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# Walktober comes to Dudley Rail Trail



Mark Mandeville and Rianne Richards

DUDLEY — Webster natives and co-founders of the Massachusetts Walking Tour Mark Mandeville and Rianne Richards have partnered with The Last Green Valley and Local 4 Life for a very special “Walking Tour” event on the Quinebaug River Rail Trail in Dudley.

This event is part of the very popular Walktober - a regional fall collection of walks, paddles, lectures and other events to connect people with the abundant and diverse natural, historical and

cultural resources within eastern Connecticut and south-central Massachusetts. The event will run from 1-4 p.m. with the approximate schedule of gathering and welcome 1 – 1:15 p.m.; walk 1:15 – 2:15 pm; activities and concert 2:15 – 4 p.m. The nature walk will be 2-miles round-trip to “Ken’s Bridge” on easy, mostly flat terrain suitable for strollers. Local 4 Life will then lead a hands-on take-home kids activity to craft mason bee hotels (while supplies last). Light refreshments

will be offered after the walk with an opportunity to visit with local partners like The Last Green Valley and others. Acoustic music will be performed by acclaimed local artists Mark Mandeville and Rianne Richards, accompanied by members of the Walking Tour band; attendees are welcome to bring a chair or blanket for the concert (can be left in the car or at the gathering space during the walk). Meet at the end of Blue Herron Rd. in Dudley (off New Boston

Rd) for all activities; trail kiosk is located near the end of the cul-de-sac.

Street parking is available on Blue Herron Road and in the surrounding neighborhood. Alternative parking for those who don’t mind a longer walk can be found in the small lot off Schofield Ave in Dudley and along the driveway of the Webster Water Treatment Plant in Webster. See [www.markandraianne.com](http://www.markandraianne.com) for more information.

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# “My job as a leader is to find your strength”

## OXFORD SELECTS MIKE DANIELS AS POLICE CHIEF

**BY GUS STEEVES**  
CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD — After a process that had to be restarted when Town Meeting rejected leaving civil service, the selectmen unanimously chose Westboro Lt. Michael Daniels to be the next local police chief on Aug. 3.

Pending contract negotiations, he will replace Tony Saad who retired at the end of June. Since then, the chief’s job is being temporarily done by Lt. Jeremy Grneit. The board interviewed two other finalists that night: John Fraher and Benjamin Murphy.

“There may be some angst about an external chief coming in, but I’m going to take care of [the department] and take care of the community,”

Daniels said.

Regarding the same issue, Daniels had earlier stated, “I will ensure that ... if I retire from here or you guys don’t want me, your next police chief will be an internal candidate.”

To do that, he said he has already drafted a career development plan for the command staff based on identifying what individuals’ talents are and encouraging those talents. He noted he’s worked with some Oxford officers in various regional capacities.

“My job as a leader is to find your strength and boost that strength and support you,” he said, noting he’s seen over his years that doing that “you’re going to get a lot out of them.”

Daniels has been in

Westboro about 22 years, and was also a dispatcher there in college. Between those two stints, he put himself through the academy, served as an officer at Bentley University then in Bolton. Of the former, he said it’s focus on community engagement “helped me mold my philosophy,” while the latter “taught me how to start and finish a project” since he was often the only officer on a call.

Back in Westboro, he rose through the ranks and held a wide range of responsibilities including “every single assignment nobody wanted.” The latter, he said, largely came from his statement to the then-chief that he wanted to become a chief; that man pledged to prepare him for a chief’s role within three years.

(Daniels was then just promoted to sergeant.)

Daniels said he hopes to do the same here. For starters, though, he said his 90-day goal is to “gain the trust of the people of Oxford” and the department itself through “open communication.” He intends to rapidly meet with all department heads, the schools (including Bay Path) and attend as many community events as possible. Such engagement is one of his top priorities; he said “The people of Oxford deserve to know what their police department is doing,” and that includes posting department policies online. He cited the master plan’s goal of “building community spirit,” noting “This is a very tight-knit community.”

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# Webster Five supports students in need in time for first day of school



Samaris Escobar, Relationship Banker and one of the backpack project leads, at the Webster branch, located on Thompson Road.

AUBURN — In support of local nonprofits 508 Forever Young Inc. and the CASA Project of Worcester, Webster Five branches are collecting backpacks and school supplies to donate to Worcester County students in need. Donations will be accepted until Friday, Aug. 4, leading up to 508 Forever Young’s Back to School Backpack Giveaway on Saturday, Aug. 5.

Collection bins customer and public donations are present in each of Webster Five’s branches.

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# Dudley to hold third budget override vote Aug. 17

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — Dudley voters will be called to the polls one more time to determine the fate of the Fiscal Year 2024 budget on Thursday, Aug. 17, where one final special election will present a menu-style list of funding priorities for citizens to consider.

This will be the third budget override vote in Dudley in 2023 after two prior votes in April and June both failed to earn voter support. Dudley has been left with a budget approved at a town meeting on May 22 that was not contingent upon the override vote. This budget implemented 10 percent cuts to every department in town. That is the budget Dudley has been working with in the new fiscal year. However, that budget was deemed out of balance when the Dudley Charlton Regional School Committee only made minor cuts to its assessment, sending back a spending plan that was \$901,683 higher than Dudley anticipated. Dudley attempted to rectify the difference during a special town meeting on July 24; however, voters chose not to support the school assessment and instead implemented minor changes to the budget that still leaves the overall spending plan out of balance and the school budget in limbo.

The town has set a special election for Aug. 17 that will include override votes for the school assessment and four other items. Each item is meant to establish the priorities of the town by providing separate override options for different departments. The menu-style override vote will seek funding for emergency services, the library, the highway department, municipal services, and the school assessment. Voters can choose to support all five questions or only vote in favor of the services they want to support. Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda confirmed that nothing has changed on the ballot despite the recent changes made at the July 24 town meeting and that the town budget remains out of balance.

If the school assessment is not approved on Aug. 17, the Dudley Charlton Regional School District has called for a Super Town Meeting which would be held on Aug. 23. This meeting would bring the voters of Dudley and Charlton together to decide on the assessment which Dudley town leaders are confident will pass at that meeting. This would legally bind Dudley to apply the assessment. Without the override votes, this would lead to cuts decimating emergency services and possibly closing or severely limiting the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library. However, if any of the five items are approved on Aug. 17, town officials have implied they will be added to the budget and held harmless even if the school budget passes at a Super Town Meeting.

Town Administrator Ruda said as a town official and a citizen he feels there’s a lot at stake.

“Passage of all five ballot questions, not just one or a few, has an impact on the entire Town budget. My primary concern, beyond the obvious concern for our community such as providing a reasonable level of police, paramedic, fire, and rescue coverage, is also the proper staffing of public safety, and the occupational safety of our first responders. I’m concerned about Question 2 for the highway: snow and ice removal and road maintenance, not just so that school buses can safely pass, and we can all get to work, but so that public safety staff can respond to the chimney fires that occur in the winter, and the car broken down in the middle of January, or the elderly neighbor with chest pains from shoveling snow. Funding the library does much more than keeping it open. Question 4 for the library frees-up funding for two Police Officers and two Career Firefighters and provides for health inspections. It all fits together; all five of the questions. Asking people to vote to pay more in taxes is a massive challenge to say the least. Opponents of tax increases have the clear upper hand. In some cases, all it takes is a statement from those who oppose it like, ‘The Town has the money’ or ‘we all know where the money’s going’ to trick voters into thinking that voting against funding a question will result in no change in the level of service that they will receive. I’m here to tell you as a lifelong resident, as a public servant, as I guy who cares about our community, please don’t make that mistake,” said Ruda.

Ruda confirmed there are as many as 32 possible scenarios that could arise from the different potential voting results on Aug. 17. One of those results could be that the school budget is the only item that fails. If that is the case and the budget is approved at the Super Town Meeting Ruda said the town will need to look inward to fit the funding within the established budget.

“It is likely that the Super Town Meeting will pass the full school assessment, including the additional \$901,683 and that amount will need to be taken from the municipal side,” said Ruda. “Based on all the different scenarios of some questions passing and some failing, it’s difficult to say definitively how the Town will make up the school assessment money, other than to say it will need to take it from the municipal side of the budget.”

The date of the Super Town Meeting was confirmed during a meeting of the Dudley Charlton Regional School Committee on Aug. 1 where district officials admitted there was still uncertainty and a lack of clarity.

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# Annual Masonic Cookout still going strong after 32 years



Courtesy  
Members of the Quinebaug Masonic Lodge/the Doric Chapter and their families, friends and special guests, The ladies of the Clara Barton Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Oxford. All enjoying the cool breeze at one of Westville Dam recreational area pavilions.

BY BRO. JIMMY FALZONE  
PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER  
QUINEBAUG MASONIC LODGE

SOUTHBRIDGE — On Saturday, Aug. 5, the upper parking lot of Westville Dam recreational area in Southbridge was filled with cars from Masonic family members from the Quinebaug Masonic Lodge and

the Doric Chapter of Southbridge. Both highly respected organizations have been organizing this great family event since 1991. Also, in attendance were guests from The Clara Barton Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Oxford. Clara Barton is the founder of the American Red Cross. She was born and raised in Oxford Massachusetts and helped to nurse hundreds of soldiers during the civil war: She was given the nickname the “Angel of the Battlefield.”

It was a beautiful summer day for this gathering of Masonic family and friends. All enjoyed the walking trails and the beauty of the area. Children were running around, and games were played by young and old. Most pleasant of all was the tasty food and the comradery had by all. If you are interested and would like more information about Freemasonry, go to [www.massfreemasonry.org](http://www.massfreemasonry.org) and find a lodge nearest you.

# Auburn youth featured in Hanover Theatre’s “Fiddler on the Roof JR.”

WORCESTER — The Pre-Teen Session of the Youth Summer Program (YSP) at The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts presents “Fiddler on the Roof JR.” on Friday, Aug. 12 at 2 and 6 p.m. The cast includes Auburn youth Owen Brooks (Mendel) and Jacqueline Murphy (Lazar Wolf’s Niece).

Featuring iconic and beloved songs such as “Sunrise, Sunset,” “If I Were a Rich Man” and “Matchmaker, Matchmaker,” this adaptation of “Fiddler on the Roof ” is the perfect mix of audience-pleasing humor and heart. The nine-time Tony®-Award-winning Broadway musical follows Tevye the milkman as he tries to protect his daughters and

his way of life from a changing world. “Fiddler on the Roof JR.” tackles the universal theme of tradition in ways that reach across barriers of race, class, nationality and religion. Tickets for “Fiddler on the Roof JR.” are \$18. Seating is general admission. For more information, visit [TheHanoverTheatre.org](http://TheHanoverTheatre.org) or contact the box office at 877-571-7469.

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mance opportunities, classes, and individual instruction in theatre, dance and technical theatre and design to more than 500 young people and adults from across central Massachusetts each year. Established in 2016, the conservatory cultivates individual attention, ignites creativity and inspires confidence through arts education led by outstanding teaching artists. The state-of-the-art facility includes classrooms, rehearsal and teaching studios, and tech and costume labs for advanced education in stage craft and design. Students receive access to master classes with national touring artists and gain professional experience from performance opportunities with THT Rep and on The Hanover Theatre’s world-class stage. THTC believes in access to arts education for all and provides financial aid for those in need. Many conservatory students have continued their pursuit of the arts at institutions such as Emerson College, Boston University,


NYU, Boston Conservatory at Berklee, Berklee College of Music, Hofstra, Hartt School at the University of Hartford, Marymount Manhattan College, Syracuse University and more. Worcester Center for Performing Arts, a registered not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, owns and operates The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts. All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

## Local students receive Bachelor’s degrees from UMass Amherst

AMHERST — Approximately 5,500 students received bachelor’s degrees in over 100 majors at the University of Massachusetts Amherst’s Undergraduate Commencement on May 26 at the McGuirk Alumni Stadium. Below is a list of students from your area who earned a degree.

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# Upgrades to Webster police, fire, and EMS radio systems forthcoming

WEBSTER — South Worcester County Communications Center Director Gregory Lynskey along with Webster Police Chief Michael Shaw and Webster Fire Chief Brian Hickey are pleased to announce that major upgrades to the Public Safety Radio Communications System in Webster are coming in the near future.

Following many years of planning, the Webster Public Safety Agencies will transition from antiquated analog radio channels to P25 digital radio channels effective August 14, 2023. These upgrades are a major step in improving operational safety for First Responders in the community and bring the Webster Public Safety

Departments in compliance with national Public Safety Radio Interoperability standards.

Director Lynskey stated, “This is a major milestone in what has been a seven-year project that would not have been possible without the support and assistance of the State 911 Department through grant funding opportunities as well as the support of the residents of the Town of Webster who approved local funding for this project at several town meetings. While this milestone does not mark project completion, it is a substantial portion of the project. Additional improvements to the system will continue over the next year with full project completion anticipated by Summer, 2024.

We are extremely pleased to have such a great working relationship with both the communities we serve and the State 911 Department, as is evidenced by their continued funding support to improving Public Safety in Webster and Dudley.”

Director Lynskey added that funding for this project consisted of \$139,467 in State 911 Support & Incentive Grant funding and \$582,171 in State 911 Regional Development Grant funding. Grant funds were obtained over a total of eight years through seven different awards. Additionally, a total of \$378,000 was approved between the May, 2022 and May, 2023 Webster Annual Town Meetings. The total project costs were \$1,100,000.

Chief Shaw stated, “I am thankful to SWCCC Director Lynskey for all of his hard work in achieving this milestone. The anticipated improvements in our communications is something the officers have been looking forward to for a very long time. I have no doubt this will have a positive impact on our department in terms of officer safety.”

Chief Hickey stated, “Radio communications on the fire ground are no longer just another tool in the toolbox, they are critical to life safety, and every move we make towards a reliable and dependable system is essential to the well-being of our firefighters.”

At the same time

that Webster Police and Webster Fire radio channels will transition to digital, the Webster EMS channel will also transition their radio channel to digital communications.

While there are no plans to encrypt any of the public safety radio channels and while the operating frequencies will not change, we must note that many older home scanners will not be capable of receiving the new digital channels. Residents who wish to monitor the public safety departments via a home scanner will need to ensure their current scanner, or any newly purchased scanner, is capable of receiving P25 digital transmissions.

The South Worcester

County Communications Center has also obtained funding to upgrade the Public Safety Radio Communications Systems in the Town of Dudley, however due to delays in necessary equipment, a transition date for Dudley has not yet been determined.

