

Webster seeks wetlands setback comments

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER – In light of the fact the Zoning Board of Appeals ruled its wetland setback policy “arbitrary and capricious” last summer, the Webster Conservation Commission will hold a public forum for revisions to it at 5:30 p.m. Monday, March 16 at the library.

The forum was originally scheduled for the

commission’s regular meeting last week, but postponed when public turnout was too large to fit in the selectmen’s room. Additionally, citizens are hosting an informational meeting on the plan at Point Breeze on March 12 at 6:30 p.m. featuring guest speaker Glenn Krevosky from EBT Environmental Consultants, Inc.

Created unanimously by the commission back

in January 2019, the policy outright prohibited “any proposed activity within 25 feet of any wetland” as well as requiring a “minimum 50-foot no build zone” between wetlands and existing structures. It specified “alteration or construction shall not be permitted unless the applicant demonstrates that (1) such activity would not have such an impact, or (2) public benefits,

such as health or safety, outweighs any such impact, or (3) the activity involves the maintenance of existing structures, or (4) the activity is the installation of the stormwater outlet structure.”

The changed policy, drafted Feb. 2 of this year, weakens that to state the board “may, on a case by case basis, limit or prevent activity within 25 feet of any wet-

land” and “may consider requiring” the no-build zone. Furthermore, it now states the commission “may seek information from the applicant or its own consultants” to prove or disprove the same four points above in the process of “determining whether such activities should be limited, conditioned or prohibited.”

On Aug. 16, 2019, ZBA chairman Jason Paider’s

ruling cited various concerns with the policy as reasons for declaring the original version unenforceable. Among them, he argued, were the fact it was identical to an Andover policy the state Appeals Court struck down years ago, was “not soundly supported by the bylaws and regulations of the town” (although he notes bylaw Chap 636 does address wetlands),

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ST. JOSEPH NAMES STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

St. Joseph School congratulates the following students on being named Students of the Month for January. Pre-K 3 year old – 2 day Program: Rylan Shemansky; Pre-K 3 year old: Hudson Hogan; Pre-K 4 year old program: Guruvvanth Varanasi; Kindergarten: Jon Belanger; Grade 1: Jorja Perron; Grade 2: Liam Harrity; Grade 3: Tucker Harrity; Grade 4: Alvin Montreuil; Grade 5: Leah Boudreau; Grade 6: Rocco Rudnicki; Grade 7: Maya Podskarbi; Grade 8: Kyleigh Czechowski. Students are awarded Student of the Month for their outstanding exemplification of Religion, Respect, and Responsibility. Keep up the great work!

Health issues lead to Dudley Planner’s departure

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – The town of Dudley has accepted the resignation of Town Planner Don Johnson who decided to step down from his position after health issues forced him to take a leave of absence.

Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda revealed Johnson’s letter of resignation as a meeting with selectmen on Feb. 24 where he requested that the resignation be accepted with regret and provided a prepared letter for consideration thanking Johnson for his service to the town.

“One a personal note, he’s always been easy to work with,” Ruda told selectmen. “He was the first one in my office when I came through the door and took over this ruling. His report with the community has been impeccable.”

The extent of Johnson’s health issues was not disclosed to respect his privacy, but the planner’s impact on the town did not go overlooked. Selectman Paul Joseph took a moment to compliment Johnson for helping the town through some tough situations over the years while Selectman Steve Sullivan said he found Johnson to be a big help to the Board of Selectmen when it came to planning matters.

“I’ve had the chance to interact with Don. He was

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Oxford selectmen talk infrastructure and grants

BY GUS STEEVES
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OXFORD — Selectmen focused mostly on infrastructure-related issues in their most recent meeting, Feb 25.

In light of the ongoing Route 20 project and a relatively new process to plan Main Street renovations, Cheryl LeBlanc noted, “We have other roads that are much bigger priorities that we’ve got to address,” particularly “the pool of roads that lead into Main Street.” Routes 20 and 12 are eligible for federal

Transportation Improvement Plan funds, but many town roads are not.

Town Manager Jen Callahan agreed, saying she feels many of the latter were “approved prematurely” years ago, but she “wouldn’t want us to bypass” federal aid. The town needs “a large number of projects for all these small roads,” some of which are already in the works, she said.

Indeed, one current effort is to assess the town’s roads for a pavement management

plan, using a variety of ways of “looking in real time” to categorize them by condition and estimate true repair costs., she added. She also noted residents should expect construction on Sacarrappa Road bridge to begin in late summer or early fall, since the town still needs to get two state permits before seeking bids.

That prompted a couple selectmen to cite specific problems. John Saad noted repair crews have scraped the top layer of Dudley Road in prepa-

ration for resurfacing, but residents there are concerned that it also needs drainage work. During a recent visit there, he said he saw water flowing down the dirt driveway of a construction site and freezing in the most damaged part of the road for “100 to 150 yards.”

Meghan Troiano also questioned when Route 56 lines will be painted, since she’s seen some confusion up there regarding how drivers line up at the intersection.

Other forms of infrastruc-

ture got passing discussion. Callahan talked about recently receiving several grants, including \$30,000 to fix and clean various town monuments and \$163,880 as Oxford’s first Green Communities grant. She said she hopes to use the latter to replace two old boilers, but noted she has “a long list of things that will be moving us toward substantial reductions” in energy use over time. The town was just designated a

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Dudley’s Conte named full-time officer

BY JASON BLEAU
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DUDLEY – After receiving approval for a new full-time position earlier this year, the Dudley Police Department wasted no time filling the post promoting Mariano Conte at a Board of Selectmen meeting on Feb. 24.

Conte has worked in the Dudley Police Department as a reserve officer since October of 2019 while also working at UMass Hospital. Officer Conte said being able to join Dudley full-

time is a great opportunity as he has grown fond of the community in his short time there.

“I’ve had nothing but positive experiences being new to the town, new to the police department. So far, it’s been a positive experience all the way around,” said Conte.

Chief Steve Wojnar said Conte was the top choice from a pool of candidate for the position. He spoke highly of his new full-time hire while presenting him to selectmen for final consideration.

“Mariano has done a



Dudley officials welcome the town’s newest full time police officer, Mariano Conte.

great job so far for us. He was clearly the consensus candidate for the top spot with this position,” said the chief. “He’s a town resident. He just recently moved to town in the fall of last year – He’s a family man and I think he’ll do really well with the department.”

Before selectmen unanimously voted to allow

his promotion, Conte was asked about his challenges and what he has found interesting about working in Dudley so far. Speaking on the difficulties of adjusting to the community he said it was more about learning his way around than any-

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Models gearing up for DWC Fashion Show

DUDLEY — Our models are thinking Spring! Plans are well underway for the Dudley Woman’s Club(DWC) go-to

event of the year -- our 12th Annual Fashion Show, “Queen of Hearts,” to be held on Sunday, April 19 at Point Breeze Restaurant in Webster.

Our exciting line up of local female models will be on the catwalk in the latest spring fashions provided by Coco’s of Woodstock, Conn. They are: Tameryn Campbell - President & CEO of Masonic Healthcare, Laura Crosetti - Director of Marketing and Admissions at Christopher Heights, Lorri Ducharme - Owner of Prestige Salon & DWC member, Anita Hickey - Dudley Middle School Nurse and Veteran, Molly Garlick - Head of Youth Services/Assistant Director at Charlton Public Library and Lesa Patrock - Dudley Middle School Teacher & DWC member. This event is a great time out with friends and family and proceeds benefit the DWC’s annual college scholarships and the club’s many charitable endeavors. Boutique vendors are open to the public from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., without having to attend the fashion show!! For Fashion Show

attendees, raffles start at 10:30 a.m., followed by a new schedule of start times: appetizers at 11 am followed by a Hot Buffet Lunch at 11:45 a.m. Fashion show begins at 1 pm. Raffles will include a large variety of items and also our popular 50/50 raffle. Admission cost is \$30 per person. Reservations are available NOW online at www.dudleywomansclub.org. Table reservations can be made for groups of eight. For more information, contact imajoy@charter.net. Find us also on Facebook: Dudley Woman’s Club or our Web site, www.dudleywomansclub.org. This is a fun Sunday at the beginning of spring when we are all looking for a welcome breather out of the house! Our greeters and stage helpers are ladies of the DWC! Raffles will include baskets of cheer, a money raffle and boutique vendor donated items. Save the date: Sunday, April 19, and come join the fun and enjoy a wonderful afternoon with us!

Webster Dudley Business Alliance hosting networking social

WEBSTER — The Webster Dudley Business Alliance and The Rose Room cafe invite all local business representatives to a Spring Fling Networking Social on Wednesday, March 18, 6-8 p.m. Support Local Agriculture! Meet Local Farmers and Business People! Enjoy Food & Drink and Socialize! Eating local food and supporting small farms had never been easier.

WDBA social events allow for our members and guests to gather and enjoy each others company while gaining knowledge about neighboring businesses.

Free to WDBA members; \$10 all others
Email contact@thewdba.org for promo code
For tickets go to Eventbrite: [eventbrite.com/e/spring-fling-networking-social-tickets-or-facebook-facebook-com/events/1595760533908671/](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/spring-fling-networking-social-tickets-or-facebook-facebook-com/events/1595760533908671/).

The Rose Room’s mission is to connect the community to local farmers, sustainable practices, and farm to table foods to support our local agriculture. Many local farms will be represented at this event. Information about local food, CSA details, and sustainable business practices will be made available and you will have an opportunity to connect with farmers and business people in the area.

Snacks and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided by The Rose Room and The WDBA. This is a BYOB event, so feel free to bring beer or wine to share with friends.

Fattman announces office hours

WEBSTER – State Sen. Ryan Fattman (R-Sutton) has announced that he will host office hours at the Oxford Public Library on Monday, March 16 from 4 to 5 p.m. and the Webster Senior Center on Tuesday, March 17, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The office hours will be an opportunity for constituents to meet the Senator and voice their opinions and concerns about local issues.

Those who cannot make the office hours can call 617-722-1420 to schedule a meeting with the Senator.

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Page Chiropractic Health Center hosts Fit & Fun Fair



WEBSTER — Page Chiropractor hosted the fit and fun fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 8 with Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy students and faculty participation. The fit and fun health fair gave the public a chance to get health screening for free along with many fun activities.

Other local businesses such as ReNew (A New Age Spa), Thompson Speedway, B. Kind Café, and Joanna Sokolowska (Licensed Aesthetician) have partnered with Page Chiropractor at the health fair.

The fair included free health consultations, and stations where you can get a check on your vital signs including finger stick blood sugar (FSBS) check by Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy nursing students, a chair massage, nail care and even eyebrow maxing by Joanna Sokolowska.

The free fit and fun fair at Page Chiropractor offered a wide range of information about health and wellness. Attendees were able to try out

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golf swings with Mike Jezierski, PGA Head Gold Professional of Raceway Golf Club, with chances to win prizes. Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy students Fjolla Shehu of Worcester and Alyssa Misiano of Rutland, with faculty Professor Sarah Watson of Worcester, aside from checking vital signs and FSBS, wants to keep your lifelong health a priority and were available to discuss topics such as blood pressure and heart health, nutrition and diabetes, reproductive health, healthy and unhealthy fats, cold and flu prevention, and obesity.

Courtesy Photo
Pictured, from left: Alyssa Missiano, Fjolla Shehu and Professor Sarah Watson.

Hannaford Helps campaign generates 7,600 pounds for Worcester County Food Bank

WORCESTER — Hannaford Supermarkets and its customers donated 7,620 pounds of food valued at \$12,345 to the Worcester County Food Bank as part of a hunger relief campaign that produced \$1.4 million dollars in nutritious food and cash to food banks and pantries throughout the Northeast. Hannaford Helps Fight Hunger took place during the 2019 holiday season and included a you-buy-one, we-give-one component, whereby Hannaford pledged to donate identical products when customers purchased specific shelf-stable items, including

applesauce, spaghetti, oats, green beans, and corn. “Each year, we see the abundant generosity and caring of our customers through the Hannaford Helps Fight Hunger program,” said Ericka Dodge, Hannaford spokesperson. “Donations that help families and children who might not otherwise have enough nutritious food is a true demonstration of the impact we can all have in people’s lives. We are grateful for the partnership and commitment of our customers in helping to make our communities a stronger place.”

The annual campaign builds off the work that local Hannaford stores and distribution centers participate in daily. Hannaford donated nearly 25 million pounds of rescued food to Northeast hunger relief in 2019. The Hannaford Helps Fight Hunger Campaign had three parts: • Hannaford Helps Fight Hunger Boxes: Customers purchased boxes of food staples for \$10. The boxes are then donated to a pantry local to the store where it was purchased; or the customer has the option to

keep the box and donate directly to another organization. Valued at \$930,000, a total of 93,000 Fight Hunger boxes were donated to hunger relief agencies throughout Hannaford’s five state presence, including 6,600 boxes or the equivalent of 52,800 meals in Massachusetts. • Register Donation: Customers donated money to a local food pantry, right at the register. The register donations totaled \$251,978, including \$21,740 in Massachusetts. • Buy One, Give One: Hannaford donated specific products identical to those items purchased

by customers during a four-week period. Through the Buy One, Give One program, Hannaford donated 383 cases of nutritious food, equating to 7,620 pounds valued at more than \$12,000, to the Worcester County Food Bank. The Buy One, Give One donations across the Northeast totaled 8,663 cases of food – or 175,000 pounds valued at \$238,520. Hannaford Helps Fight Hunger has generated funds and products valued at \$11.5 million since the program began in 2008.

Oxford resident receives prestigious promotion at Bay State Savings Bank



Peter Rovezzi

WORCESTER — Bay State Savings Bank is proud to announce Peter Rovezzi has recently been named Senior Vice President – Strategic Sales. In this role, Mr. Rovezzi will continue to lead staff as they increase production and further enhance Bay State Savings Bank’s customer experience. “Peter has been a tremendous asset to our team since he joined our Bank in 2009,” said Bay State Savings Bank President and CEO Peter Alden. “I am confident he will thrive in his new role as Senior Vice President of Strategic Sales and help Bay State Savings Bank continue to exceed our customers’ expectations.” Mr. Rovezzi holds over 16 years of experience in banking in Central Massachusetts. Previous roles include Bay State Savings Bank’s Eastern Avenue Branch Manager from 2009 to 2015, Vice President of Business Development from 2017 to 2018, and most recently, Vice President of Strategic Sales. Currently, Mr. Rovezzi volunteers at Oak Hill Bible Church in Oxford as Nominating Committee Chairperson and the Oxford Food Pantry. Additionally, he is also involved with Worcester, Auburn, and Wachusett Chamber of Commerce. He currently lives in Oxford.



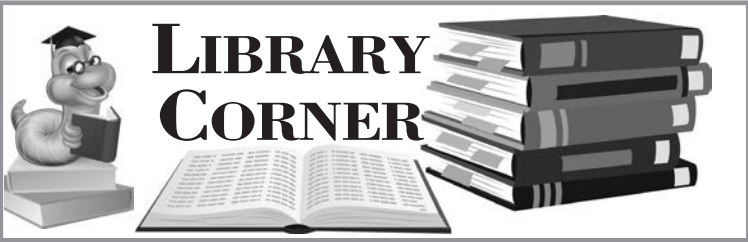


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Monday, March 9, 6:30 PM
Join us for a live taping of a podcast by Vanessa Zoltan and Ariana Nedelman. The hosts will discuss and bless the women from “Harry Potter & the Sacred Text”. Sitting is limited and by reservation only.

WEBSTER BOOK GROUP,
Third Monday
Enjoy wonderful conversation and lively discussion about books that you help pick! Call the library for this month’s selection.

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

NINTENDO SWITCH AND PLAYSTATION 4 GAME DAYS, Friday, March 13 and 27, 3:30 PM

Join us in playing video games in the Meeting Room.

TEEN/TWEEN ANIME FILM SERIES,
Saturday, March 14, 11:30 AM
Come and watch the anime film “Spirited Away” in the Meeting Room on the big screen with popcorn provided.

AUTHOR PAUL MACEK,
Tuesday, March 10, 6:00 PM
Meet local author and historian who will discuss his new book “The Fall of the House of Trump” which covers an historical overview of today’s topics including immigration, health care and the environment to name a few.

WIGGLES & GIGGLES PRESCHOOL MUSIC CLASS
Friday, March 6 and 13, 10:00 AM
Sing and dance with Miss Lainey in this FREE program for children and their caregivers.

AUTHOR JUDITH MCINTOSH SPEAKS
Tuesday, March 17, 6:30 PM
Judith will talk about her own writing and will read from her most recent mystery, “Niagra Fontaine.”

CONCERT WITH MARK MANDEVILLE & RAIANNE RICHARDS,

Wednesday, March 11, 6:30PM
Contemporary America Folk Singers celebrating the release of their third album, “Road May Rise”, will be joined by their complete studio band.

RAISE A READER,
Wednesdays, 10:00 AM
Children ages 2 – 5 years and siblings with their parents/caregivers are invited to explore and engage through story time, free play, and activities. Registration is required at sccpartnership.wixsite.com/mysite.

CHILDRENS PAINTING GROUP,
Mondays, 3:30 – 4:30 PM
Join us in the Children’s Storytime Room to express your creativity! Paint and draw whatever you like. All supplies are provided. No sign-ups required.

FOSTER CARE INFORMATION SESSION
Third Friday of every month, 10:00 – 11:30 AM
Learn how you can open your heart and home to a child in need. A representative from the Department of Children and Families will meet to discuss this wonderful program.

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

YOGA WITH JULIE, Saturdays, 9:30AM – 10:45AM
The practice of yoga on the mat helps us to be better yogis “off the mat” through breath, movement, and meditation. Bring a mat, two blocks and/or a yoga strap if you own them already. There will be some available on a first-come first-served basis. All levels are welcome.
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STORYTIME, Mondays and Tuesdays, 10:30 AM
An introduction to books and the library for your preschooler. Please just drop in, no registration required.

LITERACY VOLUNTEERS, Tuesdays, 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Volunteers are needed to provide one-on-one tutoring at no cost.
-Tutoring in English language skills for adults whose native language is not English.
-Tutoring in basic literacy skills for adults whose reading and writing ability levels are below the eighth grade level. Please contact Holly Christo during office hours if interested in volunteering.

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POKEMON CLUB
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KNIT & CROCHET @ THE PEARLE
Thursdays 5:30PM-7:30 PM & Fridays 10:00AM – 12:00PM
Knitters, crocheters and all other fiber artists are welcome. No registration required. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

DR. SEUSS PARTY
Monday March 2, 6:00PM-7:00PM
Celebrate Dr. Seuss’ birthday with reading activities, crafts, and snacks! No registration required. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

BOOK DISCUSSION
Thursday March 5, 6:00PM-7:00PM
This month’s discussion will be The Widow of the South by Robert Hicks. Books are available at the circulation desk one month prior to the meeting. No registration required.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT: SEUSS ON THE LOOSE
Friday March 6, 11:00AM-11:45AM
Nothing gets kids on their feet and having fun quite like songs, dance, and silly stories. Deb has been conducting children’s programs that get kids up and moving since 1991. Join Deb for Seuss On The Loose! No registration required. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

DRUM CIRCLE
Saturday March 7, 11:00AM-12:00PM
Come join a drum circle with Mike Leo! All ages welcome. No registration required. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Sponsored by the Hugh W and Harriet K Crawford Endowment.

MONDAY MOVIE: THE ART OF RACING IN THE RAIN
Monday March 9, 5:45PM-7:30PM
Join us for movie night at the Pearle! Tonight’s movie is “The Art of Racing In The Rain.” Rated PG, run time is 1 hour 49 minutes. Fresh popped popcorn provided! No registration required. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

UNSOLVED: NEW ENGLAND
Thursday March 12, 6:00PM-7:45PM
Who killed Dr William Dean in 1918? Did aviators Nungesser and Coli beat Charles Lindberg across the Atlantic? And who was the mysterious Leatherman? Join author and history teacher John Daley for a discussion of unsolved mysteries from the Northeast. Free. No registration required. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Sponsored by the Hugh W and Harriet K Crawford Foundation.

CREATIVE DRAMA FOR KIDS WITH OUT OF THE BOX
Friday March 20, 11:30AM-12:30PM
Meredith Charles of Out of the Box will be here to facilitate creative drama for kids. No registration required. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Sponsored by the Hugh W and Harriet K Crawford Endowment.

