

## Trinity Catholic Academy announces Open House



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Trinity Catholic Academy has exciting plans for the upcoming school year which includes the building of a new state of the art Science Lab. The current classroom is the same lab that St. Mary's HS students used back in the early 1960s. Feel free to visit the school's website at <https://trinitycatholicacademy.org/> to learn more about the project. Trinity is very proud of their school and looks forward to an amazing future as they continue to expand their academics and extracurricular programs. The future is bright at TCA!

**SOUTHBRIDGE** — Trinity Catholic Academy is now accepting registrations for students in grades Pre-K through grade 8 for the 2022-23 school year. The Open House on Jan. 30 will be by appointment only.

Trinity Catholic Academy has a long history of providing students with a strong foundation that they take with them long after they graduate. Trinity

Open House appointments and inquiries can be made by calling the school at 508-765-5991 or by emailing Mrs. Symock, principal, at [angela.symock@tca11.com](mailto:angela.symock@tca11.com).

## Statewide school mask mandate extended

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
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**REGION** — With the surge of COVID-19 cases over the last month, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has extended its mask mandate in public schools.

The extended mandate runs through at least Feb. 28, DESE officials announced last week. State leaders will closely monitor health data and confer with experts over the next month-plus. Depending on COVID-19 metrics at the end of February, the mask mandate could be lifted or continued even further into March or beyond.

The mandate applies to all K-12 public schools in Massachusetts.

"The mask requirement remains an important measure to keep students, teachers, and staff in school safely at this time," read a statement released by DESE Commissioner Jeffrey Riley. "The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, in consultation with medical experts and state health officials, will continue to evaluate public health data."

The decision to extend the mask mandate arrived as thousands of educators and parents across the state are calling for a return to remote learning during the surge of Omicron cases this winter. Other parents, teachers, and officials—including Governor Charlie Baker and Commissioner Riley—believe in-person instruction should not be disrupted again.

School officials across the state continue to have permission from DESE to lift the mask requirement if at least 80 percent of all students and staff members in a school building are vaccinated.

"Lifting the mask requirement through DESE's vaccination threshold policy is a local decision made by school and community leaders in consultation with local health officials," added Commissioner Riley.

For public schools that haven't yet reached the 80-percent vaccination threshold, all students ages 5 and older are required to wear masks while inside school buildings, except when eating or during mask breaks. All school staff members are also required to be masked while indoors.

Additionally, all visitors to school buildings must continue to wear a mask indoors, regardless of vaccination status.

Masks are not required outdoors while on school grounds.

"It is strongly recommended that students younger than 5 also wear a mask in school, which is consistent with the Department of Early Education and Care's

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## Advocates seek bottle bill expansion

BY GUS STEEVES  
CORRESPONDENT

**STURBRIDGE** — A few dozen people took a half-hour online Thursday to explore a current proposal to expand the bottle bill.

As presenter Kirstie Pecci noted, two identical bills — S.2149 and H.3289 — call for increasing the deposit to 10 cents and widening the number of products it covers to include most commercially-available beverages except milk and those selling under 100,000 units per year. It adds "nip" bottles, juices, water, and beverages such as "a new kombucha or some nonsense kids are drinking that doesn't exist now," she said.

Pecci is senior attorney and zero waste project director for the Conservation Law Foundation, one of the bill's primary backers. Similar bills have been proposed since about 2009, and the Senate has passed two versions as amendments to other bills, but the House has never voted on one.

Co-sponsor Sen. Michelle Ciccolo credited CLF's "dogged perseverance" for getting the bill through a legislative joint subcommittee recently, but said it'd take a push from interested voters to "make it a priority" for House and Senate leadership. But she also noted "the closer that bill gets [to passage] as it moves through [the Legislature], the more the public tunes in and people get upset."

Ciccolo warned some will object to paying more for products upfront. She and Pecci only mentioned Section 3 of the short bill in passing. It states "A redemption center or reverse vending machine is not obligated to count containers or to pay a cash refund at the time the beverage container is returned as long as the amount of the refund value due is placed into an account to be held for the benefit of the consumer and is funded in a manner that allows the consumer to obtain deposits due within two business days of the time of return."

Afterward, Pecci said by email that section was added by a company called Clynk. According to its website, the firm runs a bagged container collection program at certain Hannaford markets in which participants sign up online for card-based accounts. Its map did not show any Massachusetts sites; most of them are in Maine.

Pecci said one key impetus behind the bill is that a 10-cent refund can make it "practical and economic for beverage companies to do a refill system" for glass bottles, hopefully getting away from "nasty and polluting" plastic. Many of them are now just hauled with curbside trash or recycling, adding tonnage and cost to municipal budgets. Often, they end up ground into road base or similar uses,

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## Bay Path nursing students bring light on year's longest night

**CHARLTON** — The PN Class of 2022 at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy observed the winter solstice and brought some honor to the year's longest night with the in-person Luminary Walk of Hope, Dec. 21. Traditionally, the winter solstice has been an important moment for ancient cultures related to their dependence on the sun for their survival. To everyone across the Southern Hemisphere, the North Pole shifts almost directly facing the sun bringing the longest day of the year.

Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN Academy Director received the luminary kits from Meghan O'Neil, manager, The Longest Day, Alzheimer's Association Massachusetts/New Hampshire. Bolandrina said, "We are excited to participate and be a part of the journey from The Longest Day. The grounds at Bay Path Regional Vocational

Technical High School served as a beautiful setting for our luminary walk of hope."

The PN Class of 2022 was joined by PN faculty, Dr. Ana Olivar, Sarah Watson, MSN,

RN and Silvia Medina, MSN, RN. Classmates and now friends, Melanie Pariseau of Ware, Darcey Howe of Palmer, and Rebecca Lorre of Oxford helped diminish the darkness

and illuminate a path towards a world without Alzheimer's and other dementia.

The Luminary Walk of Hope included other PN students verbalizing

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# Practical Nursing students receive training grant from MassHire Worcester Career Center



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Nursing Academy students Sarah Garcia of Charlton and Rebecca Lorre of Oxford.

Garcia is an energetic and compassionate Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) whose knowledge is based on the accumulation of close to ten years of hands-on experience as a personal care attendant, home health aide, and CNA. She obtained her nursing assistant certification through the American Red Cross in 2011. Most recently she completed a course on domestic violence. Garcia is a member of the UNICEF Club, helping raise funds and spread awareness for children's advocacy. She participated in the recent Walk to end Alzheimer's in Worcester and the Out of the Darkness Walk in Natick for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP).

Lorre is an experienced school bus driver and holds a current CDL. She was with Durham School Services of Oxford. She holds an associate degree in communications from Becker College. Lorre is an officer of the UNICEF Club, spearheading fundraising activities and spreading awareness for children's advocacy. Recently, Lorre joined the PN Class of 2022 Mock Code Team (MCT). The MCT is a simulation-based interprofessional team training to ensure high quality, safe patient care during code scenarios. Initiated in 2017, the Mock Code

Day Program is a collaborative effort between faculty and communities of interest (volunteer nurses, alumni, EMTs, and Paramedics) to enhance communication and care in emergencies by practical nurses. The Mock Code Day Program consists of small-group simulation-based sessions organized by faculty and engages practical nursing students in a variety of roles. The program is unique because of its interprofessional nature and scheduled sessions.

As practical nursing students at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, both Garcia and Lorre have completed their Mental Health First Aid certification and Dementia Care certification. Both have also completed COVID-19 Contact Tracing through Coursera and Johns Hopkins University.

"We're grateful for the continued support of the MassHire Worcester Career Center," said Bay Path RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy Director, Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN. "MassHire helps many of our practical nursing students consistently. The grant will help them through the ten months of rigorous training and ensure that they stay motivated and inspired to give their best."

Training grant funds encourage economic growth in the state and allows for additional training for workforce. The Executive Office of Labor

and Workforce Development, and Commonwealth Corporation encourage businesses to address workforce training needs. Interested parties are encouraged to visit [www.commcorp.org/wtftp](http://www.commcorp.org/wtftp) to learn more.

About Bay Path RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy

Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy offers a 40-week, (10-month), full-time, Monday through Friday, evening program. The program begins mid-August and is completed in late June. Graduates receive a Practical Nursing Certificate and are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN licensure exam. The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is fully approved by the: Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Human Services of Public Health Board of Registration in Nursing 239 Causeway Street Boston, MA 02114 617-973-0800 [www.mass.gov/dph/boards/rn](http://www.mass.gov/dph/boards/rn) The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is accredited by the: Council on Occupational Education 840 Roswell Road Building 300, Suite 325 Atlanta, GA 30350 Telephone: 800-917-2081 [www.council.org](http://www.council.org) Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School is fully accredited by the: New England Association of Schools and Colleges 209 Burlington Rd, Suite 201, Bedford, MA, 01730-1433 781-271-0022 [www.neasc.org](http://www.neasc.org).

## Companies targeting summer opening for retail cannabis shop

BY JASON BLEAU CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – Things are starting to take shape, literally and figuratively, at the soon-to-be cannabis facility on Sturbridge Road. Officials close to the project met with selectmen at a Jan. 11 meeting confirming that work on the retail portion of the facility is expected to be completed this year with a potential opening this summer.

Four Score Holding, LLC has been hard at work the past few years establishing a cannabis cultivation, production and retail facility at 144 Sturbridge Rd. In mid-2021, the company shifted ownership of the business to Aspen Blue, LLC but remains involved in the process as work continues to prepare the different parts of the facility for their respective uses. Representatives of both Four Score and Aspen Blue attended a Zoom meeting with selectmen where Daniel Glissman, the representing attorney on the project for

both groups, provided an update on the project's status.

"The construction is moving along quite well. There's a lot of work going on there right now both interior and exterior. Really the whole team is very excited to be making all of this progress and working towards getting the facility open and operational," Glissman said. "There's work going on building-wide, but obviously the focus is on the retail component with the intention still to get the retail storefront open and operational first following with the cultivation and production components."

The retail component of the project is expected to be completed by the end of February or March depending on order backups for the material, but

there will still be an extensive process before the store can officially open. Once the retail component in complete they will move for a certificate of occupancy before approaching the state's Cannabis Control Commission who will perform a series of site reviews to ensure the facility meets their expectations before opening. After those processes are complete and Four Score and Aspen Blue receive a commence operations letter, they will go before the Board of Selectmen to finalize and opening day.

"We also have a requirement in the Planning Board special permits to come to (the selectmen) to put some no parking signs across the street from the facility so we don't have parking issues, but we don't anticipate as much

traffic as we saw in the earlier years of cannabis in Massachusetts. There are approximately 50 parking spaces on site, so I feel we'll be able to accommodate even the opening day rush. We're really excited to be moving forward anticipating May or June in a perfect scenario," said Glissman.

With 20,000 square feet of space, about 4,000 will be utilized for retail and the other 16,000 being used for the phase-two cultivation and production operations. Selectmen said they expect to hear an update from Four Score and Aspen Blue in June regardless of whether or not the retail was able to open as planned. Selectmen also moved to extend a termination deadline to allow time for the process to play out.

## Charlton reinstates mask mandate for town buildings

BY JASON BLEAU CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – With Charlton recently setting record highs for new COVID cases, town officials have reissued protocols requiring masks to be worn in town buildings but stopped short of requiring masks elsewhere in town.

As the Omicron variant continues to surge nationwide and the flu season in full swing Charlton's Board of Health and Town Administrator jointly agreed to once again require that both citizens and employees wear masks while inside town facilities including the town hall and library. Charlton Health Director James Philbrook said that the move was to ensure the safety and health of town employees as many town workers have been forced into quarantine due to illness or exposure and the CDC's recently revised guidelines allowing decreased quarantine length of only five days. While those returning to work after that time are required to be masked, Philbrook said this still provides greater potential risk for exposure that could make that situation even

worse.

