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Friday, December 20, 2019

Area towns join gun Buyback Day



Guns collected in Dudley last Saturday.

BY GUS STEEVES CORRESPONDENT

REGION — Polls have repeatedly shown around half of the US population owns guns, and millions of them are in our homes. Last Saturday, police departments across the area gave residents a chance to reduce that firepower a little bit with the annual Gun Buyback Day.

In general, relatively few people participated.

"The stuff we get is usually either something they don't know what to do with, or it's broken," Webster Police Chief Michael Shaw noted afterward, describing them as generally "lower-end." Specifically, Webster got "a couple" of guns – a BB gun and a starter pistol – while Dudley reported collecting five, including a few paintball guns.

Shaw said that's far below what his department received when Webster initiated the program in 2015. Then, they collected 56; he partly attributed the drop to the fact many more departments are participating, so the guns get more dispersed.

To him, that's actually a good thing. He sees having more options to turn them in as beneficial to the community as a whole.

Before the event, Dudley Chief Steven Wojnar described such weapons this way: "These can often be the subject of theft or improper use. These circumstances can lead to injuries and death. For whatever the reason, those looking to dispose of unwanted weapons, have a great opportunity to do so safely."

Indeed, even though the day has passed, Shaw said people can turn such guns in anytime, or take them to dealers and consign them. He said he's seen research that suggests around 30 percent of guns in crimes were stolen from homes.

Southbridge Chief Shane Woodson agreed, noting, "What I have seen in our community in previous years is that many senior citizens come to our Gun Buy Back saying their spouse had

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Ruda gets high marks in six-month review

BY JASON BLEAU CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – It's been six months since Jonathan Ruda stepped into his position as Town Administrator, meaning it was time for selectmen to perform the customary performance review of the town hall's leader during a meeting on Dec. 9.

Ruda received high marks in all five categories, with each selectman presenting a four being the highest possible mark. Ruda didn't receive one score below three with his lowest accumulated score being a solid three for employee, community and intergovernmental relations. Ruda's highest score was a perfect four for meeting the performance criteria set upon him by selectmen when he was hired. For the other three categories Ruda received a 3.2 for relationship with the Board of Selectmen, and scores of 3.6 for both communication with selectmen and fiscal management respectively. His overall score for his assessment was a 3.48. Ruda received numerous compliments from selectmen with each member of the

town's highest elected board having the chance to share their thoughts on each category during the review. At the end of the tally, selectmen offered compliments to Ruda for his effectiveness, communication, and adaptability to the job of town management despite having no experience in the field when he applied.

Selectman Paul Joseph stated that he found it difficult to pinpoint any areas that need immediate improvement for Ruda, with many of his shortcomings being seen as more a result of a lack of time or experience in a management position that will come with his natural growth while leading the town. "He does a really good job in each of the five areas, and for me, it's not a question of improvement; it's more a question of him maintaining what he's currently doing,' said Joseph. Selectman Steve Sullivan gave his own shining review of the Town Administrator, complimenting Ruda on stepping up to the challenge and doing well by the town in such a short time.



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DWC HOLDS HOLIDAY GATHERING

On Dec. 12, the members of the Dudley Womans Club held their annual holiday meeting followed by a rather loud, off key and raucous but sooooo much fun round of Karaoke Christmas caroling to music provided by Smokin' Brad Gunn!! Our December giving project of supplies for our local Veteran families Christmas baskets, which literally filled the event chair's SUV, and gift cards for teens in the Dudley Police Holiday Drive was again a great success! The DAV (Disabled American Veterans) presented a recognition plaque to the DWC in appreciation for our multiple annual efforts in support of local veterans! Thanx to all who participated, had fun and continue to contribute to the DWC's charitable giving efforts! Happy Holidays from all of us to all of you!

"He's taken on things that

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Dudley selectmen remember Butkiewicz

BY JASON BLEAU CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – The Dudley community is mourning the loss of an unsung hero, Ken Butkiewicz — a man who devoted countless hours over the last 25 years to a small but significant cause.

Butkiewicz, who passed away at the age of 82 on Tuesday,

Nov. 26, was a well-known and active member of the Dudley community who worked behind the scenes as a driving force in the revitalization efforts of the Dudley rail trails. In May, Butkiewicz celebrated the final piece of the rail trail initiative he helped lead for over two decades, a 105-foor bridge over the French River. Butkiewicz announced he would be taking a step back from the project having completed his obligations to the cause.

During a meeting on Dec. 9, the Dudley Board of Selectmen publicly paid their respects to Butkiewicz complimenting him as a dedicated volunteer for his community and a powerful supporter of conservation who did

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THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

Rose Rekowski of Webster takes great pride in displaying a lighted Nativity scene on the outside of her house every holiday season as a reminder of, in her words, "the Reason for the Season." Her eight children, eight grandchildren, and two great grandchildren also look forward to seeing her impressive lighting display every year, as do her neighbors.

St. Joseph students embody the Works of Mercy

WEBSTER — The students of St. Joseph School continually work to embody the Corporal Works of Mercy and transform their community each day. The Works of Mercy are found in the teachings of Jesus and illustrate how we should treat others, they include: feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, giving shelter to travelers, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead.

In addition to the Thanksgiving Food Drive and the Annual Coat Drive currently being conducted by the St. Joseph School Student Council, the school students and faculty recently organized two special projects to assist those in need. The first initiative was coordinated by Eighth Grade student, Sophia Buffone. After her aunt's diagnosis with breast cancer, Sophia felt called to help



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in the fight against breast cancer. She worked with the school administration to plan a school-wide fundraiser that would benefit the Comprehensive Breast Center at the UMASS Medical Research Center. Sophia's plan was to allow students to either dye a

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New book explores Dudley's dairy history

Dudley's dairy farms as well as the products and style of bottles that came from the town's farmers.

This has been many years in the making and the good news is it's done. It looks fabulous," Bazinet said. "There's all kinds of information. If you've ever collected bottles or cared about Dudley, you really have to have a copy of this.

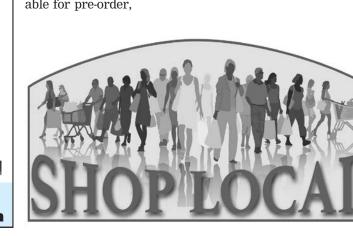
The book contains the dairy farms and different bottle styles that were filled and produced in the town of Dudley over the years. Bazinet called it a "fabulous production" and an interesting read that touches on an often-over-

looked part of Dudley's history and aesthetic. The book is currently being made available for pre-order,

but in the spirit of spreading Dudley's history Bazinet revealed there will be several places within the town where the book will be available as well.

There will be a copy eventually at the library," Bazinet said. "Various people around town have already indicated an interest so they're ordering. The Black Tavern has already agreed to a copy. It's well received. It's excellent is this is your desire."

Those seeking a copy can send in their pre-order to Roger Meservey at P.O. Box 172, Charlton City, MA 01508. According to Bazinet books will be shipped out as soon as a certain order threshold has been reached. Linda and Mike Branniff were also credited for their contributions to the book and its contents.





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Webster welcomes Winter Wonderland despite weather

Gus Steeves Photos

WEBSTER - It sure didn't look much like winter outdoors, with temps in the 50s and rain, but Webster was celebrating the chilly, snowy season inside Town Hall last Saturday. A couple hundred people turned out for the annual Winter Wonderland gathering, featuring games and crafts, pony rides in the drizzle, a petting zoo, hot chocolate and snacks to warm you up, and even a blazing (fake) fire on the stage.



Santa gives some kids a high-five while taking their gift requests.



Lindsey Johnson cradles her neice Hayley Smola.





Three goats don't let rain and gawking children keep them from their repast.



Bartlett National Honor Society provided the evening's hot chocolate elves, Brendan Boucher and Julie Mercer.



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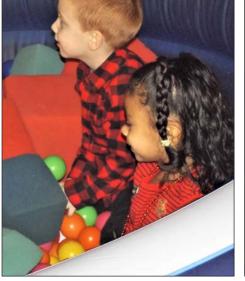
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Bethany Alvarez and a boy were among the Police Chief Michael Shaw and Deputy Chief many who spent some time in the pool full Tobby Wheeler keep the kids stocked up with of balls and big, soft cubes to toss at each carbs. other.





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POLICE LOGS

Webster police log

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of Dec. 8-14.

Sean C. Harvey, Jr., age 29, of Dudley was arrested on Dec. 9 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol (second offense) and Failure to Stop or Yield.

Petr Szczotka, age 31, of Webster was arrested Dec. 9 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Failure to Stop for Police, and Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle.

An adult male whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Dec. 9 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member and Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon.

Jonathan F. Greenwood, age 26, of Charlton was arrested on Dec. 10 for Operating Under the Influence of Drugs and Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License.

Blade A. Deso, age 38, of Oxford

was arrested on Dec. 10 for Operating Under the Influence of Drugs, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Failure to Drive in the Right Lane, Possession of a Class A Drug, and Possession of a Class B Drug

An adult male whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Dec. 11 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member, two counts of Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon, Strangulation or Suffocation, Intimidation of a Witness, Juror, Police Officer, or Court Official, Home Invasion, Destruction of Property valued at less than \$1,200, and Armed Assault with intent to murder.

An adult male whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Dec. 12 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member and Assault & Battery on a Pregnant Woman.

Matthew John Hircock, age 23, of Webster was arrested on Dec. 12 in connection with multiple warrants.

Julia M. Gabino, age 24, of Webster was arrested on Dec. 14 in connection with a warrant.

John Joseph Santos, age 26, of Allentown, Pa. was arrested on Dec. 14 as a Fugitive From Justice Without a Warrant.

Erika May Ryan, age 24, of Webster was arrested on Dec. 14 in connection with a warrant.

Alyssa E. Fortin, age 31, of North Grosvenordale, Conn. was arrested on Dec. 14 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, a Motor Vehicle Lights Violation, and Assault & Battery on a Police Officer.

Dudley police log

DUDLEY — The Dudley Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of Dec. 6-13.

Jose M. Vega, age 31, of Southbridge was arrested on Dec. 7 for Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended Registration, driving an Uninsured Motor Vehicle, driving an Unregistered Motor Vehicle, and in connection with an out of agency warrant.

Ryan T. Christian, age 31, of Dudley was arrested on Dec. 8 in connection with an out of agency warrant.

Ronald E. Zarzecki, age 47, of Dudley was arrested on Dec. 10 in connection with a warrant issued by the Dudley Police Department, and was subsequently charged with Possession of a Class B Drug.

Ashley M. Hardell, age 32, of Webster was arrested on Dec. 11 for Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License.

Reinaldo Roado Ortiz, age 36, of Southbridge was arrested on Dec. 12 for Disorderly Conduct, Disturbing the Peace, Refusal by the Operator of a Motor Vehicle to Identify Themselves, Resisting Arrest, and Littering From a Motor Vehicle (Operator Only).

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Jay E, and Tooley, Melissa M, to Rosario, Angel, and Rosario, Elia.

\$240,000, 73 Cushing Rd, Bennett, Bradley K, and Bennett, Holly J, to Campos, Luis, and Romani, Navrobi.

\$234,000, 21 Nancy Dr, Mrazik LT, and Mrazik, Suzanne E, to Miller, Joseph B, and Miller, Catherine A.

\$180,400, 11 Stoughton Ave, Lonchiadis, Christopher E, and Nationstar Mortgage LLC, to Nationstar Mortgage LLC.

\$180,000, 4 Summer St, Pappas Emmanuel J Est, and Pappas, Daniel J, to Morales, Michael N.

\$92,000, 1 W Point Rd, Bembenek Michael A Est, and Bembenek, Bernard J, to Reyes, Benito, and Reyes, Rachel A.

\$30,000, 12 Oakmont St, Braun Manfred E Est, and Vilkas, Vincent A, to Leoniak, Krystyna, and Leoniak, Tadeusz.

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\$3,412,500, 191 W Main St, Tri Peak Inc, to 191 West Main Dudley LLC.

\$305,000, 101 Dudley Oxford Rd, Brehm, Michael, and Brehm,

Sonja, to Ganjian, Thomas G. \$302,500, 180 Corbin Rd, Wells,

bankHometown raises \$26,000 for local food pantries

OXFORD — Robert J. Morton, president and CEO of bankHometown, announced that this year's Neighbors Helping Neighbors program raised more than \$26,000 for local food pantries. This brings the total amount raised over the 16 years the program has been in place to \$193,500.

Each year, the bank invites customers, employees, and members of the community to donate funds at bank-Hometown branches throughout the

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month of November. All of the donations received are matched by bank-Hometown and the total divided among food pantries in Massachusetts and Connecticut communities the bank serves. For 2019, each of these 13 food pantries received \$2,000.

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pleased that these food pantries have received much-needed funds in time for the holiday season." Area businesses contributing to this year's campaign include:

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- 27. Fiber from the husk of a
- coconut
- 29. Gets up
- 31. French river

CLUES DOWN

1. Trapped

- 2. About osmosis
- 3. Romanian monetary unit
- 4. Form of Persian
- 5. Cold wind
- 6. Leave out
- 7. Small vehicle
- 8. A little off
- 9. Soviet Union
- 10. A narrow path or road
- 11. Contrary beliefs
- 12. One who speaks Gaelic
- 14. Private school in New York
- 15. Jackson and Townshend are two
- 18. Soldier in an airborne unit
- 20. Taken illegally
- 24. Capital of Valais

- 34. They make great neighbors 36. The sun does it 38. Used to store ashes 39. First Chinese dynasty 41. Network of nerves 43. Word element meaning ear 44. Metric unit of length (Brit.) 46. Tributary of the Danube 48. Off-limits 52. Appeal earnestly 53. It's good to have them 54. Commercial flying company 56. Acted out in protest

- 57. Took to the sea
- 58. Cuckoos
- 59. Drove fast
- Helping Neighbors campaign," said Morton. "We're

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bankHometown President and CEO Robert J. Morton (back row at left) along with representatives of the 13 Massachusetts and Connecticut food pantries receiving donations from the bank's Neighbors Helping Neighbors fundraising campaign.



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\$250,000, 35 NW Schoolhouse Rd, Prescott, Donald C, and Prescott, Diana L, to Russell, Brett.

\$225,000, 11 Pattison Ave, Lucille E Pikora IRT, and Pikora, Cheryl, to Picard, Bradley, and Carofaniello, Michaela.

\$225,000, 17 Old Southbridge Rd, Palinkas, Karen, to Houle, Monique.

\$148,000, 2 Pine St, Huffor, Robert, and Huffor, Olivia, to Lamoureux, Kyle, and Boffoli, Elizabeth.

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\$325.000, 3 Cricket Dr, Monopoli, Bartholomew F, and Monopoli, Leanne, to Hicks, Timothy E, and Hicks, Diane.

\$310,000, 2 Corey Dr, Adams LT, and Dupuis, Laurie A, to Arrell, Jeffrey S, and Clifford, Shawna L.

\$283,000, 49 Rocky Hill Rd, Vancelette, Gail A, to Hagerty, Briana H.

\$275,000, 4 Carron Ln, Equity T Co, to Nault, Scott A, and Nault, Alyson L.

\$263,000, 165 Old Webster Rd, Masi, Christopher J, and Mckenzie-Masi, Shannon, to Macdonald, Heather A.

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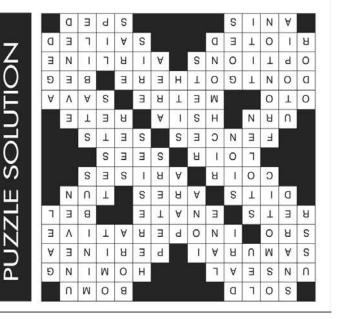
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\$212,000, 8 Melissa Ln #8, Anger, Bruce G, and Bolt, Laurie A, to Fino, Joseph F, and Allard, Ashley Ν

\$202,500, 19 Dana Dr, A& D Realty Holdings LLC, to Truong, Ba.