POP UP SLIME MAKING
Friday March 20, 3:00PM-4:00PM
Pop up slime making. Ages 6 and up. One slime per person please! No registration required. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

CRAFT SWAP
Saturday March 21, 10:00AM-1:00PM
Bring your extra craft supplies to share with others! Scrapbook paper, yarn, stickers, needle crafts, and anything else you can think of! No registration required. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

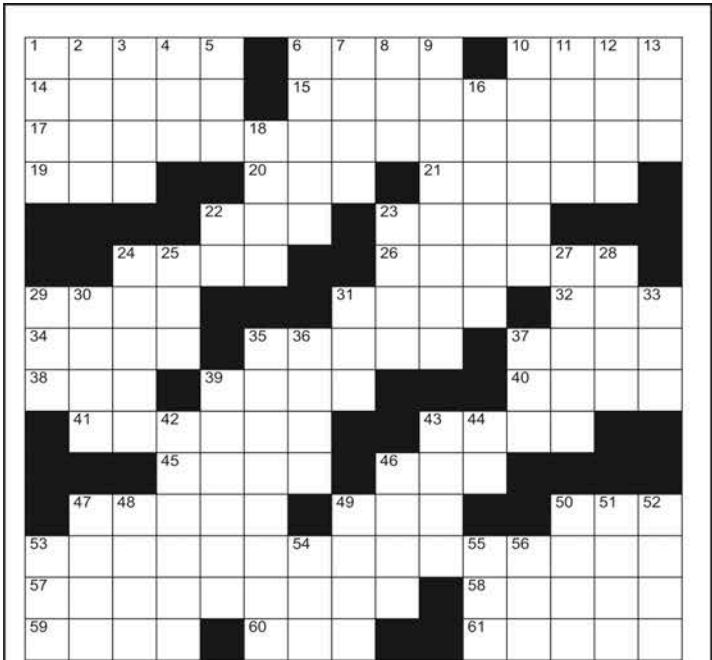
GENEALOGY GROUP: RESEARCHING YOUR IMMIGRANT ANCESTORS
Thursday March 26, 6:00PM-7:30PM
Margaret Fortier will present on “Researching Your Immigrant Ancestors.” No registration required. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Grange, Generations share planting program

DUDLEY/WEBSTER – The Dudley Grange invites the community to come learn about seed-saving, early planting and related topics next Tuesday, March 10 at 7 p.m. at Generations, 129 East Main St., Webster (in the East Main Plaza).
Generations owner Del Bachand will tap into her 40-plus years of experience with growing and using culinary and medicinal herbs to talk about what techniques and plants work best

in our area.
“This is the time of year to plan what you want to do,” she observed, noting the lack of snow cover can be helpful in seeing how to lay out this year’s garden. “... I like to play in the dirt. [Gardening] is as much about having fun as about getting something useful out of it.”
Attendees will find Bachand has a strong focus on native plants, in large part because “most of my training comes from

indigenous elders.” Among other things, she’ll have a wide variety of seeds available for those who wish to try planting something different this year.
The Dudley Grange is a volunteer organization working to expand agricultural skills and knowledge in Dudley and nearby communities. For more information, contact Generations at 508-987-3310 or Gus and Maureen at 508-764-8042

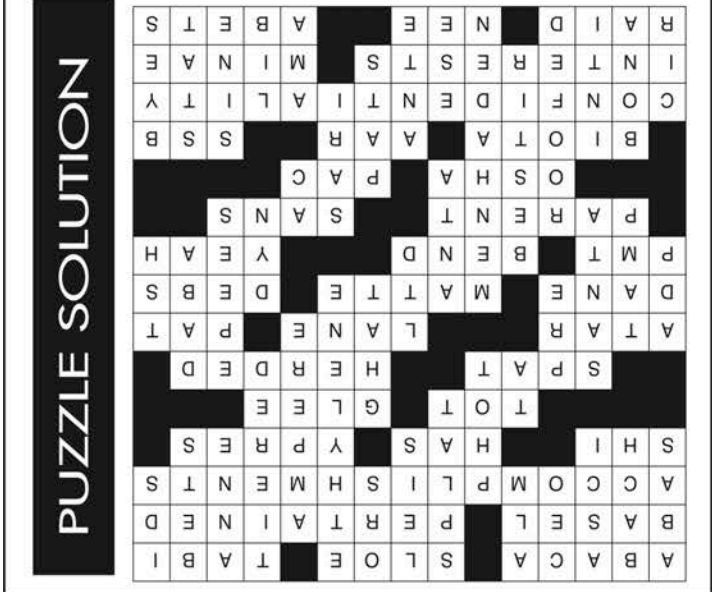


CLUES ACROSS

1. Yields Manila hemp
6. A type of gin
10. Japanese ankle sock
14. Swiss city
15. Applied to
17. Achievements
19. Japanese title
20. Possesses
21. Belgian city
22. Child
23. Great delight
24. Petty quarrel
26. Gathered
29. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire
31. Path
32. Legendary hoops coach Riley
34. A citizen of Denmark
35. Flat
37. Upper-class young women
38. Payment (abbr.)
39. Distort
40. Affirmative! (slang)
41. One who has a child
43. Without
45. Workplace safety agency
46. Political action committee
47. Period of plant and animal life
49. Swiss river
50. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
53. State of being kept secret
57. Hobbies
58. One-time Korean ruler
59. Sudden attack
60. Born of
61. Assists

CLUES DOWN

1. Ancient Greek sophist
2. Famed composer
3. Spore-bearing fungi cells
4. Chief executive officer
5. Defunct Syrian political party
6. Thin wood
7. Polynesian garlands
8. Fluid replacement (abbr.)
9. Flammable hydrocarbon gas
10. Multi-leveled
11. Influential diarist
12. Gambles
13. Many subconsciousnesses
16. Current unit
18. Illumination unit
22. Tantalum
23. Steps leading down to a river
24. Kids love him
25. Before
27. Fencing swords
28. Mountain range in China
29. Payroll company
30. A way to pack together
31. Business designation
33. Thyroid-stimulating hormone (abbr.)
35. Forage fish
36. Greek temple pillars
37. Internet mgmt. company
39. Rouse oneself
42. In a way, covered
43. Elaborate silk garment
44. Cooling unit
46. Riley and O’Brien are two
47. ___ fide: genuine
48. Ancient Incan sun god
49. Poker stake
50. Trigonometric function
51. Interesting tidbit
52. Adieus
53. U.S. Treasury position
54. Midway between east and southeast
55. Doctors’ group
56. Women’s ___ movement



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LEARNING

DUDLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

DUDLEY — Dudley Middle School has released its honor roll for the second quarter of the 2019-2020 school year.

GRADE 5

High Honor: Trevor R Amaral, Cailyn S Andrews, Madison V Antos, Grecibel L Arboleda, Emily N Arnold, Ryan J Beckman, Emma J Comforti, Kayden J Daigle, Madisson C Drewry, Cadence K Duval, Luciana I Flores, Avianna R Gauvin, Carter M Gendron, Kylie R Henry, Olivia P Jankowski, Sebastian P Janusz, Ashley R Jerome, Maria K Jordanoglou, Nazih S Joudi, Kelsey R Karłowicz, Evan M LePage, Natalia A Milewski,ElainaRNelson,Steadfastness E Onyekwere, Jamison D Paradise, Emma J Rottman, Jean Paul J Salem, Yochana S Silverman, Christopher J Snow, Ethan P Straw, Alek J Zurawski. Honor: Olivia I Anderson, Celia E Ares, Jackson R Bond, Alyssa R Bonneville, Hannah K Boudreau, Noah M Bouffard, Cameron D Brockway, Enzo N Cartagena, Miya E Chauvin, Dominic M Coccia, Jack P Connole, Jeremy J Cronauer, Ryan P Cronin, Benjamin J Cryan, Landon R Daveau, Parker P Devish, Nathan J Dion, Molly E Dwyer, Julia M Ferschke, Riley L Flanders, Luke A Gadoury, Elijah R Garcia, Sophia N Grammer, Finnian B Groh, Mederic L Harnois, Logan T Hill, Thomas W Ide, Dominik Ignatovich, Brandon M Jerome, Kyla L Johnson, Isaac T Kaminski, Alex S Kirejczyk, Emma L Kokocinski, Berlin A Krysiak, Noel E Lebel, Abigail V Lonchiadis, Dylan MMacCormack, Kaylin A Marsh, Molly E Mead, Jayden L Miglionico, Alexis K Moore, Colin J Navin, Liam T O'Shea, Jaxson X Page, Kayla M Paquette, Izabella G Paquin, Noah J

Peck, Olivier K Pecyna, Christian M Perrin, Cameron M Perzichino, Renata W Plewa, Aiden T Quinn, Logan J Rada, Jason T Richard, Robert A Rucci, Nicholas J Salerno, Leo A Savoie, Michael R Scott, Sienna A Shroyer, Dylan A Snow, Ethan A Steriti, Brady M Theriault, Max E Tryba, Benjamin C Vitkus, Vanessa E Zeglen.

GRADE 6

High Honor: Lily A Connole, Jocelyn E Evans, Alyssa R Forbes, Sonia B Ganski, Nathaniel B Grant, Ava E Hanson, Brianna J Jankowski, Riley A Lepage, Hayley Phommala, Luciana P Piarulli, Jesslyn E Reddick, Sarah L Starczewski, Emily K Walker. Honor: Maya V Arambula Cortez, Jaimon A Baillargeon, Arianna R Belanger, Madison W Blake, Erin A Boggio, Cortney M Boudreau, Riley G Bowes, Tyler J Burdick, Brendan M Burns, Juan P Castaneda Moreno, Ryan M Crosby, Felicity A Durando, Nadia E Dziobak, Hallie E Dzivasen, Matthew F Edmiston, Kendall J Ey, Andrew J Fasolo, Jazlyn Feliciano, Molly A Fitton, Megan M Flynn, Delila G Gaudette, Hannah S Germain, Marcus D Goncalves, Anthony M Gonya, Aiden A Grigware, Katie S Hogan, Michael P Hogan, Liam B Kay, William D King, Riley A Kistner, Arabella C Lavigne, Kason J LeBlanc, Paige L Leone, Trenten M Lorenzen, Michael A Lulu, Avery L McLaughlin, Bella R Meschke, Avery E Montigny, Delaney K Navin, Brianna N Ndegwa, Aiden C Perzanoski, Ashley A Reilly, Riley P Ritchie, Trinnity R Robbins, Charles P Rollins, Jake G Rousseau, Joey M Ryan, Tristan S Semo, Marcelina Sikorski, Jaxon R Sitko, Jordan L Taiste, Meghan L Traverso, Lucilia M Tryba, Chase

W Vangel, Elias M Vega, Adrienne L Warner, Paige A Warner, Alexa R Zannotti, Nash B Zimmer, Haylee M Zurowski.


GRADE 7

High Honor: David A Boyce, Christopher P Boyd, Jackson D Checkosky,OliviaK Cronauer, Julianna S Croteau, Philipe M DaSilva, Lily S Durda, Midrose D Freeman, Hailee L Gelinas, Alex H Giarnese, Trinity E Gosselin, Bryce J Hutchinson, Bishoy S Ibrahim, Jaden J Ingraham, Madeline B Joyce, Izabella L Lorente, Jeffrey W Martel, Emma G McLaughlin, Maggie P Montville, Collin A Moody, Piotr Nemera, Brooklyn M Page, Lindsey M Paradise, Isabel T Poplawski, Amber M Quadarella, Hannah N Roberts, Jacob A Shook, Sophia M Sparhawk, Zoie Unger, Jonathan M Vitkus. Honor: Sarah B Arnold, Rose E Bell, Alexandra L Bergeron, Madison T Bergeron, Audrey F Bonaventura, David J Breault, Kaiden C Brochu, Kendra N Brooks, Nathan R Clemence, Wyatt J Connor, Dakota D Dancause, Lillian J Deuyour, Ashley M Dickhaut, Michael T Doktor, Rori J Donohoe, Brianna E Duffy, McKenzie E Duffy, Emma F Dwyer, Trevor J Flanders, Caroline T Freeman, Brady J Gelineau, Elyana G Groccia, Adam G Houle, Jonathan A Hutchinson, Robert S Jadcza, Harrison G Jordanoglou, Alexander J Kenney, Cody L Koszewski, Timothy A Krynski, Samuel K Lamont, Aurora L Lavigne, Gage K Lewis, Avery G Lincoln, Kaitlyn M Maklary, Ava P Millette, Brendan J Moran, Sullivan J Morse, Naya B Nayfeh, Sadie Mae Nobert, Nathaniel J Nocchi, Laura N Orn, Christian A Paquin, Krish

R Patel, Brad F Piekarczyk, Hazel A Rucci, Johnathan R Rumrill Andino, Lucas A Soto, Domadius Tawadrous, Maximous Tawadrous, Serenitee S Wheeler.


GRADE 8

High Honor: Kasey S Babkauskas, Nicolas R Benoit, Nathan I Card, Ethan B Casey, Quinn J Cushing, Cora J Dubey, Jared P Ferschke, Kyle R Gallo, Jadyn L Katz, Taya T Lawrence, Payton S Leone, Joanna A Lepper, Morgan R Lewandowski, Cayleigh I Mayen, Sofia B McCarty, Luke G Poirier, Athanasia Towadros, Athanasios Towadros, Zachary C Wennerberg, Emily E Zanauskas. Honor: Daniel P Adamuska, Amelia Anuszkiewicz, Annalease M Arnberg, Vanessa L Baclawski, Abigail G Boggio, Anthony J Booth, Nathaniel K Booth, Kevin E Bouffard, Samuel R Brill, Cameron I Burns, Allison D Castaneda Moreno, Katelyn Rae Choinski, Landon I Corriveau, Nicholas S Damelio, Kathryn K Gadoury, Bianka B Ganski, Leah K Garvey, Devin D Gavaletz, Liam D Gravel, Lucas G Grigware, Gavin M Groh, Katelyn R Hakala, Ian N James, Stanislaw P Janusz, Heidi L Jarosz, Kierce J Jarvis, Owen A Kondek, Kyle M LeBlanc, Caleb R Leoncio, Emma J Levasseur, Daniel J Lincoln, Alberto F Lockward, Albert L Luciano, Devin J Lugo, Rowan E Magee, Sophia M McClay, Justin A Murray, Lillian M Nelson, Riley A O'Connor, Alexis F Perrin, Leo A Perry, Brooke T Piselli, Nicholas M Pollone, Rachel M Reynolds, Victoria R Roberts, Abigail J Ruda, Cassidy F Semo, Isabella K Taiste, Lea M Vanskike, Helene L Weimbs, Greyson S Zimmer.



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LEARNING

Students of the Month

Courtesy Photos

Oxford Middle School congratulates the following students on being named Students of the Month for February. In grade 5 (far left): Colin McIlvaine, Hailey Sprague (not pictured), Philip Rouillard, Turner Goyette, Zachary Sirard, and Braden Stone. In seventh grade (center photo): Haley Alves, Kyra Krasinskas, Pablo Flores, Jr. (not pictured), Elizabeth Byfield, Lorelie Curboy, and Samuel Paradise. In grade seven (far right): Claire Farrar, Raegan Perreault, Christopher Mullen, Abigail Bartlett, Amina-Gabriells Peterson, and Braelyn Dunn.



University of Maine announces fall 2019 Dean’s List

ORONO, Maine — The University of Maine recognized 2,572 students for achieving Dean’s List honors in the fall 2019 semester. Of the students who made the Dean’s List, 1,754 are from Maine, 743 are from 30 other states and 75 are from 31 countries other than the U.S.

Listed below are students who received Dean’s List honors for fall 2019, completing 12 or more credit hours in the semester and earning a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Please note that some students have requested that their information not be released; therefore, their names are not included.

Whitinsville: Mina Helinski

About the University of Maine The University of Maine, founded in Orono in 1865, is the state’s land grant, sea grant and space grant university. As Maine’s flagship public university, UMaine has a statewide mission of teaching, research and economic development, and community service. UMaine is the state’s only public research university and among the most comprehensive higher education institutions in the Northeast. It attracts students from all 50 states and more than 70 countries. UMaine currently enrolls 11,561 undergraduate and graduate students who have opportunities to participate in groundbreaking research with world-class scholars. UMaine offers more than 100 degree programs through which students can earn master’s, doctoral or professional science master’s degrees, as well as graduate certificates. The university promotes environmental stewardship, with substantial efforts campuswide to conserve energy, recycle and adhere to green building standards in new construction. For more information about UMaine, visit umaine.edu.

Charlton: Grace MacGrath
Charlton City: Isabelle Boria

Northbridge: Ciara Larence

Sutton: Anthony Sullivan, Rose Thayer

Upton: Kyle Bernero
Uxbridge: Dylan King

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Hi! My name is Janely and I like to draw!

Janely
Age 12

Janely is a sweet and social young woman of Hispanic descent who loves drawing and making adults laugh. At times she can be quite silly! Janely also enjoys playing with baby dolls and Barbies, playing board games, and watching cartoons. Janely’s social worker describes her as a talented artist with a “lovely” and “beautiful” personality.

At school, Janely is described as a kind and quiet student who is attentive and hard-working. She has been diagnosed with Epilepsy, which at times can make it difficult for her to comprehend her school work. Janely is in a mainstream classroom and receives extra academic supports in the areas of math and communication skills.

Not yet legally freed for adoption, Janely will bring joy and laughter to a family of any constellation, with or without other children in the home. An ideal family for Janely will have some experience caring for children with medical needs and will be able to bring her to multiple neurology appointments. A family must be open to helping her maintain relationships with her biological family, including her brother.

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

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

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LEARNING

St. Joseph students usher in Lent at Ash Wednesday service

WEBSTER — On Wednesday, Feb. 26, the students of St. Joseph School began observing the season of Lent by receiving ashes during a special Ash Wednesday “Buddy” Mass.

Ash Wednesday is one of the most important holy days in the liturgical calendar because it helps Catholics prepare for Easter and better appreciate the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday and begins a season of prayer, fasting, and giving alms in order to grow closer to Jesus.

At St. Joseph School, the students are encouraged to persevere – not give up in making loving sacrifices and doing good deeds for Jesus. During the Ash Wednesday Mass, middle school students lovingly accompanied their Pre-K, Kindergarten, and First Grade buddies to the Basilica and received ashes together. Prior to receiving their ashes, Fr. Charles Borowski spoke to the students and encouraged them to work together for the good of the community. He explained how every student can be compared to a LEGO block. Individually, each of us is small, but

when you assemble multiple LEGO’s, you become bigger and stronger.

Two days later, the students returned to the Basilica to pray the Stations of the Cross. During Lent, the students pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday afternoon at 1 p.m. The Stations are a 14-step Catholic devotion commemorating Jesus Christ’s last day on Earth. It’s a tradition at St. Joseph School that seventh and eighth grade students carry a large wooden cross through the Basilica, stopping at each station, as others read and reflect on specific events from Christ’s crucifixion.

Finally, during the Season of Lent, “Buddy” classes return to Mass each Sunday morning at 9 a.m. and lead the congregation in the Liturgy of the Word and Prayer of the Faithful. Members of each “Buddy Class,” are also responsible for the Offertory and encouraged to turn their loving sacrifices and good deeds into “Flowers for Jesus.” To do so, the students are asked to reflect on the Corporal Works of Mercy which are acts of love that help us care for the physical and material needs of others. They are also asked to reflect on the

Spiritual Works of Mercy which are acts of love that help us care for the needs of people’s hearts, minds, and souls. After reflection, each student arrives at Mass and places a written description of their “good deed” in the offertory basket. When they do so, they receive a beautiful flower that will be delivered to the altar and placed at the base of the cross. This is how the students’ loving sacrifices and good deeds become “Flowers for Jesus.”

At St. Joseph School, the Season of Lent is a special opportunity to help strengthen each student’s relationship with God by providing a strong academic and spiritual foundation. The goal of instilling these experiences in the students is that they will not only look to this wisdom to celebrate their accomplishments and successes, but it will also make them stronger when navigating any tumultuous times in their lives.

The public is invited to join the students at St. Joseph Basilica at 1 p.m. each Friday as well as 9 a.m. each Sunday morning during Lent as they continue their preparation for Easter.



Courtesy Photo

Kindergarten student Olivia Pajak delivers the basket of good deeds to Fr. Charles Borowski while fellow Kindergarten student Jon Belanger waits to deliver his Flower for Jesus.

Webster Conservation Commission proposes changes to Wetlands Setback Policy

NEW WORDING IS “MILDER”

By Barbara Van Reed

A year ago, the Webster Conservation Commission unanimously voted to adopt a Wetlands Setback Policy to delineate its position on activity within the 100 ft. wetlands buffer zone, over which it has jurisdiction. The Wetlands Setback Policy is a policy only, not a town by-law. By-laws must be approved by Town Meeting.