"What that did was certainly shorten the time frame, but also present the fact that you could end up losing whole departments because you could still be contagious up to a certain number of days. A lot of towns decided to go with a mask mandate for the entire town. Charlton's approach was we're just trying to keep staffing and we have half our staff at the town hall either out sick or having issues. It is flu season, so we understand there are other things going on as well," said Philbrook. "The Board of Health, along with Town Administrator Andrew Golas, voted that we felt it wasn't too much to ask that people who enter the town hall wear a mask, especially just until the end of January. That will at least help us keep people safe and at work."

Philbrook noted that there have been issues with the availability and speed of PCR tests, the most dependable tests in determining a positive COVID diagnosis, and that sometimes people don't receive their results until after the shortened quarantine time is over. Charlton reached record numbers of COVID cases in January according to Philbrook which doesn't count the number of people who haven't reported their positive home tests or facilities like daycares and the Overlook. With that in mind officials felt it was

proper to at least issue the mask mandates in town buildings.

"We always do recommend that you get vaccinated for your safety and choose wisely when you go to parties and large settings. That's what we're looking at and Charlton doesn't have as overly aggressive of a mask mandate outside of the town hall buildings, but the Board of Health has mandated that all town buildings will require all visitors and staff to wear a mask," said Philbrook.

Charlton was also one of many towns who participated in a recent call with Harrington HealthCare where President and CEO Ed Moore recommended towns initiate universal mask mandates. Charlton was one of numerous communities that decided not to issue new town-wide mask requirements. Philbrook said that Harrington has proven to be a great partner for them during the pandemic and while they decided not to follow Moore's recommendation to the letter, they understand the reasoning behind it.

"I think Ed Moore's picture on the whole thing was they appreciate people helping them, but they can't do all the testing and vaccinations. The facility is too small. What they're trying to do is keep people out of the hospital that don't need to be there. He felt that masking should be mandated. A lot of the residents when they arrive at Harrington wait a long time because they triage down. If you're there for COVID-like symptoms it becomes very cumbersome for them to put you in a negative pressure room, tie up that room and then they have no beds," said Philbrook. "Ed Moore has the public's health and safety in mind as do we. They're in a crisis situation with beds and I think he was just asking for local Boards of Health to try and keep people out of the hospital who may be safer if they wore a mask."

Charlton's town building mask mandate will be in effect at least through January. The Board of Health will reassess the situation at this first meeting in February.

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# New England Symphony Orchestra to feature music director, Roderick MacDonald, as trumpet soloist

WORCESTER — Tickets are now available for a concert by the New England Symphony Orchestra in Worcester's Mechanics Hall at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 12. Tickets are available through the orchestra's Web site ([newenglandsymphony.org](http://newenglandsymphony.org)) or from the Mechanics Hall box office at 508-752-0888.

NESO Music Director Roderick MacDonald will be the featured soloist in Haydn's trumpet concerto in E-flat major. Equally comfortable on the podium or in the principal trumpet seat, MacDonald began his career as Principal Trumpet of the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra, appointed by Music Director Kurt Masur upon completion of his Masters of Music at New England Conservatory. His career as a concert soloist began shortly after this appointment and he has since appeared worldwide as a trumpet soloist with highly regarded ensembles including: Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra, Japan Philharmonic, Virtuosi Saxonica, Bach Collegium Munich, Leipzig Bach Orchestra, Leipzig Chamber Orchestra, Concerto Leipzig, Kammerphilharmonie Leipzig, and the Super World Orchestra (Tokyo). With a discography of over 25 recordings with the Gewandhaus Orchestra, he can also be heard on recordings with the Leipzig Baroque Soloists, solo recordings, and numerous other chamber and orchestral albums. One of his solo albums was named "CD of the Month" by Naxos.

The program will also include perennial favorite Antonin Dvorak's



Roderick MacDonald

Symphony number 9, "From the New World."

NESO President Ed Cyrus stated "Rod MacDonald brings a special kind of joy to his performances. The orchestra is excited to share his artistry with the audience."

New England Symphony Orchestra continues to operate as a volunteer-led, non-profit professional symphony orchestra serving the people of New England. This season's strategic plan includes a 3-concert series at Mechanics Hall, streaming performances as part of the NESO At Home

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# Baker administration launches new tool for accessing digital vaccination records

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

REGION – The Baker-Polito Administration recently unveiled a new way for residents to access their digital COVID-19 vaccine card and vaccination history.

Known as My Vax Records, the resource allows individuals who received their vaccinations in Massachusetts to access their own vaccination history and generate a digital COVID-19 vaccine card. This card will contain similar vaccination information to a paper CDC card.

Utilizing the SMART Health Card platform, digital vaccine cards generate a QR code that can be used to verify vaccination. State officials remind residents that they are not required to show proof of vaccination to enter public venues, but this tool will help residents who would like to access and produce a digital copy of their record.

To use the new tool, enter your name, date of birth, and mobile phone number or email address associated with your vaccine record. After creating a four-digit PIN, you will receive a link to your vaccine record that will open upon re-entry of the PIN.

"The electronic record shows the same information as a paper CDC vaccine card: name, date of birth, date of vaccinations, and vaccine manufacturer," read a statement released by Gov. Charlie Baker's office. "It also includes a QR code that makes these same details readable by a QR scanner, including smartphone apps."

Once the SMART Health Card is received, users are able to save the QR code to their phones or devices, such as the Apple Wallet. Users can then screenshot the information and save it to their phone's photos, or print out a copy for a paper record. The system follows national standards for security and privacy, officials said.

"This system provides an optional way that residents can access their vaccination information and a COVID-19 digital vaccine card," read the statement released by Baker's office. "This will provide residents with another tool to provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination, should it be requested by businesses, local governments, or other entities."

The system leverages the Massachusetts Immunization Information System (MIIS), the official database used by health-care providers across the state to record vaccination information. The system relies

on hundreds of providers inputting demographic and health information.

"Some users may not be able to immediately find their record, or may find an incomplete record," the Governor's statement read. "Residents whose record cannot be found or is incomplete can either contact their healthcare provider or contact the MIIS team to update their records."

Massachusetts has worked on the technology with VCI, a voluntary coalition of public and private organizations which developed the open-source SMART Health Card framework in use by other states. The VCI coalition is dedicated to improving privacy and security of patient information, officials said.

My Vax Records is one of many options residents have to obtain their COVID-19 vaccination records. Pharmacies that administered the vaccine, as well as many healthcare providers, are also making SMART Health Cards available.

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## Friday's Child



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Ashlynn Age 13

### I love to draw!

Ashlynn is a shy girl of Caucasian descent who likes to draw and color. She can start off quiet with new people but warms up if given the time to develop a relationship. Ashlynn enjoys music, drawing, spending time with her friends, and swimming. She loves to spend time with her siblings and is very protective of them. Ashlynn is in the 5th grade and has friends at school. She can do well in class with extra supports.

Legally freed for adoption, Ashlynn will thrive in a home that can provide her with her own space and individualized attention. She does best with limitations and a structured routine. Her social worker is open to exploring homes with a mother and a father or two mothers. Ashlynn will do best as the youngest or only child in a family. Ashlynn has four brothers and two sisters in

Massachusetts, and it is extremely important that she maintains a relationship with them.

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



# Open Door Arts receives Grants for Arts Project Award from National Endowment for the Arts

WORCESTER — Open Door Arts, an affiliate of Seven Hills Foundation, has been approved for a \$30,000 Grants for Arts Projects award to support the SPEAC (Supporting the Processing of Experience through the Arts during Crises) Professional Development Program for Arts Educators. This project, which is a collaborative effort with the Eliot School of Fine & Applied Arts and Wheelock Family Theatre at Boston University, will address an unmet need for arts educators to explore how the artistic process intersects with students' social, emotional, and cultural needs. The project is among 1,248 projects across America totaling \$28,840,000 that were selected to receive this first round of fiscal year 2022 funding in the Grants for Arts Projects

category. "The National Endowment for the Arts is proud to support arts projects like this one from Open Door Arts that help support the community's creative economy," said NEA Acting Chair Ann Eilers. "Open Door Arts in Massachusetts is among the arts organizations nationwide that are using the arts as a source of strength, a path to well-being, and providing access and opportunity for people to connect and find joy through the arts."

"The SPEAC Professional Development Program provides arts educators and teaching artists with comprehensive training and supports aimed at building inclusive, anti-racist and trauma-informed teaching

practices," said Nicole Agois, Managing Director for ODA. "SPEAC 2022 responds to the complex and evolving needs of students resulting from ongoing crises and highlighted by the COVID-19 pandemic, and we are proud and excited to partner with the Eliot School and Wheelock Family Theatre to provide this much needed opportunity to arts educators."

Two years ago, as the COVID-19 pandemic was adversely affecting communities, many students of color and students with disabilities were disproportionately impacted, experiencing exclusion, learning loss and trauma. Educators were held responsible for addressing the impact of these crises on students, often without adequate training and support. In response,

the Eliot School of Fine & Applied Arts, Open Door Arts, and Wheelock Family Theatre piloted the SPEAC Professional Development Program. Designed collaboratively with practitioners and experts in the field, SPEAC supported 70 arts educators to deepen their anti-racist, inclusive and trauma-informed arts teaching practice and utilize the arts as tools to help students process and cope with these experiences.

SPEAC 22 will continue to build on the initial program and incorporate evaluation results to develop a sustained and in-depth course of study with arts-integrated activities, facilitated group work and individualized, ongoing support to make teaching practices and curricula more equitable, culturally responsive

and accessible, therefore improving arts learning outcomes and wellbeing for students. SPEAC will expand to engage arts educators and teaching artists in Boston, Worcester, and Springfield through multi-session virtual training that includes expert-led workshops, facilitated peer discussion and homework assignments.

Open Door Arts works annually with more than 3,000 students, teaching artists, educators and leaders of cultural organizations through innovative and inclusive programming, training, events, and exhibits designed to improve access, expand participation, challenge the status quo, and share practices to ensure equitable representation by people with disabilities in the arts. Additionally,

ODA has galleries in Worcester (Worcester Art Museum) and Boston (NonProfit Center - near South Station) that showcase the work of emerging and established artists with disabilities to advance career opportunities, increase visibility and representation, and serve as platforms for the community to have important conversations about disability, identity, and culture.

For more information on other projects included in the Arts Endowment grant announcement, visit [arts.gov/news](https://arts.gov/news).

For more information on Open Door Arts, please contact Nicole Agois, Managing Director at [Nicole@OpenDoorArtsMA.org](mailto:Nicole@OpenDoorArtsMA.org).

## New exhibit examines American identity through contemporary art

WORCESTER — In February 2022, the Worcester Art Museum (WAM) will present its new exhibition "Us Them We | Race Ethnicity Identity," an in-depth look at how contemporary artists since the

mid-1970s have used formal artistic devices in their work —such as text, juxtaposition, pattern, and seriality—to explore socio-political concepts. "Us Them We" will include works from 47 artists drawn from the Museum's collection along with several significant loans. The exhibition features photography, prints, painting, and sculpture, including major works by Edgar Heap of Birds / Hock E Aye Vi, Byron Kim, Roberto Lugo, Shirin Neshat, and Lorna Simpson, among many others. "Us Them We" is co-curated by Nancy Kathryn Burns, Stoddard Associate Curator of Prints, Drawings and Photographs at WAM, and Toby Sisson, Associate Professor and Program Director of Studio Art at Clark University. The exhibition opens Feb. 19 and runs through Juneteenth (June 19, 2022).

"With this exhibition we hope to generate a new conversation about how identity can be revealed through form itself. An artist's decision to use certain visual motifs like repetition, movement, language, and contrast can serve to emphasize larger concepts about race and ethnicity," said Burns. "There's truth to the idea that 'The medium is the message'. Art allows us to receive certain messages. However, too often, big ideas like those of political protest allow viewers to bypass a rigorous critique of a work's individual elements."

Added Sisson, "As an artist and a professor, a thorough and thoughtful approach to media is essential. Teaching studio art is an opportunity to reveal the importance of formal concepts, which are important to artists, and ultimately to audiences, as is self-expression around issues of identity."

