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Friday, February 11, 2022

# Goguen considering modulars for Park Ave.

BY GUS STEEVES

WEBSTER — Despite the fact Park Avenue School is only a few years old, the district is already considering modular classrooms for it.

That came up in passing at the Jan. 25 School Committee meeting, with Superintendent Ruthann Goguen noting the school is "busting out of the seams" and doesn't "have that many classrooms."

The district's own data (also shown at that meeting), however, shows the school's total student body is more than 100 below what it was two years ago. But the district has a much higher ratio of "high need" students (71 percent) than state average (51 percent) and is seeing "increasing growth in English language learners and students whose first language isn't English," Business Manager Monique Pierangeli said.

Principal Robin Parmley noted the school has already been using its library for other purposes,

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Courtesy

### READY TO COMPETE

Members of Bartlett High School's DECA chapter pose for a photo before taking part in a recent competition at the DCU Center in Worcester.

# Webster hires new Town Administrator

WEBSTER—The Town of Webster is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Richard LaFond as its new Town Administrator.

At its Tuesday, Feb. 1 meeting, the Webster Board of Selectmen unanimously approved an employment agreement with Mr. LaFond with an initial term through June 30, 2025. Mr. LaFond was scheduled to begin work Feb. 9, with a brief transition period with Interim Town Administrator Gregory Balukonis.

LaFond has a long and distinguished career in municipal governance, with more than two decades acting in a similar capacity for the towns of Carver and Abington.

"We are thrilled to welcome Rick to our community and look forward to his leadership and experience in working with our residents, businesses, town employees and the Board," Webster Board of Selectmen Chairman, Randy Becker commented. "Based on Rick's background, the Board

is confident he will be an excellent fit for our Town."

LaFond commented that he felt he "would be a very good match and we'll find that to be the case for a long time." He also thanked the Board of Selectmen, the members of the Screening Committee and Search Consultant Kevin Paicos for their support and confidence.

The board would also like to express its thanks and gratitude to Interim Town Administrator Balukonis, who has done a truly admirable job for the Town of Webster for the past five months.

# School District initiates new COVID testing protocol

BY JASON BLEAU CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY/CHARLTON

- The Dudley Charlton
Regional School District
has implemented a new
COVID-19 testing program option for all
schools in the district that
Superintendent Stephen
Lamarche says will be
less disruptive to the
learning experience.

The previous testing program included a test and stay protocol, and was just for unvaccinated students. The new protocol does away with the test and stay approach and would be for any family to opt into, which Lamarche said was one of the "best things" about

the program. The updated testing protocol discontinues contact tracing and test and stay requiring symptomatic testing and weekly at-home antigen testing. As of the Jan. 26 meeting of the Dudley Charlton Regional School Committee, nearly a thousand of the 3,500 students and 347 of the 600 staff members has opted into the program.

"This is no cost to the school district other than time," Superintendent Lamarche said. "We're transitioning. Honestly, from my perspective and from my experiences over the past couple of years, this is one step in a really good direction for us as a district and

for us as public schools. We are removing test and stay programs within our schools which could be disruptive and interfere with the school day. That's really good news from my perspective."

Lamarche further stated that the district is now operating on "positives and isolation" and that their job is to monitor COVID situations in the schools. District nurses will still advise any parents, students or staff on isolation periods if anyone were to test positive. Lamarche said the move is a positive step closer to normality for students in a COVID-stricken world.

"To me, this is all good *Turn To TESTING* page **A11** 

Courtesy

# FINAL CALL FOR DUDLEY WOMAN'S CLUB PAINT PARTY

Please join the DWC for a Paint Party at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 17 at the Dudley Town Hall. Online sign-up deadline is Feb. 11! Space is limited and going fast! The \$30 per person tickets include one wine glass, all the necessary supplies and step-by-step instruction! (See the photo for the design that will be presented for your painting pleasure!) Appetizers and munchies will be provided. You are welcome to bring a beverage of your choice to share if you'd like. While this is a fun night, it is also a club fundraiser so please consider inviting your friends and family to join in the fun!! Tickets may be purchased online at https://www.dudleywomansclub. org/paintparty Please be prepared to enter any guests names and email addresses. In the event of inclement weather, a postponement notice and new paint party date will be emailed to all those signed up! So, come join in the fun, get an awesome wine glass created by you and support the Dudley Womans Club charitable giving projects!

# Oxford selectmen authorize biring of new police officers

BY GUS STEEVES

OXFORD – Selectmen voted unanimously to hire three new police officers Feb. 1. One of them, Justina LaPierre, can start street training immediately because she already has academy training; the other two, Patrick Chalker Jr and Michael Buxton, will go to the academy this summer.

Based on their averaged scores, LaPierre was the board's top choice. She said she's an Oxford native and would be "so honored and proud to serve the community I grew up in."

She has been in auxiliary officer in Charlton and Southbridge, interned at Fitchburg Police during college, and is currently a dispatcher in a nearby town. In her words, one of her key qualities is that she "love[s] learning new things and challenging myself." When asked a lengthy question about how to handle stress, LaPierre encouraged having "good stress"

outlets" including working out and hiking, and reaching out to fellow officers when you see it

in them.

Buxton is also a resident, although just since 2018. He's already in uniform, as a Worcester County corrections officer for the last five years. There, he said, he's learned how to work in a stressful environment, where he's in charge of booking, photographing and fingerprinting the new inmates

new inmates.

When asked about a mistake he'd made and what he learned from it, Buxton recalled an incident on his third day there. A fight broke out between inmates with an officer caught between them, so he left his booth to help when he shouldn't have. He said that showed him "to pay more attention to details."

As a cop, Buxton said, he sees the most demanding part of the job as how to develop good relations with the public in a time when many people have negative perceptions of the police.

To Chalker, the idea of working in Oxford "sort of meets a common ground" between big city resources and small-town community feeling. He said he saw his recent military experience as "very helpful in this career choice" in terms of working with technology and people, "every character of the world, whether it's good or bad."

He noted he sees biggest difficulty of the job as being adapting to the larger social changes. "The unknown" makes him somewhat apprehensive, especially if he can't "gather enough information for what I wanted, but that's because I'm a bit obsessive with information." He said he "pick[s] up on conversations" around him to learn the community and help himself "get a little smarter, a little more aware of my surround-

ings."
To him, addressing stress starts with "a strong foundation at home." Everyday things can often be discussed there, but "talk[ing] to

To Chalker, the idea f working in Oxford sort of meets a common round" between big city esources and small-town ommunity feeling. He aid he saw his recent someone while you're on the job" is important for bigger events. He said it's important to address "mental health immediately with whatever resources you can find."

The fourth candidate was Alexander Rondon, whom Saad recommended against at this time but said he "may prove to be a viable candidate in the future."

Rondon lives in town and currently serves in the Marines, which has taught him "it's better to be confident and wrong than to hesitate and be right," he said. Serving gave him confidence and flexibility "with what life gives me," but also how to fulfill "what I want in life," he added.

To Rondon, the most demanding part of being an officer is "essentially, be[ing] the light in someone's darkness at whatever the lowest point they're at right now."

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

# Quinebaug Lodge celebrates new Masons



Brethren from the Rose of Sharon Lodge located at the Overlook Masonic Home in Charlton stand behind and aside of the precious Traveling Tyler Sword Plaque that was dedicated to Bro. Armond Richards, who was also a resident of the Overlook.

SOUTHBRIDGE — On Wednesday, Feb. 2, brethren from throughout the Commonwealth gathered at Quinebaug Masonic Lodge in Southbridge to witness four new candidates start and receiving their first degree. This is the start of an initiation process into this great Masonic Fraternity.

It takes three months to go through all the Masonic degree work due to the fact the lodges only hold their meetings to teach and learn about Freemasonry once a month. Two of the candidates are from

The Rose of Sharon Lodge, which is located at The Overlook Masonic Home in Charlton and the other two candidates are from Quinebaug Lodge of Southbridge. Recruitment in the 24th Masonic District which consist of these two great lodges has been increasing. There are 7 lodges total in the 24th Masonic District and most lodges have candidates going through degree work. Men in this District and surrounding community are inquiring and want to learn about Freemasonry. This is a good sign for Freemasonry when these

men ask the question "Is there greatness in you?"

Also on this great evening, brethren from the Rose of Sharon Lodge who arrived in two mini buses took advantage of their large number of members in attendance and retrieved the Traveling Tyler Sword Plaque in memory of their beloved friend and fellow resident of the Overlook Masonic Home brother Armond Richards. This Traveling Tyler Sword was created back in 2019 and dedicated to fellow mason brother Armond Richards who

was Quinebaug Lodges Tyler for more than 15 years. This plaque with a beautiful sword on it has a masonic door knocker with peep hole to symbolize a Tyler's job in the lodge. A Tyler is a Master Mason who guards and protects his fellow brethren while a meeting is in session with his mighty sword in hand or by his side guarding the west gate of our lodge which is our entrance to the meet-

To retrieve these items other lodges from within our district or state attending one of our official meetings. To collect the Gavel or Traveling Tyler Sword and return it to their lodge there must be a minimum of three people attending which must include their Worshipful Master, an officer, and a fellow brother. In return, the lodge that it was taken from must go to one of their meetings to retrieve it. This is how fellow Masons meet new brethren. Quinebaug Lodge Worshipful Master Bill Belanger was happy and excited to see all these brethren from Rose of

that they came to retrieve this awesome Traveling Tyler Sword in memory of their fellow resident bro. Armond Richards that he gave them all a Quinebaug Lodge lapel pin. They all enjoyed some fraternalism and snacks after the meeting. If you would like more information about Freemasonry, go to www. massfreemasonry.org and to find a lodge nearest you.

# Webster Republicans to hold caucus

WEBSTER – The Webster Republican Town Committee will conduct their caucus on Feb. 17 at 6:30 p.m. at 4 Veterans Way, Webster, to elect delegates to the Massachusetts State Convention.

Anv registered Republican who is interested in being considered as a delegate must attend the caucus. RSVP is strongly suggested. Contact Linda

The Massachusetts Republican Party will hold its State Convention on Saturday, May 21 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Mass Mutual Convention Center in

The convention's purpose is to endorse the party's ticket for statewide office. Candidates for Governor, Lieutenant

at 508-949-1218 or linpaqu@hotmail.com Governor, Attorney General, Secretary meets monthly and is patriotic, supportof State, State Treasurer and State Auditor will vie for the convention endorsement. To obtain the endorsement, a candidate must attain a majority vote of the delegates at the convention. This is an excellent opportunity for citizens to have a direct influence in state politics.

The Webster RTC

ive and faith based. We are very active and working locally concerning our US Constitution, Bill of Rights and Godgiven rights. However, there is much work to do to support our local police, veterans, and freedom that many have taken for granted.

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\$295,900, 618 Main St, Wilmington Svgs Fund Soc, to Alfeo, Salvatore G, and Alfeo, Jillian.

\$282,500, 70 Pleasant St #44, Avolese, Raymond, and Avolese, Denise, to Henderson, William A, and Henderson, Thomas K.

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Berthiaume, Barry, to Chahine Realty LLC.

# Save the date for Dudley Woman's Club's Pocketbook Bingo

DUDLEY — DWC's fall fundraiser event "Pocketbook Bingo" was such fun, so successful and popular an event, we are bringing it back! Being held at 3 pm on March 27 at Point Breeze Restaurant, 114 Point Breeze Rd., Webster, attendees will have the opportunity to win at least 10 designer bags, a door prize, a 50/50 raffle as well as other unique raffle items! So mark your calendars, save the date and watch for more info to follow. Also watch the DWC website as details and sign up will be available soon at https://www.dudleywomansclub. org/pocketbookbingo. So plan on joining us for another fun and uniquely different afternoon!

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# Boating safety courses to be offered in March

MILFORD — The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Tri-State Flotilla, Massachusetts will be instructing two upcoming boating safety classes at Milford High School, 31 West Fountain They are scheduled "in-person" unless further Covid restrictions move them to the Zoom video conference platform. Registration is managed through the Milford Community School Use Program, Adult-Boating, at http:// mcs.milford.ma.us (508) 478-1119 keeping in mind that availability is limited and you will receive course materials prior, covered by the

registration fee if given on Zoom. Participants under the age of 16 must be accompanied in person, or online by a registered parent/guardian. Both courses will be offered again in April at this location as "in-person" or on Zoom plat-

For additional USCGAux. information: phil.uscgaux@verizon. net or (508) 478-3778.