The reason for establishing the policy, the Commission said, was that it had found that activity within the buffer zone bordering wetland resource areas “poses a serious threat to such areas, and activity within the first 25 feet from the wetland resource area is the most impactful.”

The Commission therefore “strongly discouraged” any activity within 25 ft. of wetland boundaries and instituted a minimum 50 ft. No Build Zone for any building or structure.

Reaction to the 2019 policy was mixed, prompting the Conservation Commission to update the policy this year. A public meeting on the revised policy was to be held February 27 at 5:30 in the Webster Town Hall. It has been rescheduled to a date in March.

The new policy is printed on this page. It differs from the existing policy most significantly in tone, recognizing that decisions should be made on a case-by-case basis. For example, the 50 ft. No Build zone mandate has been revised to read that “in appropriate circumstances, the Commission may consider requiring that a minimum 50 ft. no build zone be maintained from the edge of the wetland to any proposed building...”

The revised policy also adds a paragraph relating specifically to Webster Lake lots, which are often “very small in size,” and recognizes that limiting activity within 25 ft of the Lake is not always “practicable.”

The Conservation Commission’s authority to oversee activity within the 100 ft. wetlands buffer zone is governed by the state’s Wetlands Protection Act and any order of conditions it stipulates can be appealed to the state by the builder or homeowner.

Not surprisingly, local contractors who build and renovate new homes and additions on lots that contain wetlands, particularly near the Lake, have strong opinions on the policy.

Doug LeBel of LeBel Builders said, “This latest attempt from the Conservation Com-

mission to change the building envelope setbacks from the current 10 ft. to 50 ft. from the shoreline is detrimental to families and builders alike. The existing lots on the lake that meet today’s zoning requirements would be rendered un-buildable by the new proposal.

“As a home builder that has built many custom homes on Webster Lake and some of the surrounding lakes, I can tell you that my main objective is to protect the lake from any debris, run-off or pollution. I follow strict guidelines when building, such as using silt fences and turbidity curtains, as well as common sense. The proposed guidelines will only serve to over-empower Conservation Committee members and dis-empower homeowners, landowners and builders.

“Not only will it take the integrity out of the building process by dictating where the house can be set on a lot, but it can ultimately make currently buildable lots on the lake unbuildable. The current existing setbacks have been determined to suit the lot sizes in order to accommodate a house. Changing the standards now will prevent some landowners from re-building or from building a new home.

Local landowner Chris Robert commented,

“After reviewing the proposed new Conservation Committee setback policy, I believe it gives the commission the authority to restrict building in a buffer zone of 50 feet and in select cases up to 100 feet at their sole discretion. Even at 50 feet this can make 5,000 square ft. lots unbuildable. A family that has a 5,000 sq. ft. lot will see its valuation go from \$300,000 to zero. I do think it inappropriate to give the Conservation Commission such authority. In addition, the commission may restrict anchoring a dock to shore and having a Tiki hut within the 25-foot zone.

“Another impact of this warrant is the reduction of Town real estate tax revenue. Current property will be reduced in value and new construction severely reduced. Why does the Conservation want to shoot the goose that laid golden eggs?”

Webster Conservation Agent Mary Overholt noted that the March 27 meeting will be a public discussion, not a formal hearing. Should this policy become the basis for a future wetlands by-law, it would have to go before Town Meeting.

Wetlands Setback Policy
Town of Webster
Conservation Commission
350 Main Street
Webster, MA 01570

WETLANDS SETBACK POLICY

In order to avoid adverse wetland impacts and preserve the function of wetland resource areas, the Webster Conservation Commission may, on a case by case basis, limit or prevent activity within 25 ft. of any wetland.

Webster Lake

Lots directly bordering on Webster Lake are often very small in size. The Commission strongly discourages activity within 25 ft. of the Lake, but recognizes that this is not always practicable. The Commission strongly encourages a natural vegetated buffer along the shoreline. Although a natural shoreline is recommended for habitat and ecosystem function, retaining walls may be allowed along the shoreline, in appropriate circumstances.

Purpose of Policy

In reliance upon numerous expert studies and in accordance with the practices of other conservation commissions, the Webster Conservation Commission finds that activity in the 100 ft. buffer zone bordering wetland resource areas may pose a serious threat to such areas, and activity within the first 25 feet from the wetland resource area is the most impactful. These findings are also based upon training provided by the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions (MACC) and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“DEP”). As a result, the Conservation Commission strongly discourages such activity within 25 ft. of wetland boundaries and will review, on a case by case basis whether activity in such areas should be limited or precluded. This undisturbed zone will provide a minimum buffer to prevent negative impacts on wetlands. Furthermore, in appropriate circumstances, the Commission may consider requiring that a minimum 50 ft. no build zone be maintained from the edge of the wetland to any proposed building, retaining wall, parking area, driveway, roadway or other structure.

The Commission may require larger No Disturb or No Build zones when it is deemed necessary to protect the values and functions of the wetland resources areas and to allow the continuity of natural conditions, as may be consistent with the Commission’s authority under the Wetlands Protection Act.

Basis of Policy

Scientific research, and the Conservation Commission’s own experience in reviewing a wide variety of projects, demonstrate that alteration or construction activities within the buffer zone consistently result in destructive effects on the wetlands themselves. These include, but are not limited to: disturbance of natural vegetation along the wetlands boundary; run-off of pollutants, fill materials and other substances into the wetlands; stockpiling or dumping of materials or debris which migrate over time into the wetlands; and disturbance of wildlife habitat, such as nesting sites and corridors which are important to wetland species. Given the difficulty which often arises in precisely defining a wetland boundary, it is vital in many instances to protect an adjacent section of the buffer zone which, in turn, will prevent destructive impacts on the wetlands.

The Policy As used herein:

- **“Alteration”** shall mean any removal (grading, filling and /or excavation) of vegetative cover; soil or other naturally occurring materials and any other alteration as may be described or defined under 310 CMR 10.00 et seq.
- **“Construction”** shall mean the construction of any permanent or temporary structure or building, including, without limitation, any residential or commercial building, garage, shed, barn, tennis court, deck, swimming pool, parking area, driveway, fence, retaining wall, patio, gazebo, children’s toys such as sandboxes and swing sets, ripped areas, boardwalks or landscaping project.
- **“Natural Vegetated Buffer”** shall mean areas or strips of land in permanent native vegetation, designed to intercept pollutants and manage other environmental concerns.

In acting upon Notices of Intent and Determination of Applicability, the Conservation Commission will review any proposed Alteration or Construction within 25 ft. of a wetland boundary in order to determine whether such activity will have a significant adverse impact on the wetlands. In determining whether such activities should be limited, conditioned or prohibited, the Commission may seek information from the applicant or its own consultants that will assist in determining whether: (1) such activity will (or won’t) have an adverse impact; and/or (2) such activity provides public benefits, such as health or safety; that outweighs any such impact; and/or (3) such activity involves the maintenance of existing structures; and/

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Thurs., March 12, • 6:30pm
Webster Lake information meeting at Point Breeze. Guest Speaker Glenn Krevosky of EBT Environmental Consultant Inc.

Mon., March 16, • 5:30pm
Webster Conservation Commission’s informal discussion at Webster Town Hall Auditorium.

or (4) such activity is necessary for the installation of stormwater management infrastructure that is designed in accordance with accepted guidelines. In reviewing such materials, the Commission may consider the following factors:

1. Slope of the buffer zone
2. Type and structure of vegetation, soil type and hydrology in the buffer zone
3. Degree and scale of past alterations in the buffer zone
4. Ecological integrity of the adjacent wetlands
5. Importance of the buffer zone to wildlife utilizing the wetland
6. Whether the proposed activity in the buffer zone would be permitted if it were in the wetland
7. Any ecological benefits arising from the proposed activity, such as removal of exotic vegetation or creation of enhanced wildlife habitat
8. Any public benefits arising from the proposed activity
9. Alternatives have been considered and in the judgment of the Commission no practical alternative is available. However, restoration or plantings in the zone may be required, to help define and protect the remainder of the buffer zone.
10. Project scope and design minimized the work in close proximity to resource area
11. Project will not lead to encroachment on the resource area after the project is completed
12. Commission may impose a wider undisturbed buffer zone to ensure protection of wetland resource areas if the project involves: sensitive habitats, steep slopes, highly erodible soils, extensive disturbed area or hydraulic conditions likely to promote significant erosion

In order to assist the Conservation Commission with its review of a project and any possible adverse impact to the resource area that may be caused thereby, an applicant may choose to provide, or may be asked to provide, the following information, together with any

additional relevant information which the Conservation Commission may require:

1. A cross-sectional profile of elevation change in any area of the buffer zone within 25 ft. of a wetland which would be disturbed by the proposed activity.
2. A list of all vascular plant species occurring in the 25 ft. area of the buffer zone and adjacent wetland areas including data on relative abundance of each species.
3. A wildlife habitat evaluation of the 25 ft. area of the buffer zone and adjacent wetlands including data on observed wildlife utilization of such area, such as breeding bird use, occurrence of fish, reptiles, amphibians and mammals.
4. A description of the nature of any public or ecological benefits which may arise from the proposed activities.
5. A photograph of the area to be disturbed.

It is the Conservation Commission’s policy, where it has discretion, to prohibit any activity in the actual delineated wetlands except where there are exceptional circumstances, where no other practical alternative exists, and where satisfactory replication takes place prior to any alteration or construction. Activity within the 100 ft. buffer zone will continue to be reviewed on an individual case basis, in accordance with the Wetlands Protection Act and this Policy.

Existing Conditions

Maintenance (which includes care and upkeep but, no further alteration or expansion) of yards which existed on or before 1/1/2019, within the 25 ft. buffer will generally be permitted. However homeowners are encouraged to maintain natural vegetation within 25 ft. of the wetland edge to help improve the water quality of wetlands and streams. A list of wetland vegetation which could enhance wildlife and water quality can be obtained from the Conservation Office at Town Hall. The Commission encourages homeowners to allow a natural vegetation buffer to establish itself along the edge of streams, ponds and wetlands.

Furthermore, the use of herbicides/pesticides, inorganic fertilizers (excluding lime or other soil treatments) where labels indicate they are toxic to aquatic organisms, which may alter the adjacent resource area, should not be used adjacent to wetlands. It is likely that the use of these chemicals over time will have an impact on the adjacent wetlands.

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EDITORIAL

Taking the Leap

This past weekend, we experienced a phenomenon that comes along once every four years — a Leap Day. This tradition of adding an extra day to the month of February has a more complex history than you might at first expect.

According to the Gregorian calendar, the calculation of a solar year comes down to 365.2425 days. Since the additional time must be accounted for even though Western culture has chosen to round a year’s time off as 365 days, an extra day must be worked into the calendar every four years. The notion of an additional day originally came from Julius Caesar; however, it was Pope Gregory XIII who standardized the practice.

As with all traditions, Leap Year has generated its share of lore over the centuries. In fifth century Ireland, it was only during a Leap Year that a woman could propose marriage to a man. St. Patrick, legend says, was the one who made such a designation, resulting in Leap Day being nicknamed Bachelor’s Day. If a man refused a woman’s proposal, he was required by tradition to provide her with a pair of gloves to hide the fact that she bore no engagement ring.

In Greece, getting married on a Leap Day is considered bad luck.

A ‘Leapling’ is a person born on Feb. 29, and who can therefore only celebrate their birthday once every four years. The chance of a person being born on a Leap Day is one in 1,461. Those born on this day are invited to join The Honor Society of Leap Year Day Babies. There are also Guinness Book of World Records Leap Day record holders, the most famous among them a family which saw three consecutive generations born on Feb. 29. Tradition says that in Scotland, it is considered to be bad luck if a person is born on a Leap Day, or if a couple chooses to tie the knot on a Leap Day.

The last major change to the Gregorian calendar embraced by Western culture occurred during the 16th century, when academics discovered that the timing was still off. Caesar’s calculation that a year lasted 365.25 days was close, but still overestimated the solar year by 11 minutes. This caused the date on which Easter was observed to shift ten days further from its original position, the first Sunday after the first full moon.

It is our hope that all of you out there made this Leap Day one to remember...it truly is an event years in the making!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you for supporting our Sleeping Bag Ministry

To the Editor:

The “Golden Bees” of United Church of Christ, Federated would like to thank the Webster/Dudley communities, as well as the surrounding communities, for their generosity in contributing comforters, blankets, sheets, socks, ties and toiletries for our Sleeping Bag Ministry.

It is due to that generosity that we were able to make and distribute 357 sleeping bags in 2019 which is about 100 more than have been distributed in any

previous year. Only through the generosity of the community and the faithfulness of the volunteers was this possible.

If you would like to learn more about this ministry or would like to see how your contribution was used, feel free to drop by UCC, Fed. at 4 Church St. in Webster on Monday morning between 9 a.m. and noon.

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Finding the beauty in others

I love people. It is so rare for me to meet someone and feel that I didn’t like them. I think what we look for in life and in others, we usually find. If we have a general mistrust of others, we’ll find others untrustworthy. If we believe everyone is out to get us, we’ll subconsciously work to make it true. Our mind works overtime to make our belief system accurate, even if it’s not. If you are suspicious of everyone, you will find bits and pieces of unconnected information and assemble them into a tale that conforms to your belief.

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BY GARY W.
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may lighten their load. Scripture (Philippians 2:4) teaches us that we should not only look out for our own interests but also take an interest in others. There is the old saying that says “No one cares how much you know, until they know how much you care.”

Being kind to others is easy. It takes no special talents or gifts. To make a difference in the lives of others, you don’t have to be beautiful or handsome. You didn’t have to attend an Ivy League University or graduate from high school. You don’t need talent or any special ability at all. To make a difference, all you must do is care.

There comes a time in everyone’s life when kindness is needed. I’ve met people who say that they don’t need friends or the help of others. I always shake my head, realizing the fallacy of that belief. There comes a time when we all need someone and if we have never cared about others, how can you expect others to care about you?

To expect honesty from others, be honest. To make friends be a friend. To expect kindness, give kindness in advance. Creating lasting relationships is about investing your time and attention to create them.

As I’ve mentioned, I am currently fighting a health issue. I’m optimistic of my outcome, but I have been touched in ways that I never expected by the kindness of others. New friends, and old friends alike, have expressed their concern and offered encouragement. Friends have brought meals to our home, offered rides to distant hospitals and pledged their support in any way needed. Readers of my books and this column have called and written to me saying, “I pray for you daily.” For me, that is better than any prescribed medicine or treatment.

I’m hopeful I will not need help, but I know it’s there if required. I feel blessed. You can feel those same blessings when you reach out and become a blessing to others.

Who can you bless today with an act of friendship and kindness?

Gary W. Moore is a freelance columnist, speaker and author of three books including the award-winning, critically acclaimed, “Playing with the Enemy.” Follow Gary on Twitter, @GaryWMoore721, and at www.garywmoore.com.

Drivers under 21 — keep your vehicle alcohol free



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The parent of a college student had a question regarding transporting alcohol in a vehicle. If a person is under the age of 21, are they allowed to drive a friend (who is over 21) to the store to purchase alcohol? The assumption is the underage driver was not drinking and has no connection to it whatsoever. He or she is simply providing transportation. Is there any violation of the law?

Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 138 Section 34C is the section commonly known as minor transporting or carrying alcoholic beverages. No one under age 21 may carry or transport (in a vehicle) alcohol or alcoholic beverages, unless they are authorized. There are two main exemptions contained under the law. One is the driver must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. In this case, since the friend does not qualify as either of these, the driver can be subject to a violation under this section. The other exception applies when a person is over 18 and they are transporting alcohol in connection with work or business. This would include a delivery driver or similar occupation. Since the scenario posed above does not fit into one of these exemptions, there would be a violation.

A violation of this law is arrestable, and penalties call for a fine ranging from fifty dollars to one hundred and fifty dollars depending on the offense. A conviction under this section does require the Registry to be notified and calls for a ninety-day license suspension. This can have a serious impact on someone’s life, especially an 18-to-20-year-old college student. The law is designed to limit the contact between minors and alcohol. People under twenty-one must pay strict attention to this in order to avoid problems.

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. Also, feel free to visit our web site at www.dudleypolice.com. Opinions expressed in this weekly column are those of Chief Wojnar only and unless clearly noted, do not reflect the ideas or opinions of any other organization or citizen.

Women may need extra steps to reach financial security

International Women’s Day 2020 is observed on March 8. This special day celebrates the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. Yet, women still face gender barriers as they seek to achieve their financial goals. How can you address these challenges?


To begin with, you need to be aware of what you’re up against. The wage gap between men and women has closed somewhat, but it hasn’t disappeared. Full-time female employees earn about 82 percent of what men earn, according to the Census Bureau. Over a 40-year career, a woman who worked full time would lose, on average, more than \$400,000 because of this wage gap, according to the National Women’s Law Center.

Furthermore, a woman turning age 65 today can expect to live, on average, until age 86.5; for a 65-year-old man, the comparable figure is 84. Those two and a half years can amount to a lot more living expenses.

Plus, by taking time off from the workplace to raise children and care for elderly family members, women often end up with lower balances in their 401(k)s and IRAs than men.

So, what can you do to help even the playing field, in terms of building adequate resources for retirement? Here are a few suggestions:

- Contribute as much as possible to your retirement plans. During your working years, put in as much as you can afford to your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. Most people don’t come anywhere near the 401(k) contribution limit (which, in 2020, is \$19,500, or \$26,000 if you’re 50 or older), and you might not be able to reach it, either, but strive to do the best you can. And every time your salary increases, bump up your annual contribution. If you are able to “max out” on your 401(k), you may still be



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able to contribute to an IRA. If your income exceeds certain limits, you can’t contribute to a Roth IRA, which offers tax-free withdrawals of earnings if you meet certain conditions, but you may still be able to fund a traditional IRA, although the tax deductibility may be reduced or eliminated.

- Use Social Security wisely. You can start taking Social Security as early as 62, but your checks can be larger if you wait until your full retirement age, which will likely be between 66 and 67. And if you’re married, you may be able to choose between claiming your own benefits or receiving 50% of your spouse’s benefits, which could help you if your spouse has considerably higher earnings. (Your spouse does not lose any benefits if you choose this route.)

• Look for every opportunity to save and invest. As mentioned above, women often lose out on some retirement savings when they take time away from the workforce to raise families and eventually become caregivers for elderly parents. But even if you aren’t working full time, it doesn’t mean you have no chance to boost your retirement savings. If you can do any paid work, whether it’s part time or as a consultant, you can contribute to an IRA – and you should.

It’s not easy to overcome the structural disadvantages women face when seeking to reach financial security. Taking advantage of the savings and investment possibilities available can help you make progress toward your goals.

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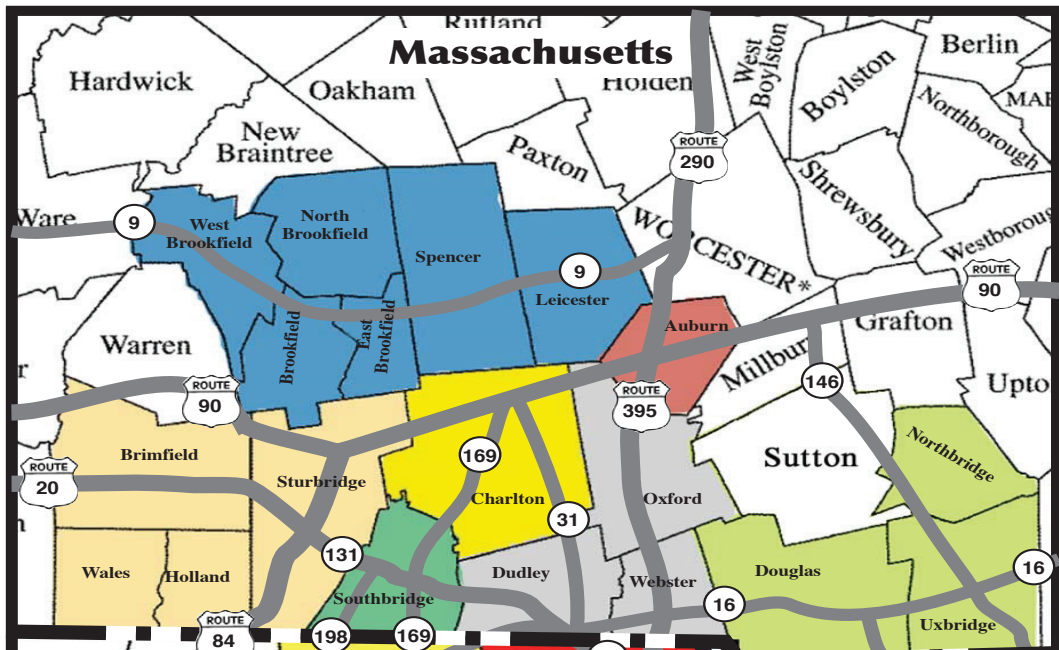
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Dudley officials hear results of MVP workshop

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – Over the last 12 months, the town of Dudley has put a strong focus on preparing for the next significant weather event or disaster that could impact the town by embracing a preparedness program offered by the Central Mass Regional Planning Commission.