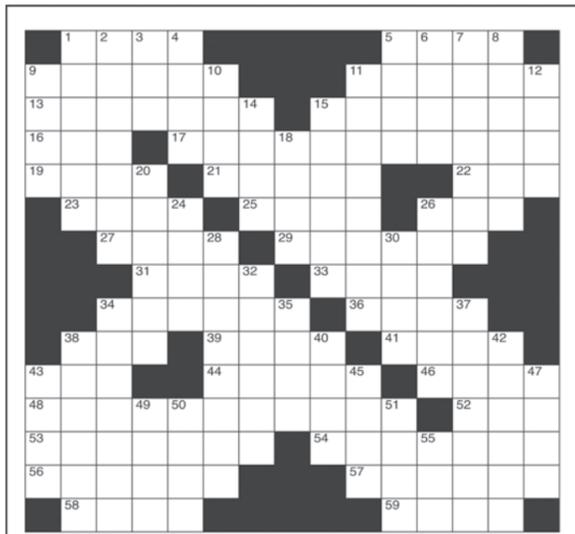
In tandem with "Us Them We" WAM will also present a second exhibition featuring eleven Clark University students whose work addresses themes of identity, often in very personal ways. Comprised of drawings, photographs, paintings, and collages, the students created responses to objects in Us Them We. These works are the outcome of Clark's studio course "Contemporary Directions," which was

co-taught by Sisson and Burns in spring 2021, and provided opportunities for students to speak with artists about their practice, use of different media, and their approach to creating visual expressions of complex ideas.

About the Worcester Art Museum  
The Worcester Art Museum creates transformative programs and exhibitions, drawing on its exceptional collection of art. Dating from 3,000 BC to the present, these works provide the foundation for a focus on audience engagement, connecting visitors of all ages and abilities with inspiring art and demonstrating its enduring relevance to daily life. Creative initiatives—including pioneering collaborative programs with local schools, fresh approaches to exhibition design and in-gallery teaching, and a long history of studio class instruction—offer opportunities for diverse audiences to experience art and learn both from and with artists.

Since its founding in 1896, the Worcester Art Museum has assembled a collection of 38,000 objects: from the ancient Near East and Asia, to European and American paintings and sculptures, and continuing with works by contemporary artists from around the world. WAM has a history of making large scale acquisitions, such as its Medieval Chapter House, the Worcester Hunt Mosaic, its 15th-century Spanish ceiling, and the Flemish Last Judgment tapestry. In 2013, the Museum acquired the John Woodman Higgins Armory Collection, comprising two thousand arms and armor objects. It continues to commission and present new works, such as 2019's exhibition, With Child: Otto Dix/ Carmen Winant. For more information about the Worcester Art Museum, visit [worcesterart.org](https://worcesterart.org).

The Worcester Art Museum, located at 55 Salisbury Street in Worcester, MA, is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$18 for adults, \$14 for seniors 65+ and for college students with ID. Admission is free for Museum Members and children ages 0-17. On the first Sunday of each month, admission is free for everyone. Museum parking is free. Tickets may be purchased in advance at [worcesterart.org](https://worcesterart.org).

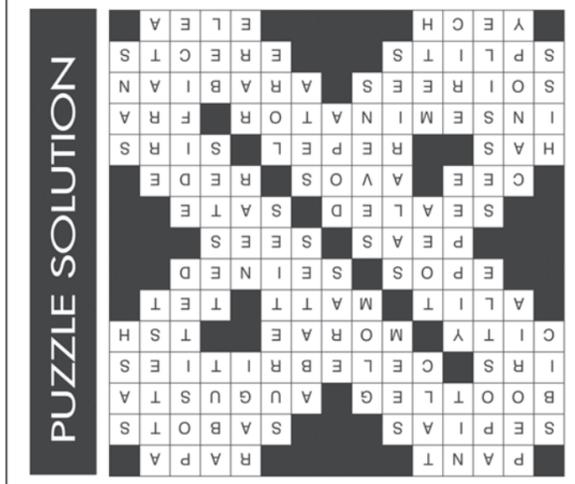


### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Breathe noisily
- 5. \_\_\_ Nui, Easter Island
- 9. Reddish browns
- 11. Simple shoes
- 13. Produce alcohol illegally
- 15. Home to famed golf tournament
- 16. Tax collector
- 17. Famous people
- 19. Urban area
- 21. Units of syllable weight
- 22. Pituitary hormone (abbr.)
- 23. Dismounted
- 25. Actor Damon
- 26. Vietnamese offensive
- 27. Retail term
- 29. Netted
- 31. Partner to carrots
- 33. Witnesses
- 34. Caulked
- 36. Satisfy
- 38. R&B performer \_\_\_ Lo
- 39. Monetary units of Macao
- 41. Give advice, explain
- 43. Possesses
- 44. Turn back
- 46. Gentlemen
- 48. One who fertilizes
- 52. Italian monk title (prefix)
- 53. Parties
- 54. Type of horse
- 56. Cuts in half
- 57. Raises
- 58. Expresses contempt or disgust
- 59. Ancient Italian-Greek colony

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Illinois city
- 2. One of the original disciples chosen by Christ
- 3. Young form of a louse
- 4. Type of powder
- 5. Finger millet
- 6. Share a common boundary
- 7. Assumed as a fact
- 8. Provide clear evidence of
- 9. Invests in little enterprises
- 10. A way to be
- 11. Monies given in support
- 12. Fashion accessory
- 14. Steal
- 15. Becomes less intense
- 18. Geological times
- 20. Hooray!
- 24. Monetary unit
- 26. Male reproductive organs
- 28. Earnings
- 30. Close by
- 32. Small integers
- 34. Fixed in place
- 35. Used to treat Parkinson's disease
- 37. Large, imposing building
- 38. A rooflike shelter
- 40. Stiff, hairlike structure
- 42. Print errors
- 43. To show disapproval
- 45. Body of traditions
- 47. Without
- 49. \_\_\_ Clapton, musician
- 50. Dangerous illegal drug
- 51. Infrequent
- 55. Sound unit



## Fire Departments receive grants for safety equipment

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

REGION — Several local communities were recently awarded funding through the Department of Fire Services Fiscal Year 2022 Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant program.

Gov. Charlie Baker and Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito announced the grant winners during a press conference on Jan. 12 revealing 306 Massachusetts Fire Departments would receive a share of \$5 million in grant funding to help purchase safety gear. The funding is part of a \$25 million bond the Baker-Polito Administration filed to support firefighter safety and health. Charlton, Dudley, Oxford, Southbridge, and Webster were just a few of the towns included on the list.

"Our communities and families depend on firefighters in difficult and dangerous moments," said Baker. "This program is an opportunity to show our deep appreciation for their work by ensuring they have the tools they need to stay safe and healthy."

"While the last two years have been so difficult for all of us, firefighters and first responders throughout the Commonwealth have courageously continued to serve the public," added Polito. "We are grateful for their efforts and proud to be able to provide them with critical equipment and support."

The grants cover 118 different kinds of equipment purchases including protective gear, washers and dryers to maintain gear, thermal imaging cameras, extrication tools, communication resources, hazardous gas meters, fitness equipment and more all with the goal of helping firefighters be prepared either prior to or during an emergency situation. The grants will also help departments comply with Occupational Safety and Health Administration or National Fire Protection Association safety standards. The Governor's office listed boots and gloves as the most popular clothing purchase with the grants while hoses and assorted fixtures is the most popular equipment purchase overall with 1,033 hoses, nozzles, fittings and other associated equipment expected to be bought among all grants combined.

The program is providing the Charlton Fire Department with \$11,700.61, Dudley Fire Department \$10,213, Oxford Fire Department \$16,738.79, Southbridge Fire Department \$10,422.78, and Webster Fire Department \$16,059.73. Other local towns included in the list of grantees were Brookfield, Douglas, Leicester, North Brookfield, Northbridge, Spencer, Uxbridge, and West Brookfield.

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# QCC bids fond farewell to dynamic group of women

WORCESTER — As Quinsigamond Community College rang in 2022, it did so without its Board of Trustees Chair Susan Coghlin Mailman, who resigned at the end of 2021 after six years in the role, due to her recent election to the Worcester School Committee. Ms. Mailman's commitment to QCC is far-reaching. In addition to her time as Board Chair, she was a QCC Foundation Director for over nine years, and chaired the RISE (Regional Investment in Service and Education) Campaign, the College's most recent capital campaign.

The Board also bid farewell to Trustees Tammy Murray and Kimberly Roy, who both departed due to new work positions. Dr. Murray is the Director of Special Education and Itinerant Services at the Central MA Collaborative and Ms. Roy was appointed by Governor Charlie Baker to serve as a Commissioner on the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission.

"These inspirational, powerful and impactful women have made an indelible impression on our College and its students," said QCC President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D. "It is with a heavy heart that we see them go but they are continuing to motivate and impact our student body by their successes, and we wish them the very best in their endeavors."

Each departing trustee has their own personal ties to QCC, and each has brought their

own unique story and expertise to the Board. Ms. Mailman is the Owner, Executive Chair and Treasurer of Coghlin Electrical Contractors, Inc. and Coghlin Network Services, Inc. in Worcester, Massachusetts. She and her family are strong advocates for public education. Ms. Mailman began her higher education at QCC and today holds an MBA from Northeastern University.

"As a former QCC student in my younger years, attending at night after work, I have always appreciated the College as a resource for working people to help jumpstart or further their careers. Many years later, it has been an honor to Chair the Board of Trustees and also to work on a capital campaign for the QCC Foundation Board," Ms. Mailman said. "Working with former President Gail Carberry and now current President Luis Pedraja, as well as getting to know so many talented education and workforce professionals in our region has been energizing and impactful."

Dr. Murray is also a QCC alumna who served as the alumni representative to the College's Board of Trustees for seven years. She is also a first generation college student, similar to many QCC students.

"It's easy to talk the talk, but it's different to walk the walk of a community college student. Students come to QCC from all different backgrounds and experiences and they require different levels

of guidance and support. It's important to look at the whole person and get to know the students to determine how to help them succeed in college and in life," she said.

Commissioner Roy, the former director of External Affairs for Sheriff Lewis Evangelidis and the Worcester County Sheriff's Department, served in a trustee capacity for four years.

"It is often said, education is the ultimate equalizer and I know many lives have been changed for the better after receiving an extraordinary education as well as vocational training here at QCC. For me as a QCC trustee, one of the most special moments was a graduation ceremony that happened off campus. Having worked at the Worcester County Sheriff's Office at the time, it was an extraordinary day to witness inmates from the Worcester County House of Correction graduate from the QCC Culinary Program. Now culinary-trained while earning college credits and four certifications, these individuals are on their way to a successful path to reentry, gainful employment and breaking the cycle of recidivism," she said. "Even behind the walls of a correctional facility, QCC touches so many lives for the better in so many ways. I am so proud of all we have accomplished in the past few years, and I have no doubt the Board will continue to expand upon these successes in the future. It has been an honor to have served with Chairman Mailman, Trustee Murray, and

all of my colleagues at QCC."

Dr. Murray said her most memorable experience from her time on the Board was the opening of the QCC's downtown Worcester location.

"As someone with a background in healthcare, I found this to be a pivotal point of growth for the College. As downtown Worcester has transformed, it's exciting to see QCC students have an opportunity to learn in such a beautiful building. In 1990, my occupational therapy classes were held in the basement of the gymnasium. I guess you could say we have come a long way since 1990," she said, adding, "QCC is important to the region as it educates and empowers its students to meet

the needs of the central mass economy."

President Pedraja said he is excited to see what the future holds for QCC, thanks in no small part to the dedication of these women in making higher education accessible to everyone.

"Our college, our community, and our students are forever changed by the tireless work they have done to evangelize access to higher education," President Pedraja said.

For more information on QCC, contact Karen Hutner, Interim Director of Institutional Communications at 508-854-2842 or khutner@qcc.mass.edu.

