple, simply adjusting the flavor profile can make this beverage perfect for any time of year. With this recipe for “Citrus Pomegranate Prosecco Punch,” courtesy of Ruffino wines, the drink takes on the familiar flavors of pomegranate and orange that tend to show up in the winter months. Plus, the sparkling prosecco gives it that light and fizzy feel that evokes a festive atmosphere.

### CITRUS POMEGRANATE PROSECCO PUNCH

1/2 part orange juice  
1/2 part pink grapefruit juice

1/4 part pomegranate juice

1 part Ruffino Prosecco, well chilled

Slices of assorted citrus and pomegranate seeds, to garnish

In a large pitcher or punch bowl with plenty of ice, combine the fruit juices. Pour the Ruffino Prosecco over top. Garnish generously with sliced citrus and pomegranate seeds. For best flavor, use freshly pressed juices as available. Ruffino Sparkling Rosé is a great choice for this recipe too. Make available coupe cocktail glasses for serving.

The holiday season is one of the most festive times of the year as social engagements fill up many people’s calendars. Seasoned hosts or hostesses often have a go-to list of foods and beverages available to ensure guests are treated to the best of the best.

One easy way to keep the beverages flowing is to have one or two signature drinks, such as sangria,

at the ready that can be prepared in advance and then generously doled out as needed.

Sangria traces its origins to Spain. It is traditionally made with wine and chopped fruit. Since “sangria” is Spanish for “blood,” red wine is often the vintage of choice, though lighter wines can be used based on personal preference.

Sangria is often mixed

## What to get the beer drinker on your holiday list



Craft beer enthusiasts who love to study how beer is made may appreciate a beer making kit. These kits typically are designed for novices, though shoppers also can find more advanced kits for beer lovers who have already begun to make their own ales, stouts and lagers. When shopping for a beer making kit, be sure to buy one that suits the space your loved has available. Some kits are ideal for apartments, while others require more space to set up.

• Magnetic bottle opener: Magnetic bottle openers save beer lovers the hassle of finding that ever-elusive bottle opener. Easily attached to the refrigerator, magnetic bottle openers can be customized with a loved one’s name and some even include a pocket that catches bottle caps as beers are opened. Small magnetic bottle openers make great stocking stuffers.

• Beer glasses: Though it might seem insignificant to non-beer drinkers, the glass in which beer is served goes a long way toward ensuring its flavor is fully enjoyed. Beer glasses are shaped differently for a reason, and craft brewers often give ample thought to the shape of the glasses their beers will be served in. Ensure your loved one is getting the most out of his or her favorite beer by purchasing a set of glasses from his or her favorite brewery.

Options abound when buying gifts for the beer drinker on your list this holiday season.

Craft beer is having its moment. According to the Brewers Association, the craft brewing industry experienced a 5 percent growth in 2017 and now accounts for more than 23 percent of the \$111.4 billion beer market in the United States.

Craft beer drinkers’ devotion to beer is perhaps only matched by their love of exploring new beers. The popularity of the geosocial networking service and mobile phone application Untappd, which allows its roughly seven million users to check in as they drink beers and share those check-ins with friends, is a testament to the passion many craft beer drinkers have for beer. Holiday shoppers with craft beer aficionados on their shopping

lists can consider these gift ideas when shopping for that loved one who loves nothing more than hoisting a pint.

• Pressurized growler: Craft breweries sell beer in cans and bottles, but many craft beer enthusiasts prefer to take their favorite ales home in growlers. Growlers are glass bottles, often gallon-sized, that contain beer poured directly from the tap. This may make the beer taste more fresh than it might out of cans or bottles, and it provides beer lovers with that unmistakable draft beer taste. Beer sold in traditional growlers may not stay fresh for more than a couple of days. But a pressurized growler can keep beer carbonated and fresh for weeks.

• Beer making kit:

# HOLIDAY DRINKS

## How to host a successful business dinner

Throughout the history of commerce, many a deal has been made at the dinner table. Business dinners are a great opportunity to lay a foundation for long, potentially lucrative professional relationships.

Etiquette is important when hosting business dinners, as a breach of decorum can derail a relationship before it even begins. Professionals tasked with hosting business dinners can take the following tips to heart before sitting down to break bread with their colleagues.

- Choose a restaurant that can cater to various diets. Hosting a business dinner can be similar to hosting family during the holiday season, when hosts must cater to guests with various food allergies and dietary restrictions. Asking for such information in advance of a business dinner may seem intrusive to guests, so try to find a restaurant that offers a flexible menu capable of accommodating vegetarians, vegans and guests who might be gluten-free. Avoid restaurants that specialize in styles of cuisine that might be unhealthy or so extraordinary that guests might be hesitant to order anything from the menu.

- Confirm the reservation. Make the reservation well in advance of the date of the dinner, and don't forget to confirm the reservation a week beforehand. Confirming a week beforehand gives hosts time to book another reservation should theirs have been canceled by mistake.