Boat America March 12 8 a.m. – 5

Register by March 4 (\$75 fee-\$65 Milford residents) An in-person procfor completion and will be given to students, in their vehicles, at the MHS parking lot on Sunday March 13 at 10 AM if the class is done over Zoom platform.

This is a one-day course developed to provide the skills and confidence needed to explore the coast and inland waters by boat. Basic knowledge and skills are needed to have safe and enjoyable boating experiences. This course is perfect for families that have just purchased any type of boat or are planning to in the future, and also for the boater keeping up with changes to boating regulations and laws. Successful completion of the course will certify any minor, from 12 to 16 years of age, to operate a powerboat, including a Personal Water Craft / Jet Ski (for 16 & 17-yearold operators), on all Massachusetts waters; in conjunction with the Mass. Environmental Police. Approved by NASBLA it will also cover the requirements to operate a vessel in most other states & many countries where boating safety education is mandatory. Most boating insurance companies offer a discount on premiums for successful completion of this course.

The Boat America

course is limited to 20 students.

Suddenly in Command March 16

Wednesday evening: 6:30 - 9 p.m.

Register by March 14 (\$5 course fee, No exam) Imagine you are out

on the water when the boat's captain somehow is incapacitated or falls overboard and can't swim back to the boat. Are you prepared to take basic actions to get help, stop or start the engine and take the helm? A little knowledge could save lives and make you feel

more comfortable boating when you're not generally at the helm.

Misfortunes can and do happen while on that fishing, diving, adventure, or party charter. Being out on your own boat with that significant other at the helm, or going out on a friends' pontoon boat can also turn to horror if the skipper is suddenly out of commission. This is a boating safety primer for those not generally at the helm but would like to know what to do, to be better prepared.

# School Committee exploring options for bringing projects to voters

BY JASON BLEAU CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY/CHARLTON - The Dudley Charlton Regional School District has begun exploring the process to bring funding requests for numerous capital improvement projects to its member towns for consideration.

On Jan. 26, a day after discussing the list of projects with the Charlton Board of Selectmen, the School Committee held a discussion with David Eisenthal, a representative of UniBank who was called in to discuss financing options with the district for a slew of needed projects that include several roof replacements, new bleachers at Shepherd Hill Regional High School, school security improvements including new digital cameras with a combined total of around \$10 million for the projects. The goal of the meeting with

options for bringing these projects to the voters and how that would impact both towns separately and as a whole

'These discussions have been going on for a while, but the next stage would be to develop a proforma debt service impact analysis which we could assist with. This will be based on the expected timing of the projects, confirmed estimated costs, how long the district wants to repay the debt over, and then the projected assessment percentages on the member towns. The purpose would be to give voters and other stakeholders a sense of the impact on local budgets or taxes depending on how they decide to pay their assessments," Eisenthal told the committee.

He continued explaining that the committee would work with bond council to develop language for a ballot election. The School Committee would decide a both towns voting as one unit on the projects. If approved, it would be up to each individual community to determine how they would cover their share of the project.

"The debt would be payable from assessments. These are determined according to the regional district agreement," Eisenthal said. "The annual debt service would be assessed to each of the member towns consistent with that agreement - A decision as to whether the capital assessments would be paid excluded from Proposition 2 1/2 would be purely a town decision."

Essentially the process presented to the School Committee is in two parts, the first being a vote of the district as a whole on whether or not to invest in the projects on the ballot and the second would be individual votes within each community concerning how to pay the cost of these projects. Eisenthal simplified this by stating that neither

town would approve debt exclusions or payment plans until a district-wide election was successful. If the projects were to go to the towns in a ballot vote the majority decision from the combined communities would be considered a "binding decision" according to Eisenthal and would be subject to the review of the Bond Council before the member communities would decide separately how to finance the projects.

No final decision was made by the committee on how they will proceed with seeking approval of these projects. The presentation was purely informative, providing insight into one process that could be employed if the committee chooses. The committee is planning to continue conversations with Charlton and, likely, Dudley during the budget season to keep and open forum with town leaders and residents on the realistic possibility of funding these capital projects.

# Dudley preparing for accountant's retirement

BY JASON BLEAU CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – With the potential retirement of Town Accountant Deborah Thibaudeau on the horizon, the Dudley Board of Selectmen is planning to find a successor to fill that role this spring or summer.

Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda brought the matter to selectmen in late January, when he laid out a plan to begin seeking a trainee to prepare to fill Thibaudeau's shoes if and when she decides to retire from her

"It's very likely that our town accountant is going to retire in August of this year, and because of the nature of that very important job, I'm planning on hiring an assistant town accountant who, as part of the process, will train to become the full-time town accountant after a 90-to-120-day transition period and training period," Ruda said.

He proposed advertising for the position in early March, posting the job internally and then externally until a candidate is selected with the new hire serving a sixmonth probationary period as an assistant to the accountant.

"That timeline brings us through the FY 2023 budget approval process and the audit for this fiscal year," said Ruda.

Selectmen didn't need to vote to approve the plan as the position and salaries are already set. However, Ruda wanted to gauge how involved selectmen wanted to be in the hiring process as the position is a major department

leader. Selectmen recommended that Thibaudeau be part of the interviews to determine her successor. Committees will be established to screen and interview candidates respectively. Those committees and their members will be discussed at a future meeting of the selectmen. The discussions in January were simply to kickstart the hiring process with the hopes of making a smooth transition in the accountant's

office and getting a head start on finding the best individual for the job.

### **Annual** Ice Fishing Derby Saturday Feb 12th, 2022 • 6am-2pm **Webster Fish and Game** Registration at 1 Lake View Road, Webster (Adams Home) or at the Fish and Game Fishing area will be limited to Reid Smith Cove ONLY \$20 ENTRY FEE Fish check in will be at 1 Lake View Rd. Meal for all participants after derby at the Fish and Game Prizes presented at the Fish and Game at 3pm

Call Adam with questions 508-400-6442

# \* \* Friday's Child



Kenya Age 16

I want to work in the fashion industry!

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Kenya is a sixteen-year-old girl who describes herself as fun, outgoing and caring. Kenya loves style and fashion, and she would like to work in the fashion industry. Some of Kenya's other favorite activities include arts and crafts projects, singing, dancing and playing sports. In school, Kenya gets along with others and makes friends easily. She is an intelligent young lady who performs at grade level.

Kenya is legally free for adoption and has requested to be placed in a family where one or both parents

are African American. Kenya's social worker is willing to explore single or two parent families, with or without other children in the home. Because Kenya will need a gradual transition into her future home, her social worker is only considering Massachusetts and local families at this time.

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The process to adopt a child from foster care includes training, interviews, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you. These steps will help match you with a child or sibling group that your family will fit well with.

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at (617) 964-6273 or visit www.mareinc.org. Start the process today and give a waiting child a permanent place to call home.



# Kathryn James of Webster named to Champlain College President's List

BURLINGTON, Vt. - Kathryn James of Webster has been named to the

Champlain College President's List for the Fall 2021 semester. Students on the President's List have achieved a grade point average of 4.0 or

higher during the semester. James is currently enrolled in the Computer Science and Innovation major.

Making the President's List is a tremendous achievement in any year. Many of the high achievers balance their classes with serious jobs, internships, clubs, and volunteering, as well as a global pandemic. We congratulate you on this great accomplishment and honor.

Founded in 1878, Champlain College is a small, not-for-profit, private college in Burlington, Vermont, with additional campuses in Montreal, Canada, and Dublin, Ireland. From its beautiful campus overlooking Lake Champlain, the College offers

an innovative academic experience and more than 100 residential and online programs, including undergraduate and graduate degrees and certificates. Champlain's distinctive career-driven approach to higher education embodies the notion that true learning occurs when information and experience come together to create knowledge. For the sixth year in a row, Champlain was named a "Most Innovative School" in the North by U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best Colleges" rankings, and was listed among The Princeton Review's "The Best 387 Colleges" in 2022. Champlain is also featured in the 2021 Fiske Guide to Colleges as one of the "best and most interesting schools" in

the United States, Canada, and Great Britain and was recognized as a 2020 College of Distinction for its "Engagement, Teaching, Community, and Outcomes.' more information, visit champlain. edu.







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KNIT & CROCHET GROUP

Thursday 5:30PM - 7:30PM and Friday 10:00AM-12:00PM

All stitchers are welcome for this informal group

### PRE-K POWER STORYTIME

Tuesdays @ 11:00AM

Join Miss Lida for Pre-School Story Time! We will be exploring a new letter each week starting with A and ending in the spring with Z.

#### TODDLER TIME

Wednesdays @ 11:00AM

Come join us for Toddler Time! We will have a different theme each week with stories and songs! This is geared for ages 18 months to 3.

### LEGO CHALLENGE CLUB

Wednesdays @ 3:30PM

Come join us each week for a different Lego challenge, from writing your name in Legos to making a Lego zipline. Ages 5+

### WIGGLES AND GIGGLES

Fridays @ 11:00AM

Ages 2-5 are invited to attend this fun, free program! Sing, move, play instruments, learn rhythm, and listen to stories with Laine Hanlon.

Space is limited; registration required. Sponsored by the YMCA Community and Family Partnership.

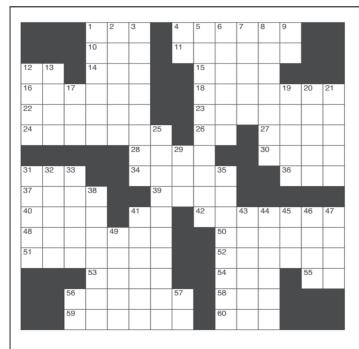
### ADULT BOOK GROUP

Third Thursday, 6:00PM-7:30PM

The adult book group meets for an informal discussion of the month's title, which is available at the circulation desk a month prior to the meeting. February's title will be The Hare With Amber Eyes.

For more information contact Kathryn Ward at 508-

#### VALENTINE CRAFT FOR KIDS



### **CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. One point east of due south 4. City in Maine
- 10. Inquire too closely
- 11. Make dirty
- 12. Small Greek island 14. Bitterly regret
- 15. Millisecond the ante
- 18. Without value 22. Eurasian ryegrass
- 23. Authentic
- 24. Having a mournful quality
- 26. Not out
- Salvador \_, Spanish artist
- 28. Cargo (abbr.)
- 30. This (Spanish)

36. Helps you hear

- 31. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.) 34. Slang for trucks with trailers
- 37. Steer a boat 39. British School
- 40. Genus of olive
- 41. Computer term (abbr.)
- 42. Horse gear
- 48. Give off
- 50. A type of salt 51. Exposing human vice or folly
- to ridicule 52. One who watches birds
- 53. Sailboat
- 54. A major division of geological
- time
- 55. Sodium 56. American state
- 58. Soak in water
- 59. Thin decorative covering of fine
- wood
- 60. Affirmative

### **CLUES DOWN**

- 1. One of the four seasons
- 2. Its sultan is famous 3. A lens for correcting defective 31. Footwear
- vision in one eye 4. College degree
- 5. Soldiers need it
- 6. Japanese car manufacturer
- 7. A way to address 8. Obstruct
- 9. Atomic number 45 12. Ill-mannered
- 13. Opaque gem 17. Indicates before
- 19. Remove
- 20. Populous Argentine city
- 21. More cunning
- 25. Rich dessert 29. Payment (abbr.)
- 32. Famed Alabama city 33. Sheep's cry
- 35. Arrogance
- 38. Clergical vestment
- 41. Serving no practical purpose
- 43. An evening party 44. Print errors
- 45. Not good
- 46. Egyptian Sun god
- 47. Industrial German city 49. Scottish island
- 56. Early multimedia 57. Atomic number 18

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Thursday, February 10 4:00PM-5:00PM Come and create a Valentine craft! Ages 5+, please.

Space is limited; registration required.

Friday, February 11 11:30AM-Noon

Join us for a Baby Time story time! We will be doing songs, fingerplays, and reading to our babies! This is geared for babies 0-15 months.

