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# Long-lasting language



THE MINOR DETAILS **ADAM** MINOR

"Daddy, I think she is talking in Spanish.

My wife and I were watching a second season episode of "Fuller House," on Netflix last weekend (don't judge me, bad sitcoms are a guilty pleasure), and my son walked and noticed one of the characters speaking in a foreign language (it might have been Italian, but to a child, every foreign language is "Spanish"). With his limited experience learning Spanish at school and at home (I've tried to pass on what I know for basic conversation now's the time!), he's been catching times in life when English is not being spoken.

Earlier that morning, he was not feeling too well, and was sick to his stomach, so he was in the process of recovery. I sat down at my compute to put in some work cleaning out e-mails, and chuckled when he asked me, "Daddy, what's Spanish for 'I'm not sick anymore?""

Now, if you are a former high school Spanish teacher of mine, you might want to shield your eyes at this next part — but I had no idea how to translate for him. I took four years of Spanish in high school from four different awesome teachers. I learned quite a bit. I was even in the Spanish Honor Society as a senior. That year was also the last time I ever spent any time learning Spanish. I kind of regret that. Everything I learned in those four years essentially went down the drain as the years went on.

I mentioned a Netflix show earlier on, but another one I recently watched was a former CBS show called "Limitless," based on the recent Bradley Cooper movie of the same name. In it, a special drug called NZT allows people to access every part of their brain. Every memory back as far as the brain functions is remembered with absolute clarity. Every word of a previously read book can be recalled with a thought. Skills can be virtually downloaded with one pass through. As you can tell, in this fictional world, such a powerful drug creates

many problems for our protagonist.

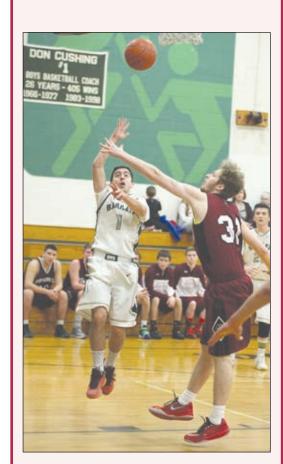
Anyway, all of that flashed through my head as I struggled to remember what "sick" translated to in Spanish. I tried my best to dust off the archives labeled "Spanish" in my brain, but the archives were buried too deeply beneath the avalanche created by 15 years of life. I had nothing. Even now, as I write this, I struggle to get anything more coherent than "Donde esta la biblioteca? (Where is the library?)" or "Me gusta las hamburguesas (I like hamburgers).

There are many other random words that I have somehow remembered, like coche (car), casa (house), deportes (sports), pantalones (pants), the days of the week, most colors, and most all of the numbers. The more complex, sentence-building words, with verb conjugations and past, present and future tenses, are just completely gone. All of it would have come in handy when I was in El Salvador eight years ago, but unfortunately, even then I was so out of practice, I had to heavily lean on a translator to get anything

So flash forward back to last weekend. I can only hope that my son retains what he learns of whatever foreign language(s) he can absorb. He certainly is starting a lot earlier

By the way, the answer to "I'm not sick anymore" is: "Ya no estoy enfermo." Thank you, Google Translate. And to my old Spanish teachers, I apologize. Lo siento.

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#### THE YEAR THAT WAS

This issue of the Webster Times is the last regular edition of the calendar year, as next week's paper (Dec. 23) will be a special "Sports Year in Photos" publication. The week after that (Dec. 30) will be our annual "Stonebridge Press Year in Photos." We will return with our regular coverage in our Jan. 6, 2017 edition. From all of us here at Stonebridge Press — Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!

# 'We will be saving lives, we will be making a difference'

HARRINGTON DEBUTS NEW RECOVERY SERVICES UNIT IN WEBSTER



lason Bleau photos

The ribbon is cut for the new Harrington Recovery Service unit in Webster on Dec. 12.

BY JASON BLEAU

WEBSTER — After around a year of work, Harrington Hospital's Webster campus celebrated the ribbon cutting for a new second-floor wing of the facility called Harrington Recovery Services at Webster with a focus on dual diagnosis for patients dealing with psychiatric or addiction-related illnesses.

Constructed as part of a larger improvement initiative on campus, which included the site's relatively new emergency room, the new unit was funded in part by around \$1.5 million remaining from a grant from the Massachusetts Health Policy Commission and contained space for 16 patients includ-

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State Rep. Joe McKenna and State Rep. Kevin Kuros present a citation from the House of Representatives **Harrington President and CEO Ed Moore recognizing** the ribbon cutting for the new Harrington Recovery Services unit at Webster.

# Oxford chooses system for police chief search

BY JASON BLEAU

OXFORD — As the Town of Oxford prepares to commence with its search for a new police chief with the impending retirement of Chief Michael Hassett in June, the Board of Selectmen has decided to examine a wide range of candidates with a vote of approval to examine two lists of potential promotion candidates from competitive" list to give the board options should they not find a suitable candidate hiring in-house.

Town Manager Brian Palaia presented the option to the Board of Selectmen at the end of November, as

candidates, one of potential well as a proposed salary of \$100,000 to \$120,000, a number within the Oxford Police he proposed after consulting Department and anoth-er independent "open and determining the classification of the chief's position in relation to other positions within the community.

Palaia told selectmen that when looking at hiring a new chief he felt having the internal candidate and open independent candidates listed separately would be the best way to go to satisfy the requests and concerns set before him by selectmen in past discussions.

"If you are justly unsatisfied if the promotional list that you receive you can bypass the people on that list in order to talk to and interview candidates that are on

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Youngsters were given the chance to make a variety of different crafts including decorations, Santas, and snowmen.

#### WINTER WONDERLAND



Matthew Friedland, of Auburn, got to have his picture taken with none other than old St. Nick himself. Many children made the trip to the Winter Wonderland to meet Santa in person.

Jason Bleau photos

WEBSTER — An annual Christmas tradition continued in Webster on Dec. 9 and 10, as the Webster Police Department transformed Memorial Beach on Webster Lake into a literal winter wonderland. For more photos, turn to page A8!

# Willardson begins tenure as town administrator

'I'M VERY EXCITED TO BE HERE'

**BY JASON BLEAU** 

WEBSTER At beginning November, Webster's Board of Selectmen put an end to an extensive search for a new town administrator, naming Doug Willardson to fill the seat vacated by

John McAuliffe in 2015. Despite controversy surrounding not one, but two hiring processes in the wake of McAuliffe's resignation, selectmen finally put everything to rest with the hiring of Willardson, who started in his new job on Dec. 12, with a busy morning featuring visits from many town officials and department heads, and even a visit to a ribbon cutting at Harrington Hospital. Amidst all the hustle and bustle and assorted commotion of his first day on the job, Willardson found time

to sit down with The



**Doug Willardson** 

Webster Times to talk about his new position, his excitement for joining the Webster community - which he considers "destiny" of sorts — and his hopes for the Webster community over the new few years.

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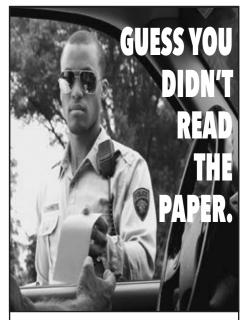
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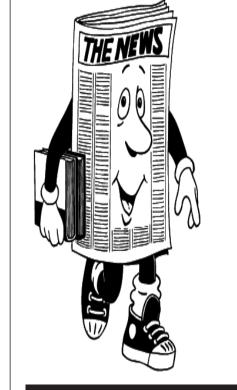
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# Going above the call of duty

#### Webster firefighter honored for actions off the clock



Photo courtesy Webster Fire Department

Webster firefighter Joseph Elderkin was honored by selectmen on Dec. 5 for helping respond to a medical situation involving citizen Maureen Valentine (pictured with Elderkin) on May 7, while off duty. Valentine sent a letter to selectmen about the incident, which led to Elderkin humbly receiving a proclamation for his actions off the clock.

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WEBSTER — While it is expected of first responders to go above and beyond their call of duty while on the job, many have no qualms with putting their training into action when they are off the clock as well.

On Dec. 5, the Webster Board of Selectmen took the time to honor a local firefighter who did just that.

"As a board we do from time to time get along and some exciting parts of our job are when people go above and beyond the call of duty," Chairman Donald Bourque declared. "No matter what (our first responders) do, no matter if they're working or not working, they're always on duty."

Selectmen invited representatives of the Webster Fire Department and firefighter Joseph Elderkin to their Dec. 5 meeting to present Elderkin with a proclamation recognizing him for his actions above and beyond the call of duty on May 7. On that day Elderkin was at a restaurant when citizen Maureen Valentine experienced a medical situation when a piece of food got lodged in her throat. Valentine took it upon herself to send a letter to town leaders describing the events of May 7 and thanking Elderkin for his actions, a letter which was read before members of the community during the meeting.

"A kind young firefighter told my friend that if I was breathing, the Heimlich maneuver wouldn't do any good," Valentine wrote in her letter. "I proceeded to the ladies room hoping to dislodge this food. After 20 minutes to a half an hour, the food finally did go down. The whole time this was going on the helpful firefighter, Joseph Elderkin, stood with me to make sure I was alright. At one point he suggested

maybe he should call for help, but I begged him not to do that. Joe is definitely one of Webster's finest."

Selectmen presented Elderkin with the proclamation with Maureen Valentine present for the big moment, with Bourque reading that Elderkin was being recognized for his "courage, bravery, and quick action" during the May 7th incident. Elderkin then sat beside Valentine to read a thank you message he had prepared after learning he would be receiving the honor.

"I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen for this acknowledgement," Elderkin said. "Honestly, I was just doing what I thought was the right thing to do. I would like to make mention of the fact that I did not act on assisting with this individual alone. She was sitting with a friend who immediately recognized there was a problem and started to help. Her name was Charlotte Halley. When she got up to help I noticed and went to offer assistance. I want to thank the fire department and Chief [Brian] Hickey for giving me the opportunity to receive the necessary training through the District 7 Recruit Training Program which enables me to put into practice what I've learned whether on the job or

Elderkin continued his speech showing a humble attitude towards his actions, simply noting that as a fire-fighter performing such acts is not necessarily anything special. It's a service they are more than happy to provide whether on or off the clock.

"As firefighters, in my opinion, we take on the role of public servants. You should not hesitate to assist, attend to, or help anyone that is in need," Elderkin said. "I'm proud to have the title of firefighter and look forward to many more years serving the people in

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#### **CORRECTION:**

In the Dec. 9 edition of the Webster Times, we mistakenly published an honor roll that should not have been there, labeled as the Oxford Middle School honor roll. The actual OMS honor roll for the first quarter was published in the Dec. 2 edition. The Dec. 9 edition was for another local school and was mislabeled by the editor. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused!

this community."

Elderkin received a standing ovation following his comments after which point he simply shook hands with Webster's selectmen and his fellow fire-fighters and Chief Hickey before taking photos with Maureen Valentine in front of a Christmas tree in Webster's Town Hall.

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# Former Thompson Scout leader sentenced

**BY JASON BLEAU** NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON, Conn. — Former Thompson Boy Scout Troop 66 Leader David Kress, who made headlines in 2014 as court proceedings concerning accusations of sexual abuse began, has been sentenced in Massachusetts as a result of his crimes.

Kress, who was arrested in October 2014 on charges of sexual abuse in Connecticut during his time as a Scout leader, pleaded guilty to seven charges of rape of a child in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on Dec. 1, and was sentenced to five to seven years of incarceration with five years probation upon his release. In January 2015, Kress entered a plea of not guilty to seven charges dating back to 1990 which saw him accused of sexual misconduct in Connecticut as well as in the town

of Dudley in Massachusetts during a visit to the Nichols College campus. Kress turned himself in to authorities after the accusations came to light. Police said the arrest was the result of a 10-month investigation into accusations against Kress dating back to his time as a Scout leader for Troop 66 and that sexual misconduct took place at various locations including the Nichols College campus, as Kress' residence, and locations where Kress worked as well as at other scouting events.

With his guilty plea on Dec. 1, Kress was sentenced and issued several conditions of his pending probation. Kress has been ordered to register as a sex offender, undergo sex offender counseling and treatment, abide by GPS requirements, and is to have no contact with his victims at any time. He is also forbidden from any unsupervised con-

of Dudley in Massachusetts during a visit to the Nichols College campus. Kress turned himself in to authorities after the accusations came to light. tact with any child under the age of 16 and is to remain free of drug and alcohol use. He will also be required to submit DNA samples to authorities.

Kress faces similar charged in Connecticut, but has not been sentenced by that state as of this report. He is to appear in court in Connecticut again in January.

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• Jan. 23: Uxbridge Library, 15 N.

Main St., Uxbridge, from 3-4 p.m.

Jan. 30: Milford Library (Quarry Room), 80 Spruce St., Milford, from 3-4 p.m.

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Day of Hanukkah • Dec. 25: Merry Christmas! We give thanks for our loved ones, and count the many blessings in our lives!

 Monday, Dec.26, and Monday, Jan. 2, Senior Center Closed.

Note of special thanks — I just wanted to mention a few people, and organizations who have contributed, in any way, to our senior center this year. Thank you to Jim D'Auria (better known as Jimmy D), Alice Langlois, Inge Gassner, Josephine Bottieri, David Gould, Patty Daggett, Terri and Adam Ozaniak, Stanley Wilk, Dan Dawson, Donna Mendalakis, Linda Brink, Sharon Nelson, Joanne Laliberte Krystyna (for the beautifully decorated Christmas tree, and anyone else I've forgotten to mention). Thank you to all of the excellent people who lead our daily programs, Paul and Evie Kullis, Rhoda Taylor, Paul, the Bingo Master, Elaine Nowodasko, Carolyn Earp! Thank you Webster Manor/Lanessa for the yummy ice cream socials, thank you Panera Bread for your weekly bread donation, thank you Brookside Rehab for the great birthday cakes! Thank you Tri Valley for our lunch programs and special presentations, thank you Police Chief Wojnar, for checking in on us seniors to make sure we're staying out of trouble. Thank you, Fire Chief Kochanowski and EMT Chet Moroz for giving a presentation on how EMTs help us in emergency situations. Thank you Michelle Jervis for always being so helpful to us COA people! Thank you to MCOA for giving us grants, for various needed community programs. Thank you Harrington Hospital for the opportunity to learn hands-on CPR, thank you Dudley Cultural Council for programs at our senior center. Thank you COA Board members for serving on the Council. I also want to express special thanks to PNA of Dudley for their support in bringing many activities to our senior center with their generous

#### ONGOING SCHEDULE

donations. Merry Christmas and Happy

New Year wishes to you all!

Chair Yoga with Joanne Laliberte, HHP, continues on Mondays and Fridays, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Also on Fridays, 9-9:30 a.m. in the senior center, "Aging Backwards." Come and join us for the "latest and greatest" program, of being mindful of your own body posture, and achieving better health by utilizing proper body mechanics, and range of motion. It is possible to look and feel great at the same time!

• Monday: Chair Yoga, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. Please call senior center 48 hours in advance to reserve your meal. A \$3 donation is suggested.

• Tuesday: 1 p.m., 13 Card Pitch, and Dudley Senior Women Needleworkers.

· Wednesday: 1 p.m. Dudley Senior Women Needleworkers, and Scrabble Players. Welcome back Scrabble players! We have space for more players, come join us and have some fun!

• Thursday: 1 p.m., Cribbage Players. • Friday: Aging Backwards, 9-9:30 a.m., Chair Yoga, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tri-Valley Lunch is at 11:30 a.m., followed

by bingo (a friendly, small group, slower paced bingo).

Seniors did you know that you are welcome to attend any of our events or activities regardless of where you live? If you see something on our schedule you'd like to try, come and join us! We like making new friends!

Don't forget, Panera Bread donation is here on Friday mornings at 10:15 a.m., until it's gone! Thank you Panera!

#### **OXFORD SENIOR CENTER**

323 Main Street (behind Town Hall), Oxford, MA 01540, 508-987-6000. Open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., except holidays.

#### **ONGOING**

• Mondays: Cards and Games, 10 a.m., WalMart (second and fourth Mondays), holiday exceptions (with option of TJ Maxx), cards & games, "Aging Backwards" Stretch, 12:45 p.m.

• Tuesdays: Grocery Shopping (option of Dollar Tree), 10 a.m., Needle Workers to 12 p.m., Chair Yoga, 1 p.m.

• Wednesdays: SHINE — Every other Wednesday, call for an appointment, K-Mart (third Wednesday of month), 10 a.m., Zumba Gold, 9:30 a.m., Pitch, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

• Thursdays: Strength & Balance, 9 a.m., Grocery Shopping, 10 a.m., Mah Jongg, 10:30 a.m.

• Fridays: Hair Appointments, Cards

and Games, 10 a.m.

The Senior Center van service is available for shopping, appointments, etc., throughout Oxford. Appointments need to be made 24 hours in advance (small fee applies). The WRTA van service can be used for out-of-town appointments (contact WRTA for more information or to schedule a ride. 508-752-9283).

• Monthly: Jewelry making, Painting with Pam, health talks, entertainment, Book Club, Tea & Talk, The Friendly Visitor Program, movie days, blood glucose monitoring, blood pressure checks and surprise events. Tri-Valley lunches served at 11:45 a.m., Monday through Friday, 48-hour notice needed.

#### CLUES ACROSS

- Large primate
- 4. Annualized percentage rate Frictional horsepower
- 8. Alternate name
- 10. Incursion
- 12. Metrical feet 13. Musician Ingram
- Swiss river 16. Text speak for annoying
- 17. Squelch
- 19. Will Ferrell played one 20. Close violently
- 21. Arrogant
- 25. Goddess of the dawn
- 26. Today (Spanish)
- 29. Speed
- 27. Ethiopian town
- 32. 1988 NFL MVP
- 41. Curved shape
- 43. Up in the air (abbr.)
- 44. A son who shares his dad's name 45. Assist in wrongdoing
- 50. Midway between northeast
- and east
- 52. Soviet Socialist Republic

#### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Again
- 2. Erectile organs
- 3. Concluding speech mode
- 5. With pustules 6. Muslim calendar month
- 8. Need it to live 9. Thailand 11. Container to serve food
- 14. Boxing great
- Woolen blankets
- 18. Expresses surprise 19. Emergency medical services
- 20. Inflamed swelling of the eyelid 40. Calculating tools
- 22. Reporter 23. Arrived extinct
- 24. Ad \_
- 27. Academic bill of rights
- 28. A pair
- 29. Pumpkin and apple are examples 31. China 32. Made illegal
- 33. Be mistaken 34. Stephen King's "Pennywise"
- 35. Semite 36. Martens with short tails
- 37. Large bodies of water 38. Lower in position
- 39. Dough used in Latin
- American cuisine
- 44. Boxers do this 47. Macaw
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#### 30. Kids take it to school

- 31. Bowling ball's adversary
- 39 Volcanic crater
- 42. Discover by investigation
- 46. Actress Lathan
- 48. Nonsense (slang) 49. Sharp and forthright
- 51. NAACP cofounder Wells

#### update the log at the request of the arrested party. WEBSTER POLICE

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Sunday, Nov. 27

**DEPARTMENT** 

Tammy L. Billings, of 149 Fabyan Rd., North Grosvenordale, Conn., charged with larceny over \$250

Editor's Note: The information

contained in these police logs was

obtained through either press

releases or other public docu-

ments kept by each police depart-

ment, and is considered to be the

account of police. All subjects are

considered innocent until proven

guilty in a court of law. If a case is

dismissed in court or the party is

found to be innocent, The Times,

with proper documentation, will

Donald R. Williams, 78, of 29C Oak St., Danielson, Conn., was charged with larceny over \$250

Monday, Nov. 28

An unnamed adult male, 51, of Auburn, was charged with assault and battery on family/ household member, strangulation or suffocation, assault and battery with a dangerous weap-

Tuesday, Nov. 29

An unnamed adult female, 49, of Dudley, was charged with assault and battery on a family/

household member

Wednesday, Nov. 30

Robert W. Letourneau, 21, of 54 Lake St., Webster, was arrested on two warrants

POLICE LOGS

Rachel L. Renaud, 37, of 32 Elaine St., Webster, was arrested on a warrant

An unnamed adult male, 51, of Webster, was charged with domestic assault and battery

Thursday, Dec. 1

Christopher S. Everitt, 33, of 106 Douglas Road, Webster, was charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, marked lanes violation

Branden Lewis Stover, 24, of 48 Buckley Hill Road, North Grosvenordale, was charged with marked lanes violation, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, impeded operation, refusal of a motor vehicle operator to identify self

Friday, Dec. 2

Inderpal J. Singh, 29, of 98 Central St., Leominster, was arrested on a warrant

Kenneth Reyes Jr., 34, homeless, of Webster, was charged with operation of motor vehicle with suspended registration, uninsured motor vehicle, unregistered motor vehicle, operation of motor vehicle with suspended license (subsequent offense)

Jesse Rickets, 33, of 224 Pomfret St., Putnam, Conn., was arrested on a warrant

Alexander Ward Clemens, 27,

of 37 Lake St., Apt. 2, Webster,

was charged with shoplifting \$100+ by asportation Naheem Jamal Schuler, 43, of 41 Negus St., Apt. 3, Webster, was

charged with disorderly conduct (subsequent offense), disturbing the peace (subsequent offense), wantonly injuring real or personal property

Saturday, Dec. 3

Natashanalee C. Castro, 19, of 3 Hill St., Webster, was charged with unlicensed operation of motor vehicle, motor vehicle lights violation, failure to wear seat belt

Jeremy M. Vargas, 23, of 229 N. Main St., Apt. 2, Webster, was arrested on an out of agency war-

Jose Romero-Colon, 33, of 5 Second Island Road, Webster, was charged with order viola-

Jovannie A. Morales, 34, of 16 Mechanic St., Apt. 5, Webster, was charged with indecent assault and battery on person 14

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# Bay Path hosts Santa Claus Pancake Breakfast

Student Council members Jiliana Marrero, Morgan Girard and Samantha LaPage dressed as elves for the Pancake Jen Landry, Gabby and Connor Thebeau posed with Santa Claus.

