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## Goguen considering modulars for Park Ave.

BY GUS STEEVES  
CORRESPONDENT

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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### 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  
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## Oxford selectmen authorize hiring of new police officers

BY GUS STEEVES  
CORRESPONDENT

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.

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 surroundings.”

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

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.”

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### 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.dudleywomensclub.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 Womens Club charitable giving projects!

# Quinebaug Lodge celebrates new Masons



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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 meeting room.

To retrieve these items other lodges from within our district or state may come to collect it by

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 Sharon Lodge. Most of all

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](http://www.massfreemasonry.org) and to find a lodge near 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.

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

at 508-949-1218 or [linpaqu@hotmail.com](mailto:linpaqu@hotmail.com). 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 Springfield.

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

Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of 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.

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

The Webster RTC

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\$360,000, 53 Larned Rd, Owusu, Francis, and Adu-Gyamfi, Elizabeth, to Conover, Madeline J.  
\$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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\$2,430,000, 15 Maynard Ave, Baystate Inv Fund LLC, to Tiffany Murphy Prop LLC.  
\$2,430,000, 19 Park St, Baystate Inv Fund LLC, to Tiffany Murphy Prop LLC.  
\$2,430,000, 24-26 E Main St, Baystate Inv Fund LLC, to Tiffany Murphy Prop LLC.  
\$2,430,000, 51 Prospect St, Baystate Inv Fund LLC, to Tiffany Murphy Prop LLC.  
\$2,430,000, 72 Granite St, Baystate Inv Fund LLC, to Tiffany Murphy Prop LLC.  
\$460,000, 10 Konkel Ave, Moussa, Nayef, and Moussa, Migdalia, to Sandberg, Marybeth, and Sandberg, Ryan.  
\$330,000, 803 Beacon Park #803, J A Podbielski T 1997, and Godzik, Richard, to Hynick, Robert, and Hynick, Karen.  
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\$323,000, 55 Ash St, Denietolis, Brian M, to Salvaggio, Mara, and Salvaggio, Michael.  
\$310,000, 19 Granite St, Garcia, Reinaldo A, to Jose, Rudy.  
\$125,000, 9 E Main St, East Main Street RT, and 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 St. They are scheduled as “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> or (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 platform.

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

Boat America March 12 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Register by March 4 (\$75 fee-\$65 Milford residents) An in-person proctored exam is required

for 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-year-old 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 UniBank was to assess the committee’s

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

“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 time and location for an election with

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 ½ 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 post.

“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 six-month 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 kick-start 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.

## 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.” For more information, visit [champlain.edu](http://champlain.edu).

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## Friday’s Child



Photo by Maura Wayman.

Kenya Age 16

I want to work in the fashion industry!

<https://www.mareinc.org/waiting-child-profiles#gallery/child/3992>

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.

### Can I Adopt?

If you’re at least 18 years old, have a stable source of income, and room in your heart, you may be a perfect match to adopt a waiting child. Adoptive parents can be single, married, or partnered; experienced or not; renters or homeowners; LGBTQ+ singles and couples. As an adoptive parent, you won’t have to pay any fees, adoption from foster care is completely free in Massachusetts.

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](http://www.mareinc.org). Start the process today and give a waiting child a permanent place to call home.



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

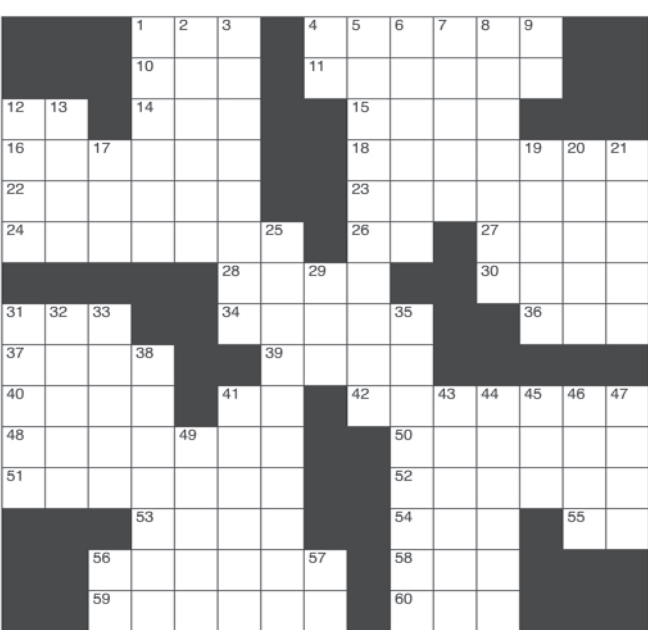
**WIGGLES AND GIGGLES**  
Fridays @ 11:00AM  
Ages 2-5 are invited to attend this fun, free program! Sing, move, play instruments, learn rhythm, and listen to stories with Laine Hanlon.