#### WINGMASTERS

Thursday, February 24 11:00AM-Noon

Birds of prey are also known as raptors, and they are hunting birds characterized by hooked beaks and powerful grabbing feet armed with sharp talons (the word raptor comes from a Latin word that means "to seize"). Raptors can also boast the best eyesight and the sharpest hearing in the animal kingdom. Raptors include hawks, falcons and owls, and this presentation, which incorporates 5 live birds of prey, all native to New England, gives an overview of these different categories. The program is designed to explain predation, the birds' place at the top of the food web, their different hunting adaptations and their status in a rapidly changing world. Because many birds of prey are declining in number, this presentation also features one or more of the endangered raptors that WINGMASTERS cares for, and explains why these species face an uncertain future.

Free; sponsored by the Hugh W and Harriet K Crawford Endowment

### **HOUSEPLANTS 101**

Thursday, February 24 6:30PM-7:45PM

Join the master gardeners from Blackstone Valley Veggie Gardens to learn everything you need to know to successfully grow houseplants. Learn about several kinds of houseplants, and how to identify common plant-growing problems, so you can beautify your home and purify the air you breathe.

Free; children under 12 must be accompanied by an

Sponsored by the Hugh W and Harriet K Crawford Endowment

### DEB'S SING AND SWING

Friday, February 25 10:30AM-11:00AM

Join Deb Hudgins for this interactive program featuring singing, music, dancing, stories, and a variety of fun props ranging from a parachute to pom poms.

Free; sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

#### SENSORY STORYTIME

Saturday, March 5 11:00AM-Noon Children with special needs and their families are

invited to this special program. We will read books, sing songs, and dance together.

Free; registration required.

#### YOGA WITH JULIE Saturday, March 5 Noon-1:00PM

All ages are welcome at this beginner-friendly yoga class led by Julie St. Francis. Please dress for movement and bring your own mat.

Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Sponsored by the Hugh W and Harriet K Crawford Endowment.

# GLADYS E. KELLY LIBRARY

2 Lake St., Webster 508-949-3880

Adult Programming

Book Discussion Group – February 28th 6:30PM The Gladys E. Kelly Public Library Adult Book Discussion Group meets at 6:30 pm. New members are always welcome! Next month's book discussion will be on Monday, February 28th at 6:30PM the meeting will take place via Zoom, and will be about the book Such a Fun Age by Kiley Reid. Stop by the library, or reach out by phone to 508-949-3880, or by email to ehale@cwmars.org for inquiries.

Friends February Book Special - Month of

February Get ready for romance! Stop by the Library's lobby and fill a bag of books for \$3.00. February's featured authors will be Danielle Steel, Robyn Carr, and Elin Hilderbrand.

Yoga with Julie - Saturdays from January 8th through March 26th 10-11:15AM

Join Julie at the Gladys E. Kelly Library for a vinyasa yoga class for all levels. In Sanskrit, Vinyasa yoga translates to the "uniting of movement with breath". A typical class involves a centering of the mind with the breath, aromatherapy, movement of the body to release energetic blockages and, finally, a rest and relaxation. Classes are free for Gladys Kelly Library patrons.

Before Brooklyn book discussion with Ted Reinstein – February 24th at 6:30PM

Thursday, February 24 at 6:30, Ted Reinstein from WCVB-TV's Chronicle will be at the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library to present his latest book, Before Brooklyn. This book tells the story of the little-known heroes who fought segregation in baseball, from communist newspaper reporters to the Pullman car porters who saw to it that black newspapers espousing integration in professional sports reached the homes of blacks throughout the country. There will be time for a brief Q&A after the presentation as well.

Children's and Young Adult Programming Maker Mondays - Mondays from 3:30-4:30PM

This February we'll have air dry clay available

for children and their caregivers to create with!

stay tuned!

Every month we will rotate our craft material, so

Build Night – Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30PM

Every February in January we'll have wooden blocks for kids to create with! Building materials will change monthly, check back for more infor-

YFCP Wiggles and Giggles – Every Friday from January 14th – February 18th 9:30-10:30AM

Join us for a FREE music & movement series created and facilitated by music teacher Laine Hanlon! Children, ages 2-5, with a parent/caregiver, will sing, move, play musical instruments, learn rhythm and listen to stories. "Wiggles and Giggles" fosters physical, cognitive, social and emotional learning through music and motion. Siblings are welcome. Space is limited and registration is required each week. You can register at the Events Page on the Library's website.

Special Pajama Storytime – Wednesday, February 23rd at 10AM

Wear your favorite jammies or something comfy to this extra special storytime!

February Vacation Week Programs – February 22nd, 24th, 25th and 26th - 3:30-4:30PM

Tuesday, February 22nd – Wreck the Tech - Ever wondered what was inside a printer? We'll give kids screwdrivers and some old technology to take apart and explore. This program is best for ages 6 and up but all are welcome with a caregiver.

Thursday, February 24th – DIY Slime - Slime was so popular this Fall, we're bringing it back! This

program is for all ages. Friday, February 25th - Build Your Own Roadway - For all the vehicle-loving kids out there! Everyone will get a big piece of cardboard and a roll of road tape to create their own highway system. Hot Wheels provided for imaginative play after their

creation is finished! Saturday, February 26th - Learn Ukulele for Kids - Join Julie Stepanek as she shows the fundamentals of ukulele playing. You'll learn how to tune, strum and read chords. After a short lesson, you'll be able to play some fun and easy songs. No experience necessary. Bring your own ukulele or borrow one of hers.

# Worcester Polytechnic Institute announces Dean's List

WORCESTER — A total of 2,054 undergraduate students achieved the criteria required for WPI's fall 2021 Dean's List. The criteria for the WPI Dean's List differs from that of most other universities as WPI does not compute a grade point average (GPA). Instead, WPI defines the Dean's List by the amount of work completed at the A level in courses and projects.

"WPI's academic programs are rigorous and require a level of independence beyond what is required in traditional courses. WPI students work on open-ended problems for communities around the world. The problems are important and the impact is real" said dean of undergraduate studies Arthur C. Heinricher. "Some of this nation's best and brightest students come to WPI to study engineering and science and business and the humanities. Those named to the Dean's List have excelled in all of their work, and we are exceptionally proud of these outstanding stu-

The following students are Dean's List recipi-

Leila Card of Dudley, class of 2022, majoring in Aerospace Engineering (BS)

For Advertising **Information** Call 508-764-4325 email: ads@ stonebridgepress.news Edison Doko of Dudley, class of 2024, majoring

in Electrical and Computer Engineering Abigail Duval of Oxford, class of 2024, majoring

in Aerospace Engineering Bradley Markiewicz of Webster, class of 2023, majoring in Mechanical Engineering (BS)

Austin Rebello of Oxford, class of 2024, majoring in Computer Science (BS)

Hayden Smith of Webster, class of 2023, majoring in Computer Science

William Tyrrell of Oxford, class of 2025, majoring in Electrical and Computer Engineering (BS) 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 70 bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs across 17 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

# DUDLEY SENIOR CENTER

Please call Tri Valley Elders if you would like to speak with a SHINE counselor 508-949-6640 (TDD 508-949-6654), 1-800-286-6640 Their Website is: www.  $trivalley in c. org \ email \ in fo@tves.org$ 

ELDER ABUSE intake Hotline for Mass., 1-800-922-2275, to report physical/mental/financial/abuse. Senior self-harm/neglect. (May remain anonymous in reporting suspected abuse).

Dudley Senior center hours are 8:30 am-4:30 pm.

Monday through Friday. Seniors are welcome to drop in for self-directed activities, cards, puzzles, movies, knitting, or just hang out w friends.

Tri Valley Congregate lunches are served M, W, & F@11:45am. Reservations for lunch must be made two days in advance, Call office, and leave message to reserve your lunch. 508-949-8015. Lunch is \$3.00/donation.

Tuesdays @1pm Pitch league

\*\*Wednesday Creative Crafter Workshop, and

\*\*Thursday morning sewing crafts class with Linda P. Will be starting up again soon. Stay tuned!

Thursdays @ 1pm (a new day) for the Dudley Senior Women's Knitting group. Come join us if you're interested in creating groovy knitting projects which are helping to support our community.

Friday is Game day, before or after lunch, for anyone who enjoys word games like Scrabble, Boggle, Scattergories etc.

5 Church St.

The Common Ground Memory Cafe' is scheduled the third Thursday of the month, (Weather permitting), 3-5pm, FREE program, featuring live music, a light meal, crafts. It's a fun come as you are, no-judgement social activity. This program is especially meant for anyone who is affected by cognitive decline/ difficulties, such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Stroke, mild Dementia, forgetfulness, loneliness or feeling down, being together with friends, family, loved ones in an uplifting, caring, accepting, environment. Come join us!

At the Dudley Senior Center, we are Dementia Friends Certified.

Office Hours: M, W, & F 11:00 am-3pm (and third Thurs. of the month 1:00pm-6:30pm).

Our new email is coadirector@dudleyma.gov

The COA phone # 508-949-8015. Please leave us a message with your return

We are always open to new ideas for programs/events, come and share!

Open to all seniors; you are welcome to attend any of our programs and events no matter where you live.

We hope you'll visit us soon!

Margaret Bussiere, COA Dir.

Our Dudley COA Board Members: Jan Board members, Cheryl Leyton, Charlie Marlborough, and Carmella D'Ambra

Fitchburg State University President Richard S. Lapidus has announced the students who qualified for inclusion on the Dean's List for the Fall 2021 semester.

FITCHBURG

A student is placed on the Dean's List for the semester if an average grade of 3.20 or better is attained, and the student is attending the university full time.

Fitchburg State University enrolls approximately 6,000 day and evening students in more than 50 programs of study. The university was established in 1894.

Auburn

Breanna R. Benoit, Sheeza Y. Chaudry, Emma M. Ganley, Cameron J. McGrath, Riley J. Millay Blackstone

Collins, A. Claire

# Fitchburg State

Local students named to Dean's List at

Benjamin W. Putnam Charlton Isabella A. Sousa, Jennifer L. Vezina

Cherry Valley Ingrid Y. Maravilla Douglas

Anna A. Dame, Ashley E. Deluca, Sarah A. Haire, Aubrey M. Harris, Kosmo J. Symock

Fiskdale Andrew P. Campiglio

Grafton Jonathan M. Randall Groton

Andrew T. Esielionis, Emily J. Hanson, Brittney A. Mattson, Mishayla S. Silver

Leicester Madison C. Hippert, Robert G. Kemp Milford

Matthew K. Baier, Roy M. Benson, Mckenzie E. Calvao, Sydney D. Crocker, Kaitlyn M. Mobilia, Nicholas J. Taylor, Tj A. Yadisernia North Oxford

Students named to President's List at

Jared S. Orrell

Northbridge Chrissa A. Gannon, Martha Garley, Gabrielle K. Perron, Elijah V.

Perron Oxford Dillon,

Zaria R. Dillon, Brittany R. Jefferson, Kavlvn N. Violette Southbridge

Ryan P. Pratt Spencer Lauryn M. Hines Sturbridge

Victoria R. Messina Sutton Abigayle K. Menzdorf

Upton Cameron M. Bern, Noah A. Charron, Ashley

E. Porter

W. Brookfield Chase W. Carlson,

Cameron G. Larcheveque Wales

Wylder D. Tallman Webster

Sophia M. Gardner,

Maikeal Y. Gwargious, Samuel A. Kontoes, Abigail J. Mulry

#### Fitchburg State Brady, Kathleen Cormier, Jim FITCHBURG — Fitchburg State D'Auria. Welcome to our newest COA University President Richard S. Lapidus

has announced the names of students included on the President's List for the Fall 2021 semester.

The President's List honors students for consistently high academic achievement. A student is named to the list after achieving a 3.75 average in each of three successive semesters.

Fitchburg State University enrolls approximately 6,000 day and evening students in more than 50 programs of study. The university was established in 1894.

Nicholas D. Bisceglia Dudley Jillian E. Laabs Leicester Jack W. Larson Oxford Suzannah R. Lambert Southbridge Fintan D. Neff Uxbridge Lorenzo G. Demalia Webster Allison M. Zopatti

# Dudley police log

DUDLEY — The Dudley Police Department reported only one arrest during the week of Jan. 28 to Feb. 4, but assisted with two other arrests credited to the Webster Police Department.

Nicole M. Smith, age 30, of Dudley was arrested on Jan. 28 in connection with an out of agency warrant.