Olivia Richman photos CHARLTON—The Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School Education Foundation held its annual Santa Claus Pancake Breakfast early morning on Saturday, Dec. 10. Families poured into the school for a delicious pancake dinner and the chance to meet Santa Claus and get a professional photo taken with him. With caroling, "Frozen" characters, Jake from the Bravehearts and crafts, the fundraiser was a huge success and a blast for all the children. The money raised at the event went towards Education Foundation's scholarship fundraisers and tools for the 2017 graduating seniors and faculty mini-grads.





Colton, Cody and Owen Porter enjoyed the "delicious" breakfast.



The Verham family couldn't wait to see Santa Claus.



Richard and Valerie Daoust brought their granddaughters Charlotte and Olivia to see Santa Claus.



"We are having a great time!" said Christine landoli, pictured with her equally festive daughter Carmen.



Student council members sang some Christmas tunes for the families enjoying their breakfast.



Brianna Hicks had fun with Jake from the Bravehearts.



Kalie Anctil, 10, asked Santa Claus for an iPod and a winter coat.





# LEARNING

# Christmas pageant celebrates the season at St. Joseph

WEBSTER — So that family and friends could get into the holiday spirit, more than 150 St. Joseph School students joined together in song and dance on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 11, when they presented their Annual Christmas Pageant.

Act I included an incredible performance of "Camel Lot: Don't Miss the Manger," by the Middle School Drama Program. It was directed by Ms. Kelly Bailey.

"Camel Lot" is the story of Beth, portrayed by Caroline Doering, who is exhausted from practicing the lines for her school play and her busy dad, portrayed by Jonas Poirier, who runs a car dealership. With scriptures from Luke 2 swirling in her head, Beth falls asleep and her imagination magically transports the audience to a very unusual place – a camel lot in Bethlehem. Inside her dream, Beth encounters camel shoppers, sales people, shepherds, wise men, and the very familiar story of the birth of Jesus.

The cast included: Barnabus – Banjamin Duval, Lydia – Sophia Buffone, Jonathan – Seth Boudreau, Sara – Olivia Montione, Matthew – David Mankarios, Lovey – Alyssa Thompson, Thurston – Daniel Gronek, D.J. – Jillian Edwards, Michelle – Sara Grupposo, Stephanie – Wiktoria Potem, Deborah – Kaeleigh Sullivan, Sophia – Katrina Piekielniak, Dorothy – Jillian Treveloni, Woody – Adrian Sobczak, Ruth – Lexi Thompson, Jamie Sue – Julia Zdrok, Brittany – Kaileigh Strong, Wise Man – Morgan Royston, and Harold – Jacob Boynton, and stage crew members Antonia & Riley Peters. Musical numbers were performed by students in Grades 1 through 8.

Act II featured performances from St. Joseph School Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students. The Pre-Kindergarten classes' renditions of "I'm a Little Star" and "I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas" certainly brought smiles to everyone's faces. The Kindergarten performances "Away in a Manger" and "Blitzen's Boogie" highlighted the fun and joy of the holiday season. The foreign language programs also performed. Grade 1-4 students who study Polish performed "Sanna." Grade 1-4 students who study French sang "Bonne Fete Jesus." And finally, the Grade 5-8 Spanish classes performed Los Peces En El Rio.

The pageant culminated with more than 150 students coming together on stage to create The Nativity - a St. Joseph School tradition. The nativitv featured The Three Kings, played by Edison Aidin Rosario, Edward Doering, and Hayden Dery; a shepherd played by Alex Montione; and, The Little Drummer Boy played by Alvin Montreuil. Joseph was portrayed by Jonas Poirier, while Mary was played by Elzbieta Gronek, who performed a beautiful rendition of the Polish song "Lulajze Jezuniu" (Rocking Baby Jesus). The Nativity also featured a violin solo of "What Child is This" by Seth Boudreau and a heartfelt performance of "Mary Did You Know" by Alexandra Thompson, Emilia Pianka, Kaileigh Strong, and Kaeleigh Sullivan. In addition to various holiday songs performed by Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8 students, the final performance of the evening, "Joy to the World," brought the crowd to its feet. Merry Christmas from St. Joseph School!































Courtesy photos

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# LEARNING

# Coats for a cause

#### BAY PATH TEAMS UP WITH EVANGELIDIS FOR ANNUAL COLLECTION

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN NEWS STAFF WRITER

CHARLTON — The Worcester County Sheriff's Office spent Wednesday, Nov. 30, and Thursday, Dec. 1, traveling around Worcester County, distributing winter coats to organizations and people in need. The coats were all donated from local organization, clubs and individuals, including the Interact club at Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School.

Earlier in the month. Sheriff Lew Evangelidis visited Interact to give them recognition for all of the hard work they put in. The coats collected by Interact and all the other donors helped provide coats for people who would otherwise not be able to afford it on their own.

If you've never heard of Interact, it's because the program just started this vear. There are currently 10 members.

Said Mathematics teacher and advisor Jennifer Reil: "We have a great group. It may not be a lot, but the students we have are truly dedicated.

They are awesome. I've never really experienced a group of kids like this, who just put their whole self into every single project we've done so far. It's amazing."

While students have to be elected into the National Honors Society, Interact only requires that students attend two consecutive meetings. They don't have to be elected or be honors students. They just have to want to get together and help others, said Reil. So it's not a surprise that the students were quick to jump on board when they heard about the coat drive.

Rick

Co-Advisor Correro had participated in the coat drive before, back when he was a teacher at the Southbridge Middle/High School. When he came to Bay Path he brought it to Interact's attention. While all of the students were on board immediately, Reil credited 11th grade Programming & Web Development student Jamie Butkiewicz with getting the ball roll-

According to Reil,

Butkiewicz decided "on his own" to ask every single shop teacher if the club could place a box in their shop, creating a "healthy competition" for the coat drive. Interact offered a \$50 gift card for the shop that collected the most coats.

"Usually, when shops compete it makes a lot more shops take part,' explained Butkiewicz. "We tempted them with a gift card, which they would want for their shop party in December. It seemed to work really well. I ran around to each shop, asking if they wanted to participate. They all said yes."

Interact was able to collect an astonishing 400 coats, between their boxes in each shop and boxes set up at some Southbridge Unions, who also provided the reward money and boxes.

"I'm truly amazed," said Reil. "Their ability to communicate this with others... It can be a difficult topic for teenagers. Many teens don't stop to think of others. It was amazing that they were spreading the word,



Photo courtesy Kimberly Roy

Members of the Interact Club posed with Sheriff Lew Evangelidis, who visited Bay Path to recognize the efforts the Interact Club made during the annual coat drive. The Interact Club had collected an astonishing 400.

talking it up... They even got other clubs involved to help share the message."

Butkiewicz said the coat drive had "went beautifully" and he was surprised by the amount of coats they were able to collect at the school.

He said: "I feel we

can do a lot more if the school sticks together as a team."

When Evangelidis came to visit Interact, he explained that he has seen so many people without coats each winter. For the teens in Interact, it was a great opportunity for them to become aware of what's going on in their community. But even more so, the coat drive had given them an opportunity to help and really do something about it.

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#### SHEPHERD HILL REGIONAL **HIGH SCHOOL**

Monday, Dec. 19: Chicken dippers, sweet potato fries, wheat roll and butter, fruit, variety of sandwiches

Tuesday, Dec. 20: Ham, cheese croissant, minestrone soup, fruit, variety of sandwiches

Wednesday, Dec. 21: Chicken fajita wrap, peppers/onions, sour cream, fruit, variety of sandwiches

Thursday. Dec. 22: Roast turkey. mashed potato, carrots/roll, fruit, variety of sandwiches

Friday, Dec. 23: Meatball grinder, salad, fruit, variety of sandwiches

#### **DUDLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Monday, Dec. 19: Chicken dippers, sweet potato fries, wheat roll and butter, fruit, variety of sandwiches

Tuesday, Dec. 20: Ham, cheese croissant, minestrone soup, fruit, variety of sandwiches

Wednesday, Dec. 21: Chicken fajita wrap, peppers/onions, sour cream, fruit, variety of sandwiches

Thursday, Dec. 22: Roast turkey, mashed potato, carrots/roll, fruit, variety of sandwiches

Friday, Dec. 23: Meatball grinder, salad, fruit, variety of sandwiches

#### **DUDLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Monday, Dec. 19: Cheeseburger, whole grain roll, potato, fruit

Tuesday, Dec. 20: Meatball grinder, whole grain roll, vegetable soup, fruit Wednesday, Dec. 21: Nachos guaca-

mole, salsa/cheese/meat, three bean salad, fruit Thursday, Dec. 22: Roast turkey,

mashed potato, carrots, fruit Friday, Dec. 23: Macaroni and cheese,

carrots, whole grain roll, fruit

#### **BARTLETT HIGH SCHOOL**

Monday, Dec. 19: Chicken fajita wrap, roast beef grinder on whole grain hoa-

Tuesday, Dec. 20: Chicken fajita wrap, roast beef grinder on whole grain

Wednesday, Dec. 21: Chicken fajita wrap, roast beef grinder on whole grain

Thursday, Dec. 22: Chicken fajita wrap, roast beef grinder on whole grain

Friday, Dec. 23: Half Day, No School Lunch Today. Have a Merry Christmas! Holiday Break Begins!

#### WEBSTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, Dec. 19: Pepperoni calzone, steamed broccoli, side salad, fresh fruit, milk variety, ham and cheese sandwich

Tuesday, Dec. 20: Beef tacos, lettuce, tomato, sour cream, salsa, fresh fruit, seasoned corn, milk variety, ham and cheese sandwich

Wednesday, Dec. 21: Maple pancake

burst, pork sausage links, hash browns, apple sauce cups, milk variety, ham and cheese sandwich

Thursday, Dec. 22: Fish sandwich, tartar sauce, oven baked fries, peas and carrots, chilled peaches, milk variety, ham and cheese sandwich

Friday, Dec. 23: Half Day, No School Lunch Today.

#### PARK AVE ELEMENTARY

Monday, Dec. 19: Chicken patty on whole grain bun, oven baked fries, steamed green beans, fruit cocktail, whole grain turkey sandwich

Tuesday, Dec. 20: Popcorn chicken, potato wedges, sweet peas, fresh fruit, milk variety, whole grain turkey sand-

Wednesday, Dec. 21: Sliced turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes and gravv. whole grain dinner roll, cranberry sauce, milk variety, Wowbutter and jelly sandwich

Thursday, Dec. 22: Whole grain maple waffles, pork sausage links, hash browns, applesauce cup, milk variety, whole grain turkey sandwich

- Have Friday, Dec. 23: Half Day a Merry Christmas! Holiday Break

#### **OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL**

Monday, Dec. 19: Specialty salad, salad meal, turkey roll-up, stuffed peppers, crispy chicken filet, chef's choices as posted, chicken noodle soup, honey carrots, blueberry, gingerbread, peaches, milk

Tuesday, Dec. 20: Specialty salad, salad meal, ham and cheese roll-up, bacon and eggs, primo pizza, chef's choices as posted, homemade vegetable soup with crackers, harvest home fries. fruit pan dowdy, chilled pears, milk

Wednesday, Dec. 21: Specialty salad, salad meal, egg salad sandwich, pasta and meatballs, tacos with lettuce and tomato, chef's choices as posted, Italian green beans, fruit crisp, milk

Thursday, Dec. 22: Specialty salad, salad meal, tuna roll-up, chicken quesadilla, rib-BQ/bun, chef's choices as posted, Mexicali corn, cream of chicken soup, vegetables and hummus, oatmeal raisin cookie, chilled mixed fruit, marvelous milk

Friday, Dec. 23: Specialty salad, salad meal, stuffed crust pizza, hot dog, chef's choices as posted, tossed salad, soup of the moment, Christmas cup cake, fresh apples, milk

#### OXFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, Dec. 19: Grab and Go salad meal middle, turkey roll-up, stuffed peppers, crispy chicken filet, chicken noodle soup, honey carrots, peaches, milk

Tuesday, Dec. 20: Grab and Go salad meal middle, ham and cheese roll-up. bacon and eggs, primo pizza, homemade vegetable soup with crackers, harvest home fries, chilled pears, milk

Wednesday, Dec. 21: Grab and Go salad meal middle, egg salad sandwich, pasta and meatballs, tacos with lettuce and tomato, Italian green beans, fruit crisp, milk

Thursday, Dec. 22: Grab and Go salad meal middle, tuna roll-up, chicken que-

sadilla, rib-BQ/bun, Mexicali corn, cream of chicken soup, vegetables and hummus, chilled mixed fruit, marvelous milk

Friday, Dec. 23: Grab and Go salad meal middle, stuffed crust pizza, hot dog, tossed salad, soup of the moment, fruit crisp, milk

#### **CLARA BARTON**

Monday, Dec. 19: PB&J Meal munchie lunch, turkey sandwich, tacos, honey carrots, chicken noodle soup, peaches

Tuesday, Dec. 20: PB&J Meal munchie lunch, salad meal, ham sandwich, bacon and eggs, harvest home fries, chilled pears, milk

Wednesday, Dec. 21: PB&J Meal munchie lunch, salad meal, egg salad sandwich, pasta and meatballs, Italian green beans, apple crisp, milk

Thursday, Dec. 22: PB&J Meal munchie lunch, salad meal, tuna on Goldfish, chicken quesadilla, Mexicali corn, vegetable and hummus, chilled mixed fruit, milk

Friday, Dec. 23: PB&J Meal munchie lunch, sandwich of the day, pizza, tossed salad, soup of the moment, fruit crisp, milk

#### AM CHAFFEE

Monday, Dec. 19: PB&J Meal munchie lunch, turkey sandwich, tacos, honey carrots, chicken noodle soup, peaches

Tuesday, Dec. 20: PB&J Meal munchie lunch, salad meal, ham sandwich, bacon and eggs, harvest home fries, chilled pears, milk

Wednesday, Dec. 21: PB&J Meal munchie lunch, salad meal, egg salad sandwich, pasta and meatballs, Italian green beans, apple crisp, milk

Thursday, Dec. 22: PB&J Meal munchie lunch, salad meal, tuna on Goldfish, chicken quesadilla, Mexicali corn, vegetable and hummus, chilled mixed fruit, milk

Friday, Dec. 23: PB&J Meal munchie lunch, sandwich of the day, pizza, tossed salad, soup of the moment, fruit crisp, milk

#### **BAY PATH**

#### **BREAKFAST**

Monday, Dec. 19: Pancakes with mixed berries, 4 oz. yogurt, 4 oz. fruit iuice, fruit variety

Tuesday, Dec. 20: Ham, egg and cheese croissant, 4 oz. yogurt, 4 oz. fruit juice, fruit variety

Wednesday, Dec. 21: Scrambled eggs, bacon, whole-wheat toast, 4 oz. fruit juice, fruit variety

Thursday, Dec. 22: French toast with syrup, 4 oz. yogurt, 4 oz. fruit juice, fruit

Friday, Dec. 23: Assorted bagel. assorted cream cheese, 4 oz. yogurt, 4 oz., fruit juice, fruit variety

#### LUNCH

Monday, Dec. 19: Teriyaki chicken, vegetable fried rice, mixed vegetables. fortune cookie, fruit variety

Tuesday, Dec. 20: Grilled cheese, tomato soup, baked hash brown, cucumber salad, fruit variety Wednesday, Dec. 21: Roast pork with

mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed carrots, whole-wheat dinner roll, fruit variety Thursday, Dec. 22: Assorted calzones,

an assortment of calzones filled with meats, veggies and cheese, marinara dipping sauce, tossed salad, fruit vari-

Friday, Dec. 23: BBQ pulled pork on a whole wheat bun, baked sweet potato fries, baked beans, cole slaw, fruit

#### EDUCATION NOTEBOOK

#### Old Sturbridge Academy Charter Public School

 ${\tt STURBRIDGE-Old\ Sturbridge\ Academy\ Charter\ Public\ School\ is\ now}$ accepting applications for the 2017-18 academic year for students eligible for Kindergarten through Grade 3. Give your child a unique educational experience and be a part of this pioneering opportunity. The Academy offers education in partnership with EL Education, which provides high-achieving and engaging learning environments. Free public information sessions are planned on the following dates and locations, all are welcome:

Tuesday, Dec. 27, Old Sturbridge Village Fuller Conference Center,

Sturbridge, at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28, Old Sturbridge Village Fuller Conference Center,

Sturbridge at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 5, Monson Free Library, Monson at 6:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, Jan. 10, North Village Community Room, 18 Village Way, Webster, 3:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, Jan. 18, North Village Community Room, 18 Village Way, Webster, 3:30 p.m.

For more information, visit www.osacps.org.

#### Oxford Free Public Library

#### **CHILDREN**

All children's programs require registration.

• Dec. 20, 11:30 a.m., Deb Hudgins, "Happy Holidays" • Dec. 27, 11:30 a.m., Deb Hudgins, "Winter Wonderland"

• Dec. 30, 11-12 p.m., New Year's Children's Party, "Count Down to Noon!"

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# Webster walks in a Winter Wonderland

Jason Bleau photos

WEBSTER — An annual Christmas tradition continued in Webster on Dec. 9 and 10, as the Webster Police Department transformed Memorial Beach on Webster Lake into a literal winter wonderland. As chilly winter air started to take its toll on the region the annual Winter Wonderland event provided a chance to warm the body and soul as children and parents arrived on either night to enjoy a massive bonfire and some holiday cheer. Santa Claus and Frosty the Snowman made appearances and many lighted displays were on hand for all to enjoy in amazement featuring several themes including the Grinch, a gingerbread house, the Peanuts characters, and Star Wars. Carriage rides, hot cocoa and treats, and craft activities all complimented a joyful two days of Christmas joy for all.



Local students gave their time to help out at the Winter Wonderland, giving out cookies, popcorn, and hot cocoa.