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 508-949-0819

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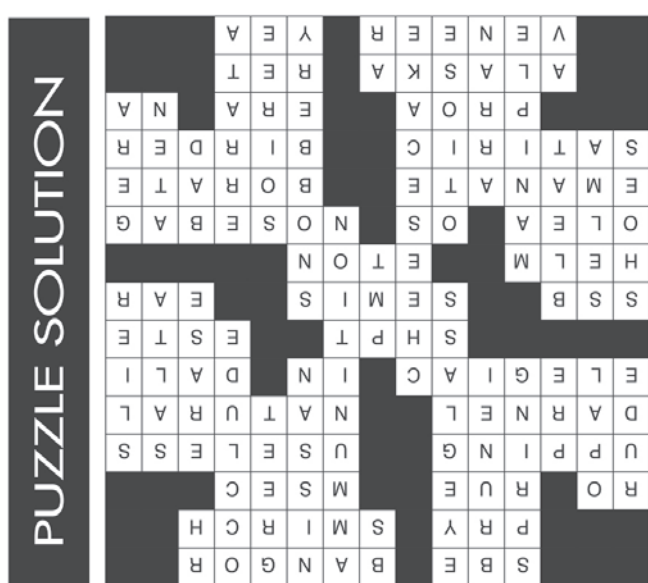


### CLUES ACROSS

- 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
- 16. \_\_\_ the ante
- 18. Without value
- 22. Eurasian ryegrass
- 23. Authentic
- 24. Having a mournful quality
- 26. Not out
- 27. Salvador \_\_, Spanish artist
- 28. Cargo (abbr.)
- 30. This (Spanish)
- 31. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 34. Slang for trucks with trailers
- 36. Helps you hear
- 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 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.)
- 31. Footwear
- 32. Famed Alabama city
- 33. Sheep's cry
- 35. Arrogance
- 38. Clerical 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



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

Space is limited; registration required.

**BABY TIME**  
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 adult.  
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**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.

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**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@cwmar.org](mailto:ehale@cwmar.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!

Every month we will rotate our craft material, so stay tuned!

**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 information!

**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 students."

The following students are Dean's List recipients:

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

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](http://www.wpi.edu)

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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.

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-judgment 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 number.

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!  
Sincerely,  
Margaret Bussiere, COA Dir.

Our Dudley COA Board Members: Jan Brady, Kathleen Cormier, Jim D'Auria. Welcome to our newest COA Board members, Cheryl Leyton, Charlie Marlborough, and Carmella D'Ambr

## Local students named to Dean's List at Fitchburg State

FITCHBURG — 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.

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  
Claire A. Collins,

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  
Jared S. Orrell

Northbridge  
Chrissa A. Gannon,  
Martha Garley, Gabrielle K. Perron, Elijah V. Perron  
Oxford  
Zaria R. Dillon,  
Brittany R. Jefferson,  
Kaylyn N. Violette  
Southbridge  
Ryan P. Pratt  
Spencer  
Lauryn M. Hines  
Sturbridge  
Victoria R. Messina  
Sutton  
Abigail K. Menzendorf  
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,  
Maikal Y. Gwargious,  
Samuel A. Kontoes,  
Abigail J. Mulry

## Students named to President's List at Fitchburg State

FITCHBURG — Fitchburg State 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.