# WEBSTER POLICE LOG

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of Jan. 30 to Feb. 5.

Fernando Carlos Colon-Rosario, age 19, of Springfield was arrested on Feb. 1 for Failure to Stop for Police, Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle, and Operating So As to Endanger.

Daniel Hansen, age 31, of Webster was arrested on Feb. 2 in connection with a

Joseph H. Fair, age 28, of Webster was arrested on Feb. 5 in connection with a warrant. Matthew Joseph Tetreault, age 40, also of Webster, was arrested during the same incident for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol.

Amber S. Folsom, age 48, of Dudley was arrested on Feb. 5 in connection with a

### Like the Webster Senior Center Facebook page to view our photo's. news and announcements

Webster Senior Center

Tri-Valley Lunches are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 11:30 am. Please call (508) 949-3845 at least 48-hours in advance to reserve or cancel your meal.

Open Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 3:30

Email: SeniorCenter@Webster-MA.

NEW!!! The Bomba Beauty Salon at the Webster Senior Center will be opening Monday, February 7th from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Please call the Senior Center at (508) 949-3845 for more information.

The Webster Senior Center will be closed on Monday, February 21st in observance of Presidents' Day.

Mondays and Wednesdays: Exercise Classes with Forty Arroyo – Chair Dancing 9:30-10:30 am. Cost: \$3.00 per class

Mondays: Knitting/Crochet Social 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Bingo: Every Tuesday, starts promptly at 1:00 pm. Please plan to arrive by 12:30 pm to allow time to buy your bingo

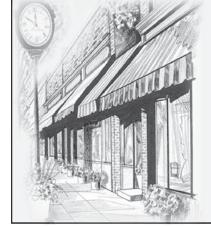
Progressive Pitch 1:00 pm Mondays, Wednesdays, 13-card Pitch on Thursdays and 9-card Pitch on Fridays.

Mahjongg group meets every Friday The Worcester County Sheriff's Office

House Numbering Program will create a custom wooden sign with your house number free of charge. Please contact the Webster Senior Center if you are interested in having a house number sign made for you. (508) 949-3845

Please call the Senior Center at (508) 949-3845 or stop in and pick up our monthly newsletter for a complete list of additional activities and upcoming

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# **QCC** ANNOUNCES DEAN'S AND MERIT LISTS

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College has released its Fall 2021 Semester Dean and Merit Lists. A total of 537 students were named to the College's Dean's List and 881 students were named to the Merit List.

Students who meet the criteria below and have earned 12 or more credits in a given semester are named to the Dean's

All grades must be "C" or higher. (No grades of "I" or "X" are permitted).

Semester Quality Point Average (QPA) must be 3.50 or higher, and cumulative QPA must be 2.00 or higher.

All courses must be college level

Auburn: Tyler Camuso, Casey Clouthier, Gracie Curtis, Ezekial Diaz, Kiara Diaz, Colin Fitzgerald, Aidan Foley, Kevin Foley-Foster, Dawson Gemme, Jason Henry, Andy Ho, Muhammad Ibrahim, Priscilla Kot, Katelyn Pike, Dylan Tang, Meloney Thapa, David Zona

Blackstone: Jonathan Budnick, Colin Johnson, Joshua Johnson, Erin McDonald, Justyne Tellstone, Eva Turcotte

Brimfield: Abigail Burgener, Madison

Brookfield: Peyton Fellmeth, Shawn Greenwood, Tay-Lynne Pope, Vanessa VanGerven

Charlton: Lauryn Dawson, Johnson Vitor Kuhn Scariot, Jessica Lapierre, Rene Latino, Chase McKenney, Nicole Mulvey, Halle Sanchez, Dylan Smaltz

Cherry Valley: Stephanie Grayum, Joslyn Rutter

Douglas: Alorian Orcutt

Anthony Awad, Erin Bouffard, Nicholas Champagne, Parker Filo-Loos, Isabella Freitas, Deirdre Grubb, Joseph Guaragno, Grace Jocson, Montana Josey, Nicole Karp, Julia Leary, Baker Meece, David Pino, Anthony Rivera, Jade Shultz, Mehrael Towadros, Auguste Valley

East Douglas: Adam Gaulin, Joshua Gopin, Reilly Moran, Earl Parfitt, Michael Purvis, Peyton Simoneau

Fiskdale: Anna Simons

Grafton: Isabella Adams, Tyler Charpentier, Ryan Davidson, Christina Duggan, Olivia Lee, James McGilloway, Brianna Mishado, M'Leia Sweeney, Audrey Ziegler

Holden: Chester Awuni, Haleigh Bruso, Michael Evanowski, Saxon McDonaugh, Kaitlyn McMahon, Colleen Murray, Lynn Nguyen, Trinh

Holland: Hunter Boudreau, Emma Bullock, Monica Confer

Leicester: Jon Auger, Owen Boisvert. Aimee Brigham, Ryan Butler, Michael Cogswell, Camden Crocker, Amanda Neil, Meghan Niddrie

Milford: Shawn Amiel Arquillano. Madison Carneiro, Danielle Cerqueira, Thiffany De Castro, Ryan Shaw, Thalita da Silva Santos

Millbury: Melanie Bazillion, Brenna Berube, Elizabeth Chagnon, Brandon Charbonneau, Kennedy Day, Kelsey

Graves, Ivie Lapointe, Brianna Poske, Rosalie Powers, Sydney Westerlind

Brookfield: Kristina North Blankenship, Deborah Hill, Tyler Hosley, Katelynne Redmiles, Robert Waldron

North Grafton: Jessica Bancewicz, Sarah Bianco, Jenna Boisvert, Ashley Caddell, Nicholas Calo, Molly Shea North Oxford: Salvatore DeMalia,

Gracyn Mauch Northbridge: Tyler Hewitt, Nicholas Ragozzino

Oxford: Kwabena Asiamah, Micaela Christenson, Holly Gignilliat, Kelsie Guarente, William Harvey, Amanda Listewnik, Kaitlin Littleton, Nicholas McElroy, Denise Otano, Dillon Palmer, Jared Torosian

Paxton: Peter Roberts, Robert Siemen, Matthew Tanona

South Grafton: Nicholas Lima,

Amanda Palmieri, Nicholas Waller Southbridge: Evan Duffey, Caiden Ellis, Lauren Gates, Kellsie Gauvin, Rosalie Groleau, Nicholas Rodriguez, Xavier Rosario, Christina Ruberti, Venus Streeter, Juan Velasco, Cody Wood

Spencer: Stacey Arsenault, Mariannah Chase, Carli Kerns, Ashley Leighton, Raven Martin, Kristen Robillard, Kyle Sadusky, Dustin VanDyke, Yujia Wei

Sturbridge: Norma Cignarella, Ryan Manners, Allison Parker, Andrew Parker, Christopher Tejada

Sutton: Sarah Beachman, Aliyssa Courville, Katherine Fields, Disha Rachel Peters, Nathan Khanna. Posterro, Alexandra Richard

Uxbridge: Hailey Bergman, Antonio Demalia, Abigail Hanscom, Scott Lawrence, Jeremy Lutton, Patrick Malone, Mayra Marquez, Olivia Powell,

Wales: Lauren Holcomb

Webster: Benjamin Ayres, Melissa DeLuca-Midgette, Alexander Delgado Casanova, Ashley Denham, Sean Flynn, Amber Hallaman, Anna Israelian, Trevor Jutras, Hanna Kunkel, Chime Lama, Elena Ralph, Alicja Rogalski

West Brookfield: Jon Rimmer West Upton: Collin Gorman, Olyvia

Kane, Omer Rona

Whitinsville: Julianna Borruso, Isabel Carroll, Ethan Eisenhardt, Jennifer Flanagan, Cora Gauthier, Travis Gould, Khadija Ouagri, Joshua

QCC Merit List, Fall 2021

Students who meet the criteria below and have earned six or more credits in a given semester, but fewer than 12 credits, are named to the Merit List:

All grades must be "C" or higher. (No grades of "I" or "X" are permitted).

Semester Quality Point Average (QPA) must be 3.50 or higher, and cumulative QPA must be 2.00 or higher.

All courses must be college level

Zahraa Alshammari Gabriella Amoros, Dawn Bombard, Conor Carlson, Madison Cove, Dominic D'Amore, Uyen Hong Ha Dao, Lyndsey Delorto, Leesa Kamaru, Hailey Martell, Chanel Napoli, Kyle Nash, Ifeanyi Nwachukwu, Brian Smith

Blackstone: Alexa Boyt, Jill Johnson Brimfield: Lyndsey Gamache, Lauren Jones, Jonathan Rubio

Brookfield: Jared Maldonado, Lorianne Palmer, William Palmer, Grace Wilbur, Tye Zola

Charlton: Cameron Allard, Kimberly Beals, Leslie Chaves, Christopher Chute, Nicholas Cochran, Adrienne Courchaine, Ada Duruh-Nubuor, Riley French, Abigail Joesten, Cheyenne Kelly, Haley LaFortune, Jessica Marshall, Pedro Milian-Giles, Pedro Prieto, Katelyn Smith, Bryan Stearns, Ashley Steelman, Cady Stevens

Cherry Valley: Sarah Ismail, Krissy

Lindner, Inutu Mwinga

Dudley: Mia Bohanan, Elizabeth Catino, Jessica Clark, Shawn Coltran, Conor Fitzgerald, Heather Lamprey, Hannah Lombardo, Abigail Northrop, Maxwell Ober, Paige Oliver, Christina Richert, Molly Riley

East Brookfield: Nicole Boucher-Eccleston

East Douglas: Katelyn Ballou, Courtney Barch, Caroline Beaird, Bishoy Soliman Hanna

Fiskdale: Hannah Abubakar. Tristan Shaw, Meaghan Stearns, Warren Zelenak

Grafton: Joseph Brenner, Alison Burough, Andrea Carenzo, Jack Cosseboom, Zoe Davis, Debokkawe Pannasiri, Tyler Peters, Elisabeth Spencer, Bradley Sylvestre, Tracy Torteson, Jayce Walker, Lauren Wareham

Holland: Justine Block, Azure Butler, Katharine Patota, Julie Schutz, Robert

Leicester: Tiffany Beer, Amy Carr, Geneva Hart, Patricia Herholz, Kristina Jarobski, Kristen Johnson, Constantino Rodriguez, Maria Rosado, Meaghan St. George, Jonah Wicklund

Milford: Edgar Falfan Barreto, Mariana Ferraz, Lia Mucera, Victoria Oliveira Ramos, Rebecca Silva

Millbury: Sandra Bravo, Jacob Brodeur, Samantha Brooks, Indigo Cadorette, Stefanie Cerrone, Gina Chionchio, Kyliegh Corey, Cudmore, Kristen Curran, Christian Donaldson, Wesley Hutchinson, Amanda Macedo, Lauren Manzello, Hannah Sarro, Myles Schaffer, Yidan

Millville: Dawn Lavallee

North Brookfield: Jessica Lisi North Grafton: Fadi Alkoht, Sheraz Awan, Bridget Burke, Tracy Francis, Amanda Johnson, Rabia Mateen, Kali

North Oxford: Antony Bradford, Nikita Igoshin, Julianna Marcoux, Hailey Mills

Northbridge: Aaron Bishop, Kyran Bishop, Krystal Bonafilia, Sarah Bowen-Catlin, Randall Cranshaw, Hillary Mellor, Erin Ostroskey, Jessica Perkins, Gregory Riley, Crystal Tardie, Amaya Williams, Anthony Zanca

Oxford: Izabella Bezak, Noah Buckley, Nina Cardoni, Emily Caron, Mark Cruz,

Tommy Estevez, Wilfrid Fotso Tasse, Ariana Gelardi, Katie George, Elijah Gray, Nathan Hagopian, Colton Heerdt, Kimberly Lindsey, Daniel Silver, Alexis Walsh

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Rochdale: Victoria Esposito, Armando

South Grafton: Esha Batchu, Kathryn Branda, Vaishnavi Chebrolu, Veda Dave, Anthony Fisher, Nicholas Fobert, Thomas Fobert, Hanna Perron, Jesalee

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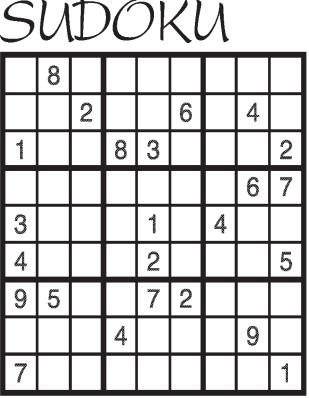
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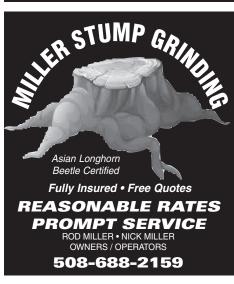


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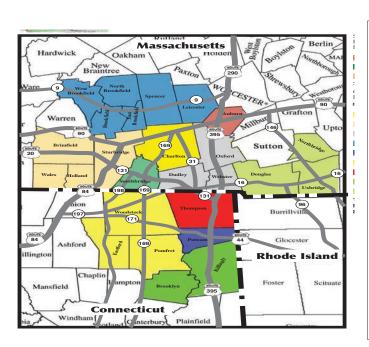
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# **EDITORIAL**

# Your vote matters

We have heard much buzz from younger voters recently regarding the upcoming midterms, and the overwhelming consensus among them, alarmingly, is that their votes do not count. While there are exceptions to this rule, we figured we would stress to our younger counterparts how important it is to pay attention and to head to the ballot box.