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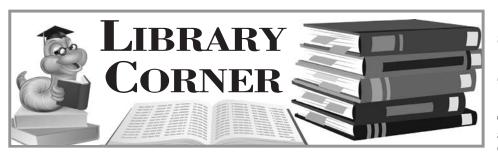
26. Male reproductive organs

- 45. Greek goddess of discord
- 47. Got older
- 49. Type of monkey
- 51. Geological times
- 55. Edge

30. One with supernatural insight

28. State capital

- 50. Travels to



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Tuesdays 3:30PM-4:30PM

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Wednesdays 3:30PM-4:30PM Come build with Legos! Different challenge every week, and your creation will be put on display for others to see. Free. No registration required.

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PRESCHOOL POWER

Thursdays 10:30AM-11:30AM

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

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

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

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

PEARLE JAM CONCERT SERIES: HOLIDAY SING-ALONG

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

conducting children's programs that get kids up and moving since 1991. Join Deb for Jingle Bell Jump! No registration. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

GENE THE AMAZING!

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

TEEN MOVIE NIGHT: "A WALK TO REMEMBER"

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

NEW YEAR'S EVE BAD ART CONTEST

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

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

THE LIBRARY WILL CLOSE AT 2:00 ON DECEMBER 31 AND WILL REOPEN ON JANUARY 2

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Thursday January 2, 6:00PM-7:00PM This month's discussion will be The Woman In Cabin 10 by Ruth Ware. Books are available at the circulation desk. No registration required.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT: JUMP INTO JANUARY

Friday January 3, 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 Jump Into January! No registration. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

GETTING STARTED HOMESCHOOLING

Saturday January 11, 10:30AM-12:30PM

Sophia Sayigh of Advocates for Home Education in Massachusetts will lead an informative session on what you need to know to get started with homeschooling your child. Free. Registration encouraged but not required.

MONDAY MOVIE: "THE UPSIDE" Monday December 9, 5:30PM-7:30PM

Join us for movie night at the Pearle! Rated PG-13. Free. Fresh popped pop corn provided. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Thursday January 23, 6:00PM-7:30PM No registration required. Free. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

CHAIN REACTIONS AND CREATIVE CONTRAPTIONS

Monday January 27, 5:00PM-7:00PM Playful Engineers presents a Traveling Makerspace! There will be a short presentation and then the children will be able to build thier own machines and test them. There will be mechanical doodads, ping pong catatpults, domino pyramids, flying fntasticators and many more! Free. No registration required. Children under

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

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

RAISE A READER, Wednesdays, 10:00 AM

Children ages 2 - 5 years and siblings with their parents/caregivers are invited to explore and engage through story time, free play, and activities.

Registration is required at sccpartnership.wixsite.com/mysite.

GAME DAYS, Friday, December 20, 3:30-5:30 PM

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

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.

COSTUME PARTY,

Monday, December 30, 6:00 PM

Will you be the next MASKED singer? Come on New Year's Eve to a Tween/ Teen Costume Karoke Party.

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

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

Keighan is a funny 10-year-old

boy of Caucasian descent who en-

joys telling jokes. Those who know

Keighan describe him as a polite and

engaging child. He enjoys guiet activ-

ities such as reading books, coloring

and going to church. Keighan is also

an adventurous child who likes to try

new things and enjoys outdoor ac-



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Frid a y 27, December 11:00am-11:45am

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Keighan Age 10

tivities such as bike riding and going to the park. Keighan recently went camping for the very first time where

he enjoyed fishing, swimming and making s'mores.

Legally free for adoption, Keighan is in need of an active two-parent family. Keighan has requested his future family have a mother, father and older siblings. He would like to continue visiting with his foster family and his brother once his future placement is identified, therefore his social worker is exploring in-state families at this time.

Who Can Adopt?

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

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

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





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Oxford Middle School honor roll

OXFORD — *Oxford Middle School* has released its honor roll for the first quarter of the 2019-2020 school year.

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Dylan Kasprzycki,Ella Kirkpatrick, Gianna LaRose, Valerie Magill, Julian Mucci ,Kofi Owusu

Alexander Paradise, Tatiana Pelka, Raegan Perreault, Amina-Gabriella Peterson, Eva Powers, Marta Slanda-Hellstrom, Maya Staltare, Savannah Steiner, John Sullivan, Madison Teal,

Jacklyn Thomas, Matthew Twombly ,Sean Tyrrell, Christopher Ucher, Aidan VanArsdalen

Daniel Wing

Grade 6

Justine Anderson, Logan Barriere, Jacob Baxter, Cassidy Burke, Delaney Burke, Nathan Dube

Zoey Durand, Ethan Ford, Veronica Griffin, Gwen Gustafson, Kolton Hemenway ,Matthew Hilman,Rosy Krantz,Brynn Nieber, Samuel Paradise, Noah Proctor,Vanessa Walker Ethan White,Abigail Worster

Grade 5

Shayla Boliver, Ariana Byrnes, Catherine Cloutier, Abigail Davis, Cameron Davis, Keegan Grieco, John Hanlon, Jared Magnusson, Kate Mayo, Shayne Ryder, Jordyn Sabotka Zachary Sirard, Braden Stone, Rachel Torres, Lilian Vaillancourt

HONORS

Grade 7

Ava Alvarado,Katelyn Austin, Rylee Babineau, Mikaela Baraklilis ,Abigail Bartlett,

Kayla Benoit, Jylazell Bueno, Evangeline Chansignavong, Sophia Cornacchioli

Mariah Cutroni, Hunter Davis, Kayla Dodge ,Bryce Dube,Chloe Dumas

Braelyn Dunn, Gabriel Elwood, Kayla Evans, Anna Forcina, Isabella Geragonis,

Ashton Grazulis, Paul Hanlon

, Valerie Hilner, Jordyn Hodsdon-Beurman Nhu Huynh Lidiya Jacques , Madeline Joyce, Rylie Keefe, Enzo Lagares, Dominic Marino,Emma Martin

Brayden Mercier, Erin Mulcahy, Kaitlyn Ojerholm, Dominic Paldino, Sarah Parker

Bruna Paula, Derek Perveiler, Ryan Plante, Samantha Pretty, Annabelle Sanford

Milon Sneed, Bianca Sprague , Zaydyn Streeter-Wornham, Zoeybeth Streeter-Wornham

Aaliyah Szkutak, Nicholas Visci

Grade 6

Haley Alves, Jonathan Ardon , Rachel Arndt , Sarah Arndt, Elias Arpin,Rhianna Balliet

Tyler Blomquist, Lucien Brodeur,Elizabeth Byfield, Jaelynne Caracciolo,Daniel Carlisle

Lucas Christenson, Andrew Cloutier, Keegan Comeau, Lorelie Curboy

Cameron DeAdder, Abigail DeJong, Christopher Dufresne, Chase Eisnor, Pablo Flores, Jr

Madison Frick, Chloe Gabis,Lily Gosselin,Kylie Greska,Alexander Hamilton

Abigail Hoyt, Nathan Hutchins, Abigail Kimball, Kyra Krasinskas, Madison Labay

Emily McDonald, Addisen Monsen,

Kaius Monson, Jesai Morales, Alexander Mundell

Andy Nguyen, Aveah Nichols, Alexis Nolin, Kamryn Nourse, Brandon Peterson

Jacob Pratt,Nolan Remington,Paige Reynolds,Amaya Rosario-Green,Camden Stone

Gabriel Sweeney,Harper Tozer,Ava Vincent

Grade 5

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Henry LaMountain,Evan Latuga,Damon Libby,Daymyin Lopez,Collin McAuliffe

Sarah McDaniel, Colin McIlvaine,Nicholas Meneguzzo,Jayden Minardi,Riley,Moody,Brooklynn Mott,Avery Norrman,Chase Paul,Philip Rouillard,Alex Soucy Kyle Twombly

St. Joseph School <u>Honor Roll</u>

WEBSTER — St. Joseph School has released its honor roll for the first quarter of the 2019-2020 school year.

Grade 8

High Honors: Roksana Chruslicka, Jack Dooner, Daniel Gronek, Matthew Krysinski, Tessa McCabe, Noalani Perez, Katrina Piekielniak, Wiktoria Potem, Jacob Sirard, Adrian Sobczak

Honors: Sophia Buffone, Riana Conlon, Kyleigh Czechowski, Sara Grupposo, Abigial Kibaru, Jordan Kippax, Kai Lukasek, Dominic Pigeon, Gracie Scott

Credit: Toriana Baldassari, Peter Barbale, Robert Broden, Bridget Carrascal, Maria Zduniak

Grade 7

High Honors: Dale Boudreau, Maya Podskarbi

Honors: William Colebourn, Justin Dooner, Dominik Gielarowiec, Lauren Gingo, Nicholas Janeczek, Samantha Keller, Krystian Kowalczyk Credit: Elizabeth Mahlert

Grade 6

High Honors: Andrew Bergeron, Paul Mankarios, Rocco Rudnicki, Treyton Dery, Aleksandra Kurowski, Matthew Obrycki, Adam Podgorny

Han and Amalia Dramatta Dradlar MaQanthar Kanaila

St. Joseph School competes in FIRST LEGO qualifier



Honors: Amelia Duquette, Bradley McCarthy, Kamila Zduniak, Philopateer Basha, Gloria Bromberg, Maeve Sullivan, Brayden McNair, Isabella Mello, Alexandra Parafinowicz, Hannah Watson, Connor Czechowski Credit: Juliana Rudnicki, Matthew Obrycki

Grade 5

High Honors: Catherine Barbale, Candace Benes, Leah Boudreau, Marissa Grieco, Faustina Kohut, Kaelyn Leciara, Gabriela Pianka, Natalie Smith

Honors: Bobbi Enman, George Khalif, Bretty McCarthy, Jacob Perry, Gianna Rosario

Credit: Tyler Bushey, Vanessa Cieszynski, Ike Rudnicki

Grade 4

High Honors: Adyson Austin, Ryan Grupposo, Colton Haase, Molly Hachigan, Laura Ibrahim, Alan Kulpa, Emily Macko, Alvin Montreuil, Eva Pakaluk, Kaiden Plocher, Max Podgorny, Logan Spina



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This year's challenge theme was 'City Shaper.' Therefore, in addition to competing with an autonomous robot that the team designed and programmed to solve missions, the team had to identify a real-world problem that exists within a building or public space in their community, design an innovative solution that adds value to society, and share their solution with others.

The SJS team, also known as the Powerline Pigeons, worked with several local experts including George O'Neil, architect from Gorman, Richardson, Lewis Architects, Paul McCarthy from Garaventa Lifts, and school custodian, Dan Gion to identify areas within their building that

could be improved to make the school more accessible to handicap individuals. The team utilized the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Checklist for Existing Facilities that focuses on four areas: accessible approach and entrance, access to goods and services, access to toilet rooms, and access to water fountains. Ultimately, they identified an area in their school where a Limited Use Limited Access (LULA) elevator could be installed to assist with entrance into and the building. They worked to design a ramp (including height and length requirements), as well as the overall specifications of the LULA including the type, structural support, pit, and machine room requirements. In addition, during the Qualifier Event, the team had to present their research and results in a fun and creative manner. Their presentation theme was, "A Tribute to Television." They integrated the themes from "Dragnet,"

"60 Minutes," "America's Got Talent," and a rap based on the theme from the sitcom The Fresh Prince of Bel Air into their presentation.

Congratulations to the team for receiving the "Presentation Award." During the awards ceremony, the judges noted that there was never a dull moment during the team's presentation. They said the team, "flipped the channel to break-up the presentation with a variety of different skits. This team electrified us!"

Team members include fifth grade Student: Leah Boudreau, seventh grade Students: Dale Boudreau, William Colebourn, Zane Ferri and Lauren Gingo, eighth Grade Students: Toriana Baldassari, Tessa McCabe, Noalani Perez, and Dominic Pigeon. They are coached by Beth & Joey Boudreau and Mariusz Macko.

Local students receive Bachelor's degrees from UMass Amherst

AMHERST — Approximately 320 students received bachelor's degrees from the University of Massachusetts Amherst this September, 2019.

Below is a list of students from your area who earned a degree.

OXFORD Benjamin Paul Fitzpatrick

WEBSTER Troy Francis Laframboise Matthew Williams





Courtesy Photos

Nancy Surrette enjoyed her whole family at her residence hall at the Joshua Place. She enjoyed being the Belle of the Ball for the afternoon. Nancy's PCA, Kimberly Rockwood, felt it would be a good idea to bring the whole family to her since she has not been able to go to all of them. She then got busy putting the party together. Her genuine care for her clients is what makes her very special. She goes above and beyond for her clients and so many others. Nancy enjoyed her day!













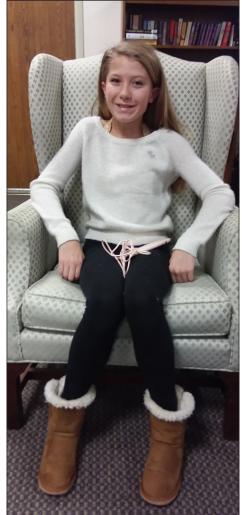












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EDITORIAL EDITORIAL

Breaking the ice

It's holiday party season, and for most of us, that means enjoyable times ahead. We get together with friends and family, enjoy some eggnog and a plethora of our favorite appetizers. Oftentimes, however, we find ourselves invited by our significant others to attend a work soiree, invite them along to one at our own place of work. Being in a room where you only know one or two people can seem like a daunting task for our introverted readers, but have no fear. We have some ways for you to have memorable conversations that you may end up actually enjoying.

Instead of discussing the weather or asking the mundane questions such as 'Where are you from?' why not shakes things up and make the conversation interesting by asking, 'What's your story?' Other conversation starters include, 'How do you know the host?', 'What was the highlight of your week?' or 'Are you working on anything exciting?'

If you're shy or feeling a bit awkward, you can keep the conversation going by talking about the food being served or the venue where the event is taking place. Asking a person what they have tried so far, and how they liked it is an easy conversation starter. If you research the history of a place, you can always begin with the 'Did you know?' questions. We know everyone loves a good history story and bits of local trivia.

If the person you are speaking with is from the area, ask them what they do for entertainment in town, including where and what their favorite restaurants are. Looking up recent sports standings is never a bad idea, even if you don't particularly care for sports. This way when you nod and smile, you can have some confidence in knowing that you are at least somewhat in the loop. If you've bumped into a fellow skier, discussing snow conditions and ski hills is an easy topic. Look up a recent odd news story that is interesting and humorous — that way, during a lull, you can say, 'So I was reading about a man who appeared before a Dutch court and requested that he legally be made 20 years younger.' (Yes, that actually happened. If you see one of us out and about at a holiday gathering, tell us you read about it here and we'll give you the details.) Most conversations remain on the surface which is appropriate when you don't really know someone. However, if you feel comfortable and are enjoying the conversation don't be afraid to go a bit bolder. Generally, most people like to talk about themselves, not necessarily for selfish reasons, but who doesn't want to be known and appreciated? We all have unique personalities that are worth sharing. Such questions that go beneath the surface may include, 'What is your biggest fear?' 'When you were growing up, what was your dream job?' 'Have you been to any interesting places lately?" 'Have you learned anything this week, that you weren't aware of last week?.'



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Hints to Fix Holiday Hassles

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Decking the halls, trimming the tree, and prepping for the holidays is a seasonal tradition - but the tasks are not always the joyous chores of Christmas car-If the hustle and ols. bustle of the holiday has you frazzled as you rush

to get everything done

right and on time - take heart. The following problem solvers offer quick and inexpensive fixes to save precious time and money this holiday season.

Problem: Christmas light strings are a tangled mess!

Solution: First make sure you have lots of room to spread out the snaking lights; the floor is an ideal space. Locate the plug and work your way from there to the other Gently spread the strings and end. work the plug in and out of the tangles. Using a chopstick, bamboo skewer, or pencil, work any knots out of the strings. Untangled lines should be laid straight along the floor.