In late 2019, a core team of Dudley representatives began to meet to examine the concerns and priorities of the town in preparing for emergency situations. This eventually led to a workshop in early Jan. where representatives of the CMRPC joined local officials, business owners, school representatives and others to help further define extreme weather and climate-related hazards that could impact Dudley in the future and how the town can think ahead to prepare for those disasters and prioritize response plans.

This is all part of the CMRPC’s preparedness program which culminated in a listening session before the Board of Selectmen on Feb. 24, the final requirement to make Dudley a

qualified participant in the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness, or MVP, Grant program. Dudley now joins more than 80 percent of the state as a certified town that could qualify for up to \$2 million as an individual community to help resolve concerns addressed during the workshop.

Peter Peloquin, a CMRPC representative, discussed the findings of the workshop with selectmen during the listening session which lasted around an hour. He said participants in the workshop defined four specific weather concerns that Dudley needs to keep in mind and laid out priorities for how to prepare for the next major event.

“We came up with four. Those were winter storms, wind events, flooding, and extreme temperatures. There was a back and forth about whether or not earthquakes should be in there — I think moving forward people will have earthquakes in the back of their mind when making some decisions,” said Peloquin.

His presentation put a heavy focus on three primary areas: infrastructure, society and environment which included anything from upgrading town build-

ings to prioritizing response for certain at-risk members of the population such as seniors and focusing on local waterways and dams to help mitigate any potential environmental impact yet to come. His presentation broke down how different hazards are expected to impact Dudley over an extended period of time while showcasing how projects were prioritized during the workshop. The final report, which requires a vote of approval by the selectmen, needs to be submitted to the state for review by June 30 in order for Dudley to be designated a participant in the MVP Grant program for the next fiscal year.

“Once we go back and forth with the town, I want to put it out to public comment for a couple weeks. That will give the public a little bit more time to kind of digest what we did and what came out of it. It will be a little more in depth so they can provide some comments back,” Peloquin told selectmen.

He added that in order to meet the state’s timeline he would expect the town to finalize the draft by the end of April and submit the document to Boston in May.

Peloquin was joined by Hillary King,

the MVP Central Region Coordinator, who said she will also be involved in the process to help answer any questions or concerns the public or town officials may have.

“I think that a lot of the comments and questions that come out of this listening session today will hopefully be recorded into the documentation and I’m happy to speak with anybody or attend additional core team meetings in order to facilitate these conversation and get other agencies or partners involved. I think it’s great to bring up questions and topics in this arena,” King said.

Selectmen showed appreciation for the work that went into making the workshop a success and expressed optimism concerning the results that were presented by Peloquin. No exact timeline was set for when the public will be given the chance to weigh in on the workshop results however notices are expected to be included with forthcoming Board of Selectmen meeting agendas.



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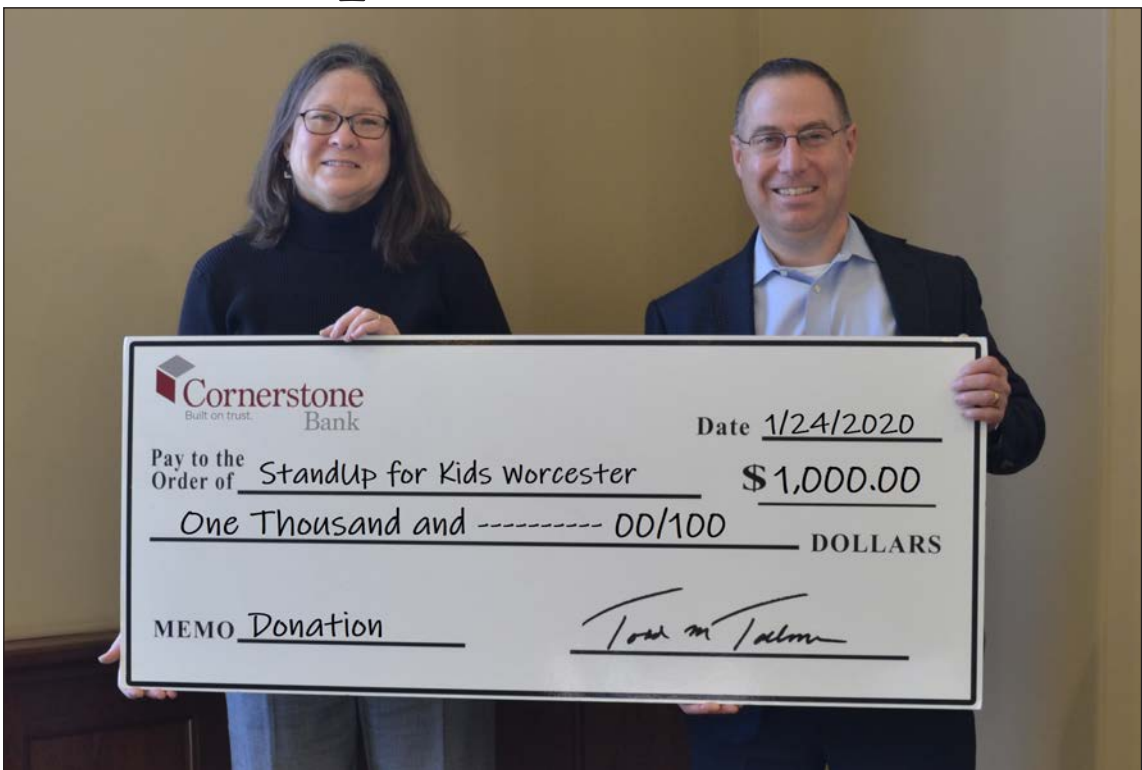
Cornerstone Bank makes donation to StandUp For Kids Worcester

WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank recently made a \$1,000 donation to the Worcester chapter of StandUp for Kids, an organization whose mission is to end youth homelessness.

The Bank’s donation will be used for youth services provided by the organization. These services include things such as bus passes, meals, hygiene items, ID fees, testing and training fees, clothing for interviews, pantry items, etc.

StandUp for Kids is a national non-profit organization that strives to provide life-saving and outreach services to homeless and at-risk youth. They support and guide them by providing counseling, mentoring, and life-skills training. The organization, run almost entirely by volunteers, has local programs in many states across the country.

“StandUp for Kids has always played an important role in our community,” said Cornerstone Bank President & Treasurer and Chairman of the Bank’s Charitable Donations Committee Todd M. Tallman. “We are pleased to support this



Pictured, L to R: Worcester Chapter of StandUp for Kids Co-Executive Director Donna Katsoudas and Cornerstone Bank President & Treasurer and Chairman of the Bank’s Charitable Donations Committee (CDC) Todd M. Tallman.

organization and their mission to end youth homelessness and improve the lives of children.”

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SPORTS

Suzies' defense stifles Pirates in District Tournament loss



Oxford's Carly Cornacchioli rebounds the ball and then attempts a layup.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

SUTTON — The Oxford High girls' varsity basketball team's path to the second round of the Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament was blocked — literally — by the Sutton High Suzies, who defeated the Pirates 44-24 on Monday, Feb. 24 in the Stephen C. Romasco Memorial Gymnasium.

Sutton, the tournament's No. 5 seed, improved to 16-5 with the win and advanced to the quarterfinals round, where it played and lost to No. 4 Northbridge High 36-34 on Thursday, Feb. 27. Oxford, the No. 12 seed, finished its season 10-11.

Sutton entered the game as the stingiest defensive team in Central Mass., allowing just 30 points per game. That tenacious defense was as good as advertised; the Suzies forced the Pirates into 17 turnovers and held them to single-digit scoring in three of the four quarters.

Sutton, led by freshman

Theresa Sartiah's 10 points and 10 rebounds, led at all the stops — 10-4 after the first quarter, 22-6 at the half and 33-13 through three periods.

"They're a tough first-round matchup because they are so tough defensively, but we knew that coming in because that's the hallmark of a John Doldoorian-coached team," Oxford head coach Joe Pietrzak said about his coaching counterpart. "They're a hard team for us to match up with physically, too. [Suzies' senior Hannah Nichols] is 6-1; She's a big kid down there for them. That really made it difficult for us, too, because she was able to alter a lot of our shots just by her presence in the post."

Adding to Oxford's troubles against Sutton was the fact that the Pirates got into foul trouble relatively early and stayed there all game. The Suzies finished 18 of 23 from the free throw line, while Oxford was 8 of 15.

"That's been an issue for us all season, especially when

we play against physically stronger teams, like tonight," Pietrzak said. "I think we attempt to compensate for that by trying to get around in front of the player we're guarding, and we get in trouble that way. It's a physical game and we just couldn't match their physicality."

Oxford was led in scoring against Sutton by sophomore Olivia Clarkson, who scored six points, and seniors Isabella Rosario and Hannah Volpe, who scored five points each.

While Pietrzak was disappointed by the loss, a beaming smile came to his face when asked about his team's turnaround from an 0-5 start to a berth in the Central Mass. Tournament.

"I'm just so proud of this team; we overachieved. We lost so much when we lost Gina. She's a once-every-30-year-scorer," said Pietrzak, referring to Gina Parmenter, who averaged 19 points per game last season and finished her Oxford career as the school's second all-time leading scorer with over 1,600 points. "Learning how to play without Gina, I believe, is what led to our slow start; we were trying to find ourselves."

Ironically, even though Sutton's defense essentially ousted them from the postseason, Pietrzak said he thought the Pirates' defense, after the 0-5 start, was the reason Oxford was able to play past its regular-season finale.

The Pirates' first win of the season came against David Prouty Regional, 36-29, at home on Jan. 2.

"That game, that win was about finding our identity and I believe we found it in our defense," said Pietrzak, whose team allowed an average of 50.6 points per game in its first five games and 42.6 points per game in the last 16. "We realized we were going to have to lock people down defensively if we were going to have any chance at all for a winning season. I thought our defense improved greatly from that point on. From that point I thought we played smarter defensively and we grew together defensively."

This year's trip to the Central Mass. Tournament was Oxford's fifth straight.

"I'm proud of the program; we've just continued to build, and we'll keep doing it," Pietrzak said. "We played three freshmen and a sophomore all year in our seven-player rotation. That's good stuff. To get as far as we did with that kind of youth, I think we have a reason to be optimistic."

"It's a credit to these girls that we were able to turn the season around," Pietrzak added. "They just battled, all season, even tonight. They just wouldn't quit; they kept battling."



Olivia Clarkson of Oxford drives into the paint on Sutton defender Hannah Nichols.



While surrounded by two Sutton defenders, Oxford's Clara Gendron tries to maneuver past them.



Isabella Rosario of Oxford works her way into the lane on a Sutton defender.



Micaela Perry of Oxford eyes the basket before shooting a 3-point attempt in front of Sutton's Sarah Beachman.

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Single — Michael Kustak 151, Jason Mahan 139, Michael LeBlanc 136
Series — Michael Kustak 410, Nate Walker 355, John Grande 351
Series over average — Nate Walker +70

Ten Pin City
Single — Division 1: Edna Miranda 182, Natalie Wood 178
Division 2: Pam McCabe 160, Nicole Shephard 150
Series — Division 1: Natalie Wood 491, Claudia Allen 481
Division 2: Nicole Shephard 420, Pam McCabe 407

Tuesday Chet's Social
Single — Division 1: Dave Lamontagne 126, Tom Smith 117, Rick Marschall 114, Judith Aho 107, Erin Van Dam 104, June Carpenter 101
Division 2: Jim Beaudry 110, Chase Jordan 106, Charlie Legacy 103, Michelle Kimball and Kellee Tella 91, Nancy Giles 90
Series — Division 1: Tom Smith 329, Dave Lamontagne 318, Joe Pranaitis 306, Erin Van Dam 297, Marsha Kallgren 283, Judith Aho 280



Division 2: Jim Beaudry 292, Trevor Collins 280, Joey Saad 275, Kellee Tella 253, Nancy Giles 247, Carl Kibbe 246
Series over average — Division 1: Dave Meunier +19, Dawn Horne and Marsha Kallgren +13
Division 2: Jim Beaudry +40, Kellee Tella +25

Wednesday Women's Industrial
Single — Marie McNally 122, Marie Piegorsch 120, Tara LaLiberte 109
Series — Marie Piegorsch 338, Marie McNally 333, Lynne Smith 311
Series over average — Marie McNally +48

Summit Tenpin
Single — Division 1: Mark Nichols 221, Timothy O'Brien 214, Todd Fischer 212

Division 2: Andy LaFleche 203, Mike Jarvis 176, Fred LaBonte 163
Series — Division 1: Nick Wood 591, Todd Fischer 566, Mark Nichols 548
Division 2: Andy LaFleche 481, Dean Viens 464, Max Gullickson 449

Thursday AM Coffee
Single — Millie Wonoski 111, Marsha Kallgren 109, Lorraine Brezniak 105
Series — Lorraine Brezniak 304, Millie Wonoski 302, Marsha Kallgren 300
Series over average — Dolores O'Donnell +48

Thursday Men's Industrial
Single — Division 1: Steve Poisant 150, Bruce Labay 148, Ryan Pelletier 134

Division 2: Mike Manseau 126, Mike Harney and Todd MacGrath 113
Series — Division 1: Steve Poisant 379, Ryan Pelletier and Bruce Labay

354
Division 2: Peter Gauvin 314, Mike Harney 303, Todd MacGrath 295
Series over average — Division 1: Bruce Labay +36
Division 2: Peter Gauvin +32

Thursday Mixed Tenpin
Single — Tim Johnson 194, Chris Wong Kam 186, Tony Chausse 166, Ann Hebert 209, Carol Chausse 156, Cary Gay 145
Series — Chris Wong Kam 516, Tony Chausse 475, Tim Johnson 462, Ann Hebert 569, Brenda Johnson 399, Denise Wong Kam 385

Sunday Mixed
Single — Darryl LeDoux 122, Brian Pilesky 118, Angel Claudio and Margie Robidoux 111, Loda Blackmer 106, Wendy St. John 97
Series — Brian Pilesky 320, Angel Claudio 318, Darryl LeDoux 317, Loda Blackmer 285, Gabriella Wondolowski 270, Rebecca Cloutier 265
Series over average — John Robidoux +58, Pat Morissette +43

SPORTS

Postseason opener sees Crusaders start fast, then wear down Oxford



Oxford’s William Owusu uses a screen provided by Sam Wing to dribble the ball past the midcourt line.

Nick Ethier photos



With just enough room to spare, Tyler Jacques of Oxford shoots a jumper over Whitinsville Christian defender Justin Vander Baan.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

NORTHBRIDGE — Nearly halfway through the first quarter of their Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament opener with No. 13 Oxford High, the fourth ranked Whitinsville Christian School’s boys’ varsity basketball team had opened up a 7-0 lead at the Nehemiah Center on Tuesday, Feb. 25. And that was without Justin Vander Baan, the Crusaders’ star 7-foot player, attempting a shot. Instead, AJ Gorman drained a 3-pointer, and Noah Massotti and Ben Johnson got to the hoop for baskets.

Then, after the Pirates’ Alex Duval connected on a free throw attempt to make it 7-1, Vander Baan got in on the fun, posting up his defender, spinning past him and throwing down a two-handed dunk.

Whitinsville Christian proved that it can win with or without Vander Baan taking over, as the Crusaders soared past Oxford 78-40.

“It’s definitely the way you want to come out. I was a little concerned coming into this game because we hadn’t played in a week and a half,” explained Whitinsville Christian head coach Brady Bajema. “That’s a testament to these guys and the work they put in.

“Defensively I thought we came out really good. That’s what we’ve talked about since Day One, our defensive identity has been our key,” added Bajema.

The Crusaders took a 20-4 lead into the second quarter when Oxford made its run. Sam Wing (9 points, three 3-pointers) drained back-to-back treys to cut the deficit down to 31-23 as halftime approached. But Johnson gained all of the momentum back in Whitinsville Christian’s favor when he made a half-court shot at the buzzer to get the lead back into double digits at 34-23.

“Big shot by Ben at half-time,” said Bajema. “It’s funny, he works on that every single day at the end of practice. I’m not kidding; every single day he and Jake Bell work on their half-court shots. They shoot a high percentage. That was in traffic too, which is impressive.”

The Crusaders carried that momentum into the third quarter, where they outscored Oxford 20-8. Vander Baan came alive in that frame, registering 9 of his game-high 25 points.

Now leading 54-31, Whitinsville Christian (16-5) put the game away in the fourth quarter with Vander Baan scoring another 8 points, including two more dunks. In addition to Vander Baan’s 25 points, Gorman added 22 points (including four 3-pointers) and Johnson finished with a double-double (13 points, 12 rebounds).

“We have guys that step up,” said Bajema. “Justin’s so unselfish, so if he sees double teams he’ll make the pass. He makes the right play.”

Gorman was the beneficiary of Vander Baan’s superb passing skills.

“We get it into the middle because he’s 7-feet tall, but he’s great at finding us on the perimeter and getting us wide-open looks at times,” said Gorman.

The Crusaders’ defense was also a strong suit, holding Oxford to single-digit scoring in three of the four quarters. And Duval, the Pirates’ leading scorer, scored 17 points and only 6 in the first half.

“I thought AJ [Gorman] did an incredible job on Duval. Duval is real good, he’s tough. He’s got a good left-to-right cross, he’s a little herky-jerky and he can knock down shots — so I thought AJ did real good on him,” said Bajema.

“We spend a majority of our practices every day — I’d say 75

percent — on defense,” added Gorman. “Our whole game-plan was to make him uncomfortable.”

Oxford’s season came to a close at 9-11, but head coach Dave Aldrich thought his team competed hard against Whitinsville Christian.

“I thought we did a great job defensively most of the game. We knew [Vander Baan] was going to get his, we were trying to keep him above the lower volleyball line and all of our shots were supposed to come above the volleyball line.

“We knew who they were, but they did a nice job adjusting,” added Aldrich. “They ran some great offensive sets; Brady did a wonderful job.”

Just getting to the postseason was a win for the Pirates, as they “lost three games that were heartbreakers,” according to Aldrich, but they finished with the best Southern Worcester County League record in the C Division, earning the automatic playoff bid.

When asked about Johnson’s momentum-crushing half-court heave, Aldrich knew that it was the turning point in the game.

“We had cut it to seven or eight...oh my,” he said.

Duval will graduate with 980 career points, so he will be tough to replace, but Aldrich believes his program is one that’s on the rise.

“We played with a lot of heart, we never quit, and that’s all I care about. We have a lot of great kids coming back and the program is heading in the right



Elijah Williams of Oxford reaches out to catch a pass thrown his way.



Oxford’s Alex Duval drives the ball into the lane on Whitinsville Christian defender AJ Gorman.



Oxford’s Alex Duval slices past a pair of Whitinsville Christian defenders on his way to the basket.

direction,” said Aldrich.

The Crusaders then hosted No. 5 Tyngsborough High in the tournament quarterfinals on Friday, Feb. 28, with Whitinsville Christian winning by another wide margin, 71-48. They will now play top-seeded Sutton High (19-2) in the district semifinals after press time.

Shepherd Hill produces well at All-State Track and Field Meet

BOSTON — On Feb. 22, multiple Shepherd Hill Regional student-athletes qualified to take part in the Indoor Track and Field All-State Meet at the Reggie Lewis Track. And the Rams’ participants made the most of their bid to the Championship.

On the girls’ side, Madison Marsh tied for second place in the 55-meter dash (7.33 seconds) after taking the top spot earlier in the meet in the preliminaries. Marsh also raced in the 300-meter dash, placing 16th.

Teammate Emma Sullivan was the runner-up in the 1,000-meter run, crossing the finish line in 2:54.55.

Afterword, Marsh and Sullivan, as well as Christina Gunsalus and Grace Bateman raced in the 4x400-meter relay, where they finished in 4:05.91 for ninth place, missing out on placing for points by one spot.

As a result, the girls accumulated 15 points and wound up tied for 10th as a team.

On the boys’ side, Bryan Santos qualified for the 55-meter dash finals by taking seventh place in the preliminaries. He then placed eighth in the finals with a time of 6.87 seconds. Teammate Kobe Jean-Guillaume also ran the dash and was the ninth-place runner.