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Auburn  
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

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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.

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 sheets.

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

Mahjongg group meets every Friday at 1:00 pm

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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 events.

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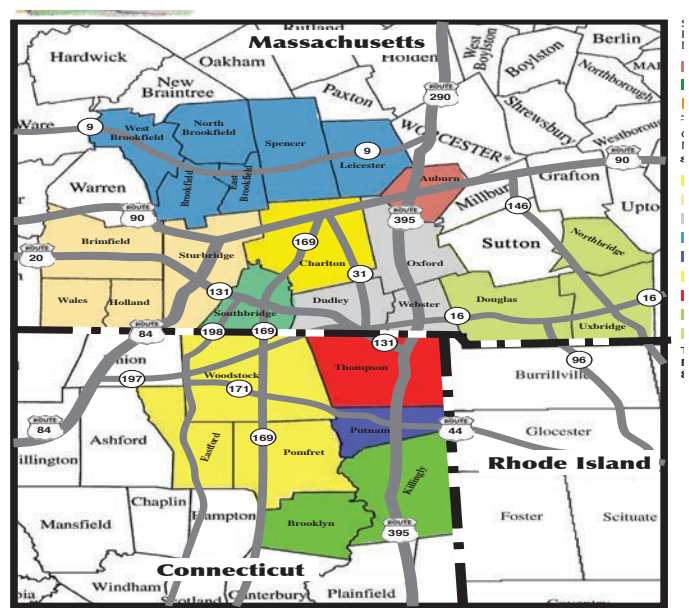
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# VIEWPOINT

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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 shortcomings, 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 interested 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



BEYOND THE PEWS  
BY FR. LUKE A. VERONIS, SAINTS CONSTANTINE AND HELEN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, WEBSTER

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 Christ.

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 him.

"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.

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



CHIEF'S CORNER  
STEVE WOJNAR

Several questions continue to be asked about the shutdown of some cellular networks. Several months ago, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) reported some 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 you consult with your mobile provider or their website for the most up-to-date 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-ahead-phase-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](http://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](mailto: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.

### 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 youth 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.

## 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 overlooked.

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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WAYNE TUISKULA

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 die-cut 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



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 \$1,800.

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# Derbies, derbies everywhere



Mike's big bass. Caught in local pond.



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



Three-year-old Sage patiently waiting to buy bait to go fishing with her dad.

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

Club will hold their annual ice fishing derby this Sunday, Feb. 13, and is also open to the public. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate!

Numerous ice fishing anglers have been catching pickarel, and return 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 pickarel bones by making pickled pickarel. 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 pickarel chunks, and placed in canning jars, and refrigerated for a month or more. The bones were soft, and the eating of the pick-



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erel was delicious. The onions were great too! It was at the top of the list for food to eat while ice fishing. Give it a try!

This past week, this writer received a call from a local resident looking 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 \$20 or \$30 each, and they were out of good bloodlines.

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

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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## 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:

Controlling movement of assets to beneficiaries – During and after your lifetime, you



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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 you 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 minor 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 ones.

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 like-

ly 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 education.

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 on 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 easily:

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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 up:

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 things.

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 arm.

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 necessity is the mother of invention, and this reader discovered an unconventional substitute 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" to try:

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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Win Dinner for Two at the Pubick House – Contest has resumed!

Your tips can win you a great three course dinner for two at the historic Pubick 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](mailto:KDRR@aol.com). Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Pubick House Inn.

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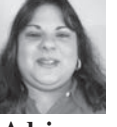
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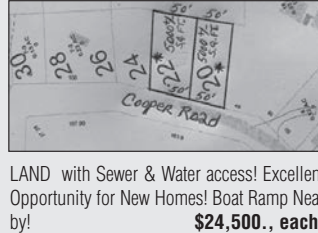
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# Hayden Smith completes intensive research project

**WORCESTER** — Hayden 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-driven, professional-level project that applies science and technology to

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## 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." 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 grade point average.