- Arrive at the restaurant before your guests. Hosts should arrive at the restaurant before their guests so they can address any potential issues in advance of the beginning of the

dinner. Arriving early gives hosts time to ensure the table set aside for their party is not in a heavily trafficked area of the restaurant, such as adjacent to the kitchen or restroom. Hosts who arrive later than their guests may also give guests the mistaken impression that they are unimportant.

- Let guests order first. Once everyone has sat down at the table, hosts should allow guests to order first. Doing so saves guests who don't want to eat that much the potential discomfort of sitting there while their hosts eat an appetizer and/or large entrée. If guests choose to abstain from alcohol, follow suit. If guests want to have a drink, hosts can limit their consumption to a single beverage.

- Don't eat too quickly or too slowly. Hosts should try to keep pace with their guests in regard to how quickly or slowly they eat. Guests might feel uncomfortable if they finish first or feel pressured to eat quickly if their hosts finish first.

- Pay in advance. Business dinner guests do not expect to pay for their meals. While it's widely accepted that hosts will pay, it can feel awkward to have the bill brought to the table. Upon arriving early, hosts can give their credit cards to the wait staff and ask that they be charged without having the bill brought to the table. If necessary, step away from the table during the meal to sign the bill and address any discrepancies.

Business dinners have sparked many successful professional relationships, often-times thanks to hosts who took the time to ensure the dinners went off without a hitch.



## What are the differences between sparkling wines?



As midnight approaches on New Year's Eve, revelers anxiously anticipate toasting the arrival of a new year with a glass of something bubbly. Once the cork is popped and the drinks are poured, the party can truly begin. Although revelers may assume any fizzy beverage they are served is champagne, by the true definition of the word, they actually may be drinking something else — one of many varieties of sparkling wine.

### TRUE CHAMPAGNE

Authentic champagne is named after Champagne, France, the region where the grapes used to make it are grown, fermented and bottled. According to European law, the only labels that are allowed to include

the grapes and how the grapes can be harvested and processed. Champagne is produced by méthode champenoise, a process that is said to have been invented by a monk named Dom Perignon. This procedure involves double fermentation in bottles and creates an earthy, yeasty flavor.

### SPARKLING WINES

Champagne is sparkling wine, but not all sparkling wines are champagne. Other notable types of sparkling wine include Italian Prosecco and Spanish Cava. Sparkling wine is produced in regions of France as well as in the United States and Canada. But sparkling wine can be made just about anywhere grapes are grown. Sparkling wines are often double-fermented in steel containers instead of bottles.

People are drawn to other sparkling wines besides champagne for various reasons. For some, cost is a heavy consideration, as authentic champagne can be considerably more expensive than sparkling wine. In addition, some people find less expensive champagnes are not as palate-pleasing as sparkling wines.

Few things are more universally associated with celebrations than a bottle of bubbly. Subtle differences set sparkling wines apart from champagne, but personal preference is oftentimes the deciding factor when choosing which beverage to choose for a special occasion.

## Wines to pair with your favorite foods

Pairing wines with your favorite foods can be intimidating. Professional and amateur sommeliers might know just the bottle to pair with that sizzling steak, but weekend warriors might not be so confident. The Food Network offers the following pairing tips to people looking for the right bottle to go with some popular foods.

- Steak: Cabernet Sauvignon is a red wine that's high in tannins. Novice wine drinkers might wonder why certain wines dye their mouth after drinking, and that's because of tannins. Steak softens the impact of tannins because of its fat content, making this an ideal pairing.

- Spaghetti and meatballs: Italian food and wine go hand-in-hand, and Chianti is a great wine to pair with spaghetti and meatballs. Chianti has a bold flavor, and the Food Network notes it has enough acidity to stand up to all the tomatoes and meat in spaghetti and meatballs.

- Indian cuisine: Fans of Indian cuisine no doubt like spicy foods, but that doesn't mean they wouldn't also enjoy some temporary relief from their fiery favorites. Rieslings, which tend to be low in alcohol content, are sweet white wines that can be just the thing to complement all that spiciness. The Food



Network notes that high-alcohol wines might make spicy Indian food feel even spicier, so if Riesling isn't your ideal wine, at least opt for another wine with a low ABV.

- Salmon: Seafood fans who love salmon might like it even more if they pair it with Pinot Noir. While many types of fish are best paired with white wine and Pinot Noir is a red, this pairing actually works well because the salmon stands up to the wine's bold flavor.

- Lamb: Red meat and red wine go great together, but different types of red meat pair better with different types of wine. Lamb and Bordeaux go great together because lamb has a gamey flavor that requires a rich, bold wine. Bordeaux fits that bill, allowing the rich, fatty lamb meat to absorb its tannins.