The youth voice is important whether you are a Republican, Democrat, Independent, Libertarian, or something in between. Important issues in every election directly relate to concerns students and young professionals have, which is even more reason to arm yourself with knowledge. Truth be told, younger voters are needed now more than ever. Issues that concern students are college tuition reform, healthcare and federal job programs to name a few. You may not care now, but you may care a few years from now when choices politicians make, begin to affect your life, and they will.

Young voters make up almost 50 percent of the voting population, giving you a stronger voice than you think, making your votes collectively more influential across the board. An interesting bit of trivia is that youth votes declined by 2 percent from a record of 52 percent in 2008. In 2016, 19 percent of those ages 18-29 voted in the presidential election. Those ages 45-64, however, made up for 49 percent of the vote.

You may not think your vote counts, but every vote counts. The climate of the country appears to be so divided that the vouth vote matters now more than ever. Oftentimes, politicians will win by a small margin as low as 20 votes, especially in local and state races, proof that your vote does matter. Young people that want to inspire change need to find the candidate who represents their values best, and cast their votes.

With news at our fingertips these days, it's easier now more than ever to educate yourself regarding politics. Sure it may seem boring and often times it is, but educating yourself on current events and the issues will serve you well. One bit of advice is to not believe everything you read or see and to always fact check your sources. Protect your interests and use your voice, after all this is what democracy is all about.

Do not be discouraged or intimidated to vote; it's easy. You have a right to be at the polls just like every other American. Bring a friend and go grab some lunch or breakfast afterwards, making it a fun occasion.

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# Jesus sees something special in each of us

Do you know what makes you special? Think about your life, think about the distinctive talents and gifts that you possess, think about your particular experiences in life and all that makes you distinctive do you feel special? God created each one of us unique and beautiful; He created us in His image; He created each of us as beautiful as a rose.

Yet life has a way of highlighting not the beauty we possess, not our unique blessings, not the image of God in whom we were created, but life has a way of focusing on our shortcoming, on our mistakes and poor choices, on our bad habits and questionable attitudes, on our sins and our ugliness. Too many people emphasize the negative they see and then pull us down, noting our failures and problems. We are often stymied and hindered from fulfilling all that God desires for us, of reaching our divine potential.

In place of a beautiful rose, society has a way of pulling off our pedals, one by one. And surely at times, we listen and eventually believe these negative voices. Sometimes, we ourselves pull off our own pedals through our mistakes and sins. As we lose the beauty of our divine image, we lose hope, lose a belief that change and renewal is possible. We even accept our brokenness and ugliness as normal. We identify with the damaged image through which society views us. We are no longer a beautiful rose, but a broken flower, and thus, we are cast into the trash can.

Jesus Christ, however, never sees us the way the world sees us. He knows in whose image we were created. He understands the immense potential we possess. No matter how many pedals have been pulled off our flower, no matter how "ugly" we have become, He isn't repulsed by our unattractiveness because He sees something else in us. He sees deep within us goodness and beauty, no matter how much we've covered up these virtues.

This is why in the story about Zacchaeus the tax collector, we hear Jesus say. "The Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost." Think about this. "The Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost." Jesus is not interesting in condemning anyone. No one is a lost cause to Him. We can see how he treats people throughout His life. He never gives up on anyone. No matter how broken or disfigured or ugly a person has become, and no matter how much society rejects and condemns them, Christ never sees a person as the world sees them. He looks beyond the darkness and calls forth the beauty hidden deep within. He reminds us of the lost divine identity within every person and calls it out.

Remember the story of Zacchaeus. By a worldly perspective he was rich, he lived a comfortable life, and he surely had some influence and even power working with the Romans. And yet, among his own people, they hated and despised him. Jewish society couldn't stand tax-collectors because they were traitors, working for the Romans. Zacchaeus not only collected taxes for the enemy, but he became rich by stealing from his own people. Jewish society equated tax collectors with murderers and criminals, as terrible sinners, beyond hope and redemption. Actually, tax collectors weren't even welcome in the temple.

With this backdrop, imagine a huge



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crowd following Jesus, listening to His words, maybe seeing some miracle, and with a religious fervor building up in the crowd, all of the sudden everything is interrupted when Jesus sees Zacchaeus sitting in a sycamore tree and calls out to this despised tax-collector. Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus, and due to the fact that he was so short, he ran ahead of the crowd and climbed up into a tree to simply get a glimpse of

In the end, however, it wasn't Zacchaeus who saw Jesus, but the Lord who looked into the heart of the tax-collector. Jesus saw something in Zacchaeus the crowd didn't see. This is why Christ actually invites Himself to go to Zacchaeus' house. The crowd is stunned. Not only shocked but even angry. Why would Jesus go into the house of a well-known sinner? Why would this rabbi shame Himself

by eating with tax-collectors? How dare this religious person spend time with such a despised and despicable figure.

While the crowd was in an uproar, it's interesting to note that Zacchaeus willingly and joyfully receives Jesus into his home. Yes, he's shocked that Jesus wants to come to his home, and yet he gladly receives him with an open heart.

This is when Jesus bluntly states to the crowd, "The Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost.' Of course, he knew that Zacchaeus was a lost soul. Of course, he knew all about this tax-collector's corruption and evil, the way he destroyed lives by stealing from the poor in order to enrich himself. Of course, he knew that people hated and despised this man for his evil. Jesus' divine mission, however, was "to seek and to save that which was lost."

This is why He decides to go to Zacchaeus' house, to meet the tax-collector where he felt comfortable, to connect with him where he was at, and then to lift him up and call him back to his original self. Jesus wanted to call forth the beauty that was hidden deep within

"I see something in you." That's what Jesus says not only to Zacchaeus but to each one of us. "I see something good in you. I see beauty in you regardless of whatever mistakes you've made in your life. I see goodness in you despite your sins and whatever brokenness remains. I've come to seek you out, and to save that which is lost."

This is the attitude of God, and this is the attitude that the followers of God are called to imitate. Can we be people who see the good in others instead of judging them. Can we be people who focus on the beauty instead of the ugliness in others. Just as God brings special people into our own lives who act as His instruments, we also are called to become instruments in God's hand, building up others, finding the Zacchaeuses of the world and not condemning them, but pointing out the good within them, reminding them of their divine potential, and encouraging and helping them rediscover the plans God has for them.

Can we act like Jesus and \ reach into the trash cans of life, where society has cast away too many people, and can we lift them out of the trash can and make them whole once again? Jesus does this for each one of us. Can we also do it for one another? Maybe together with our Lord, we can all help one another rediscover the beauty of His divine image deep with one of us.



Baccarat candelabra sold for \$500.

A pair of early 19th century tiles depicting bare knuckle boxers Tom Spring and Jack Langan fighting for the heavy championship of England in 1824 were sleepers in our December auction. After bidders battled it out, the last one left standing won the prize tiles for

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# Cell phone network upgrades could hinder your ability to dial 911



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Several questions continue to be asked about the shutdown of some cellular networks. Several months ago, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) reported important information about your mobile phones and devices. I provided

information on this near the end of last year. Changes in the technology will make some phones obsolete, and they could even be incapable of dialing 911. I wanted to remind everyone of the FCC information and encourage you to reach out to your provider to determine what, if anything, you many need to do in your situation.

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

This process has begun as early as Jan. 1 of this year, depending on your service provider. It is recommended vou consult with your mobile provider or their website for the most up-todate information. AT&T announced that it will finish shutting down its 3G network by this month (February). Verizon will be complete by Dec. 31, 2022. T-Mobile / Sprint's 3G may have already occurred. Many carriers, such as Cricket, Boost, Straight Talk, and several Lifeline mobile service providers, utilize AT&T's, Verizon's, and T-Mobile's networks, so it is important to check with your provider.

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

The increase in COVID cases remains a concern. For those still seeking vaccination information, it can be found at www.dudleyma.gov or by calling 508-949-8036. We encourage everyone to be safe. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. During these challenging times, we, at the Dudley Police Department, greatly appreciate the support we receive from our community.

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.

# Our top 2021 auction items

Our top 2021 auction items In my last column, I shared prices for some of the items that brought the best results in our 2021 auctions. Many of the top sellers were items we've discussed in previous columns like estate jewelry, sterling silver, antique paintings and sports cards and memorabilia. In this column, I'll discuss top selling items that sometimes go over-

While model trains have been dropping in value, some high-quality newer sets are exceptions. We sold a four-piece MTH Electric Trains "The IVES Railway Lines" for \$2,400 and a Retro 1-2-3 LLC Hiawatha Locomotive and Tender limited edition # 6 of 100 for

\$3,900 last year.

Vintage toys also brought strong prices last year. A Buddy "L" Transportation Company Bus brought \$1,600. An Eska Kiddie Corvette Vintage Pedal Car drew a lot of interest when we auctioned the Corvettes in Webster, MA selling for \$4,600. A 1958 Ponytail Barbie doll went for \$275.



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A pre-Civil War firearm and Civil War letter also sold well, with the 1811 Flintlock Rifle reaching \$850 and the 1862 Confederate Civil War Soldier's letter fetching \$200.

Along with the Civil War letter, other ephemera and paper collectibles also performed well at auction. Despite having some pen marks and tears, a Superman #57 March - April 1949 Golden Age comic book went for \$200. A vintage postcard album containing real photo postcards and diecut Valentines brought \$425.

There were other miscellaneous items that drew strong bids in our 2021 auctions. Good, usable antique and vintage musical instruments are popular with collectors. A vintage brass saxophone by C. G. Conn fetched \$300. Antique and vintage photography equipment and photographs have traditionally sold well. German companies produced some of the highest quality vintage cameras and a German made Rolleiflex camera went for \$500. Even though I've mentioned that glass and china prices have dropped over the years, a signed

# Derbies, derbies everywhere



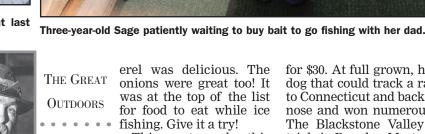
### Mike's big bass. Caught in local pond.

Ice fishing is in full gear, with numerous ice fishing derbies being held throughout the valley. The ice fishing derby held last week on Lake Nimunc was well attended, with more 50 anglers attending the event. No real big fish were caught, but everyone had a great time. This past Sunday, a huge turnout at the Nipmunc Rod & Gun Club Pond started out with some slow fishing for some, but jig fishing was very active with brown trout, rainbow trout and tiger trout being caught by many fishermen and women. The grand prize was a largemouth bass entered in the derby just before derby closing time.

Because the heavy rain prior to last weekend, the Whitinsville Fish & Game Club had to cancel their ice derby this past Saturday. The pond was flooded with more than two feet of water. It will be rescheduled as soon as the water recedes. The 200 sportsmen's club will hold their annual ice derby this Saturday Feb. 12. The event is open to the public. The Century Sportsmen's



This second big bass was also caught last week at a local pond by Shawn.