## Nichols College students named to Fall 2021 Honors List

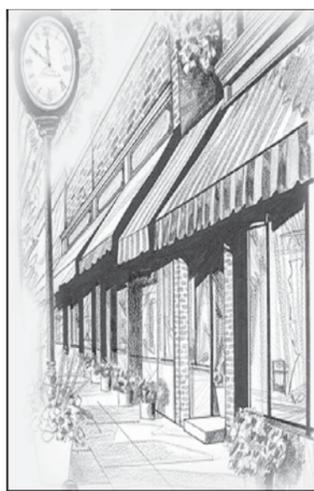
DUDLEY — Many hard-working students at Nichols College in Dudley, Mass., have achieved Dean's List or President's List honors during the fall 2021 semester.

The Dean's List and President's List give recognition to those students who achieve high grades during a single semester. In order to be included on the Dean's List, a student must have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 for at least 12 undergraduate credit-hours and must have received no grades below B- during the semester. Students whose semester grade point average is 3.85 or higher for at least 12 undergraduate credit-hours and no grades below B- will receive President's List honors.

The following students have received academic honors. Karl Benkert of Southbridge received President's List honors.

Julenny Ovalle Beato of Southbridge received Dean's List honors.

About Nichols College  
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# Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts kicks off 2022 Girl Scout Cookie season

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This season, Girl Scouts are again selling cookies in creative, socially distant, and contact-free ways to keep themselves and their customers safe during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Many Girl Scouts will run outdoor cookie booths that follow local, state, and CDC guidelines while still getting everyone's favorite cookies to their customers. If you know a Girl Scout, ask how she's selling cookies via the Digital Cookie online platform for direct shipment or local delivery.

And beginning February 18, consumers can enter their zip code to purchase cookies online from a local troop for direct shipment or donation to local causes.

Every Girl Scout Cookie purchase fuels local Girl Scouts' adventures throughout the year: exploring what interests them, discovering their passions, and taking action on issues they care about. Whether they're using their STEM skills to solve a problem on their robotics team, learning how to safely navigate the world of social media, having a courageous outdoor experience, or creating Little Free Libraries and food pantries, Girl Scouts build a better future for themselves and the world. And through the Girl Scout Cookie Program, including by earning new Cookie Business badges, girls get a taste of being entrepreneurs and learn important online and offline business skills that set them up

for success in life.

To purchase Girl Scout Cookies this season:

If you know a registered Girl Scout, reach out to her to find out how she's selling cookies in ways that meet local, state, and CDC safety protocols, including via the Digital Cookie online platform.

If you don't know a Girl Scout, visit [www.girlscoutcookies.org](http://www.girlscoutcookies.org), text COOKIES to 59618\*, or use the official Girl Scout Cookie Finder app for free on iOS or Android devices to find socially distant or contact-free cookie booths if they are available in your area.

Beginning Feb. 18, enter your zip code into the Girl Scout Cookie Finder at [www.girlscoutcookies.org](http://www.girlscoutcookies.org) to purchase from a local Girl Scout troop online for shipment to your door or to donate cookies to local causes.

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About Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts

Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts serves over 4,500 girls in grades K through 12 with the strong support of 3,000 adult volunteers in 186 towns and cities in central and western Massachusetts. Girl Scouts' mission is to build girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. Since 1912, girls have explored new fields of knowledge, learned valuable skills, and developed strong core values through Girl Scouts. Today, Girl Scouts is, as it always has been, the organization best positioned to help girls develop important leadership skills they need to become successful adults.

## Frederick Anim-Amofa of Southbridge named to Assumption University's Dean's List

WORCESTER — Assumption University has announced that Frederick Anim-Amofa, of Southbridge, Class of 2022, has been named to the University's Dean's List for the fall 2021 semester. Students named to the Dean's List must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 for a five-class, 15-credit semester to be included on the prestigious list, which is announced at the completion of the fall and spring semesters.

"The University is proud of those students, including Frederick, who have been named to the Dean's List for the academic excellence they demonstrated in the classroom in their pursuit of a Catholic liberal education," said Assumption University President Francesco C. Cesareo, Ph.D. "Through their commitment to their studies during the fall semester, students named to the Dean's List have immersed themselves in their academic program as they are formed as individuals who will use the knowledge they have gained to live meaningful and purposeful lives and careers."

Assumption University provides students with a comprehensive, Catholic liberal arts experience through curricular and co-curricular programs, including internship opportunities, recreational activities, and more than 60 on-campus clubs and organizations. An Assumption education forms graduates both intellectually and spiritually, inspiring wonder and purpose as they discover their vocation.

For more information, visit [assumption.edu](http://assumption.edu).

Assumption University, founded in 1904 by the Augustinians of the Assumption, is New England's premier university for high-quality education, integrating career preparation and education of the whole person, drawing upon the best in the rich and centuries-long tradition of Catholic higher education. Assumption, located in Worcester, Massachusetts, seeks to provide students with a transformative education that forms graduates who possess critical intelligence, thoughtful citizenship, and compassionate service. The University offers 34 majors and 49 minors in the liberal arts, sciences, business, nursing and professional studies; as well as master's and continuing education degrees and professional certificate programs. For more information about Assumption University, please visit [www.assumption.edu](http://www.assumption.edu).

## SNHU announces Fall 2021 President's List

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire — It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Fall 2021 President's List.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits; undergraduate day students must earn 12 credits in the fall or spring semester, and online students must earn 12 credits in either EW1 & EW2, EW3 & EW4, or EW5 & EW6.

Nitzmarie Cintron of Southbridge  
Abigail Theberge of Southbridge  
Bryana Thompson of Southbridge

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit institution with an 89-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 160,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH. Recognized as the «Most Innovative» regional university by U.S. News & World Report and one of the fastest-growing universities in the country, SNHU is committed to expanding access to high quality, affordable pathways that meet the needs of each learner. Learn more at [www.snhu.edu](http://www.snhu.edu).

## Sturbridge Historical Society meets Jan. 27

STURBRIDGE — The Sturbridge Historical Society meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 27 at The Publick House Historical Inn on Sturbridge Common. Our speaker will be Stan Komor.

Komor is the Commanding Officer of USS Constitution's 1812 Marine Guard, and will be speaking about the history of The USS Constitution "Old Ironsides." His unit represents US Marine Corps of the early 19th century for the USS Constitution and educates the active duty navy crew and public about marines of the period, and are volunteer members of the USS Constitution's crew.

Komor is a former active duty US Marine which is where he gained his love of sea service history. Through his work with historic Marine Education Inc, the parent organization of the 1812 Marine Guard, he has become an expert on the USS Constitution and The Marine Corps of The War of 1812.

Historical Society meetings are free of charge with dessert and meeting room provided by Michael Glick, Publick House Innkeeper. Our sincere thanks go out to Mr. Glick.

Meetings are held September through May on the fourth Thursday of the month except November and December. November meeting is held the first Thursday in December.

All meetings start at 7 p.m. Public is welcome.

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Clue: Places to sit

**B. 12 2 10 6 2 10**  
Clue: Waiter or waitress

**C. 10 2 12 25 14 24 10 14 8 25**  
Clue: Food establishment

**D. 21 22 4 4**  
Clue: Tab

Answers: A. tables B. server C. restaurant D. bill

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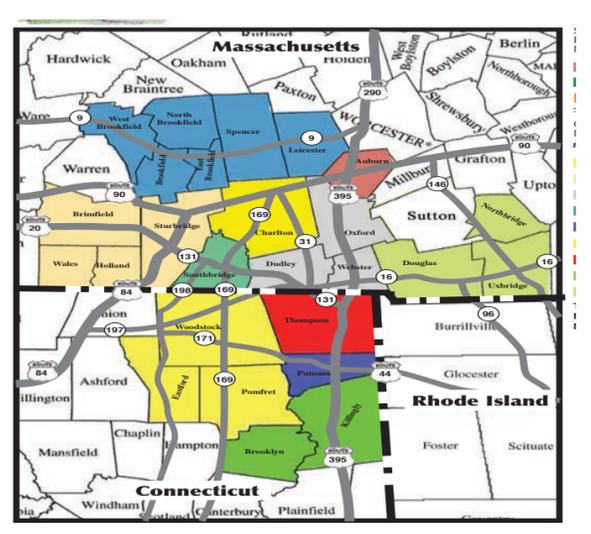
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EDITORIAL

# Remembering the man behind the holiday

Offices were closed nationwide this past Monday in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. King was the chief spokesperson for nonviolent activism in the Civil Rights Movement from 1954 until his assassination in 1968. The federal holiday falls around the birthday of King on Jan. 15.

Republican President Ronald Reagan made the holiday official in 1983. In 1986, the first observation of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day took place. In the year 2000 the holiday was observed by all 50 states for the first time since 1986.

Labor unions in contract negotiations brought the idea of celebrating King via national holiday. Republican Senator Edward Brooke of Massachusetts and Democrat John Conyers of Michigan brought forth the legislation in 1979 where it was five votes shy of passing in the house.

Those in opposition of the day cited costs in that paying federal employees would be too expensive. Others stated that honoring a private citizen would go against tradition in that King never held a public office.

In 1980, Stevie Wonder released the single "Happy Birthday" to shed light on the campaign. The largest petition in favor of an issue in the history of the United States gathered six million signatures.

Two Republican senators from North Carolina (Jesse Helms and John Porter) opposed the bill because of King's opposition to the Vietnam War, and also accused King of being a Communist. An FBI investigation dating back to 1963 turned up no evidence that King had been influenced by communists.

The bill passed the House of Representatives 338-90. Within the bill was language establishing the Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday Commission. King's wife, Coretta Scott King was made a life long member of this commission by President George H.W. Bush in May of 1989.

Martin Luther King Day is seen as a day to promote equal rights for all Americans. While there are few traditions surrounding the holiday, many educators use the day to teach their students about the struggle against racial segregation and racism. In New Hampshire and Arizona, the day is combined with Civil Rights Day. In Idaho the day is referred to as Human Rights Day, and in Wyoming, Equality Day.

King, who was born in 1929, was an American Baptist minister from Atlanta, Ga. In 1963, during the March on Washington, he delivered his famous 'I have a Dream' speech. In 1964, King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his work in promoting nonviolent resistance and for advocating for Civil Rights.

King was assassinated at the age of 39 in Memphis, Tenn. by James Earl Ray. Ray, 41, was sentenced to 99 years in prison. The assassin died in prison in 1998 from hepatitis.

An excerpt from King's famous speech:

"So let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire; let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York; let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania; let freedom ring from the snow-capped Rockies of Colorado; let freedom ring from the curvaceous slopes of California. But not only that. Let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia; let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee; let freedom ring from every hill and mole hill of Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring.

"And when this happens, and when we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual: 'Free at last. Free at last. Thank God Almighty, we are free at last.'

# OPINION

Viewpoints and commentary from the Tri-Community and beyond

## The Gateway Process Part 1

How powerful is human consciousness? Can we influence matter and reality with our thoughts?

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A couple of years ago, I read a document from the US Army and released by the CIA. It's a very complex document steeped in scientific language.

It delves deep into the powers of the human mind in a way that most books about positive thinking never do.

In 2003, this document was declassified by the CIA. It's named Analysis and Assessment of Gateway Process. The paper attempts to break down the nature of the reality that we live in. The PDF can be found at CIA.gov by googling, "The Gateway Process PDF"

It was written in 1983 by Lt. Col. Wayne M. McDonnell, whom we will refer to as Wayne. He was tasked with reporting back to the Commander of the US Army Operational Group at Fort Meade, Maryland, with all of his experiences learning the techniques of The Gateway Process.

During this period in time, the Military was interested in all sorts of psychic research in an attempt to keep pace and outdo the arch-enemy of the day, The Soviet Union.

A little history on The Gateway Process reveals that In the 1950s, a radio executive named Robert Monroe began to produce evidence that specific sound patterns affect the mind, including alertness, sleepiness, and expanded states of consciousness.