To prevent this hassle next year. Wind each string around a stiff cardboard; tape the end and place into a plastic grocery bag. Place into a plastic grocery bag (only one string per cardboard) and stack to store.

Problem: Wreaths are a fire hazard, especially when hot lights are strung around it.

Solution: Here is a flame retardant that can help prevent a fire on your decorative wreath and boughs. It does not totally fireproof the fresh greens, so continue to use standard fire precautions. To make: Mix together five tablespoons Borax and four tablespoons Epsom salts in two quarts of water. Fill a spray bottle and spritz the tree or wreath completely, then allow to dry.

Problem: Christmas dinner requires perfect gravy, but it's a challenge to get it right.

Solution: Why not go to the source of "foolproof" gravy, Betty Crocker? After all, the cooking icon's recine has been at America's holiday table for decades!

hips; 2 tsp orrisroot; 2 drops pine-scented fixative or oil. Mix the bayberry, balsam, pine cones and rose hips in a large bowl. Add the orrisroot and fixative and stir gently. Store in a jar with a tight fitting lid. Note: To rejuvenate and

extend your pine potpourri, try this economical trick: Put some ground corn cob material (sold as cellulose or litter material at the pet store) in a jar. Add several drops of essential oil, place lid on jar and shake. Shake the jar every day for about a week or so. Add it to your potpourri, to give it body and hold the scent.

Problem: You want to give a holiday present to your mail carrier, but heard there are strict gift regulations:

Solution: For reference: Mail carriers working for the United States Postal Service are allowed to accept the following items during the holiday season:

Snacks and beverages or perishable gifts that are not part of a meal.

Small gifts that have little intrinsic value (travel mugs, hand warmers, etc...) and are clearly no more than \$20 in value.

Perishable items clearly worth more (large fruit baskets or cookie tins) must be shared with the entire branch. Mail carriers working for the United States Postal Service may not accept

the following: Cash gifts, checks, gift cards, or any

other form of currency.

Problem: Old fashioned flaming pinecones for fireplaces are not readily available and when found are costly.

Solution: Make your own! The traditional firestarters of days of yore are easily crafted. Best of all, pinecones not only add a great seasonal scent to a cozy fireplace, they can also add some delightful color with the addition of a few pantry ingredients. Here's how to make your holiday hearthside flames fabulous: Dip pinecones in wax (recycle candle stubs) and roll in table salt for bright yellow flames; If you use a no-salt substitute, you'll be treated to violet flames. For green flames, dip the pinecones in borax (found in the laundry aisle). Baking soda will reward vou with bright yellowish orange flames, and Epsom salts will result in white flames. For hot pink flames, dip or roll pinecones in plaster of Paris. For more economical and natural looking pinecones without the wax properties, simply marinate the fire flashers. Dissolve eight ounces of one activator(salt, borax, etc) in a half gallon of water. Soak pine cones for about six hours. Dry them in a warm, dry place for a few days. For giftgiving, fill up a cellophane bag, add a bow, and attach a tag with the color codes. Pinecone Pointer: To prompt tight pinecones to open fully, heat them in a 220 degree oven on a foil lined cookie sheet. Caution: Make and use firestarters and flamers with care and at your own risk. Do not mix activators.

'Tis the season to be cautious while driving



STEVE

WOJNAR

Now that the snow and ice season has officially arrived, it is important for first time and longtime drivers to exercise some caution while traveling. Besides the obvious safety points, such as driving defensively and using seatbelts, many things are important to keep in mind

when the weather turns bad.

Be sure to leave extra time to arrive at your destination and drive slowly when weather conditions are bad. Try to avoid slamming on your brakes as this will increase the possibility of skids and the loss of control. This is especially important for new drivers. Besides already having a lack of experience, new drivers most likely have not driven under adverse weather conditions. Always take some time to acclimate yourself with the conditions and drive appropriately. It is troubling to see some people operating four-wheel drive vehicles who feel they can still travel at regular speeds during storms. Even if a road is posted at 40 mph, it does not mean you can still drive at that speed when it snows. Speed must be adjusted to meet the conditions. The faster you travel, the greater the distance you need to make a full and safe stop.

As was discussed previously, please remember to remove or prevent any unnecessary distractions on or around your vehicle, such as snow and ice from the windows. Do not have items hanging from the rear-view mirror, on your dashboard, or near windows. Avoid anything that can obstruct your clear view. It is especially difficult to see when mirrors and other lines of vision are obscured. Snowfall and other inclement weather will diminish visibility naturally, so it is important not to add to the difficulties. Also use headlights whenever the conditions warrant to insure other travelers can see you. Please give yourself enough time to get to your destination and take the few extra minutes to make sure you can operate distraction free. Simple precautions taken before driving in bad weather can limit accidents and injuries.

Our department is in the final stages of collecting Christmas gift donations for local families in need. With demands high for contributions from many organizations this time of the year, we thank everyone who has donated to our program so far. The shorter time between Thanksgiving and Christmas may have caused our donations to be down from previous years. Our distributions to families will be made on or about the 19th or 20th of this month. We anticipate similar needs as in the past and anything we can take in for this worthwhile cause is greatly appreciated. If you have something to give or if you are just looking to contribute somewhere, we would be honored to accept your donation. New and unwrapped toys and clothing can be brought to the Dudley Police Department at 71 West Main St. Monetary donations are also accepted. Checks should be made payable to the "Dudley Police Association" with a special note for the Holiday Drive. All contributions are for Dudley families and anything left over is given to local charities, such as Webster-Dudley Food Share. The Dudley Police thank everyone in advance for their continued generosity. Anything you can give will help bring some happiness to those who would otherwise go without during this holiday season. Thanks again for your questions and comments. Please send them to me at the Dudley Police Department, 71 West Main St., Dudley, Ma. 01571 or email at swojnar@dudleypolice.com. Opinions expressed in this weekly column are those of Chief Wojnar only and unless clearly noted, do not reflect the ideas or opinions of any other organization or citizen.

The easiest thing to do while in conversation this month is to ask how a person celebrates the holidays. Asking about traditions and the best holiday a person has ever had brings up fond memories and positive energy.

These questions tend to snowball naturally and voila a solid, meaningful conversation has been had and you could even make a new comrade along the wav.

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Ingredients: 1/4 cup turkey drippings (fat and juices from roasted turkey); 1/4 cup all-purpose flour; 2 cups liquid (juices from roasted turkey, broth, water); 1/2 teaspoon salt; 1/2 teaspoon pepper.

Directions: Pour drippings from roasting pan into bowl, leaving brown particles in pan. Return 1/4 cup drippings to roasting pan. (Measure accurately because too little fat makes gravy lumpy.) Stir in flour. (Measure accurately so gravy is not greasy.)

Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture is smooth and bubbly. Stir in liquid. Heat to boiling, stirring constantly. Boil and stir 1 minute. Stir in a few drops of browning sauce. Stir in salt and pepper.

Problem: Commercial spray on "snow" for windows is messy and expensive.

Solution: This DIY version of artificial snow is inexpensive and easier to clean up! Best of all this faux frost can create a crystal ice painting on even the most insulated windows!

Ingredients: A few tablespoons of Epsom salts; one can flat beer; cotton balls.

Instructions: Use a cotton ball to dab the mixture onto clean windows. Treat only the corners for a realistic look.. As the mixture dries, it crystallizes.

Problem: You love that delightful pine scent of your Christmas Tree and wish you could extend the fragrance throughout the season.

Solution: You can! This homemade Pine Potpourri offers a fresh, evergreen scent any time of year! To do: Mix together: 1/2 cup bayberry leaves; 1/2 cup snipped balsam needles ; 1/2 cup miniature pine cones; 1/2 cup rose

Win Dinner for Two

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

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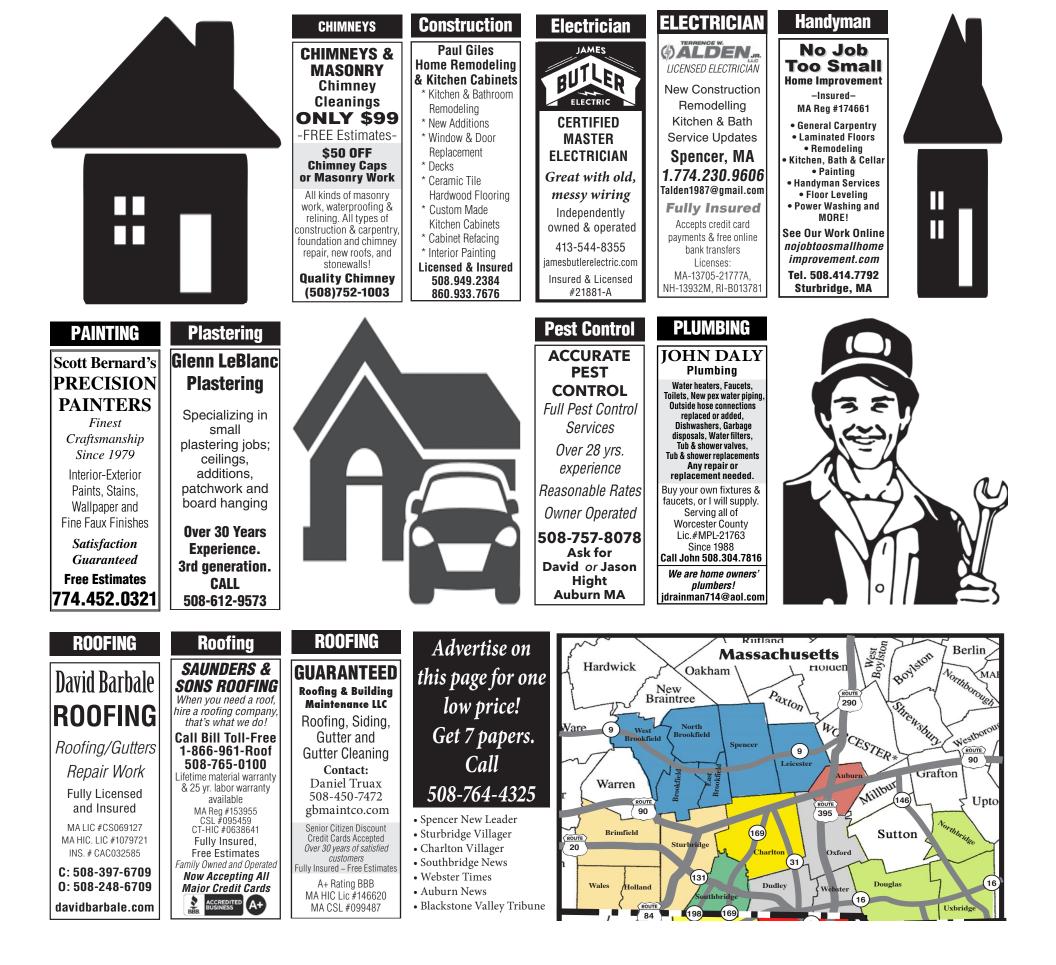
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Reflections on bare bunting



THE GREAT OUTDOORS . RALPH TRUE

With the shotgun deer season over, hunters that still have antlerless deer permits to fill are finding many opportunities to use their deer tags. The snow that was predicted for this past Tuesday made tracking conditions ideal. The final few days of the shotgun deer season had great tracking conditions and resulted in a huge harvesting of deer, making up for the slow start at the beginning of the deer season due to heavy snow.

Because hunters did not need to bring the harvested deer to a checking station during the second week of shotgun season, but reported the deer online, results will not be available for a few weeks. The two week black powder season for deer in Massachusetts requires all deer harvested to be reported on line



also.

A local sportsman and his buddies reported on a piebald buck they shot this past hunting season. The inherited genetic problem can leave a deer with numerous problems. The genetic mutation which can leave a deer with spots of white on their coat, sometime having almost a one hundred percent white They are often coat. called albino which they

are not. Piebaldism is a rare genetic abnormality in whitetails that can include a range of potential deformities, from coat coloration to skeletal alignment, which can be mild to severe. Over the years, numerous piebald deer have been harvested in the valley area by hunters.

In talking with a few archers this past week from the Petersham area of the state. I found

that hare hunting in the area was still being enjoyed by a few hunters that own beagles. This is the time of year, back 40 or 50 years ago, hare (rabbit) hunting was enjoyed by many local sports-men. Local sportsmen's clubs in the area bought hare from a trapper in Canada. The rabbits were transported live to the valley area, and were distributed to local woodlands and swamps.

The rabbits did very well and provided local sports the opportu-nity to run their beagles throughout the summer months. It was a great pastime listening to the hounds trail the elusive rabbit through the swamps and woodlots for hours. We often had as many as 15 hounds trailing the hare, which provided us with music only a rabbit hunter could enjoy.

Every hound had a different bark or yodel as they trailed the rabbit, allowing each dog owner the opportunity to know where his dog was. As the hounds came close to our group of hunters, the hare often crossed a path or road allowing us to visually see the hare and observe which dog was leading the pack. The rabbit seemed to enjoy the hunt as much as we did, often running down the road and quickly running back over his track trying to mislead the hounds. It often worked, but it was not long before one of the hounds picked up the trail baying loudly and the others soon joined in, and the hunt was on again.

Unfortunately, the hare program was stopped by anti-hunting groups, and now the valley has lost another species of wildlife in our forest, not to mention the great pastime local sportsmen enjoyed for years.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday season.

It is hard to believe that there are only a few days left till Christmas, and shoppers are trying to finish their Christmas shopping for that special sportsman or woman. A Massachusetts hunting or fishing license makes a great idea, but gift cards are the easiest way to get the shopping done fast. The gift cards will also allow that special sportsman to do his own shopping after Christmas during huge sales at most all stores, making the gift card worth a lot more.

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Wishing all of our servicemen and women a very Merry Christmas and thank you for keeping us safe.

Financial moves for life's 'Inflection Points'

You've probably heard or read about such as hidden debts, inflection points. The term has a specific definition in mathematics, but it's also used widely to describe historical or technological events, such as the Industrial Revolution or the creation of the internet – events that changed human existence in some important way. However, you have personal inflection points, too - and when they occur, you'll need to make the right financial moves.

Here are four of the most important of these inflection points, along with suggestions on dealing with them:

Marriage - When you get married, you and your spouse will need to discuss a variety of financial issues: What assets and liabilities do you each bring to the marriage? Should you combine your finances or continue with separate accounts? Is one of you a "saver" while the other is a "spender?" Do you share similar investment philosophies, or is one of you much more aggressive than the other? You don't necessarily have to agree on everything, but you should at least try to gain enough knowledge so you can avoid unpleasant surprises,

and find enough common ground so your household can advance toward your common financial goals.

New child - When you welcome a new child into your family, you'll need to make sure you have ade-

quate life insurance. You'll also want to review the beneficiary designations on any existing insurance policies, as well as on your IRA and 401(k). And if you can afford it, you may want to start contributing to a college fund, possibly using a 529 savings plan, which can provide you with tax advantages as you put money away for your child's higher education.

Divorce - It's unfortunate, but true: Divorce is still pretty common, and it's neither pleasant nor cheap. You might not be able to avoid some of the costs, such as lawyers' bills, but if you and your ex-spouse can work together amicably, you both may be able to avoid serious financial disruptions. You'll



how to divide your financial assets, paying attention to beneficiary designations, which you may well need to change. Also, as a newly single individual, you may need to review and revise your long-

term investment strategy to accommodate changes in your goals and your retirement income.

Retirement – By the time you retire, you will have hopefully been investing in your IRA and 401(k) or other retirement plan for several decades. But once you do retire, you'll need to determine how much you can afford to withdraw each year from your various retirement accounts. Your withdrawal rate will depend on your age, your asset level and your retirement lifestyle. And you'll also want to consider other issues: Are you prepared to deal with health care costs? Even with Medicare, these costs may be higher than they were when you were working. And how

need to work out about your estate plans? Are they up to date? Have you protected your family from the possibility of your estate going through the time-consuming, expensive and public process of probate? You may need to work with your financial, tax and legal advisors to develop an effective estate strategy.