Brookside Rehab created this awesome Christmas display for the Winter Wonderland. This is a legitimate gingerbread house made local businesses in Webster. with real, edible treats.



Christmas trees lit the way towards the Winter Wonderland, each lit and sponsored by



Christmas trees, light-up decorations, blow up decorations, and themed displays made for a Christmas lovers pose for a photo before Noah Poirier, of Oxford, gets his photo taken Christmassy feel at Memorial Beach as the young and young at heart turned out to enjoy the entering the Winter Wonderland in Webster. yearly celebration.





with Frosty the Snowman, a surprise guest to the 2016 Winter Wonderland in Webster.



A themed display based on "The Grinch" proved to be quite a popular presentation with its Whittier Farms, of Sutton, offered carriage rides, a yearly tradition at the Winter Wonderland inclusion of a working model train straight out of a scene from the traditional holiday classic. usually accompanied by horses but in 2016 included a tractor.





As part of the annual tradition of the Winter Wonderland the Webster Fire Department watched over a large bonfire, which many used to keep warm on the chilly nights of the yearly event. Some started around the fire and worked their way towards the actual event while others ended their night at the fire signing Christmas carols.

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#### TOYS FOR TOTS DONATION

Courtesy photo

WEBSTER — Commerce Bank presented hundreds of toys and a check for \$500 to the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program for 2016. A corporate sponsor of Toys for Tots, Commerce Bank collected the toys through its 16 offices in Central Massachusetts and Boston. Pictured at the presentation, from left, are Toys for Tots volunteer Anthony Penzone; Commerce Bank employees Rich Ferguson, David Gurny and Mina Chebbani; and Marine Sgt. William Taylor.



# Webster Harrington campus officially opens new unit

#### **HARRINGTON**

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ing privacy rooms, a dining and meeting area, and a sensory quiet room with new personnel brought on board to help with diagnosis and treatment of any mental illness prospective patients may bring their

Prior to the ribbon cutting on the cold, slushy morning of Dec. 12, The Webster Times spoke with officials close to the project who said the initiative brings a new service to the region that few other healthcare companies provide. Jeré Dittrich, the director of Psychiatric Inpatient Services at Harrington, said part of the inspiration behind the project is the growing need to address the addiction issue in the Commonwealth — and Harrington wanted to be at the forefront of that fight.

"Our hospital has decided to step up to the plate and do something to help address the opioid issue. We have a current unit on our other campus [in Southbridge], but it doesn't really specialize with the intricacies of dual diagnosis, which is substance dependence and the mental illness. With our new crew that we've hired here that's exactly what we will be doing — a lot of programming for that," Dittritch said.

Greg Mirhej, executive director of Behavioral Health at Harrington, said that the new unit fills a niche in the local community and that a lot of work was put into making

the unit welcoming and less reminiscent of what many may think of when they picture a psychiatric unit in a hospital.

"I think Jeré and the contractors have worked hard to create a great atmosphere. We have a sensory room so instead of using constraints it's a place where people can just go and relieve their anxiety. The rooms look nice. It doesn't have the feel of a psychiatric in-patient unit from 40 years ago. There are very few hospitals that specifically intend to treat both psychiatric and substance abuse and what we know is that the relationship between the two issues is huge. They have very few options in this region so we're fortune to provide this for them," Mirhej said. "The other thing here is not only detoxification, but people will be able to start on medication and assisted treatment that can help them with their issues - We have a partial hospital program here so people can step down to that level and go to a structured day program for a few weeks and we have an outpatient clinic. We've created this whole continuum of care for duel diag-

Both Mirhej and Dittrich stressed the importance of programming in the hospitals approach to substance abuse and mental illness recoverv. Rather than treating the patients as people who need to be removed from the community for the safety of others, their approach is more about helping the patients resolve their issues for their own benefit as they recover from whatever trauma or illness they may be going through. Both indicated they'd like to see the bulk of their patients utilize their service on their own accord, but they do expect patients to be recommended if their doctors or psychiatrists see fit.

As the ribbon cutting commenced others close to the project shared their thoughts on the initiative. Ed Moore, president and CEO of Harrington Healthcare, served as master of ceremonies and spoke to the need for such a facility in the local area.

'The need, unfortunately, is enormous. I always like to believe that with these 16 beds and the partial unit next door for outpatient we will be saving lives. We will be making a difference. That is enormous," Moore said. "In this market, because of the way the geography works if we don't respond to the needs of the community probably nobody will. It's unfortunate that this is true. There really are no providers. There's no real competition. The reality is we need to always step up because who will? We all should be proud of where we are and where we're going.'

David Seltz, executive director of the Massachusetts Health Policy Commission that provided the money for the construction of the unit and gave credit to Moore for being a powerful advocate for awarding the funding to Webster, said it was an exciting opportunity to be a

A sensory quiet room, which is just one of several amenities in the new unit at Harrington, with a focus on helping patients with mental illness, anxiety, or substance abuse has a safe and quiet place to manage their condition.

part of the new facility and that his agency was thrilled to see it to fruition.

'The reason that it's so important to have this unit open with the particular focus that it does is because we have a tremendous challenge in terms of meeting the mental health and substance abuse needs of our residents," Seltz said. "Here in Central Massachusetts over the last four years there's been a 35% increase in people arriving in the emergency department with a behavioral health condition. That is a tremendous increase at a time when overall emergency department utilization is flat. So this is an increasing proportion of the people coming to our safe net needing incredible care."

The new Harrington Recovery Services Unit at Webster will officially open for business in January, once final certifications and paperwork from the state are received. Ed Moore thanked many of the personnel who helped make the project possible including numerous employees at Harrington Healthcare, state lawmakers who supported the project, the Board of Directors of Harrington, and donors like Randy and Donna Becker and the Hyde Foundation for helping with the cause as well.

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# Willardson officially on the job as town administrator

#### WILLARDSON

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"It's just afternoon ... so first morning even. I made it through half a day.'

That's a start! I think everyone wants to know who you are. Let's start with some of your background. Tell us the story behind Doug Willardson, if you will.

"The past three years, I've been the assistant town administrator in Grafton. It's been a great experience. I love the people there. They're good to work with and it's a great community with lots of projects in the works. I want erience and apply it here in Webster. Before that, I worked for the City of Somerville under Mayor Joe Curtatone. He's a very aggressive and progressive leader in municipal government. I did the budget for Somerville for four years, and prior to that, I worked out in California in Lake County for two and a half years. I graduated from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, with a bachelor's and master's degree in public administration. I have a wonderful wife and three amazing kids. They are 8, 6, and almost 2 years old. They keep us busy. We spend a lot of the fall and spring on the baseball and soccer fields. I'm the assistant basketball coach. So they keep us busy.'

What was it about the Town of Webster that drew you in when the opportunity to serve as town administrator came about?

"Webster's not too far from where I live. I do know people in the community. I know some people who work for MAPFRE who are good friends. When I looked at different options this was a great opportunity. There's so much potential here in Webster. You have [Interstate] 395 that comes right through town, you have beautiful Webster Lake and a historic downtown. All of these building blocks are right there for the community to take hold of to make this an awesome place to live and work so we can take those building blocks and build on them."

Let's get to the elephant in the room right off the bat. You were part of an intense and, for some, controversial hiring process for the

town administrator position. It's not my place to ask, nor do I assume you'd like to answer any questions about the situation that happened prior to your hiring, but that situation gave you a second chance at this position, which worked out in your favor. What was it like to have that second chance at the job and get that call to see if you were still interested in this opportunity?

"That's a good question. 'Destiny' might be the wrong word, but for the longest time I felt Webster was the right place for me and where I wanted to go. I think they posted the job in May, so I had been thinking about this for a long time, and when it didn't work out the first time I felt maybe I got it wrong. Then when the second opportunity came around, I knew it was something I wanted to do and it's an exciting opportunity with plenty of challenges that make going to work exciting and will certainly keep me busy.'

You mentioned the challenges, and during the interview process many selectmen did note that Webster is an intimidating town to lead. Can you elaborate on some of the challenges you feel like you personally will need to overcome as you grow as a town administrator?

"There's a lot of similar challenges to most communities in Central Massachusetts. Obviously there's never enough money to do everything you want to do. There are substance abuse issues that need to be addressed. We want to make the community as safe as possible. We want to encourage economic development here and make sure businesses are taken care of, and that we can help expand the tax base so it's not all a burden on the residents. There are things we want to make sure we tackle. The Town Hall needs to be providing great service to the residents. The water issues are certainly a big deal. We want to take better advantage of Webster Lake and the beach. We have to work closely with the school department and make sure we're providing quality education for everyone here in

Pam Leduc has been filling your position for some time on an interim basis while the search for a town administrator was conducted. Have you had the chance to work with her to get caught up on where the town is right now on specific issues and how has that process been?

"This being my very first morning, I've asked for information from all of the department heads and the challenges they see and goals they want to move forward. We haven't had an in depth conversation yet. That's this afternoon's plan."

I assume this first month will be a lot of preparation.

"Yeah, budget season is coming up. I want to go through with what I call a strategic audit where we just go through a look at every department to make sure we're providing the services that residents are expecting and we're doing it cost efficiently. I'll meet with the department heads and we'll see what we can do to tackle some of those problems. A lot of things will not be done over night. We'll need to take some time to analyze things and take a long term approach to make sure we don't jump in without making sure we have everything considered.'

As we already discussed in this interview, Webster can be an intimidating town to lead. We have a lot of passionate and involved people in this community, and you even mentioned there are issues that a lot of people want to have addressed. It might be only your first day, but how do you jump into a town with that much going on with a level

"I appreciate the passion everyone has in this community. Passion means they want us to be better. I want to take advantage of that so we can all get in the same direction. If we can get everyone on board we can move forward together and progress towards the future of Webster. There are personalities everywhere you go and everyone has been very welcoming since I got the position. They've all been helpful in giving me ideas and options and making it possible for me to be successful and, likewise, help the town be successful.

What would you like to see for the future of Webster? I know you're still very new to the town, but I assume there are some things rattling around in your brain about where Webster can go and what potential the town has.

"The three main things I keep going back to are taking advantage of the downtown, the lake, and I-395. The highway brings everyone through the town. The cars driving by could be even more of a boom for our local businesses. The lake is a defining quality of Webster and we want to make sure we can take advantage of that and use it the best we can. The beach is a place that's not only for town residents but bring people from outside the area. The downtown area can be a place people want to be and should be the heart of the community where people want to spend their time. We can make that the pride of

Well Doug, we welcome you to the community. I know you're just getting started but it sounds like we have some promising leadership and I'm sure the people of Webster are excited to have a permanent name to associate with the seat.

"I'm very excited to be here. I appreciate everyone's willingness to help me and together we are going to be able to do great things for Webster."

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# The Barton Center, Red Cross plan ninth annual blood drive

NORTH OXFORD — Free tours of the Clara Barton Birthplace Museum will be offered during the ninth Annual Blood Drive, which will be sponsored by the Clara Barton Birthplace Museum in North Oxford and the American Red Cross in Worcester from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 8, 2017.

An American Red Cross blood drive will be held at The Barton Center for Diabetes Education's Chabot Center, 60 Clara Barton Road, North Oxford, which is adjacent to the museum, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

To celebrate Clara's birthday on Dec. 25, 1821, the museum will be open for free tours, featuring an original quilt signed by Civil War doctors and officers given to honor Clara's dedication. A new display was added in 2015, featuring over 130 American Red Cross Chapter and Disaster Relief pins.

Clara's mission was one of service. Her amazing accomplishments included delivering medical supplies to Civil War battlefields and nursing wounded soldiers. In 1881, she founded the American Red Cross and served as the organization's president for 23 years.

Anyone interested in donating blood is encouraged to schedule an appointment by calling 1-800 RED CROSS or register online at www.RedCrossBlood. org. Walk-ins are always welcome, however appointments are preferred. Blood donors must be at least 17 years old (16 with parental permission) and weigh at least 110 pounds. Donors who are taking medications are usually acceptable, but potential donors can check with the Red Cross when they make an appoint-



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# Antiques and the bolidays



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A few of the many coins in our Jan. 26 auc-



ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES & ESTATES

you are enjoying the holiday season! There are some great buying opportunities to those of you choosing to purchase vintage items as gifts. There are many local antique shops offering discounts and special events where you can find a unique gift for the people on your list. You can find infor-WAYNE TUISKULA mation and websites for local antique shops on the website

I hope that all of

antiquecommon.com.

There are also a number of events where you can take part in an old fashioned Christmas. Hopefully, some of you were able to attend the event at Denholm's department store in Worcester. The store was opened in 1870 selling dry goods. It closed in 1974 but a night at the store was recreated by Preservation Worcester on Saturday, Dec. 10.

Old Sturbridge Village is celebrating "Christmas by Candlelight." It is described as "an evening filled with New England holiday traditions, live musical performances, storytelling, sleigh rides, festive foods, a roaring bonfire, and strolls around the decorated Village Common." There will also be holiday craft workshop, model train display, nightly tree lighting and a gingerbread house contest. See osvchristmas.org for more details.

If you are willing to travel a little there are other holiday events taking place. Mystic Seaport's Lantern Light Tours are billed as "A New England Holiday Tradition." This year's performance is a 70 minute set on Christmas Eve in 1876 that is inspired by "The Nutcracker." The performance takes place as the audience walks through the "cobblestone, wood planking, grass, gravel, and stairs" at the popular attraction. Details can be found at www.mvsticseaport.org.

The Fall River Historical Museum celebrates the holidays by decorating with "award-winning Christmas trees," one of which hangs upside down from the ceiling. Their display has been featured in Victorian Homes magazine and on television. Other events including "Victorian High Tea in Easton Tea Room" are also scheduled. See lizzieborden.org for details.

If you'd like to ring in the New Year with something old, the 3rd Annual Sturbridge Antique Show is offering a New Year's Eve reception and early viewing. The New Year's Eve event offers early viewing from 6 to 8 p.m., along with entertainment and a cash bar. The New Year's Day show runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Up to 75 dealers and exhibitors are expected. See sturbridgeantiqueshow.com for details.

We have many events already scheduled for the winter and spring. We have been picking up quality items for our Jan. 26 auction which will take place in Worcester. I will be appraising items at a fundraiser for the Athol American Legion on Jan. 14. I will also be lecturing on antiques for the Greendale Retired Men's Club at the Greendale YMCA in Worcester on March 1. My "Evaluating your antiques" night class will be held at Bay Path in Charlton on March 6. See www.centralmassauctions.com for more information on these and other upcoming events.

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## <u>Letters to the Editor</u>

## Dudley tree lighting a success

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, I wish to thank the following individuals, groups and businesses for their generous contributions to the Dudley Tree Lighting that was held on Dec. 1.

We had a wonderful turnout this year with the help of Mother Nature and of course, a visit from Santa. We would also like to thank Frosty the Snowman for accompanying Santa this year...it was a big treat!

Dudley Police Department and Chief Wojnar, Dudley Fire Department and Chief Kochanowski, Building and Grounds Department, Dennis, Hector and James, Shepherd Hill "Mystique" Chorus, Recreation Committee, Junior National Honor Society students from Dudley Middle School, McGee Toyota, Big Al's Pizza Plus, Dudley House of Pizza, Bartel Funeral Home, Precision Auto Rebuilders, Dippin' Donuts, Papa Gino's of Webster, Dunkin Donuts of Dudley, Calvary Assemply of God Church and Pastor Tony, Park n' Shop, Webster Five Cents Savings Bank, and Deb Piselli of Sweet Creations by Deb. Special thanks to all the Dudley Municipal Complex and the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library employees who donated their time and talent to this event.

Christmas and Happy Merry Hanukkah!

DUDLEY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

# Home prices on the rise

Home prices are higher than they were at the peak of the mar-

Yes, you read that correctly — home prices are higher than they were 10 years ago. Keep in mind these are national numbers so different areas in

the country have had different levels of growth. In Worcester County over the past 6 months, we have an average sales price for a single-family home of \$301,232 vs. \$330,280 over the same period 10 years ago. Which equates to about an 8.8 percent drop. I think those number can be skewed a little though.

In 2006 there was a lot of new construction and buyers pay a premium for new construction homes and due to the market crashes the builders and lenders have been more skeptical about doing many large scale projects thus resulting in a higher percentage of resale home, so in reality I think the percentage change is actually much lower. The other piece of date that is interesting is that in 2006 it was taking on average 82 days to get an offer on a home and today it is 46 days. Also, the list price to sales price ratio in 2006 was 97 percent while it is 99 percent today. Many of these numbers are driven by the lack of building and less people putting there homes up for sale esulting in buyers entering multiple offer situations and bidding higher than they would have otherwise but they need a place to live.

REALTOR'S REPORT

> **JAMES BLACK**

I also decided to just go a little east into Middlesex County and the number for days to offer went from 71 in 2006 to 34 in 2016 and the list price to sales price ratio went from 97 percent to 100 percent. The really interesting data is that the

average sales price was \$560,082 in 2006 and today it is \$636,402 or a 13.6 percent increase from 2006. This tells me there are definitely plenty of areas where people could make a profit that bought in the time that was considered

The other thing to consider when thinking about the housing prices coming back to their previous values is that we have not factored in inflation because the cost of many other items have increased so if you bought for \$1 in 2006 may be more like \$1.20 in 2016. If you are thinking of selling your home don't assume you can get the price your home was valued in 2006 but depending on the location it is a possibility. I recommend having a realtor do a comparative market analysis on your home if you want to know

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where you stand.

# The use of passenger vans



CHIEF'S CORNER **STEVE** 

WOJNAR

The topic of passenger vans serving as school busses was brought to my attention recently. Many vehicles, outside the normal "yellow bus," are used each day to transport students. Vans in particular can be used to pick up and drop off students with disabilities. Due to their less obvious appearance, many

drivers fail to stop for these vehicles, even though they are required to do so. I wanted to remind drivers of their presence.

The law covering school bus violations is contained in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 90 Section 14. Drivers are required to come to a full stop when these vehicles have red lights flashing and children are entering or exiting the bus. This applies to the more commonly known busses as well as any other vehicle with the proper signage and equipped with flashing red lights. Cars or vans may have a tendency to blend in with other traffic and it requires extra attention from drivers. A first offense penalty for a violation carries a \$250 fine. Subsequent offenses can range from \$500 to \$2,000 and can also include a license suspension for a minimum of 6 months.

Safety is a great concern while these vehicles are engaged in business. It is important to be aware of the presence of children approaching or leaving busses. This is especially true with specialty vehicles. Younger children or disabled students may only be focused on their ride and not pay attention to other traffic. Vans or passenger cars may pull over further to the roadside to accommodate their passengers. It is important for drivers to remember the rules are the same for traditional busses as well as other designated vehicles. All busses will make frequent stops, particularly when transporting younger children. As drivers, take the time to pay extra attention for potential hazards and always exercise patience.

Thanks again for your questions and comments. Please send them to me at the Dudley Police Department, 71 West Main St., Dudley, MA 01571, or e-mail at swojnar@dudleypolice.com. Opinions expressed in this weekly column are those of Chief Wojnar only and unless clearly noted, do not reflect the ideas or opinions of any other organization or citizen.

# Here's your retirement 'to do' list



FINANCIAL Focus

your life is probably more hectic than usual -BURDICK so you may have assembled

time of year,

impressive "to do" list. This can be a helpful tool for organizing your activities in the near future - but have you ever thought of developing a "to do" list for long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement?

If not, you may want to think about it – and here are a few list-worthy items

to consider: Examine - and re-examine - your planned retirement age. You may have long counted on retiring at a certain age, but are you sure that this goal is the best one for your overall financial situation? Think about it: If you like your job, and you stayed at it for just a few more years, you could significantly boost the funds in your 401(k) or other retirement plan, and you might even be able to delay taking Social Security, which, in turn, would result in larger monthly payments.