Robert Monroe formed a division

inside his company to further study this phenomenon. The research continued for many years until, in 1962, he renamed his company to The Monroe Institute. The Gateway Process is a technique developed by The Monroe Institute, which recorded a series of audiotapes on practicing this technique.

According to this document, "The Gateway Experience is a training system designed to bring enhanced strength, focus, and coherence to ... brainwave output between the right and left hemispheres, moving it outside the physical sphere... to ultimately escape even the restrictions of time and space."

Wayne partnered with several different people to produce the report, including Itzhak Bentov, an American-Israeli scientist who helped pioneer the biomedical engineering industry.

From the outset, Wayne felt it was important to tell his Commander that it is his opinion that after having completed the analysis to point out that his conclusions "do not do violence to the fundamental eastern or western belief systems."

The document describes, in detail, matter and energy. Most of us think that everything around us is composed of energy and matter and that energy and matter are two different things. We think of matter as a physical substance like a rock or a piece of wood, and energy as some force, like electricity or fire.

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# Grow herbs indoors for year-round enjoyment

Add garden fresh flavor to your meals year-round. Grow a few of your favorite herbs indoors, harvest and enjoy.

Select a variety of herbs you and your family enjoy and use for cooking, decoration, or fragrance. Basil, chives, cilantro, oregano, marjoram, mint, parsley, sage and thyme are some of the easier herbs to grow indoors. Purchase plants or seeds from your local garden center, favorite garden catalog or produce section of the grocery store.

Most herbs need six to eight hours of bright light each day. A south-facing window in winter is best but an east- or west-facing window may be sufficient. Increase success with artificial lights. Set the timer for 14 to 16 hours a day and keep lights six to 12 inches above the plants.

You will find lots of energy efficient and stylish options for just about any space. Sleeker designs like Gardener's Supply Micro Grow Light Garden can be placed on the kitchen counter or a small table. Furniture grade options like Bamboo LED Grow Light



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plant does not sit in the excess and succumb to root rot. Or place pebbles in the tray to elevate the pot above any water that collects in the saucer or tray. This means less work for you and better growing conditions for the plant.

Incorporate a slow-release fertilizer or use a dilute solution of any indoor houseplant fertilizer once the nutrients in the potting mix are spent. Follow label directions and do not overdo as too much fertilizer can harm your plants.

Begin harvesting most herbs when they reach six to eight inches in height and as needed. Use a sharp pair of garden scissors, snips, or hand pruners. Make cuts above a set of healthy leaves so the remaining plant is neater and tidier in appearance. As the plant grows, you will be able to harvest larger quantities and more often.

Start with a few of your favorite herbs and expand your collection as you gain experience. Soon you will be confident and eager to try more challenging favorites.

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# Watch out for tax scammers



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Sadly, identity theft happens throughout the year – but some identity thieves are particularly active during tax-filing season. How can you protect yourself?

One of the most important moves you can make is to be suspicious of requests by people or entities claiming to be from the Internal Revenue Service. You may receive phone calls, texts and emails, but these types of communication are often just "phishing" scams with one goal in mind: to capture your personal information. These phishers can be quite clever, sending emails that appear to contain the IRS logo or making calls that may even seem to be coming from the IRS. Don't open any links or attachments to the emails and don't answer the calls – and don't be alarmed if the caller leaves a vaguely threatening voicemail, either asking for personal information, such as your Social Security number, or informing you of some debts you supposedly owe to the IRS that must be taken care of "immediately."

In reality, the IRS will not initiate contact with you by phone, email, text message or social media to request personal or financial information, or to inquire about issues pertaining to your tax returns. Instead, the agency will first send you a letter. And if you're unsure of the legitimacy of such a letter, contact the IRS directly at 800-829-1040.

Of course, not all scam artists are fake IRS representatives – some will pass themselves off as tax preparers. Fortunately, most tax preparers are honest, but it's not too hard to find the dishonest ones who might ask you to sign a blank return, promise you a big refund before looking at your records or try to charge a fee based on the percentage of your return. Legitimate tax preparers will make no grand promises and will explain their fees upfront. Before hiring someone to do your taxes, find out their qualifications. The IRS provides some valuable tips for choosing a reputable tax preparer, but you can also ask your friends and relatives for referrals.

Another tax scam to watch out for is the fraudulent tax return – that is, someone filing a return in your name. To do so, a scammer would need your name, birthdate and Social Security number. If you're already providing two of these pieces of information – your name and birthdate on social media, and you also include your birthplace – you could be making it easier for scam artists to somehow get the third. It's a good idea to check your privacy settings and limit what you're sharing publicly. You might also want to use a nickname and omit your last name, birthday and birthplace.

Here's one more defensive measure: File your taxes as soon as you can. Identity thieves often strike early in the tax season, so they can file their bogus returns before their victims.

To learn more about tax scams, visit the IRS Web site ([irs.gov](http://irs.gov)) and search for the "Taxpayer Guide to Identity Theft." This document describes some signs of identity theft and provides tips for what to do if you are victimized.

It's unfortunate that identity theft exists, but by taking the proper precautions, you can help insulate yourself from this threat, even when tax season is over.

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# Ice conditions improve



This weeks picture shows Eleanor and Dexter Briggs fishing with their dad at the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club this past Saturday.

with some shops selling out of live bait early Sunday morning.

A report of a large 40-plus-inch Northern pike was made at a local tackle shop with the angler producing a picture of the huge fish. He claimed he caught the monster fish at the Arcade Pond in Whitinsville & releasing the fish after a photo shoot. I have no reason to question the angler, as to where he caught the huge fish, as they have been caught in many small ponds in the valley. Although it is illegal to take fish from one area, and restock them in another lake or pond, anglers continue to do it. It is unfortunate that Mass. Fish & Wildlife has chosen to stop stocking ponds like Manchaug with juvenile fish that had produced a good amount of adult Northerns after they were stocked back in the '80s or so.

A lot of big fish were reported this past weekend by ice fishermen that braved the cold. Large pickerel and bass were caught by numerous anglers fishing with live shiners and jig sticks. The smell of a fire and venison cooking at many gatherings was noted. The heavy rain this past Monday should freeze, and make the ice even thicker, if the weathermen were correct in their forecast. This writer was shown a video of a car in truck falling through the ice in Maine last week. Driving vehicles on the ice

can be dangerous, as these ice fishing anglers found out.

They decided to put all of their efforts into stocking areas like Brookfield, and even then, the Pike program was brought back by a single female angler whose name was Terry, an active member of the Brookfield Rod & Gun Club. Mass. Fish & Wildlife still stocks Lake Quinsigamond in Worcester & Shrewsbury with juvenile pike, but is considered by many to have low water quality, especially in the spring when waste water is released into the lake after heavy rain. Her and her friends raised the money to purchase a few thousand juvenile pike, and had the MFW assist in the stocking. It was at a time that MFW was not buying or trading fish because of fish being infected with disease in other states.

Now that the deer season in Massachusetts is over, many sportsmen are in search of antler droppings from deer. The deer shed their antlers every year, and grow new ones starting in the spring. Antler hunting can become a family affair, and can reveal how big some of the bucks are that remain in their favorite hunting spots. Antlers are also considered a prize when one is located, and they are used to make knife handles, lamps, and



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many other things including jewelry. If the antlers are not found before spring, many are chewed on by mice, squirrels and other ground feeding animals.

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club stocked their pond with some impressive trout this past Friday, and is now open to club members to fish. A fishing derby is being planned for this Saturday, but plans were not complete in time for this column's deadline!

Cottontail rabbits are still fare game in Massachusetts, and sportsmen that own a good beagle, could find themselves enjoying an old fashion rabbit hunt. The increase in the cottontail rabbit population in the last couple of years was good to see, and hopes are high for another great year. Of course, local gardeners were not too happy with the increase in the rabbit populations, as many vegetables were eaten by these munchers before they could be harvested.

It is doubtful if any sportsmen's shows will actually take place this year because of Covid fears. Covid has sure changed our lives dramatically!

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

## An Array of Assorted Tips and Tricks

As we gear up for a new year, this week's column will highlight a medley of ideas to make everyday life just a little bit easier. And remember readers, 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 the random drawing.

**Practice Power Naps:** Here's a quick lesson in Napology! A "power nap", which can clear your brain and increase productivity, is typically only fifteen to 20 minutes long. And, if you're catching 40 winks on a lunch break, set your cell alarm. A nap longer than a half hour can make you sluggish and defeat the power nap's purpose!

**Candle Capers:** Winter is the season for candles!

The next time you light floating candles, place them in cold water and they'll burn longer! Here's a candle FYI: Candles don't just cover up odors? They eliminate them by burning off the tiny odor particles that permeate the air!

**Bye Sniffles:** Stuff your nose this season? Whip up this Vicks Stick clone to clear your sinuses fast! Place one quarter teaspoon of coarse salt in a small glass vial with a tight lid. Add five drops of eucalyptus oil. When the salt absorbs the oil, shake to activate, then open vial and inhale to clear nasal passages.

**Kitchen Helps:** Here are a couple of culinary shortcuts to cook up a storm in record time: If a recipe calls for clarified broth, simply pour regular broth through a coffee filter to clarify it quickly and easily!

And here's the easiest way to degrease cooled meat soups and



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KAREN TRAINOR

Just put a sheet of waxed paper directly on top of the liquid before refrigerating.

**Tips to Reduce Cholesterol:** Want to reduce your cholesterol? Try topping soups and stews with ground flaxseed to reduce heart attack risk. In a study, forty grams of ground flaxseed every day for three months reduced cholesterol by six percent.

**Attention Do it Yourselfers:** Did you

know nonstick vegetable spray such as Pam can be used to lubricate sticky locks, metal gears, and even bicycle chains in a pinch? And never use oil for squeaky door hinges, use a dab of Vaseline - for a dripless job well done!

**Wax Nostalgic:** Remember waxpaper? Try these creative uses: Rub a sheet on your counter tops after you clean. They'll not only have a nice gloss, but the finish will repel dust and dirt. And if you rub wax paper along your closet rod, even your metal hangers will glide smoothly!

**Hop to it:** Can't sleep? An ancient insomnia tip calls for putting dried hops in a pillowcase. And if you have trouble sleeping on a regular basis, the answer may be as simple as a mul-

titivitamin. Make sure you have enough iron, calcium and potassium, all which encourage a healthy sleep.

**Shoo Flu:** Want another weapon in the fight against colds and flu? According to several Japanese studies, gargling with black tea twice a day from October to March, significantly improved participants abilities to fend off the common flu.

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

ant, 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.

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Wayne writes, "matter and energy tend to be misleading if taken to indicate two distinctly different states of existence in the physical world... solid matter ... simply does not exist. Rather, atomic structure is composed of oscillating energy grids surrounded by other oscillating energy grids..."

Again, it says, "Solid matter... simply does not exist." Starting to sound a little like the hit film The Matrix?

The scientific genius Nikola Tesla said, "If you wish to understand the universe, think of energy, frequency, and vibration."

Matter is just energy vibrating at incredibly high speeds. What we call matter is just variances in states of energy. Our body, and everything around us, in the entire physical universe, is an incredibly complex system of energy fields. Everything down to the smallest molecule is vibrational energy.

Albert Einstein said, "Everything in life is vibration."

Wayne goes on to describe that the entire universe is "one gigantic hologram of unbelievable complexity."

If that doesn't make your head spin, then read further. In extreme scientific language, Wayne describes that the only thing in the universe that isn't made of energy... is human consciousness.

He quotes psychologist Keith Floyd, "it may not be the brain that produces consciousness—but rather, consciousness that creates the appearance of the brain..."

If consciousness is the only thing in our universe that is not energy, what is consciousness? Can we use our consciousness to change our reality and manifest our dreams? Find out next week in Part 2 of The Gateway Process.