Webster Public Safety P25 Digital Radio Frequency Information:

Webster Police Ch. 1: 156.210 MHz – \_Network Access Code: 094

Webster Police Ch. 2: 155.7375 MHz – \_Network Access Code: 371

Webster Fire: 153.860 MHz – \_Network Access Code: 100

Webster EMS: 155.400 MHz – \_Network Access Code: 100

# Nichols College appoints Suzanne B. Hofmann as VP of Marketing and Communications

DUDLEY — Nichols College President Glenn M. Sulmasy, JD, LL.M., has announced the appointment of Suzanne B. Hofmann as Vice President for Marketing and Communications, effective July 3. Hofmann, who brings more than 25 years of higher education marketing and communications experience, will add a strong depth of knowledge and expertise to President Sulmasy’s senior leadership team and play an instrumental role in supporting the strategic priorities outlined in the College’s new Embracing Greatness strategic plan.

Most recently, Hofmann served as Senior Director for Executive Communications at College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass., as well as Senior Writer and Strategic

Communications Advisor for the Office of the President at the University of Richmond in Richmond, Va., where she also served as Special Assistant to the Vice President for Planning and Policy. In these roles, she was the primary speechwriter, secured national and international media placements, assisted in strategic planning and executed special projects. Previously, she served as Assistant Vice President of Advancement Communications and Marketing at Merrimack College in Andover, where she oversaw the annual giving, donor and alumni relations teams and managed class reunions. She has led communications teams at the University of Buffalo, Lehigh University and The Governor’s Academy, and

brings years of marketing and communications consulting experience for nonprofits and family offices.

At Nichols, Hofmann will oversee Nichols’ marketing, communications and branding efforts and shape strategies that will amplify the College’s standing regionally and nationally, and she will identify new marketing opportunities and develop and implement marketing initiatives to build and strengthen the College’s brand. She will also be engaged with sharing the story of the Embracing Greatness strategic plan and its commitment to creating career-ready leaders through a transformative, real-world education.

The Embracing Greatness strategic plan will position the College

for growth and transformation. It includes review and renewal of academic and athletic programming, infrastructure updates and forthcoming development campaigns. Today, with the College’s strategic expansion of programs in new technologies and experiential learning, Nichols is already gaining increased recognition. The College recently reported a recording-breaking Class of 2027, which will be one of the largest classes in 15 years, featuring significantly higher GPA, increased numbers of resident students, and more. Hofmann will play a key role in building on the College’s momentum and accelerating the expansion of the College’s prominence.

Hofmann holds a Master of Nonprofit Studies degree from the

University of Richmond and a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of Maine. She and her husband, Glenn, reside in Northborough.

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Missing classmates include Cathy Anderson, Deborah Barrette, David Brick, Linda Charest, Shelly Connor, Michael Connor, Cynthia Delorme, Robin Dunn, Charlene Ecklund, Kristine Enquist, Susan Fornari, Stephen Freeborn, Pamela Gasper, Darlene Gilbert, Deborah Gonyea, Michael Hanratty, Patricia Hartnett, David Haskell, Norma Huckins, Leanne Ivashek, Warren Jansson, Alan Johnson, Kathryn Johnson, Michael Kelly, Arthur Kimball, Ronald Kimball, Suzanne LaPlante, Lois Lee, Vera Mainheit, Steven Malone, Claire Martell, Kenneth Menard, Mary Menard, Warren Miller, Jeffrey Mills, James Mioduszewski, Bruce Molina, Patricia Morrissey, John Muzzy, Kenneth Nichols, Michael O’Leary, Deborah Olsen, Loda Perron, Richard Pineault, Katherine Plume, Jeffrey Poirier, Karen Pollett, Wayne Richards, Joanna Robidou, Kathleen Rockwood, Wendy Rudman, John Ryan, Russell Ryan, Paul Sarsfield, Steven Scott, Michael Shannon, Nancy Sheridan, Maureen Smith, Brian Spafford, Peter Starr, and Susan Walton

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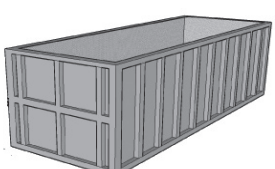
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translates to the “uniting of movement  
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Monday August 28th —6:00 PM  
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one, or play one you know and help  
others learn!

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your favorite songs. The trombone, Sax,  
Seusophone, Banjo, piano, dancing and  
shenanigans will leave you smiling all  
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ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION  
GROUP—August 21st at 6:30 PM  
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TASTING CLASS FOR ADULTS :  
SALSA--- August 22nd at 6:00 PM  
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you chopping up tomatoes, onions, and  
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grown in the library's garden, and sup-  
plementing from local farms. Chips will  
be provided. Bring your own container  
if you would like to take it home.

TASTING CLASS FOR ADULTS:  
PESTO--- August 31st at 6:00 PM  
This short tasting class will  
have you us working with the Charlie  
Cart's Vitamix to make different kinds  
of Pesto. We will  
be using what  
we've grown in the  
library's garden,  
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and dairy will be  
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Children's and Young Adult  
Programming  
SUMMER EATS—August 10th, 15th,  
16th, 17th at 12:00 PM  
A totally free-of-charge pro-  
gram that provides free meals to all kids  
and teens, ages 18 and under, at loca-  
tions all across Massachusetts during  
the summer months. Part of Project  
Bread, the Massachusetts' Department  
of Education, and local school and com-  
munity meal providers.

OUTDOOR MESSY PLAY--- August  
10th, 17th 24th, 31st at 3:30 PM  
Messy Outdoor Play is back! We sup-  
ply the messy materials for your chil-  
dren to play with, along with a hose for  
washing off outside afterwards! This  
program is extremely messy, please  
dress in something you don't mind get-  
ting dirty or stained.

MAKER MONDAYS – Mondays from  
3:30-4:30 PM  
Feeling artistic? We will have a vari-  
ety of craft materials available to put  
your creativity to the test! Every month  
we will rotate our craft material, stop in  
to see what we're making this month!

MINISTEM-CHALLENGE –Tuesdays  
from 3:30-4:30 PM  
Join us every Tuesday for a  
self-guided STEM-based building chal-  
lenge, appropriate for all ages. Younger  
kids should bring a parent. Instruction  
sheets will be provided. Contact Andrew

at 508-949-3880, or atai@cw mars.org for  
more details.  
WIGGLES AND GIGGLES-- August  
16th at 10:00 AM  
Come sing, dance, and make music  
with Lainey Hanlon! Geared for chil-  
dren ages 2-5 and their caregivers, but  
all ages welcome! Funded by the Friends  
of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

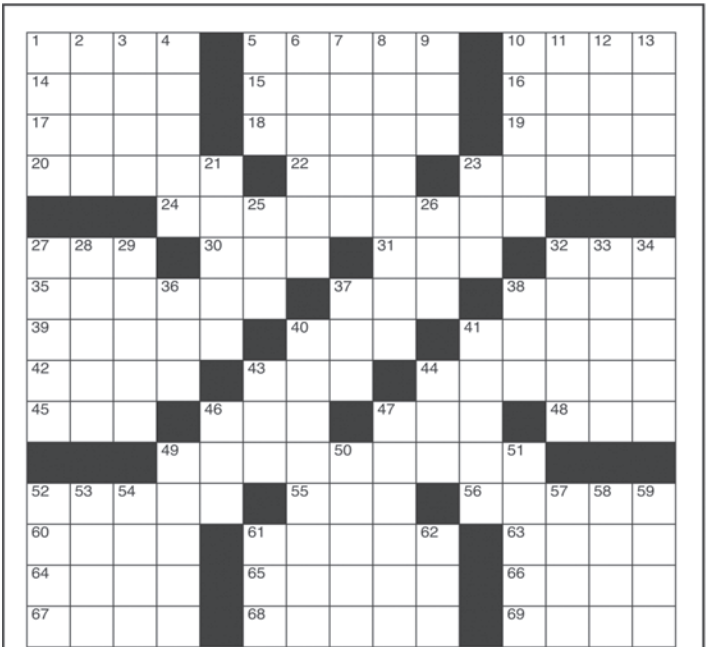
LITTLE WIGGLES AND GIGGLES ---  
August 10th and 17th at 10:00 AM  
Ages 6-23 months. Come sing, dance,  
and make music with Lainey Hanlon!  
Funded by the Friends of the Gladys E.  
Kelly Public Library.

TASTING CLASS FOR KIDS: SALSA-  
--- August 22nd at 3:30 PM  
This short tasting class will have  
you chopping up tomatoes, onions, and  
more! We will be using what we've  
grown in the library's garden, and sup-  
plementing from local farms. Chips will  
be provided. Bring your own container  
if you would like to take it home.

TASTING CLASS FOR KIDS: PESTO-  
--- August 31st at 3:30 PM  
This short tasting class will  
have you us working with the Charlie  
Cart's Vitamix to make different kinds  
of Pesto. We will be using what we've  
grown in the library's garden, and sup-  
plementing from local farms. Please  
note, nuts and dairy will be used.

Dudley parts ways with Library  
Director

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

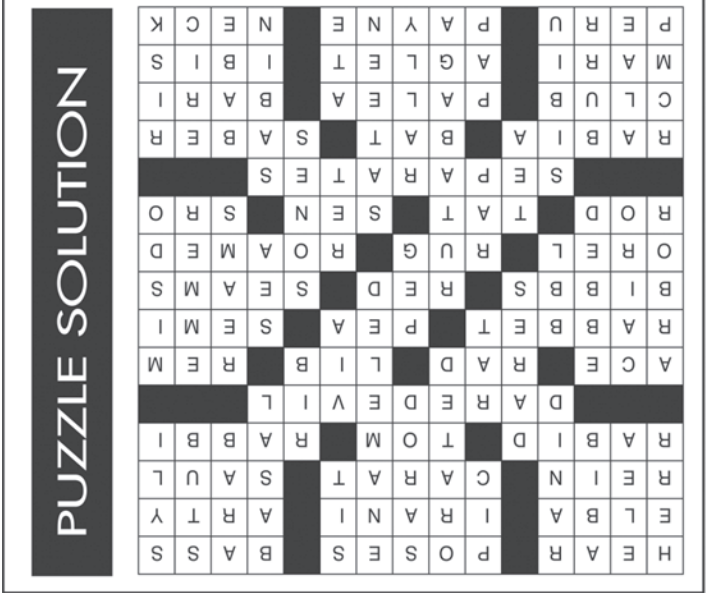


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. A way to pick up
- 5. Presents
- 10. Type of guitar
- 14. Actor Idris
- 15. A citizen of Iran
- 16. Creative
- 17. Harness
- 18. Weight unit
- 19. You better call him
- 20. Utterly devoted
- 22. Male cat
- 23. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- 24. Risk-taker
- 27. A team's best pitcher
- 30. Cool!
- 31. Women's \_\_ movement
- 32. Georgia rockers
- 35. Step-shaped recess
- 37. The princess could detect its presence
- 38. Type of truck
- 39. Butterhead lettuces
- 40. Angry people see it
- 41. Lines where two fabrics are sewn together
- 42. Soviet city
- 43. Carpet
- 44. Traveled all over
- 45. Thin, straight bar
- 46. Body art (slang)
- 47. Congressman (abbr.)
- 48. No seats available
- 49. Breaks apart
- 52. Arabic name
- 55. Ballplayer's tool
- 56. Type of sword
- 60. Baseball team
- 61. Upper bract of grass floret
- 63. Italian Seaport
- 64. Ancient Syrian city
- 65. Shoe lace tube
- 66. The Miami mascot is one
- 67. South American nation
- 68. Popular video game "Max \_\_"
- 69. Body part

CLUES DOWN

- 1. German courtesy title
- 2. Ancient Greek City
- 3. Ancient Hebrew calendar month
- 4. Long-legged frog family
- 5. Photo
- 6. Delivered a speech
- 7. Lute in classical Indian music
- 8. Decorated
- 9. Take a seat
- 10. Belonging to a bottom layer
- 11. Member of a Semitic people
- 12. Part of a ticket
- 13. Defunct Guinean money
- 21. Challenges
- 23. Popular BBQ food
- 25. Subway dweller
- 26. By way of
- 27. Shady garden alcove
- 28. Egyptian city
- 29. Partner to "flowed"
- 32. Widens
- 33. Old Eurasian wheat
- 34. Act incorrectly
- 36. European pipeline
- 37. Al Bundy's wife
- 38. Ocean
- 40. Root eaten as a vegetable
- 41. Sound units
- 43. Style of music
- 44. A way to drench
- 46. Hot beverage
- 47. A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
- 49. Rumanian city
- 50. Urge to action
- 51. Vaccine developer
- 52. Canadian law enforcers
- 53. Wings
- 54. "Perry Mason" actor Raymond
- 57. Small fry
- 58. \_\_ Clapton, musician
- 59. Take a chance
- 61. Bland food
- 62. Consumed



DUDLEY — A lot of talk has focused on the future of the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library, which depends heavily on the results of the Aug. 17 special election in Dudley. However, even if the library is fully funded it will see new leadership as Library Director J. Drucilla Carter and the Town of Dudley have agreed to part ways.

In a letter provided by the town dated June 30, Dudley officials informed Carter that because of the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library being unfunded for Fiscal Year 2024 her contract would not be renewed. The letter confirmed that Carter, per her contract, would be paid for 90 days and provided 90 days of health insurance. The news was further confirmed by the Library Board of Trustees during a meeting on July 15, who acknowledged the need for a new Library Director. The Trustees have confirmed that Youth Services Librarian Lida Carroll has taken on additional responsibilities in the absence of a full-time Director. Dudley has no plans to hire a new director until after the Aug. 17 special election where five override items, including funding the library, will be determined by the will of the voters.

Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda offered few details into Carter's departure as it is a personnel matter handled through the town's Human Resources protocols. Ruda did confirm that the library does not have an acting Director and that if the library receives its funding the Trustees will oversee the hiring process.

"The Trustees are working with existing staff to manage the library until an affirmative override can move the hiring process forward - The Library Director's salary was funded to Oct. 1, 2023. The Town won't comment on (Carter's) motivation beyond that or the terms in which she separated service," said Ruda. "The Town will move forward on the advice of the Library Trustees and support their replacement of the Library Director."

While the Library Trustees confirmed that they did approach Carter about assisting the library throughout the 90-days remaining on her contract, Carter declined and wished the Pearle and its community the best in the future. Carter had been a vocal supporter of the library and her staff during Dudley's tumultuous budget process. When the possibility of closing the library came about in June as a result of a higher-than-expected school assessment, Carter, along with members of the Board of Trustees, gave impassioned speeches in a public forum seeking support for the library and thanking her staff for their dedication to the town. There is no word on Carter's future endeavors now that she won't return to Dudley.

The remaining members of the library staff have received letters informing them that their position will be eliminated as of Aug. 18 unless the override vote is successful in funding the library. A copy of one such letter was provided to the Stonebridge Press for reference. During a special town meeting on July 26, voters approved an amendment to the active Dudley budget which added \$10,000 to the library budget and instructed selected to avoid closing the library even if the August 17 override were to fail. However, cuts to library personnel and services will still be required if the override is voted down.