Put a "price tag" on your retirement lifestyle. When you retire, do you want to travel the world or stav at home pursuing your hobbies? Will you truly retire from all types of work, or will you do some consulting or take up part-time employment? Once you know what your retirement lifestyle might look like, you can better estimate your costs and expenses - and this knowledge will help you determine how much you need to withdraw each year from your various retirement accounts, such as your IRA, 401(k) or other employer-based plan.

Be aware of retirement plan withdrawal rules. It isn't enough just to recognize how much you need to withdraw from your retirement plans - you also must know how much you must withdraw. Once you turn 70 1/2, you generally have to start taking money out of your traditional IRA and 401(k). These required minimum distributions, or RMDs, are based on your account balance, age and other factors, but the key word to remember is "required" - if you don't withdraw the full amount of the RMD by the applicable deadline, the amount not withdrawn can be taxed at a 50 percent rate.

Review your health care situation. When you turn 65, you will likely be eligible for Medicare, but you'll want to become familiar with what it does - and doesn't - cover, so you can establish an annual health care budget. And if you are planning to retire early, which might mean losing your employer-sponsored health insurance, you will need to be prepared for potentially large out-of-pocket costs.

Think about long-term care. One service that Medicare doesn't cover - or, at best, covers only minimally - is longterm care. If you faced an extended stay in a nursing home, the costs could be catastrophic. A financial professional may be able to help you find a way to reduce this risk.

Develop your estate plans. Estate planning can be complex, involving many different documents - such as a will, a living trust, power of attorney, etc. - so you'll want to work with a legal professional to ensure you're making the right choices for yourself and your

By checking off these items, one by one, your retirement "to do" list will eventually get "done." And when that happens, you may find yourself pretty well prepared to enjoy life as a retiree.

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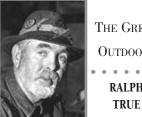
# Ice fishing season is upon us

Ice fishing could very well start early this year if the weatherman was correct about the predicted cold temperatures for this week.

Back in my younger years, we were ice fishing on Thanksgiving day. Power ice augers are the way to go now, but back

then chopping holes in the ice to do a bit of fishing gave the angler a good work out. The Swedish fishermen from the Worcester area worked in the steel and wireworks factory on Millbury Street and were very talented, and often forged out some great ice fishing chisels at their place of work. Stan Milinecki, of Douglas, was given one of the handforged chisels by a Swedish coworker and often used it while fishing with me. When Stan was no longer able to ice fish he gave the chisel to me and I still use it today, unless there is ice more than a few inches.

The Swedish ice-fishing anglers were called "spudders," often chopping more than 100 holes in the ice per day as they navigated across the ice in search of a school of vellow perch. The Swedish people also made their own jig sticks and fishing lures. They were, indeed, very creative. A family of Swedish people lived on Millbury Street back in my



THE GREAT **OUTDOORS RALPH** 

younger days and one angler sold some of his hand made jigs and jig sticks. I still have some of them in my fishing gear today. The jigs were shaped like a dime and the single hook was tipped off with a plastic red bead. They rarely used a piece of bait on

the jig, but a fresh eye from a recently caught perch worked very well when the action was slow. Catching more than a dozen yellow perch from a single hole provided some fast action. A large pickerel, largemouth bass and crappie were mixed into their daily catch.

The jig sticks that they made were called dead sticks (that had no reel). Holding onto a large fish was similar to what bass fishing anglers do today. The spudders only cut holes in the ice, which were large enough to allow a yellow perch to be brought through the hole. Often a large fish like a bass or pickerel could not be brought through the small hole, and the angler had his buddy cut a larger hole as he held the fish below the ice.

Jigging for fish through the ice has always been a favorite method of fishing for this writer, as it has you catching multiple fish through a single hole. The excitement of a strike from the fish as you slowly jig the lure provides the ultimate satisfaction, and you never know when a large fish is going to be encountered. When tilt fishing is slow be sure to try jigging, cutting numerous holes in the ice to find a school of fish. You may find yourself enjoying jig fishing and forget the ice tilts. Shiners are extremely expensive for fishing today. Jig fishing only requires a small piece of worm or plastic bait, or a perch eye taken from your first yellow perch. Removing numerous perch eyes from you daily catch and freezing them for your next fishing trip will have you catching limits of fish in a short time. More on ice fishing next week. Cleaning and cooking these tasty fish will also be discussed.

Goose and duck hunting opened this past Monday under ideal conditions if you were hunting rivers and streams. Many areas froze up and the coating of ice on ponds forced the birds into whatever open water they could find. Some fields did produce some good shooting. A good water dog was needed to retrieve downed birds, and caution needed to be used to insure the safety of man & dog for water retrieves.

final segment Massachusetts deer season opened this past Monday for black powder hunters. The light coating of new snow Sunday night made conditions perfect for the



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This week's picture shows an angler with a large northern pike taken through the ice last year. Get ready to take the family ice fishing and have a great day in the outdoors. Be sure to make sure the ice is safe!

opening day allowing for easy tracking of deer movement. The season closes Dec. 30. Many large bucks were harvested this fall during the archery and shotgun season in Massachusetts! More on that in the coming weeks.

Where have all of the grouse gone? Next week we may have some answers. Not only Massachusetts is seeing a population decrease.

Take a kid fishing and keep them rods bending!

# Holiday helps and hints

Decking your halls for the vuletide? With the hustle and bustle of the season, it can be a challenge to find the time to get everything done — never mind having to deal with some common holiday nuisances. Read on for some hints to halt the hassles and keep merry!

If you're using old-fashioned silver tinsel icicles on your tree, prevent the static cling by putting the box in the freezer for half an hour before hanging them ~ no more clumps!

Organize your spools of gift-wrapping ribbon by stacking them on an upright paper towel holder. Tangles are gone and you can see what you have at a glance!

And if you use your festive candles year after year, here's how to revive their color and luster: Just wipe them down with a little dab of olive oil and buff to a nice sheen.

Or simply spray the dull candles with furniture polish and wipe well.

To prevent candles that are stored in off-season from warping, store them flat in a dark, dry place.

When using candles on a dining room or kitchen table, make sure the candles are unscented. This way the scent won't interfere with the food you're serving.

Here's an oldie but goodie: Freeze candles for one hour to make them burn longer, drip

Clump-free Tinsel: Keep tinsel icicles from clinging together by sticking them in the freezer for half an hour before you hang them.

Organized Wrapping: Keep holiday ribbon on an upright paper towel holder for easy access. It's a great way to sort your ribbon, even out of season.

Did you know? Smell is the most potent of our senses. If your house smells like Christmas, your visitors will feel doubly welcomed. For a quick pine fragrance, simply sprinkle your carpets with a pine scented carpet freshener before vacuuming.

Recycle Tree Trims: No matter how carefully you choose vour fresh tree, branches often have to be trimmed. The good



TAKE THE HINT **KAREN** 

**TRAINOR** 

news is, the fragrant needles from pruned branches can be recycled into festive favors:

Scented Sachets: Balsam pine needles are the stuff pricey pine pillows are made of. String tied muslin bags of pine needles are top sellers at gift shops. To whip up a festive balsam "pouch," cut two rectangles of fabric from wool or flannel (old flannel shirt material is ideal). Depending upon how many needles you have, you nice and tight with ground up needles, adding a drop of balsam essential oil for good measure. For finely ground needles, you will need a net or double flannel lining to prevent the grindings from escaping. To finish it off, use an elastic band to tie off the top. Wrap a festive ribbon around it and glue on a tiny pinecone or two.

Pine Pillows: If you don't have an abundance of fallen needles. you can still capture the scent of balsam. Fill a cheesecloth

or net pouch with the tips of Christmas tree branches. Add some polyfill stuffing, and sprinkle in a few drops of pine or balsam essential oil. Secure open end shut. Stuff the cheesecloth filled pouch into a travel size zippered pillowcase. Add polyfill as well as a few more drops of essential oil. Be sure to use enough stuffing so pillow is stuffed solid, yet still soft.

Note: Balsam pillows and sachets have long been given as a gesture of friendship so they make the ideal holiday hostess gift.

Pine Potpourri: Wish you could retain that delightful pine scent of your Christmas tree? This homemade Pine Potpourri offers a fresh, evergreen scent any time of year!

Mix together: 1/2 cup bayberry leaves; 1/2 cup snipped balsam needles; 1/2 cup miniature pine cones; 1/2 cup rose hips; 2 tsp. orrisroot; 2 drops pine-scented fixative or oil.

Combine the bayberry, balsam, pine cones and rose hips in a large bowl. Add the orrisroot and fixative and stir gently. Store in a jar with a tight fitting lid.

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

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# At the heart of Christmas

Like many, you are probably relieved the 2016 elections are over!

Our country, and the entire world, have been exposed to some of the most intense animosity imaginable, with unkind, and often mean-spirited, attacks creating widespread acrimony and ill will from the presidential race on down. After one of the most tumultuous elections in recent memory, many people are disillusioned and left reeling. In the words of one ministry leader, "our country has tragically passed the 'point of no return."

Followers of Jesus naturally find themselves uncertain about the future of this country. Political views aside, it is not apparent what the future of the new government may bring to fruition. What is apparent is that a clearer sense of God's sovereignty and plan are needed. Believers in Christ must see that we exist for the glory of a God who created us for another realm altogether.

American Christians have long placed faith in Jesus on par with nationalism. We sing songs like "America the Beautiful" with fervor and we position the American flag in a place of honor, even above the Christian flag. We believe God has favored this nation (an idea called "American exceptionalism") and we make songs like 'God Bless America' our rallying cry. I love my country and thank God I was privileged to be born

and live here. But contrary to some people's beliefs and practices, being an American is a temporal condition. My true status is that of a foreigner. The United States is not my primary residence. Neither is it yours if you belong to Jesus. Yes, followers of Jesus can express their patriotism, but nationalism must never take precedence over kingdom-mindedness. We are not just citizens of this great nation; we are citizens of another realm. As Paul reminds

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When Isaiah prophesied of the coming Messiah, he spoke emphatically of the difference the Messiah would make. Isaiah said, "and the government shall be upon his shoulder," and, "of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the

us, "... our citizenship is in

heaven, and from it we await

a Savior, the Lord Jesus

Christ." (Phil. 3:20 ESV)

throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore." (Isaiah 9:6, 7) In essence Isaiah revealed that the Messiah will reign as king over all and the government of the entire world will be on his shoulders.

The Messiah is Jesus, and as the governments of this world crumble, His kingdom will increase more and more, ultimately filling the world. It will have no limits to it. For this reason, a believer's primary citizenship is in God's Kingdom, not in any earthly country. Our loyalty to country is usurped by devotion to a king established by God over a Kingdom that has no end. Our worship of this king and our service to His kingdom cannot be bound by personal interests, feelings, or individual control. That is what lies at the heart of

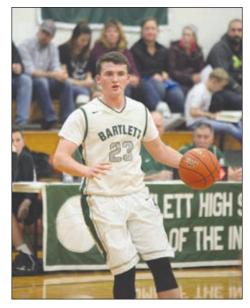
the Christmas narrative. Christmas is more than the story of the birth of a baby. It's greater than knowing about a child that was born to die. Christmas makes it possible for us to know about a different type of king and a superior kingdom. As followers of Jesus, our allegiance must be to this one true King and His Kingdom. If so, that will be reflected in the way we think and the way we that we live each day in this world that is not really our home anymore than it was the home of Jesus. That is what we find at the heart

of Christmas. May God bless you and yours this Christmas season!

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# **SPORTS**

# Bartlett cruises past Pirates in season opener



Kyle Anderson of Bartlett surveys the floor while dribbling the ball.

BY NICK ETHIER

WEBSTER — A season ago Southern Worcester County League counterparts Oxford High and Bartlett High competed in the Central Mass. Division 3 district championship game, a 44-41 victory for the Pirates. But Oxford lost six seniors and four starters to graduation, while the Indians returned their top two players, who are now seniors.

Those two players, Anthony Grzembski and Tyler Davern, both scored 27 points to lead Bartlett past the senior-less Pirates, 82-42, in the regular season opener for both teams on Friday, Dec. 9.

"Obviously when you have quality players like Davern and Grzembski — Grzembski has been starting for four years and Davern for three years — it makes a big difference. We expect a lot out of them this year," said Indians head coach Tony Paranto.

Added Oxford head coach Anthony McDonald, "We knocked them out last year so they came back with some fire."

The game started at a slow pace, likely due to a combination of adrena-

line and working out first-game kinks. But the 6-foot-6 Davern (11 rebounds) stepped back and buried a 3-pointer from the left corner to up Bartlett's lead to 13-5. Grzembski and Davern both scored seven points in the first frame as the Indians headed to the second ahead, 17-5.

"I was very happy that we played defensively, we held them to five points in the first quarter," said Paranto.

Bartlett then turned on the offensive jets in the second stanza, scoring another 29 points to Oxford's 13 to lead, 46-18, at halftime. A stretch around the midway point of the frame saw Grzembski, the point guard, pull down a rebound in traffic, push the ball up the floor and administer a no-look pass to Dominic Manzi-Knych, who finished the layup.

The Pirates showed some fight in the early stages of the third quarter when they scored 8 of the first 12 points, which included a traditional threepoint play by Niko Murray.

But later on Grzembski made a layup, followed that with a steal and finished the possession with a pull-up jumper to make it 64-29 as Bartlett led after the third quarter, 69-32.

Davern then scored his team's first eight points of the fourth quarter as all the starters exited with 5:18 to go and the Indians ahead, 77-36.

"It's kind of special to watch Anthony and Tyler out there, especially when things are clicking," said Paranto. He was quick to add, though, that

He was quick to add, though, that "complementary players" are also important, citing starters Kyle Anderson (senior and three-year starter), Cody Adams (sophomore) and Logan Paranto (freshman).

In all, 10 players scored and 11 grabbed

at least one rebound for the Indians. But, despite the fast start, Paranto isn't looking ahead to another potential district final appearance.

"We're the old Patriots motto, 'Next game at hand," he said.

Oxford, meanwhile, expects to see some growing pains after reaching the D3 state championship game last season



Anthony Grzembski of Bartlett flings a pass down the court.

"We don't have one senior on the current team, we graduated six of them, so we're counting on eighth graders and some freshmen to give us a lot of minutes," said McDonald.

This year many of the Pirates may not have varsity height, varsity strength or varsity speed — "Turnovers on the open court and on the defensive glass is where they beat us," said McDonald — but the coach added that his team does employ one trait that varsity clubs need: talent.

"It's a two to three year window with these guys and I told them this is the first step in the process and they're buying into it," McDonald said. "And they have a great leader in Jared Perkins."

Perkins, a junior, is the team's lone returning starter while a new starter Eli Guivas, a freshman, led the team with 21 points and 6 rebounds (Klaytin Silva and McAddai Owusu also pulled down 6 boards).



Nick Ethier photos

Bartlett's Tyler Davern works the ball inside versus Oxford.



Oxford's Eli Guivas dribbles the ball around the reach of Bartlett defender Johnny Torres.



Bartlett's Cody Adams launches a 3-point attempt in front of Oxford defender Alexander Duyal



Oxford's Niko Murray drives to the basket on Bartlett defender Dominic Manzi-Knych.



Alexander Duval of Oxford dishes the ball outside of the paint.

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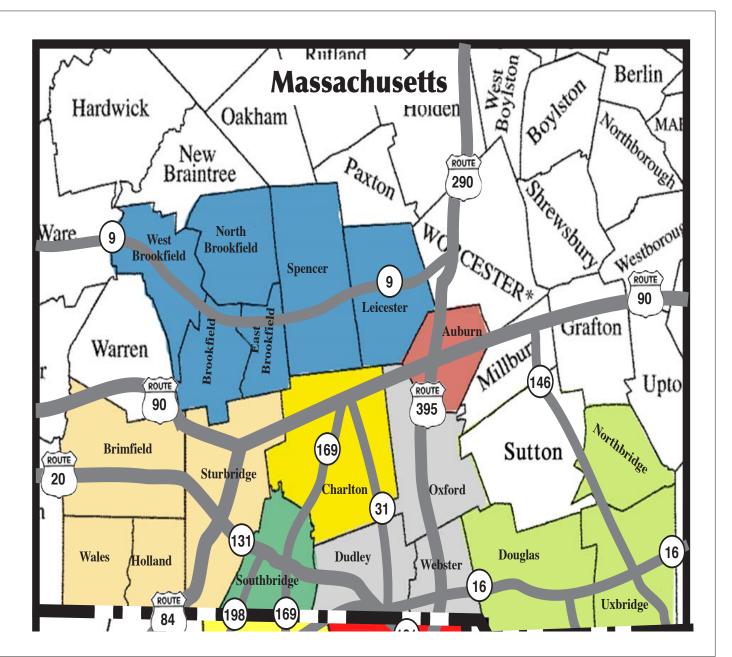
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# **SPORTS**

# Defense plays well, but Rams can't score enough to keep pace with Northampton



Nick Ethier photos

Shepherd Hill's Kyra Foss delivers a pass down the court.

BY NICK ETHIER

DUDLEY — Playing their first game of the 2016-17 season, the Shepherd Hill Regional girls' varsity basketball team displayed strong defensive skills versus Northampton High on Monday, Dec. 12. The Rams held the Blue Devils to six first quarter points and just 19 by halftime, but The Hill had trouble scoring as well. As a result, Northampton pulled away late and won the contest,

53-47.

"I think we did well defensively," Shepherd Hill head coach Jim Hackenson said, complimenting the way his group turned the full-court man-to-man press into steals. "I thought we played hard."

The steals — and a pair of 30-second shot clock violations — didn't lead to many points, though, as the Rams also scored 19 points through the first two quarters for a 19-19 stalemate at halftime.

"We had seven points in the second quarter for the longest time," Hackenson said of a near four-minute scoreless stretch to open the second frame.

The scoring then picked up a bit in the third quarter, with Northampton netting 14 points to Shepherd Hill's 13, making it a one-point game (33-32) heading to the final stanza as the Blue Devils' Meg McCarthy emerged by scoring eight of her 12 points in the quarter.

In the fourth, Ram junior Bailey Savage (17 points) knocked down back-to-back 3-pointers to tie the score at 39-39. But with two minutes to play, Emma Tanner (10 points) of the Blue Devils secured a steal and finished with a layup to give her team a 48-42 lead, which tied their largest advantage of the game.

Shepherd Hill senior Kyra Foss (10 points, 6 rebounds) gave her team life with a pair of inside buckets, cutting the deficit down to 48-46, but Northampton sealed the deal by hitting their free throws. Overall, the Blue Devils made 11 of 14 attempts from the charity stripe in the fourth quarter alone

When asked how he thought his team played in the regular season opener, Hackenson said, "No complaints other than the fact that we couldn't score. We had opportunities but we threw the ball away too much. We just need to take care of the ball a little better."

Hackenson added that The Hill continued to try and dish the ball down low to post players Julia Dandridge, a junior, and sophomore Molly Springer, but Northampton's Lauraine Joensen (13 points) and McCarthy, a pair of 6-footers, either altered the passes



Julia Dandridge of Shepherd Hill gets past Northampton defender Lauraine Joensen before converting a lavup.

or defended well against the inside shot.

The Rams have now played Northampton three straight years, winning the first contest and dropping the last two. Both teams compete in the Western Mass. Division 1 district tournament, so it prepares The Hill for "a taste of their action out there," according to Hackenson.

Shepherd Hill will host Holyoke High, another Western Mass. Division 1 club, on Dec. 30.



 $\label{eq:morgan omega} \mbox{Morgan O'Malley of Shepherd Hill takes and makes a free throw.}$ 



Shepherd Hill's Bailey Savage dribbles the ball on a fast break.



Makayla Norton of Shepherd Hill defends the inbounds pass by Northampton's Emma Tanner.