## SNHU announces Fall 2021 President's List

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire — It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Fall 2021 Presidents List.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits; undergraduate day students must earn 12 credits in the fall or spring semester, and online students must earn 12 credits in either EW1 & EW2, EW3 & EW4, or EW5 & EW6. Nitzmarie Cintron of Southbridge, Abigail Theberge of Southbridge, Bryana Thompson of Southbridge.

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## Open Sky Race Equity Leader receives scholarship from Providers' Council

WORCESTER — Stephen Osei-Bonsu, Manager of Race Equity for Open Sky Community Services, was one of four human services employees who recently received scholarships during the Providers' Council's 46th Annual Convention & Expo. The Providers' Council is an association of community-based human services providers in Massachusetts with more than 220 member organizations.

Osei-Bonsu was selected as the first recipient of the Council's Foreign-Born Leader Scholarship, given in partnership with the African Bridge Network. He is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling at William James College.

Open Sky's President & CEO Ken Bates was delighted with Osei-Bonsu's selection, commenting "Stephen is an incredible role model for other staff in our organization. We are fortunate that the human services industry has an extraordinarily diverse workforce. As we work towards achieving race equity for both our employees and the people we serve, we need to support the career paths of leaders like Stephen who bring a unique perspective to their work."

## Southbridge Lions cancel cartoon character breakfast

SOUTHBRIDGE – The Southbridge Lions Club annual cartoon character breakfast, scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 13 has been canceled.

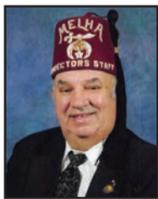
The decision to cancel this year's event has been a difficult one, but we believe it to be in the best interest for promoting the health and safety of the hundreds of children, parents, grandparents and friends that normally attend the breakfast each year. Be assured that the cartoon character breakfast will return next year, better than ever!

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## Andrea "Henry" Skarani



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BE TRUE TO YOUR WORD AND ENVIOUS OF NO ONE...

Andrea "Henry" Skarani, the son of Gregory Ligori Skarani and Effermia (Anastas) Skarani. Born on Jan. 17, 1933 and lived all of his life in Southbridge, graduating High-school, continuing a family business, and drafted into the United States Army during the Korean war. A devoted member of St. Nicholas Albanian Orthodox Church he married in 1964 and raised a family. A past President of the Sturbridge Rotary, a Mason, a director with the Shriners, volunteering at the burn center offering tours at the Springfield hospital, the McDonald's Coffee Club, and a member of various other civic groups.

At home on January 14, 2022, three days prior to his 89th year, surrounded by his family, he left his physical body to join the eternal world. Henry was an avid gardener of fruit trees.

He leaves his beloved wife of

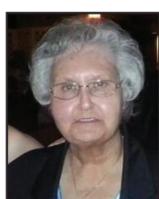
58 years, Doris (Livernois) Skarani; his son, Glenn G. Skarani of Ormond-by-the-Sea, FL; a daughter, Maryann Skarani and her husband Albert of Southbridge; his brother, Joe Skarani of Southbridge; his sister, Shirley Hanlon of Southbridge; his grandchildren, Brendan Shunaman, Amber Shunaman, Darrian Shunaman & his partner Erin, and little Kate Ann. Henry was predeceased by a brother, Christy Skarani and a sister, Helen Poulin.

His funeral will be held on Saturday, Jan. 22nd, from the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, with a service at 12:00pm in the St. Nicholas Albanian Orthodox Church, Morris St., Southbridge. Burial will follow in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Southbridge. Calling hours in the funeral home will be held on Saturday, Jan. 22nd, from 9:30am to 11:30am prior to the service. In Lieu of flowers donations can be made to the St Nicholas Orthodox Church, P.O. Box 650, Southbridge, MA 01550.

www.morrillfuneralhome.com



## Jeanne R. Gauvin, 79



Holland- Jeanne R. (Caouette) Gauvin, 79, died Monday, January 10, at UMass Memorial Health/Harrington after being stricken ill at home. Her husband of 36 years was the late

Robert J. Gauvin who died in March 1998. She was also predeceased by her son Robert A. Gauvin of Auburn who died in 2020.

She is survived by her daughters Janet and her husband Alan Jones of Southbridge and Melinda and her husband Michael Balser of Hudson, NH, 6 grandchildren Jessica and her husband Ronald Burgess, Samantha and her husband Christopher Economos, Aaron Jones and his fiancée Brianne Lamontagne, Krysta Balser, Dylan Balser and Nathan Pickett, and a great-granddaughter Emma Rose. She also leaves a daughter-in-law Susan Gauvin of Auburn, a sister-in-law Cheryl Caouette of Southbridge, and many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews. She was predeceased by her

brother Leon Caouette.

Jeanne was born in Southbridge, daughter of Armand and Rita (Letourneau) Caouette Papineau, and has lived most of her life in Holland. She graduated from the former Notre Dame High School in Southbridge. She was a member of St. Christopher's Church in Brimfield for many years. Jeanne was a school bus driver for Union 61 School District serving the towns of Sturbridge, Holland, and Brimfield. She enjoyed crossword puzzles, word searches, watching old movies, camping, and taking trips to the casino with her friends, but most enjoyed spending time with her family.

Funeral services will be private. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in her memory to Dana Farber Oncology Research, 10 Brookline Place, W., 6th Floor, Brookline, MA 02445, or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1905. Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA 01550 is directing the arrangements. www.sansoucyfuneral.com

## Rev. James E. Chase, 62



Charlton- Rev. James E. Chase, 62, longtime Pastor of the Federated Church of Charlton, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 11th, in his home from complications of colon cancer.

He leaves his wife of 35 years, Diane (Cantara) Chase and his daughter, Valerie Chase and her husband David Pinsonneault of Providence, RI., along with extended family, the congregation of the Federated Church of Charlton, and many close friends. He was predeceased by his sister, Nancy (Chase) Cunningham. He was born in Brockton, the son of Everett W. and Janet (Robb) Chase, Jr. Jim received his Bachelor's degree in Geophysics from Boston College and his Master of Divinity degree from Andover Newton Theological School.

Rev. Chase was the longest tenured pastor of the Federated Church of Charlton, serving 33 years. He was Chaplain for the Charlton Fire Department, beginning in 2000. As a member of the Mass. Corps of Fire Chaplains, he served in New York City during the 9/11 aftermath; in

Sandy Hook, CT; and in Boston after the marathon bombing. He had the honor to teach at a seminary in Johannesburg, South Africa, during a sabbatical in 2015.

He enjoyed running, playing cards, especially whist and cribbage, and walks and lessons with his dog. Jim loved playing and listening to the banjo. All his life, he sought to serve Jesus faithfully and with love.

Rev. Chase also preached at St. Joseph's Church in Charlton on occasion, including each year during the Week of Christian Unity. The family would like to thank St. Joseph's Church for their hospitality in granting the use of the church for Jim's service, so that we may be safely spaced.

His funeral service was held on Saturday, Jan. 15th, at 10:00am in St. Joseph's Church, 10 H. Putnam Rd. Ext., Charlton. Burial followed in West Ridge Cemetery, Charlton. Calling hours in the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, were on Friday, Jan. 14th, from 4:00 to 7:00pm.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Federated Church of Charlton, P.O. Box 70, Charlton, MA 01507.

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Warren- One of the last Good ol' Boys Michael Dembowski passed away on January 10th, 2022. Michael was born on January 31st, 1948 in Parsberg, Germany, the 11 lb. firstborn child of Leokardia

Garbat Dembowski and Waclaw Dembowski who were displaced POWs from Poland as a devastating result of the Holocaust. He came into this world tragically being born dead in a field tent but was revived by the warmth of a wood stove and his mother's love.

The eldest of 9 Michael attended primary school in Southbridge, MA until entering the United States Marine Corps at the age of 17. He was honorably discharged from the Corps a short time later when his conscience prevented him from following given orders. He worked a variety of jobs in the area including Russell Harrington, Hydes Manufacturing, California Fruit, and Dana Corporation until ultimately becoming a private contractor known for concrete, masonry, and eventually demolition. Michael retired to the Warren, MA area working part-time as a bus monitor for Tantasqua & Union 61 school district.

Michael leaves his wife, Mary

Hall Dembowski of nearly 34 years, and their six daughters; Charlie Anne Rudman, Sonyia LaRoe, Cindy Bissonnette, Jenilee Valis, Laura Lee Dembowski, and Corina Dembowski

along with their spouses who he was extremely grateful for. He also leaves his 11 grandchildren who were his world, Cierra, Emma, Noah, Kyle, Mikayla, Christopher, Amanda, Alex, Genesis, Olivebelle, and Michael.

An honorary member of the Southbridge Polish-American Club he could regularly be found in the local coffee shops sharing stories and tales from his escapades as an immigrant youth in town. He loved cooking, playing cards, hiking, entertaining friends & family, long drives, and singing. Michael had a long-standing association with the Watchtower & Tract Society of Jehovah's Witnesses.

The family held a private viewing and services for Michael's extended family and closest friends from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm with a service following on Saturday, January 15th, 2022. Please be considerate of our loved ones by wearing a mask. sansoucyfuneral.com



## Anna R. Pecore, 79



CHARLTON - Anna R. (Langlois) Pecore, 79, of Dresser Hill Road, died peacefully on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at UMass Memorial Medical Center - University Campus in Worcester. She is

survived by her husband of 61 years, Louis K. Pecore of Charlton; seven children, Louis J. Pecore and his wife Debra of Charlton, Timothy J. Pecore and his wife Marie of Brookfield, Michael J. Pecore and his wife Renee of Brimfield, Jonathan J. Pecore and his wife Barbara of Charlton, Deborah A. Pecore of Worcester, Kenneth J. Pecore and his wife Nancy of Charlton, and Brian J. Pecore and his wife Tracy of Charlton; a brother, Ernest Langlois of Oxford; two sisters, Theresa Motyka of Tewksbury, and Rosemary Disley of Monson; her grandchildren, Kimberly Pecore, Zachary Pecore, Joshua Pecore, Mayce Smith, Timothy Pecore, Catherine McCreevan, Gabrielle Pecore, Joseph Pecore, Michael Pecore Jr., Ashley Pecore, Kristina Pecore, Jennifer Pecore, Melissa Pecore, Courtney Pecore, Mathew Pecore, Kelsey Pecore, Mikayla St. Germain, Nicholas Pecore, Sabrina Nickerson, Brian Pecore II, Dillon Pecore, and

Kolby Pecore; and 13 great grandchildren (with 4 on the way). She was born in Southbridge, daughter of the late Ernest J. and Anna C. (Gouin) Langlois, and was a lifelong resident of Charlton.

Mrs. Pecore worked at American Optical in Southbridge, S&M Plastics in Southbridge, and the travel plaza on the Mass Pike in Charlton for many years, before retiring in 2005. She was a member of St. Joseph's Church in Charlton, where she also attended the Monday night prayer meeting and served on the altar. Her family meant everything to her and she dedicated her life to raising her children and caring for her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She enjoyed participating in any activity her grandchildren were part of and would sled with the grandchildren well into her 70's.

A funeral was held on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, from Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford, followed by a Mass at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church, 10 H. Putnam Rd. Ext., Charlton. Burial followed at New Notre Dame Cemetery in Southbridge. Calling hours were Tuesday, January 18, 2022, from 3-6 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph's Church, P.O. Box 338, Charlton City, MA 01508.

### MANDATE

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mask policy for childcare providers," Commissioner Riley's statement read.

Exemptions from the state mask mandate are available for students and staff members who cannot wear a mask for medical reasons, as well as students who are unable to wear a mask for behavioral reasons.

Masks are required at all indoor sporting events and other extracurricular activities held at schools, in

alignment with guidance provided by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA).

Masks should be provided by families each day for their children, DESE guidance recommends, but disposable masks should be made available by schools for students who need them.

By federal public health order, all students and staff members are required to wear a mask while riding on school buses.

For more information about state mandates, visit www.mass.gov.

### BOTTLE

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not truly recycled, she noted.