The 4x400-meter relay team of Brock Dubey, Matthew Gard, Eric Lavoie and Eli Harmon also competed and took eighth place with a time of 3:32.02.



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Shepherd Hill’s Emma Sullivan helped the Rams have an outstanding All-State Meet for this indoor track and field season.

SPORTS

‘More hard work’ from Paranto leads Bartlett past Greater Lowell, into tournament semifinals



Jason Mckay photos
Bartlett's Logan Paranto elevates and releases a midrange jump shot versus Greater Lowell.



From left, Bartlett's Wilson Aybar and Dylan Grandmaison try to wrestle the ball away from a Greater Lowell player.



Wilson Aybar of Bartlett fights through a Greater Lowell screen and gets to their ball-handler.



Dylan Grandmaison of Bartlett tightly defends a Greater Lowell player.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER — Talk about having a game to remember.

Logan Paranto, playing in the Bartlett High gymnasium for the final time, poured in a game-high 30 points, drained six 3-pointers and had a handful of rebounds, steals and assists to lead the second-seeded Indians past Greater Lowell Tech 93-69 in a quarter-final-round game of the Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament on Friday, Feb. 28.

With the win Bartlett (19-3) advanced to the semifinal round of the tournament where it played third-seeded Bellingham High (17-5) on Monday, March 2, at WPI's Harrington Auditorium (after press time. Check back next week for results). Greater Lowell, the No. 7 seed, finished its season 13-9.

Paranto started fast, assisting on Bartlett's first basket — a layup by fellow senior Wilson Aybar (21 points, three 3-pointers) — before canning a pair of medium-range jumpers to give the Indians a quick 6-0 lead. He added three 3-pointers later in the period, including one from the top of the arc with one second on the clock to put Bartlett ahead 31-14 as play headed to the second quarter.

Paranto, who finished the first half with 21 points, scored 16 of those points in the first quarter. The Indians led at intermission, 50-31.

"I was just feeling it from the beginning," Paranto said. "Coming off our last game where I only scored four points I felt like, 'this is my last game at home, make it my moment.'"

Paranto was referring to Bartlett's loss in the semifinals of the Clark Tournament, a 59-48 loss in which he shot 1-for-10 from the field, including 0-8 from behind the 3-point arc.

"My dad [Indians' head coach Tony Paranto] and I were in the gym working extra hard for the past few days to get ready for this game and I think it really paid off," Logan Paranto said. "We have a lot of guys on this team who can score the basketball. Every night, offensively, it can be somebody different. Tonight, luckily, it was me. I just tried to put myself in a great position to score every time down the floor."

Coach Paranto thought playing Greater Lowell at home helped his son immensely.

"Logan's grown up shooting in this gym; he's been taking shots in here since he was an infant," coach Paranto said. "So, for him to go out in his last home game in the style he went out, that was special to me as a father and a coach. I'm extremely proud of him. He gets down on himself more than anybody. But, he's one of those throwback kids. His solution to every problem is more hard work. He worked his tail off this whole week [since the loss in the Clark] to make himself a little bit better."

Logan Paranto acknowledged that the notion of "more hard work" is his mantra.

"I think if I outwork any player that's guarding me, I can score on them. That's my mentality; it's a dogma mentality. Outwork the person in front of me and good things will happen," Logan Paranto said. "Me working hard is going to result in buckets, not just for me, but for my teammates, too. I'm not a selfish guy — I'm going to give it to my teammates and let them score when they're open."

Bartlett, which led by 30 points (63-33) midway through the third quarter, saw that lead cut to 17 points (67-50) by the end of the period, thanks to a quarter-closing 17-4 run by the Gryphons, who crept to within 13 points of the lead, 67-54, in the first 90 seconds of the fourth quarter.

"They caught us by surprise a little bit," coach Paranto said of Greater Lowell's comeback. "They went with a little bit of a 2-1-2 scramble press on us. We scouted it, we were prepared for it, we just didn't take care of the

basketball. We had ill-advised passes going crosscourt rather than diagonal. A couple of timeouts later we corrected it and moved on to the rest of the game."

Bartlett came out of that second timeout and promptly went on a 20-7 run, pushing its lead to 87-61 with 1:47 to play. Junior Brandon Boucher (11 points, 9 assists) capped the run with a layup, which was preceded by a 3-pointer by sophomore Colin Minarik (nine points). Junior Dylan Grandmaison, who also had a basket in the game-deciding spurt, finished with 10 points.

Senior Sean Stockhaus, who's availability has been hampered because of injuries for much of his career with the Indians, drained a 3-pointer with 27 seconds to play. It was Stockhaus' only basket of the game and the final hoop of the night for Bartlett.

"Sean hasn't played all year, but he was able to get in our Senior Night game against Southbridge and hit a 3 and then he hit one tonight, too," coach Paranto said. "Sean's a great kid; he's been at practice every single day. I think it was fitting for him to hit his last shot here on this court."

Logan Paranto was thrilled for his senior teammate.

"That was great. Sean's been in and out of the lineup because of injury, so it was great to see him get some well-deserved minutes. Having him hit that 3 was just icing on the cake," concluded Logan Paranto.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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

Local Folk troubadours kick off Gladys E. Kelly Library concert series

WEBSTER — Local folk troubadours and Webster residents Mark Mandeville & Raianne Richards with their studio band will perform Wednesday, March 11 at the Gladys E. Kelly Library at 6:30 p.m. The concert is sponsored by the Janet Malser Humanities Trust.

The concert will feature songs from the new CD “Road May Rise” (slated for release April 2020), their third studio album recorded at Signature Sounds Studio (Pomfret CT) and mixed/mastered at Black Forest Sound Studios (Philadelphia, Pa.). The title track, written by Mandeville for a play performed at the Factory Theater in Chicago, has been awarded Honorable Mention by the Songwriters’ Association of Washington, D.C. (SAW). Studio musicians include Doug Williamson (piano, guitar, mandolin, upright bass), Peter Hart (pedal steel, guitar) and Zack Ciras (upright bass). All songs have been written by Mark and Raianne, except for the spirited cover of Robin and Linda Williams’ “Don’t Let Me Come Home A Stranger.”

Mark Mandeville & Raianne Richards are best recognized within the state for organizing the Annual Massachusetts Walking Tour. In the fall of 2017 Mandeville & Richards were acknowledged in the congressional record by senator Edward Markey for their community efforts throughout the commonwealth.

Mark Mandeville & Raianne Richards have contributed their first decade to the legacy of American folk and country music, sharing emotively intelligent lyrics, unmistakable vocal harmonies, and a unique blend of instrumentation with audiences throughout the US and Canada. The songs poetically reflect their personal experience as factory workers, teachers, community organizers and natives of postindustrial mill towns in central Massachusetts. Accompanying themselves on guitar, ukulele, penny whistle, electric bass, and most uniquely clarinet, their live performance is often punctuated by humorous commentary. Between tours, they serve as music educators at Blackstone Valley Music in Uxbridge, and Mandeville has been working together with the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Library as talent buyer for the 2nd Wednesday Night Concert Series.



Courtesy Photo

Mark Mandeville and Raianne Richards

Nine garden planning tips for the greatest return

We’ve all done it...gotten overzealous in spring and overplanted or planted the wrong varieties for our tastes and needs. Make this the year you plan your garden for the best return on your investment.

First, prepare a list before placing your catalog order or making that first trip to the garden center. Without a bit of preplanning our carts end up filled with more seeds and plants than space available or varieties that are not suited to our growing conditions or our family’s taste.

Make sure each plant you select provides the greatest return on investment by including winning varieties with a visit to the All-America Selections (AAS) website (all-americaselections.org). This non-profit trialing organization has test sites across the US and Canada that trial and select winning varieties for their taste and garden performance.

Review your favorite recipes and consider growing the ingredients you need on a regular basis. Salad lovers may want to plant a container of greens that can be harvested daily. Sandy Lettuce and colorful mild flavored Red Kingdom Mizuna are slow to bolt, extending the harvest into warmer months. Add some super nutritious Prizm kale for your morning smoothies and salads. Prizm’s stemless stalks releaf quickly after harvest so you’ll have a continuous supply.

Fill a corner of the garden or container with a small-fruited tomato or two for salads, snacking and other daily treats. Red Celano grape tomato (a determinate for containers) and the light-yellow sweet Firefly tomato (an indeterminate for vertical or staked gardens) are attractive and very productive, ensuring more than enough for your whole family to enjoy.

Add a bit of crunch and color by growing Roxanne radishes. And don’t forget the cucumbers. Green Light cucumbers are seedless, sweet and prolific – great for salads or a refreshing summer drink. Keep a constant supply of these ingredients by making small plantings throughout the season.

Grow several containers of tasty and attractive Delizz strawberries. These everbearing plants will provide a pretty pot of fresh strawberries throughout the summer for your morning oatmeal or afternoon glass of wine.

Plant unusual vegetables you can’t purchase at the grocery store. Roulette pepper has the look and citrusy flavor of a habanero without the heat. And you won’t find anything like Yellow Apple tomato at the store. It has small unique apple-shaped fruit with a citrusy sweet flavor that’s perfect for snacks or stuffing with cheese.

Dedicate some space for those vegetables that are more expensive to buy than grow. Green peppers are a bargain in the summer, but the yellow, orange and red ones can cost two to three times more. Reduce the wait time and increase your enjoyment with early maturing colorful peppers like Orange Blaze or the yellow sweet peppers like Cornito Giallo, Escamillo or Just Sweet.

If you plan to freeze, dry or can your harvest, make sure to reserve some time during harvest season for picking and preserving. Select disease resistant productive varieties like Early Resilience Roma Tomato so you’ll have plenty of produce to preserve.

This is your year to produce a garden filled with just enough family favorites and unusual varieties that are less expensive to grow than buy.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses “How to Grow Anything”* gardening DVD series and the nationally syndicated *Melinda’s Garden Moment* TV & radio segments. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by AAS for her expertise to write this article. Myers’ Web site is www.melindamyers.com.



Celano is a patio type grape tomato that produces sweet oblong fruit.

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Heads Up on Garden Planning

Many a dreary winter’s afternoon has been brightened by the thought of the first flowers of spring. From thumbing through floral seed catalogs to forcing indoor blooms, few simple pleasures compare to anticipating the first blossoms of the season. With an eye toward bountiful gardens, this week’s column highlights the “how to” of forcing beautiful blooms from pre season branches.

And for those planning to cultivate a vegetable garden or fruit trees, a listing of the “cream of the crop” of seed catalogs follows below. So, curl up with a hot drink, grab a pen and paper to take notes, and prepare for some horticultural inspiration!

From Buds to Blooms: Bringing budding branches indoors and forcing them to bloom is a surefire way to infuse a bit of spring into your winter-weary space. Nearly any shrub that blossoms in the spring is suitable for forced blooming. Here in New England, a perennial favorite is the historical Forsythia. The hardy, bright yellow flowers and long, woody branches make for an impressive live winter centerpiece. Other popular candidates include Pussywillow, Flowering Dogwood, as well as peach and apple trees.

To do: Prune branches that are beginning to bud from healthy, mature shrubs. Cut at an angle below a node, snipping evenly around the plant until you have several suitable branches. (As a bonus, the pruning will promote more blooms in the spring). Once inside, submerge the branch under water and make a fresh, angled cut on the bottom; if you split or smash the cut, the branch will take in more water. Immediately after cutting, place in a clean vase with room temperature water. If your house is dry, you might want to increase the humidity by loosely wrapping the

branches in plastic wrap for at least the first few days or until buds begin to respond. Keep branches in a cool area, changing water every few days. Before long, the buds should open and you’ll be treated to the fragrance and color of springtime for several weeks.

Note: Expect Pussywillow to bloom in about two weeks; Forsythia, two to three weeks; Apple, three weeks; Flowering Dogwood, three weeks.\

Seed Catalogs: A garden can enhance an outdoor living space like nothing else, and planning a garden is almost as enjoyable as reaping its many benefits. While online seed catalogs are readily available, few simple pleasures compare to cozying up on a chilly winter’s day with colorful catalogs and dreams of a budding spring garden. Thankfully, many seed companies still offer old fashioned catalogs to thumb through and curl up with! With a flurry of catalog offerings on the market, choosing those that suit your needs can be a pleasant challenge. The following catalog company offerings are free, and allow for perfect perusing, planning and planting - of a spectacular spring garden!

- *Annie’s Annuals & Perennials, LLC: (888)266-4370; anniesannuals.com (Click Order Free 2020 Catalog). Specializing in rare and unusual annual and perennial plants.
- *W. Atlee Burpee & Co. 800-888-1447; burpee.com (Click on Request a Catalog at bottom of page). Good general catalog; one of the best known US seed companies. Sign up



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for 2020 catalog and receive \$10 off your purchase. Plus coupon for 25% off early plants.

*Baker Creek Heirloom Seed Co.: (417) 924-8917; rareseeds.com (Click on Request Catalog at left of home page).

Their 2020 Whole Seed Catalog contains a whopping 452 pages! The company offers open-pollinated seeds: pure, natural and non-GMO heirloom seeds from 70 countries, including many they collected themselves.

*Gurney Seed & Nursery Co: (513) 354-1492; Gurneys.com (Click on Catalog Request on home page).

Free seed and plant catalog from an American tradition since 1820. Complete seed and nursery company for all your vegetable and flower needs.

*Park Seed: 800-213-0076; parkseed.com (Click on Free Catalog request at bottom of page).

Park offers a wide variety of flowers and vegetables in a large catalog. It has a very useful index providing germination and culture data in the back of the catalog. Seed packets carry adequate detail on culture.

*Stokes Seed Co.: 800-396-9238; stoke-seeds.com. (Click on Order Free Catalog at top of page).

Since 1881 Stokes has been offering new and exciting vegetables and outstanding flowers. Free catalog, very informative, oriented to the professional grower with acres to plant.

Moneysaving Crops: With produce prices escalating, a backyard garden

offers a thrifty way to enjoy fresh vegetables throughout the growing season and beyond. But what crops offer the most “bang” for your gardening buck? According to self sufficient living website Country Survival the following list represents the best return on your gardening investment, based on economic value of pounds produced per square foot, retail value per pound at harvest time, and length of time in the garden

1. Tomatoes;
2. Peppers;
3. Cucumbers;
4. Beets;
5. Green bunching onions;
6. Carrots;
7. Lettuce;
8. Summer Squash;
9. Broccoli;
10. Peas;
11. Swiss Chard;
12. Beans (pole or bush).

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

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

Mother Nature puts a damper on ice fishing



Ice fishing continues for numerous local anglers that have been traveling north to enjoy a bit of fishing. Unfortunately, this winter provided very little ice fishing locally. The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club got tired of waiting for Mother Nature to make ice, so the club hired an ice breaker to remove some of the ice from the pond which allowed some limited rod & reel fishing this past Saturday. This week’s picture shows Jim Lavallee, Vice President of the club breaking ice with his small pram and electric motor. Sometimes, drastic action needs to be taken when a few anglers want to go fishing. Many nice rainbow trout were caught as the two pictures show. The rain that was predicted for this week was expected to remove the remaining ice from the pond.

This is a good time to check out your fishing equipment, fresh & saltwater. The latest braided lines like Power Pro, last many years and do not need replacing, saving anglers a lot of money. Monofilament lines however do need attention, as they are subject to wear, and need replacing at least every other year. Mono lines often hold memory, and when cast have the line coming off of the spool in loops. Casting lines that have held memory from being unused for often only a few months, can ruin a day of fishing. Braided lines have

solved that problem.

Almost every rod & reel that I own has braided lines on them. Attaching 20 or 30 feet of mono to the braid works very well as leader material, and makes changing hooks and lures a very simple task. Rod guides need to be checked every year for damage or wear, but the ceramic guides that manufactures use on most rods today have a long life compared to the old guides. A new coating of lacquer to the guide winding’s will ensure the winding’s do not become a problem.

Fishing reels today are very reliable and need very little care. Purchasing a new reel for your fishing rod can be very inexpensive if you shop around. You can find a good freshwater reel for less than \$50, but you can also spend a couple of hundred bucks for one. Fishing equipment has come a long way in the last 50 years, and they will last a long time if they are given a little care after each use. It is extremely important to wash them off with some fresh water after each use, especially use in saltwater.

New fishing rods can also be purchased for a reasonable price, but can also cost over \$250 or more. If you are planning to purchase any new fishing equipment this year you should attend the Saltwater Fishing Show in Providence, R.I. on March 27-29 at the



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Convention Center. If you fish fresh or saltwater you need to attend this show! There is an unlimited amount of fishing tackle under one roof, and there are professional anglers that can set you up with the proper fishing tackle to fit you fishing needs.

Each year, I find myself purchasing a “New Used “ fishing rod or reel at yard sales. Some of them still have the plastic coating on them. I have always said you can never have enough fishing equipment. Last year, I accidentally closed my car door on a fishing rod breaking six inches off of the rod tip. Luckily, I had bought it at a yard sale. It still ticked me off, as it was a favorite rod of mine. Rummaging through a shed in the back yard, I managed to locate another rod almost similar to the one I broke. It worked just fine.

Fishing tackle is another item that I have plenty of. The price of fishing lures and plugs has gone through the roof. \$25 or more for a new saltwater plug is ridiculous. Attending numerous yard sales annually, I find myself finding some of these expensive items for only a buck or two. Some of the old wooden plugs purchased at yard sales are not worth a lot because of their condition, but they can become a valuable bait in my tackle box by adding a couple of new hooks and a fresh coat of paint.

Some fish caught this year have broken records as far as size and weights concerned. A monster lake trout weighing in at a cool 37 pounds was caught in New Hampshire at Diamond Pond this winter. Nice fish. A large striper was also caught through the ice in Connecticut, which is extremely rare.

Some stripers do winter over at inlets and warm water discharges. The Providence River is just one of those areas that hold over schoolies all year , and sometimes a large one is caught. The Thames River in Connecticut, but out of state anglers need to purchase a non resident fishing license to fish the brackish water where stripers hang out. I had many good times fishing with the late Bob Tromby on the Thames River.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!



POLICE LOGS

Webster police log

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of Feb. 23-29.

Garry E. Sands, age 40, of Webster was arrested on Feb. 23 for Operating a Motor Vehicle after Revocation of License, Refusal to Identify onself to law enforcement, Failure to Register as a Sex Offender (subsequent offense), and Possessio of a Class E Drug.

An adult female and adult male whose names have been withheld from publication were arrested on Feb. 24 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

Rebecca J. Howe, age 26, of North Grosvenordale, Conn. was arrested on Feb. 25 for Speeding in Excess of the Posted Limit, Failure to Stop For Police, Operating So As to Endanger, Operating After Suspension While Operating Under the Influence, and Possession of an Open Container of Alcohol in a Motor Vehicle.

Miguel Zadiel De Leon Gonzalez, age 28, of Southbridge was arrested on Feb.

25 in connection with a warrant.

Ariana J. Wilcox, age 24, of North Providence, R.I. and Jociene D. Cardoso, age 30, of Pawtucket, R.I. were arrested on Feb. 26 in connection with warrants.

Peter J. Contois, age 41, of Webster was arrested on Feb. 26 in connection with a warrant.

Mark A. Desourdy, age 41, of Webster was arrested on Feb. 27 for Operating Under the Influence of Drugs, Not being in Possession of a License, a Lights Violation, and Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle.

Francisco J. Quinones, age 48, of Webster was arrested on Feb. 27 for Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License (subsequent offense), Speeding in excess of the posted limit, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, and Failure to Stop for Police.

Mark Roger McDonald, age 34, of Dudley was arrested for Distribution of a Class B Drug, Possession of a Class E Drug (subsequent offense), and Trafficking in Cocaine in an amount totaling more than 18 grams but less than 36.

Benjamin Saez, Jr., age 34, of Webster

was arrested on Feb. 27 for Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License, No Inspection Sticker visible, and in connection with a warrant.

Victor M. Negron, age 35, of Bronx, N.Y. was arrested on Feb. 28 for Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle, operating an Unregistered Motor Vehicle, and Not being in Possession of a Registration.

An adult male whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Feb. 28 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member, Strangulation or Suffocation, Destruction of Property valued at more than \$1,200, Assault With a Dangerous Weapon, and Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon.

Stephon Latiff Brown, age 27, of Webster was arrested on Feb. 28 in connection with a warrant.

Scott W. Everitt, age 34, of Webster was arrested on Feb. 28 in connection with a warrant. He was also subsequently charged with operating an Unregistered Motor Vehicle, operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle, engaging in a Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID, operating a motor vehicle with a

Suspended Registration, Not being in Possession of a License, and Violation of an Abuse Protection Order.