# **SPORTS BRIEFS**

#### Ski or snowboard at Wachusett Mountain

Are you interested in having a lot of fun while also helping to make the winter fly by? Any student, parent or teacher from any of the surrounding towns can ski or snowboard for eight consecutive Saturday nights at Wachusett Mountain for just \$150 through the Southbridge Ski Club. You drive to Wachusett Mountain on your own. The eightweek program begins on Saturday, Jan. 7 and ends on Saturday, Feb. 25. Ski or snowboard rentals as well as lessons are also available at a very reasonable cost. You may also be able to ski or snowboard for free through you health insurance coverage.

Also, anyone (students or non-students) can purchase Gold, Silver and Bronze Century Passes at a lower discounted price through our Club. For more information, please contact Dick Lisi at (508) 410-1332 or at lisirichard15@yahoo.com.

Webster Fastpitch to hold Winter Softball Clinic The Winter Softball Clinic, presented by Webster Fastpitch, is a multi-station, skills development clinic. Groups will be broken down by age and skill level. Training balls will be used, which are much softer than regular game balls.

The clinic is scheduled for Tuesday nights from Jan. 10 through March 28 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. There will be no clinic the week of school February vacations. If there is no school due to inclement weather, there will be no clinic.

The clinic is open to athletes age 5 to 16 (as of Jan. 1, 2017) and will be held inside Webster Middle School's gymnasium. Athletes need to bring sneakers, a softball glove and a water bottle.

The cost is \$30, to be paid by the third session (Jan. 24). Please visit www.eteamz.com/websterfastpitch/for any questions and/or updates about the clinic.

Registration for the 2017 regular season will be held online and in person starting Jan. 24 at each clinic until March 7. If your child has not been registered with Webster Fastpitch in a previous year, please bring a copy of their birth certificate for us to keep on file.

#### Holiday week Player Development Camp hits Webster

The Player Development Camp is a youth and middle school (grades 3-8) camp that focuses on developing the complete player. We will develop shooting, ball handling, passing, footwork, defense and other essential skills to become a better basketball player. In addition, players will get the chance to take the skills practiced and apply them in a controlled game setting. This camp is designed to be both fun and intense. The camp will run for four days from Dec. 27-30. Players have the option of attending all four days for a cost of \$149 or attending one, two or three days for \$45 per day. Players in grades 3-5 attend the morning session from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Players in grades 6-8 attend the afternoon session from 1 to 5 p.m. All classes will be held at 1 Stop Basketball's Webster facility.

To register, contact information manager Kim Peretti at kperetti@1stopbasketball.com or visit http://1stopbasketball.com/

# Worcester State University set to host plenty of baseball clinics

Various baseball clinics will be held at Worcester State University this year and rolling into the next. Please visit http://www.wsulancers.com/camps-clinic/index for additional information on any of the clinics.

First Holiday Fun Baseball Clinic: Dec. 27-29, 9 a.m. to noon in the multipurpose gym/cages.

10th annual Friday Night Baseball School: Jan. 27, Feb. 3, Feb. 10, Feb. 17, Feb. 24, March 3, hitting from 6-7 p.m., pitching from 7 to 8 p.m. in multipurpose gym/cages.

22nd annual Hitting Clinic: Feb. 20-22, 9 a.m. to noon in multipurpose gym/cages.

10th annual Pitchers and Catchers Clinic: April 18 and 20, 9 a.m. to noon outdoors on Lyons Diamond.

Third annual U.S. Baseball Academy: June 26 and 29 outdoors on Lyons Diamond.

10th annual Instructional Prospect Clinic: Aug. 15, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Lyons Diamond.

# **SPORTS**

# Massachusetts Elite Football teams headed to Nationals

WESTWOOD — The sixth and eighth grade Massachusetts Football teams won their way into the Elite 8 of the FBU National Championship. The concluding rounds of the tournament will take place in Naples, Fla. beginning on Friday, Dec. 16. Both teams competed in and won their super regional bracket games, which were held in Newport, R.I. from Dec. 2-4.

"We are very proud of our teams," said Mass Elite founder and sixth grade head coach PJ Vande Rydt. "Our players have worked very hard to get to this point. We have 65 young men from 35 cities and towns across Massachusetts and represent a true cross section of football leagues and school programs."

Massachusetts Elite Football has a long history of success, with teams previously competing in the National Championship Final Four in San Antonio,

Texas. The program also boasts several alumni currently playing or headed to Penn State, Northwestern, UCLA, Boston College and other Division 1 football programs.

This is a tremendous accomplishment for these boys and for football in the state of Massachusetts. Vande Rydt says Team Massachusetts will be able to compete with these teams that play football all year long. This program shows colleges from around the country that the talent is as good in Massachusetts as it is in all the southern

Opening games will be held Saturday, Dec. 17. The sixth graders will compete in their quarterfinal matchup against Dallas Metro (Texas), while the eighth graders will take on Kentucky.

Local athletes Ben Wing of Oxford and Liam Groh of Charlton are part of the Massachusetts Elite sixth grade team.



The Massachusetts Elite sixth and eighth grade football teams are headed to the FBU National Championship in Naples, Fla. Local athletes Ben Wing of Oxford and Liam Groh of Charlton are part of the sixth grade squad.

# Shepherd Hill well represented as Midland Wachusett League Fall All-Stars



The following are the Shepherd Hill Regional student-athletes reached All-Star status within the Midland Wachusett League:

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# Mohegan Bowl fall leagues, week

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Monday Men's Business Single — Josh Assanov 148, Ryan Pelletier 143, John Grande 135 Series — Jon Dufield 377, Josh Assanov 363, Jay Mahan 351

Series over average — Josh Assanov +57

Tuesday Chet's Social

Single — Tom Smith 136, Ben Allaire 129, Richard Girouard 128, Marsha Kallgren 115, Joan Lavalley-Leary 104, Cherie Borski 100

Series — Tom Smith 363, Ryan Pelletier 348, Dave Lamontagne 339, Marsha Kallgren 306, Ellen Fugatt 275, Cherie Borski 266

Series over average — Tom Smith +48, Marsha Kallgren +39

Tuesday Bowlerettes

Single — Charles Knorr 118. Maureen Laprade 109, Lisa Lewis 108 Series — Charles Knorr 338, Brenda Mayer 302, Maureen Laprade

Wednesday Women's Industrial Single — Stef Bellerive (Nikki's Doghouse) 124, Joanne Grzembski (Nikki's Doghouse) 120, Laurie

Beardsley (DG Home Improv) 113 Series — Joanne Grzembski 336, Lynne Smith (Gail's Gals) 302, Stef Bellerive 295

Thursday Coffee

Single — Pat Blake 123, Betty Lefort 117, Jeanne Carita 111

Series — Jeanne Carita 308, Betty Lefort 305, Tammy Moran 287 Series over average — Betty Lefort & Jeanne Carita +38

Thursday Men's Industrial Single — Bo Gauvin 130, Scott Gauvin 119, Jacob Mackowiak 116 Series — Bo Gauvin 350, Bob Parker 338, James Cahill 324

Series over average — Bob Parker

Saturday Youth

Single — Jordan Ashton 92, Nathan Nardone 80, Brendan Moran 79, Amelia Peterson 105, Abby Towne 85 Series — Nathan Nardone and Jordan Ashton 234, Brendan Moran 214. Amelia Peterson 259. Abby Towne 217

Series over average — Travis Ryley +18, Abby Towne +25

Sunday Mixed

Single — Chad Maramo 129, Rick O'Connor and Dave Phelps 118, Dana Pendragon 122, Leigh Farrar 109, Briana Baillargeon 108

Series — Rick O'Connor 348, Dave Phelps 331, Chad Maramo 325, Dana Pendragon 312, Loda Blackmer 292, Leigh Farrar 281

Series over average — Trey Salce +70, Lisa Wondolowski +44

# Officials get started with police chief search

**CHIEF SEARCH** continued from page 1

the open and competitive list," Palaia told selectmen. "It does require more work. The simplest course of action would be to do the promotional process, but that also limits your options.'

Palaia also informed selectmen that he has learned from the Civil Service Commission that there is no chiefs exam this year, so no matter what the selectmen will have to look at some sort of assessment center. Depending on the extent of that examination and the complexity of it the cost will probably be between \$4,000 and \$10,000 for four candidates.

The near half-hour discussion that ensued from the proposals had nearly every selectman on board with the town manager's proposals. Selectman Michael Voas was the only dissenting vote for both the salary proposal and hiring format chosen by selectmen, but justified his votes noting concerns with the salary being high for the position and the fear of the town having to pay out retirement for another chief in three or six years if they hired a candidate on the back-end of their career. He also felt having all candidates in the same pool would simplify the process a bit more than having two different pools of candidates to selectmen from.

"Not that I believe we don't have good candidates, but if we don't have candidates that are in agreement with the compensation package then it's just

going to muddy the waters and we're going to be doing things twice. I think the neatest and cleanest way to do it is to do it at once," he told his fellow selectmen. "Certainly the board, if it chooses to do so, could show favorability to a candidates that we have in town because of familiarity with that person or people. I think just from a standpoint of doing it once and expediting matters the open and competitive is by far the best option for the town.'

Voas said he preferred a salary range of \$95,000 to \$112,000, and while his concerns were heard and acknowledged by other board members, the remaining selectmen stood by the proposal by Palaia. Selectman Cheryll LeBlanc said she understands Voas's concerns when it comes to the salary but felt that Oxford needed to put forward a strong number in a competitive market, especially with Charlton also seeking a police chief.

"I think we have to be competitive with what they're considering looking at and I think also in regards to the research (Palaia) did on other salaries in the area I think that pretty much falls in range with the years of experience as a chief," Palaia said. "I think the police department has become far more important to us as things have gone on especially in light of things that are happening and it's a key position that certainly deserves a fair salary range."

Selectman John Saad said he feels Oxford may be able to find the right candidate simply by looking internally and decided to go with the two-list system because he feels those within the Oxford Police Department deserve first consideration fro the job.

"I think you have to show some kind of feeling towards the members of that department. I think we've got one of the best departments in Worcester County to be honest with you. I've been here long enough to see all the problems that department went through in recent years," said Saad. "At one point we had to go out and get a chief outside of the department because there was so much controversy and personal clashes within the department. It took us a good number of years to straighten that out and the first thing we did was not to hire anybody internally because of the split in personalities. That was a good reason to go outside, but my opinion is if the department is running smoothly and you have competent people they should be given first consideration."

Saad called the current officers in the department "caring and compas-sionate" and said the "deserve a break" and should receive due credit for that work by being considered for the chiefs

Board of Selectmen Chairman Dennis Lamarche said his opinion was in line with Saad's and that he feels internally Oxford could find their chief.

"I know we have a real good police force," Lamarche said. "I think we have some good candidates and I'd like to see them come forward. As far as the salary I'm right in line with (Palaia). I think we have to be competitive and we also have to look at once you become a

chief you can't take any details or get any extra pay or overtime. You're a set salary. You get nothing. I understand selectman Voas' concern about retirement, but I want a strong chief - someone who can run this town."

Voas said his reasoning for his choice was not against qualified candidates on department. His concern was purely in the best interest of the community in terms of streamlining the hiring process as best they can.

"I know we have qualified candidates. My concern is getting to a point where we want to hire an individual and we get to a certain point where we can't agree on salary and then we'll have to start the process all over again," Voas said. "This way if we have four candidates and our first choice isn't agreeable we could always move to the second candidate without going through the whole process again. It's just to streamline it."

Voas noted that if the selectmen are confident someone within the department could fill the chief position then that candidate would shine above the rest regardless of what system Oxford with. Voas implied there is already a candidate from within the department he feels could do the job, but did not name anyone in particular during dis-

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# Sheriff's Coat Drive gives the gift of warmth



Courtesy photo

Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis presents Sutton resident Jason Rawinski with a special citation for collecting over 300 new and lightly used winter jackets on behalf of the Nichols College Student Alumni Society. The coats were delivered and donated together by Sheriff Evangelidis and Mr. Rawinski to the Webster-Dudley Food Share.

Worcester County Sheriff Lewis G. Evangelidis spent Wednesday, Nov. 30 and Thursday, Dec. 1, visiting a number of greater Worcester area charities to distribute some much needed warm winter jackets.

The Sheriff's Coat Drive is an annual event that provides new or lightly used winter coats to families in need throughout Worcester County and is a collaborative effort between the Sheriff's Office of Community Corrections, Wachusett Mountain Ski Area, The Worcester County Reserve Deputy Sheriff's Association, Warmer Winters of Leominster, Twin City Cleaners of Dudley, Independent Cleaners of Fitchburg as well as many other local businesses and community partners including Felters Mill, Matt's at the Buzzer Barbershop and Care One of Millbury. This year's coat drive also get extra help from Sutton resident Jason Rawinski who collected over 300 new and lightly used winter jackets on behalf of the Nichols College Student Alumni Society. The coats were delivered and donated together by Sheriff Evangelidis and Mr. Rawinski to the Webster-Dudley Food Share.

"We cannot thank Sheriff Evangelidis and Jason enough for coming today to deliver hundreds of winter coats. Receiving these much needed warm jackets helps us provide an invaluable service for those less fortunate in our community, especially during the cold winter months," said Webster-Dudley Food Share President

James Alkire.

This year's coat drive also received a huge boost in early October with a special donation from Wachusett Mountain Ski Area of over 1,500 ski jackets.

"With the tremendous donation of over 1,500 winter jackets from Wachusett Mountain Ski Area and the Crowley Family, we were able to have a huge head start on our successful coat drive which was able to help so many families in our community. We can not thank them enough for their overwhelming generosity," said Evangelidis.

During the distribution week, the sheriff paid a special visit to over a dozen local charitable organizations to personally hand deliver thousands of winter jackets includ-



Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis along with representatives from the Worcester County Sheriff's Office, Sutton resident Jason Rawinski and Rep. Joseph McKenna delivered and donated hundreds of winter jackets from the Sheriff's Annual Winter Coat Drive to the Webster-Dudley Food Share.

ing the Gardner Community Action Center, Cleghorn Neighborhood Center & Our Fathers House of Fitchburg, Spanish American Center of Leominster, Rutland Food Pantry, St. Anne's Human Services of Shrewsbury, Rhodes House of Recovery in Millbury, Webster-Dudley Food Share, TradeWinds Clubhouse, Catholic Charities & Arc of Hope of Southbridge as well as St. John's Food for the Poor Program, The Mustard Seed, Veteran's Inc. & The Net of Compassion of Worcester.

"During the holiday season, the Sheriff's Annual Winter Coat Drive helps to ensure that local families who may be in need are provided with an adequate winter coat. With over 3,500 winter jackets collected during this year's coat drive, we were able to help more families and children in need than in year's past," Evangelidis continued. "As the cold weather months approach and especially during this difficult economic time, it is extremely important to do all we can to help those in our community who may be less fortunate."

"We are extremely fortu-

nate to have had Wachusett Mountain, Independent Cleaners and Twin City Cleaners as well as all of our wonderful community partners assist with this year's coat drive by donating and dry cleaning thousands of winter jackets. This program would not be possible without their overwhelming generosity," said Evangelidis.

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# DPD participates in 'Goods for Guns' program

Courtesy photos

DUDLEY — The Dudley Police Department participated in the 15th Annual Goods for Guns Buy Back Program on Saturday, Dec. 10. This was sponsored by the UMass Memorial Medical Center's Injury Prevention Center and the Worcester County District Attorney's Office. This is an effort to prevent injury or death from unwanted or unsafe guns in local homes. A total of nine firearms and various amounts of ammunition were turned in by residents. Most were older model weap-

unwanted or unsafe guns in local homes. A total of nine firearms and various amounts of ammunition were turned in by residents. Most were older model weapons and were no longer being used. All participants were given gift certificates to Park N Shop as a thank you. The weapons were later turned over to a central depository for destruction. The Dudley Police Department thanks District Attorney Joe Early's Office and UMass Hospital for providing volunteers, gift cards, and gun locks for the program. This was a very worthwhile effort and another will be planned next year.



Weapons turned in to the Dudley Police Department.



From left, Dudley Police Officers Jonathan Brooks and Tyler Smith and Chief Steven Wojnar.

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From left, Officer Smith, the UMass Hospital volunteers and Chief Wojnar.

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# Music teacher dismissed from two Catholic schools

WEBSTER — Derek P. Sylvester, a part-time music and theater arts teacher at St. Mary Elementary School in Shrewsbury, and St. Joseph School in Webster, has been terminated from his positions due to allegations of sexual abuse reported to have occurred in the early 1990's, prior to his employment at the schools.

No information has come to the attention of either school of any untoward behavior by Mr. Sylvester while employed at any parish or diocesan school, nor as to any student of any of such school.

On Nov. 7, Ms. Judith Audette, LICSW, Victim's Assistance Coordinator for the Office of Healing and Prevention of the Diocese of Worcester, received a confidential report made by the alleged victim, now an adult, who claims that the incidents had taken place in the early 1990's.

In keeping with its policies, the Diocese of Worcester promptly reported the allegation to the Worcester District Attorney's office. Following conversations subsequent with the alleged victim by Ms. Audette, representatives of the schools informed Mr. Sylvester on November 10 of the receipt of an allegation of abuse and placed him on paid administrative leave pending the outcome of an internal investigation. His being placed on leave was done as a matter of policy and so as to allow completion of the investigation, rather than as a disciplinary measure. During that investigation, Mr. Sylvester was informed in detail of the allegation, given the opportunity to respond and denied that any sexual abuse had occurred.

On Dec. 2, Mr. Sylvester

was dismissed based on the Superintendent's administrative investigation and recommendation. No definitive judgment has been made as to whether Mr. Sylvester had committed the alleged offenses, but the allegation was deemed more likely than not to be true and that his continued employment would present an unreasonable risk to students. He had remained on paid administrative leave until that time and had not been present in either of the schools since Nov.

Parents at both schools were

notified of the decision by email and/or letter following the dismissal. This is a troubling matter for all involved and counseling services are being made available at both school communities if requested by students, their families or staff.

The diocesan Victim's Assistance Coordinator can be contacted at 508-929-4363 if anyone has questions regarding the policy or any specific concerns regarding potential abuse of a child.

# OSV charter school in process of enrolling students

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN NEWS STAFF WRITER

STURBRIDGE — Old Sturbridge Academy Charter Public School is now accepting application for its enrollment lottery. After a rocky start, the charter school — which has partnered with EL Education — has made a few modifications to their application process, most notably a change in the towns that are considered in the school's district.

The hands-on project-based school now includes the towns of Brimfield, Brookfield, East Brookfield, North Brookfield, Holland, Monson, Palmer, Southbridge, Spencer, Sturbridge, Wales and Webster. The towns of Dudley, Charlton, West Brookfield and Warren have been eliminated from the district.

OSV Charter School has been working with the Department of Primary and Secondary Education to find the neediest school systems in the district. Six of the schools included in the district are deemed underperforming in the state, four (Southbridge, Palmer, North Brookfield and Leicester) are in the lowest 10 percent, said OSV Senior Vice President Deb Friedman.

The OSV Charter School will give an "alternative education" to families within those communities, "especially those that can't afford to send their children to private schools." The OSV Charter School is another choice or option for those families who can't afford to send their children to another

"Last year, you found Southbridge with over \$1 million-worth of pay-outs to other school districts because of school choice," said Friedman. "But for many parents at an economical disadvantage, they can't even provide transportation to those communities. They need an affordable option.'

The Old Sturbridge Academy Charter Public School held a public hearing on Dec. 6, where people were invited to make statements. The next part of the process will be in January, when they meet with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). They won't know until the middle of February if the school is approved, but enrollment must be completed by March so the process has already begun.

"Last year, I had the opportunity to meet so many fabulous parents who were so passionate about getting their children the best education possible,' recalled Friedman. "I will tell you, hardest thing I had to do was inform people that we didn't receive the charter last time. These parents were so - almost dependent upon this happening. Their disappointment ... I feel I'm just doing this for them all over again. I feel a commitment to them to do everything possible to make this happen.'

The school will be offering "alterna-

tive forms" of education for different types of learners, with an emphasis on knowledge and skills, character development and high quality work. According to Friedman, those three are what make a "well-rounded student," as opposed to memorizing facts and dates.