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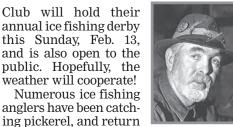
ing for a beagle pup. The elderly gentleman was looking for a companion. I made a few calls, and hopefully found him someone that can connect him with a new beagle pup. In our conversation, he told me he had checked everywhere trying to locate a beagle pup, and could only find a couple out of state that were looking for big money. Back in the day, I had a few beagles that I had bought locally for

My first good beagle was purchased from the late John Bolonzo in Douglas

\$20 or \$30 each, and they were out of

for \$30. At full grown, he was a 15-inch dog that could track a rabbit from here to Connecticut and back. He had a great nose and won numerous field trials at The Blackstone Valley Beagle Club's trials in Douglas. Most sportsmen that I knew back in those days owned at least one beagle, as hunting rabbits was a big deal back in the '60 's and '70's and long after. There were so many rabbit hunters that we banded together and formed the Blackstone Valley Beagle Club around 1962. It still is active today, but has very few members that own beagles because of the dramatic drop in cottontail rabbit populations locally. They now hunt pheasant on their 100-plus acres of property.

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them back to the waters where they were caught, because they claim that they have to many bones to make for good eating. Many years ago, we found a good way to avoid the pickerel bones by making pickled pickerel. A mixture of vinegar, pickling salt. and water made a good brine to do the job. Some sweet onion rings and pickling spices were added to the brine, along with the pickerel chunks, and

placed in canning jars, and refriger-

ated for a month or more. The bones

were soft, and the eating of the pick-

# Estate plans let you control your legacy

When you hear "estate planning," what do you think of? For many people, these words evoke images of immense wealth. But estate planning isn't just for the wealthy -

it's for everyone. And it's about more than preserving wealth - it's about putting you in control of your own legacy. But how can you achieve this worthy goal?

You can start by identifying your estate planning objectives. Here are some of the most common ones:

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will want to ensure your loved ones receive what you want them to have, and when. Through documents such as a will and a living trust, and techniques involving life insurance and using proper beneficiary designations, you - not the courts - will control the movement of your assets to the desired recipients.

Naming someone to make decisions for you if vou become incapacitated – Naturally, you

hope to stay in good physical and mental shape throughout your life and remain capable of making your own financial and health care decisions. But the future is not ours to see, so, to protect your interests and those of your loved ones, you may want to consider creating arrangements such as a power of attorney, health care directive and a living will. In this way, you'll still be able to control the key choices that

may lie ahead. Providing for children or dependents -If you have young children or other dependents, you'll want to be sure they'll be looked after if you aren't around. In your estate plans, you can name a guardian for them. You can also use various estate planning tools, such as life insurance, beneficiary designations and the establishment of a trust to provide the necessary financial resources for your loved

Supporting charitable organizations - Leaving something behind for your family is obviously an enormous part of your legacy - but it may also be important to you to provide support for charitable groups whose work you've admired. Of course, you can contribute to these organizations while you're alive, but through strategies such as donor-advised funds and charitable remainder trusts, you can include these groups in your estate plans.

Managing taxes efficiently - If you're likely to have a large estate, your heirs may need to be concerned with income and estate taxes. To help control these taxes, you can take a number of steps, such as making outright gifts to your family during your lifetime, establishing an irrevocable life insurance trust, creating a family limited partnership and making charitable donations.

All the estate-planning strategies and techniques mentioned here can be complex - so, to implement them, you'll need to work with an estate planning attorney and a tax professional. You may also want to include your financial advisor, who can help ensure your estate planning objectives align with your important financial goals, such

as living comfortably in retirement and providing for your children's or grandchildren's educa-

By identifying your objectives and working with your professional team, you can create an effective estate plan - and help yourself maintain control of your legacy.

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# Readers Share Favorite Household Hacks

It's time to take a peek into the Take the Hint! Mailbox. Thanks to all the readers who have written or emailed in their great tips for dealing with the little nuisances in life. And remember readers, your tip puts you in the running for a three course dinner for two at the Pubick House! From repurposing tips to kitchen shortcuts, readers share their favorite hints in this week's column. Read and keep the tips coming!

A hot bowl of chicken soup is undoubtable a simple winter pleasure! Trying to skim off the fat without chilling first, can seem like an impossible task - but no more! A reader shares an ingenious tip to get the job done quickly and eas-

# **ANTIQUES**

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We continue to accept consignments for our spring auction. During the spring, we will run another session of the model railroad, die-cast cars and vintage toy auctions. We will also run an online auction with tools, power equipment, storage containers and other items in Oakham, Mass. this spring. Registration is currently underway for my "Evaluating your antiques" class at Bay Path's adult evening school on Wednesday, March 23. Please see our website https://centralmassauctions. com to join our email list to keep up to date on auctions and other events.

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When making chicken soup there is usually a little too much fat on the broth when done.

In order to fix this problem, put a large spoon in the freezer in advance. When your soup

is ready scoop the fat out with the frozen spoon. The fat will stick to the frozen spoon and

be easily removed. Brian O'Leary Warren, MA

Another kitchen fix: If your homemade cornbread comes out too dense, try this simple switch to lighten things

If you are making a cornbread mix and want a lighter texture try substituting ginger ale for the required liquid.

Also, I used to put all sorts of combos into my cornbread mix like whole corn kernels, chopped red pepper, etc.

Annie Wuelfing Spencer, MA

This reader discovered that recycling an advertising freebie helped her with a common repair job:

Those magnet sheets that are attached to calendars from realtor companies with Pats schedules, etc. can be reused to safely corral tiny screws while fixing

Just turn the magnet side up use it to hold those tiny eyeglass screws when repairing your glasses!

This worked on my eyeglass arm repair with one of those little screw driver kits. I just turned the calendar to expose the full sheet magnet, laid out the new screw and also held the old screw while I worked to repair the side

This also works well for larger screws and for those of us who still use thumb tacks and sewing pins.

Viola Bramel Northbridge MA

They say necessitv is the mother of invention, and this reader discovered an unconventional sub-

stitute that works for her: Have you ever gone to shave your legs only to find out you have no shaving

cream? Use your hair conditioner in its place. It gives a smooth shave just like real shaving cream.

Donna Lewandowski Charlton, MA

Here's another "believe it or not tip"

If your bathroom mirror gets hairspray or other dirt on it, try cleaning it with a damp tea bag.

Take a wet tea bag and run it over the mirror. Let it set for a few minutes and rub the damp

mirror with a dry cloth. There is tannic acid in a tea bag that cleans with no streaks.

Nancy Sullivan

Woonsocket, RI

Looking to give your chocolate cake a little boost in flavor? This reader's baking tip promises to increase both taste and compliments!

When you make a chocolate cake, whether from scratch or from a mix, stir in a heaping teaspoon of instant coffee. The coffee enhances the chocolate flavor.

Donna Plouffe North Brookfield, MA

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**KAREN** TRAINOR

Bramel of Northbridge, MA who submitted the recycling tip above. Her name was drawn for Dinner for

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

Two at the Publick House.

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

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

# **OBITUARIES**

# Doris Sidebottom, 90



Doris Sidebottom, age 90, of Webster passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on her birthday, Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at home in Webster. Doris was born in

Webster on January 26, 1932. She is the daughter of the late Wilfred and the late Irene (Germain) Lavallee Sr. She is predeceased by her

husband, Edmund "Sid" Sidebottom. She is survived by her three children: Joy Sidebottom and her fiancé Stephen Simonelli of Webster; Cindy Sidebottom of Dudley; Steven Sidebottom and his wife Robbin of North Grosvenordale, Ct; one granddaughter Shayna Sidebottom of North Grosvenordale, Ct; and one sister Carol Lavallee of Webster. She also left several sisters-in-law, cousins, nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by three brothers: Henry Lavallee, Wilfred Lavallee and Robert Lavallee.

Doris was a waitress for many years. She worked at Treasure Island and Dante's Inferno in Webster, the Chandelier in Dudley and Richard's Inn in Oxford. She spent most of her years at the Lodge Restaurant on Gore Rd. in Webster until she retired.

Doris was a loving mother who would

do anything for her family. She loved to sew and over the years made many quilts, curtains and clothes for her family and friends. She loved working on crafts and finished about 40 paintings for her family to remember her by. The family will miss her dearly as well as the encouragement, love and support that she gave to them. She loved to play cards and enjoyed watching the Patriots with her family. There will always be special memories of her with friends and family on their boat "Sir Sid." Her family and friends will all remember the many fun places they cruised to, such as Newport and Block Island. When she retired, she and Sid traveled and spent winters in Florida with their daughter Joy.

The family would like to thank the amazing staff at the Summit Eldercare in Webster who were all so kind and compassionate to her during the last several months.

Friends and relatives are invited to gather for a prayer service that will be held at 11:30 am on Saturday, February 12 at St. Joseph Garden of Peace Cemetery columbarium, Old Worcester Road, Webster, MA. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the Town of Webster Animal Control Gift Fund, 350 Main Street, Webster, MA 01570.www.bartelfuneralhome.com

# Roger H. Lambert, 82



DUDLEY - Roger H. Lambert, 82, died Sunday, February 6, 2022, at Webster Manor Healthcare in Webster. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Linda D.A. (Collins) Lambert; four sons, Oxford Fire

Capt. Roger D. Lambert and his wife Cheryl of Dudley, Rene R. Lambert and his wife Kristina of Dudley, Oxford firefighter Ruess R. Lambert and his significant other Lisa Maloney of Oxford, and Eric R. Lambert of Worcester; his brother, Rene O. Lambert of Spencer; four grandchildren, Jacob, Kaylee, Kyle, and Cheyenne; and many nephews, nieces, grandnephews, and grandnieces. He was born in Gloucester. son of the late Didace "Bub" M. and

Simone (Hamel) Lambert, and lived in Oxford, North Brookfield, and Webster, before moving to Dudley several years

Mr. Lambert worked at Smith Valve for many years. Later, he worked at Cesyl Mills in Millbury for several years and McDonald's Restaurant in Webster for 10 years.

A funeral will be held on Thursday, February 10, 2022, from Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford, followed by a Mass at 12 noon at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 18 East Main St., Webster. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in Dudley. Calling hours were Wednesday, February 9, 2022, from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 18 East Main St., Webster, MA

# Joan R. Czechowski 75



Webster- Joan R. (Field) Czechowski 75, passed February 1, 2022 at Webster Manor. Her husband of 45 years, Ronald C. Czechowski died December 4, 2015.

She leaves 2 sons: Jeffrey Czechowski and his wife Margaret D. Czechowski and Brian Czechowski and his fian-

cé Lisa Fitzpatrick all of Webster, 3 grandchildren Anna Czechowski, Logan Czechowski and Elizabeth Guileano, and a sister Patricia Field of Manhattan, New York, niecs, nephews and cousins.

Joan was born March 5, 1946 in Manhattan, New York daughter of the late John and Mary (Yimones) Haronian. She graduated with a master's degree in education from Quinnipiac College.

She started her teaching career at

the former Intermediate School in Webster and later worked at the former Sitkowski School and later became the principal of the school.

She was loved by family, colleages, students and neighbors.

Joan always had a smile on her face and her kindness will always be remembered by all.

Calling hours will be Wednesday, February 9, 2022 from3-6 PM at the ROBERT J. MILLER FUNERAL and LAKE CHAPEL, 366 School St. There will be a Service at 4PM in the

funeral home. Burial will be at a later date in St. Joseph Garden of Peace Cemetery in Webster.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to All Saints Academy, 48 Negus St., Webster, MA.

To leave an on-line message of condolence, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.

# Priscillia R Donais, 96



Priscillia R Donais, 96, of Webster died Saturday, February 5, 2022 at home with her loving family at her side .She is the daughter of the late Hormidas and Rose (Choiniere) Plasse.

She is survived by three daughters: Elaine(Kevin) Horan, Michelle Antos (Jeff), Rachel (James) Piette, and two sons: Richard (Sally) Donais and Ronald Donais and his partner, Michelle Bellerose, with whom she lived. She also has 13 Grandchildren, including Wendy, Mandy, Sarah, Jamie. and Molly who devotedly cared for her over the past two years;18 great-grandchildren; former Son-In- Law, John Antos: nephew Dennis (Candace) Osimo; Cheryl Osimo (Bill Clouthier) and niece Cindy Donais

She was predeceased by her husband, Rudolph,her daughter, Suzanne Frowein, and Son, Kenneth Donais.; step-mother Eva Breault, brother Charles and wife Elaine, nephew David Plasse; mother-in-law, Lillian Donais; and sister-in-law, Ruth Osimo and her

Retired from Sears and Roebuck in Auburn. Communicant of Sacred Heart Church,Life member of the Ladies of St. Anne, American Legion ,VFW Aux in Brookfield.