On July 15, the Trustees agreed to begin work on formulating a job description and other details in anticipation of beginning the hiring process for a new Director later this year, but to forego seeking any candidates until they receive clarity on the budget situation.



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Like the Webster Senior Center Facebook page to view our photographs, news and announcements. Please stop by to pick up our monthly newsletter for a complete list of activities, upcoming events and our monthly lunch menu. You do not have to be a resident of Webster to participate in our activities and programs. ALL Seniors are welcome!

Tri-Valley Lunches are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 11:30 am. Please call (508) 949-3845 at least 48-hours in advance to reserve or cancel your meal. A \$3.00 donation is appreciated. All meals include milk, bread and fruit or dessert. This week's menu: Tuesday 8/15 Meatballs with onion gravy, bowtie pasta, mixed vegies. Wednesday 8/16 Marinated Pork Loin, cranberry herb stuffing, carrots. Thursday 8/17 BBQ Chicken, mashed potatoes, corn. Friday

8/18 Macaroni & Cheese, stewed tomatoes, green beans.

A SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone) counselor is available at the Senior Center to assist you with any health insurance questions you may have. Please call (508) 949-3845 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Senior Crafters Wanted! The Friends of the Webster Senior Center are holding a Craft Fair on Monday, October 16th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Table space is only \$10.00! Applications to be a vendor are available at the Webster Senior Center. No payment for table space will be accepted until your application is approved. Space is limited to 22 crafters. Tables limited to first 17 approved crafters.

REC Farmer's Market every Thursday from 1:00 – 2:30 pm on the Town Hall front lawn.

Come on down to the Bomba Beauty Salon at the Webster Senior Center and enter a raffle to win a free haircut! No purchase necessary. Bomba Beauty Salon is

open for walk in appointments on Wednesdays from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays by appointment only from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Call (508) 341-8724 to schedule an appointment.

DID YOU KNOW??? The Webster Senior Center has a table shuffleboard with pucks available to play. If you know how to play and how to score, come check it out!!!

Come enjoy our Christopher Heights soup social at the Senior Center on Monday, August 14th at 11:30 am. Please sign up at the Senior Center front desk.

Webster Manor Ice Cream Social will be held on Thursday, August 17th at 12:00 pm at the Senior Center. Please sign up at the Senior Center front desk.

The Webster Senior Center will be closed on Monday, August 21st.

Join us for our monthly movie matinee on Monday, August 28th at 1:00pm. We will be showing "The Book Club 2, the Next Chapter". Refreshments will be served. Please sign up at the Senior Center front

desk.

Mondays and Wednesdays: Exercise Classes with Forty Arroyo – Chair Dancing – the perfect workout for any fitness ability! 9:30-10:30 am. Cost: \$3.00 per class.

Progressive Beginner Line Dancing with Forty Arroyo on Fridays, 1:00 – 2:30 pm. Cost: \$3.00 per class. We dance to all genres of music, come join us!

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

Bingo: Every Tuesday, starts promptly at 1:00 pm. Please plan to arrive by 12:30 pm to allow time to buy your bingo sheets. Bingo sheets are not sold after 12:45 pm. Why not sign up for lunch, come early and spend the day!

Do you like to play cribbage? Our weekly cribbage group now meets every Thursday at 1:00 pm – feel free to join us!

Calling card players or interested persons

to the Webster Senior Center – come join us for 6-card or 13-card pitch! Six card pitch meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm. Thirteen-card pitch meets on Thursdays at 1:00 pm.

Mahjongg group meets every Friday at 1:00 pm – beginners welcome!

Trip 1: The McCartney Years, Live in Concert at the Danversport Yacht Club in Danvers, MA on Thursday, Sept. 21st. Trip price of \$119.00 includes transportation, luncheon, meal tax, meal gratuity, and show ticket. Trip 2: Splish Splash, the Music of Bobby Darin at Lake Pearl in Wrentham, MA on Wednesday, October 18th. Trip Price of \$109.00 includes transportation, luncheon, meal tax, meal gratuity, & show ticket. Our trips sell out quickly so don't wait to reserve your seat! Trip prices do not include bus driver gratuity. Please call the Senior Center at (508) 949-3845 for more

information.

The Worcester County Sheriff's Office House Numbering Program will create a custom wooden sign with your house number free of charge. One sign per senior household. Please contact the Webster Senior Center if you are interested in having a house number sign made for you. (508) 949-3845.

Senior SAFE is a program that supports fire and life safety education for seniors. The Webster Fire Dept. will do a home visit to ensure that you have the correct smoke and CO2 alarms and that they are working properly, at no cost to you! All you have to do is give them a call at (508) 949-3875.

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

## Michele Miller named 2023 REALTORS® Choice recipient

WORCESTER — The REALTOR® Association of Central Massachusetts held its 100 Year Centennial Gala and Awards Celebration on Wednesday, June 28 at Mechanics Hall, to honor excellence in service to the Association, the Central Massachusetts community, and the real estate industry.

The REALTORS® Choice Award was presented to Michele Miller, of Premeer Real Estate. This

award recognizes a fellow REALTOR®, who went above and beyond to provide exceptional service in 2022.

The REALTOR® Choice Award is the only award that is chosen directly by our members. Over 192

members participated in electing a member as their chosen 2023 REALTORS® Choice winner. As the 2023 REALTOR® Choice Award, Michele Miller amplifies outstanding ethics and professionalism; courtesy and cooperation in the listing and selling of real estate.

Michele Miller is a REALTOR® at Premeer Real Estate, located at 1 St. Mark St., Auburn. She resides in Sturbridge and can be reached at 508-281-2180 or via email at buyorsellinCentralMass@gmail.com.

## Local resident makes Dean's List at Wentworth Institute of Technology

BOSTON — The following local students have made the dean's list at Wentworth Institute of Technology for the Spring 2023 semester:

\* Derek Lemberger of Dudley

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\$530,000, 24 Eastford Rd, Turning Point Invs LLC, to Cheah, Loo M.

\$530,000, 27 Eddy St, Kopka, Craig M, and Kopka, Sarah E, to Rusack, Kristine M.

\$515,000, 20 Murray Ave, Rodriguez, Sonia, and Rodriguez, Higinio, to Lucius, Cherly, and Jean, Tatiana.

\$505,000, 25 Barbara Ave, Leblanc, Laurie R, to Montano, Wildreen, and Rodriguez, Jessica.

\$425,000, 23 Carroll St, Perkins, Kathryn W, to Odonnell, Katherine, and Beglane, Thomas.

\$410,000, 18 Hampton St, Hanley, Matthew, to Coleman, Benjamin, and True, Alison.

\$410,000, 40 Barbara Ave, Tateronis, Arthur A, and Tateronis, Elaine G, to Leblanc, Laurie R.

\$370,000, 42 Paul St, Lsf9 Master Part T, and Us Bank TNa Tr, to Muller-Crone, Angela M, and Crone Jr, Peter V.

\$335,000, 6 Victoria Dr #1, Irawan, Gunardi N, and Shao, Ping, to Racine, Marc.

\$100,000, 4 Franklin St, Carey, Shawn, to Tw Franklin Street LLC.

**DUDLEY**

\$415,000, 56 Airport Rd, Abdalla-Muigai, Natasha, and Mwaura, Genshireh, to Lopez, Jorge A, and Lopez, Gladis D.

\$407,000, 28 Carpenter Rd, Kbg Realty Properties LLC, to Lyth, David, and Lyth, Brittany.

\$400,000, 84 Dudley Oxford Rd, Hazelrex LLC, to Barry, Lauren, and Polletta, Tyler.

\$300,000, 8 Paglione Dr, Aviles, Elizabeth B, to Aviles, Angel.

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\$665,000, 8 Tower Hill Rd, Howe, Christine, and Guzik, John, to Heck, Heidi G.

\$629,900, 4 Founders Ct, Sisko, Mary E, and Sisko, Karen M, to Clark, Ryan T, and Clark, Janet S.

\$626,000, 72 Old Southbridge Rd, Bray, Douglas R, and Bray, Bonnie J, to Chartier Sr, Christopher, and Chartier, Elaine L.

\$517,000, 15 Old Howarth Rd, Dejesus, Luis, and Dejesus, Ingrid, to Bowen, Brady, and Bowen, Melissa.

\$460,000, 64 Old Southbridge Rd, Sosa, Herbert, to Chagas, Paula D.

\$410,000, 5 Willow St, Marcelonis Jr, William C, and Marcelonis, Lisa J, to Vizzachero, Andrew, and Gendreau, Jacquelyn.

\$362,000, 197 Old Webster Rd, Fino, Mark A, and Fino, Nichole M, to Butler, Bruce D.

\$302,500, 66 Pleasant St #3, Kennedy, Edward J, to Mccarthy, Conor P.

\$275,000, 2 Meadowbrook Ct #2, Curtis, Patricia L, to Manna, Patricia.

\$133,765, 126 Charlton St #A, Webber, Edward A, and Mortgage Assets Mgmt LLC, to Mtg Equity T 2011-1, and U S Bank Na Tr.

\$115,000, 17 Old Depot Rd, Bonneville, Christopher D, to Fritz, Lawrence.

**WEBSTER**

\$503,400, 86 Upper Gore Rd, Valencia, Jose A, to Tarbox, Peter.

\$400,000, 5 Hall Rd, Bullerwell, John, and Bullerwell, Mindy, to Boczanowski, Matthew, and Lumenello, Stephany.

\$360,000, 49 2nd Island Rd, Clark, Ryan T, to Jaber, Ali T, and Perry, Carolyn A.

\$300,000, 248 Main St, Zabek, Wesley J, to Agua LLC.

\$257,500, 36 Highcrest Park #36, Mcmenemy Marguerite M Est, and Mcmenemy, Franchesca, to Hyde, Shelaigh.

\$223,500, 23 Lakeside Ave, Gasparik Paul David Est, and Oconnor, Susan L, to Connolly, Michael.

\$192,500, 10 Granite St, Chito, Michael, and Chito, Theoktisti, to Dembniak, Marlena.

\$175,000, 10 West Ave #B, Helstrom Ft, and Helstrom, David R, to Berube, Karissa L.

\$62,500, Gore Rd #7, Babcock, Joel S, to Rs& d Ventures LLC.

\$62,500, Rawson Rd #15-3A, Babcock, Joel S, to Rs& d Ventures LLC.

\$55,000, Windy Ridge Rd, Deptula Margaret B Est, and Mccausland, Edith, to Long, Bridget A.

**Driver arrested after fleeing scene of collision**

DUDLEY — On Friday, July 28 at approximately 7:30 p.m., Dudley Police were dispatched to the area of West Main Street and Lyons Road for a report of a motor vehicle accident involving a motorcycle. While enroute to the call, dispatch advised officers that one of the vehicles involved in the accident had fled the scene. Witnesses followed the suspect vehicle and gave dispatch the registration and location of the vehicle involved.

Upon arrival at the above intersection, officers located a heavily damaged motorcycle and a male victim laying on the side of the road. The victim appeared to have sustained a severe laceration above his left knee. Officer Paige Moroz, along with an off-duty nurse, applied a tourniquet on the victim. While officers rendered aid to the victim, other officers responded to the location of the vehicle that fled the scene.

Shortly afterwards, Sgt. Paul Ceppetelli located the suspect vehicle in the driveway of 11 Leonard Ave. along with the operator. The vehicle had significant damage to the left front end of the vehicle. After a brief investigation, the operator of the vehicle was placed in custody. The suspect was identified as Edward Mahoney of Dudley. Mr. Mahoney was charged with the following:

- OUI-Liquor-3rd offense
- Fail to yield at intersection
- Negligent operation of motor vehicle
- Leave the scene of personal injury

Mr. Mahoney was held on \$2,500 cash bail and was arraigned this morning at Dudley District Court. Officer Tyler Smith and Officer Ryan Daniels assisted with the investigation.

**WEBSTER POLICE LOG**

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

Kionna Hazzard, age 24, of Dayville, Conn. was arrested on July 30 in connection with a warrant.

A 40-year-old female from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on July 30 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

Briana Marie Zella, age 27, of Charlton was arrested on July 31 for Operating Under the Influence of alcohol, Operating a Motor Vehicle in Violation of License Restrictions, a Miscellaneous Motor Vehicle Equipment Violation, Possession of an Open Container of Alcohol in a Motor Vehicle, and Possession of a Class E Drug.

Stephen Daley, age 52, of Webster was arrested on July 31 in connection with a warrant.

Hata Janette Richardson, age 29, of Webster was arrested on July 31 in connection with a warrant.

Christian Omar Rodriguez Perez, age 25, of Webster was arrested on July 31 in connection with a warrant.

Nikole K. King, age 28, of Webster was arrested on Aug. 3 for Assault & Battery on a Police Officer; Resisting Arrest, and in connection with multiple warrants.

Jamez Torres Tinoco, age 40, of College Point, N.Y. was arrested on Aug. 3 for Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle, operating an Unregistered Motor Vehicle, and operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle.

Randy M. Denham, age 31, of Webster was arrested on Aug. 4 in connection with a warrant.

Alexander Babbitt, age 20, and Tanya Noel Hunt, age 22, current address unknown, were arrested on Aug. 4 for Misdemeanor Breaking & Entering and Trespassing.

Tierra Mercado, age 30, of Webster was arrested on Aug. 4 for Assault & Battery.

A 43-year-old female from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Aug. 5 for Disorderly Conduct and Disturbing the Peace. A 44-year-old female whose identity has also been withheld was arrested during the same incident for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

**DUDLEY POLICE LOG**

DUDLEY — The Dudley Police Department reported the following arrests during the month of July.

An individual whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on July 2 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

Travis Norman Kennett, age 40, of Putnam, Conn. was arrested on July 7 in connection with an out of agency warrant.

An individual whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on July 11 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member and Strangulation or Suffocation.

James Edward Vancelette, age 23, of Dudley was arrested on July 12 for Operating Under the Influence of alcohol, Failure to Stop or Yield, and Resisting Arrest.

Dimitri Correa, age 38, of Framingham, Mass. was

arrested on July 12 in connection with a warrant.

Ryan David Hackenson, age 40, of Webster was arrested on July 14 for Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle and Operating Under the Influence of alcohol (second offense).

Isaac Tyrone Troy, age 43, of Worcester was arrested on July 20 for Operating a Motor Vehicle after Suspension of License for Operating Under the Influence and Speeding at a Rate of Speed Exceeding the Posted Limit.

Arthur Tolman Christian, age 37, and Travis Norman Kennett, age 40, both of Dudley, were arrested on July 28 in connection with warrants.