The charter school hopes to provide a unique experience for their students. While there will be some traditional classroom experiences, they hope to use their resources to provide even more opportunities for all types of learners.

"For example, if the students are studying Native Americans they will go into the village and see how the Native Americans would have lived in the 19th century. They will look at our collections, see our artifacts," explained Friedman. "We will have experts come in and talk about Native Americans in the 21st century and what has become of them today. They'll learn Native American music in music class, do Native American art in art class, and learn Native American dances in physical education. At the end of eight weeks they will do a presentation for the com-

munity on all that they learned.' The charter school plans to open with kindergarten through third grade, with two classes at every grade level. The maximum students allowed per classroom will be 20, making the maximum amount of enrolled student 160 in the opening year. Eventually, the charter school will be kindergarten through

eighth grade, 360 students.

While the proposed district will be the school's priority, any child in Massachusetts can apply. Applications are due by March 3.

Olivia Richman can be reached at 508-909-4132 or by e-mail at olivia@stonebridgepress.com.

## Changes coming for Oxford paratransit riders

OXFORD — Paratransit van service will be provided by SCM Elderbus, Inc. They have been providing quality paratransit van service for many years in the WRTA service area. They can be reached at (800) 321-0243, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or www.scmelderbus.org.

Service will be provided to eligible Oxford residents for out-of-town medical trips. ADA trips will be provided to all eligible locations.

This change will begin Monday, Feb. 6, 2017. Service will be provided to eligible Oxford residents on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

This change was voted by the Oxford Council on Aging Board.

WRTA and Oxford Council on Aging will be coordinating the transition with SCM ElderBus Inc. An information session will be held at 11:45 a.m. on Dec. 30, at the Oxford Senior Center.

The Oxford Council on Aging will continue to provide in-town transportation to people age 60-plus and people with disabilities regardless of age for all trips in Oxford. Additional information on in-town service is available at the Oxford Senior Center, (508) 987-6000.

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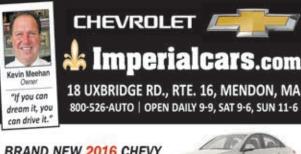
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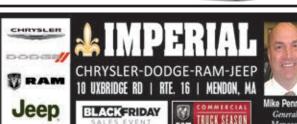
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# **OBITUARIES**

#### Todd C. Bachelder, 46

ORANGE — Todd C. Bachelder, 46, of Orange, died Monday, Dec. 5.

He leaves his mother, Diane E. Conner and stepfather, Michael Conner of Templeton; his father, Paul Bachelder of Athol; a son, Christopher Bachelder of Orange; a brother, Timothy Bachelder of Royalston and a stepsister, Elizabeth Conner of Templeton.

He was born in Worcester and lived in Orange most of his life. He was a self-employed auto mechanic and enjoyed motorcycles and playing guitar

There are no calling hours. Funeral

services are private.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the charity of the donor's

choice. Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, has been entrusted with arrangements. A guest book is available at www.

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

## Maryann Higgins, 79



WEBSTER —
Maryann (Spitz)
Higgins, 79, died
Sunday, Dec. 11, at
UMass Memorial
Healthcare —
University Campus,
Worcester.

She was the wife of the late Dean P.

Higgins, who died in 2001. She leaves two sons, Robert J. and John P. Higgins, both of Webster, two daughters, Karen C. Higgins of Webster, Kathleen and her husband Jeffrey Greene, and a grand daughter Megan Greene, all of North Grosvenordale; a sister, Joanne Dudek of Chandler, Ariz.

She was born in Webster, daughter of the late Michael and Mary (Ondrasek)

Spitz and lived here all her life. She was a clerk for many years at the Bartlett Insurance Company in Webster. She enjoyed quality time with her grand-daughter Megan. She enjoyed, music, playing the piano and oil painting.

The funeral was held Wednesday, Dec. 14, from the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street, Webster, with a Mass at in Saint Anthony of Padua Church, Dudley, with calling hours prior to the funeral. Burial was in Mount Zion Cemetery, Webster.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to VNA Hospice of Southern Worcester County. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may light a candle or post a condolence.

#### Adam B. MacRonald, 33



WORCESTER — Adam B. MacRonald, 33, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 1, in his home.

He is survived by his daughter Alyvia B. MacRonald; his mother Sandra C. (LaRue) Hickey and

his step-father Bill Hickey of Dudley; his father Bertrand MacRonald of Oxford; his longtime companion Katherine Clary of Worcester; two brothers, his twin, Brad A. MacRonald of Hartford, Conn., and Sean R. MacRonald of Auburn; an aunt, Donna LaRue of San Diego, Calif., and a niece, Mackenzie MacRonald of Dudley.

Adam was currently working for the David Clark Company. He enjoyed spending time with his daughter and was an avid fan of the New England Patriots

Calling hours were held Sunday Dec. 4, at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford, MA.

Visit paradisfuneralhome.com.

#### Beatrice Piché, 100

WEBSTER/ROCHESTER HILLS, Mich. — Beatrice (Racicot) Piché, born in Webster, passed away Dec. 3, at the age of 100 in Rochester Hills, Mich. She was the 10th of the 11 children of Alexander and Anna Racicot.

Mr. Racicot had been a selectman and auditor for the town of Webster prior to his death in 1942. He and his brother Arthur owned and operated the Racicot Brothers furniture store at 211 Main Street, now the site of Commerce/MAPFRE Insurance. Mrs. Piché graduated from Framingham State Teachers College in 1937 with a degree in Home Economics, and taught

in Connecticut where she met her future husband, Leonide Piché. They married after World War II, lived in Hartford, Conn. and raised three children: Edouard (Wife Susan) of Troy, Mich.; Louise Epperson of Phoenix, Ariz.; and George (Wife Sharon) of Okauchee, Wisc. In addition, she is survived by eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

A funeral mass will be celebrated at St. Jane Frances de Chantal parish in Sterling Heights, Mich. She was buried at Northwood Cemetery in Windsor, Conn., on Friday, Dec. 9.

## George P. Tetreault, 74

DANIELSON, Conn. — George P. Tetreault, 74, passed away on Dec. 7, at the Davis Place in Danielson, Conn.

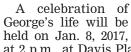
He was born June 21, 1942, on the family farm, Green Hollow Road, Moosup, Conn., son of George and Jeanne (Desjardin) Tetreault

George leaves behind his daughters, Christine Neal and Sarah Hirst; grandchildren, Emily and Mary Neal, Kacee, Frank, and Kaegan Hirst; his sister, Claire Gaudreau of Rogers, Conn.; a brother, Gene Barriere of Port St. Lucie, Fla.; many nieces, nephews and

cousins.

He was predeceased by four sisters,
Theresa, Frances (Fran), Constance
and Arlene, also three brothers,
Theodore, Roger and Lucien (Jim).

He served in the U.S. Army, based in Louisville, Kentucky from 1970 to 1972. Throughout the years, he worked for Windham Pepsi Cola Co., Jolley Precast, Field Concrete, Jolley Concrete and Wal-Mart



at 2 p.m., at Davis Place, 111 Westcott Road, Danielson. Private burial will take place at a later date.

Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street, Webster has been entrusted with final arrangements.

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

## Thomas B. Wright II, 74



WEBSTER
Thomas B. Wright II,
74, of Webster, died
on Sunday, Dec. 4, in
Harrington Memorial
Hospital – Hubbard
Campus after an ill-

Mr. Wright is survived by his daugh-

ter, Heather J. Wright of Webster; a granddaughter, Isabella Grace Wright of Webster; two brothers, Ronald Wright and his wife Sylvia of Illinois and Stephen Wright of Michigan; two half-brothers, Robert Brackett Wright of California and Richard Maurissens Wright of Texas; his former wife and her husband, whom he was best friends with, Sandra Wright and Clarence Magnant Jr. Thomas also leaves behind many nephews and nieces.

He was predeceased by his sister-inlaw Kathy Wright. Thomas was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, the son of the late Thomas B. and Dorothy E. (Taylor)

Wright.
Mr. Wright was a proud Vietnam War veteran, serving in the United States Marine Corps, where he attained the rank of Gunnery Sergeant and retired

after 20 years of service to our country.

Tom worked for many years as a machinist at the Polyvinyl Films until his retirement. He was a fun-loving grandfather that loved spending time

with his granddaughter who he affectionately called "Izzy B". He especially liked taking hand in hand walks to Webster Lake and playing board games with her.

Tom could often be found watching sports, documentaries, and sci-fi movies. He was a sports fan and especially loved his Boston Red Sox. Tom, a Michigan native, was very happy to have seen the Chicago Cubs win the World Series this year.

Funeral and burial services will be held at the Massachusetts Veterans Cemetery, Agawam. Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Tom to the VNA, 120 Thomas Street, Worcester, MA 01608.

Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford is assisting the family with arrangements.

#### Kathleen M. Curry, 61



SHREWSBURY/WEBSTER — Kathleen M. Curry, 61, formerly of Webster, died Tuesday, December 6, 2016 in Rose Monahan Hospice Home, Worcester, after a long illness.

She leaves her mother, Dorothy E. "Pat" (Degnan) Curry of Oxford; two brothers, William F. Curry of Chicago and Michael J. Curry and his wife Linda of Dudley; three sisters, Margaret A. Grant and her husband James of Fresno, Calif., Dianne M. Govoni and her husband Robert of Northborough, and Carole A. McRell and her husband Robert of Oxford; an uncle and godfather, Gerald Degnan and his wife Carol of Oxford; nieces, nephews, three grand-nieces, cousins and many friends.

She was born in Northbridge and raised in Auburn and Worcester, the daughter of the late Francis W. "Fran" Curry. She then lived in Webster for over 20 years, in Millbury for 4 years, and in Fresno for 2 1/2 years before moving to Shrewsbury in September. She graduated from South High School in 1973 and attended Quinsigamond Community College.

Kathy first worked at New England Telephone & Telegraph, now Verizon, in Worcester, then in Framingham and finally in Marlborough, retiring as a coordinator of network engineering. She then was co-owner of the former Curves in Worcester from 2004 to 2007. She returned to work at Verizon Wireless in Westborough as an operation coordinator of inventory planning, retiring due to illness four years ago. Everywhere she worked, she organized

all holiday and retirement parties.

She was a member of Saint Anthony of Padua Church when she resided in Webster. She sang at Masses with her brother Mike and also was a leader in the RCIA program. Her hobbies included country line dancing and memory scrapbook organizing. She enjoyed volunteering the annual Bishop's Dinner every Thanksgiving for many years. She loved traveling to Maine and to Cape Cod with a group of lifelong friends.

She held the title of "favorite aunt" for all her nieces and nephews. She was known for her hearty sense of humor and infectious laugh.

Kathy was the best of all of us – a loving daughter, a caring sister, a beloved aunt and a devoted friend. Kathy's strength and kindness were never more evident than during the last 4 years of her life. While living with a debilitating illness, she started each day with a smile and a sweet readiness to engage with those around her.

The family would like to thank the staff at Rose Monahan for their tender care for Kathy during her stay there. Thank you to all friends who visited her and remembered her during her illness.

The funeral was held Monday, Dec. 12, from Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main St., Webster, with a Mass in Saint Anthony of Padua Church, 24 Dudley Hill Road, Dudley. Burial was in Saint Anthony's Cemetery, Webster. Visitation was held Sunday, Dec. 11, in the funeral home.

Donations in her memory may be made to Catholic Charities, 10 Hammond St., Worcester, MA 01610, www.ccworc.org.

Visit www.scanlonfs.com.

#### Kathleen E. Snow, 69

WOODSTOCK, Conn. — Kathleen E. (Mooney) Snow, 69, of Woodstock, Conn., died Monday, Dec. 5, at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam.

She leaves her husband of 49 years, Walter A. Snow of Woodstock; two sons, Scott T. Snow and his wife Jenn of Dudley, Jason A. Snow of Woodstock; a daughter, Kelly M. Phar and her companion, Michael McIntosh of Pomfret; two brothers, Robert Mooney of Putnam and George Mooney of Thompson; one sister, Lillian Rondeau of Putnam; four grandchildren, Kieley, Nicholas, Trinity and Robert.

She was born in Putnam, daughter of the late Thomas and Emma (Mese)

Mooney and lived in Putnam and Woodstock most of her life. She was a Special Education teacher, working for the Woodstock School Department. She enjoyed spending quality time with her family.

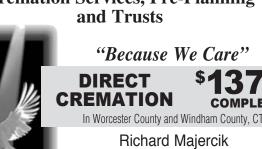
There are no calling hours. Funeral services are private.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Woodstock Little League. Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street, Webster has been entrusted with arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may light a candle or post a message of condolence.

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# **OBITUARIES**

#### William C. Krukowski, 68



CHARLTON —
William C. 'Bill'
'Hank' Krukowski,
68, passed away
Friday, Nov. 25,
at Harrington
Memorial Hospital,
Southbridge, from
injuries sustained
after being struck by

an automobile outside of his home.

He leaves his wife of 46 years,
Margaret E. 'Peggy' (Bird) Krukowski,
two sons, Mark J. Krukowski and his
wife Paula, and Billy J. Krukowski
and his wife Liz, and four grandsons,
all of Charlton. He also leaves sis-

ters and brother; Bernadette White of Swampscott, Michael Krukowski of Florida, Theresa Novia of Worcester and Christine Wilson and Margaux Chomo both of New Tripoli, Pa., as well as several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Krukowski was born in Worcester, the son of the late William S. and Martha E. (Lundblad) Kruk and moved to Charlton in 1978.

He was predeceased by a daughter, Jennifer M. Krukowski who died March 10, 1996.

Mr. Krukowski was a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War and proudly served with the 42nd SAC Command Bill was a self-employed general contractor and owned and operated B-K Builders, he was also clerk of the works for the New St. Joseph's Church in Charlton.

He was a member of St. Joseph's Church, a member of the Red Knights, past president and member of the Century Sportsman's Club in Auburn. A founder of the JENNS Committee (for improvements to Route 20), and loved to golf and to go fishing and hunting.

Calling hours were held Friday, Dec. 9, at the Robert J. Miller-Charlton Funeral Home, 175 Old Worcester Rd. in Charlton. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday, Dec. 10 at St. Joseph's Church, 10 H-Putnam Rd., Ext. followed by burial with Military Honors in West Ridge Cemetery in Charlton.



In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions are suggested to: Veterans' Inc., 69 Grove St., Worcester, MA. 01605.

An online guest book or to leaves a message of condolence for the Krukowski family, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net.

# CALENDAR

The calendar page is a free service offered for listings for government, educational and non-profit organizations. Send all calendar listings and happenings by mail to Editor Adam Minor at Stonebridge Press, P.O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550; by fax at (508) 764-8015 or by e-mail to aminor@stonebridgepress.news. Please write "calendar" in the subject line. All calendar listings must be submitted by 12 p.m. on Monday to be published in the following Friday's edition. We will print such listings as space allows.

#### Saturday, Dec. 17

DUDLEY

Bake Sale & Basket Raffle — The Holy Rosary Sodality at St. Andrew Bobola Church will be hosting a bake sale, basket raffle and lottery tree raffle on Dec. 17, from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Dec. 18 from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the church hall located at 54 West Main St in Dudley. Tickets for the lottery tree will be \$2 each or 3 chances for \$5. The basket chances will be 10 tickets for \$5. You do not have to be present to win.

#### OXFORD

Help support Oxford Rainbow Girls by coming out for a hot breakfast and family fun Saturday, Dec. 17. Breakfast kicks off at the Oxford Lodge at 7:30 a.m. where we'll be serving French toast, sausage juice, milk, coffee or tea and you can enjoy them until 11 a.m.! 22 Mt. Pleasant St., Oxford. You may also win a door prize! Payment is through donations only – please come and give generously! Easy craft for kids to do while enjoy breakfast!

#### Sunday, Dec. 18

Step away from the Christmas madness and be filled with a true sense of the reason for the season. Join us on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 2 p.m. in the sanctuary of our church, The First Congregational Church of Dudlev at 135 Center Road for a Christmas concert filled with holiday favorites of days gone by, as well as contemporary pieces of joy, love and peace. Admission is free and open to all, with a free-will offering being collected during the concert. Following the performance there will be a reception downstairs in Jacob's Hall, providing a time for socializing while enjoying delicious treats provided by members of the church. Save the

#### Wednesday, Dec. 21

DUDLEY

Fellowship Meal at St. Andrew Bobola Church Hall, 54 West Main St., Dudley, from 5-6 p.m. Christmas Dinner. Free hot meals to anyone in need. All are welcome. Join us for great food, fellowship, and fun!

#### Saturday, Dec. 24

**DUDLEY** 

The First Congregational Church of Dudley Conant Memorial United Church of Christ, 135 Center Rd., Dudley, MA 508-943-7320, Rev. John R. White, Christmas Services:

Saturday Dec. 24: 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service; 11 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service; Sunday, Dec. 25, 10 a.m., Christmas Morning Worship. Handicapped accessible, all are welcome.

#### Monday, Dec. 26

REGION

All S.C.M. Elderbus offices will be closed on Monday, Dec. 26, and Monday, Jan. 2, 2017, to observe the Christmas and New Years holidays.

#### ONGOING EVENTS

WEBSTER

There will be no signed Mass in August. However, we invite all to join us in celebrating the Holy Mass at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, 18 East Main St., Webster. Our ASL interpreter will sign the English language 6 p.m. Mass every first Sunday of the month. Please join us for our next ASL signed Mass on Sept. 4. Welcome to our community!

The Webster Alzheimer's Support Group meets the second Monday of each month at Webster Manor, 745 School St., Webster, from 6-8 p.m. Anyone in the area who feels they are in need of help, doesn't know what to do, or is a Caregiver for someone with Alzheimer's, is invited to attend and express their concerns regarding the care for their loved one. The members of the group will discuss the ways, means, and the help you will need as your loved one progresses in this disease. Please come join with us at each meeting and you'll be glad that you did. Each person has a different story to tell and you will be given tips to help you work through this agonizing and dreadful disease.

The St. Louis League of Catholic Women is holding its yearly membership drive. The purpose of the league is to bring together women to further their cultural, social, and religious interests. The league meets every first Wednesday of the month, with the exception of January, February, July, August, and September. Programs this year will include cupcake decorating, Christmas sing-a-long, flowers in the Bible, movie night, crowning of Mary, and other interesting topics. If you are interested, please call Financial Secretary Louise Duval at 508-943-7695 or club President Carolyn Smith at 508-943-4732.

OXFORD

Guided Meditation on the second and fourth Wednesday every month, 6:30 p.m. at Generations Healing Center, Oxford. Please visit Pinkhippy.org for more information.

Restorative Yoga Wednesdays, Noon to 1 p.m., St. Vincent Cancer & Wellness Center, 1 Eaton Place Worcester. Please visit Pinkhippy.org for more information.

Restorative Yoga Saturdays, 8:15-9 a.m., Oxford Community Center, 4 Maple Road, Oxford. Please visit Pinkhippy.org for more information.

Restorative Yoga Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m, Boucher School of Dance, 3 Millbury Boulevard, Oxford. Please visit Pinkhippy.org for more information.

Free Yoga Classes for Cancer Patients Restorative yoga classes for cancer patients are offered weekly and are open to patients, survivors, and their families or caregivers. Classes are held every Saturday morning from 8:15 to 9 a.m. at the Oxford Community Center, 4 Maple Road, Oxford, and on Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m. at Saint Vincent Cancer & Wellness Center, One Eaton Place, Worcester. The Restorative Yoga program is a complementary therapy that is designed to help reduce lymphedema, increase range of motion, and soothe neuropathies that may occur during all stages of treatment and recovery. This program also promotes relaxation, which is a vital element in healing, as it brings emotional and physical relief from stress through moving meditation and gentle yoga stretches. These programs have been made possible through PinkHippy.Org, a 501(c)(3) non-profit holistic service and support organization that serves breast cancer patients, survivors and their families throughout Central MA, Northeastern CT, and Northwestern RI. Classes are free for those undergoing treatment or in recovery from breast cancer.