Priscillia was a very faith-filled woman and lived her life accordingly. Her family was the center of her life and she enjoyed being surrounded by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a generous woman who baked and sent cards for every occasion. She volunteered her time to church functions and delivered home baked cookies weekly to a local nursing home. Her passing has left a huge hole in the lives of those who loved her so dearly.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held 10:00 am on Thursday Feb 10 at Sacred Heart Of Jesus Church, 16 East Main St., Webster. Burial will be in Sacred Heart cemetery.

Calling hours will be Wednesday, Feb. 9 from 6 to 8 PM at 33 Schofield Avenue, Dudley, MA.In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Children's Hospital, PO Box 414421, Boston, MA 02241-4421 all saints academy C/O Rectory, Sacred Heart Of Jesus Church 18 East Main St., Webster, MA 01570.

# New chapters will be written

All of us go through chapters of our lives that can come from the length of the phase; my father, Gary W. Moore, a successful author, who published three books and left many stories yet unpublished, started this column in 2017. He developed stomach cancer in 2018. Even so, I felt that the portion of my life that included my father would last for-

My father's story began to end when, every once in a while, he wasn't able to hold down his food, and then over the next two years, he wasn't able to hold down his food at all until he withered down to the weight of about 80lbs.

After his diagnosis, he quickly, and then I got new things that had ach cancer would end his life, it wouldn't be any time soon.

They say hindsight is 20/20, and as I look back on it, it was absurd of me to think that he would live much longer. He was starving to death right in front of my eyes. The day he died, his eyes dried out and were unable to close; he couldn't talk; I kept thinking there must be a way to save him and bring him back. Dripping saline solution into his eyes and using a dropper to give him liquid Vitamin C, I knew he was going to come back. I went to the grocery store to pick up some items I write this column? The

believed that he would the call from my sister seem permanent. The live many more years; that he'd passed. I almost feeling of permanence although he knew stom- didn't believe it. I rushed back home as fast as I could to see for myself, and sure enough, he left his body. He'd finished his final chapter.

> I didn't realize how much the storyline of my life was about to change. As the days went on, I had to take up more and more responsibility. Things that my father used to take care of; suddenly were my responsibility. I wasn't upset about the duties that suddenly landed in my lap, but there was the anxietv. How would I continue to launch my business? How would I take care of my mom? How would

to be taken care of seemed endless.

After a period of anxiety and worry, realized that although the chapters of my life that included my father were many, the story must continue without him.

When one chapter ends, another begins. It's funny how new information comes to light. A new scenario begins to surface from the depths, the plot twists and turns, suddenly, you realize that the novel didn't end; it was simply the end of a chapter.

As the adventure continues, when one life ends,

seemed like a curse Positively can be a blessing. New friendships SPEAKING pop up, and a new TOBY

future unfolds, a celebration of new MOORE life and new family. Something you've never noticed can

suddenly come into plain view. A secret emerges out of the darkness and shines bright - buried treasure.

The stress, the worry, the heartbreak, the betrayal, the pain, the anger, the rage, the regret, the forgiveness, the love, the happiness, the joy, all of the surprises, and all the things that make you smile and cry serve to show that we are all human. You can write a new chapter if you let

embrace the future.

As the pages turn, we discover that all of us make mistakes, all of us can forgive, it is possible to change and become something better. As we look back on it, we might agree that all of the feelings we've felt help make life more suspenseful, meaningful, and engaging. After all, what would life be without feelings? Whether the feelings are good or bad, it's a way to let us know that the saga continues. We are just living out the story of our lives. No matter what you've gone through, I still believe new chapters can be written.

# Always room for strawberries

As you plan this year's garden, be sure to include some strawberries. They are low in calories, high in vitamin C and antioxidants, and provide seasonal interest in gardens and containers.

Best of all, you don't need much space

to grow this delicious fruit. There are three types of strawberries: June or spring bearing, everbearing, and day neutral. Select the best type of strawberry for your space and harvest needs.

June-bearing strawberries produce one crop of berries in late spring to early summer, depending on where you garden. They produce the largest harvest but in the shortest span of time. Plant now and enjoy an abundant harvest next year.

Everbearing strawberries usually produce two crops of berries each year. You'll enjoy fresh strawberries early and late in the season, while day-neutral plants produce berries throughout the growing season. Delizz®, a day-neutral strawberry, was the first ever strawberry to be selected as an All-America Selections Winner. Just like the flower and vegetable winners, it was tested nationally and selected for its performance for the home garden. This

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2016 winner is a compact plant perfect for hanging baskets, containers or garden beds. It can be started from seed or transplants and will produce sweet fruit the first vear and all season long. even during hot weather.

Up the ornamental appeal of traditional in-ground plantings with a star shaped or tiered bed. The elevated beds make for easier planting, weeding, and harvesting. You'll find a variety of tiered shaped beds to purchase or plans to

make your own. Use strawberries as a groundcover in sunny well-drained locations for an abundant harvest. Their attractive leaves, white flowers, red fruit and brilliant red fall color add sparkle to the landscape and provide fresh fruit for vour meals.

Or grow them in a container, window box or hanging basket on your porch, balcony, or deck. They'll be close at hand and easy to harvest.

Mix a few everbearing or day-neutral strawberries in with flowers to create an edible and ornamental planter. The harvest will be smaller when grown in a mixed container, but the flowers, fruit and fall color add ornamental appeal

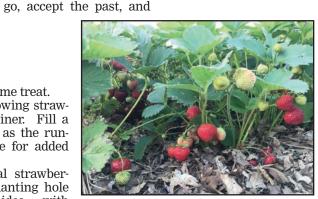
and the fruit will be a welcome treat.

Boost the harvest by growing strawberries in their own container. Fill a hanging basket and watch as the runners cascade over the edge for added ornamental appeal.

Try filling a traditional strawberry pot - container with planting hole openings on the top and sides – with plants that produce several harvests and remove the runners as needed. Keep all the plants from top to bottom looking their best with this DIY watering device. Place soil on the bottom of the container. Set a couple of perforated PVC down through the planter. Slide the plants through the hole from the inside of the pot. Fill the remaining space with soil. Gently tamp and water thoroughly to eliminate air pockets. As you water, the water travels through the pipe and out the holes, providing moisture to all plants from top to bottom.

Check containers daily and water thoroughly and often enough to keep the soil slightly moist. Reduce maintenance and increase success by incorporating a low nitrogen slow-release fertilizer into the soil at planting or sprinkle over the soil surface as needed. This type of fertilizer promotes growth without interfering with flowering and fruit production.

Start now identifying spaces to add



Melinda Myers

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strawberries to your landscape, deck and balcony. Then order seeds or plants early for the greatest selection. Before you know it, you'll be enjoying garden fresh strawberries in your morning cereal, salads or as a snack at the end of the day.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including The Midwest Gardener's Handbook and 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. Her Web site is www. melindamvers.com.

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including STEAM classes, social-emotional programs, professional development and staff meetings. It hasn't had a librarian since Covid started.

Chair Kelly Seddiki agreed those are necessary, but said, "I don't want to see it replace library."

She recalled its importance to her in school, noting "It can be exciting to choose a new book, even if you already have books at home, and some kids don't, and take it home.'

The issue prompted member Linda Millett to suggest having book carts go around the school, an option Goguen agreed could be a "great parent volunteer activity." ELL Director Patricia Mackay said she's looking at how to create small classroom libraries focused on cultural diversity with books the kids could take home.

In other issues, Goguen said the district is hoping to get at-home Covid tests for staff and students, and is changing its 10-day quarantine policy to five days. On day six, people can return if they have no fever, aren't on medication and have no "worsened symptoms," she said. In part, that's because the numbers of cases is going down.

"I think that, by the end of the year, we will not be wearing masks," she predicted.

By then, the Bartlett project will be well on the way. The district is now planning a schedule of outreach events, both in person and via Zoom, to showcase it to various town boards and the public; the first was this past Tuesdav.

Pierangeli said they're targeted to "anybody who wants to learn about the project," noting, "We really want to talk about the project and the work we're doing.'

She and Goguen also updated their budget proposal for fiscal 2023, noting the committee will vote on it this week (after our deadline), send it to the selectmen and Finance Committee, hold a

public hearing on it April 12, and send **TESTING** it to Town Meeting May 9.

The total request is for \$23,046,000, an increase of 4.37 percent over last year. It still includes the new jobs proposed at the last meeting, but Goguen noted a few jobs now funded by federal ESSER grant money are being shifted to the local budget. Those are a part-time groundskeeper, a district-level technology person, a Bartlett ELL teacher and a Park Ave nurse assistant.

Pierangeli said salaries comprise just over 80 percent of the budget, with special ed being 30.76 percent, out of district tuition 7.16 percent for 33 kids, and maintenance 7.86 percent. School choice is tagged at \$200,000 outbound, with \$62,900 coming in, but she noted the latter is dropping.

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news for us, as a public school moving back to pre-COVID experiences for our students with minor disruptions," the Superintendent said.

School Committee member Jamie Terry commented on the change saying that while she appreciated the previous protocol, she also supported the new approach to COVID testing.

"Test and stay had a purpose and I was glad when it came in because it allowed our children to stay in school. That was transition number one. Now as we come down off this peak, we're optimistically looking forward to transition number two to get us closer to no more of this," said Terry.

Specific details on the protocol have been made available on the Dudley Charlton Regional School District Web site, and in the packet posted online for the School Committee's Jan. 26 meeting.

# **LEGALS**

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

Premises: 4 Toria Heights Road, #34, Unit No. 96B of Toria Heights Condominium, Oxford, Massachusetts By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Paul M. Mason and Virginia L. Mason fka Virginia L. Richardson to Sovereign Bank, said mortgage dated November 2, 2006, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester) Registry of Deeds, in Book 40248 at Page 327 and now held by Santander Bank, N.A. f/k/a Sovereign Bank, N.A. f/k/a Sovereign Bank for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on March 10, 2022 at 1:00 PM Local Time upon the premises directly in front of the building containing said unit, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

That certain piece or parcel of land, and the buildings and improvements thereon:

In the Town of: Oxford County of: Worcester And the State of: Massachusetts And being more particularly described in a deed recorded in Book 25648

Of the Worcester County, City of Oxford Which property is more commonly known as

4 Toria Heights Rd. 34, Oxford, MA 01540 ("Property Address") More particularly described as:

Unit No. 96B (The "Unit") of Toria Heights Condominium ("the Condominium") created pursuant to the Master Deed of Toria Heights Condominium dared August 27, 1985 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds on August 27, 1985 in Book 8898 Page 122, which Unit is shown on the Floor Plans filed with said Master deed and on the copy of a portion of said Plan attached hereto, made a part hereof, and filed herewith, to which is affixed a verified statement in the form required by Chapter 183A, Section 9 of the Massachusetts General Laws, Said Unit is conveyed together with:

1. An undivided 8.89 percentage interest in the common areas and facilities of the Condominium.

2. The exclusive right and easement to use the surface parking space numbered:

Said Condominium Unit is conveyed subject to and with the benefit of: 1. Provisions of Chapter 183A of the

Massachusetts General Laws. provisions, easements, agreements, restrictions and covenants of the Condominium as set forth in the Master Deed Floors Plan, and Site Plan

of the Condominium. 3. Provisions of the Declaration of Trust of Toria Heights Condominium, recorded with said Master deed, as the same way be amended from time to time by instruments recorded with said Deed, and any rules and regulations now or thereafter adopted by the Trustees thereunder, which provisions, together with any amendments thereto, shall constitute covenants running with the land and shall bind any person having at any time any interest or estate in the Unit, his family, servants, tenants, invitees and visitors, as though such

full herein. 4. Such real estate taxes attributable to the Unit for the current year as are not yet due and payable on the date of delivery hereof, which taxes the grantee hereby assumes and agrees to pay.

provisions were recited and stipulated in

5. The encumbrances listed in Exhibit A of the Master Deed.

The Unit may be used only for singlefamily residential purposes, subject to the restrictions set forth in Article VII of the Master Deed. No Unit shall be liable for any breach of the provisions of said Article VII, except those that occur during his or her ownership of the Unit. Being the same premises as described in a deed from to Paul M. Mason and Virginia L. Richardson n/k/a Virginia L. Mason dated May 28, 1986 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of deed in Book 9465, Page 117.