Edward Mahoney, age 60, of Dudley was arrested on July 38 for Operating Under the Influence of alcohol (third offense), Failure to Yield at an Intersection, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, and Leaving the Scene of Personal Injury.

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EDITORIAL

Prioritize happiness

In the hustle and bustle of modern life, it's easy to get caught up in the pursuit of success, achievements, and material possessions. However, amidst the chaos, we often forget the significance of simply being happy in our day-to-day existence. Happiness is not a distant destination or a fleeting emotion; it is a state of mind and an essential aspect of a fulfilling life.

When we prioritize happiness in our daily lives, we unlock a myriad of benefits that radiate into every aspect of our being. It enhances our overall well-being, elevates our productivity, and strengthens our relationships. Happiness acts as a powerful catalyst for personal growth, creativity, and resilience, enabling us to navigate challenges with a positive outlook.

Embracing happiness doesn't mean ignoring life's difficulties; it means facing them with a hopeful spirit and an optimistic attitude. It is about finding joy in the simplest of things, a beautiful sunrise, the laughter of loved ones, or a heartfelt conversation with a friend. It's about savoring life's precious moments and appreciating the beauty that surrounds us.

Choosing happiness is empowering. It empowers us to take control of our emotions and responses to circumstances beyond our control. Instead of dwelling on negativity, we cultivate an inner sense of contentment and gratitude. In doing so, we liberate ourselves from unnecessary stress and anxiety, freeing our minds to focus on what truly matters.

A happy disposition not only benefits us but also has a ripple effect on those around us. When we radiate positivity and joy, we inspire others to do the same. Our happiness becomes contagious.

In our fast-paced world, it's essential to pause and reflect on what truly brings us joy. Material possessions may provide temporary gratification, but true happiness lies in fostering meaningful relationships, pursuing our passions, and nurturing our well-being. It's about cherishing the present moment and finding pleasure in the little things that make life extraordinary.

The importance of being happy in our day-to-day life cannot be overstated. Happiness is not a luxury or an elusive dream; it is an essential ingredient in our pursuit of a fulfilling existence. By embracing happiness, we enhance our well-being, uplift our communities, and live with purpose.

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Confirm your divine calling

“Be more zealous to confirm your call and election,” advised Saint Paul. And what exactly is our call in life? What have we been elected for? This is not simply a call to whatever profession we do; it is not simply some temporary, earthly calling. Our call in life is something much greater!

Our call is connected to the feast of Jesus' Transfiguration on Mount Tabor! In the Gospel story that describes this event, we see how Jesus revealed to his closest disciples, Peter, James and John, who He truly is – “I am the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end, the One who is, who was, and who is to come, the Lord Almighty.” Jesus is the Great I AM!

After three years of traveling with Jesus of Nazareth, listening to His teachings, seeing the way He transcended the laws of nature through His miracles, and coming to deeply know Him, Peter finally proclaimed on behalf of all the apostles, “You are the Messiah, the Anointed One of Israel, the long awaited Christ and King of Israel!”

Yet even this proclamation doesn't mean the disciples fully understand who Jesus is. That is why our Lord proceeds to reveal His Divine Majesty in the most spectacular manner. As Peter writes in his epistle, “We were eyewitnesses of His majesty when he received honor and glory from God the Father; we heard the voice from heaven of the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

During an all-night vigil of prayer on Mount Tabor, the disciples see Christ's heavenly glory when Jesus becomes brighter than the sun, radiating the uncreated and eternal light of God. This man Jesus of Nazareth, who may be the Messiah of Israel, is not simply another great king of Israel like King David or King Solomon. He is nothing less than the Eternal God Almighty come as a human being. And to confirm this unbelievable reality, two of the greatest prophets in the history of Israel, Moses and Elijah, stand with Christ in His glory on Mount Tabor and confirm He is the fulfillment of all the Jewish Law and Prophets!

Saint Peter goes on to say “Pay attention to this new revelation as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.” Pay attention so that we can “escape from the corruption [and deception] in the world and become partakers of His divine nature.”

Pay attention – your calling in life is to partake of divinity, to become one with God, to become united with Him and united in Him, to allow His Spirit to abide in us so much so that we can overcome the darkness and all the temptations of this fallen world and live out



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our divine calling!

“Be zealous to confirm your call and election.”

Yet, how do we pursue this calling? By realizing that our main pursuit in life isn't about seeking after the earthly and temporary treasures of life. Our main pursuit in life shouldn't be about our worldly cares here and now. Yes, we live in the world and must take care of our needs in this world, but always remember we are not simply a part of this animal world living in this temporary world. We are called to something greater, much more glorious, something eternal.

How do we fulfill this calling? By trying to live each day by allowing Jesus Christ to be at the center of our lives. We begin each day connecting with God through prayer but then we invite Christ to continue to be a part of everything we do throughout every day – in our homes, in our relationships and with our families, in our work, in our hobbies and in our past time activities. We learn to see Christ everywhere and allow Him to be presently active in all we do.

We cultivate the habit of “practicing the presence of God” everywhere and at all times. We never allow ourselves to forget that in every moment of each day, God is present and we consciously invite Him to be actively involved in all we do, in all we say, in all we feel, and in how we act. This means that we have a constant dialogue with Him, we are in constant communion with Him, and our prayer becomes unceasing because we are constantly talking with Him and trying to connect to Him.

Our lives will be transfigured and changed as we will become partakers of our Lord's Divine nature and when we learn never to compartmentalize our faith and life by putting Jesus in a tiny partition in our lives which we visit only every so often, maybe every Sunday morning for one hour or during a few minutes of prayer each day. Eliminate the compartments of your life and create one reality, where Christ is everywhere present at all times in our daily lives.

Become partakers of the Divine Nature by being a part of God throughout every moment of the day!

If we reflect on the Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ on Mount Tabor, we celebrate the revelation of who Jesus of Nazareth truly is, the Almighty God who radiated the uncreated light of the Eternal One, but we also remember the invitation for each one of us to also be transfigured, for each of us to be changed and transformed as we fulfill the divine potential that God has placed in us.

Let us be zealous to confirm this divine call and to fulfill the election that God has given us!

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A new school year will soon begin. And if you have young children, that means it's one year closer to the day when they head off to college or some other post-secondary education or training. You might be preparing for that day with a 529 education savings plan — but should you be concerned if you need to start taking withdrawals to pay for education expenses when the financial markets are volatile?

Long-term investment vehicles based on the financial markets, like a 529 plan, will always fluctuate in value. If you've had a 529 plan for many years, you've probably invested money when the market has been up, down and flat. In fact, during down periods, it's often a good time to invest, because your dollars buy more shares than they could when prices are up. Your hope is that, over the years, your 529 plan will gain enough to overcome the short-term declines in value.

In any case, you'll want to keep in mind the key benefit of 529 plans: Earnings and withdrawals are federally tax free when the money is used for qualified education expenses for college and some trade school programs. And your state may give you an income tax deduction or a credit for your 529 plan contributions. In some states, a 529 plan can be used for K-12 schooling as well.

You have another incentive to keep your 529 plan intact despite temporary drops in value. Specifically, if you withdraw money and don't use it for eligible education expenses, your withdrawal may be subject to a 10 percent penalty, in addition to state and federal income taxes. That could be a high price to pay for a move that may not be in your best interest. After all, if you were to move your 529 plan money into a minimal-risk asset, such as some type of cash vehicle, you could sacrifice some of the growth potential you might need to meet the high costs of higher education.

Many 529 plans offer investment portfolios that gradually become more risk averse as the beneficiary gets closer to college age. A financial advisor can discuss the investment options with you.

While this investment feature doesn't guarantee you'll have complete immunity from financial market volatility, it can help reduce its impact when you need access to the money.

Here's one more point to keep in mind: Just because you've planned to access your 529 plan when your child reaches 18, or whatever age they begin their post-secondary education, you're not required to take money out at that point. You can keep your 529 plan intact until you feel more comfortable making withdrawals, though you'll need to consider how this decision will affect your ability to help pay for your child's education.

The financial markets will always be in some type of flux, but don't let these movements deter you from sticking with a 529 plan — it's still one of the best investments you can make in your child's future.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A blank vote is not a 'No'

To the Editor:

On July 24, the citizens of Dudley overwhelmingly voted to restore the town's previously approved budget of May 22. In doing so, we restored funds to all town departments, including the library, and avoided a financial crisis. Most importantly, we avoided Library decertification and possible repayment of a \$2 million-plus loan.

We all need to vote again on Thursday, Aug. 17 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the town hall on each of 5 Prop 2 ½ override ballot questions. A blank vote is not a “no” vote. Due to election timing, the ballot questions are based on an unapproved budget that had drastic cuts to all departments, not the level-funded May 22 budget.

On Aug. 17, it is critical that we vote Yes on Question 5 to fund the schools assessment. The cornerstone to the May 22 budget that the residents approved is funding the school assessment through an override. If this override fails, the library loses its funding and town departments will be decimated. The School Committee has lowered their initial “ask” by almost \$100,000 as a compromise. Voting Yes will keep Charlton from taking the money from other town departments. Unfortunately, in a regional school district, they can do that and have expressed that intent. In fact, the DCRSC voted unanimously to schedule the two-town meeting at SHRHS if this ballot question fails. If it passes, the meeting will be cancelled. Let's keep Charlton out of our business.

There are 5 Prop 2 ½ ballot questions, that we must fill in – either yes or no, but not blank. If approved, these each permanently add additional funds to the level funded budget we approved May 22.

If only Question 5 (school) passes, the tax rate would increase 62 cents, a permanent 6 percent increase. Considering the initial failed override in April was 30 percent, and in June 18.11 percent, a permanent 6 percent increase is reasonable.

If all five questions pass, the total increase of \$1.67 (reduced to \$1.43 because a town debt came off the books in July) is a permanent 14 percent increase. For a prop 2 ½ limit, 14 percent is high.

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Question 4	Library	21 cents	2.1 percent
Question 5	Schools	62 cents	6.1 percent

Question 5 must pass to restore library and town departments. The other ballot questions will add above and beyond the level funded budget we approved May 22. The results will be a permanent increase to the tax rate.

Finally, Dudley taxpayers deserve that our elected and appointed officials are transparent and fiscally responsible. We expect a forensic audit of the town and the schools.

Remember to vote Aug. 17 at the town hall between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

ROBIN WATSON  
DUDLEY



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Let’s finish what we started

To the Editor:  
I’ll get straight to the point...

On July 24, The Residents of Dudley, in an unprecedented display of Unity stood up and saved this town. We preserved the May 22 budget, technically restored May 22 funding to Public Safety, Town Depts & literally saved the library from closing and being immediately decertified. This could have cost us well over \$2 million and added more than \$750 tax to residents to pay the state.

That was only Step #1 of a 2 Step Plan. It bought us time.

On Aug. 17, we need to execute Step #2. We need to finish what we started.

We need to pay the school assessment of \$900,000. The only way we can realistically fund this without decimating the town, closing the library,

or crippling our Public Safety depts is for you... to vote Yes on Question #5.

On an average real estate bill of \$3,600, it will add about \$230 in taxes. For those on fixed incomes, your neighbors understand your pain and hardship. That is why we submitted an action plan to Dudley Board of Selectmen to help make sure this does not happen again. One of those action items is for BOS to set up a Community Fund rate where people can contribute voluntarily to a Property Tax Relief fund to help those on fixed incomes (like Social Security or Disability) pay their property tax bills.

In addition, progress is being made on getting audit commitments for the town and the school.

If the town doesn’t deliver significant progress on this, we...the residents, will create a bylaw change in the Spring that makes an Audit Committee a standing committee of the town. That’s easy for us to do.

So, please let’s end this on Aug. 17. Please vote Yes on Question #5 for the School Override.

If you enjoy strong Public Safety and Reliable Fire and wish to see the same level of service as last year, Please Support Question #1 as well. I am supporting both. The Library is funded completely if Question 5 passes, so you can Vote No for Question 4.

John Briare  
Dudley

## Financial information surrounding Question 5

To the Editor:  
After reading several recent articles talking about the Dudley Charlton Regional School District, I would like to chime in with a few facts.

This is a very emotional time for all of us within the town, so I would like to try and provide some information so that everyone can make an informed decision on Aug. 17.

The school is asking for \$200,000 less than a level services budget. A level services budget means maintaining existing stu-

dent experiences, student supports, and instructional resources while absorbing increased fixed cost. Based on information provided by school committee, the school budget increased by 6.87 percent for Fiscal Year 2024. Some of these costs included contractual obligations- \$1,285,000, transportation- \$550,000, out of district placements- \$430,000, employee benefits and insurance- \$500,000, line items like utilities \$450,000, instructional technology- \$300,000, and restoration/

Esser transition- \$150,000. Hopefully this clarifies some of the questions that recently has been brought up on why the school needs additional funds. We can all agree on how important this vote is on Aug. 17 for the community. Please vote yes on question 5 for the schools to be funded in order to save the town from additional cuts.

MARY NORTON  
DUDLEY

## Our future lies in your hands

To the Editor:

On Aug. 17, the fate of our community’s future lies in the hands of Dudley’s residents. As we approach this crucial date, we stand united in our belief that supporting Question 5 on the override ballot is essential for the benefit of our students and the prosperity of the town of Dudley and the Dudley Charlton Regional School District.

John Canavan, the first Superintendent of DCRSD, wisely said “Very often in negotiations it is easy to forget that the schools don’t exist for the benefit of adults. They exist for the benefit of the students.” We must always keep this principle at the forefront of our decision-making. The recent Special Town Meeting held on July 24 was a huge step in the right direction, but uncertainties raised by the town’s counsel surrounding the amendment passed during the meeting have left us in a cautious and conservative state.

Due to this uncertainty, the DCRSD School Committee voted unanimously to hold a Special District Wide Meeting on Aug. 23 at Shepherd Hill Regional High School’s football field at 7 p.m. However, this meeting will only be necessary if Question 5 fails to pass. Our intention is not to instill fear or pursue self-interest but to ensure

the fiscal well-being of our District and be properly prepared and staffed for the start of school.

The success of Question 5 on the Aug. 17 override ballot is crucial for implementing the will of the voters at the July 24 Special Town Meeting and securing the requested funding for our schools in the Dudley Charlton Regional School District. Additionally, a positive vote on Question 5 will alleviate strain on the town’s budget for other important departments. This is not just about one day’s decision; it is about shaping the future of our community and ensuring that our children have access to a close to “level services” education. It is important to note that a positive vote does not mean that we receive an additional \$901,683 but allows the town to reallocate the funds that were held in the line item.