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<p><b>2016 CHEVY CRUZE LT</b> NEW Retail Price: <del>\$23,475</del> #H8125A • TURBO, ALLOYS, HEATED SEATS, BACK-UP CAM <b>WHOLESALE PRICE: \$14,799</b> <b>SAVE \$8,700 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!</b></p>	<p><b>2016 JEEP COMPASS</b> NEW Retail Price: <del>\$24,785</del> #P11651L • HEATED SEATS, 4X4, LATITUDE TRIM, MOONROOF <b>WHOLESALE PRICE: \$15,955</b> <b>SAVE \$8,800 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!</b></p>	<p><b>2016 FORD ESCAPE SE</b> NEW Retail Price: <del>\$24,845</del> #18694A • BACK-UP CAM, TURBO, ALLOYS, BLUETOOTH, SPOILER <b>WHOLESALE PRICE: \$16,855</b> <b>SAVE \$8,000 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!</b></p>
<p><b>LIKE NEW 2017 FORD ESCAPE SE SUV</b> #39138A NEW RETAIL PRICE: <del>\$28,045</del> <b>WHOLESALE PRICE: \$18,744</b> 4x4, 17" Alloys, Back-Up Camera, Turbo, Bluetooth, Satellite Radio. <b>SAVE \$9,300 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!</b></p>	<p><b>LIKE NEW 2015 RAM 1500 EXPRESS CREW CAB</b> #H0552 NEW RETAIL PRICE: <del>\$39,585</del> <b>WHOLESALE PRICE: \$27,999</b> Bedliner, 20" Alloys, iPod Input, 4x4, 5.7L V8 Hemi, Tow Hitch. <b>SAVE \$11,600 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!</b></p>	<p><b>LIKE NEW 2017 HYUNDAI SANTA FE ULTIMATE</b> #H0194 NEW RETAIL PRICE: <del>\$40,335</del> <b>WHOLESALE PRICE: \$26,999</b> Sport 2.0L Turbo Trim, Moonroof, Heated Leather, Alloys, Navigation. <b>SAVE \$13,300 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!</b></p>
<p><b>2017 JEEP PATRIOT SUV</b> NEW Retail Price: <del>\$25,890</del> #H0456R • LATITUDE TRIM, 4X4, HEATED SEATS, 17" ALLOYS <b>WHOLESALE PRICE: \$16,999</b> <b>SAVE \$8,900 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!</b></p>	<p><b>2016 CHEVY EQUINOX</b> NEW Retail Price: <del>\$32,135</del> #H0530A • LT TRIM, 17" ALLOYS, ALL-WHEEL DRIVE, MYLINK <b>WHOLESALE PRICE: \$17,499</b> <b>SAVE \$14,600 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!</b></p>	<p><b>2016 HYUNDAI ELANTRA</b> NEW Retail Price: <del>\$22,305</del> #H8550A • GT HATCHBACK, HEATED SEATS, 17" ALLOYS <b>WHOLESALE PRICE: \$8,988</b> <b>SAVE \$13,300 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!</b></p>
<p><b>2016 GRAND CARAVAN</b> NEW Retail Price: <del>\$28,440</del> #D9170L • SXT TRIM, ALLOYS, BLUETOOTH, 3RD ROW SEATS <b>WHOLESALE PRICE: \$14,477</b> <b>SAVE \$13,900 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!</b></p>	<p><b>2015 LINCOLN MKC SUV</b> NEW Retail Price: <del>\$33,995</del> #P11258A • ALL-WHEEL DRIVE, TURBO, HEATED LEATHER <b>WHOLESALE PRICE: \$22,355</b> <b>SAVE \$11,600 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!</b></p>	<p><b>2017 HYUNDAI SONATA</b> NEW Retail Price: <del>\$28,775</del> #H0523 • SPORT TRIM, TURBO, HEATED SEATS, BACK-UP CAM <b>WHOLESALE PRICE: \$17,999</b> <b>SAVE \$10,800 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!</b></p>
<p><b>LIKE NEW 2015 CHEVY TAHOE LTZ SUV</b> #39145 NEW RETAIL PRICE: <del>\$63,400</del> <b>WHOLESALE PRICE: \$45,844</b> Moonroof, Navigation, DVD, 4x4, Heated Leather, MyLink, 20" Alloys. <b>SAVE \$17,600 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!</b></p>	<p><b>LIKE NEW 2015 GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED 4x4</b> #D9216L NEW RETAIL PRICE: <del>\$43,880</del> <b>WHOLESALE PRICE: \$26,377</b> Navigation, Moonroof, 18" Alloys, Heated Leather, Power Liftgate. <b>SAVE \$17,500 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!</b></p>	<p><b>LIKE NEW 2015 FORD F-150 4x4 SUPERCAB</b> #P11746L NEW RETAIL PRICE: <del>\$38,965</del> <b>WHOLESALE PRICE: \$29,855</b> 2.7L V6 EcoBoost, Alloy Wheels, Bluetooth, SYNC, Back-Up Cam. <b>SAVE \$9,100 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!</b></p>

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