The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. For Mortgagors' Title see deed dated May 28, 1986, and recorded in Book 9465 at Page 117 with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds.

Said Unit will be conveyed together an undivided percentage interest in the Common Elements of said Condominium appurtenant to said Unit and together with all rights, easements, covenants and agreements as contained and referred to in the Declaration of Condominium, as amended.

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

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

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

BENDETT & MCHUGH, PC 270 Farmington Avenue Farmington, CT 06032 Attorney for Santander Bank, N.A. f/k/a Sovereign Bank, N.A. f/k/a Sovereign Bank Present Holder of the Mortgage (860) 677-2868

February 4, 2022 February 11, 2022 February 18, 2022

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

225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 Docket No. WO21P4089GD **CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF** PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITAT-**ED PERSON PURSUANT TO** 

G.L.c. 190B, §5-304 In the matter of: Marcelle J Boule Of: Uxbridge, MA RESPONDENT

Alleged Incapacitated Person To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Tri-Valley Inc of Dudley, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Marcelle J Boule is in need of a Guardian requesting that

Rebecca Amaral of Fitchburg MA, (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without **Surety** on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that a protective order or appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is

on file with this court. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 02/22/2022. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The abovenamed person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the abovenamed person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court... Date: December 14, 2021 Stephanie K. Fattman Register of Probate

January 11, 2022 **Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court** 

**Worcester Probate and Family** Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 Docket No. WO21P4090PM CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF **CONSERVATOR OR OTHER** PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 & §5-405

**Worcester Division** 

In the matter of: Marcelle J Boule Of: Uxbridge, MA RESPONDENT

(Person to be Protected/Minor) To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Tri-Valley Inc of Dudley, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Marcelle J Boule is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Rebecca Amaral of Fitchburg, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve Without Surety on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A Keamy First Justice of this Court. Date: December 14, 2021

Stephanie K Fattman Register of Probate

February 11, 2022

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family** Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. WO22P0245EA **CITATION ON PETITION FOR** FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of: Timothy J. O'Neill Date of Death: 11/19/2021

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Michelle Adams of Webster MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that

Michelle Adams of Webster MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/23/2022. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

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

Date: January 27, 2022

Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate

February 11, 2022

(SEAL)

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS **LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF** THE TRIAL COURT Docket Number: 22 SM 000143 ORDER OF NOTICE

Christopher E. Verrier AKA Christopher Verrier, Cynthia Alfama AKA Cynthia A. Alfama and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq):

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claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Webster, numbered 1 Ernest Street, given by Cynthia A. Alfama and Christopher Verrier to Bank of America, N.A., dated October 11, 2007, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41921, Page 128, as affected by a Loan Modification dated November 30, 2010, and recorded in Said Registry of Deeds in Book 47320, Page 213, as affected by a Loan Modification dated June 24, 2016, and recorded in Said Registry of Deeds in Book 55703, Page 375, and now held by plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/

Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before March 7, 2022 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the grounds of noncompli-

ance with the Act. Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on January 19, 2022.

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder 19-010976

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# Hayden Smith completes intensive research project

W O R C E S T E RHayden Smith of Webster, a member of the class of 2023 majoring in Computer Science at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), was a member of a student team that recently completed an intense research project titled Developing a user interface for live tracking of wildfires.

At WPI, all undergraduates are required to complete a research-drivprofessional-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

"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, professor of Integrative& Global Studies and associate dean of The Global School. "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 70 bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs across 17 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.

# Kathryn James of Webster named to Champlain College President's List

BURLINGTON, Vt. - Kathryn James of Webster has been named to the Champlain College President's List for the Fall 2021 semester.

Students on the President's List have achieved a grade point average of 4.0 or higher during the semester. James is currently enrolled in the Computer Science

Making the President's List is a tremendous achievement in any year. Many of the high achievers balance their classes with serious jobs, internships, clubs, and volunteering, as well as a global pandemic. We congratulate you on this great accomplishment and honor.

Founded in 1878, Champlain College is a small, not-for-profit, private college in Burlington, Vermont, with additional campuses in Montreal, Canada, and Dublin, Ireland. From its beautiful campus overlooking Lake Champlain, the College offers an innovative academic experience and more than 100 residential and online programs, including undergraduate and graduate degrees and certificates. Champlain's distinctive career-driven approach to higher education embodies the notion that true learning occurs when information and experience come together to create knowledge. For the sixth year in a row, Champlain was named a "Most Innovative School" in the North by U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best Colleges" rankings, and was listed among The Princeton Review's "The Best 387 Colleges" in 2022. Champlain is also featured in the 2021 Fiske Guide to Colleges as one of the "best and most interesting schools" in the United States, Canada, and Great Britain and was recognized as a 2020 College of Distinction for its "Engagement, Teaching, Community, and Outcomes." For more information, visit champlain.edu.

# Victoria Mann of Webster named to Lasell University dean's list

AUBURNDALE — Victoria Mann, a Lasell University student from Webster, was named to the dean's list for their academic performance in the fall 2021 semester.

Students who receive this honor have completed at least 12 credits as a full-time student and have achieved a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher.

# **Endicott College announces** local Dean's List student

BEVERLY — Endicott College, the first college in the U.S. to require internships of its students, is pleased to announce its Fall 2021 Dean's List students. In order to qualify for the Dean's List, a student must obtain a minimum grade point average of 3.5, receive no letter grade below "C," have no withdrawal grades, and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits for the semester.

Victoria Sheehan of Oxford, is among those named to the Dean's List at Endicott College for the Fall 2021 semester. Sheehan is majoring in Nursing and is the daughter of Donna Sheehan and Brian Sheehan.

# Paul Thomas named to Dean's List at STCC

SPRINGFIELD — Paul W Thomas of Webster has been named to dean's list, which is published each semester to recognize excellence in academic performance. To be considered, degree-seeking students must earn 12 or more college level credits in the current semester, or a total of 12 or more combined college-level credits earned during the fall and spring semesters, and achieve a 3.3 or above

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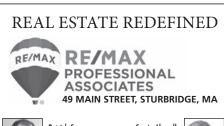
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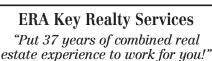






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# **SPORTS**

# Rallying Warriors force overtime, then win late over Bartlett



Bartlett's Zach De Jesus clutches the ball and waits for a play to

Dion.

48-35, with about six and

a half minutes left in the

fourth. We had a timeout and

laid it on the line for the

boys. I play a lot of seniors

and said, 'hey boys, it's on you guys,'" remembered

Tantasqua head coach Scott

And, from there, the

Warriors' seniors went to

work. Brad Ellithorpe con-

verted an old-fashioned

three-point play, Joe Groccia

made a 3-pointer and Dylan

Thompson got inside for a

layup. That 8-0 run by all

seniors cut Tantasqua's defi-

With about a minute

remaining in regulation and

the Warriors trailing by a

another senior — had a steal

and layup. Bartlett junior

Ethan Minarik then made the front end of a one-and-

one to up the Indians' lead

to 55-51, but Hill responded

go, Bartlett freshman Kole

one-and-one foul shot,

the Warriors secured the

rebound, an outlet pass was

made to Thompson, and

from there he did the rest.

Thompson drove the remain-

ing length of the court, con-

verted a spin move in the

paint and finished off a

layup as time expired, send-

ing the game into overtime

With eight seconds to

missed

with another layup.

Sebastyanski

tied at 55-55.

54-49 count, Hunter Hill

cit down to 48-43.



Ethan Minarik of Bartlett catches a pass and heads down the court on a fast break opportu-

BY NICK ETHIER

WEBSTER — Two of the hotter boys' varsity basketball teams in the Southern Worcester County League met for a showdown when Bartlett High hosted Tantasqua Regional on Thursday, Feb. 3, and the game did not disappoint. The Warriors rallied for a 66-63 victory in overtime and have now won seven of eight to improve to 9-7. The Indians are now 7-7 and have won five of their last eight.

'We were down, I believe,

senior play," Dion said of Thompson. "We had three fouls to give,

which we told them in the huddle, and the kid went all the way," said Bartlett head coach Tony Paranto.

The Indians took three leads in the four-minute overtime period (57-55, 59-57, 61-59), but Groccia's 3-pointer from the top of the arc gave Tantasqua its first lead of the frame at 62-61 with a minute to go. Bartlett retook the lead on a Minarik bucket but, with 25 seconds to go, Hill scored the eventual winning point when he calmly made a pair of free throws, boosting the Warriors ahead,

"I feel like it's tough at that point because the pressure is on, but in that moment you've just got to silence everything out and focus," said Hill.

Minarik and senior Zach De Jesus then had opportunities in the waning moments to win it for Bartlett, but both of their shots barely missed the mark. Groccia then hit two more free throws in the final second to give Tantasqua a narrow win after Minarik's desperation 3-pointer at the buzzer came

The Warriors were perfect shooting free throws over the course of the fourth quarter and overtime.

'Statistically, we're about a 58 percent shooting free throw team, but we went 6 for 6 down the end. That's a sign of a good team — when we needed to make them, we did," said Dion.

Conversely, the Indians connected on only half of their free throws (4 of 8) in the fourth quarter and over-

"We turned the ball over

senior made a like it was our job, we didn't take care of the basketball, didn't make free throws, it set up for a disaster — and it was," said Paranto.

On Tantasqua's side, Groccia scored 20 points, Ellithorpe added 18 and Hill finished with a double-double (11 points, 10 rebounds).

"It's just teamwork, honestly," Hill said of what was working for the Warriors. "If we pass it around and we make stuff happen, everything will go fine. Everybody puts in the effort."

Now a win away from qualifying for the Division 3 statewide tournament, Dion said that his team has been taking it one game at a time.

"I think we were 4-7 after we lost to Millbury, I just told them we're not looking at any rankings or standings. Our goal is to put our head down and just keep working," he explained of the now five-game winning streak.

For Bartlett, Minarik poured in a game-high 38 points. His brother Colin, a senior, chipped in 13 points, but Paranto called the loss an example of inexperience among the entire group.

"Not enough game experience. Even Ethan doesn't have big-time minutes there, being a junior and playing second fiddle to Logan [Paranto] and Brandon [Boucher] as a freshman," Paranto said.

Paranto is also hoping that lessons were learned in this particular setback.

"Could it help us? Hopefully it does. We played good during [earlier] situations and then in crunch time, when game experience comes in, they weren't ready to step up in the big situation," he concluded.

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Series — Tim Labay 420, Dan Labay 373, PJ Janton 369

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Single — Ryan Pelletier 133, DJ Devish 127, Joey Saad 118, Diane Levesque 103, Ellen Fugatt 100, Kathryn Ward 97

Series — Rvan Pelletier 385, DJ Devish 345, Tom Smith 316, Diane Levesque 275, Ellen Fugatt 274, Mikayla Van Dam 268 Series over average — Ryan Pelletier +34, Mikayla Van Dam +31

Wednesday Women's Industrial Single — Annie Boulos 103, Lynne Smith 102, Deb Gevry and Monique Pierangeli 97

Series — Lynne Smith 292, Annie Boulos 287, Monique Pierangeli 281 Series over average — Nancy McGovern +36

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Single — Division 1: Bob Hanville 251, Todd Fischer 171

Division 2: Fred LaBonte 179,

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658, Nat Wood 523 Division 2: Joe Harvard 491,

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Thursday Morning Coffee

Single — Lorraine Brezniak 111, Barbara Penkala 102, Dolores O'Donnell

Series — Barbara Penkala 286, Lorraine Brezniak 285, Jackie Arpin 278 Series over average — Carolyn Josti

Thursday Men's Industrial Single — Ryan Pelletier 172, Mark Gulino 131, Chris Andros 128 Series — Ryan Pelletier 401, Mark

Gulino 333, Chris Andros 319

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Single — Chris Wong Kam 189, Frank Bosma 185, Randy Schlegel 158, Carol Chausse 152, Cary Gay 144, Kim Walker

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