Many residents have asked us why we need an additional \$901,683. In reality, this is almost \$2 million dollars when combined with Charlton’s increase to the assessment. As many of you have been dealing with increased costs, these are also present in our schools. For instance, this year, our bus contract came back over \$500,000 increase from the previous year. We were able to renegotiate and save an additional \$100,000 but this is just the tip of the iceberg. The State has allowed out

of district placements to increase their rates by 14 percent with no source of additional funding for the local schools. Additionally, we continue to look for grants in any areas we can. During the past few years, we were able to fund a new reading curriculum and math curriculum using grant funds. And in good faith, asked by many residents, we are currently looking into an independent audit of our budget through DESE to continue to show transparency in our fiscal responsibility to the residents of Dudley and Charlton.

Your vote matters, and your voice counts! We understand the gravity of this decision and the power that each vote holds. As concerned School Committee members, we urge you to support Question 5 on the override ballot. Let us come together on Aug. 17 to make a resounding statement in favor of our students and the future of Dudley and the school district.

Sincerely,  
  
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## All votes are counted in Dudley

To the Editor:  
This letter is in response to a letter to the Editor, “Rigged Elections,” that was printed in the July 28 edition of the Webster Times.

As Town Clerk, I am very disturbed by the statement that there is “manipulating the vote and rigging an election is taking place here in Dudley before our very eyes.” Great effort is put forth in preparing for and facilitating the voting at town meetings and elections to ensure that the vote of every registered voter in Dudley is counted.

Dudley registered voters who attend the town meetings are all checked in by the Board of Registrars and given a clicker which is how the votes are counted. This clicker system was instituted in May 2020 and allows for quick

accurate votes eliminating the need for standing counts and is much more accurate than the voice counts, as were held in the past. It is also much easier for the Moderator to determine if a two thirds majority vote was achieved for articles requiring such. Clickers provide voters’ the mechanism to cast their vote while maintaining the privacy of their vote.

The planning of elections is not a simple process, and takes place over several months prior to the actual election day. We are mandated to follow federal and state laws for all elections. There are many deadlines which must be adhered to. Among these deadlines are very specific requirements on the last day to register to vote for elections; deadline to request vote by mail or absentee ballots, posting

of warrants, etc. The regulations specify how to record when ballots are mailed, received, processed and stored, before, during and after elections. It is impossible to list all the requirements, deadlines and reporting processes in this letter.

The Town Clerk’s office takes great pride in facilitating safe, secure, and accurate voting whether it be at Town Meetings or Elections. The Assistant Town Clerk and I are fortunate to have a capable and professional Board of Registrars and Election Workers to assist with the Town Meetings and Elections to make sure that the votes of all Dudley registered voters are counted.

Respectfully submitted,

LORI A. SMITH  
TOWN CLERK  
DUDLEY

## Our officials owe us a simple explanation

To the Editor:

The real problem with Dudley’s fiscal crisis is not that taxpayers are just stingy, or that we’re insensitive to the needs of students, or that we’re reluctant to fund the town administration, the schools, the police, fire and public works departments that provide important, sometimes life-saving services to us. The real problem is that so many town officials have squandered any semblance of credibility that they may have had. Many voters simply don’t trust them.

Case – rather, cases- in point. Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda’s response to the July 24 town meeting’s rejection of his “Armageddon” budget was that his budget was a “simple, responsible and legally sound strategy.” The alternative budget that voters approved, he said “did not restore public safety, highway, or the library.”

Remember now, that his budget emasculated the police, fire and public works departments with cuts of 30 per cent and closed the library, risking the very real probability of repaying the state \$2.3 million for a construction grant plus 13 years interest. This is his idea of “sound strategy?”

When he was questioned at a selectmen’s meeting about the \$2.3 million reimbursement, Mr. Ruda’s response was that publicizing that information was “unfortunate.” “That information did not come from my office,” he said. Well, it should have. Voters need to know all the consequences of his decisions not just the ones that he feels inclined to share in advance of his own “sound strategy.” Otherwise, how can you trust the guy? As they say, this isn’t brain surgery.

The budget approved by the town meeting also cut those town services

but much more modestly than Mr. Ruda’s butchering. More importantly, it preserved the library, which in all of this controversy makes the most sense, not just economically but as a commitment to community service, concern for our children, seniors and, well, the education of every citizen. That we have heard not one word uttered by the Dudley-Charlton School Committee in support of the library is just another indication of its overwhelming self-centeredness in precipitating this crisis.

Meanwhile, the Massachusetts Federal Funds Office has reported that the Dudley Charlton School Department has spent only \$2,918,450 of the \$3,908,496 it was allocated in federal Covid-19 relief funds. Richard Mathieu, the school department’s financial officer said that even though \$990,046 of the allocation remains unspent, the money has been earmarked for various expenses related to substantial increases in basic services. But can someone please explain just how that works? Where is all that money now, years after it was allocated? And how does that relate to the \$901,683 that the school department is demanding from Dudley.

And speaking of using rising costs as a rational for increasing taxes, Dudley’s DPW Superintendent went on and on at a recent selectmen’s meeting about how his department was facing higher costs, including “double digit inflation.” Someone should inform him that the country hasn’t experienced double-digit inflation since Jimmy Carter was President. When this crisis began last March the national inflation rate was roughly just under 9 percent. When he spoke to selectmen it was slightly above 3 percent.

Then we have the

Dudley Selectmen themselves, who just seem to go along with the outlandish pronouncements of Mr. Ruda that abound in the town’s opaque administration. For instance, several weeks before the open days of the Town Hall were officially limited to Tuesdays and Thursdays, seniors were forbidden to use the hall’s Senior Center for their regular social gatherings on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. These did not involve any town-sponsored programs. Just a bunch of seniors visiting and socializing together in a public space. The town Hall was still officially open on these days. The administration even posted a sign on the senior center door declaring it closed. No such restriction was imposed, however, on a yoga class that was allowed to meet in the senior center every Monday evening.

Finally, some confusion exists about the impact of the imminent override votes and the effect of the joint town meeting of Charlton and Dudley voters that could occur. Suppose the overrides for fire, police and the library are approved but the school funds are rejected. Is the money that voters approve for the specific departments inviolable? Or else, can those funds be raided to pay for the school’s request if the joint town meeting approves the school budget and forces Dudley to pay? In that case could the library indeed be closed despite an override vote that was intended to keep it open?

Once again, we need a simple, or at least understandable, explanation before we vote, not the bureaucratic double talk that seems to flow unremittingly from these people.

FRANK MAGIERA  
DUDLEY

## Dudley-Charlton School District is a good buy

To the Editor:

Cost is one factor when evaluating the worth of a school system to taxpayers. The Mass. Department of Elementary and Secondary Education provides financial information on schools. The latest figures are for the 2021-2022 school year.

Dudley-Charlton cost \$15,954 per pupil placing it 320nd out of 398 school districts. This means that 86% of districts spent more per student.

The State average cost per pupil is \$19,062. If Dudley-Charlton spent the state average of \$19,062, its budget would have to increase by over \$11 million.

Here’s what area towns spent Per Student for the 2021-2022 school year:

Sturbridge – Burgess Elem	\$19,414
Bay Path	\$19,364
Southbridge	\$19,262
Webster	\$17,546

Spencer-East Brookfield	\$17,400
Oxford	\$16,137
Leicester	\$16,045
Dudley-Charlton	\$15,954
Tantasqua Middle/High	\$15,178

Dudley’s tax rate is low compared to other towns. The Massachusetts Department of Revenue posts the tax rates for all cities and towns.

Here are the FY2022 average single family real estate taxes for area towns:

Sturbridge	\$6,538
Charlton	\$4,588
Oxford	\$4,570
Webster	\$4,391
Southbridge	\$4,266
Dudley	\$3,608

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# Fishing for tautog in Rhode Island



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This week's picture shows Don Cook of Uxbridge with a monster Brown trout he caught while fishing with Gerry Gareri at his lodge in Maine! Nice fish. It was released after the photo was taken.

After the heatwave passed, my fishing partner and I decided it was time to go fishing on the saltwater last week. Aug. 1 was the opening of tautog fishing in Rhode Island, and although the daily limit per angler was only three fish, we decided to go anyway. We purchase some green crabs for bait and



This week's second picture shows Billy "D" with a nice striper he caught at the canal recently. Unfortunately, it had to be released because it was too big!

head down to Galilee Rhode Island to try out luck at catching a few of these hard fighting fish, not to forget the great eating we will enjoy if we catch a few.

We got to the ramp at Galilee at 7 a.m. and found that the parking lot was full of cars and boat trailers. My first comment to Matt was that fishing must be hot, but for what? We quickly

unloaded the boat and headed out to the East breakwall, and were surprised to see only a couple of boats in the area we planned to fish. Approximately a mile offshore, Matt used his GPS to locate the area we had fished numerous times, and we set anchor. Quickly cutting up a few crabs and leaving the legs on, I placed a half crab and lowered it to the bottom. It required an eight ounce weight to hold the bottom because of the extremely fast tide, because of the full moon. I quickly received a hard strike, but did not hook up. We use No. 3 circle hooks only, so you do not need to set the hook on each bite. When a strike is felt you need to gradually lift the rod tip up and the circle hook most often sets itself in the lips of the tautog. Their rubbery lips provide a solid hook up by merely raising the rod. This hard fighting fish needs to be muscled up from the bottom, before he has you caught in the rocks. After you have the tautog a few feet off of the bottom, you can enjoy a good fight as your rod bends to near capacity. I use 50-pound test Power Pro braided line and three feet of monofilament 40 pound test for leader material. Give it a try!

Numerous ticks are being found on some hunting dogs after they have been out training for the upcoming hunting



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season. Keeping your dog's medication up to date is extremely important, to ensure they are fully protected against Lyme disease. Heartworm medication is also important to keep your dog free of this nasty disease. It is a lot cheaper to keep your dog healthy, than to try curing them from the above mentioned diseases.

The lone star tick is also becoming a problem in some states. If the tick bites you, and is able to get their venom into your bloodstream, you could become allergic to red meats and other foods. Making sure you or your family members are not carrying the tick around for a few days is extremely important to insure your health from these nasty insects. Read more on ticks from your computer! Visually checking each other for ticks daily is the best way to stay healthy!

Bee stings also need to be treated, and the bites need to be monitored for a week to insure that the bite has not become infected. Spider bites and other insect bites are also serious and need to be closely watched for infections. Enjoying the Great Outdoors sure does have its risks, but in today's world it is necessary! Stay safe!

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

## 411 on Garden Herbs

Herbs not only bring essence and beauty to the landscape, they also provide an element of enchantment to a garden. Whether you grow herbs for their unique flavors, medicinal value, or just for the pure pleasure of it - the humble herb adds spice to any garden plot! Read on for a roundup of harvesting and preserving tips from this column, plus few recipes to spotlight your fresh snipped herbs.

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### Harvesting Herbs

While snipping herbs daily for kitchen use is a common practice, the act of fully harvesting herbs regularly is also important to ensure new growth. For best flavor, cut or snip herbs in the morning, after the dew has evaporated from the leaves but before the midday sun heats the plant.

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Most annual plants can be harvested twice during the planting season. Cut plants back to about five inches above the ground and feed after cutting. Annual herbs can be harvested until frost.

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Perennial herbs may be harvested once during the first year and up to three times each season after the initial growth year. Harvest up to 75 percent of the top growth in late spring and another quarter in late summer. Stop harvesting about



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one month before the frost date. Late pruning could encourage tender growth that cannot harden off before winter.

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Flowering herbs should be harvested when the buds are apparent or when flowers are just opening. This is when their oil concentration is at its peak.

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Preserving Herbs While herbs for cooking should be used fresh for optimal quality and flavor, a zealous growing season can necessitate preserving the herbal plants. There are several methods to "keep" herbs for later use. Freezing: This is the easiest method to preserve herbs that are to be used in cooking. Herbs should be cut fresh and rinsed briefly in cold water. Chop herbs and spread out on a cookie sheet to freeze. Once frozen, transfer to a zip lock freezer bag. Another popular way to freeze herbs for uses in soups and other dishes that require liquid is to place pinches of herbs in water filled ice cube trays. Freeze and pack

them into a zip lock freezer bag. Don't refreeze herbs after thawing. Drying: Drying is the traditional method of herb preservation. There are also several methods to dry herbs for later use. Air Drying: If the herbs are clean, do not wet them. Otherwise, rinse, shake off the excess water, and spread the herbs out to dry on paper towels or dishcloths until all surface moisture has evaporated. Remove any dead or damaged foliage. Then, tie the stems into small bundles with twine or string and hang them upside down in a warm, dry, airy place out of the sun. Be sure to make small, loose bundles and allow for good air circulation around each bunch. Dry indoors as sun and dew moisture can discolor and ruin the quality of many herbs. Hang and dry in the kitchen or even a garage or shed. Note: Some herbs, such as basil and mints may mold if not dried quickly. An alternative to hanging herbs to dry in bunches is to spread the herbs out on window screens. Suspend the screens over sawhorses or the backs of chairs. Turn the leaves often to ensure even drying. To air dry herbs with seeds, tie the herbs in small bundles and suspend inside a paper bag with holes punched in the sides. Suspend the bag in a dark area with good

air circulation. Collect the seeds when they are dry, and store in rigid light-proof containers. Oven Drying: Traditional kitchen stoves can also be used to dry herbs. Spread the herbs on cookie sheets and dry at the lowest temperature. Home food dehydrators also do an excellent job of drying herbs. Follow the directions provided with the dehydrator. Herbs are sufficiently dry when they are brittle and crumble easily. When the leaves are dry, separate them from their stems and package the leaves in rigid containers with tight fitting lids. Glass or hard plastic are best, although zip-lock plastic freezer bags can be used. To preserve full flavor, avoid crushing the leaves until you are ready to use them. Store dried herbs in a cool, dry place away from sunlight, moisture, and heat. Many herbs can keep for a year if stored properly.

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Herbal Recipes Below are some simple, yet delicious recipes that showcase the flavor of freshly picked garden herbs.

Melted Cheese Spread with Yarrow This is a great salsa alternative when served with Tortillas or corn chips)

Ingredients: one pound soft cheese; one table-

spoon minced yarrow leaves; one half cup tomato soup two tablespoons whole Yarrow flowers; black pepper; onion powder and garlic powder to taste. Directions: Melt the cheese and add the tomato soup, stirring until well mixed. Add Yarrow leaves and spices to taste. Blend in one tablespoon of the Yarrow flowers. Use remaining flowers as a bowl garnish.

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Quick Chive Biscuits Bisquick makes it quick and easy to bake up a batch of biscuits laced with fresh chives.

Ingredients: two cups Bisquick; 2/3 cup sour cream; 1/3 cup water; one tablespoon chopped chives. Directions: Stir together all ingredients to a soft dough. Beat 30 strokes until stiff but still sticky. Knead dough ten times. Roll out one half inch thick and cut with a floured glass or biscuit cutter. \*\*\*

Cilantro Salsa This spicy salsa is a tasty accompaniment to seafood.