By making smart decisions following your own inflection points, you can ease the transitions in your life - wherever life takes you.

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We auction many antique and vintage musical instruments found in local homes and estates. Musical instruments are often overlooked by the owners, but some can be very valuable. Rare violins can sell for six figure sums and Stradivarius violins have sold for millions. We sold a Hawaiian steel guitar that brought figures in the low thousands. A cello fetched \$1,300. A sterling silver flute sold even better when it brought a figure in the mid-thousands.

Flutes have a very long history. In 2008, a flute was discovered at Hohle Fels Cave in Germany that dates back at least 35,000 years, according to Britannica.com. The flute has five finger holes, is eight and a half inches long, and was made from the bone of a vulture. Other flutes of similar age have also been discovered in Southwestern Germany.

Britannica.com notes that the flute we typically see in Western music is the "transverse flute held sideways to the right of the player." They were used in Ancient Greece and Etruria in the second century BC. They were then played in India, followed by China and Japan. 16th century flutes combined a tenor flute, descant In the 17th century, the Hotteterre family

of Paris created a conical flute "made in separate joints, the head joint being cylindrical, the others contracting toward the foot." There were some other advancements before Theobald Boehm replaced "closed chromatic keys with open-standing keys, devising



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for their manipulation a system of ring keys on longitudinal axles" in 1832. Boehm continued his work to refine the instrument. In 1847 he created a flute with a "cylindrical bore (having a contracting or parabolic head)" which is the design that has been used since.

Silver flutes

Flutes made from silver can be very valuable. The silver flute, and bass flute. WAYNE TUISKULA flutes look similar to common nickel-silver

flutes. You can look to see if it is marked sterling (92.5 percent pure silver) or Ag 998 which are 99.8 percent pure silver.

Many craftsmen and manufacturers have made silver flutes that have sold well at auction. A silver flute made my Wm. A Haynes sold for

GUN BUYBACK

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recently passed away and they no longer wanted the firearms in their homes. ... Even if we remove one firearm from the street, I consider the Gun Buy Back successful and our PD will continue to participate for many years to come.'

A study from the November 2013 International Journal of Police Science and Management found that such a view is common, but buybacks have minimal actual impact. Looking at the buyback program in Buffalo, a team led by Scott Phillips found "no significant impact" from the first one,

but some effect from the second and third on some crimes. Most notably, they found "an overall downward trend in the level of gun robbery after the third intervention, but the effect was only temporary and lasted about a year." Later, they note that reduction "took several years to materialize."

Homicides of all types (with and without guns) were "stationary" during their study, with changes being just "white noise," but it also states "there were increases in gun homicide levels" after buybacks.

In general, the Phillips team concluded, their project "failed to provide robust evidence that the gun buy-back policy of Buffalo did significantly lower

post-intervention gun-related crimes." Gun buy-backs largely serve "to satisfy the public's expectations" and are "rational and workable policy to reduce the public's fear," but are "an ineffective response on the part of local policymakers," the team argues.

Shaw noted part of the solution is already in use - gun safes and trigger locks, which are generally available for many guns today. Those make household guns a lot more secure, less likely to be either stolen or used in the heat of the moment.

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\$3,000 in 2008. A Verne Q Powell flute went for \$4,250 in a 2014 auction. A John Lunn flute sold for \$5,600 in 2011. A Louis Lot silver flute reached \$8,000 at an auction in 2011. A Boehm system silver flute also sold for \$15,000 in 2011.

Custom flutes can be made from even more valuable materials. William S. Haynes of Boston currently offers flutes made of silver and 5 percent gold, 10-karat, 14-karat and 19.5-karat gold along with platinum. A 9-karat antique gold European flute struck a note with a bidder and sold for \$18,000 at auction in 2013.

A Lillian Burkart 99.8 percent silver flute will be among the offerings in our Jan. 30 antique estates auction in Worcester. I'll be teaching my "Evaluating your antiques" class on March 3 at the Bay Path Adult Education program in Charlton. Other events are being scheduled. Please see www.centralmassauctions. com for details on these and other events.

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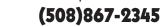
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Sports Bartlett starters shine, beat Bay Path to open season



Nick Ethier photos

Bartlett's Dylan Grandmaison gets the season underway for his team by winning the opening tip.

BY NICK ETHIER SPORTS STAFF WRITER

WEBSTER — After the first few minutes had passed in the Bartlett High boys' varsity basketball team's season opener versus Bay Path Regional on Friday, Dec. 13 — the Indians held a slim lead of 5-3 — their starting five of seniors Wilson Aybar and Logan Paranto, juniors Brandon Boucher and Dylan Grandmaison, and sophomore Colin Minarik really began to click.

In the blink of an eye Bartlett embarked on a 25-4 run to lead after the opening quarter, 30-7. The Indians then won second-quarter scoring, 35-9, to lead, 65-16, at the half.

Bartlett won in convincing fashion. 93-57.

four starters from last year's squad. "We shot the ball well. We finally got our tempo going. We picked it up and figured out our pace."

Coach Paranto was also pleased to see his team come away with numerous turnovers, which led to transition offense and easy baskets.

"Defense will dictate our offense this year," he said. "We know we can score, we can score with anybody, we've got a lot of kids that can put the ball in, but for us to go any place this year we've really got to concentrate on our defense."

The camaraderie shown by the Indians was the same exhibited over the summer when they won the league in Auburn.

"That's what sports are all "We've got a veteran team coming back," said head coach about, especially in basketball: Tony Paranto, who returned it's about how you can create

chemistry," Tony Paranto said. 'These kids played a lot of basketball over the summer and bought into it."

Boucher was the first Bartlett player to get hot versus Bay Path. He finished off an inside basket, buried a 3-pointer, converted a three-point play and made a lefty layup for 10 points in the first quarter. He then scored 11 more points in the second period to finish with a game-high 21 points. He didn't play in the second half due to foul trouble and the game's outcome having already been decided.

Grandmaison and Minarik had matching stat lines of 17 points and 8 rebounds. Grandmaison did the bulk of his work early, scoring 15 of his points and pulling down 7 of his rebounds in the first half.

"He's a main cog in our offense, and our defense. He's our biggest kid at 6-foot-2... he's a stretch player that will create more space," Paranto said of the importance of Grandmaison, who emerged as a rising star over the summer.

Aybar added 14 points for the Indians, and while Logan Paranto scored just 5 points, he added 8 rebounds and was an efficient facilitator of the ball.

Add all that up and Bartlett's starting five was lethal versus Bay Path.

"To me, they're one of the best teams in Central Mass. this year. They're an all-around, complete team," said head coach Al Greenough. "They've got guys that can shoot, penetrate off the dribble, their bigs can play, they play well as a team — so we knew this was going to be a tough task.'

To make matters worse for the Minutemen, their team lacked the experience that Bartlett had with just three seniors and two juniors.

"We lost seven seniors last year. It's going to take some time to get to where we want to get," said Greenough. "We have a lot of individual talent. but whether we can bring it together as a team will be the test."



Wilson Aybar of Bartlett lays the ball in for two points.





Bartlett's Brandon Boucher dribbles the ball behind his back at the top of the key.

Cotton, the Corv Minutemen's leading scorer from a season ago, has graduated. But his brother Dylan, a sophomore, stepped up and led the team with 13 points in a starting role.

Bay Path's bench, though, impressed Greenough the most in the second half. They outscored the Indians over the final two quarters, 41-28.

"I was looking for something to take solace in tonight, and that was definitely it," said Greenough while pointing out the play of sophomore Jomar Torres (13 points), sophomore John Schramm, junior Ty Millette and the entire second team. "That whole unit that was out there at the end, I give them credit."



Evan O'Malley of Bay Path reaches out to grab the ball before it can bounce out of bounds.

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Single — Division 1: Joanne LaBonte 175, Natalie Wood and Shirley Smith 164

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Division 2: Chris Wilbur 438, Evelyn Rivera 384, Pam McCabe 381

Tuesday Chet's Social

Single — Ryan Pelletier 133, Tom Smith 126, Jacob Mackowiak 112, June Carpenter 115, Ellen Fugatt and Judith Aho 109

Series — Ryan Pelletier 326, Tom Smith 315, Dave Lamontagne 309,



June Carpenter 304, Judith Aho 299, Ellen Fugatt 294

Series over average — David Gauthier +36, Judith Aho +35

Wednesday Women's Industrial Single — Roberta Zacek 122, Marie Piegorsch 114, Lynne Smith, Noelle Gorski, and Joanne Grzembski 107

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Single — Division 1: Al Nichols 248, Timothy O'Brien 234, Ron Suprenant

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Division 2: Andy LaFleche 513, Robin Altiery and Luis Pena 497

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Single — Carol Kondratowicz 121, Barbara Penniman 111, Millie Wonoski 103

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Thursday Men's Industrial

Single — Tim Labay 139, Ryan Pelletier 138, Bruce Labay 126

Series — Ryan Pelletier 393, Bruce

Labay 345, Tim Labay 344 Series over average — Ryan Pelletier +39

Thursday Mixed Tenpin

Single — Sean Blake and Tim Johnson 160, Chris Wong Kam 155, Ann Hebert 179, Carol Chausse 156, Kendra Lumetta and Denise Wong Kam 149

Series — Sean Blake 463, Tim Johnson 462, Chris Wong Kam 430, Ann Hebert 490, Carol Chausse 428, Denise Wong Kam 398

Sunday Mixed

Single — Brian Pilesky 117, Rick O'Connor 115, Darryl LeDoux 109, April White 113, Gabriella Wondolowski 101, Loda Blackmer 98 Series — Brian Pilesky 328, Rick O'Connor 311, Angel Claudio 296,

Karen Dupuis 277, Loda Blackmer 275, Gabriella Wondolowski 274 Series over average — Dean

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Sports

Tantasqua opens season by taking care of Indians



Bartlett's Kayla Berthiaume bounces a pass to a teammate down low.



Bartlett's Brittany Ward releases a left-handed layup in the paint.





Cam Heenan of Bartlett eyes the basket while driving past a Tantasqua defender.



BY KEN POWERS SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER — Juniors Ainsley Way and Emerson Cherry scored 11 points each, and senior Lydia Boland added 10 to lead the Tantasqua Regional girls' varsity basketball team to a dominating season-opening win on the road, the Warriors defeating Bartlett High, 63-29, on Monday, Dec. 16.

The Indians, who won their season-opener on Thursday, Dec. 12 — an 81-36 victory over Southbridge High — saw their record level off at 1-1.

Tantasqua took control of the game midway through the first quarter, scoring the final 10 points of the period to lead, 17-7, as play headed to the second quarter. The Warriors outscored Bartlett 17-4 in the next frame to take a 34-11 lead into halftime.

Tantasqua picked up in the

third quarter where it left off in the second, scoring 20 points in the period to lead 54-20 after 24 minutes of play.

Cherry opened the scoring with a right-side 3-pointer 13 seconds into the game. She finished with three 3-pointers and looked to have hit on a fourth, but the officials ruled she had a foot on the line when she took the shot.

The Warriors, as a team, hit seven 3-pointers in the game. Boland canned a pair of shots from beyond the arc, while Way also hit a trey, as did freshman Haley Courtney (seven points).

"I thought we played pretty well tonight," said Boland, who has been a starter for Tantasqua since her freshman year. "We didn't make as many turnovers as we usually do in the first game of the season and we didn't have any jitters in the beginning of the game. I thought we played well as a team. Everybody is well conditioned and it showed."

Sophomores Sophie Law and Shea Coleman added 7 points each to help the winning cause while classmate Bridget Bellezza added 6. Another pair of sophomores, Alexxis Cutler and Christina Ghantous, scored 2 points apiece.

"We have a lot of new players on the team this year; a lot of girls who have come up from the junior varsity, and I think they're ready to work hard and be a part of this team," Boland said. "In practice we play as a team. It's not five and five or first team and second team. Everybody plays with everybody; we're all interchangeable. Everybody can be a starter on this team. Everybody fights for a starting spot every week in practice. I like it; I think it pushes us to be better."

Tantasqua head coach Tom Goyette was pleased with his team's performance in its 2019-2020 season debut, especially defensively.

"I was really happy with the defense tonight," Goyette said. "The kids played some good lockdown defense. Bartlett came into this game after scoring 81 points their first game, so we knew we were going to have to play some good solid defense out there and I definitely think we did."

Goyette said he thinks the versatility of his offense is a strength of the team.

"We've got multiple weapons, we have an inside and outside game; we're not one-dimensional," Goyette said. "We can score multiple ways. A lot of our kids are multi-threats. We don't have kids that are one-dimensional. We can shoot the 3, but we can take it to the hoop as well, and we can score from the post. I think we're going to be tough to defend because it's tough to concentrate on any one thing we do or any one player."

Sophomore Cam Heenan,

who scored a game-high 13 points, led Bartlett. Junior Kayla Berthiaume and sophomore Samantha Tremblay added 4 points each while senior Brittany Ward and freshman Victoria Spitz added 3 points apiece.

"There are a lot of things that we have to work on and right now we're just focusing on getting better day by day," Kashawn Hampton, Bartlett's first-year head coach, said. "I want the girls to get used to things. I want them to get used to the system and get used to the level of speed we're working at. Overall they're doing well. We won our first game by 45 points, but against a competitive team the girls still have to learn about the little things.

"We've got a young team, a lot of freshmen and sophomores, but they're going to get it. If they keep working hard every day, they're going to get it; I guarantee it," Hampton added. "Come see us at the end of the season, we're going to be a much-improved team."



Bartlett's Talia Gardner attempts a deep two-point jump shot.



Tantasqua's Lydia Boland runs into the lane looking to attempt a shot.

Sports

Led by Duval, Oxford finds a way to get by Rockets



Oxford's Elijah Williams leaps high during the opening tip versus Auburn.

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Oxford's William Owusu works his way into the lane on Auburn's Coleman Picard.



BY KEN POWERS SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD — Led by senior Alex Duval, who scored 16 of his game-high 26 points after halftime, the Oxford High boys' varsity basketball team outscored Auburn High 29-9 over the final 12 minutes of the game and rallied to defeat the Rockets, 57-54, on Thursday, Dec. 12, at the Roger D. Bacon Gymnasium.

"We're not quitters, we know we're young and we know we're rebuilding, but we also know we have one of the best players in Central Mass. in Alex Duval," Oxford head coach Dave Aldrich said. "We know they're going to try to take him out of the offense, but Alex is learning to move without the ball. As he gets smarter and becomes a more complete player, moving without the ball will help him with his offense. I thought this was a great team win."

The game was the season-opener for both teams.

The Pirates trailed, 45-28, with four minutes remaining in the third quarter. At that point Oxford went on a 14-0 run to cut the Auburn lead to 45-42 heading into the final frame. Duval scored five points in the run, while freshman Lucas Lambert added four, Elijah Williams (16 points) three and sophomore Will Owusu two.

Duval, who scored 14 of his 16 second-half points in the final 12 minutes of the game, scored nine of Oxford's 15 fourth-quarter points. He pulled the Pirates to within a point of the lead, 45-44, with 6:55 remaining on a left-side jumper.

After forcing Auburn into a miss and a turnover on its next two possessions, the Pirates scored seven straight points — the run capped by a Duval 3-pointer from way in front of the top of the arc — to take a 51-45 lead with 4:52 remaining in the game.

Senior Justin Skaparas (a team-high 21 points) stopped the bleeding for Auburn, hitting a left-side 3-pointer with 4:02 remaining to cut the Oxford lead to 51-48. Before Skaparas' trey the Rockets had not scored a point in 8 minutes, 25 seconds of game time.

Duval, however, answered the Skaparas triple with a three-point play, alertly driving to the basket and laying the ball in off the glass while being fouled, to push the Oxford lead back to six, 54-48, with 3:40 to go.