Christen E. Robinson, age 33, of Webster was arrested on Feb. 29 for Possession of a Class B Drug (subsequent offense), Possession of a Class A Drug with intent to distribute, a Marked Lanes Violation, Failure to Signal, and Not being in Possession of a Registration.

Dudley police log

DUDLEY — The Dudley Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of Feb. 21-28.

David Dini, age 40, of Warwick, R.I. was arrested on Feb. 22 for Possession of a Class B Drug and in connection with an out of agency warrant.

Destiny J. Spencer, age 35, of Milford was arrested on Feb. 25 for operating an Unregistered Motor Vehicle, operating a motor vehicle with a Suspended License (subsequent offense), and Possession of a Class E Drug.

Jack MacPherson of Oxford performing in Assumption College’s “Godspell”

WORCESTER — Broadway returns to Worcester when Assumption College presents a student-run production of the 2012 Broadway revival of “Godspell” on Feb. 28 and 29, at 7:30 p.m. in the state-of-the-art Jeanne Y. Curtis Performance Hall on campus, 500 Salisbury St., Worcester.

Jack MacPherson, of Oxford, Class of 2022, will be part of the Ensemble and playing Jack in the production.

MacPherson is a music and psychology major. He was involved with the College’s Broadway Revue performance last year, but this is his first major musical production at Assumption. At Oxford High School, he played the role of Bank Chairman in Mary Poppins and was part of the ensemble in Oklahoma. Jack is involved in a variety of other music ensembles on campus including Chorale, Concert Band, Hound Sound, Jazz Band, Music Ministry, and VOCE.

According to Music Theatre International (MTI), the 2012 Broadway revival is “a mas-

terful retelling of the original sensation, injected with contemporary references and dazzling new arrangements.” “Godspell,” composed by Grammy- and Academy Award-winner Stephen Schwartz and John-Michael Tebelak, is a collection of parables, primarily from the Gospel of Matthew. MTI writes that “Godspell” follows “a small group of people” as they “help Jesus Christ tell different parables by using a wide variety of games, storytelling techniques and a hefty dose of comic timing.” The story is punctuated by a musical score, based on traditional hymns, that has come to be well-loved, perhaps the best-known of them being “Day by Day,” which appeared on the Billboard singles chart in 1972.

“ ‘Godspell’ was first staged in 1971 by a group of creative students studying at Carnegie Mellon University,” said Joe Kwiatkowski, campus minister and director of liturgical music, who will direct the production. “Staying true to that concept, with the exception of

my involvement, everything will be done by the students: lighting design, sound design, choreography, and set design. The goal of this production is to make it as much of a student-driven presentation as possible.”

According to Kwiatkowski, “Godspell” fulfills the need for a single-set production and leaves “room for comedic improvisation and audience participation. There’s a genuine hunger from the student body for more creative outlets, and there’s a great deal of talent at Assumption.”

This will be the second musical theater production held in the Jeanne Y. Curtis Performance Hall, which is housed in the College’s Tsotsis Family Academic Center. Two years ago, students performed “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” and last year’s spring concert celebrated some of theater’s best songs across the decades. Prior to the construction of the Curtis Performance Hall, Assumption staged

its musical productions at The Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts in downtown Worcester for several years, including “Children of Eden,” “Fiddler on the Roof,” “The Fantasticks,” “Little Shop of Horrors,” “Oliver!” “The Music Man,” “The Pirates of Penzance” and “Seussical the Musical.”

In 1971, “Godspell” was an off-Broadway smash and has been revived by a number of touring companies, made into a feature film in 1973, and was even condensed into a one-act version, “Godspell Junior.”

For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit www.assumption.edu/Godspell. Tickets are \$15 for the general public and \$5 for students.

Founded in 1904 by the Augustinians of the Assumption in Worcester, Mass., Assumption College is a Catholic liberal arts institution that offers undergraduate students 33 majors and 49 minors in the liberal arts, sciences, business, and professional studies; as well as master’s and

continuing education degrees and professional certificate programs—each through an educational experience that is grounded in the rich Catholic intellectual tradition. The curriculum enables students to gain a depth and breadth of knowledge that leads to professional success and personal fulfillment. Students—whether on the Worcester campus or at the College’s Rome, Italy, campus—become engaged participants in Assumption’s classic liberal arts education, exploring new ideas and making connections across disciplines. To prepare for the workforce, students learn cutting-edge theory and best practices, conduct innovative research, and develop excellent communication and critical analysis skills. Assumption graduates are also known for their thoughtful citizenship and compassionate service to their community. For more information about Assumption College, please visit www.assumption.edu.

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did not cite identifiable scientific sources for its requirements, and “allows the Commission to issue a denial for any fanciful factor that the Commission could devise.”

The policy’s rejection sparked a joint meeting on Dec. 16 between the ZBA, ConCom, Selectmen and Planning Board. At that time, the minutes state that Wigglesworth said his board sent the policy to the town attorney. They were told it “does not infringe on zoning, but would have to be used as a guideline not a hard and fast rule,” although the attorney noted he did not draft it. Paider restated his decision’s rationale and argued “the town is opening itself to legal risk” because “the burden is on the town” to prove such

activities are harmful.

ConCom consultant Brandon Faneuf, however, said at that time he was hired to help draft a new wetlands bylaw, and several participants indicated support for doing so. “[Faneuf] stated he was not involved in writing the current policy but feels the policy is good and is based on science, but with the caveat that it must be used as a guideline,” the minutes read. “... He stated everyone needs to think about the adverse impact.”

People may comment on the proposed changes in person at the March 16 forum or send them in writing to Conservation Agent Mary Overholt (moverholt@webster-ma.gov) or Town Planner Ann Morgan (amorgan@webster-ma.gov).

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Green Community, and is thus eligible for about \$200,000 a year in state aid for efficiency and related projects.

She said she’s also seeking Municipal Vulnerability Program designation, which will open up grants for climate-protection projects, and has reapplied for a trail grant to create a handicapped-accessible Greenbriar Park trail at “very little or no cost to the taxpayer.”

Also in progress are negotiations to draft a payment in lieu of taxes agreement with a major local solar developer, which she said should be done before May. She said the owner, Blue Wave, “sold it to a Wall Street corporation” recently, but she still aims to have “the town in the strongest position possible.” Because of a state court

ruling that exempts solar arrays from some taxes, the owner has filed for an abatement of already-paid taxes.

Selectmen also voted to send a proposal to create new solar zoning and related bylaws to the Planning Board for review and public hearings, with the goal of having Town Meeting vote on it this spring.

In other business, the board unanimously approved a license for a 1000-gallon above-ground diesel storage tank at Little River Recycling, 22 Town Forest Rd.; honored John Flynn for 22 years of town service as a library trustee, election worker and sewer study committee member; and renewed \$1.1 million in short-term bonds covering several recent projects.

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always quick with the information I asked for. He was always helpful. He always had a good handle on things,” said Sullivan.

Selectman approved the letter and resignation with regret and said they

will welcome Johnson to a future Board of Selectmen meeting once his health improves to thank him in person for his service to the community. Bill Scanlon, who has served at the planner during Johnson’s absence, will remain in the position until at least June while the hiring process takes place.

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thing else.

“Because I’m new to the town my most challenging experience is learning all the roads. Luckily there’s GPS so I’ll be okay there. Like any department it’s getting used to everyone’s personalities and the way things are done,” said Conte. As for what he has found

interesting about Dudley so far Conte said it’s the people he has worked with and how welcoming they have been. “(Everyone) from patrolmen all the way up has been nothing but super helpful. I’ve had not one negative thing to say.”

Conte will begin his new role as a full-time police officer for the Dudley Police Department in mid-March.

Local named to UMass Dean’s list

AMHERST – Below is a list of local students who were named to the dean’s list at the University of Massachusetts Amherst for the fall 2019 semester.

In order to qualify, an undergraduate student must receive a 3.5 grade-point average or better on a four-point scale.

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Victoria Evelyn Rulnick
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OBITUARIES

Norma A. Borski, 84



WEBSTER - Norma A. (Mailea) Borski, 84, died Saturday, February 29, 2020 in Harrington Healthcare at Hubbard after being stricken ill at home.

She leaves her husband of 61 years, Thomas J. Borski, Sr.; 3 sons, Thomas J. Borski, Jr. and his wife Nancy of Millbury, Edward J. Borski, and Raymond A. Borski and his wife Laurie, all of North Grosvenordale, CT; a daughter, Brenda J. Noonan and her husband Michael, also of N. Grosvenordale, CT; 8 grandchildren, Jason, James, Elizabeth, Caitlin, Chad and Eric Borski, and Jeffrey and Shawn Noonan; a great-grandson, Jonathon Noonan; nieces and nephews. Another son, Richard A. Borski, died in 1992.

She was born and raised in Leicester, the youngest child of James and Madge (Griggs) Mailea and graduated from Leicester High School in 1953. She also

completed studies at Salter Secretarial School in Worcester.

She was a Korean War veteran, serving with the Women's Army Corps in Japan.

Mrs. Borski first worked as a secretary at Chicago Dressed Beef in Worcester and it was there she met her husband Thomas. After raising her family, she was a bookkeeper at Hallmark Optical and then at Webster Electrical, both in Webster. She retired in 1993.

Norma loved living on Webster Lake for the last 50 years. She was an avid reader and excelled at needlework, crocheting and quilting.

Funeral services will be held privately. Donations in her name may be made to the Gladys E. Kelley Public Library, 2 Lake Street, Webster, MA 01570. Arrangements are under the direction of Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main Street, Webster.

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Joyce M. Light, 78



DUDLEY – Joyce M. (Cusson) Light, 78, died Tuesday, February 25, 2020 in Overlook Masonic Care, Charlton after a long illness. Her husband of 42 years, Richard Light, Sr., died in 2004.

She leaves a son, Richard “Rick” Light, Jr. and his wife Debra of Thompson, CT; a daughter, Lynn E. Light of North Oxford; 2 grandchildren, Jennifer DeMoss and Amanda Light; 5 great-grandchildren, Brayden, Cody, Daxton, Ariana and Alexis; 2 sisters, Elizabeth Kabachenski and her husband Michael of Auburn, and Marcine Byczko and her husband Richard of Webster; nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her sister Judith Gion and by her 2 brothers Richard and Joseph Cusson.

She was born in Webster on March 12, 1941, the daughter of Joseph A. and Frances F. (Grochowski) Cusson. She was raised in Webster and graduated from Bartlett High School in 1958. She lived in Thompson, CT for 29 years and in Dudley for 10 years before moving to Overlook in late 2018.

Joyce first worked as a secretary for Attorney Leonard Leboeuf for a year. She then operated a day-care in her home for many years before retiring in 2000.

She bowled in local leagues for 20 years, enjoyed reading and watching the New England Patriots. She was a former member of Saint Louis Church in Webster. Her favorite activity was spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The family is grateful to her “second family”, the staff, hospice, and residents at Overlook's Skilled Nursing Facility for their exceptional care for Joyce in her 15 months there.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, February 29, at 11:00 AM in the Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster. Visitation was from 10:00 to 11:00 AM, prior to the service. Burial will be held privately at the convenience of the family. Donations in her name may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 4550 Montgomery Avenue, Suite 1100 North, Bethesda, MD 20814.

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Dorothy E. Ireland, 84



OXFORD – Dorothy E. (Eppley) Ireland, 84, died Sunday, March 1, 2020, at Webster Manor Nursing Home in Webster. She was predeceased by her husband of 61 years, Donald S. Ireland of Oxford who died in 2018. She is survived by 11 children, Donald “Stu” Ireland and his husband Stephen Bergeron of Limestone, ME, Ruth Ireland of Rutland, Susan Ireland of Derry, NH, AnnMarie Ireland of New York, Russell Ireland of Oxford, Richard Ireland and his wife Mae of Oxford, Wilfred Ireland and his wife Sherry of Kings Mountain, NC, Nancy Dulmaine of Rutland, William Ireland and his wife Jessica of Pomfret, CT, Karen Bandy of South Carolina, and Catherine Ireland of Salem, NH; 20 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and several nephews and nieces. She was predeceased by a sister, Alice J. Belanger. She was born in Southbridge, daughter of the late Harry R. and Lillian A. (Gauthier) Eppley, and lived in Charlton before moving to Oxford in 1956. She graduated from Charlton High School in 1955.

Mrs. Ireland worked at Nichols College in Dudley for 10 years. Previously she worked at Kelly Healthcare in Worcester, Guardian Photos in Oxford, and was a home health aide. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in North Oxford, where she was also a deacon, president of the Woman's Group, and a member of the choir. Mrs. Ireland was active in Oxford Lassie League and Little League as a coach. She was a leader and committee member for the Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop, and was once named Volunteer of the Year in Oxford. She was a member of the Bluebirds, helped to operate the food pantry, and was always an active member in the Oxford community.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 8, 2020, at the First Baptist Church, 693 Main St., North Oxford. Burial will be private at a later date at Worcester County Memorial Park in Paxton. Calling hours are Friday, March 6, 2020, from 4-7 p.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 577, North Oxford, MA 01537.

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Loreen A. David, 75



WEBSTER – Loreen A. David, 75, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by the love of her family on Monday February 24, 2020.

Loreen in survived by her son Shawn W. David of Webster, and her brother Larry Larson of Worcester; she was predeceased by her son Scott David of Oxford, and her sister Jean Parks of Worcester.

Loreen was born in Springfield, MA on September 17, 1944, daughter of Lorenz and Geneva (Paquette) Larson; she lived in the Webster area for most

of her life, working as a Nurse's Aide. Loreen was very fond of her cats; she enjoyed going for walks, exercising and keeping active.

Please consider making a memorial contribution to the Second Chance Animal Shelter in honor of Loreen.

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

A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a message of comfort, share a fond memory, or light a candle in remembrance of Loreen.

Robert N. Peltier, 77



FISKDALE - Robert N. Peltier, 77, died at home Wednesday, February 26, 2020, after an illness. He leaves his wife of nearly 55 years, Linda M. (Dionne) Peltier. They were married April 24, 1965. He also leaves 2 daughters, Kelly M. Robertson and her husband Larry of San Diego, CA., and Karyn M. Sullivan and her husband Cory of Webster and 2 grandchildren, Kevin R. Sullivan and Camryn J. Sullivan. He also leaves a brother, Ronald Peltier of Bury St. Edmunds, England, 2 sisters Theresa Olearcek and her husband Henry of Chatham, MA, and Madeline Perreault of North Carolina, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a brother Theodore Peltier of North Grosvenordale, CT and a sister Bertha Shonyo of Malone, NY.

Bob was born in Ware, son of the late Theodore S. and Alice M. (Hamel) Peltier, and lived many years in East Brookfield before moving to Fiskdale. He was a proud veteran of the United

States Marine Corps serving from 1960-1963. He was a retired department manager at Wm. E. Wright Company where he worked for 34 years. Bob enjoyed “being the life of the party”, known for his numerous jokes, he was a talented woodworker, and was a volunteer firefighter for the Town of East Brookfield for many years.

The funeral was held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, from Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA with a Mass at 10AM at St. Joachim's Chapel at St. Anne's Parish Center, Church Street, Fiskdale, MA, with Rev. George Charland officiating. Burial followed at St. Anne's Cemetery, Arnold Road, Fiskdale, MA 01518. www.sansoucyfuneral.com. Calling hours were cMonday, March 2, at Sansoucy Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Semper Fi Fund, 825 College Blvd. Suite 102, PMB 609, Oceanside, CA 92057.



Mary-Jane C. Pevay, 84



D U D L E Y / SPRINGFIELD - Mary-Jane C. Pevay, 84, passed away February 22, 2020. She was the daughter of the late Victor and Jennie Richardson. Mary-Jane graduated from Arlington High School in 1952. She was predeceased by her husband of 48 years Joseph R. Pevay from the Boston area and they later relocated in the Springfield area. After his passing Mary-Jane later moved to Dudley in 2009, to be close to her loving family. She is survived by her brother Royden (Jacqueline) Richardson of Centerville. Other progeny include her three children, Kenneth (Susan) J. Pevay of Ludlow; Deborah J. Pevay of North Adams; and Judith (James) D. Kimble of Dudley. Three grandchildren; Aubrie (Michael) Lazar, Allison Pevay and her fiancé Connor Brimmer and Alena Kimble as well as nieces and nephews.

Mary-Jane was a loving wife and mother who valued family ties above all else. Her passion for life and people was felt and seen up to the end of her time, she always gave herself to bring joy to others. She loved life and treated each day as a gift from God to be cherished.

She will be missed and remembered by everyone whose lives she touched.

Calling Hours were Friday, February 28, 2020 from 4-7 pm at the ROBERT J. MILLER-CHARLTON FUNERAL HOME, 175 Old Worcester Rd. in Charlton.

Funeral Services were held on Saturday, February 29, 2020 at 11 am in the Oxford United Methodist Church, 465 Main St. in Oxford.

Burial will be private at Hillcrest Cemetery in Springfield next to her beloved husband.

In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution in Mary-Jane's memory to the charity of your choice.

To leave a message of condolence, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net

Jennifer M. (Brace) Caplette, 50



W E B S T E R – Jennifer M. (Brace) Caplette, 50, passed away on Sunday February 23, 2020 after a long battle with addiction.

Jennifer is survived by her daughter Kaylah M. Brace of Webster; her brother Steven Brace of Burlington; two sisters: Susan Howlett and her husband Rick of Wilmington, and Cyndi Marzeoti-Sorensen and her husband Arthur of Chelmsford; she also leaves, many nieces, nephews, relatives, friends, and her precious pet “Victoria”; she was predeceased by her husband Randall W. Caplette.

Jennifer was born in Winchester, MA on April 8, 1969, daughter of Leonard and Sharon (Berry) Brace; she

worked as a CNA and was a member of the Sacred Heart Church for many years. Jennifer possessed an eccentric personality, but she was a wonderful person who loved her only daughter more than life itself; she was very fond of animals and her favorite color was purple. Jennifer will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Please consider making a memorial contribution to the Net of Compassion Ministries to help others in their fight against addiction in honor of Jennifer.

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

A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a message of comfort, share a fond memory, or light a candle in remembrance of Jennifer

Pamela Ann (Pomfret) McManus



MANHATTAN BEACH, CA./ WEBSTER Pamela Ann (Pomfret) McManus. Pam was preceded in death by her parents John E and Charlotte (Monroe) Pomfret last residing in Webster, MA. also her husband John (Jake, Jack) McManus that passed suddenly in August 2019 that broke her heart and she never recovered. She leaves three brothers: John M. Pomfret and his wife Margaret of Westbrook, ME.; Gregory Pomfret and his husband Hal Bersani of Worcester; Thomas H. Pomfret II and his wife Beverly of Poultney, VT., and a sister Lisa Lauer of Woodstock, CT.. She also leaves many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grand nephews and a great grand- niece and nephew in MI.

Pam spent most of her younger years in and around Burrillville, R.I.; and summered on Cape Cod and Little Compton, R.I.. and attended Bartlett High School in Webster.

She later moved to the Boston area

where she spread her wings into the State House, Van Dusen Air Lines at Logan Airport eventually landing employment with the Marriott Brand Hotels for over 30 years which brought her to CA.

Jack and Pam wed in 2001 and traveled extensively around the globe from the northern passage in the Artic to the Antarctic Peninsula and many continents in between.

Pam had the uncanny ability to remember almost everyone she met and strike up conversations everywhere. She will be sorely missed by many.

A Service will be held at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 18 East Main St., Webster on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 10 am.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a cancer based charity of your choice.

The ROBERT J. MILLER FUNERAL HOME and LAKE CHAPEL, 366 School St., Webster is Honored to be assisting Pam's family locally.

To leave an online condolence, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net

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OBITUARIES

Paul H. Murphy, 91,



OXFORD – Paul H. Murphy, 91, of June Street, died Saturday, February 29, 2020, at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester, surrounded by his family. He was predeceased by his wife of 69 years, Rita A. (Simmons) Murphy of Oxford who died in 2017. He is survived by six sons, Paul R. Murphy and his wife Jeanne of Sutton, James F. Murphy and his wife Dawn of Charlton, John T. Murphy and his wife Patricia of Charlton, Lt. Col. Ret. William F. Murphy and his wife Letitia of San Antonio, TX, Robert J. Murphy and his wife Jo Ann of Dudley; and Major General Thomas E. Murphy and his wife Carla of Washington, DC; 14 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great grandson, 2 nephews, and 1 niece. He was born in Holyoke, son of the late Paul H. and Winifred (Moody) Murphy, and lived most of his life in Oxford. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of World War II.