Ingredients: one half cup minced onion; one half cup tomato (chopped small); one teaspoon minced Jalapeno chile; one teaspoon salt. Directions: Soak onion in

cold water for a half hour, rinse and drain. Mix together all other ingredients and chill covered until serving time.

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Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

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

## Beware the dream thief

The dream thief is a cunning adversary lurking in the shadows, ready to strike at any stage. Whether you're at the beginning of your journey, midway through, or standing on the cusp of fulfillment, the dream thief waits, poised to sow doubt and derail determination.

Recognizing the dream thief, in its many guises, could be the key to keeping your dream firmly in your grasp.

At the inception of your dream, you'll feel excitement mixed with uncertainty. You'll sketch plans, cultivate ideas, and think about what you must do to lay the foundation for your vision.

You may be preparing to launch a business, write a novel, or embark on a life-changing career.

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Yet, this stage, although exciting, is fertile ground for dream-killing doubts.

Friends and family may even feed those doubts, seemingly disguised as concern and well-intended advice. If you listen, you'll start to procrastinate and make excuses. You'll wonder if it's all just a pipe dream.

Standing firm in this stage requires belief in your vision and the courage to pursue it despite others' skepticism.

Your work ethic and ability to maintain discipline during all stages will help fend off the dream thief, especially in this early stage. If you find you're not taking action, ask yourself why. Fear of failure? That's merely the dream thief.

Remember, the echoes of inaction ring far louder than the thud of a fall.

The middle stages are marked by progress and growing pains. Every day is a struggle, but things are taking shape, and you're moving forward. Chapters fill the pages of your book, and your new career begins to blossom, but you're still not there.

Those who you thought were on your side begin to complain. They've become impatient, too much time has elapsed, and you need to make more money. Your allies begin to resemble foes as they force you to question it all and pressure you to make decisions you don't want to make. They urge you to settle, try to sell out, and insist you give it all up before it's too late.

Resilience is crucial in this phase. Recognizing

that the dream thief can take the form of criticism and often only reflects others' limitations rather than your potential can be the key to your sanity during this phase.

Keep pushing; you'll find you're growing and expanding. Revenue is beginning to flow; opportunities multiply; dreams edge closer to reality. Ironically, even success can breed negativity as competitors may attempt to undermine your confidence.

Remember, during expansion, balancing ambition with wisdom is critical. Listen to valid concerns but filter out mere negativity. Embrace constructive criticism while remaining true to your vision, and always stay vigilant; at this stage, fear of success may creep in. That's the dream thief again. Don't fear what's

coming; embrace it.

Eventually, a dream reaches its natural conclusion. It might be time to sell the business, write a different book, or take a new turn in your career. You and those around you will question your decision to move on.

Even at this late stage, the dream killer can rear its ugly head, this time as the fear of letting go. Understanding when to transition is a deeply personal choice. If the time has come, let it go, surround yourself with those who appreciate your journey, and support your evolving dreams.

Guarding against the dream thief is a continuous battle fought at every stage of your journey. It is a lifelong task to recognize its many faces. Embrace the challenges,

believe in your vision, stand firm against negative influences, and move forward with courage.

Your dreams are yours to achieve, and nobody can steal your destiny unless you give it to them. Keep vigilant, fill yourself with courage, and unyielding faith.

The dream thief lurks at every corner, but you have the power to defeat it. Will you succumb to doubt, fear, complacency, and criticism, or will you rise above and seize your dreams with both hands?

The choice is yours, and the path is waiting. Arm yourself with wisdom and determination, and step into your destiny. Your dreams are not just figments of your imagination; they are calls to greatness.

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# Preventing and managing powdery mildew in the garden

Don't panic when you find a powdery white substance covering the leaves of some of your flowers, vegetables, and shrubs. This is a good clue that your plants are infected with the fungal disease, powdery mildew. Most otherwise healthy plants can tolerate the damage and perennials will return the following year.

You may see this disease on a variety of plants including zinnia, phlox, bee balm, lilacs, roses, cucumbers, and squash. Powdery mildew is caused by several different fungi with each attacking specific host plants. This means the powdery mildew on one plant won't necessarily infect its neighbors. But when the weather conditions are right, high humidity at night and low humidity during the day, powdery mildew can develop on a variety of unrelated susceptible plants.



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This fungus grows on leaf surfaces, preventing sunlight from reaching the leaves. The infected leaves eventually turn yellow, brown and may wither. The disease usually won't kill the plant, but it does ruin the beauty of ornamental plants and severe infestation can reduce the size and quantity of fruit when growing cucumbers, squash and other susceptible vegetables.

Consider living with the damage. Mask the view of the diseased leaves with slightly shorter nearby plants, allowing you to still enjoy the flowers.

If you decide to treat

the plants, you must start at the first sign of the disease and then every 7 to 14 days for effective control. Consider using one of the organic fungicides labeled for controlling this disease on the plants you are treating. Cornell University found baking soda was effective at managing powdery mildew. You will find variations of the mixture using 1 to 1.5 tablespoons of baking soda and 2.5 to 3 tablespoons of lightweight horticulture oil mixed into one gallon of water. Be sure to read and follow label directions when using any organic, natural, or synthetic product. Pretest any fungicide selected including the Cornell mixture. Apply the fungicide to a couple of leaves and monitor for any toxic side effects before spraying all the infected plants. Reduce the risk of powdery mildew in future gardens. Remove and dispose of mildew-infected

plants and leaves in fall.

When adding new plants to the garden, select those noted for powdery mildew resistance. They aren't immune but less likely to develop the disease than more susceptible varieties. Give plants plenty of room to reach their mature size. This increases airflow and light reaching the plants, decreasing humidity and the risk of infection. Avoid excess fertilization that promotes lush succulent growth that is more susceptible to this and other diseases.

Train vining crops like cucumber, squash, and melons onto a trellis. You'll not only save space but also increase light and air penetration around the plants for greater productivity and less risk of disease.

Do a bit of pruning on susceptible phlox and bee balm next spring. Remove one-fourth of the stems of susceptible perenni-



Melinda Myers

Powdery mildew on a bee balm plant.

als when the plants are several inches tall. This increases light penetration and airflow, resulting in stronger stems and less risk of this disease.

A bit of prevention goes a long way in boosting the beauty of your garden and reducing the time spent managing this disease.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released Midwest

Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition, and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and her Web site is [www.MelindaMyers.com](http://www.MelindaMyers.com).

# Nichols College and Seven Hills Foundation launch innovative educational partnership

DUDLEY — Nichols College today announced a new partnership with Seven Hills Foundation that will offer the Foundation's employees an enhanced opportunity to pursue Master's, Bachelor's and certificate programs at the region's top-rated business school. Employees of the global health and human services agency, headquartered in Worcester, Mass., will now be able to enroll in online programs at Nichols College and take advantage of a 20% tuition discount. The Graduate School at Nichols College offers an MBA, Executive MBA, Master of Science in Counterterrorism, Master of Science in Organizational Leadership, and Master of Science in Accounting. The College also offers a wide range of bachelor's degrees and certificate programs,

including programs in high demand and emerging fields such as cybersecurity, healthcare management, intelligent automation, and business analytics. "Nichols College is deeply committed to Central Massachusetts and its citizenry, and is excited to proactively make higher education affordable and accessible to Seven Hills staff throughout New England and beyond," said Nichols College Provost Daniel Borgia, Ph.D. "This partnership reflects the College's desire to partner with the region's top companies and organizations, and to bring Nichols' exemplary education to professionals wherever they seek to learn." "We are truly excited about this new partnership with Nichols College that will offer Seven Hills employees an opportunity to pursue a fully accredited

college degree," said Marilyn Lopez, Vice President of Human Resources at Seven Hills. "This new employee benefit will provide our staff with the extraordinary opportunity to study at Nichols College for both undergraduate and graduate degrees, as well as certificate programs at a reduced tuition rate." About Nichols College Nichols College has earned business accreditation from the prestigious Association of Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International), the longest serving global accrediting body for business schools and the largest business education network connecting learners, educators, and businesses worldwide. Founded in 1815, Nichols College transforms today's students into tomorrow's leaders through a dynamic, career-focused business and professional educa-

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# OBITUARIES

## Rosemary Pelc, 75



**WEBSTER** – Rosemary (Puchta) Pelc, 75, died Tuesday, August 1, 2023 in UMass/Memorial Healthcare University Campus in Worcester after a brief illness with her family at her side.

She leaves 3 children, Patricia A. Salvass of Webster; Donald E. Leighton, Sr. of Putnam, CT and Richard C. “Richie” Leighton and his companion Esther Aldarawcheh of Putnam, CT; 10 grandchildren, Melanie, Danielle and her husband Nick, Patrick, Trisha, Donald, Jr., Jonathan, Justin, Brandon, Richard, Jr. and Katrina; 12 great-grandchildren; a brother, Leonard Gagliardi and his wife Jeannie of Texas; a sister, Elizabeth “Betty” Puchta of Tennessee; her best friends, Sheila Davern and Anna Erwin; her former son-in-law and

good friend, Daniel Salvass of Sutton; and many acquaintances.

She was born on June 5, 1948 in Southbridge, a daughter of Emil and Louise (Gagliardi) Puchta and lived in West Brookfield and Palmer. She attended Tantasqua Regional High School in Sturbridge. She has lived in Webster since 1968.

For the majority of her life, she was a homemaker. She also worked several jobs including being an order picker at Filene’s Basement in Auburn.

She enjoyed playing cards especially cribbage, socializing, reading and spending time with her grandchildren.

Visitation was held from 4:00 to 6:00 PM on Sunday, August 6, in Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main Street. Donations in her name may be made to St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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## Daniel N. Gaudette, 85



**WEBSTER** – Daniel N. Gaudette, 85, of Webster and a longtime resident of Southbridge, was Called Safely Home on Tuesday, August 1, 2023. He passed into Eternal Life at Daybrook Senior Living in Holyoke surrounded by the care and comfort of his loving family. He was born in Spencer on November 9, 1937, a beloved son of the late Origene J. and Dorothy L. (Reilly) Gaudette. He was raised in Southbridge and moved to Webster in 1959 where he lived for most of his life. He served in the United States Army National Guard and attained the rank of Specialist Fifth Class. He was a lifelong employee at the former B & W Footwear and was a longtime communicant of Sacred Heart Church, both in Webster. Daniel was a hard working man who enjoyed the simple things in life, but most of all, spending time with his wife and family. He leaves his loving wife and best friend of 63 years, Arlene F. (Chomes) Gaudette; his

loving daughter and son, Susan Grimes of Webster and Timothy Gaudette of Holyoke; his cherished granddaughter, Allison Grimes of Newport, RI; his dear sister, Joyce Swana of Webster; and his many dear nephews, nieces, cousins, extended family members and friends. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his two dear brothers and three dear sisters, Gene Gaudette, Donald Gaudette, Dorothy Senecal, Judith Dupont, and Susan Desabre. There are no visiting hours. His funeral arrangements are entrusted to the St. Pierre-Phaneuf Aldenville Chapels, (413-532-9806), 13 Dale Street, Chicopee, MA 01020. Memorial donations may be made in his memory to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104. For more details and to leave his family condolence messages, please visit: [www.stpierre-phaneuf.com](http://www.stpierre-phaneuf.com)



**WEBSTER** – Mary Baxter passed away peacefully on Friday, August 4, 2023 at the age of 101. She was born Mary Athena Pappas on October 25, 1921 in Webster, the daughter of Alex and Christina (Shimo) Pappas and lived in Webster most of her life.

Mary attended Bartlett High School and worked in her father’s market after graduation. At the close of World War II, she married Tom Buchka. They had two sons, Thomas S. Jr. and Robert. Tom changed the family name to Baxter in 1958. Mary continued to work in her family market for years and also assisted her husband in his nightclub business.

Mary’s main passion was her family, cooking and homemaking. She sewed,

knitted, crocheted, kept an immaculate house, and was an excellent cook. She was always willing to try new recipes but was probably best remembered for her Greek pita, cornmeal pie and Greek cookies.

For 18 years she and Tom moved annually between Webster and Florida. Mary had 3 brothers, Vasil, Peter and Charles Pappas and a sister Olga Pappas who preceded her in death as well as her husband of 70 years Thomas and her older son Tom, Jr. “Butch.”

She is survived by her son Robert and his wife Lucy of Lake George, NY.

There are no calling hours. Donations in her name may be made to Saints Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, PO Box 713, Webster, MA 01570. Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street.

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## Stanley L. Sklarz, 87



**OXFORD** – On Saturday, July 8, 2023, the face of our family was forever changed. Stanley L. Sklarz, after a long period of declining health, passed peacefully from our arms into the loving arms of his heavenly father at the age of 87.

Stanley was born in Worcester on May 8, 1936, to Joseph and Anna (Lizewski) Sklarz.

Stanley is survived by his wife of 63 years, Virginia M. (Gagliastre) Sklarz, whom he adored to the day of his passing. He leaves his only daughter and most passionate and loving caregiver through the years, Debra, her husband Scott Dearent of Dudley, and his son Michael Sklarz of Spencer. Always a devoted husband and father, he dedicated his life to caring for his family. Through the years, he was overjoyed to welcome into the family his beloved grandchildren, Nathan Dearent and his wife Eve, Nicholas Dearent, Nolan Dearent and his fiancée Mariah, Molly Sklarz and Mitchell Sklarz. Their Poppa always supported all of their educational and athletic pursuits... never missing a ballgame, ceremony, or dance recital.

Stanley is also survived by two sisters, Rosemarie Coulard of Oxford, and Jean Whitaker of Arroyo Grande, CA. He was predeceased by three brothers, John, Joseph Jr., Walter, and three sisters, Anna Rauer, Irene Brunyak, and Helen Smith. He leaves his loving sister-in-law, Maryann Hamilton and her husband Jack. Many nieces and nephews including his adored niece Jill Lemansky, her husband Richie and sons Dean and Drew, and nephew John O’Connell, his wife Annie and daughters Emily and Addie. You didn’t have to be related though – he was affectionally called Uncle by many.

As a young man, Stanley enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps proudly serving his country for three years, some of that time overseas in Japan.

Stanley worked in the food industry throughout his life. He worked for the International Salt Company, Salada Foods, Halpern Brothers, and Buckley and Tovsky, before retiring from Johnson O’Hare as vice president of sales. His favorite job came after retirement as part of the staff of Paradis-Givner Funeral Home.

A devoted parishioner of St. Roch’s Parish, Stanley served as a member of the Parish Council for many years and was instrumental in advocating for and creating the outdoor prayer garden on church grounds.