Following Duval's three-point play Auburn scored six straight points to tie the game, 54-54, with 1:33 remaining. Senior Mike Breen (four points) scored the Rockets' first basket in the run on a short jumper in the lane, JB Whittemore (four points) added a put-back of an offensive rebound and Skaparas hit a right-side jumper. Oxford then re-gained the lead, 55-54, with 45.6 seconds to play when freshman Evan Remington hit one of two free throws. Duval added a free throw with 15.2 seconds to play to extend the lead to 56-54, and junior Tyler Jacques closed out the scoring and sealed the win with a free throw with 7.3 seconds remaining to make it 57-54. Auburn committed three turnovers in the game's final 65 seconds. The Rocket had 14 turnovers in the game, 12 coming in the second half. "We decided at halftime, after playing a lot of different defenses in the first half, that we were a man-to-man team and that's what we were going to live and die with," said Aldrich, whose team trailed, 38-23 at the break. Senior Cam Bolduc scored all 13 of his points in the first half for Auburn. Classmate Coleman Picard scored all 12 of his points in the first 16 minutes as well. Skaparas scored nine of his 21 before intermission. "That third quarter, you've got to give a lot of credit to Oxford," Auburn head coach Dan Koen said. "They picked up their intensity on their man defense and they executed their plays. At times their energy and intensity got us out of whack and forced us to rush some of our stuff a little bit. "And then we had a few stretches where we couldn't find the bottom of the rim for a little bit," Koen continued. "It's the first game of the season, and it's a long season, but we're very excited for this year. This is a game that we've got to learn from to get better from."



Alex Duval of Oxford readies himself for a free throw.



Justin Skaparas of Auburn pulls up for a jump shot.

Evan Brindisi of Oxford searches for an open teammate while being guarded by Auburn's Cam Bolduc.



JB Whittemore of Auburn passes the ball down low and into the paint.



Auburn's Coleman Picard attempts to drive into the paint while Oxford defender Alex Duval stands in his way.



Bartlett High School announces Hall of Fame inductees

The Bartlett High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee is pleased to announce the Inductees of the 2020 Inductions:

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

Dudley Charlton Women's Basketball to hold pickup games

On Monday evenings at the Heritage School from 7-9 p.m., you will find women playing pickup basketball. We play every Monday from September to June based on the school schedule. There are no set teams or fees. Ages 18 and older are welcome. Come for some fun exercise. Contact Deb at (508) 248-3600 for more information.

Sports

Murphy, among others, gets hot late to lead Auburn past Pirates



Oxford's Harper Hutchings fights her way toward the basket while being surrounded by Auburn defenders.

BY KEN POWERS SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD — Talk about having an encouraging debut.

Freshman Hanorah Murphy made the most of her first varsity game, scoring a teamhigh nine points, five in the fourth quarter, to help lead the Auburn High girls' varsity basketball team to a come-from-behind victory over Oxford High, 31-28, at the Roger D. Bacon Gymnasium on Thursday, Dec. 12.

The game was the season-opener for both teams.

Murphy hit a left-side 3-pointer nine seconds into the fourth quarter to pull the Rockets, who had trailed throughout the second and third quarters (the game was tied, 11-11 after the first period) to within two, 22-20. The basket seemed to send a we-can-do-this wave of confidence through the entire Auburn team.

Oxford extended its lead to 24-20 with 5:55 to play on a pair of free throws by sophomore

high 10 points), but the Rockets came right back, junior Emily Turcotte canning a jumper from the right side with 5:20 left to make it a 24-22 game.

The Pirates again answered the Auburn challenge, pushing their lead to 26-22 on a foulline jumper by senior Isabella Rosario (four points) with 4:15 remaining. Rockets' senior Olivia "Liv" Matthews (eight points) then drove the lane for a basket with 4:01 to play to keep Auburn to within one possession of the lead, 26-24.

After an Oxford miss on its next possession Auburn tied the game, 26-26, with a pair of free throws by Murphy.

"Hanorah played very well tonight," Rockets' head coach Nicole LePrevost said. "She stepped up; she had a big game for us."

The Rockets' harassing defense then forced the Pirates into one of their 21 turnovers in the game and on the ensuing possession went ahead, 28-26, on a pair of free throws by points). It was Auburn's first lead of the game since the final minute of the first quarter, when it led, 11-9.

"Our overall team defense is something we've worked very hard at," LePrevost said. "I have a team of athletes and it shows. Every girl on this team will dive on the floor and they all play great help defense. I'm confident in our man defense because they play so hard."

Oxford pulled to within a point, 28-27, on a free throw by junior Chloe Davis (three points) with 2:24 remaining, but Auburn pushed its lead to 30-27 on a pair of free throws by Matthews with 35 seconds remaining.

The Pirates got to within two points of the lead, 30-28, with 18.8 seconds to play on another free throw by Davis, but Rockets' junior Zoe Picard (four points) gave Auburn a three-point lead with a free throw with 14.6 seconds to play.

"Once we got the lead several girls stepped up and hit important free throws and made plays," LePrevost said.



Oxford's Micaela Perry keeps the ball tucked away from the Auburn defender while driving into the lane.

who finished her Oxford career with 1,603 points.

"Yeah, I do think it will take time, I saw a lot of encouraging things tonight. I thought we moved the ball well," Pietrzak said. "We're transitioning here. We've lost some players, and obviously some talent, and now we're going to have to scratch and claw. I thought we did a good job for our first time out. they battled for the whole four quarters," Pietrzak added. "I thought for three quarters we carried the play and then in the fourth quarter we just didn't finish. That comes from having seven kids that have never played a minute of varsity basketball until tonight. Auburn definitely deserved the win tonight. In the fourth quarter we could just feel it slipping away and we couldn't get it back."

"But give Auburn credit;



Olivia "Liv" Clarkson (a game- sophomore Meg Stevens (three



Olivia Clarkson of Oxford swats at the ball in an attempt to block an Auburn player's shot.

Oxford senior Michaela Perry (nine points, three 3-pointers) attempted to tie the game at the buzzer with a leftside trey, but her shot hit the side of the rim and fell away.

"I'm very proud of the team and I told them that in the locker room after the game," LePrevost said. "There were a lot of momentum shifts in the game; they hit some big 3's and we could have put our tails between our legs and given up, but we didn't. The girls fought back and I was really, really proud of them for the way they did that."

Oxford head coach Joe Pietrzak acknowledged after the game that it's going to take time for the Pirates to find their identity this season. The last four year's Oxford's identity has largely consisted of Gina Parmenter, the Pirates No. 2 all-time leading scorer,

Isabella Rosario of Oxford works the baseline on her drive to the basket.



Courtesy photo

Local swimmers from the Torpedoes-NE team attended a banquet at Leicester Country Club on Nov. 24. The banquet celebrated all swimmers that made the top-three in each individual event at the Championship Meet. These All-Stars from the Tri-Community YMCA team posed for this picture.

Tri-Y Torpedoes-NE swim All-Stars announced at postseason banquet

Below is a list of the All-Stars from the Tri-Y Forpedoes-NE swim team:

Molly Bilodeau, 13-14, Sturbridge Neave Bilodeau, 8 & Under, Sturbridge Brynn Boucher, 8 & Under, Southbridge Nathaniel Cute, 13-14, Charlton Evan Dambly, 11-12, Sturbridge Kira Dambly, 13-14, Sturbridge Jack Davis, 15-18, Dudley Jade Desmond, 13-14, Woodstock Kylie Formigal, 9-10, Sturbridge Sonia Ganski, 11-12, Dudley Adrian Ignatovich, 15-18, Dudley Dominik Ignatovich, 9-10, Dudley Sarah Kersting-Mumm, 15-18, Oxford Abbey Korenda, 9-10, Sturbridge Ethan Korenda, 13-14, Sturbridge Hailey Mathurin, 8 & Under, Fiskdale Eben Mazieka, 13-14, Sturbridge Ryan McKenzie, 15-18, Charlton

Sam Merchant, 11-12, Sturbridge Thomas Morrison, 15-18, Fiskdale Abigail Morse, 13-14, Woodstock Miles Oprica, 9-10, Brookfield Emily Owens, 13-14, Fiskdale Maria Piekarczyk, 15-18, Dudley Jonah Scherer, 11-12, Sturbridge Keenan Scherer, 9-10, Sturbridge Ava Serrano, 9-10, Dudley Axel Soderquist, 13-14, Sturbridge Katelyn Spillane, 9-10, Fiskdale Jack Sullivan, 9-10, Sturbridge Max Sullivan, 13-14, Sturbridge Quinn Sullivan, 11-12, Sturbridge Akshat Viswanath, 13-14, Charlton Sunday Voraraj, 11-12, Dudley Andrew Wade, 15-18, Sturbridge Ethan Zhu, 11-12, Fiskdale Zoey Zhu, 13-14, Fiskdale

SPORTS

Shepherd Hill fights back, then falls to Westborough

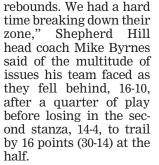


Shepherd Hill's Cam Hackett tries to drive around Westborough's Alex Badger.

BY NICK ETHIER SPORTS STAFF WRITER

W E S T B O R O U G H — Despite a rallying effort in the third quarter, a slow start by the Shepherd Hill Regional boys' varsity basketball team was enough to do the Rams in when facing Westborough High in the season-opener for both teams on Thursday, Dec. 12. The Rangers ultimately prevailed, 61-40.

"We just gave them too many chances and too many offensive



The Rangers scored the first 11 points of the second quarter.

The Rams came out of the locker room a different team in the second

half. They ultimately cut the deficit down to single digits (36-27) for the first time since the opening minutes of the second quarter when Brandon De Jesus made a fastbreak layup. Shepherd Hill won the frame, 19-10, to trail by just seven, 40-33, as play entered the fourth and final period.

"We started to play desperate, started to play with some intensity," explained Byrnes. "We started to have some success running in transition, which is kind of what we do. With our backs against the wall, people answered. If there's a positive, there's that."

But the Rams ran out of gas in the fourth quarter, as they were outscored by a 21-7 margin to lose



Alec Fasolo of Shepherd Hill swings a pass along the perimeter.





Shepherd Hill's John Lehmann works the baseline to inch himself closer to the basket.



the game by 21 points.

"I think [Westborough] responded and we didn't have a punch back," said Byrnes. "We dug ourselves a hole — down 16 at the half, you're not going to win a lot of games."

Westborough's leaders were Alex Badger (15 points), Jackson Katz (13 points), Nate Wright (8 points, 8 rebounds) and Evan Burlile (7 points, 11 rebounds). The Rangers collectively pulled down 44 rebounds (to Shepherd Hill's 25) and shot 75 percent from the foul line (21 of 28).

Shepherd Hill, meanwhile, managed just 71 percent from the stripe (12 of 17). De Jesus netted a team-high 11 points — 10 coming in the third quarter — while Danny

Brooks scored 10 points and Cam Hackett corralled 11 rebounds.

Shepherd Hill's Danny Brooks creates just enough separation to uncork a 3-pointer.

"Really just one [game] at a time," Byrnes said of season expectations. "We don't really know what to expect."

One thing the Rams can expect is a strong addition to their coaching staff. The junior varsity coach/varsity assistant this season is Mike Rapoza, a 2016 Shepherd Hill graduate. The 6-foot-6 Rapoza, currently a senior at Anna Maria College, is part of the 1,000-1,000 club (1,000plus points and 1,000plus rebounds) at both schools.

"Having Posey is huge," Byrnes said, "and the kids love him. He's done it, he gets it."



Shepherd Hill's Anthony Zaleski drives down the court on Westborough defender lweka lweka.

Dozens of Shepherd Hill student-athletes named Midland-Wachusett League All-Stars

The list of Midland-Wachusett League All-Stars has been announced, and dozens of Shepherd Hill Regional student-athletes are on it. Below are the all-stars. Football Alec Ambrosia Matt Clark Nathaniel Cooper Adam Ide Gabe Dos Santos — Offensive MVP and Academic Award Josh Marino Anthony Oriente Boys' Soccer Nicholas Diamond — First

Team Matthew Nguyen — First Team Gabe Roach — Academic Award Girls' Soccer Maria Holland — First Team Demi Teguis — First Team Michaela Livett — Second Team Madi Marsh - Second Team Victoria Paine — Second Team Skylar Pietz — Academic Award Field Hockey Katie Lavoie — First Team

and Academic Award Brooke Garrepy — Second Team Volleyball Kiley Wong-Li — First Team Annaka Lindstrom Second Team Golf Dan Brooks — MVP Boys' Cross-Country Henry Weiland Girls' Cross-Country Emery Mullen Kaitlyn Stevens Emma Sullivan Anna Thomas

Affordable gift ideas for anyone on your list



MELINDA MYERS

The holidays are upon us and busy schedules often send us into a panic when looking for the perfect gift for those on our list. No matter your budget, there are affordable gift options your friends and family will love.

Tools are always a welcome gift. Most gardeners are reluctant to invest in that cool new hand trowel, shovel or rake. And that's what makes them a great gift. Or create a starter kit from your extra tools for a new homeowner or gardener. Clean them up, sharpen the blades and bundle them with a bow. Add a gift card from a nearby garden center if your budget allows.

Help your favorite gardener avoid skin cancer and protect their hands when working in the garden by creating a garden basket with gloves, a hat and sunscreen.

Clean up a corner of the basement or spare bedroom to create a seed starting station. Purchase the lights and fixtures or set a table in front of a sunny window. And if your budget is limited, scour the garage and shed or talk to gardening friends to secure items that can be cleaned and reused.

Or give your favorite gardener all they need to start a windowsill herb garden or terrarium. Purchase or recycle the containers and take cuttings, make divisions or purchase the plants you need.

A trip to the basement or thrift store may provide the perfect vessel for your terrarium. Convert an old aquarium into a tropical biodome. A large clear glass serving dish, salad bowl or vase may make a unique terrarium sure to intrigue the recipient and their guests.

Help your favorite indoor gardener dress up their favorite hanging plants. Macramé is back in vogue and adding flare to indoor gardens. Create a few plant hangers from jute and beads.

Preserve a garden memory with a photo of your or the recipient's garden or favorite plants. A collection of photos can be made into a calendar for a gift that keeps giving all year long.

Share a bit of your garden. Pass along some seeds you saved or start a few cuttings from your favorite heirloom houseplant. Dress up your gift with a painted pot or bas-



Create a tropical paradise in a terrarium as a unique gift for a loved one.

ket.

And don't forget to share some dried herbs and flowers or preserves made from your garden harvest. Nothing tastes better or is more beautiful than when it's homegrown. Don't have extra this year? Make a note on next year's calendar and plan ahead.

Give the gift of time. Most of us can use an

extra set of hands at certain times of the garden season. No dusting required and it's a great way to ensure time together.

Put your artistic skills to work and create a garden journal. A simple notebook dressed up with some photos, artwork or stickers can provide an attractive and inviting place for your favorite gardener to record their gardening successes, failures and other useful garden information.

As you can see, the possibilities are endless. And getting friends and family involved in creating these gifts is a great way to enjoy time together while preparing for the holidays.