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# SPORTS

## Rallying Warriors force overtime, then win late over Bartlett



Nick Ethier photos

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



Ethan Minarik of Bartlett catches a pass and heads down the court on a fast break opportunity.

BY NICK ETHIER  
SPORTS EDITOR

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,

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 Dion.

And, from there, the Warriors' seniors went to work. Brad Ellithorpe converted 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 deficit down to 48-43.

With about a minute remaining in regulation and the Warriors trailing by a 54-49 count, Hunter Hill — 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 with another layup.

With eight seconds to go, Bartlett freshman Kole Sebastianski missed his 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 remaining length of the court, converted a spin move in the paint and finished off a layup as time expired, sending the game into overtime tied at 55-55.

"A senior made a 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, 64-63.

"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 up short.

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 overtime.

"We turned the ball over

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.



Bartlett's Colin Minarik surveys the floor while dribbling the ball at the top of the key.

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Single — Division 1: Natalie Wood 224, Pam McCabe 176  
Division 2: Marie Piegorsch 192, Diane Julian 169  
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Division 2: Marie Piegorsch 496, Diane Julian 437

Tuesday Chet's Social  
Single — Ryan Pelletier 133, DJ Devish 127, Joey Saad 118, Diane Levesque 103, Ellen Fugatt 100, Kathryn Ward 97  
Series — Ryan 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

Summit Tenpin  
Single — Division 1: Bob Hanville 251, Todd Fischer 171  
Division 2: Fred LaBonte 179, Carol Harvard 156  
Series — Division 1: Derek Reynolds 658, Nat Wood 523  
Division 2: Joe Harvard 491, Robin Altiery 439

Thursday Morning Coffee  
Single — Lorraine Brezniak 111, Barbara Penkala 102, Dolores O'Donnell 97  
Series — Barbara Penkala 286, Lorraine Brezniak 285, Jackie Arpin 278  
Series over average — Carolyn Josti +44

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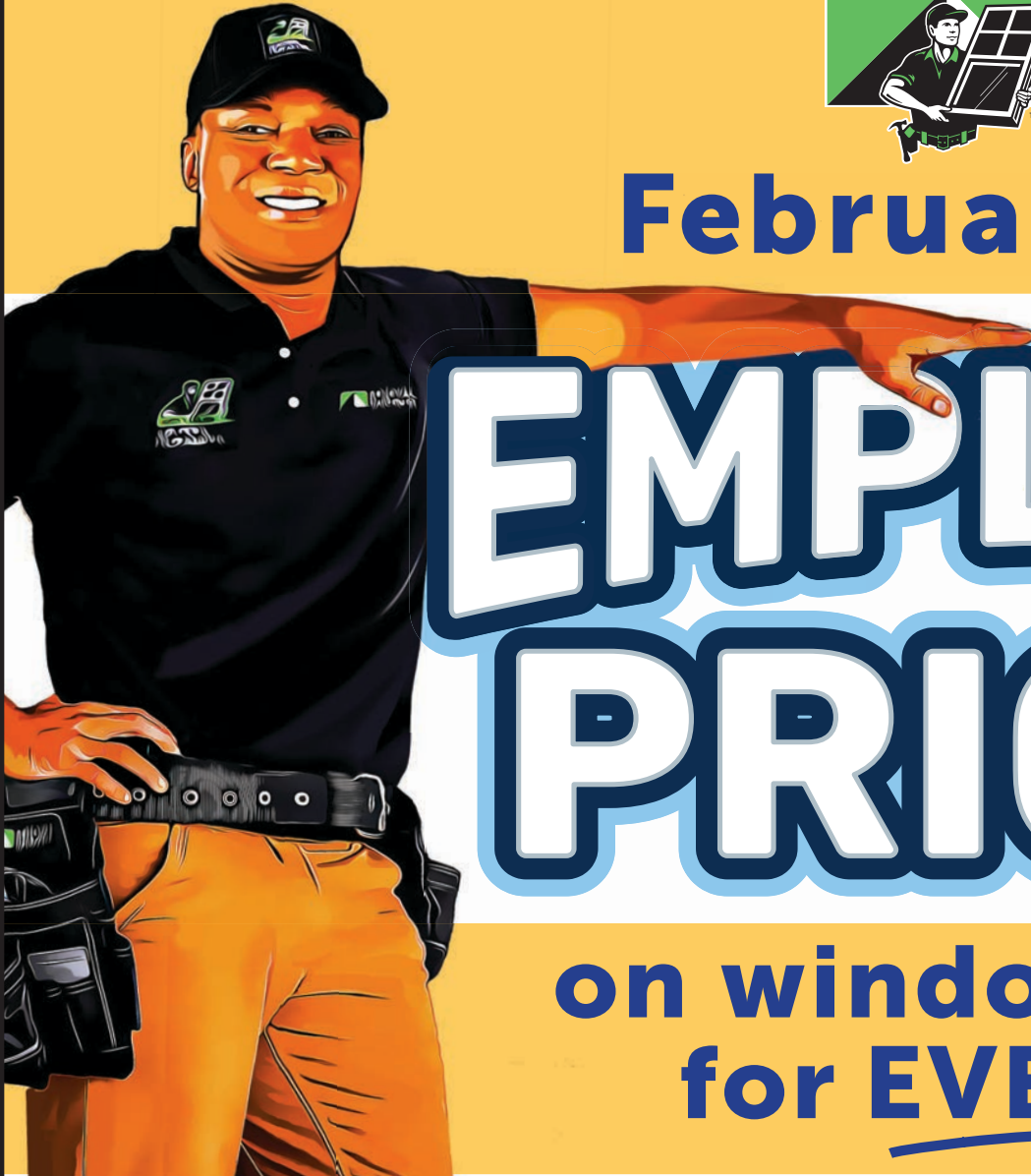