Weekly Sunday Dinners were a long-standing tradition for Stanley and his family. There would always be enough room at the table and food for all who were welcomed to join. You didn’t have to be related to be considered part of the family. He will always be lovingly remembered for making way too many mashed potatoes.

The family would like to thank the Charlton Manor Rest Home including Michael Turpin, Debra Fitts, and the extended staff for the care and comfort they so passionately provided over the years. We are so grateful to all the wonderful girls and those residents who became his friends. To the JHC Hospice team, especially Marlene and Hillary, for your care and compassion provided through his challenging last few days.

A funeral was held on Saturday, July 15, 2023, from Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford, followed by a Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Roch’s Church, 332 Main St., Oxford. Burial with military honors followed at St. Roch’s Cemetery in Oxford. Calling hours were Friday, July 14, 2023, from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, c/o St. Roch’s Church, 334 Main St., Oxford, MA 01540.



### VOTE

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ity following the July 24 town meeting. The School Committee officially voted to set a date of Aug. 23 for a district-wide Super Town Meeting in case the education assessment fails. The meeting will be held on the Shephard Hill football field. In the case of a weather situation the meeting would be postponed to the following day.

The Aug. 17 override vote that will determine the fate of the school budget will include the following questions: \$556,111.09 for public safety including fire and police, \$534,304.50 for the highway department, \$133,698 for general government and municipal services, \$297,528.41 to support the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library, and the \$901,683 for the school assessment. Information on voting locations and more details concerning the budget items have been made available on the Town of Dudley Web site.

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

To learn more about adoption from foster care visit [www.mareinc.org](http://www.mareinc.org). Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) can give you guidance and information on the adoption process. Reach out today to find out all the ways you can help children and teens in foster care.



DANIELS

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munity. ... That’s why I’m here.”

Going forward, he said he sees three other key priorities: Adding two officers, a lieutenant and improving training; getting Oxford accredited; and implementing body cameras. Regarding the first of those, he admitted some people might not want to hear it, but the officers are “over-worked.” Oxford is “a very active community for your size,” with crime up 10 percent, and with 44 percent of that crime being against people, he said.

To do it, he argued in favor of getting out of civil service, saying the list doesn’t have enough people to provide the candidates Oxford needs. Years ago, it was necessary, because so many people were applying, but no longer. Instead, Daniels said he’d like to be able to send recruiters to police academies to promote Oxford.

“You hire who is the best,” he said. “That’s what the community deserves.”

Regarding accreditation, he said he did that in Westboro and has helped other towns do it, so he has “eyes on the most current policies and procedures.” Doing so,

he added, will cut town insurance costs. The new regulations allow internal affairs investigations to be released, and he noted “People are looking for their police to be accountable. Under my leadership, that will happen.”

Regarding cameras, he said he ran that program in Westboro, too with “great results.” Overall, he said, “police officers are doing a great job, and it’s not shown enough.”

Daniels said he was also union president for nine years, and involved in negotiations often. Those included moving the dispatchers to the fire department. He said he’s read the Oxford contract

and already highlighted elements he’d like to change, and noted “an open dialogue will prevent a lot of problems.”

During the deliberations after the interviews, Chair Dennis Lamarche noted Daniels was the top ranked choice by civil service. If they wanted to pick one of the others, he said, they had to “give very very good reasons for changing their ranking.”

Nobody proposed doing that, though.

Robert King had the most to say about the candidates, saying he was impressed by their “diversity of backgrounds” but thought Daniels’ Westboro and

Bolton experience seemed “most analogous” to Oxford. The other two, from Fitchburg and New Britain, were both larger cities with issues Oxford doesn’t have; that made him concerned about “the culture not jelling,” he said.

Mark Lee said he liked Daniels’ “vision for us” and his willingness to say things “maybe we don’t want to hear.”

“Because I’m a denizen of the courthouse, I was able to ask around and I heard great things about the Westboro police department as a leader in progressive policing,” he said. “... And the community supports the lieutenant.”

To John Eul, the key issue was that “the envisions growing the next chief from within.” (King and Lamarche both agreed, with the latter saying Grneit “should be our next chief.”) Eul said he was impressed that Daniels had researched the town, had experience with young people and knew some of Oxford’s officers already.

“All three candidates [were] phenomenal,” Lamarche said. “Good background, good thoughts.”

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WALKTOBER

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Sponsored by Mark Mandeville & Raianne Richards masswalking-tour.org, Local 4 Life local4life.org, The Last Green Valley thelastgreenvalley.org, and the Town of Dudley dudleyma.gov and The Dudley Cultural Council.

The Last Green Valley is two things - it's the 35-town National Heritage Corridor in eastern Connecticut and south-central Massachusetts, and it's also your member-supported, non-profit stewardship organization working for you in

the National Heritage Corridor. The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor is green by day and dark by night, a place with a rich history in a surprisingly rural landscape. With 84 percent forest and farm, the Corridor is the last swath of dark night sky in the coastal sprawl between Boston and Washington, D.C. TLGV advocates to sustain our region's legacy for future generations. TLGV is celebrating 33 years of Walktober in 2023 with many wide-open spaces to explore with walks, hikes, historic tales, paddles, bike rides, farm visits and more.

The mission of Local 4 Life is built around a

passion for education, conservation and community-building. The non-profit was founded by two middle school Science teachers who were inspired to offer hands on learning that supported local farms and broadened their reach beyond the classroom. They recruited a diverse board of directors, advisors and volunteers that consist of farmers, educators, and entrepreneurs. With the help of their expertise, skills and talents, Local 4 Life has hosted events, workshops and activities for all ages that have been centered in four core values- Agricultural & Local Partnerships, Youth Education. Conservation of Resources, and

Diversified Community Outreach.

Since 2010, singer-songwriters Mark Mandeville & Raianne Richards have organized a grassroots bipedal trek annually to raise awareness of recreational greenspace throughout the state and create folk coffeehouse-style musical events in each town. The Massachusetts Walking Tour has performed over 131 concerts in 113 towns across the state, partnering with the National Parks Service, Mass Audubon, Trustees, DCR, Freedoms Way and AMC to hike sections of the Appalachian Trail, Mid-State Trail, New England National Scenic Trail, Bay Circuit Trail, Cape

Cod Rail Trail, South Coast Bikeway and many of the region's smaller recreational greenspaces. In 2017, Sen. Ed Markey officially recognized the Massachusetts Walking Tour in the congressional record for an annual commitment to promoting trails, arts and culture throughout the state.

“Our intention is simply to help people understand the importance of greenspace in our busy lives by inviting them out for a walk, to see younger and older folks hiking together, sharing thoughts on a nice day out in the woods,” states co-founder Mark Mandeville. “As for the concerts, we do our best to create a respectful listening environment

which highlights local performers, artists and folks with good work to announce – in that way, each concert is unique.”

Aside from organizing the Massachusetts Walking Tour, performing and recording their original compositions, Mandeville and Richards serve as music teachers in central Massachusetts through Blackstone Valley Music, an independently owned school with a popular Band Camp Program and monthly community coffeehouse. To find out more about Mark & Raianne, visit markandraianne.com.

LEGALS

MORTGAGEE’S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Talissa Barbalho and Hairo R. Bino to Jeanne D’Arc Credit Union dated July 14, 2017 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 57420, Page 141 of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 AM. on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023 at 51 Old Common Road, Auburn, Massachusetts 01501, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The following described property located in the County of Worcester, Town of Auburn:

BEGINNING at a concrete bound on the northeasterly sideline of Old Common Road at the most westerly corner of the parcel to be described; said bound also being the most southeasterly corner of land now or formerly of Post;

THENCE: North 37 deg. of 59’ 00” East along land now or formerly of Post, a distance of Four Hundred Seventy-Eight and 48/100 (478.48) feet to a point;

THENCE: South 38 deg. 37’ 25” East along land now or formerly of Post, a distance of One Hundred Ninety-Three and 53/100 (193.53) feet to a point;

THENCE: South 36 deg. 43’ 36” West along land now or formerly of Murray, a distance of Four Hundred Seventy-four and 25/100 (474.25) feet to a point on the northeasterly sideline of Old Common Road;

THENCE: North 40 deg. 30’ 00” West along said sideline, a distance of Two Hundred Two and 75/100 (202.75) feet to the point of beginning; and

CONTAINING 2.11 acres, more or less.

Subject to a New England Power Company right of way shown on said plan.

BEING Parcel A on a plan by Cullinan Engineering Co., Inc. titled “Plan of Property – Auburn, Massachusetts” dated April 20, 1979 owned by Joseph E. Murray and Olive D. Murray and filed in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 463, Page 28. For Mortgagor’s title see said Registry Book 57420, Page 138.

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, building and zoning laws, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) shall be required to be paid to the mortgagee in cash, by certified or bank’s cashier check at the time and place of sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash, by certified check or by bank cashier’s check in or within 30 days from the date of the sale.

**TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.**

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

Jeanne D’Arc Credit Union  
Present Holder of said Mortgage,  
By Its Attorneys,  
Edward P. McCarthy  
McCarthy Law Office, LLC  
303 Wyman Street, Suite 300  
Waltham, MA 02451  
(781) 577-6686  
August 04, 2023  
August 11, 2023  
August 18, 2023

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 32 Pinehurst Avenue, Auburn, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of

the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Arthur Marcotte to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Embrace Home Loans, Inc., its successors and assigns, said mortgage dated September 8, 2015, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 54294 at Page 375 and now held by Embrace Home Loans, Inc. by virtue of an assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Embrace Home Loans, Inc., its successors and assigns to Embrace Home Loans, Inc. dated November 15, 2018 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 59746, Page 347, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at **Public Auction on September 13, 2023 at 2:30 PM Local Time** upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

**The Land with the buildings thereon in Auburn, Massachusetts shown as Lot #13 on plan entitle “Plan of Pinehurst, North West Section dated March 25, 1939 by A.N. Pone, Surveyor and is more particularly bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point in the westerly line of Pinehurst Avenue, 900 feet southerly from the southeast corner of land now or formerly of Fritz and Agnes Carlson, which point is the southeast corner of lot 12 on said plan;**

**THENCE S. 4<sup>0</sup> 38’ E. by line of Pinehurst Avenue, 75 feet to a point at Lot 14 on said plan;**

**THENCE running westerly by Lot 14 a distance of 288 feet, more or less, to the high water mark of Stoneville Lower Reservoir;**

**THENCE running northerly by said Reservoir 84 feet, more or less, to the point on said high water mark**

**marking the southwest corner of Lot 12;**

**THENCE running easterly by said Lot 12 a distance of 305 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.**

**32 Pinehurst Ave., Auburn, MA, 004-219**

**Title to the above described property conveyed to Arthur Marcotte from Sevim Bastug and Gabriel Bastug by Quit Claim Deed dated and recorded September 28, 2001 in Book 24928 Page 88 or Instrument No. 151930.**

The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. For Mortgagors’ Title see deed dated September 28, 2001, and recorded in Book 24928 at Page 88 with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds.

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

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

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

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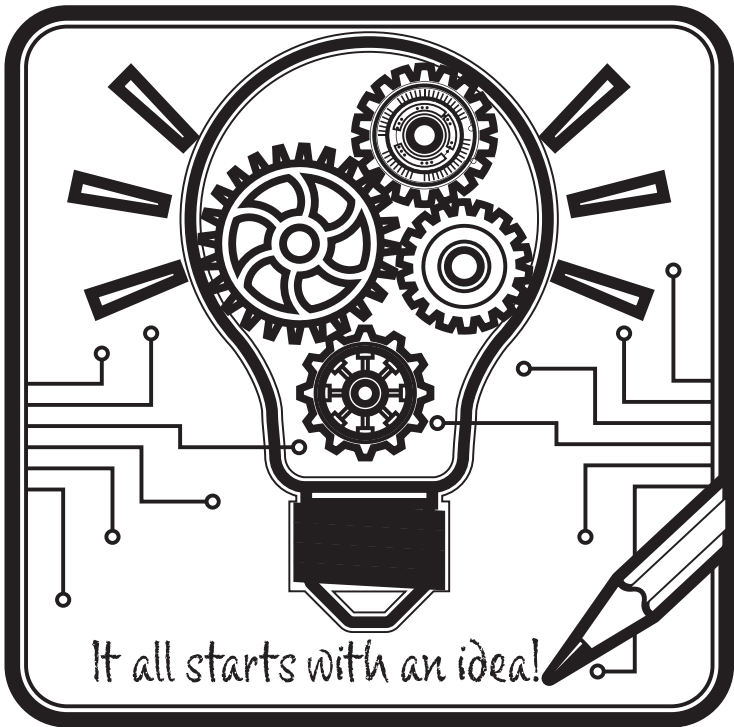






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HISTORY

- **1519:** FERDINAND MAGELLAN SETS SAIL FROM SEVILLE TO BEGIN A CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF THE GLOBE.
- **1641:** THE SIGNING OF THE TREATY OF LONDON ENDS THE BISHOPS’ WAR BETWEEN ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND.
- **1990:** THE MAGELLAN SPACE PROBE REACHES VENUS.



THIS IS THE TERM TO  
DESCRIBE A PERSON WHO  
CREATES SOME NEW PROCESS,  
APPLIANCE, MACHINE, OR ARTICLE.

ANSWER: INVENTOR



CONCEPT

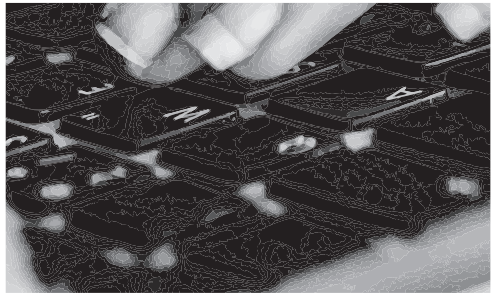
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idea or notion



- ENGLISH:** Idea
- SPANISH:** Idea
- ITALIAN:** Idea
- FRENCH:** Idée
- GERMAN:** Idee



INVENTORS AND ENTREPRENEURS  
BOTH COME UP WITH IDEAS. BUT AN  
INVENTOR IS MORE INVOLVED WITH  
THE ACTUAL INVENTION AND THE  
ENTREPRENEUR  
THE BUSINESS.



Can you guess what  
the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: LAPTOP KEYBOARD

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CRYPTO FUN

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to immunizations.  
Each number corresponds to a letter.  
(Hint: 18 = E)

A. 14 12 11 11 25 15 18

Clue: Protects against illness

B. 10 19 11 23 19 9

Clue: Medical professional

C. 15 18 18 10 3 18

Clue: Pointy instrument

D. 16 9 19 23 18 11 23 25 19 15

Clue: Provides safeguards

Answers: A. vaccine B. doctor C. needle D. protection

SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

Here’s How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

9	8	7	3	1	2	4	5	6
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5	7	9	1	2	6	8	4	3
1	9	6	3	7	9	3	6	1
3	7	3	2	7	3	6	1	9
2	6	1	5	9	7	3	8	4
8	9	5	2	3	4	6	1	7

ANSWER:



# What parents can do to be more involved at school

Parents can make every effort to encourage children to make the most of the school experience, including academics and extracurricular activities. Though students' level of engagement is ultimately up to them, parental involvement at school can be crucial for students' success.