For more information please visit www.pinkhippy.org, call (508) 987-3310, or send an email to info@pinkhippy.org.

The Nipmuck Coin Club meets at 6:30 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Oxford Senior Center, 323 Main St., behind the Oxford Town Hall. For more information, contact Dick Lisi at lisirichard15@yahoo.com.

The Central Mass. Mother of Twins is a non-profit club to benefit those who are raising multiples and provide support and an outlet. The club meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. every first Thursday of the month at the Oxford Community Center to discuss twins-related issues and have relaxing events such as movie nights and outings to take the children to and or your spouse or just for Moms. Anyone who is a childcare provider to multiples is welcomed and the meetings are held on the second floor of the building of the old school house.

#### DUDLEY

Do you have a family member struggling with addiction or alcoholism? You are not alone. Join Families Helping Families Support Group. Meetings at Dudley Senior Center every first and third Monday of the month, 6:30-8 p.m. We spend so much time with our addicted loved one, that we become victims ourselves. Join us. It's informal, con-

fidential, with tough love advice from the heart, sharing of resources, hope and hugs.

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Tuesday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at The First Congregational Church, 135 Center Road, Dudley (please park and enter through the right side basement entrance). Class Fee: \$5/class voluntary contribution (Cancer patients always free). Proceeds donated to the First Congregational Church of Dudley. Instructor: Joanne LaLiberte, Holistic Health Practitioner. This class of Chair Yoga is to expand the lungs and strengthen all the body's major muscle groups, for stability and mobility, balance, increasing flexibility, muscularity of hip and legs and increasing range of motion with our "rear view mirror" twists. We work through the entire body, quieting the nerves, relieving stress, realigning posture and we leave renewed. Chair Yoga is open to adults of all ages. It is kept light-hearted with respect for every member of the class. We honor the body as it is right now and work to improve its overall health. We come to class as individuals and leave as family. Get to know yourself through the eyes of Chair Yoga and build a body that serves you better. Wear comfortable clothing. As with any exercise program, check with your healthcare professional before starting.

Come join the Drop In Knitting Group from 10 a.m. to noon on Fridays at the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library, Schofield Avenue, Dudley. All ages and levels, from beginner to expert, are welcome. For more information, call Mary Kunkel at 508-943-8107 or Jacqueline Vassar at 508-892-4754.

Fellowship Meals Program — Free hot meals at St. Andrew Bobola Parish – Church Hall, 54 West Main St., Dudley, from 5 to 6 p.m. will resume on Sept. 7, every first and third Wednesday of the month. Please join us! Phone: (508) 943-5633. E-mail: <a href="mailto:Rectory@standrewbobola.com">Rectory@standrewbobola.com</a>.

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

#### SOUTHBRIDGE

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

PUTNAM, Conn.

Overeaters Anonymous — Group meeting every Wednesday at 6 p.m. Come to Room RHF-1 at Day Kimball Hospital, 320 Pomfret Street, Putnam, Conn. We will welcome you! For more information, contact Kathryn at 508-949-0819.



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Cathedrals! 3 Bdrms! Full Bath w/Skylight! Lower Level Fam Rm w/Hearth! 12x20 Deck!

2 Car Detached Garage! 2 Sheds! New Roof!

\$234,900.00

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DUDLEY - 43 Mason Rd! Remodeled 7 Rm Ranch! Applianced Eat-in Kit w/ Quartz Counters, Breakfast Bar & Tile Fi! Large Fipled Liv Rm wHrfwds! Din Area wHrfdwds! 3 Bdrms wHrfwds! 2 Pall Exceptional Bathrms! Fam Rm! Office! Security! Oil Heat! AG Pool! Trex Deck! Shed! 2 Car Garage! \$264,900.00

ON DEPOSIT

**WEBSTER** – 26 Pepka Dr! 7 Room 1,790' Ranch! SS Applianced Kit & Din

Area w/Tile Floor! Formal Din Rm & Liv Rm w/Hrdwds! Family Rm! 3 Bdrms w/Hrdwds! Master w/Bath & Walk-in

Closet! 2 Full Tile Baths! Huge Basement! Patio! Circular Drive! Great Yard! \$219,900.00



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Split! 1.53 Acres! Applianced Granite Kit w/ Tile Flr! Din Rm w/Hrdwds, Anderson Slider

to Trex Deck! Brick Frplc Liv Rm w/Hrdwds

& Bow Window! Master w/Hrdwds, Slider

to Deck! Master Bath! 3 Bdrms! 2 Baths!

Garage! Quality Updates Through Out! \$279,900.00

SOLD

DUDLEY – 7 Kayla Lane! 8 Rm Colonial Set On 1.84 Acres! Applianced Granite Kit! Frpled Dining Rm! Living Rm w Hrdwds! Cathedral Ceiling Family Rm! 3 Bedrooms! Spacious Master, Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! 1st Floor Laundry!

Farmers Porch! Deck! Attached 2 Car Garage! \$359,900.00

SOLD

**WEBSTER** - NEW ENGLAND COMMONS! 55+ Adult Community! 5 Rm 1 Level Living!

Kit w/Pantry, Tile Flr, Corian Counters & Breakfast Bar! Liv Rm & Master w/Trey

Ceiling, Master Bath w/Step-in Shower! 2nd Bdrm w/Cathedral Ceiling! 2nd Full Bath!

SOLD

**WEBSTER LAKE** – 402 Treasure Island! Townhouse! 6 Rms! 1,874'! Hardwood Floors! Applianced! Open

Floor Plan! 2 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5

Baths! Frolcd Fam Rm! CAir! Gas Heat

Attached Garage! Farmers Porch Basement! \$249,900.00

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OXFORD - 11 Daniel Dr U:B! 55+ Adult Community! Twin Elm Estates! Nice 6 Rm End Unit! Applianced, Granite Eat-in Kit! All Hrdwd Flrs! Liv Rm w/Slider to

Deck! Master/Walk-in Closet, Master Bath! 2 Bdrms! 1.5 Baths! Fam Rm! Craft

\$249,900.00

ON DEPOST

Closets! 3 Season Sunrm! NEW Furnace

Plumbing & Electric! \$149,900.00

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**NEW PRICE** 

**WEBSTER** – 36 North Main St!

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Kitchen wDining Area! Living Room
wWall to Wall! Den wWall A/C! Ist
Floor Bedroom! 3/4 Bedrooms! 1.5
Baths! Recent Roof & Furnace! Will
be Updated to Circuit Breakers!
Nice Back Yard! Off Street Parking!
\$89,900.00

SOLD)

WEBSTER LAKE - 46 Pt Pleasant

Rd! Middle Pond - Southern Expo! 8 Rm Custom Cape! Open Flr Plan! Fully
Applianced w/Lunch Counter! Lake Facing
Brick Frplc Liv Rm, Din Re Fam Rm! 19

Master! 4 Bdrms, 2 Lake Facing! 2 Baths!

Huge Trex Deck! Buderus 5Z Oil Heat!

\$449,900,00



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DLIDLEY - 32 Central Ave! 6 Rm Town

house! Huge Liv Rm w/Wood Laminate Flooring & Triple Window! Applianced Kit w/Breakfast Bar, Dble Stainless

Sink! Din Area w/Slider to Deck!

3 Bdrms! 1.5 Baths! Garage! Oil Heat

SOUTHBRIDGE - 32 Glenview Ave!

Custom 6 Rm Contemp! Open Kit & Din Area w/Cathedrals & Skylight! Liv

Flr Master w/Private Deck! 3 Bdrms! 2 Baths! Finished Lower Level w/LP Frplc

2014! **\$249.500.00** 

NEW PRICE

WEBSTER - 9-11 Lyndale Ave! 8

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CHARLTON - South Charlton Reservoi

302C Partridge Hill Rd! Full Recreational 75' Waterfront! West Expo - Beautiful Sunsets! 6 Rm Ranch! Great Water Views

Open Flr Plan w/Cathedrals, Skylights,

Frplce! 2 Baths! Fam Rm! Garage!

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Waterfront Dream! 100+' of Shoreline

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Fireplaced Living Room! Lots of Hardwoods!

Applianced! Tile Kitchens & Baths! Separate Utilities! Oil Heat! Corner Lot, Nice Yard!

\$219,900.00

ON DEPOSIT

WEBSTER – 52 Upland Ave! 6 Rm Cane! Spacious Applianced Eat-in Kit!

WEBSTER — 32 Upland AVE: 6 Km Capel Spacious Applianced Eat-in Kit! Formal Din Rm or 3rd Bdrm w/Hrdwds & Built-Ins! Frplc Liv Rm w/Hrdwd Flr Den or Office! 1/2 Bath on Main Level 2 Oversized Bdrms w/Hrdwds on 2nd Flr! Full Bath! Mud Rm! Full Walk-out

Occupancy! \$154,900.00

ON DEPOST

WEBSTER - 129 Lower Gore Rd! 6 Rm

Split! Immediate Occupancy! 1.5 Acres of

Privacy! Applianced Eat-in Kit w/Tile Fir!
Din Area w/Sliders to Deck! Liv Rm w/New
Carpet! 3 Bdrms w/Wall to Wall! 1.5 Baths!

6 Panel Doors! Newer Furnace! Town

\$219,900.00

# "Season's Greetings - Happy Holidays"



DOUGLAS — 15 Mt Daniels Way! 8 Rm Justom Colonial! 2.2 Acres! 2 Story Grand Entry Foyer! New Applianced Granite Kit! Jumal Din & Liv Rms wHrdwds! Frplc Fam









**WEBSTER** – 17 Fort Hill Rd! Looking 30 ACRES OF PRIVACY & SERENITY! WEBSIER - 11 JOHN STREET OF PRIVACY & SERENITY!
5 Rm Ranch! Eat-in Kit w/Updated
Cabinets! Formal Din Rm! Liv Rm Leads
to Screened-in Porch Overlooking Pond!
2 Large Bdrms! Updated Bath! Full
Basement w/Laundry! 2 Car Detached Garage! Oil Heat! Gas Hot Water! \$274,900.00



WOODSTOCK — 1420 Route 169! Custom Built 10 Rm 3,154\* Colonial Set on 5 Secluded Acres! Grand Entry Foyer! 91 Ceilings! Loads of Upgrades! Applianced Kitchen wHuge Granite Island! Formal Dining wHrdwds! Fireplaced Family Room! Master Suite! 4 Bdrms & 2.5 Baths! C/ari! 2 Car Garage! \$28.9.900.00











WOODSTOCK - 291 E Quasset Rd! WAPPAQUASSET "QUASSET" POND! Hidden 88 Acre Recreational Gem! Woodstock Fairgrounds Near! Yr Rd or

2nd Home! 6 Rm Ranch! 152' Waterfront!







**DUDLEY** – 9 Chestnut St Unit 22! "Stonegate" Conveniently Located! Freshly Painted 4 Rm 2 Bdrm Condo! Applianced Eat-in Kit w/Pantry Closet,

Tile Counter, Dble Sink & Ceiling Fan! Liv Rm w/Wall A/C & Flat Panel TV! Full Bath! Electric Heat & Hot Water!

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WEBSTER LAKE COMPOUND! 2 Checkerberry Is!! Private 2.09 Acre Waterfront Peninsula Estate! Park Like Grounds! 2,800' 8 Rm Colonial Main House w/Lake Views from Most Windows! SS Applianced Granite Kit! Din Area w/Tile Fir! Lake Facing 38' Din/Liv Rm w/Frplc, Recessed Lighting & Slider to Wrap Around Deck! French Dr Fam Rm Surrounded by Water! 3 Bdrms! 21' Master w/Cathedral Ceiling, Slider to Private Deck w/Lake Views, Master Bath! 2nd Bath w/Dble Vanity Sinks, 3.5 Baths! Skywalk Attached 750' 4 Rm Guest/In-Law Apartment w/Granite Kit, SS Applianced, Open Din & Liv Rm w/Slider to Lake View Deck, Bdrm, Nice Bathrm! Detached 3 Rm Yr Rd Guest Cottage or Rental Unit w/Kit, Frplcd Liv Rm, Bdrm & Bathroom! Enclosed 3 Season Pavilion Great for Entertaining! Tree Lined Private Drive! Rolling Lawn! Decks! Patios! Ideal Dock Setup! Boat Ramp! For the Discerning Buyer! \$1,449,900.00



**WEBSTER LAKE** – 17 Lakeview Rd! Middle Pond - Reid Smith Cove! West Exposure = Sunsets! 100' Level



Waterfront! 7 Rm Yr Rd or Ideal 2nd Home! Enjoy Music from Indian Ranch Free! Fantastic 12,298' Flat Lot w/Plenty of



Cape! Farmers Porch! Applianced Kit! Formal Dining! Cathedral Liv Rm w/Frplc & Skylight! 1st Fir Bdrm! Cathedral Master! 3Bdrms! 2 Baths! Family Rm! 3 Season Sun Rm! CAir & Vac! Newer Furnace, Water Heater & Windows! Garage! Town Services! \$259,900.00



SUTTON – 58 Stone School Rd! Easy Access Rte 146! 7 Rm Colonial! 1.12 Acrest Farmers Porch! Applianced Kit Wplin Area, Tile FIr, Slider to Deck! Din Rm wHrdwds, Custom Wood Ceiling wCrowns! Frpicd Liv Rm wHrdwds! Office wHrdwds! 3 Bdmrsl 13/25' Master! 2 Baths! \$294,900.00



WEBSTER - 24 Upland Ave! 6 Rm Cape w/Full Dormer! Convenient Location! Applianced Eat-in Kit w/Updated Cabinets & Ceiling Fan! Formal Din & Liv Rms w/Carpet Over Hrdwds! 1st Master w/ Hrdwds! 3 Bdrms! 1.5 Baths! Oil Heat! Town Services! Gas Avail! Vinyl Siding! Garage! \$169,900.00



WEBSTER LAKE - 71 Birch Island! 7 Rm Colonial w/Lake Views from Every Rm! Hrdwds in Din/Liv & Master Bdrm! 3 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! Walkout Lower Level Fam Rm! 239' Waterfront! New Metal Roof! 2 Car Attached Garage & 3 Car Detached w/2nd Flr! Needs to be Seen to Appreciate Everything it Could Be! **\$674,900.00** 



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Ranch! 1.52 Acres! Applianced Oak Cabinet Kit w/Breakfast Counter! Din Area w/Slider to Deck! Frplc Liv Rm w/Bay Window & Pellet Stove! 3 Bdrms! Master w/Bath & Walk-in Closet! 2nd Bath w/Skylight! Shed! Vinyl Siding & Windows! \$229,900.00



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WEBSTER LAKE – 701 Treasure Islandt Townhouse End Unit! 6Rms, 2 Bdrms, Master Bath, 2.5 Baths Total! New LG Stainless Appliances! Din Rm w/Sliders to Deck! Frplcd Fam Rm w/ Sliders to Patol New C/Air! Garage w/ Storage! 2 BOAT SLIPS! Heated Pool! Sandy Beach!



WEBSTER LAKE - 103 Treasure Island! Liv Rm! Screened Porch! 1st Flr Master w/ w/2nd Master Bdrm & Bath! C/Air! Attached Garage! 2 Boat Slips! Heated Pool! Sandy Beach! **\$279,900.00** 









**WEBSTER LAKE** – 113 Birch Island Rd! Overlooking Middle Pond! Eastern Expo - Reautiful Suprises! 5 Rm Year Rm w/Frplc! Listed by Another, **SOLD**Already in the Water! Lots on Webster Lake by Century21 Lake Realty! \$285,000.00





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HOLLAND - Hamilton Reservoir Waterfront! 430 Mashapaug Rd! 8 Rm 2,864' Custom Cape! 200' Waterfront, 3.2 Acres, Estate Like ROLLAND - Hamilton Reservoir WaterTront: 450 Masinapaig Rdi 8 kml 2,694 Custom Cape: 200 WaterTront, 3.2 Acres, Estate Lise Grounds Stuated in a Cove Shetrerd from Storms, filed out to Main Lakel Grand Entry Foyer! Open Floor Plan I Come Cherry Kit wQuartz Isl, SS Appliances, Wall Ovens, Pantry Closet & Recessed Lighting! Din Area & Cathedral Ceiling Liv Rm wWood Stove Frplc & Pella Sliders to 12x38 Deck wElectric Awning & 12X18 Screened Porch! 1st Flr Water Facing Master wWalk-in Closet & Bath wGranite Diek Wanity & Custom Glass Shower wWaterhaven Tower! 1st Flr Office wFrench Pocket Doors & Custom Desk Wall Side Entry Mud Rm wCustom Desk, Cabinets & Counter w/Sink, Guest Closet, Laundy Closet & Hall Bath w/Pedestal Sink! Upstairs 3 Water Facing Bdrms, 2 wCathedrals! 2nd Full Tile Bath w/Custom Vanity & Linen Closet! Add Storage! Full Walkout Basement - Need More Rms! Zoned Hydro Air! 3
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# **THOMPSON CT-351 QUADDICK RD**

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mil Propane fireplace heater! Downstairs master bedroom, turi bear mil Propane fireplace heater! Downstairs master bedroom, turi bear first fir half bath w/ washer dryer. 2 Car garage!

New Price \$299,900.

#### PLAINFIELD, CT - 94 NORWICH RD

#### SORRY, SOLD!

Young Modern Commercial Building - Theater, Performing Arts/Club District, Formerly a Club. Approximately 5000 sq ft on 1st floor! potential to double the square footage with a 2nd floor. Paved parking. On Route 12, quick easy access to I395! Great Potential! \$1,000,000.



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#### Webster - Lot 119B Thompson Rd

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patics, full concrete vallway at waters edge, clock, retaining walls & stonework,
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#### WEBSTER LAKE - 113 BIRCH ISLAND RD



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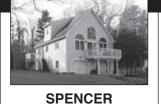
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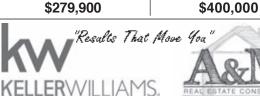
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- 3rd level ideal for office
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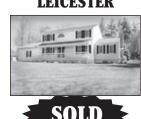
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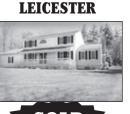
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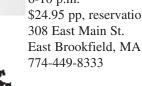


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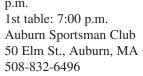
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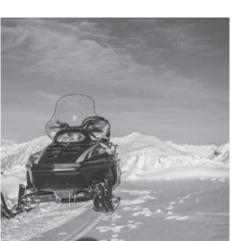
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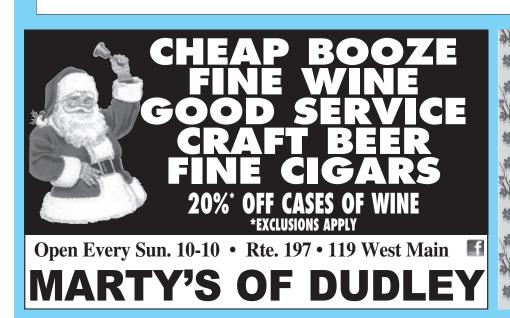




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# **LEGALS**

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given by Bonnette's Automotive, Inc., 456 Main St., Oxford, MA 01540 pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.255, Section 39A, that on Dec 30,2016 @5:00PM at:

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

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

Vehicle: VIN# 2FAFP71W64X148684. 2004 Ford Crown Victoria, Reg: 852TH7/ MA Owner: Jeffrey Pelland, 9 Hartley St Apt 2R, Webster, MA, 01570 Vehicle: VIN# JM1CR293370134412 ,2007 Mazda 5, Reg: 3LR767/MA Owner: Kristine Stanley, 22 Morris St, Webster, MA 01570

Vehicle: VIN# 2T1BU4EE7BC676477, 2011 Toyota Corolla, Reg: None Owner: Gideon Jomo, 40 Hancock St,

Pawtucket, RI 02860 Vehicle: VIN# JN8AS58V18W143855. 2008 Nissan Rogue, Reg: 5WVX80/ MA Owner: Ellen Levine, 13 Pearl St 4

Basement, Webster, MA 01570 This notice has been given under the provisions of G.L. c255, Section 39A

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#### **NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE** By virtue and in execution of the Power

of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Kelly W. Guay and Gilbert J. Guay to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Provident Funding Group, Inc., dated July 26, 2007 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 41589, Page 128, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., As Nominee For Provident Funding Group, Inc. to Wells Fargo Bank, NA dated December 10, 2012 and recorded with said registry on December 12, 2012 at Book 50109 Page 242 and by assignment from Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for the RMAC Trust, Series 2016-CTT dated May 5, 2016 and recorded with said registry on June 10, 2016 at Book 55455 Page 247, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 a.m. on January 5, 2017, on the mortgaged premises located at 8 Hillside Avenue, Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, <u>TO WIT</u>:

A certain tract or parcel of land situated in said Webster on the westerly side of Hillside Avenue, and being a portion of Lots #17 and # 18 on 'Plan of Lots at Hillside owned by Clarence A. Paradis, Webster, Massachusetts', as revised September 19, 1950, drawn by J.R. Kleindienst, Eng, and recorded with Worcester Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 178, Plan 32. Meaning and intending to convey the premises conveyed by Deed dated June 15, 2004 and recorded with the Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Book 33876, Page 125.