Mr. Murphy was a trooper with the Massachusetts State Police for 20 years, retiring in 1974. He attended the Department of Justice Bureau of Narcotics Academy in Washington, DC. After World War II, he was an inspector for the M1 rifle, and later was an inspector at Heald Machine. Mr. Murphy received his pilot's license in 1948 and owned many airplanes over the years. He enjoyed trap shooting and was a member of the Amateur Trap Association. He was a faithful member of St. Roch's Church in Oxford.

A funeral was held on Thursday, March 5, 2020, from Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford, followed by a Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Roch's Church, 332 Main St., Oxford. Burial followed at North Cemetery in Oxford. Calling hours were Wednesday, March 4, 2020, from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8517. paradisfuneralhome.com



Warren A. Wilson Sr., 70



SPENCER – Warren A. Wilson Sr., 70, of Chestnut Street, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester surrounded by his family. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Patricia A. (Wozniak) Wilson of Spencer; two children, Tammy M. Twomey and her husband Tim of Oxford, and Joseph “Joey” P. Wilson and his wife Janet of Spencer; five grandchildren, Glen, Todd, Nick, Kayla, and Cassie; four great-grandchildren, Elizabeth, Lillian, Damien, and Kaden; and many nephews and nieces. He was predeceased by a son, Warren A. Wilson Jr. who died in 1972; a sister, Barbara A. Delisle who died in 2017; and a brother, Kenneth R. Wilson who died in 2020. He was born in Worcester, son of the late Clifford R.

Wilson and Floris M. (Perron) Gebo, and was a lifelong resident of Spencer. Mr. Wilson was a security guard at Lusignan Security in Worcester for 20 years. In addition, he enjoyed working with his brother at his video stores in Uxbridge and Leicester. He played in the pitch league at the Spencer American Legion, and enjoyed going to Foxwoods, playing Keno, riding motorcycles, and going to car shows. Most of all he enjoyed spending time with his family. Memorial calling hours were Tuesday, March 3, 2020, from 4-6 p.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. A prayer service was held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday at the conclusion of the calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701. paradisfuneralhome.com

Lionel “Smitty” Nadeau, age 95



Lionel “Smitty” Nadeau, age 95, of Webster died Monday, March 2, 2020 at Webster Manor Rehabilitation and Health Care Center. Lionel was born January 16, 1925 in Webster, MA. He is the son of the late Leo and Eugenie (Leboeuf) Nadeau. He is survived by one daughter, Diane (John) Yazwinski of North Yarmouth, ME and one son, Gerard Nadeau of Webster, MA; 9 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 60 years, Jacqueline (Rheaume) Nadeau; his son, Leonard (Peggy) Nadeau; daughter, Carol (Peter) Olsta; and sister Doris Mason. Smitty graduated from Bartlett High School in 1943. While in high school he played many sports, excelling at both baseball and track & field. He was inducted into the Bartlett Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004 as a member of the 1941

undefeated baseball team. Smitty had a long career with Nissen Bakery out of Worcester from which he retired in 1987. Additionally, he worked as a waiter for the Colonial Club in Webster, delivered milk for Choiniere Dairy in Webster and was a custodian at Bartlett High School. Smitty was a lifelong devoted member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish where he enjoyed volunteering his time. Smitty was an active member of Webster Lodge of Elks 1466. Most of all he treasured time with his family, especially attending the sporting events of his grandchildren. A Mass of Christian burial will be held 11:00 am on Friday, March 6 at Sacred Heart Of Jesus Church, 16 East Main St., Webster. Burial will be in Sacred Heart of Jesus Cemetery, Webster. Calling hours were Thursday, March 5 from 6 to 8 pm at Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel, 33 Schofield Ave., Dudley, MA. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to All Saints Academy.org in Webster. www.bartelfuneralhome.com

Rudy Santana, 56



AUBURN - Rudy Santana, age 56, was found deceased in his home on Thursday February 20, 2020. Rudy was born in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico on September 26, 1963. Son of predeceased father, Luis Santana and mother, Ana Luisa Pagan. He served honorably as a member of the United States Air Force until 1982. After serving, he lived in New York and worked as an IBM Sales Technician. In 1993 Rudy moved to Auburn MA, where he owned and operated PC Solutions for many years. Rudy had an extensive wine collection, loved watching movies, enjoyed music, and had a great sense of humor. Beloved father, survived by his two daughters Maria Judith Maury of Leicester, MA and Laura Marie Santana of Philadelphia, PA. Beloved brother, survived by Mister Santana of Florida, Maribel Santana and



Marisol Zambrano of Massachusetts, Tito Rodriguez and Maritza Santana of Puerto Rico, Luis Santana of New Hampshire, and Guillermo Santana of Puerto Rico. Predeceased by Rachel Pagan, Antonio Flores, Roberto Flores, Carmelo Aponte, and Marilu Santana. Beloved godfather, survived by Christina Ramirez; beloved grandfather, survived by 3 grandchildren; beloved uncle survived by many nieces and nephews. Private funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a message of comfort, share a fond memory or light a candle in remembrance of Rudy.

Richard A. Everitt, 79



NORTH OXFORD/ ESTERO, FL – Richard A. Everitt, 79, of Chestnut Hill Road, died Thursday, February 27, 2020, at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Nellie J. (MacLennan) Everitt of North Oxford; four children, Joseph M. Everitt of North Oxford, Allen S. Everitt of Dudley, David B. Everitt and his wife Paula of Worcester, and Cynthia L. Manos of Auburn; eight grandchildren, Christopher Everitt and his friend Tara, Justin Everitt and his friend Sarah, Scott Everitt, Katlyn Flannagan and her husband Steven, Nichole Olson and her husband Kevin, Tabbitha Robare, Nicholas Manos, and Michelle Manos; and eight great-grandchildren. He was born in Worcester, son of the late Alice C. Everitt, and lived in Worcester before moving to North Oxford over 50 years ago. He was raised by Joseph and Ethel Bonaventura from an early age. He graduated from Worcester Boys Trade

High School in Worcester in 1960. Mr. Everitt was a route salesman for Wonder Bread in West Boylston for 34 years, retiring in 2001. Previously, he worked at Whiting Milk Company in Worcester and worked since the age of 14 at the Edgemere Drive-In theater for 25 years as assistant manager. Mr. Everitt was a member of the First Baptist Church in North Oxford. He was a member of the Teamsters Local 170 for over 35 years and a former member of the Order of the Redmen. he was member of Royal Arcanum and the Central Mass. Horseshoe Pitcher's Association. He was an assistant scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 147 in Oxford and enjoyed camping and square dancing. Memorial calling hours were Thursday, March 5, 2020, from 6-8 p.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. Burial will be private at a later date at Hillside Cemetery in Auburn. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 10 Speen St., 2nd Floor, Framingham, MA 01701. paradisfuneralhome.com

Julio A. Peredo, 74



W O R C E S T E R – Julio A. Peredo, 74, passed away on Monday March 2, 2020 at the Worcester Health Center with his family by his side. Julio is survived by his wife Fortunata (Kcamt) Peredo; two sons: Julio A. and Julio C. both of Lima, Peru; two daughters: July L. of Auburn, MA and Karin J. of Lima, Peru; his brother William, of Lima, Peru; three sisters: Rosa, Mary, and Nancy, all of Lima, Peru; he also leaves six grandchildren, 5 grand-dogs, many nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends. Julio was born in Lima, Peru on July 27, 1945, son of Antero and Inocenta (Martinez) Peredo; he worked, for many years, as an accountant. Julio was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend; he was always quick

to help anyone in need, but always put his family first. Julio worked hard and sacrificed tremendously to ensure that all his children would go to college; he had a great sense of humor, and an infectious laugh. Julio was a sports fan; he loved to play soccer, tennis, volleyball and bocce; soccer and tennis being his favorites. Julio played and taught people how to play soccer and tennis until becoming ill three years ago. Julio will be deeply missed by his loving family and his dear friends. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA, is honored to have been chosen by Julio's family to assist them to lay Julio to rest in his hometown of Lima, Peru where all funeral and committal services will be held. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a message of comfort, share a fond memory, or light a candle in remembrance of Julio.

Richard R. “Richie” Guerin, Jr., 49

DUDLEY- Richard R. “Richie” Guerin, Jr., 49, died Sunday at Baystate Medical Center after an illness. He was born in Southbridge, March 12, 1970, the son of Richard R. Guerin, Sr., of Southbridge, and Joan E. (Ohop) Guerin of Dudley. He is survived by his aunts Eva (Capistrand) Ohop (his late uncle was Robert Ohop of Dudley, and Robert and Ann Guerin of Charlton, and five cousins, Becky Bussiere, Sally Benson, Steven Ohop, Robert Guerin, and David Guerin. He also leaves his best friend Michelle

Bousquet of Dudley. Richie was a truck driver and was also a former lumberjack for GLT logging and trucking. He had many talents and was able to repair almost any type of machinery. A calling hour was held on Thursday, March 5, 2020, from 10-11AM at Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA 01550 with a graveside service to follow at Oakridge Cemetery, Oakridge Avenue, Southbridge. www.sansoucyfuneral.com

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CALENDAR

Sunday, March 8

ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET: 7:30-10 a.m., United Church of Christ, Federated, 4 Church St., Webster. Adults \$9, children 12 and under \$4. Your breakfast favorites will be served, including eggs, pancakes, French toast, corned beef hash, fresh baked pastries, and much more!

Wednesday, March 11

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

LIVE IN CONCERT — CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN FOLK SINGERS MARK MANDEVILLE AND RAIANNE RICHARDS: 6:30-7:30 p.m., Gladys E. Kelly Public Library, 2 Lake St., Webster. Celebrating the release of their third studio album, Mark and Rianne will perform brand new songs from "Road May Rise," accompanied by their complete studio band featuring Doug Williamson, Peter Hart and Zack Ciras.

DC DRIBBLERS VS. THE HARLEM WIZARDS: 7 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.), Shepherd Hill Regional High School, Dudley. Tickets can be purchased online at harlemwizards.thundertix.com/events/161483. Food, drinks and Wizards souvenirs will be available.

Thursday, March 12

DUDLEY WOMAN'S CLUB: On March 12, the Dudley Woman's Club will hold its monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Black Tavern, Center Road, Dudley. Our program this month is in honor of Woman's History Month. Ranger Bill Reid will present Notable and Notorious in The Last Green Valley, introducing us to the region's most interesting people and colorful characters from the past. Our voluntary giving project will be monetary donations in support of the Webster Memorial Beach Service Women and Dogs monument. The Dudley Womens Club is open to all women from Dudley and surrounding towns, and we welcome your attendance. Join us for this fun and lively evening, be our guest and discover what our Woman's Club is all about. For more information please send an email to DudleyWomensClub@gmail.com, contact Andrea at 508-868-7110 or visit our Web site: <http://DudleyWomensClub.org>.

Monday, March 16

WEBSTER LODGE A.F. & A.M.: 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Building, 27 Brandes St., Webster. All members of Webster Lodge are urged to attend. Any man interested in Freemasonry is welcomed. Freemasonry is part of a rich tradition of men striving to improve both their own lives, and the lives of others. We believe that the search for knowledge is the most noble pursuit there is. Webster Lodge, 162 years strong in 2020, is the oldest active fraternal organization in the Webster/Dudley area. For more information, please visit: <http://massfreemasonry.org>.

Tuesday, March 17

DUDLEY CONSERVATION LAND TRUST: 6 p.m., Dudley Municipal Complex, Room 315. We will be presenting and demonstrating our new Web site, as well as holding a regular board meeting. If you are interested in local land conservation and environmental issues, we invite you to join us. This meeting is open to DCLT members as well as the public!

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL GROUP #356: 7-8:30 p.m., Booklovers' Gourmet, 355 East Main St., Webster. New members are always welcome. Take action for human rights worldwide. Call (508) 949-6232 for more information, or visit www.amnestyusa.org or facebook.com/AI356.

AN EVENING OF AUTHOR READINGS AND FUN CONVERSATION: 6:30-8 p.m., Gladys E. Kelly Public Library, 2 Lake St., Webster. Author J.A. McIntosh, an attorney in her former life, writes about the fictional town of Meredith, Massachusetts and its inhabitants, imperfect people, seeking justice. J.A. McIntosh will discuss how her legal career, the local newspaper, her karate lessons and years of rural living all became elements in her novels. Her first book, "Niagara Fontaine," was published in 2018. The next in the series, "A. B. Hartwell," will be published in 2020. J. A. has always been fascinated about how and why authors start their books and when they write. She will talk about her own writing and will read from her work.

Wednesday, March 18

MYSTERY BOOK GROUP: 11 a.m.-noon, Booklovers' Gourmet, 55 East Main St., Webster. Free. This month, we will discuss "Dead Cert" by Dick Francis. To sign up, call Deb at (508) 949-6232.

Thursday, March 19

CELEBRATING CHILDREN'S PLAY: 6:30 p.m., Oxford Free Public Library, 339 Main St., Oxford. Part of the First Annual Connie Croteau Lecture Series. Featured Speaker: Lisa Burris, Executive Director of Turn Back Time, a non-profit nature-based education center located in Paxton. Their mission is to help people recognize nature's ability to teach and heal. Through educational programs, nature play, and farm education, they provide accessibility to nature in a welcoming, creative and energizing environment. Connecting participants with nature through structured, thoughtful, and engaging programs yields measurable health benefits. Since 2012, Lisa Burris has developed and delivered nature-based programming to teach science and to promote wellness for youth, supported by a well-credentialed and experienced staff. In 2019, Turn Back Time hosted over 600 people who spent a total of 26,000 hours in nature. This presentation is open to everyone – new parents, teachers, etc. Come learn about the benefits of children getting out to play and learn in nature.

BLACK TAVERN HISTORICAL SOCIETY: The Black Tavern Historical Society, will be holding their first program of the season [on Thursday, March 19 at 7 p.m.](http://onThursday.March19at7p.m) "History of the Nipmuc Tribe" presented by Larry "Spotted Crow" Mann. Free and Open to All with Light refreshments to follow.

Saturday, March 21

THIRD ANNUAL JOHN PAIRE "BE BETTER" BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT: Shepherd Hill Regional High School, 64 Dudley-Oxford Rd., Dudley. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m.; games begin at 9 a.m. \$150 per team, \$40 for additional players. For more information, contact us at johnpaire3on3@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page, Friends of John Paire Student Support Fund. All proceeds benefit the John Paire Student Support Fund.

OPEN MIC POETRY SHARE: 2-4 p.m., Booklovers' Gourmet, 55 East Main St., Webster. Bring original or favorite poetry to share in a round robin style. Free and open to the public. Space is limited. To sign up to read, call (508) 949-6232 or email deb@bookloversgourmet.com.

TASTE OF ITALY DINNER: 4-6:30 p.m., First Congregational Church of Oxford, 355 Main St. Menu includes lasagna (meat or vegetable), sausage, peppers & onions, meatballs, spaghetti, meat or vegetarian sauce, chicken parmigiana, tossed salad & dressings, bread, desserts, coffee, tea, and soda. Adults \$12, children under 12 \$5, children under eight free.

CORNERED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER: The First Congregational Church of Dudley, 135 Center Rd., is having a Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner on Saturday, March 21. Come and enjoy food and fellowship with friends and neighbors. The menu will include: Corned Beef, Cabbage, Boiled Potatoes, Carrots and Turnip. Dessert will be Chocolate Mint Cake with real whipped cream. Servings will be at 5 and 6:15 p.m. Adults: \$12; Preteens: \$6. Children five and under free. Handicapped accessible. For reservations, call 508-943-7320, When prompted press *2. Leave the time of the seating you want, your name, telephone # and the number in your party. Call backs will only be made if there is a question about your reservation. We look forward to seeing you!

EVENING OF MEDIUMSHIP WITH DIANE LEWIS: 5:30-7:30 p.m., Booklovers' Gourmet, 55 East Main St., Webster. Share in this extraordinary evening of spirit communication in an intimate setting as she connects to spirit delivering messages from those who have crossed over. This event is limited to only 12 individuals. Tickets \$39 per person. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (508) 949-6232 or email deb@bookloversgourmet.com.

Friday, March 27

AN EVENING WITH PSYCHIC MEDIUM GARY MCKINSTRY: Tonight from 7-9 p.m., Boy Scout Troop 165 invites you to spend an evening with internationally known Psychic Medium Entertainer, Gary McKinstry as he shares his gift to connect to the spirit world and share intuitive messages with family and friends at Pine Ridge Country Club, 28 Pleasant Street North Oxford, MA. Great door prizes, cash bar. Dinner available to purchase before the show. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door, cash and credit cards welcome. Please contact Joel at 774-224-4228 or Christine at 774-262-6971 for tickets. Family members are encouraged to sit together. Bring a personal item of

the person you are trying to make a connection with. Please note due to time limitations not everyone will make connection. Dinner available before the show to purchase, reservations strongly encouraged by calling 508-892-9188. Dinner sold out last year.

Saturday, March 28

INDOOR FLEA MARKET: 8 a.m.-2 p.m., First Congregational Church of Oxford, 355 Main St. (Route 12). Expected to be on sale are household items, books, toys, clothing, crafts and more. Morning coffee and donuts and lunchtime hot dogs, beverages and snacks will be available. Reservations from vendors are now being accepted. Each space is \$25 and must be paid in advance. Space is limited. For more information or to reserve a table, contact the church office at 508-987-2211, officeadmin@oxfordfirstucc.org or Fran at 508-987-8961.

APULASKI ITALIAN ST. PATRICK'S DAY: 5 p.m., Fellowship Hall, United Church of Christ, Federated, 4 Church St., Webster (across from Town Hall). Tickets \$10, available at the door or from a member of the Pulaski Brass Band. Meals are available for take-out by calling UCC, Federated at (508) 943-0061, and include spaghetti with sauce, meatballs and garlic bread. Entertainment by the Pulaski Band. A fundraiser to benefit the Pulaski Brass Band, a non-profit band of community volunteers.

Sunday, April 5

SPRING AWAKENING — LET'S SEE WHO'S WAKING UP: 4:30 p.m., Hodges Village Dam Utility Building, 30 Howarth Rd., Oxford. Come check out the nearby vernal pool and look and listen for more "critter" activity on a hike around Hodges' Trail and wetland. Please bring binoculars and dress accordingly.

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.

ST. ANDREW BOBOLA LENTEN FISH DINNERS: Beginning Friday, Feb. 28 through Friday, March 28, St. Andrew Bobola Church, 54 West Main St., Dudley, will again be offering Lenten dinners with your choice of baked or fried fish, baked potato or French fries coleslaw, roll and a beverage. Dinner (note: no lunchtime meals this year.) will be served from 4 - 7 p.m. in the church hall. Cost is \$12 per person for adults and \$5pp for children. You can eat in or take out. If you have any questions please call Cathy at 508-641-6222 (leave a voice mail or text) or please call the Rectory, 943-5633, during regular office hours (Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon)! Come join us for a great meal and avoid having to cook!

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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CHARLTON - 51 GALE RD



Nice Country cape - with hugh attached 2 car garage! 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 Fireplaces, 3 season sunroom with attached deck Living room w/fireplace! 1st fir omce. Recent water filtration system, furnace, heater, and oil unlk. Passed Title V, well okay. **assisted sale \$299,000.**

OXFORD - 47 HARWOOD ST



VERY Affordable 3 Bedroom RANCH Located on 8+ Acres Abutting the French River!! Great Spot for the Nature Enthusiast 3 bedroom, 1 bath, Fireplace, **\$209,900.**

WOODSTOCK, CT - 64 LYON HILL RD



Estate like long paved driveway! 3158 Sq Ft Colonial! Geothermal built. Open floor plan, ash flooring throughout! Granite and s/s applianced kitchen! Large master bedroom, coffered ceiling, master bath, W/Jetted tub! Walk in closets. Two car garage. Radiused catwalk on upper level! A walk up attic. Walk out lower level! The third garage is accessed from the lower level. Generator hookup. One beautiful property! **assisted sale \$499,900.**

WEBSTER/OXFORD/DUDLEY/DOUGLAS

Dudley - Marshall Terrace 12,000 +/- Sq. Ft. Possible potential for a 2 family to be built! Town Water, Sewer, City Gas! Nice level lot. **\$70,000**
Douglas-Mount Daniels Lot #2-2.5 Acres of flat land that **\$132,900**
Webster - 3 Lots Cooper Rd. **Attention Developers!** 3 abutting house lots, potential to divide into 5-6 Buildable lots! water/sewer access **\$129,400**
Webster - 85 Upper Gore! View of the Lake. 1+ acre,artesian well, Septic Design,Etc. **\$130,000.**
Oxford - 4 Leicester St. approx. 8.47 acres! River frontage! Highly possible to be subdivided. **\$99,900**

THOMPSON, CT - 6 LILLIAN AVE, LOT #1



There is **No Place Like Home!** - beautiful newly constructed home! Split level style home has an attractive modern flare! Open floor plan, cathedral ceilings, hardwood floors, tile floored baths, & master full bath w/extra wide shower & walk in closet, plus 2 more spacious BRs & a full hallway bath. 24' lower level family room, half bath w/laundry hookups! Two car garage! Central AC. **\$299,900.**

WEBSTER LAND - COOPER RD



Available 10,000+ sq. ft. of Land. Zoned Lake Residential. Potential to divide into 2 Buildable Lots. Town Water & Sewer Available. **\$49,000.**

On the shores of Lake Chargoggagoggmanchauggagogggchaubunagungamaugg



SORRY, SOLD!