Melinda Myers has written numerous books,

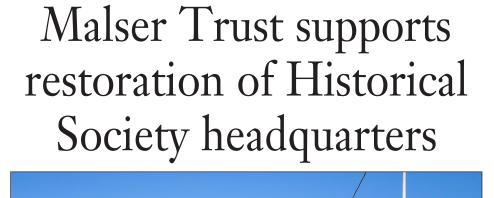
including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally-syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and her web site is www. *MelindaMyers.com.*

Dudley bopes for more emergency preparedness funding

BY JASON BLEAU CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY - Months after announcing the appropriation of a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness, or MVP, grant, Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda says Dudley is ready to go all in to seek more funding and help the community implement plans to prepare for the future Mother Nature may bring. The MVP grant is a state funding source dedicated to assisting communities in addressing and mitigating hazards that occur as a result of climate change. In June, Dudley was named as one of several towns to receive MVP grant funding with the town's \$15,000 share to be put towards performing a study of natural hazards with a focus on preparing for the next big storm. Dudley has been hard at work preparing for the next weather event since a tornado tore through parts of the town and neighboring Webster in August of 2018. For Ruda and others, this was a wakeup call that he says can't be ignored. "Whether one believes in climate change or not is a debate that I'm completely uninterested in having. What I am interested in is putting our town in a position to be eligible to receive grant funds to address the natural hazards that clearly exist and impact the town such as flooding, drought, winter storms, tornadoes, and extreme temperature," Ruda said. "Our storm water mitigation in general is a big and costly issue that faces the town. We were with-

in days of being fined by the EPA for letting it go for so long. The first step in receiving meaningful construction and engineering assistance in the form of grants is to hold a series of meetings with different stakeholders from the community to address and identify our vulnerabilities and we're doing this with the assistance of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission over the course of this winter and the next several months." In September, Ruda informed selectmen that a second MVP grant was available for implementation. Once meetings with the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission are done and a plan is written up Ruda believes the town will be in a good position to receive more funding to put their action plan into motion. "The money to help us is available. It is a matter of identifying it and meeting the requirements to apply for it. We as a small town would be crazy to continue to ignore these opportunities," Ruda said. From Ruda's perspective, the time is now to make Dudley more prepared than ever for a significant weather event. Whether that's through infrastructure improvements or action plans, he believes the town cannot rest on its laurels and hope for the best. Should the town receive added MVP funding it would go a long way towards accomplishing that goal for the community.





WEBSTER — The Webster – Dudley Historical Society would like to thank the Malser Trust for their generous gift to carry out important masonry work on the group's 158 year old headquarters, the Little Red School House located near the intersection of Hill and School Streets in Webster.

When Webster formed in 1832, the first educational structure built was the Fenner School in 1835, today's Little Red School House. The small one room structure continued on as an educational institution until 1935. Following its hundred years of educational service, the structure was relegated to a storage status by the Webster Public Schools, until the newly formed historical society was granted the right to use the structure as its headquarters.

Back in 1919, a century ago, the thought of forming a local historical society was introduced by Lucia Bartlett and strongly supported by Ruth Slater, a direct descendant of industrialist Samuel Slater. Lucia promoted the idea that a local organization should be formed to preserve and chronicle the area's history, but in fact it wouldn't be until 42 years later in 1961, when Mrs. Bennett Smith, head of the Webster's Women's Club, led the way in creating

the Webster-Dudley Historical Society. When the group's plans were encouraged and approved by the local government officials and they were granted the right of the use of the former one room school house at 451 School Street.

As one can imagine, a structure being more than a century and a half old needs structural attention; in this case, some serious masonry issues had developed. With the funds supplied by the Malser Trust, the society hired local mason Jason Hall to carry out the much needed brick work. Jason did a wonderful job in repairing and painting the 158 year old structure. It should also be pointed out that this is not the first time that the Malser Trust has supported the Webster - Dudley Historical Society with repairs to the structure. Back in 2012 serious roof issues developed threatening the structural integrity of the school house, but with the generous support of the Malser group the repairs were made.

In 1991, the Little Red School House was designated and registered as a National Historic Place. Both Janet Malser and her brother Leonard were former members of the Webster -Dudley Historical Society.

Oxford LPN receives letter of commendation



CONCORD Superintendent Michael Rodrigues recently presented Kindra Gould, LPN of Oxford with a Letter Commendation of recognizing Gould's skills and work as a Licensed Practical

Kindra Gould

Nurse (LPN).

Rodrigues noted that Gould's nursing

supervisor spoke highly of her and recognized Gould for all her hard work and dedication to the job.

In a letter to Gould, Rodrigues stated, "Because of your actions and attention to detail you are making the facility a safer environment to inmates and staff" and "Your actions exemplify the Department of Correction Core Values to be Responsible, Respectful, Honest and Caring." Further, Rodrigues thanked Gould for a job well done.

Gould is a graduate of Bay Path **RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy, PN** Class of 2019. She was one of the Student Representatives. She is a Volunteer with Medical Reserve Corps, Paxton Senior Health Fair, Charlton Lion's Club, and FAFSA Day. She was a member of the UNICEF Club, attended "SafeTALK' and the "Innovation Summit" at Northeastern University. Gould competed in SkillsUSA and was District Champion for Medical Terminology earning a Silver Medal and then went to become State Champion earning a Gold Medal. She is Dementia Care Certified, Mental Health First Aid Certified, and Certified in Infusion Therapy/Central Line Care through Intravenous EDU.

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Poor road maintenance causes damage to town plows

BY JASON BLEAU CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – The first snowstorms of the season have hit the region, sending local crews into the elements to clear the roads and clean up the town. However, these recent weather events have brought to light a concern within the town of Dudley that has caught the attention of both the Highway Superintendent and the selectmen.

While giving a post-storm update to selectmen during a meeting on Dec. 9, Highway Superintendent Vincent Polletta revealed that two plows received notable damage during the storm. The damage was caused during the plowing of a pair of private roadways, Causeway Shores and Norman Lane, which the town managed in cooperation with the residents of the roadways.

"They were both broken on two separate private roads. It was about \$400 worth of damage on one and \$480 worth of damage on the other," Polletta told selectmen.

The Highway Superintendent later added that with private and dirt roads, it's seldom that proper maintenance is done to keep the roadway smooth and durable, which could have played a role in the situation with the town's plows. "With the dirt roads, there's nobody taking care of them, and they just keep getting worse and worse every year," Polletta said. "There's no incentive for anybody to keep them in better condition than where they're at."

This situation created concern among members of the Board of Selectmen, specifically Chair Steve Sullivan. He stated that while the town is willing to work with the property owners on these roads to maintain them in the winter time even though they're not town property, if the roads are going to create an issue for town owned vehicles, that's a problem that will need to be addressed.

"It's always been stated publicly, at least as long as I've been on the board, that we'll maintain these roads, but if we start losing equipment, something's going to have to give, so we're going to have to take a look at that," Sullivan said.

Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda presented a possible solution, a program he says could allow residents of these private roads access to resources for road maintenance.

"We have gotten at least the information about the program into residents' hands on private roads. We're planning on having a spring meeting to give the more information as to how to bring their road up to meeting the standard to being approved by the town. Unfortunately, that lapse in time has put us in this position, between when we came up with the road betterment policy and getting it out," said Ruda.

It will certainly be a work in progress, but Ruda sees promise in what the program has to offer. For now the roads will continue to be maintained by the town with the Highway Superintendent continuing to inform town officials of any further incidents during plowing during his monthly reports.

Dudley resident Jordyn Van Minos returns from intensive research project

WORCESTER — Jordyn Van Minos of Dudley, a member of the class of 2021 majoring in biochemistry at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), was a member of a student team that recently completed an intense, hands-on research through the WPI project center in Iceland. The project was titled The Culture Houses of Kopavogur. In their project summary, the students wrote, "The Culture Houses of Kopavogur are an association focused on community building through weekly cultural events, including Culture Wednesdays and Family Saturdays. Our project involved surveying event attendees to understand demographics and guests' experiences.'

At WPI, all undergraduates are required to complete a research-driven, professional-level project that applies science and technology to addresses an important societal need or issue. About two-thirds of students complete a project at one of the university's 50-plus off-campus project centers, which are located around the world. A signature element of the innovative undergraduate experience at WPI, the project-based curriculum offers students the opportunity to apply their scientific and technical knowledge to develop thoughtful solutions to real problems that affect the quality of people's lives-and make a difference before they graduate.

"The WPI project-based curriculum's focus on global studies brings students out of the classroom and their comfort zones and into the global community to apply their knowledge and to solve problems," said Professor Kent Rissmiller, interim dean of the WPI Interdisciplinary and Global Studies Division. "Students are immersed in all aspects of a different culture, from the way people live and work to the values they hold to the foods they eat - all valuable perspectives for surviving and thriving in today's global marketplace. They also learn the meaning and magic of teamwork; make a real and meaningful difference in their host community; and gain a competitive edge for any resume, or graduate or professional school application."

About Worcester Polytechnic Institute

WPI, a global leader in project-based learning, is a distinctive, top-tier technological university founded in 1865 on the principle that students learn most effectively by applying the theory learned in the classroom to the practice of solving real-world problems. Recognized by the National Academy of Engineering with the 2016 Bernard M. Gordon Prize for Innovation in Engineering and Technology Education, WPI's pioneering project-based curriculum engages undergraduates in solving important scientific, technological, and societal problems throughout their education and at more than 50 project centers around the world. WPI offers more than 50 bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs across 14 academic departments in science, engineering, technology, business, the social sciences, and the humanities and arts. Its faculty and students pursue groundbreaking research to meet ongoing challenges in health and biotechnology; robotics and the internet of things; advanced materials and manufacturing; cyber, data, and security systems; learning science; and more. www.wpi.edu

Webster Fire-Rescue announces grant for turnout gear

WEBSTER — The Webster Fire-Rescue Department has

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have fallen through the cracks. He can always get better and I just look forward to Jonathan getting better in his role, continuing to grow and continuing to do what's best for the town," Sullivan said.

These sentiments appeared to be shared by every member of the board. Selectman Jason Johnson said he too expects Ruda to continue to grow and agreed that most of where Ruda has been deemed to need improvement are expected to being mentioned. When we start new jobs, we come in having some preconceived notions. We have loads of experience typically and then you see what it really is and make the adjustments. There's nothing wrong with that," said Johnson.

Selectman John Marsi touched on the fact that Ruda has experience as a former selectman of Dudley and that it's easy to forget that he's only been in his current position for six months. Even still, he feels Ruda has done an exceptional job adapting.

"The expectations and reality

curve alone."

Finally, Selectman Kerry Cyganiewicz said he was more than pleased with the outcome of the past six months and agreed with Marsi that the board made the right choice.

"It was definitely a good decision bringing Jonathan on board in this role and I'm looking forward to what comes next," he said.

Ruda offered brief comments after his evaluation where he complimented the board on making a hire that could have been considered "politically difficult." He said the fact that he was once a selectman and is now serving the town on a new level inspires him every day to do right by the board and the community.

received a \$6,300 Firefighter Turnout Gear Grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) and the Department of Fire Services (DFS). The department will be able to purchase thirty-five hoods and thirty-five gloves for personal protection during firefighting operations.

"This gear will protect our firefighters from the immediate risks associated with fighting fires in dangerous environments, and just as importantly, protect them from the delayed risk of occupational cancers caused by exposure to the toxic chemicals produced during fires," said Chief Brian Hickey.

"Properly equipping our firefighters with the gear they need to be safe allows them to do their jobs as effectively as possible, and is a great benefit to the overall safety of our community," he added.

"We now know that the risk of occupational cancer is among the greatest threats faced by modern firefighters, and are thankful that the Commonwealth has been able to invest in this personal protective equipment to improve the overall health and safety of firefighters," said State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey. "Providing firefighters with new hoods and gloves to protect their heads and hands from exposure to the toxic chemicals that cause cancer is one of the most effective steps we can take to prevent future cancer diagnoses."

Funding for this grant program was made available through the Baker-Polito administration for fire departments across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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come with time.

"Anyone in a new position, especially the first few months, shouldn't worry about any kind of continuous improvement and having to adjust is a real thing. Jonathan did it amazingly well," said Marsi. "I think if we picked anybody else, we would have had a different discussion tonight just from the learning

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so much while asking little in return.

Selectman Steve Sullivan was a neighbor of Butkiewicz's and said his passing will certainly be felt in the community.

"Anybody that's followed Dudley for the last 20 or 25 years knows Ken. He was a passionate rail trail and conservation guy. I can't tell you how many countless hours Ken put in for this town. How many presentations he gave us – Ken's passing is a huge void for his family. It's a loss for the town," Sullivan said. Other selectmen and town officials offered their condolences as well. Selectmen Jason Johnson and Kerry Cyganiewicz complimented Butkiewicz for his contributions to a cause he so heavily believed in and helped improve his community through his work on the rail trail. Selectman John Marsi provided a passionate dedication to Butkiewicz calling his loss a void that will be difficult to fill.

"Nothing just gets done. With big projects and little projects, you always need somebody with an idea and a drive and passion to do those projects. Since all my years on the board Ken had that passion," Marsi said. "Ken's passion was the rail trail and conservation around that and if it wasn't for him we wouldn't have that - I think this town should look into, if we haven't already, putting up a plaque or naming the rail trail in his honor. We need to do something for him."

The Butkiewicz family requests that donations in his memory be made to the Second Chance Animal Shelter at 111 Young Rd. in East Brookfield.

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piece of their hair pink or wear pink hair extensions during the month of October if they donated to her fundraiser. In addition, school personnel and students could wear jeans on Fridays during October for making an additional donation, which contributed to the \$325 she collected.

When asked about the results, Sophia said, "Being at St. Joseph School has taught me to do the best and be the best I can be by serving others. In Mrs. Lefebvre's Language Arts class, we had to write an essay about being a servant to others and I wanted to put myself to the test by putting my actions to the test. By doing this (fundraiser) I can now be happy and comforted that I was able to help people that were in need."

Leading up to the Christmas Season, First-Grade teacher, Ms. Samantha Sampaio, also asked the entire school to participate in a special service project that she referred to as, "Buckets of Love." Ms. Sampaio's Aunt, Andrea Borrelli has worked as a case manager for the Department of Mental Health for almost 30 years and has seen firsthand how so many families struggle during the holiday season. Therefore, Ms. Sampaio teamed-up with her aunt and the Department of Mental Health to build unique "Buckets of Love" to bring smiles, warmth, and joy to others. Students and their families were asked to donate items such as blankets, warm socks, hats, gloves, scarves, hand warmers, personal hygiene items, cough drops, Walmart gift cards, children's games, and more! Then, Ms. Sampaio's First-Grade students and their Fifth-Grade buddies assembled over fifty "Buckets of Love." It was certainly a mission of love!

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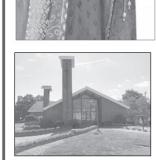


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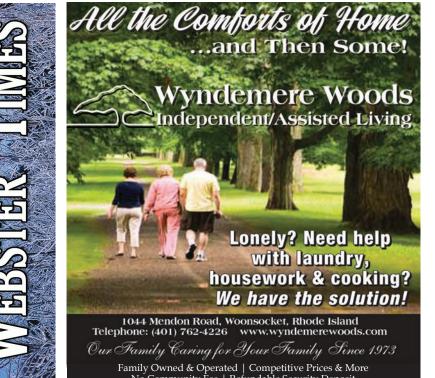
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UBITUARIES

Joseph Norman Savoie, 76

OXFORD- Joseph Norman Savoie, 76, passed away at home on December 9, 2019.

He is survived by his sisters; Carol A. Colacchio and her husband Thomas of Berlin, and Yvette I. Doucet and her husband Ronald of Northborough; several nephews and nieces and many thoughtful friends.

Mr. Savoie is predeceased by his two brothers, Ross Savoie and Ernest Savoie, and his sister Shirley Savoie.

He was born in Toronto, Canada to the late Joseph A. Savoie and Therese (Hache) Savoie.

Mr. Savoie retired as a union carpenter. He lived in Oxford for the past thirty-five years.

A graveside service was held Friday, December 13, 2019 at 11:00am at St. Michael's Cemetery, 278 Cox Street, Hudson, MA 01749. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements.

Donna J. Pacek, 56



WEBSTER- Donna J. Pacek, 56, passed away December 9, 2019 in her home.

She leaves behind, her children; Charles Pacek of Webster, Tiffany M. Pacek of Webster, Ronald Pacek of Worcester.

and Henry Pacek of Worcester, 3 grandchildren, a sister, Kim McKay Ramsey of Webster, 2 brothers; Benjamin Pacek, III of Shrewsbury and Michael Pacek of Worcester and several nieces and nephews.