As with the current system, the refund money includes a handling fee (2.25 cents for retailers and 3.25 cents for redemption centers). Any money that's not refunded goes to the state's General Fund (it used to go to environmental uses). Pecci estimated the proposed expansion would send an extra \$80-90 million to state coffers annually.

But she said she doesn't think it'll have an impact on prices, noting products are typically the same price in states without bottle bills.

CLF's Lauren Fernandez said she recently contacted 150 communities and got responses from 60 regarding curbside recycling costs. About half have seen "a drastic increase" in recent years and "were using it to haul off things that aren't even being recycled anymore," she said.

Pecci said that's in part because haulers

benefit more from landfilling and incineration than recycling. They're likely to oppose bottle bill expansion because they "don't want that tonnage to decrease." Similarly, she noted retailers tend to see it as "a pain in the neck" but are coming along, and the beverage companies dislike it but have "softened a lot" in recent years.

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### BAY PATH

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who they are honoring as they light their candle. Photos and a video were taken and have been shared on social media via Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy's Facebook Page, https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.2820886974870205&type=3

About Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy

Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy offers a 40-week, (10-month), full-time, Monday through Friday, evening program. The program begins mid-August and is completed in late June. Graduates receive a Practical Nursing Certificate and are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN licensure exam. The Bay

Path Practical Nursing Academy is fully approved by the: Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Human Services of Public Health Board of Registration in Nursing 239 Causeway Street Boston, MA 02114 617-973-0800 www.mass.gov/dph/boards/rn The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is accredited by the: Council on Occupational Education 840 Roswell Road Building 300, Suite 325 Atlanta, GA 30350 Telephone: 800-917-2081 www.council.org Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School is fully accredited by the: New England Association of Schools and Colleges 209 Burlington Rd, Suite 201 Bedford, MA, 01730-1433 781-271-0022 www.neasc.org

# LEGALS

## MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Harold C. Peterson, Jr. to Option One Mortgage Corporation, dated March 18, 2004 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 33090, Page 383, subsequently assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee for ABFC 2004-OPT4 Trust, ABFC Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2004-OPT4 by Sand Canyon Corporation FKA Option One Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 61200, Page 393 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 PM on January 27, 2022 at 87 Westwood Parkway, Southbridge, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit: That certain tract or parcel of land, situated in said Southbridge, designated as lot numbered twelve (12), as shown on a plan called "Revised Portion of Westwood Hills Owned by William D. Gremier Real estate & Development Co. And Charter Bros. Contractors, Southbridge, Mass. Scale 1"- 50', Jan 1957, Benjamin F. Tully, Engr" and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 224, Plan 54 and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at an iron pin in the ground on the westerly side line of Westwood Parkway Extension, said iron pin being three hundred fifty-four and ninety-six (354.96) feet N. 31° 18' W. from a town bound in the ground at the northerly terminal of the 1941 layout of Westwood Parkway by the Town of Southbridge; Thence running N. 31° 18' W., along the westerly side line of said Westwood Parkway Extension, sixty seven (67) feet, to a bound point; Thence running northerly and westerly on a curve, said curve having a radius of forty-nine and eighty hundredths (49.80) feet for a distance of seventy-six and forty one hundredths (76.41) feet, to a bound point on the southerly side line of a proposed street; Thence running S. 50° 47' W., along the southerly side line of said proposed street fifty-two (52) feet, to a bound point at the N.E. Corner of lot numbered thirteen (13) on said Plan; Thence running Southeasterly along the easterly line of said lot numbered thirteen (13), one hundred fifteen (115) feet, to iron pin in the ground at the N.E. Corner of lot numbered seven (7) on said Plan and the N.W. Corner of lot numbered six (6) on said Plan; Thence running Southeasterly along the easterly line of said lot numbered six (6) one hundred (100) feet, to the iron pin in the ground at the point of beginning. For title reference see Deed dated September 30, 1957 and recorded in Book 3895 at Page 132 also see probate File Docket No. 98PR3168-AD1 for Evelyn A. Peterson. The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney's fees and costs. TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale. Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee for ABFC 2004-OPT4 Trust, ABFC Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2004-OPT4 Present Holder of said Mortgage, By Its Attorneys, ORLANS PC

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January 6, 2022  
January 13, 2022  
January 20, 2022

## TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE LEASE OF THE DINER AT THE SOUTHBRIDGE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Town Manager for the Town of Southbridge (the "Town") is soliciting sealed proposals for the Lease of the Diner located at the Southbridge Municipal Airport. Proposals will be received by the office of the Town Manager, 41 Elm Street, Town of Southbridge, MA 01550 until **11:00 AM local time on Friday, January 28, 2022** at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. All proposals shall be enclosed in an envelope which is clearly marked: "*Town of Southbridge Proposal for Lease of the Diner at the Southbridge Municipal Airport*" **Fax or e-mail submissions will not be accepted.** With proposal, please include Company name, address, main contact name, phone and email address. The diner is 50's vintage with a stainless interior and is 680 sq. feet. It has a counter with 13 stools and (5) tables each seating 4 people with a grill behind the counter. There are (2) bathrooms. Also, there is a 264 sq. foot additional dining room attached with a handicap bathroom. There is also a 62 sq. foot fully equipped kitchen. In the basement, there is a large walk-in refrigerator and several smaller freezers. There is ample parking. The diner is located on the property of the Southbridge Municipal Airport at 220 Airport Access Road, Southbridge, MA 01550. Proposal packages may be obtained from the Office of the Town Manager, Monday through Wednesday between the hours of 8:00AM and 4:00 PM, Thursday from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. and Friday 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM (Holidays excepted). The RFP documents may also be obtained by contacting the Town Manager's Office at [graducha@southbridgmass.org](mailto:graducha@southbridgmass.org) or via phone (508) 764-5405. The Town reserves the right to reject any and all proposals if it is deemed to be in the best interest of the Town to do so.  
January 13, 2022  
January 20, 2022

## CHARLTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the Wetland Protection Act of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Chapter 131, Section 40, the Charlton Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on January 26, 2022, on the application of Nihad Jassam. The applicant has submitted a Notice of Intent for the construction of a single-family house with a bedroom attached apartment and garage with associated site work and utilities. The project site is located at #0 A Young Road, Charlton, MA Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting of the Charlton Conservation Commission will be conducted via remote means. Members of the public who wish to access the meeting remotely, may do so via Zoom Conferencing by calling 1-646 558 8656 and using meeting ID # 892 9898 0343 Passcode 458971 or using the link below <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89298980343?pwd=VjIMZGhU-GRnYzRkR1c2eTJTL3lWZz09> Copies of the Notice of Intent may be examined electronically by visiting this Website: <https://www.townofcharlton.net/262/Conservation-Commission> Thomas O'Malley Chair, Charlton Conservation Commission  
January 20, 2022

## TOWN OF STURBRIDGE CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

**The Sturbridge Conservation Commission, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 131, §40, and the Town of Sturbridge Wetland Bylaws, will hold the following Public Hearing relating to work within a wetland resource area and/or within the 200-foot jurisdictional buffer zone on January 27, 2022 at 6:25 PM. @ Center Office Building, 2nd Floor 301 Main Street, Sturbridge MA**  
This Public Hearing is in regards to a Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by S. Morrison for the construction of a SFH and associated site work at 28 Allen Road, Sturbridge, MA. Any person interested or wishing to be heard on this proposal should appear at the time and place designated. Please note that while an option for remote

attendance and/or participation is being provided to the public, the meeting/hearing will not be suspended or terminated if technological problems interrupt the virtual broadcast, unless otherwise required by law. Members of the public with particular interest in any specific item on this agenda should make plans for inperson vs. virtual attendance accordingly. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation can be found on the Town's website at <https://www.sturbridge.gov/town-administrator/pages/how-access-virtual-meeting>. Arrangements can be made to view the application packet by contacting the Sturbridge Conservation Department at (508)347-2506.

**Submitted by: Ed Goodwin, Chairman**  
STURBRIDGE CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
January 20, 2022

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This Public Hearing is in regards to a Sturbridge Bylaw Notice of Intent submitted by L. Jalbert, Jalbert Engineering for construction of a SFH and associated site work at 165 Shepard Road, Sturbridge, MA.

Any person interested or wishing to be heard on this proposal should appear at the time and place designated. Please

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## CHARLTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the Wetland Protection Act of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Chapter 131, Section 40, the Charlton Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on January 26, 2022, on the application of William Rand

The applicant has submitted a Notice of Intent for the replacement of a retaining wall and the installation of five granite steps. The project site is located at 88 Glen Echo Shore Dr., Charlton, MA

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting of the Charlton Conservation Commission will be conducted via remote means. Members of the public who wish to participate can access the meeting remotely, via Zoom Conferencing by calling 1-646 558 8656 and using meeting ID # 892 9898 0343 Passcode 458971 or using the link below <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89298980343?pwd=VjIMZGhU-GRnYzRkR1c2eTJTL3lWZz09> Copies of the Notice of Intent may be examined electronically by visiting this Website: <https://www.townofcharlton.net/262/Conservation-Commission> Thomas O'Malley Chair, Charlton Conservation Commission  
January 20, 2022

## Town of Sturbridge Board of Selectmen Public Hearing

Notification is hereby given that applications have been filed by Drake Petroleum Company, Inc., for a Change of Officers/Directors/LLC Manager and Change of Manager, for the premises located at 215 Charlton Road, Sturbridge with the Sturbridge Board of Selectmen. In accordance with MGL Ch. 138, a public hearing will be held on **Monday, February 7, 2021 at 6:35 p.m.** at the Sturbridge Town

Hall, 2nd floor, Veteran's Memorial Hall located at 308 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA 01566.  
January 20, 2022

## CHARLTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the Wetland Protection Act of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Chapter 131, Section 40, the Charlton Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on January 26, 2022, on the application of Alan J. Leone.

The applicant has submitted a request for Determination of Applicability for the removal of 24 trees. The project site is located at 85 Baker Pond Rd, Charlton, MA

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting of the Charlton Conservation Commission will be conducted via remote means. Members of the public who wish to participate can access the meeting remotely, via Zoom Conferencing by calling 1-646 558 8656 and using meeting ID # 892 9898 0343 Passcode 458971 or using the link below <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89298980343?pwd=VjIMZGhU-GRnYzRkR1c2eTJTL3lWZz09> Copies of the Notice of Intent may be examined electronically by visiting this Website: <https://www.townofcharlton.net/262/Conservation-Commission> Thomas O'Malley Chair, Charlton Conservation Commission  
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In accordance with the Wetland Protection Act of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Chapter 131, Section 40, the Charlton Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on January 26, 2022, on the application of David Robinson.

The applicant has submitted a Notice of Intent for the construction of a single-family house and barn. The project site is located at 0 Oxford Road, Parcel ID 53-C-2.3 Charlton, MA

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting of the Charlton Conservation Commission will be conducted via in person and remote means. Members of the public who wish to access the meeting remotely, may do so via Zoom Conferencing by calling 1-646 558 8656 and using meeting ID # 892 9898 0343 Passcode 458971 or using the link below <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89298980343?pwd=VjIMZGhU-GRnYzRkR1c2eTJTL3lWZz09> Copies of the Notice of Intent may be examined electronically by visiting this Website: <https://www.townofcharlton.net/262/Conservation-Commission> Thomas O'Malley Chair, Charlton Conservation Commission  
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This Public Hearing is in regards to a Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by M. Carrier for removal of eighteen pine trees at 17 and 21 South Road, Sturbridge, MA.

Any person interested or wishing to be heard on this proposal should appear at the time and place designated. Please

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# SPORTS

## Mullen's monster game helps Rams rally past Nashoba



Nick Ethier photos

Shepherd Hill's Raegan Peck steps into a jump shot versus Nashoba.