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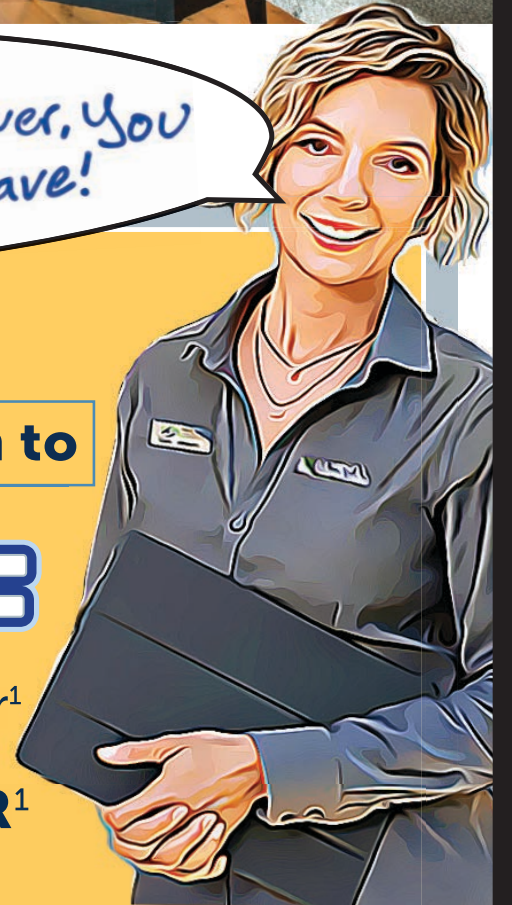
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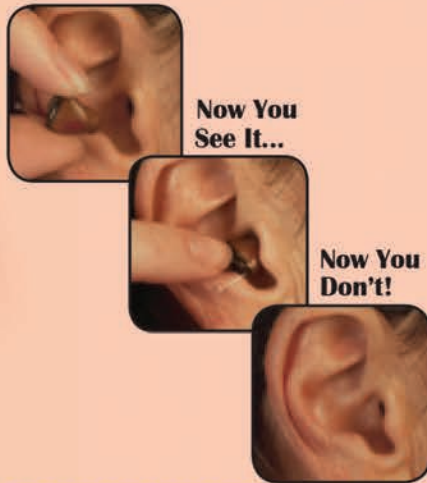
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