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 at a Great Price! Contemporary Ranch offers 996+/- SF of living area w/2 BRs & 2 full baths. Plus, convenient, indoor access to Walkout Lower Level w/tremendous potential for additional living area. Main level features Open Floor Plan w/sliders to full front deck! Spectacular Westerly views across Middle Pond! Additional land & shore frontage available. **NEW PRICE \$299,900**



SORRY, SOLD!

WEBSTER LAKE - 32 JACKSON RD

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WEBSTER, MA - \$1300/Mo.
6 Summit Street
3 Bdrm Apt., First, Last, Security.
Completely remodeled,
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PENDING



New Construction
WEBSTER, MA - \$288,900
90-A Sutton Rd.
3 Bedroom,
Raised Ranch.

PENDING



DUDLEY, MA - \$248,500
5 Fairview Ave
Under Priced, Needs Work

FEATURE PROPERTIES

SOLD!



OXFORD, MA - \$234,900
44 Depot Road
3 Bedroom, Ranch. Recently Remodeled

SOLD!



WEBSTER, MA - \$1000/mo
56 Chase Ave, Apt #2
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SUNDAY
11-1
Dudley: Neighborhood setting country feel-
ing. 3 bedrooms, fireplace, 25x15 family room,
new roof, electric. Hardwood floors throughout.
2-car garage
12 Hill Rd - \$304,900



Woodstock, CT: 21+
acres, cedar log home,
4 bedrooms, private
setting, surrounded by
wildlife
450 Etn. 197



Produce 3 outbuildings,
7 rooms, 3 bedrooms,
3 car garage, wide pine
flooring, 1 acre
321 Pleasant St -
\$244,900

Developers Opportunity for a
55+ Community in Dudley
Legacy Landings 8.61 acres, potential for 22
units. Two Services - water and sewer.
New golf course, shopping, college, highways.
Join us for a meeting on
Monday, March 9th for consultation
on this opportunity.

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Teachers
Application to receive your key,
and/or refinance a house





SOUTHBRIDGE: Royal Barry Wills Cape in
exclusive Country Club neighborhood! Elegant
8 room 3 bed 3 1/2 bath home! This home was
designed for entertaining! Formal dining room,
formal living room with fireplace, open cus-
tom kitchen to dining area & wonderful family
room with another fireplace! Off family room is
oversized deck & enclosed sun filled porch. 1st
floor office! Pegged hardwood floors. Upstairs
is master bedroom with master bath plus double closets, 2 other spacious bedrooms plus
full bath. Fun fun fun in your finished lower level with pool table, plus multiple closets &
laundry room with loads of shelving. Level back yard w/gardens. Attached 2 car garage.
View of Cohasset Country Club. \$415,000.



BROOKFIELD: WA-
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TINE PROPERTY on
Quabog Pond! 5
rooms 2 bedrooms
2 baths! First floor
has updated kitchen,
livingroom, bedroom & full bath. Master suite
on second floor with wonderful water view!
Loaded with windows. Bedroom, full bath, walk
in closet plus another room-big enough for
family room and office. Full basement. Level lot
with plenty of parking, easy access to water. Full
recreational lake! \$329,900.



SOUTHBRIDGE: Spacious 8 room 4 bedroom 2
bath home for under \$200K! Updated kitchen with
stainless steel appliances! Front to back family
room with wood stove, bay window & sliders to
deck. First floor bedroom and bath. Second floor
has two big bedrooms plus sitting area. Replace-
ment windows. New HW. \$189,900.



SOUTHBRIDGE: Great package deal!
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church in pristine condition! Beautiful
entry way. Inspiring stain glass win-
dows. Seating for up to 350 people.
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level for a Meeting Hall with kitchen &
2 baths. PLUS Rectory - a stately Brick
home which consists of 11 rooms, 6
bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths. All rooms are
large with high ceilings, many fire-
places, and first floor bedroom with private bath. PLUS large Carriage House converted to
garage with workshop & storage. \$485,000.

Commercial Rental Spaces available throughout the Town of Southbridge. Rents vary in
size and cost. All have great visibility being on Main St or just off. Call for details!



Open House Directory

(C) Condo	(X) Condo	(M) Multi-Family	(T) Townhouse
(B) Business	(U) Duplex	(S) Single Family	(D) Adult Community
(P) Land	(L) Mobile Home	(A) Apartment	(W) Waterfront

ADDRESS STYLE TIME PRICE REALTOR/SELLER/PHONE

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

DUDLEY
12 Hill Rd S 11-1 \$304,900 ReMax Advantage 1
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Pomfret \$339,000 NEW LISTING

Beautiful Colonial-style home w/3 BR, 2 full BA on 2 private acres. Enjoy a lg. screened in porch & 2 bay detached barn/garage.
Mary Collins
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Pomfret \$349,000 NEW PRICE

A beautiful Ranch style home w/4 spacious BR & 2 full BA on 2.5 acres. Property boasts a huge 2100 SF heated 6 car garage!
Kevin Houghton
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Plainfield \$164,900 NEW PRICE

1835 Colonial WOW property! 5 BR/1.5 BA, 2 car attached.
Catherine Howard
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Woodstock \$735,000

Exceptional medical office building located in Woodstock. 8,790 SF of space including 5,738 SF of finished space.
John Downs
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Chaplin \$3,000/mo

Rare opportunity to rent a sm. horse farm! Fully furnished 4 BR house, 4 stall barn w/paddocks & riding ring on 6+ acres! Available July 2020.
Gelhaus Realty Group:
Kristen Kaskela
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Putnam \$185,000

Pristine, turn-key medical office condo. Part of a 4 unit Hillside Professional office complex that takes care of common area maintenance.
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Sterling \$649,900

Sensational home on 20 acres. 5362 SF, 4 BR plus in-law, gourmet kitchen, great room w/stone fireplace, 3 car attached garage.
Rachel Sposato
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Putnam, \$319,000

New build with over 2,000 SF including a master suite & versatile floorplan to meet your needs!
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Stunning 5,000 SF home with all the bells & whistles on 6.5 acres! A home for a lifetime!
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Putnam \$319,000

Renovated historic home. Prime commercial district. Large parking lot. 1st flr BA incl. handicap. Big yard! Home, business or both!
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Putnam, \$319,000

New build! One floor living at its best! Time to pick the layout and finishes of your dream home!
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Thompson \$225,000

Country Ranch w/finished walk-out lower level. 1 car garage, large deck & patio. 3 BR, 2 BA.
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Pomfret \$729,900

This stunning 5 BR reproduction features authentic historic detailing and custom craftsmanship. Located on 5.52 private acres.
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Brooklyn \$499,000

4 BR, 3.5 BA, 12+ acres. This Colonial has been restored & is move-in ready! Zoned for commercial & residential use! Open a bed & breakfast!
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Kristen 860-377-0118

Putnam \$2,200 Commercial Lease

3 units on Kennedy Dr! 2000 SF/ea. Rent 1, 2 or all 3! Each leased at \$2200 5 yr w/options triple net. EZ access to I-395 & downtown.
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LAND FOR SALE

Hampton \$72,900
15.8 acre lot 1 mile from Pomfret line on Rt. 97. 1.5 acres clear & level for your dream house & barn. Have survey & old perc test results. Farm Country!
Robert Viani 860-264-5921

Voluntown \$46,900
4 acres. Unique and picturesque lot, some wetlands. 357 feet of frontage. Raw land.
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Woodstock \$69,900
10 acre gently sloping wooded parcel

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Woodstock \$210,000
2.5 acres of direct waterfront land on Quasset Lake. Perfect place to build your dream home!
Richard Governale 860-428-7656

Voluntown \$46,900
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Plainfield \$36,900
2.9 acre corner lot. 600 ft. frontage on Wauregan Road and Moosup Pond Zoned RA 60
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Putnam \$125,000
Commercial lot with .27 acres on Kennedy Drive. Build your own business on this land. Easy access to I-395 and Downtown Putnam.
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HERE & THERE

Local Events, Arts, and Entertainment Listings

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/RR/Art Guild/ Boy Scouts)
108 School Street FREE 1:00-3:00

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

3RD ANNUAL JOHN PAIRE "BE BETTER" BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
Shepherd Hill Regional High School
64 Dudley-Oxford Rd. Dudley, MA 01571
Registration starts at 8:30am. Games begin at 9am. \$150 per team and \$40 for additional players. For more information contact us at john-paire3on3@gmail.com. Visit our facebook page: Friends of John Paire Student Support Fund. All proceeds benefit the John Paire Student Support Fund
Register by March 1 Grades 5 to 8 (Co-Ed), High School. Women, Men, Adult Co-Ed. * This tournament is open to anyone who would like to participate

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

RE-ENACTMENT of signing of town bill and unveiling of Anniversary Quilt
Senior Center, Pleasant Street. 6:30pm FREE

SATURDAY, APRIL 4,

ROARIN' TWENTIES DANCE
at Sturbridge Host Hotel \$35, 5:00pm
Tickets @EventBrite.com or at the library

SATURDAY, APRIL 11,

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)
108 School Street, East Brookfield 1:00-3:00. FREE

SATURDAY, APRIL 18,

HISTORICAL TALK - Ed Londergan - The First and Second Settlements
East Brookfield Town Hall 9:30 FREE

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

TOWN WIDE CLEAN-UP DAY
Meet at East Brookfield Town Hall 9:00

SATURDAY, MAY 2,

EAST BROOKFIELD NATURE WALKS
at Pelletier Woods
Howe Street, East Brookfield 2:00. FREE

SATURDAY, MAY 9,

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR).
108 School Street, East Brookfield. 1-2:00 FREE

SATURDAY, MAY 16,

7K RUN AND FUN WALK
Timberyard Brewery, East Brookfield
10:0am. \$30.00 adults, \$15.00 kids

SATURDAY, MAY 30

HISTORICAL TALK -
Ed Londergan - Murder in the Brookfields (Spooner / Newton Murders)
East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

HISTORY & DESSERT
at Podunk Chapel, East Brookfield
2:00 & 3:30 seatings. \$5.00 pp

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

COAST GUARD BAND
East Brookfield Elementary School, 7:00 FREE

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)
108 School Street, East Brookfield 1:00-3:00. FREE

SATURDAY, JUNE 20,

OPEN HOUSE
at Camp Frank A. Day (archery, boating, basketball, mini golf, lunch) Rain Date: June 21.
125 South Pond Road, East Brookfield. 11:00-3:00. FREE

MONDAY, JULY 6

SUMMER READING KICK OFF -
EB Library - continues for five weeks.
East Brookfield Town Hall. FREE

SATURDAY JULY 25

HISTORICAL TALK - Heather Gablaski -
East Brookfield: 100 Years a Town
East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

SATURDAY, JULY 11

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION
Parade & Fireworks
Connie Mack Field East Brookfield

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)
108 School Street, East Brookfield, 1:00-3:00. FREE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

PARADE AND FAMILY FUN EVENT!
Route 9, East Brookfield, 9:30 -7:00. FREE. Rain date Sept 13

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)
108 School Street, East Brookfield, 1:00-3:00. FREE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 3:30

BUS AND CEMETERY TOUR,
ending in dinner at Podunk Chapel.
Meet at East Brookfield Town Hall.
\$15-\$20.00 pp

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

HISTORICAL TALK - Guy Morin- Central Massachusetts during the Revolution
East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30 FREE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)
108 School Street, East Brookfield, 1:00-3:00. FREE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

HISTORICAL TALK -
Ken and Tina Ethier - "Trolley Talk"
East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

ONGOING

MARIACHI BAND
First Thursday of the month 5-8 p.m.
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To:
David F. DePatie
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq): Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for GSAA Home Equity Trust 2006- 18, Asset-Backed Certificates Series 2006-18 claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Dudley, numbered 44 New Boston Road, given by David F. DePatie to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for GreenPoint Mortgage Funding, Inc., dated August 9, 2006, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 39569, Page 213, 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 March 30, 2020 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on February 14, 2020.
Attest:Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
19-036311 / FC01
March 6, 2020

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF
SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Michael E. Zaczek Jr. to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for IndyMac Bank, F.S.B., its successors and assigns, dated March 1, 2007 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 41128, Page 87, subsequently assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Home Equity Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Trust Series INABS 2007-B, Home Equity Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates Series INABS 2007-B under the Pooling and Servicing agreement dated June 1, 2007 by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 45772, Page 84 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 PM on March 27, 2020 at 38 Sunset Avenue, Oxford, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:
The land situated on the easterly side of Sunset Avenue, Oxford, Massachusetts, being Lot #7 as shown on a Plan of Land in Oxford, owned by Mascor Homes, Inc., Albert L. Fitzback, Surveyor, dated April 25, 1975, and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 415, Plan 39, more particularly bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the northwesterly corner of the premises herein described at a point on the easterly line of Sunset Avenue, said point being two hundred twenty and 79/100 (220.79) feet measured southerly along the easterly line of said Sunset Avenue from a cement bound at the end of a curve at the intersection of said Sunset Avenue and Nottingham Road; THENCE N. 56° 45' 44" E. one hundred twenty and 00/100 (120.00) feet along Lot #8 to a point at land now or formerly owned by Kimball; THENCE S. 33° 14' 16" E. one hundred and 00/100 (100.00) feet along said land of Kimball

to a point at Lot #6; THENCE S. 56° 45' 44" W. one hundred twenty and 00/100 (120.00) feet along said Lot #6 to a point on the easterly line of said Sunset Avenue; THENCE N. 33° 14' 16" W. one hundred and 00/100 (100.00) feet along the easterly line of said Sunset Avenue to the point of beginning. Containing 12,000 square feet. Subject to covenants and restrictions recited in Book 5782, Page 102 of said Deeds. Subject to easements for poles and wires which may affect locus. For Title see Deed recorded December 13, 1994 recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 16764, Page 186.

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

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, as Trustee for HOME EQUITY MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED TRUST Series INABS 2007-B, HOME EQUITY MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES Series INABS 2007-B Present Holder of said Mortgage, By Its Attorneys, ORLANS PC
PO Box 540540
Waltham, MA 02454
Phone: (781) 790-7800
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March 6, 2020
March 13, 2020
March 20, 2020

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To:
Christine A. Millett
John J. Millett, Jr
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq): Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Webster, numbered 28 Tower Street, given by Christine A. Millett and John J. Millett, Jr. to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for M&T Bank, dated October 14, 2008, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 43423, Page 68, 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 March 30, 2020 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on February 14, 2020.
Attest: Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
20-036860 / FC01
March 6, 2020

Request for Proposals
Town of Dudley
Board of Selectmen
Cemetery Commissioners
Cemetery Internment Services

The Town of Dudley, Massachusetts will receive sealed bid proposals at the Board of Selectmen office located at the Dudley Municipal Complex, 71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA 01571 on or before March 24, 2020 at 3:00pm for Cemetery Internment Services. The Request for Bids, and any related information may be obtained from the Town of Dudley's website at www.dud-leyma.gov or by contacting the Town Administrator's office at 508-949-8001. Jonathan Ruda
Town of Dudley
Chief Procurement Officer
March 6, 2020

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. WO20P0494EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Brian D Kopas
Also known as:
Brian D Kopas
Date of Death: 01/23/2020

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Kathleen M Kopas of Webster MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Kathleen M Kopas of Webster 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 03/17/2020.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: February 18, 2020
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
March 6, 2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Docket No. WO20P0391EA
Estate of:
Joseph Norman Savoie
Also Known As:
Joseph N. Savoie
Date Of Death: December 9, 2019
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Carol A. Colacchio of Berlin, MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate
Carol A. Colacchio of Berlin, 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 petitioners.
March 6, 2020

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. WO20P0532EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Florence Kaczorowski Kijowski
Date of Death: 11/01/2019

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Michael T Kijowski of Elmwood Park NJ** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Michael T Kijowski of Elmwood Park NJ** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.

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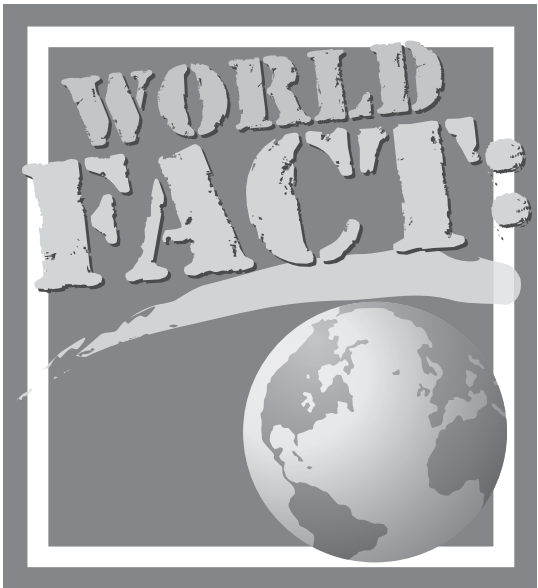
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THIS DAY IN...



HISTORY

- **1836:** THE ALAMO FALLS TO MEXICAN FORCES.
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ANSWER: EGYPT

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Answer: Rain Drops



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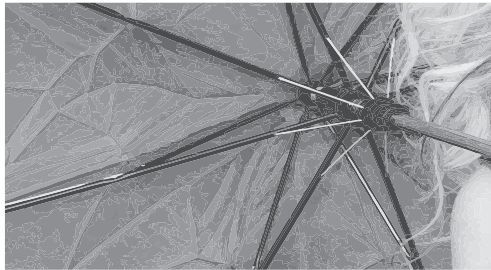
to make very wet



- ENGLISH:** Wet
- SPANISH:** Empapado
- ITALIAN:** Bagnato
- FRENCH:** Mouillé
- GERMAN:** Nass



THE WORD "UMBRELLA" COMES FROM THE LATIN WORD "UMBROS," MEANING SHADE OR SHADOW.



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: UMBRELLA

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CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to lawns & gardens.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 6 = I)

- A. 21 9 14 26 1**
Clue: Cuts grass
- B. 6 4 14 25**
Clue: Green landscape
- C. 22 1 24 25 26**
Clue: Trim away growth
- D. 21 24 6 19 2**
Clue: Material to enrich soil

Answers: A. mower B. lawn C. prune D. mulch

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Level: Intermediate

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7	4	9	8	2	1	3	6	5
6	2	8	3	1	4	7	5	9
5	3	6	4	1	9	7	2	8
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MUST HAVE a 7D license through the Registry of Motor Vehicles

Must have a clean driving record

Must love children

The hours are Monday through Friday from 6am to 10am and 1:30pm to 5:30pm guaranteed 40 hours per week, paid snow days, 10 paid holidays, 3 personal days, 9 sick days, 4 weeks vacation after one year.

The Guild offers health, dental and vision insurance, a 401k with a 4% employer match and much more.

We are looking to fill the position in 7 to 14 days.

Job Type: Full-time
Salary: \$15.00 to \$15.14 /hour



Sharon A. Woodbury, Director of Human Resources Public Relations
The Guild of St. Agnes
405 Grove Street, Suite 201
Worcester, MA 01605
(508)755-2238 ext. 22

HELP WANTED

EXPERIENCED FLOOR TECHNICIAN/CLEANER

Mop, sweep, vac, strip and wax.
One year experience with high speed propane buffer and auto floor scrubber. Able to lift 50#. Cleaning restrooms, washing windows, emptying trash, dusting etc.
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Under the general direction of the Town Administrator, the HR Director is responsible for the administration and coordination of the Town's Human Resources Program. Bachelor's Degree in related field and three years of experience in a Human Resources field; municipal personnel experience preferred; or any equivalent combination of education and experience. PHR Certification or equivalent Human Resources certification preferred (one year allowed from date of hire to achieve). Starting salary \$78,333 –\$82,305 annually, dependent on qualifications; application can be found at <https://www.townofcharlton.net/158/Human-Resources> or the HR office at 37 Main St. Charlton, MA 01507.

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