Donna was born in Worcester, March 9, 1963, a daughter of the late Benjamin J. Pacek, Jr. and Sharon (Bricault) Pacek and was also predeceased by 2 sisters; Diane Marie Pacek and Laurie Leroi.

She was a free spirit, took care of her late parents until their passing and loved taking care of people, and being a kind soul. Donna enjoyed going to Hampton Beach with family , a favorite hobby was collecting sea shells and sand dollars, but mainly loved being with her family which brought her much joy.

There are no calling hours, services will be at the convenience of the family.

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

To leave a message of condolence, or to share a memory of Donna, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net

Bernice A. Paquette, 55

THOMPSON, CT – Bernice A. (Lareau) Paquette, 55, died Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at her home after a long illness. She leaves her

husband of 31 years, Brian R. Paquette; a son, Joseph P.

Paquette of Thompson; 2 step-sons, Kyle S. Paquette and his wife Penny of Putnam and Nicholaus B. Paquette and his wife Sarah of Roxbury, NH; 3 grandchildren, Chandon, Aubrey and Amara; 2 sisters, Lisa Lareau of South Carolina and Brenda Gallo of West Boylston, MA; 5 brothers, Roger, Ronald, Robert, Paul and Leo Lareau, all of Worcester; nieces and nephews.

She was born and raised in

Worcester, the oldest child of Roger and Jean (Larson) Lareau and was a high school graduate. She lived in North Grosvenordale and in Thompson for most of her adult life.

Mrs. Paquette was a coder of medical records at UMass/Memorial Hospital on Belmont Street for over 20 years.

She was a member of Saint Joseph Parish in North Grosvenordale.

Her funeral was held Thursday, December 19, from the Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School St., Webster, with a Mass at 11:00 AM in Saint Joseph Church, 18 Main Street, North Grosvenordale. Visiting hours were held from 8:30 to 10:30 AM Thursday, December 19, in the funeral home prior to the Mass.

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John F. Laincz, Jr. 87

John F. Laincz, Jr. 87, passed away on December 7, 2019.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Jeannette C. (Menzone) Laincz. He was pre-deceased by his daughter Donna Hohler. He leaves his

son-in-law Robert Hohler, two grandchildren Dr. Stephanie Pennington and her husband Bryan of Woodbridge, CT, and Jonathan Hohler and his wife Melissa of Dudley, MA; two great-grandchildren, Vincent Pennington and Ava Hohler. He is survived by his sister

Nancy Streich of Dudley and Justine Hautaniemi and her husband Richard of Sterling.

He was born in Douglas, MA to his parents John F. and Anna (Gressak) Laincz

At John's request there are no calling hours and flowers are to be omitted. Burial will be 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 condolence or light a candle of remembrance.

Raymond L. Dupuis, 77

Gertrude (Larochelle) Dupuis. He lived in Woodstock, CT, Sturbridge and Oakham area for several years before moving to Webster over 20 years ago.

Mr. Dupuis worked in maintenance at several campgrounds including Quinebaug Cove in Brimfield and the Yogi Bear Campground in Sturbridge. He was a volunteer firefighter for the Sturbridge Fire Department and also the Oakham Fire Department. He retired in 2012.

He was a long-time member and past officer of the Auburn-Webster Lodge of Elks #2118.

A funeral service with Holy Eucharist was held at 12:30 PM on Wednesday, December 18 in the Church of the Reconciliation, 21 North Main Street. There are no calling hours. Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster.

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Louise Veshi, 89 WEBSTER/

WORCESTER Louise merly fully

89, Veshi of Worcester, forof Webster passed away peace-Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at Beaumont University campus Worcester,

after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease surrounded by her niece and nephew.

Louise was born and raised in Worcester, daughter of Peter and Konstance (Stefan) Veshi. She is survived by brother John Veshi of West Boylston, several nieces, nephews, great and greatgreat nephews and nieces. Louise was preceded in death by brother's James, Soter "Cap", and George.

Louise graduated from Worcester Girls Trade. She lived her adult life in Webster where she worked at New Home Appliance. Louise later worked at Spag's as a buyer alongside Spag, and Carol Cullen. After her retirement from Spag's she traveled extensively throughout Albania, where she enjoyed family, friends, while visiting the towns where her parents were born.

in November, 1983 and became the godmother "Ndrikull" to her church. She was also a member of the Quota Club of Shrewsbury. Louise was certainly known as a hardworking businesswoman, very strong willed and dedicated to her beliefs. Those fortunate to have known Louise would agree she had a heart of gold. Louise will be sadly and sorely missed.

Nick and Nancy wish to thank Dr Sheikh, Roya Clements NP, nurses especially Chris, CNA's, case managers past and present, Hospice staff and the activity staff for the care, patience, and attention given to Louise.

Calling hours for Louise were held Saturday, December 7, 2019 at St. Mary's Albanian Orthodox Church, 535 Salisbury Street, Worcester, MA from 10:00 to 11:00 A.M. a funeral mass followed at 11:00 A.M.

In lieu of flowers expressions of sympathy may be made in Louise's name to Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverley Oaks Road, Waltham, MA 02452, or St. Mary's Albanian Orthodox Church Endowment Fund, 535 Salisbury Street, Worcester, MA 01609.

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Raymond L. "Sonny" Dupuis, 77, died Tuesday, December 3, 2019 in Harrington Healthcare at Hubbard after being stricken ill at home.

WEBSTER

He leaves his companion of 20 years,

Debra J. Diaz; 3 sons, Michael Dupuis of Southbridge, Corey Dupuis of Webster and David Dupuis of Ohio; 4 daughters, Wendy St. John and Doris Keogh, both of Webster, Laurie-Ann Kube of Indiana and Becky Dupuis of Worcester; many grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers, John Dupuis of Texas and Bob Dupuis of Southbridge; 2 sisters, Lillian and Jackie Dupuis, both of Southbridge; nephews and nieces.

He was born and raised in Southbridge, a son of Louis R. and

Louise was a devoted member of St. Mary's Albanian Orthodox Church, active in many church organizations. She was awarded the key to St. Mary's

Hammond St. Worcester is directing arrangements. To share a memory of Louise or to sign her online guestbook, please visit

www.Royfuneral.com

Cynthia F. (Fenning) Rehm, 88

James R. Ramsey, 71

HOBE SOUND, FL- Cynthia F. (Fenning) Rehm age 88 passed away Thursday, December 12, 2019 at the Univ. of MA Memorial Hospital, Worcester, MA. She leaves her husband of sixty one years, Jack E. She leaves her Rehm of Florida, a son JD Rehm of Darien, CT, three daughters, Cynthia A. Rehm of Boston, Lisabeth Wooster of Greenwich, CT and Ann Pulver of Manchester by the Sea, MA. She also leaves eleven grandchildren and a sister Robin Demartin of Fairfield, CT.

She was born in Bridgeport, CT daughter of the late James F. Fenning and Ann (Redmond) Fenning. Cynthia was a philanthropist and was always helping and contributing to meals on wheels. She was an accomplished writer and loved to read. There are no calling hours. Please omit flowers and donations in her memory may be made to your local meals on wheels group.

A Celebration of her life with a memorial mass will be held January 10, 2020 in St. Christopher's Church, 12001 SE Federal Hwy, Hobe Sound, Florida. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements.

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

Anne M. Bayer, 78

Anne M. Bayer, 78, loving mothgrandmother er. great grandand mother, passed away Saturday, November 23, 2019. Anne was predeceased by her husband of 39 years

Clayton J. Bayer in 1999, along with her two sisters Barbara Hasenberg and Phyllis Willett and brothers Wallace Peterson and William Peterson and sister-in-law Janice Tupaj. She leaves behind 3 daughters Debra Bomba and her husband Joseph Bomba of Windham ME, Donna Fedler and her husband Daniel Fedler of Webster MA, and Barbara Bayer of York, ME/Palm Beach, FL. She also leaves behind four grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Her granddaughter Lindsey Green and her husband David Green and their two children John and Rita, her granddaughter Melissa Aviles and her husband Pedro Aviles and their two children Eleyna and Jaxson, and her two grandsons Tyler Bomba and Justin Fedler, sister-in-law Linda Chung and brother-in-laws George Bayer and Kenneth Bayer and many nieces and nephews.

Anne was born in Putnam, CT the daughter of Frank & Jessie Peterson. She worked for many years at B&W Footwear Co. When the company closed she went to school for culinary arts and obtained a position at Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity house at WPI in Worcester as a cook and house mother, where she fed "her boys" their three meals a day. She thought of them as family and talked about them often. She worked there until she retired.

She loved gardening, decorating, cooking and baking. She enjoyed spending time with her family, having cookouts in the summer, vacationing with her daughters in Maine, and watching her grandchildren and great grandchildren grow. She made a positive impact on everyone who met her and will be missed dearly by her family, friends, and acquaintances.

A private graveside service was held December 7, 2019 at the East Thompson Cemetery, E. Thompson, CT. Donations in her memory may be made to the Zion Lutheran Church Memorial Fund, 70 Main St., Oxford, MA 01540. Arrangements were under the direction of Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main St., Webster, MA.





OXFORD - James R. Ramsey, 71, of Wheelock Street, Thursday, died December 12, 2019, in his home. He is survived by his wife of 26 years, Kathleen M. (O'Connor) Ramsey of Oxford; five children, Kimberly A. Ramsey of Florida, Robert J. Ramsey of Tennessee, Judi Lynn

Osborne of Webster, Carole M. Carmel of Oxford, and Cheryl M. Smart of Oxford; a sister, Diane Routhier

of Connecticut; many grandchildren, nephews, and nieces. He was predeceased by a son, James A. Carmel; and a sister, Carol Lyons. He was born in Worcester, son of the late Clarence and Beverly (Miller) Ramsey, and lived in Oxford for 34 years. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Mr. Ramsey worked at Boston Lawnmower Company in Westboro for

many years, retiring in 2001. In addition, he worked as an automobile mechanic, roofer, carpenter, and taught small engine repair at Blackstone Valley R.V.T. High School in Upton. He enjoyed

making stained glass, drawing, wood carving, fishing, white-water rafting, and ballroom dancing. He loved riding his motorcycle in his youth. He had an incredible skill for woodworking and could make or fix anything. He will be textile engineering at Quinsigamond remembered as a man who was always

willing to help people. Calling hours were Monday, December 16, 2019, from 5-7 p.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. A prayer service was held on Monday at 7 p.m. at the conclusion of calling hours. Burial will be private at a later date at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne.

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WORCESTER-Henry Torres, 61, passed away at the Worcester Rehabilitation Health Center on Friday December 6, 2019. Henry was born in

Henry Torres, 61

Colombia on March 8, 1958; he studied

Community College in Worcester and began working at the Bancroft School in 2007.

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 condolence or light a candle of remembrance.

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UBITUARIES

Mary A. Demers, 99



SOUTHBRIDGE-Mary A. (Titchen) Demers, 99, passed away on Friday, Dec. 13th, in her home after a brief illness. husband, Her George A. Demers, died in 1987. She leaves her son, David

Demers of Bethleham, NH; her two daughters, Jane Lemieux and her husband David of Dudley and Marcia Latour and her husband Louis of Southbridge; her sister-in-law, Dora Titchen of Putnam; her four grandchildren, Paul Cadarette and his wife Laura of Southbridge, Scott Latour of Southbridge, Kim Cadarette of Palmer and Katherine Latour and her longtime companion Kelvin Gonzalez of Southbridge; her granddaughter-in-law, Sharon Moreno Latour of southbridge; 10 great grandchildren; 1 great grandchild with one on the way; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her grandson, Christopher Latour in 2016. She was also predeceased by her two brothers. Thomas Titchen and Fred Swain. Mary was born in Southbridge the daughter of Thomas and Alice (Darbyshire) Titchen.

Mary worked at the American Optical Co. in Southbridge for 48 years,

retiring many years ago. She was a member of the American Optical Quarter Century Club. After retiring she dedicated herself to taking care of her family and her husband's siblings in any way she could. She was a lifelong member of the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Southbridge. Mary was an avid reader and loved to travel. She also enjoyed cooking and her family loved her baking. She was a very outgoing person, always striking up a conversation with everyone she met. Mary was always concerned about her family and her door was always open to them when ever her help was needed.

Her funeral will be held on Thursday, Dec. 19th, from the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, with a service at 11:00am in the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 446 Hamilton St., Southbridge. Burial will follow in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Southbridge. Calling hours in the funeral home were held on Wednesday, Dec. 18th, from 5:00 to 7:00pm.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 300 5th Avenue, Suite 6 Waltham, MA 02451 or to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

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CHARLTON - Ira L. Estabrook, 77, passed away at home while surrounded by his loving family and friends on Thursday December 5, 2019. Ira loved riding his motorcycle with fami-

ly and all of his many friends; he enjoyed fishing, and being handy around the home before becoming disabled.

Michael L. Pasquerella, 62

Ira L. Estabrook, 77

\DAYVILLE- Michael L. Pasquerella age 62 passed away Monday at his home with his family at his side. He leaves his wife of five years, Donna K. (Bond) Pasquerella, a son Nicholas Pasquerella of Madison, Alabama, two grandchildren, Arabella and Connor. He also leaves two brothers, Daryl Pasquerella of Putnam, CT and Dana Pasquerella of St. Petersburg, Florida.

He was born in Putnam, CT son of Joyce (Robbins) Pasquerella

Doris L. Young, 89

LEICESTER- Doris L. (Turpin) Young, 89, of Marlboro Dr., died Monday, December 16 at her home after an illness.

She was the wife of Frederick A. Young, Jr. who died in 2015. She leaves two

daughters, Sheila M. Young of Webster and Marcia L. Besse of Leicester, three grandchildren; Glenn E. McCallum, Jr., Mark A. and Brian A. Besse, four great-grandchildren; Kiana, KayLee, Edmund and Christa Besse, two brothers, George Turpin of Grafton, Raymond Turpin of East Brookfield and several nieces and nephews.She was predeceased by her sister, Stella Mastrogiovanni.

At Ira's request there will not be any calling hours or services. He is loved by many, will be deeply missed, and will be forever in our hearts.

Private funeral arrangements have been entrusted to 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 condolence or light a candle.

of Dayville, CT and the late Joseph Pasquerella. He lived in Dayville for the past six years, prior to that living in Florida.

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

Turpin.

Doris along with her late husband, was a realtor and owner of F&L Realty in Worcester for forty years, retiring in 1995.

She was a member of All Saints Episcopal Church in Worcester. She enjoyed knitting, crocheting and ceramics.

A Funeral Service was held on Wednesday, December 18 at 6 P.M. in the MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St., Leicester. Calling hours preceded the service from 4-6 P.M. on Wednesday. Burial will be at a later date and at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the VFW Post 7556 Rochdale, P.O. Box 47, Rochdale, MA 01542-0047 www.morinfuneralhomes.com





ROCHDALE- Rosa Bultte, 96, passed away at home while surrounded by her loving family on December 12, 2019;

Rosa Bultte, 96

She was born in Penuelas, Puerto Rico on October 15, 1923 daughter of the late Juan Ortiz and Monserrate Madera. Rosa enjoyed dancing and music; she was a loving mother, grandmother, and

great-grandmother who loved to cook and sew for her family.

Rosa is survived by her son Jorge Sulsona of Puerto Rico; three daughters: Aracelis Hernandez of Webster, Carmen M. Cruz of Rochdale, and Rosa Sulsona of Puerto Rico; sixteen grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

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 condolence or light a candle of remembrance.



Born in Worcester, she was the daughter of Ashton & Viola (Acker)

CALENDAR

Saturday, December 21

BOOK SIGNING: 12:30-2 p.m., Booklovers' Gourmet, 55 East Main St., Webster. Join us for an inspiring afternoon with medium Roland Comtois! His new book, "Signs of Spirit," contains beautiful messages of hope, love, and

& 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.

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

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.

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healing sent from spirits to the loved ones they left behind. For more information, call (508) 949-6232.