Being more accurately described in said deed in Book 33876, Page

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 33876, Page 125.

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

**TERMS OF SALE:** 

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00 ) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

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

ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVID-UAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE RMAC TRUST, SERIES 2016-CTT

Present holder of said mortgage By its Attorneys, HARMON LAW OFFICES,

> 150 California Street Newton, MA 02458 (617) 558-0500 201410-0601 - PRP

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COMMONWEALTH OF **MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT** 

#### 16SM010510 **ORDER OF NOTICE**

To: Elizabeth M. D'Andrea, Individually, and as Executor of the Estate of Dorothy P. Menzone

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. 50 §3901 et seq.: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in WEBSTER, numbered 33 HIGHLAND STREET, given by Dorothy P. Menzone to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Intercontinental Capital Group, Inc., dated January 25, 2012, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 48487, Page 334, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants'

Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before January 16, 2017 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of said Court on November

30, 2016. Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder 201608-0324

December 16, 2016

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

Premises:

10 Sullivan Boulevard, Oxford, MA By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Sheryl A. Bonney and Matthew J. Bonney to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for H&R Block Mortgage Corporation, and now held by Nationstar Mortgage LLC, said mortgage dated June 30, 2004, and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 34045, Page 8, said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for H&R Block Mortgage Corporation to Bank of America, N.A., by assignment dated June 28, 2012 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 49271 at Page 345; said mortgage was assigned from Bank of America, N.A., to Nationstar Mortgage, LLC by assignment dated May 21, 2014, and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 52556 at Page 210; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on January 4, 2017 at 1:00 PM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land in Oxford on the westerly side of Sullivan Boulevard, so called, and shown as Lot 11 on a Plan of Land in Oxford, Massachusetts owned by John D. Sullivan and Margaret A. Sullivan, dated April 3, 1989 and recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 621, Plan 113, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point at the northeast corner of tract herein described on the westerly sideline of

Sullivan Boulevard, at the southeast corner of Lot # 10;

THENCE: south 02 degrees 41' 48" west along the westerly sideline of said Sullivan Boulevard a distance of twelve and twenty-eight hundredths (12.28) feet to a point;

THENCE: running southerly along the westerly sideline of said Sullivan Boulevard on a curve to the right having a radius of 375.00 feet and a length of 143.99 feet to a point;

THENCE: north 76 degrees 49' 25" west along Lot #12 a distance of U.S. BANK NATIONAL two hundred fifty-one and ninety hundredths (251.90) feet to a point; THENCE: north 02 degrees 41' 48" east along land now or lately of one Germain, a distance of one hundred fifty-seven and no hundredths

THENCE: south 76 degrees 59' 11" east along said Lot 10 a distance of two hundred and seventy nine and fifty-two hundredths (279.52) feet to a point;

(157 .00) feet to a point;

The above described tract contains an area of 41.958 square feet.

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated May 26, 2004, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 34045, Page 6.

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

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Shechtman Halperin Savage, LLP 1080 Main Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860 Attorney for Nationstar Mortgage LLC Present Holder of the Mortgage (401) 272-1400

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

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Florence Blissell and John Blissell to National City Mortgage a division of National City Bank of Indiana, dated July 22, 2005 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 36863, Page 318, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 9:00 a.m. on January 9, 2017, on the mortgaged premises located at 2 CAMPBELL ST, WEBSTER, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

The land in Webster, Massachusetts, on South Shore Road and Campbell Street, shown as Lot 1 on a plan entitled "Plan of Land for Arthur & Hope LaPlante, Campbell Street, Webster, Massachusetts, prepared by Rekola Engineers & Surveyors, Inc.' dated August 24, 2004 and recorded with the Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 816, Plan 66.

Subject to and with the benefit of rights, restrictions, easements and reservations of record, so far as now in force and applicable.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 36863, Page 316.

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

**TERMS OF SALE:** A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00 ) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

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

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY BANK, SUCCESOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE, A DIVISON OF NATIONAL CITY BANK OF INDIANA December 30, 2016

Present holder of said mortgage By its Attorneys, HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.

> 150 California Street Newton, MA 02458 (617) 558-0500 201409-0212 - TEA

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

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Timothy B. King and Colleen M. King to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Drew Mortgage Associates, Inc., dated January 30, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 38298, Page 258, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Drew Mortgage Associates, Incorporated Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. dated December 19, 2012 and recorded with said Registry on December 24, 2012 at Book 50178, Page 246, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 p.m. on January 11, 2017. on the mortgaged premises located at 30 Highcrest Park, Unit 1, Building 7, Highcrest Condominium, Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT:

The land in Webster, Massachusetts, Unit No. 1 of Building 7 High Street Extension, Webster, Massachusetts of the Highcrest Condominium created by Master Deed dated July 24, 1986 and recorded on July 25, 1986 with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 9638, Page 381 as amended.

The Post Office Address of the Condominium is 30 Highcrest Park, Webster, MA 01570.

The Unit conveyed is laid out as shown on a plan filed with Unit Deed recorded in Book 11357, Page 226 to which plan is a copy of a portion of the plans flied with said Master Deed and to which is affixed a verified statement in the form provided in MGL Ch. 83A, Section 9. It is subject to and with the benefit of the obligations, restrictions, rights and liabilities contained in General Laws Chapter 183A, the Master Deed and the By-Laws filed therewith.

The Condominium and each of the units is intended for residential purposes and other uses permitted by the applicable Zoning Ordinances and set forth in the Master Deed.

Together with its undivided 2.6316 percentage interest of the unit conveyed hereunder in the common areas and facilities.

Being the same premises conveyed to the Mortgagors by Deed dated January 30, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 38298, Page 256.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 38298. Page 256.

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

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

> WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Present holder of said mortgage By its Attorneys, HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.

150 California Street Newton, MA 02458 (617) 558-0500 201509-0294 - YEL

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# Trips Offered

The "Trips Offered" section is for non-profit organizations and will run as space allows. Anyone who wishes to take advantage of this space must submit a copy of a not-for-profit certificate to Editor Adam Minor. Mail your certificate and information to Trips Offered, c/o Adam Minor, P.O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550; fax to 508-764-8015 or e-mail to aminor@stonebridgepress.news.

#### SOUTHBRIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

2017 Trip Schedule Open to Public — Payment due at sign up:

• Thursday, March 23: Foxwoods, \$25, 8 a.m. bus.

• April 30-May 2: Atlantic City Resorts Casino, \$239 double, you get \$25 slot play and \$60 food credit, and two casino review shows.

• Wednesday, May 24: A tribute to the Bee Gees. \$92 gets you a deluxe motor coach ride to Lake Pearl in Wrentham to the show and a choice of chicken or fish.

• Sunday, June 18: Boston Tall Ships Spectacular. \$82 per person. Visit Quincy Market and The North End and take a narrated Harbor Cruise.

• Thursday, July 20: Voices of Legends show. \$88 gets you transportation to the Venezia Restaurant in Boston, and choice of chicken or fish. The show is a tribute to singers like Frank Sinatra, Perry Como, Dean Martin, Neil Diamond and more.

• Sunday, Aug. 13: Newport Playhouse Show & Lobster feast, \$102 gets you transportation, a lobster feast and a terrific show and cabaret, "Baggage."

• Sunday, Sept. 17: Vine to Wine, \$821 gets you a visit to Chandler's, Yankee Candle, and do wine tasting at two of Vermont's Vineyards.

• Oct. 10-17: All-inclusive Aruba. It is almost full. I am also taking names for 2018 trip.

• Thursday, Nov. 9: Foxwoods, \$25, 8 a.m. bus.

Trips are open to the public! Make checks payable to the Southbridge Senior Citizens Association.

Contact Jim Julian at the Casaubon senior center Monday, Wednesday, or Friday mornings from 9-10 a.m. or call 774-922-4049 or e-mail me jimtrips@ MARY QUEEN OF THE ROSARY PARISH

Mary Queen of the Rosary Parish, 60 Maple St., Spencer, is offering the following trips. For more information, call Bernard Dube at (508) 885-3098.

• Australia & New Zealand: Jan. 28 to Feb. 18, 2017

• America, Our Land: from Albuquerque to Tucson: May 22 to June 4, 2017

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#### UXBRIDGE SENIOR CENTER/ SUNSHINE CLUB

The Uxbridge Senior Center, in conjunction with the Sunshine Club will be offering the following bus trips for 2017:

• March 16, 2017: Lion King — sorry, full (waiting list), leaves from both Westboro (9:15 a.m.) and Whitinsville, 10 a.m., \$99.

• March 30, 2017: There will be a trip to the Newport Playhouse to see "The Foursome" on Thursday, March 30, 2017. The trip includes the bus (including driver gratuity), an all you can eat buffet, the play, a cabaret after the play, and a driving tour of Newport for \$76. From April 27 to May 1, 2017 there will be a five-day trip to Virginia Beach staying at an oceanfront hotel. The highlights will be the azalea festival and tickets to the International Tattoo. Please call Sue for more information at 508-476-5820.

• April 1-9, 2017: Branson – full (waiting list), both Westboro and Whitinsville, \$759.

• April 27-May 1, 2017: Virginia; International Tattoo and oceanfront Virginia Beach, leaves from Whitinsville only, \$799.

• May 17-20, 2017: 1,000 Islands w/Tulip Fest, leaves from Westborough only, \$769.

• June 5, 2017 — Day trip to Gloucester Lobster Bake and Cruise, both Westboro and Whitinsville, \$76.

• June 25 and 26, 2017: Hudson River/ West Point, from Whitinsville only, \$319.

• Aug. 21- 24, 2017: St. Andrews By-the-Sea and Campobello Island; staying at the Algonquin Hotel and Resort, leaves from Westborough only, \$819. • Sept. 24-26, 2017: Lake Placid & Adirondacks, from Whitinsville only,

• Oct. 11, 2017: Day Trip to the Turkey Train, both Westboro and Whitinsville, \$72.

• Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 2017: Saratoga Victorian Christmas, from Whitinsville only, \$319.

• Dec. 8-9, 2017: Christmas in Vermont, leaves from Westborough only, \$299.

New York City is an especially fun place at Christmas Time. The huge tree in Rockefeller Center will be lit, there will be skating on the rink, the stores are all decked out, and the hustle and bustle makes you get into the spirit of the season. It includes two nights' hotel, two breakfasts, two dinners and sightseeing with a local guide for two days, and entrance to the 9/11 Museum. A local guide will take you all around the city visiting places like Central Park, Times Square, Wall Street, and of course Rockefeller Center. All trips originate from the Whitinsville WalMart. Everyone is welcome to join the group on any of these trips. Call Sue L'Heureux at 508-476-5820 for more information on any of these trips.

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#### DUDLEY SENIOR CENTER

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Departure: Town Hall, 71 W. Main St, Dudley, 8 a.m.

Day 1: Depart in a spacious, video and restroom equipped motor coach and set off for beautiful Savannah, Ga. This evening you will stay at an en route hotel.

Day 2: Enjoy a continental breakfast. Today you will continue your journey, then enjoy a leisurely dinner and check in to Savannah area hotel for a four-night stav.

Day 3: After a continental breakfast you will start your journey with a guided tour of genteel, beautiful, and historic Savannah, the "Belle of Georgia." You'll see architectural marvels, beautiful oak-lined streets, and lovely "Town Squares." Enjoy free time on historic River Street, featuring unique 18th century "ballast stone" streets and 19th century cotton warehouses that are now fine eateries, unusual shops and antique galleries. Later, enjoy a tour of one of Savannah's historic and famous homes. Tonight, you'll enjoy dinner and entertainment before returning to your hotel for the evening.

Day 4: Enjoy a continental breakfast before departing for fascinating and history rich Jekyll Island. See how the nation's wealthiest citizens like JP Morgan and William Rockefeller lived and played — including a stop at what was once the "Millionaires Club." Later you'll take a guided tour of St. Simons Island where you can take a stroll among moss-draped oaks or shop at the interesting boutiques and specialty shops in the historic area. After dinner you'll return to your hotel to rest for the next fun filled day.

Day 5: Today, after continental breakfast, enjoy a guided tour of magnificent Beaufort, S.C. "Queen of the Carolina Sea Islands." Beaufort's history dates as far back as the 1500's. Its striking mansions and scenery served as a backdrop for many major motion pictures including, "The Big Chill" and "Forrest Gump". You'll also tour the Parris Island Marine base, where 22,000 men and women complete their training each year. Highlights of your tour include the Iwo Jima Monument, Parade Field, and the Parris Island Museums. Tonight, enjoy a nice dinner before returning to your hotel for the evening.

Day 6: Enjoy a continental breakfast at your hotel before leaving for the Airborne and Special Operations Museum in Fayetteville NC. This evening relax at your en route hotel.

Day 7: Today, after enjoying a continental breakfast, you will depart for home. A perfect time to chat with your friends about all the fun things you've done, the great sights you've seen, and where your next group trip will take you! For more information contact Evelyn

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# **LEGALS**

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LAND COURT
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16SM010657 ORDER OF NOTICE

To: David E. Zdrok

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. 50 §3901 et seq.: Central Mortgage Company

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Webster, numbered 26 Tower Street, given by David E. Zdrok to Mortgage Electronic Registration System, Inc., dated May 12, 2008, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 42841, Page 266, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before January 23, 2017 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of said Court on December 6, 2016.

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder 201610-0053-PRP December 16, 2016

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Worcester Probate and Family
Court
225 Main Street
Worcester MA 01608

Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO15P1271EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
ORDER OF COMPLETE
SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE
Estate of: Rita A Kubik
Date of Death: 02/05/2015

To all interested persons:
A Petition has been filed by:
Paul Gasparik of Webster MA and
Dorothy Szymczak of Webster MA
requesting that an Order of Complete
Settlement of the estate issue including to approve an accounting and other
such relief as may be requested in the

Petition.

You have the right to obtain a copy

of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on 01/03/2017.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court. Date: December 05, 2016

Stephanie K. Fattman,

Register of Probate

December 16, 2016

#### TOWN OF DUDLEY

Warrant Articles #16 and 21 of the Annual Town Meeting held on May 23, 2016 has received approval from the Attorney General's Office on November 9, 2016 and November 29, 2016 respectively. The entire text of these by-laws is posted in the following five places in accordance with G.L.c 40 § 32: Dudley Municipal Complex, Pearle Crawford Memorial Library, Mason Road School, Dudley District Court House and Shepherd Hill High School. Attest: Ora E. Finn, CMMC,

Dudley Town Clerk December 9, 2016 December 16, 2016

# TOWN OF DUDLEY BOARD OF ASSESSORS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL TRIENNIAL REASSESSMENT OF REAL PROPERTY

The Town of Dudley is accepting sealed bid proposals for providing professional services for the Fiscal 2018 Triennial Reassessment of Real property pursuant to the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Contractors interested in providing the services described herein are invited to deliver one copy of each separate price and non-price proposals to the Town Administrator, at his office, 71 West Main Street, Room 302, Dudley, Massachusetts 01571, by 1:00 p.m., on Friday, December 30, 2016. At 1:00 p.m., or thereafter, all bids received will be opened and read publicly at the Board of Selectmen's office - Room 302. The Board of Assessors will review and award the Contract at a later date.

Specifications and Proposal Sheets for the above Triennial Reassessment of Real Property are available in the Board of Assessors Office, 71 West Main Street, Room 209, Dudley, MA 01571 or at the Office of the Town Administrator, Room 302, 71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA 01571

All Bids <u>must</u> be in sealed envelopes and plainly marked on the OUTSIDE of the envelope stating "Proposal for Triennial Reassessment of Real Property". The Proposal Sheet provided must be used in submitting all Bids. Please refer all questions to the Principal Assessor at (508) 949-8006. The Town of Dudley reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Bids, to waive any informality and to accept any Bid deemed in the best interest of the Town of Dudley. Bids will be awarded after review.

Town of Dudley Greg Balukonis, Town Administrator December 16, 2016

(SEAL)

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OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL
COURT

16 SM 009244 ORDER OF NOTICE

To: **Beth C. O'Neill** 

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. App. §501 *et seq.*:

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Webster, numbered 31 Nancy Drive, given by Beth C. O'Neill and Michael J. O'Neill to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as a nominee for Florida Capitol Bank, NA dba Florida Capital Bank Mortgage, dated February 20, 2009, and recorded in Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Book 43851, Page 258, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before January 9, 2017 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of said Court on December 5, 2016

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder December 16, 2016 Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family
Court

225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO16P3760EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:

Estate of:
Greta G Brennan

Date of Death: 10/16/2016

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will

with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Katherine G Brennan of Sterling MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:

Katherine G Brennan of Sterling MA
be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without
Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/10/2017. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS

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

WITNESS Hop Leilah A Keamy First

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 05, 2016

Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate

December 16, 2016



#### **Necktie Word Find**

Just in time for a cheese-filled meal, find the hidden words in the puzzle.

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BODY WEIGHT. STILL, MANY KIDS CARRY AROUND ROUGHLY 15 TO 20 PERCENT.

#### **Get Scrambled**

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase NO HET BOJ

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\* 1939: "GONE WITH THE WIND" PREMIERES IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

\* 1967: THE SILVER BRIDGE CONNECTING WEST VIRGINIA AND OHIO COLLAPSES DURING RUSH HOUR.



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CAN YOU GUESS WHAT THE **BIGGER PICTURE IS?** 

ANSWER: NECKTIE

How they SAY that in...

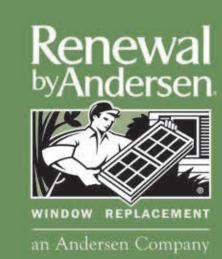
**ENGLISH:** Winter

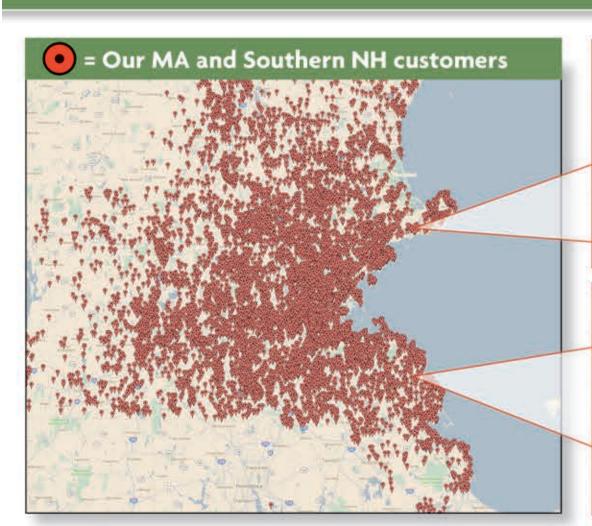
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