By Nick Ethier  
Sports Editor  
DUDLEY — A tough week was in store for the Shepherd Hill Regional girls' varsity basketball team when they hosted a pair of tough Midland Wachusett League foes in Westborough High and Nashoba Regional on Tuesday, Jan. 11 and Thursday, Jan. 13, respectively. And after losing a 55-33 decision to the Rangers, the matchup with the Wolves became even more important. Things didn't look all

that well for the Rams in the early going, as they trailed by a 16-5 count after one quarter and 26-17 at the half. But The Hill rallied and eventually emerged victorious, 53-50. "We have a very determined group of girls, that's for sure," said head coach Maura Hackenson. "We were coming off a tough loss to Westborough the other night. We came in with a little bit of a chip on our shoulder tonight. They needed to redeem

themselves. Playing that hard tonight after a disappointing loss the other night speaks volumes of these girls." Shepherd Hill junior Emery Mullen, the team's point guard, was the catalyst. After being held scoreless in the first quarter, she rattled off six, five and then a staggering 14 points in the next three periods to finish with a game-high 25 points. She also pulled down 12 rebounds for the double-double. "She is extremely

fast. That girl is lightning," Hackenson said of Mullen, a cross-country and outdoor track star when she isn't playing basketball. "She's extremely hard to defend, she runs the floor, she has endurance, she can last the whole game — I rarely sub her. She has matured a lot this year, basketball wise. She's really in a groove here."

With the Rams trailing after three quarters, 37-31, Mullen helped her team win the final frame, 22-13. She opened the period with a 3-pointer from the top of the arc, her first trey of the game.

"I hit one 3 and I felt good, so I kept going and it was working," said Mullen.

Mullen hit her next 3-pointer with 5:17 to play, this one from the right wing, to give Shepherd Hill its first lead at 41-40. Moments later, another triple from Mullen, this one a mirror image but from the left wing, regained the Rams' lead at 44-42.

Nashoba grabbed the lead back, 47-46, but Rams' sophomore Heidi Jarosz (9 points, 10 rebounds) finished off a layup to put her team ahead once again, 48-47. Mullen then hit five of six free throws in the final minute to



Emery Mullen of Shepherd Hill drives the ball past Nashoba defender Bella Cotter.

keep The Hill ahead, and they were able to breathe a sigh of relief and savor the victory when Nashoba's Davita Honig's 3-pointer at the buzzer rimmed out. "We definitely started off not as strong, but we pull through," Mullen said of trailing for much of the contest but rallying for the win. "We bring it together as a team, and that's what we did out there. "It's Nashoba. They've always been great. The fact that we just did that, it's uplifting in our season," Mullen added.

Hackenson noted that a total team effort was

needed to squeak by the Wolves.

"Our seniors really stepped up well for us. We needed that to win," Hackenson said of Sydney FitzGerald (6 points), Amanda Adamuska (6 rebounds) and Raegan Peck (8 points).

After a few lackluster seasons in years past, order seems to have been restored for the perennially powerful Rams, who improved to 5-2.

"We are back on track up here at Shepherd Hill, I think. Our feeder programs are doing well and everyone has bought in," Hackenson said.

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# SPORTS

## Rockets lose to tough Needham team, but expectations remain high

BY NICK ETHIER  
SPORTS EDITOR

AUBURN — Sure, playing Needham High in the battle of the Rockets at Horgan Arena on Monday, Jan. 17 and losing by a 5-0 final may not look the best on paper, but Auburn High's girls' varsity ice hockey team battled hard as they continue to compete at a high level game in and game out.

"They're probably our strongest opponent so far," Auburn head coach Peter LaPrad said of Needham. "They're a little deeper than us. They had three solid lines that kept coming at us. But I loved the grit of my girls out there, just going at it

for three strong periods. We didn't have the legs to keep up with them for the whole game, but I'm very pleased. It's good for us because that's a team up for us and we were competitive with them."

Auburn — a co-op that also includes student-athletes from Blackstone-Millville Regional, Burncoat High, Doherty High, Douglas High, Grafton High, Notre Dame Academy and Tantasqua Regional — is now an impressive 5-3 to start the season.

"I love my team right now. The girls are great," said LaPrad. "They're a true team with good chemistry."

Auburn and Needham were deadlocked in a scoreless battle for much of the first period, and the game remained tied with seven minutes to play in the opening frame when starting goalie Victoria Horne made an aggressive poke-check save on a streaking Lily Schmalz of Needham.

But Needham took a 1-0 lead into the first intermission when they scored with 2:55 remaining. Maeve Hymovitz fed a pass to Maddie Ledbury, whose shot got past Horne.

Needham then grabbed a 3-0 lead early in the second period with two quick goals off the sticks of Sofia Berejik and Jill

Peabody. Shortly thereafter, Horne (18 saves) gave way to Rachel Proulx (13 saves), who played the second half of the game in net for Auburn.

"My goaltenders are fantastic," LaPrad said of Horne and Proulx. "They're both playing great."

LaPrad noted that Haley Vadenais, Avery Knott and Madison Leonard help out the goalies as part of "a really deep and solid defensive core."

Needham (6-1-2) finished off its 5-0 victory with a pair of third period strikes. Hymovitz and Ellie Keenan (Erika Stanton assist) had the goals.

Auburn had its chances,

but Needham goalie Mina Brown finished with 16 saves for the shutout. Auburn's best opportunity came very late in the first period when freshman Olivia Viens hustled down the right wing. She then fed a centering pass onto the stick of freshman Izzy Spencer, who shot back toward the right side of the net. Her laser missed the top corner by mere inches.

"We have a couple of freshmen out there that are really doing well, putting points up," LaPrad said of both Spencer and Viens.

Auburn also had three power play chances and generated five shots during those six minutes,

but to no avail.

Despite the loss, LaPrad likes the way his team is progressing and noted that the Rockets are 3-1 in Central Mass. Conference games against the likes of Woodstock Academy (2-0), Leominster High (1-0) and Oakmont Regional (0-1).

"The program is really getting stronger," LaPrad said of what is now his 12th year coaching at the varsity level, which he has done since Day 1. "It has taken many, many years to get to the point where we've got the depth that we have. We can go out and compete with anybody right now. The future looks bright."

## Panthers complete important three-game sweep over Northbridge, Bartlett and Tantasqua



Nick Ethier photos

Tantasqua's Hunter Hill has his eyes on the basket while driving through the lane.

BY NICK ETHIER  
SPORTS EDITOR

SPENCER — After defeating the likes of Pathfinder Regional and West Boylston High to close out 2021 an even 3-3, the David Prouty Regional boys' varsity basketball team had a tough stretch within Southern Worcester County League (SWCL) play to open the calendar year. And, in an impressive display that will likely put the league on notice, the Panthers prevailed in each situation.

Prouty defeated Northbridge High (56-41), then Bartlett High (83-70) and finally Tantasqua Regional (56-48), that game taking place Friday, Jan. 14 as the Panthers improved to 6-3.

"I'm proud of our guys because for David Prouty to say we just won at Northbridge, at Bartlett and beat Tantasqua, I'm really happy for the boys," said head coach Pat O'Connor after the win over the Warriors.

Prouty's recent 5-0 stretch says more about the team than the 1-3 start to open the season, O'Connor noted.

"We had a player who wasn't able to play for personal reasons. He's back, and ever since he's been back we haven't lost," he said of Alec Fournier. "He's a huge piece. We really struggled without him. We have a good, solid group, but we're a small school so we don't have a lot of depth."

That group includes both Alec (5 of 6 free throws in second half) and Evan Fournier (9 points), Byron Tippins (12 points), Chris Murzycki (9 points) and team leader Braeden White (17 points).

"He just loves basketball and works at his game the right way more than any player I've ever been around," O'Connor said of White, the team's floor general at the point guard position. "He makes life easy as a coach. He puts other players in positions that makes it easy for everybody else."

The Panthers held leads of 19-12 after one quarter, 32-21 at halftime and 45-35 through three periods. But Tantasqua regularly chipped away at the deficit, including the start to the fourth quarter.

There, the Warriors scored the first five points as Liam Hubacz netted all of his points in a one-minute stretch. But Tantasqua (led in scoring by Hunter Hill and Dylan Thompson, both with 10 points) could get no closer, as head coach Scott Dion explained a crucial sequence following his team's rally.

"I think we had the game down to [five] points and we gave up a rebound on a free throw, they hit a 3," Dion said of a trey from the corner by Murzycki. "We came down and made a shot, and then they come down and [Murzycki] made another 3. That brought their lead up to 10 and we just couldn't overcome that."

The Warriors could not inch the deficit closer than the five they had to open the quarter, as they dropped to 2-6.

Dion had kind words for O'Connor and the Prouty program, a program he coached at before taking the job at Tantasqua four seasons ago.

"Obviously, I know Prouty very well. Coach O'Connor and I are very close. I was coach here for 11 years, [including] his senior year," Dion said of the 2007-2008 season. "Both of his assistants on the bench played for me, Kyle Driscoll and Matt Pillsbury. You get a relationship with kids and you know they're going to play their tails hair. He has really good pieces and he has a phenomenal point guard. Our team

right now is still trying to find itself."

O'Connor, who cut his teeth coaching at North Brookfield High originally, has been the Panthers' coach since Dion departed.

"I graduated from here, live in Spencer and now I teach eighth grade math here. I always wanted to be part of Spencer-East Brookfield,"

O'Connor said before stating how big it was to defeat Dion — "one of my best friends," according to O'Connor — and the Warriors.

"We're now the smallest school in the SWCL by a lot and beating the biggest school in the SWCL is a huge deal. What it does for the kids is unbelievable," he said.

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Monday, Jan. 10

David Prouty 52, Bartlett 28 — Olivia Pepin led the way for the Panthers' girls' basketball team with 24 points, while Gabby Soter chipped in 14. David Prouty led, 22-0, after the first quarter on their way to defeating the Indians.

Tantasqua 102, Worcester 67 — In a coed swim meet, the Warriors defeated Worcester: The medley relay team of Kira Dambly, Ethan Korenda, Zoey Zhu and Max Sullivan got Tantasqua started with a win. Other winners included Dambly (200 IM), Sullivan (50 freestyle, 100 backstroke), Korenda (100 butterfly), Jonah Scherer (500 freestyle), and the 400 freestyle relay team of Dambly, Zach Hilborn, Scherer and Sullivan ended the day with a victory.

Wednesday, Jan. 12

Shrewsbury 72, Tantasqua 54 — Ethan Korenda (50 freestyle, 500 freestyle), Max Pitcher (diving) and Jonah Scherer (100 butterfly) were all winners for the Warriors in a boys' swim meet, but it wasn't enough against the Colonials. Tantasqua is now 3-3.

Shrewsbury 101, Tantasqua 62 — Similar to the boys' meet, the Warriors also lost in girls' swimming. The winners for Tantasqua (3-3) included Kira Dambly (200 freestyle), Zoey Zhu (500 freestyle) and Katie Wade (100 breaststroke).

Thursday, Jan. 13

Tantasqua 48, David Prouty 37 — The Panthers played a hard-fought girls' basketball game versus the Warriors, but they fell 11 points short. Prouty's Gabby Soter led the way with 25 points, including a 12 of 14 performance from the free throw line.

Friday, Jan. 14

Tantasqua 100, Gardner 43 — A great meet was turned in by the Warriors as the girls' team triumphed and improved to 4-3. The 200 medley relay team (Kira Dambly, Tori Stendrup, Zoey Zhu, Makenna Pentoney), Katie Wade (200 freestyle, 100 butterfly), Stendrup (200 IM, 100 breaststroke), Zhu (50 freestyle, 100 backstroke), Pentoney (100 freestyle), Dambly (500 freestyle), the 200 freestyle relay team (Stendrup, Marana Gentile, Molly Bilodeau, Wade) and the 400 freestyle relay team (Zhu, Gentile, Dambly, Wade) all turned in winning performances.

Gardner 69, Tantasqua 48 — Despite winnings swims turned in by Ethan Korenda (200 freestyle, 100 breaststroke), Jonah Scherer (500 freestyle) and the 200 freestyle relay team (Zachary Hilborn, Max Pitcher, Cameron Giroux, Korenda), the Warriors lost their boys' meet and are now 3-4.

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