Wednesday, December 25

CHRISTMAS DAY AT THE LEGION: The Webster-Dudley American Legion Post 184 will be open on Christmas Day 11 a.m.-8 p.m. with coffee and sandwiches for those veterans that would like to stop by.

ONGOING EVENTS

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

My Fírst Chrístmas ín Heaven I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below, With tiny lights like Heaven's stars reflecting the snow. The sight is so spectacular- please wipe away the tear, For I'm spending Christmas with Jesus this year. I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear,

But the sound of music can't compare with the Christmas choir up here. I have no words to tell you the joys their voices bring, For it's beyond description to hear the angels sing. I know how much you miss me, I see the pain inside your heart, But I am not so far away, we really aren't apart. So be happy for me dear ones you know I hold you dear, And be glad I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year. I sent you each a special gift for my heavenly home above, I sent you each a memory of my undying love. After all love is a gift more precious than pure gold, It was always most important in the stories Jesus told. Please love and keep each other as my Father said to do,

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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

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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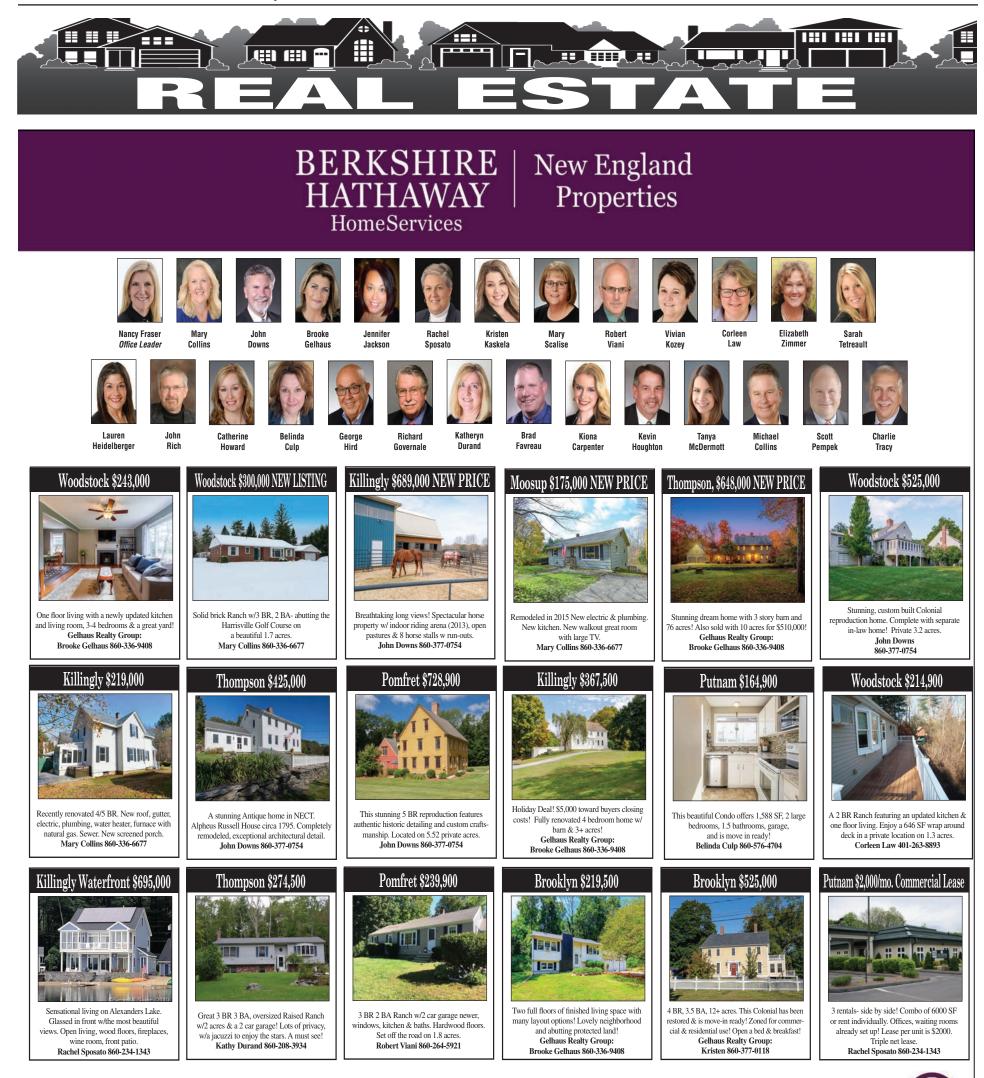


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LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given by Bonnette's Automotive, Inc., 456 Main St., Oxford, MA 01540 pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.255, Section 39A, that on 01/03/2020 @ 5:00PM at:

Bonnette's Automotive, Inc 456 Main Street Oxford, MA 01540

The following motor vehicles will be sold at a private sale to satisfy the Garage Keeper's Lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicles. Description of vehicles:

Vehicle: VIN# 1N4AL21E77C226794, 2007 Nissan Altima, 9DN421/MA Owner: Santo Nova, 85 Archdale Rd Apt320, Roslindale, MA 02131 Vehicle: VIN# 1HGCP36899A032980 . 2009 Honda Accord, 7AM272/MA Owner: Marcel Cooley, 22 Holland Rd, Worcester, MA 01603 Vehicle: VIN# 1GNET1656461009472, 2004 Chev Trailblazer, 19XE88/MA Owner: Zoradis DeJesus, 7 Laurel St Apt2, Worcester, MA 01608 Vehicle: VIN# 3GSCL33P58S643838 , 2008 Saturn Vue, 4WF387/MA Owner: Raymond Fish, 27 Dresser St Apt1, Webster, MA 01570 Vehicle: VIN# 1G1ZE5ST8GF248400, 2016 Chev Malibu, NO REG Owner: Kimberly Ford, 10 Quobaug Ave, Oxford, MA 01540 This notice has been given under the provisions of G.L. c255, Section 39A December 13, 2019 December 20, 2019 December 27, 2019

TOWN OF DUDLEY NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Town of Dudley is requesting bids for the following construction materials and services for various departments for the period of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

ITEM #1 All grades of medium curing asphalt and emulsion type asphalt ITEM #2 Bituminous concrete, at plant ITEM #2A Bituminous concrete, in place

ITEM #3 Gravel and Washed screen

sand at owners pit and delivered. ITEM #4 Screen stone at owners pit and delivered

ITEM #5 Tree Trimming and Removal ITEM #6 Corrugated pipe, steel and aluminum, delivered to highway garage

ITEM #7 Corrugated pipe, polyethylene delivered to highway garage ITEM # 8 Cold Planing ITEM #9 Stone Sealing ITEM #10 Pavement Striping Bidders of Item 2A and Item 9 must be pre-qualified and a Certificate of Approval from Mass Highway. All materials must conform to Mass Highway Specifications.

Bids will be received by the Chief Procurement Officer in the Dudley Municipal Complex, 71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA 01571 until 1:00pm on January 13, 2020 and at that time they will be opened and read. All envelopes must be sealed and marked "BID" and appropriate "ITEM #" indicated.

The Town of Dudley brings to the attention of bidders, Chapter 149, §§26D & 27D of the Massachusetts General Laws concerning minimum wage rates where applicable. All bids must be in compliance with all Massachusetts General Laws.

Specifications available at the Board of Selectmen's Office, 71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA 01571 Monday-Thursday between 9:00am and 4:00pm, Friday from 9:00am to noon or email at selectmen@dudleyma.gov. Specific questions may be addressed to Vincent Polletta, Sr., Superintendent at (508) 949-8020.

The Town reserves the right to reject any or all bids/proposals if deemed in the best interest of the Town. Town of Dudley Jonathan Ruda Town Administrator/Chief Procurement Officer December 19, 2019 December 26, 2019 COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket 19 SM 005942 ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: Michael Marcelonis

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

U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, in trust for registered holders of Chase Funding Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2003-5,

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in **Oxford**, numbered **18 Locust Street**, given by **Michael Marcelonis and Tanya Marcelonis** to **Chase Manhattan Bank USA**, N.A., dated July 21, 2003, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of **Deeds in Book 30915, Page 167**, and now held by plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the <u>active</u> 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 <u>on that basis</u>, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **January 20, 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 December 9, 2019

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson *Recorder*(17-014549 Orlans) December 20, 2019 (SEAL)

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ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: Paul M. Mason and Virginia L. Mason fka Virginia L. Richardson and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (*et seq*)

Santander Bank, N.A. f/k/a Sovereign Bank, N.A. f/k/a Sovereign Bank claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Oxford, numbered 4 Toria Heights Road, #34, Unit. No. 96B of Toria Heights Condominium, given by Paul M. Mason and Virginia L. Mason fka Virginia. L. Richardson to Sovereign Bank, dated November 2, 2006, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 40248-, Page 327, have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defend-ants' 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 December 13, 2019 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 November 18, 2019 Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson Recorder December 20, 2019

LEGALS

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

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

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

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

The land in Oxford with buildings thereon bounded and described as follows: Being Lot #46 on plan of Huguenot Tract, dated August 26, 1927, drawn by J.R. Kleindienst, Surveyor, recorded in Worcester Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 51, Plan 16 and further described as follows:

900 Chelmsford Street Suite 3102 Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 Reeks, Judy and Frederick, 14-016916 December 6, 2019 December 13, 2019 December 20, 2019

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

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

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

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

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

TO WIT: 20 Marcam Village Road, OXFORD, Worcester County, Massachusetts, being Unit No. 20, (the "Unit") of Marcam Village Condominiums, (the 'Condominium') created pursuant to Master Deed dated January 11, 1990 and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds on January 24, 1990 at Book 12590, Page 203, which Unit is shown on the site plan filed with said Master Deed and on the copy of a portion of said plan attached and made a part thereof, to which is affixed a verified statement in the form required by Chapter 183A, Section 9 of the General Laws.

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

The Unit is conveyed subject to and with the benefit of (a) the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 183A; (b) the terms and provisions of said Master Deed, the Declaration of Trust of the Marcam Village Condominium Trust dated January 11, 1990 and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds at Book 12590, Page 238, the By-Laws set forth in said Declaration of Trust and any rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, and the obligations thereunder to pay the proportionate share attributable to said Unit of the Common Expenses duly established; (c) such taxes attributable to said Unit for the current fiscal year as are now due and payable, all of which the "grantees" by acceptance hereof agrees to comply with, perform, assume and pay; and (d) all rights, reservations, easements, including utility easements, restrictions and other matters contained or reference in said Master Deed. The Unit is intended for residential purposes by one immediate family or by three persons unrelated by blood or marriage and is subject to the restrictions as set forth in Paragraph 10 of said Master Deed. BEING THE SAME PREMISES CONVEYED TO THE MORTGAGORS BY DEED RECO RDED WITH THE WORCESTER DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN BOOK 24086, PAGE 90 AND BOOK 28263, Page 61.

P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

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

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

LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Eddie Colon to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for Seacoast Mortgage Corporation, dated August 8, 2018 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 59230, Page 134 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage PHH Mortgage Corporation successor by merger to Ocwen Loan Servicing LLC is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Seacoast Mortgage Corporation to Plaza Home Mortgage Inc. dated January 30, 2019 recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 59994, Page 83; assignment from Plaza Home Mortgage Inc. to Ocwen Loan servicing, LLC dated May 20, 2019 recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 60531, Page 249 and assignment from Plaza Home Mortgage Inc to PHH Mortgage Corporation dated June 27, 2019 recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 60644, Page 343, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 76 Myrtle Avenue, Webster, MA 01570 will be sold at a Public Auction at 1:00 PM on January 7, 2020, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land with the buildings thereon located at 76 Myrtle Avenue, Webster, Worcester County, Commonwealth Massachusetts,

Korde & Associates, P.C. 900 Chelmsford Street Suite 3102 Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 Colon, Eddie, 19-035422 December 13, 2019 December 20, 2019 December 27, 2019

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Arnie H. Pajala and Ruth M. Pajala to "MERS", Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a separate corporation that is acting solely as nominee for GMAC Mortgage Corporation, "Lender"; and its successors and assigns dated June 24, 2005 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 37112, Page 135, as assigned by Assignment of Mortgage dated January 28, 2015 and recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds. Book 53328. Page 128, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 PM, on January 10, 2020, on the premises known as 2 Allen Avenue, Oxford, Massachusetts, the premises described in said mortgage, together with all the rights, easements, and appurtenances thereto, to wit: All that parcel of land in Oxford,

Worcester County, State of Massachusetts, as more fully described in Deed Book 36422, Page 178, ID# 45C-C02, being known and designated as Lot 45, Huguenot Tract Subdivision, filed in Plat Book 51, Page 16 metes and bounds property.

By fee simple Deed from Alfred R. St. Germain, Trustee of Two Allen Avenue Trust as set forth in Book 36422 Page 178 dated 05/20/2005 and recorded 05/27/2005, Worcester County Records, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Terms of Sale: These premises are being sold subject to any and all unpaid real estate taxes, water rates, municipal charges and assessments, condominium charges, expenses, costs, and assessments, if applicable, federal tax liens, partition wall rights, statutes, regulations, zoning, subdivision control, or other municipal ordinances or bylaws respecting land use, configuration, building or approval, or bylaws, statutes or ordinances regarding the presence of lead paint, asbestos or other toxic substances, sanitary codes, housing codes, tenancy, and , to the extent that they are recorded prior to the above mortgage, any easements, rights of way, restrictions, confirmation or other matters of record. Purchaser shall also bear all state and county deeds excise tax. The deposit of \$10,000.00 is to be paid in cash or bank or certified check at the time and place of the sale, with the balance of the purchase price to be paid by bank or certified check within forty-five (45) days after the date of the sale, to be deposited in escrow with Guaetta and Benson, LLC, at 73 Princeton Street, Suite 208, North Chelmsford, Massachusetts. In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of the foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the property by foreclosure deed to the second highest bidder or, thereafter, to the next highest bidders, providing that said bidder shall deposit with said attorney, the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within five (5) business days after written notice of the default of the previous highest bidder. Other terms, if any, are to be announced at the sale. Dated: December 11, 2019 Present holder of said mortgage U.S. Bank National Association, as Indenture Trustee of the GMACM Home Equity Loan Trust 2005-HE3 by its Attorneys Guaetta and Benson, LLC Peter V. Guaetta, Esquire P.O. Box 519 Chelmsford, MA 01824 December 20, 2019 December 27, 2019 January 3, 2020

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust Korde & Associates, P.C.

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

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

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices,

pounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the southeast corner thereof at Valley Street;

THENCE extending westerly by said Valley Street, one hundred forty (140) feet to a corner;

THENCE extending northerly, fourteen (14) feet;

THENCE extending easterly, one hundred thirty-two (132) feet to said Myrtle Avenue;

THENCE extending southerly by said Myrtle Avenue, sixty-one (61) feet to the point of beginning.

Property Address: 76 Myrtle Street, Webster, Worcester County. Massachusetts

For title see Book 59230 Page 131.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 59230, Page 131.

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

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

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

PHH Mortgage Corporation successor by merger to Ocwen Loan Servicing LLC



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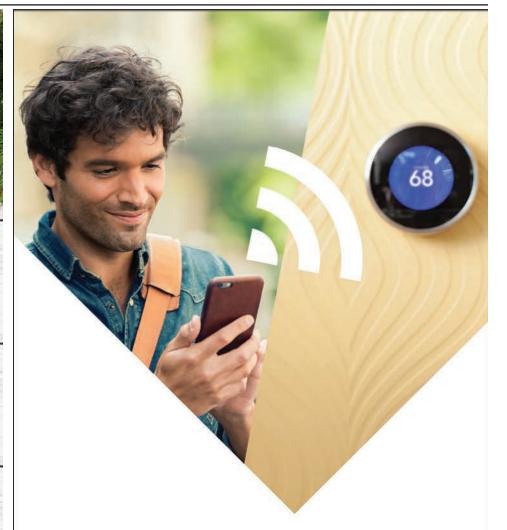
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