According to the National Education Council, when parents get involved in their children's education, those children are more likely to do better in school and be more positive about the school experience. They also may be well-behaved. Parents wondering what they can do to assist at the school level can consider these possibilities.

Attend school board meetings

Many community school boards are comprised entirely of volunteers who work with superintendents and other personnel to advocate for policies and procedures for students. Decisions typically are up for vote, and parents can run for school board positions or simply attend meetings each month and let their voices be heard about various issues.

Attend open houses and conferences

Parents can make every effort to get to know teachers and other staff. Putting faces to names can help parents develop a connection to teachers and vice versa. Most schools have back to school nights, meet the coaches opportunities, open houses, and par-

ent-teacher conferences. Parents can take part in these events.

Open lines of communication

Parents can ask teachers and other staff how they prefer to communicate. Some teachers want students to take the lead and reach out first, with parents providing support if need be. Adults can be responsive when teachers reach out.

Attend school events

Families can make it a point to support students in all endeavors. Whenever the opportunity to visit the school comes up — whether for a concert, sports game, trivia night, or fundraiser — parents can make an effort to attend.

Volunteer



When parents want to be involved even further, they can head committees at school or volunteer with the PTA or PTO. They also can help out in the cafeteria, library or in

the main office. Parents who have particular skills may volunteer to provide tutoring or mentoring as needed. Furthermore, parents can volunteer in school-sanctioned extra-

curriculars, such as Scouts BSA or as sports coaches. Involvement in school is part of being an informed and supportive parent.

## Start preparing for school now



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After a summer of relaxation, the start of a new school year generates mixed emotions among students. Many children look forward to being back on campus with their friends but may not revel in the idea of waking up early or doing homework each night.

While summer break is a much needed-respite from the rigors of school, it doesn't mean school should be forgotten entirely. In fact, doing some preparatory steps before a new school year begins can make the year go much more smoothly. Here's how students and parents can direct their focus during the final countdown.

Keep reading

According to Scholastic, summer slide is a concept that was first acknowledged by researchers in 1996. Many comprehensive studies have come out since then and indicated that kids lose significant knowledge in reading and math over summer break, which can have a cumulative effect and lead to skill loss each

year. Some research says up to 20 percent of school year gains in reading and 27 percent in math are lost during summer break. Children should be encouraged to read as much as possible during summer break, particularly since many schools require summer reading and subsequent essays or book reports upon returning to the classroom. Let kids read what they want, whether it's comics, magazines, the newspaper, or even books they've read before.

Accumulate supplies

School may not be on the radar early in summer, but it's wise to purchase supplies early. Right before school starts there is a mad dash to grab notebooks, pens, clothing, and more, which can make for a stressful shopping experience for all involved. Shopping early helps families avoid that outcome.

Brush up on math

skills

It can't hurt for students to do a few math problems over the summer. Practice keeps skills fresh and any mathematical formulas prominent in their minds. All it takes is one or two problems per day to stay on top of math skills.

Visit educational attractions

Families can include museums, art exhibits, animal sanctuaries, libraries, science centers, and similar attractions in the list of places they visit over the summer. This way students can learn and be entertained simultaneously.

Start enforcing bed-times

School-aged children (six to 13 years) need nine to 12 hours of sleep every night, according to KidsHealth.org. During the summer, late nights can easily be rectified by sleeping in the next day. But when school

resumes, the alarm clock will be ringing earlier than expected. Parents can gradually implement earlier bedtimes as summer winds down so that kids are getting the rest they will need.

Get in the know

Parents can begin to pay closer attention to emails and social media posts from schools as they'll likely contain information about upcoming school calendars, bus routes (or transportation registration), changes in personnel, or any additional updates. This will help alleviate any surprises on the first day of school.

Families can take several steps to get ready for school as the first day draws near. BS238164

SOCIAL MEDIA TEXT: Some preparatory steps before a new school year begins can make the year go much more smoothly.

## Strategies to help transfer students adjust to a new school

A new school year presents a wealth of opportunities for incoming students. Students returning to the same school can build upon the previous year's successes, while students transitioning from elementary school to middle school or middle school to high school can embrace the excitement and accept the challenges posed by continuing on their academic journeys.

It's not uncommon for all students to experience some first day jitters, but that nervous excitement might be especially pronounced for transfer students. The transition to a new school is made simpler for many students because they make it alongside classmates they've known for years. Transfer students have no such security blanket, but can embrace the following strategies as they prepare to begin the school year in a whole new environment.

- Attend student orientation sessions. Orientation sessions can benefit any student, but may be especially useful for transfer students. Orientation sessions typically include a campus tour, a rundown of both academic and social activities and a chance to meet the school staff, including teachers and coaches. Transfer students who attend these sessions also may meet fellow classmates, who typically serve as guides

on campus tours or in other capacities which requires them to interact with session attendees. This can be a great opportunity to connect with individuals who could serve as a familiar face come the first day of school.

- Schedule a visit with a guidance counselor. Guidance counselors can be invaluable resources for transfer students. Parents can come along and discuss the student's interests in a direct conversation with a counselor, who can fill the family in on all that's available on campus. That can include academics and extracurricular activities.
- Dive in socially. Though it's not always easy to transfer to a new school that already has its own social networks, the best way to meet new people is to make a concerted effort to engage socially. Student-athletes may have an advantage because the team atmosphere provides a ready-made social network. However, extracurricular clubs also provide that benefit and do so without the added pressure of competing for a spot on a team.
- Don't go it alone. Students should recognize that the transition is not something they need to do on their own. If students transferred because their family moved, then others in the family, including parents,



are likely to experience their own ups and downs as well. Speak with parents and siblings if the transition does not get off to a smooth start. Such openness can open the door to new strategies and help to alleviate some of the stress that can accompany a transition to a new school.

A new school year can be a nervous time for transfer students. However, various strategies can help to make the transition go more smoothly.

## How to help student-athletes balance academics and athletics



The rigors of academia demand every student's utmost devotion. For some, the challenges in the classroom are accompanied by the thrill of competition on the playing fields. Multi-tasking may be most associated with modern profession-

als, but many might have learned how to balance multiple responsibilities at once during their days as student-athletes.

Student-athletes typically have a lot on their plates. Managing multiple priorities at once can overwhelm anyone, espe-

cially young student-athletes without much experience handling such a juggling act. As a new school year begins, student-athletes can consider these strategies as they try to do their best in the classroom and on the competitive playing

fields.

- Practice time management over the summer. Summer vacation provides a much-needed respite for all students, but it also can serve as a time management trial run for student-athletes. Over the course of summer break, create a schedule of activities and allot a certain amount of time to devote to each. In the spirit of summer vacation, these activities need not be rigorous, but the schedule can lay the foundation for the hopefully successful management of time that will be necessary when the school year begins.
- Take steps to avoid burnout. Burnout can affect student-athletes in the classroom and on the field. Work with parents, coaches and school staff, including a nutritionist if one works for the school's athletic department, to devise a

meal plan that will help to energize the body and reduce injury risk. In addition, follow a consistent sleep schedule that helps to overcome mental and physical fatigue. According to guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, teenagers between the ages of 13 and 18 should sleep eight to 10 hours each night.

- Avoid distractions. Student-athletes who are finding it hard to get at least eight hours of sleep each night might be too distracted during the day to get everything done so they can go to bed at a reasonable hour. Smartphones ensure distractions are never too far away, but student-athletes can take a proactive approach and turn off app notifications once a new school year and season begins. In addition, pick a quiet homework/study room in the house

without distractions like a television or the hum of outside noise.

- Set academic and athletic goals. Coaches typically establish goals for players before the season and then again during end-of-season exit interviews. Such goals can help athletes maintain their motivation, and a similar strategy can be employed in the classroom. Parents and student-athletes can meet with teachers to establish study goals to keep them striving toward academic achievement. Clearly defined goals can improve student-athletes' focus, and that can make it easier to balance their responsibilities.

Student-athletes face a balancing act once a new school year or season begins. Various strategies can help young people successfully juggle their academic and athletic obligations.







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**WEBSTER FIVE**  
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“The children we are assisting are transitioning between homes and schools, and often do not have reliable access to basic needs,” said Samaris Escobar, Webster Five Relationship Banker and one of the backpack project leads. “Our goal is to provide as many children as possible with new school supplies to help them be better prepared to learn and feel more confident as they tackle the 2023-2024 academic year.”

The bank has also donated \$1,000 to each of these organizations in support of 508 Forever Young's Backpack Giveaway and the CASA Project's Fifth Annual Champions for Children Celebration, recognizing the true need for the children of Worcester County.

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**The Trial Court**  
**Probate and Family Court**  
**Worcester Division**  
**Docket No. W023P2532EA**  
**Estate of:**  
**Leonard Stanley Gevry**  
Also Known As:  
**Leonard S. Gevry**  
**Date Of Death:**  
**MAY 12, 2023**  
**INFORMAL PROBATE**  
**PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner

**Linda J. Gevry of Webster MA**  
**Linda J. Gevry of Webster MA**  
has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
August 11, 2023

**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. WO23P2024EA**  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**  
**Estate of:**  
Norman L Rudzinski  
**Date of Death: 08/18/2017**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **Patricia A Rudzinski of North Grosvenord CT** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.  
The Petitioner requests that:  
**Patricia A Rudzinski of North Grosvenord CT** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised** administration

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before:  
**10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/05/2023.**

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 time-

ly 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)**  
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**WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: August 03, 2023  
Stephanie K. Fattman,  
Register of Probate  
August 11, 2023

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

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by April M. Lowe to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Encore Credit Corp., its successors and assigns, dated July 27, 2005 and recorded with the Worcester County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 36926, Page 155 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 PM on August 25, 2023 at 11 Negus Street, Webster, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit: That certain lot or parcel of land with the buildings thereon located in Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as referenced below:  
BEGINNING at the southwest corner thereof at land now or formerly of Amasa Davis;  
THENCE easterly seventy and one-half (70 1/2) feet by said Negus Street to land now or formerly of B. A. Corbin & Son Company;  
THENCE northerly by said Corbin land, ninety-five (95) feet to the aforesaid Davis land;  
THENCE westerly by said Corbin land, seventy-two (72) feet to the aforesaid Davis land;  
THENCE southerly about ninety-six (96) feet to the point of beginning.  
Subject to and with the benefits of any and all rights, restrictions, covenants and easements of record, insofar as the same may be in force and applicable.  
For Mortgagor title see Book 36926 Page 154  
The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney's fees and costs.

**TERMS OF SALE:**  
A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.  
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**(SEAL)**  
**TRIAL COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS**  
**THE SUPERIOR COURT**  
**Worcester County Superior Court**  
**225 Main Street**  
**Worcester, Massachusetts 01608**  
**Dennis P. McManus, Clerk of Court**  
**Docket No: 2385CV00655A**  
**ORDER OF NOTICE**  
**BY PUBLICATION**  
**Specialized Loan Servicing, LLC**  
**vs**  
**Heirs, Devisees, and Legal Representatives of Sara B Mills et al**

Re: Heirs, Devisees and Legal Representatives of Sara B. Mills  
WHEREAS a Complaint was filed in our Superior Court by **Specialized Loan Servicing, LLC** Wherein it is seeking to: **Distribute surplus proceeds from its foreclosure sale;**  
**Order that the Defendants appear and prove their claims, if any, to the surplus funds;**  
**Award the Plaintiff its costs, expenses and attorney's fees incurred in bringing this action, to be paid from the surplus;**  
**Permit the Plaintiff to pay the surplus funds into this Court, plus any accrued interest and less its costs, expenses and attorney's fees incurred in connection with this action;**  
**After such funds have been deposited with the Court, dismiss the Plaintiff as a party to this action; and Determine the rights of the Defendants as to the surplus funds paid into Court**  
We COMMAND YOU if you intend to make any defense, that on or within such 09/05/2023 further time as the law allows you do cause your written pleading to be filed in the office of the Clerk of Court named above, in said Commonwealth, and further that you defend against said suit according to law if you intend any defense, and that you do and receive what the Court shall order and adjudge therein.  
Hereof fail not, at your peril, or as otherwise said suit may be adjudged and orders entered in your absence.  
It appearing to this Court that no personal service of the Complaint has been made on the defendant a deputy sheriff having made a return on the summons that after diligent search he can find no one upon whom he can lawfully make service, a copy of which is hereto attached and made part of this notice, it is ORDERED that notice of this suit be given to them by publishing, once a week for three successive weeks, the last publication to be at least 20-days before said return day in the:  
Newspaper: The Webster Times  
City/Town: Oxford, Worcester County, Massachusetts  
Date issued 07/11/2023  
Cheryl Riddle, Clerk of Courts/Asst. Clerk.  
July 28, 2023  
August 4, 2023  
August 11, 2023

**INVITATION TO BID**

The Town of Webster Department of Public Works is requesting sealed bids for a new 2023 Ford F450 4x4-cab chassis or equal. Bids will be received up to and read at 10:00 am on Monday, August 28, 2023  
Specifications are available at the Town of Webster/Highway Department, 23 Cudworth Rd, Webster, MA 01570.  
All envelopes must be marked “BID TRUCK”  
Office hours are Monday – Friday 7:00 am – 3:00 pm, office number 508-949-3862.  
The Town of Webster through its Board of Selectmen reserves the right to reject any all bids if deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.  
August 11, 2023  
August 18, 2023

**NOTICE OF SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLE UNDER G.L.C. 255, SECTION 39A**

Notice is hereby given by: School Street Towing 17-31 School Street, Webster MA 01570 pursuant to the provisions of G.L.C. c. 255, Section 39A, that on: 26 August 2023 at 9:00 AM at 17-31 School Street, Webster MA by private sale the following Motor Vehicle will be sold to satisfy the garagekeeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicle.  
Vehicle description: Year 2011  
Make: BMW Model: 328i  
Registration#/State: 3YKE31  
VIN: WBAPK5C5OBA655752  
Name and address of vehicle owner Richard Watts, 28 Summer St., Southbridge, MA 01550  
By Frank A Czechowski  
4 Aug 2023  
This notice has been given under the provisions of G.L.c. 255, Section 39A.  
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The Elite Eight round of playoffs in the Auburn Recreation and Culture Girls' Summer Basketball League took place on Thursday, Aug. 3.

## AUBURN RECREATION AND CULTURE SUMMER BASKETBALL LEAGUE RESULTS

### GIRLS' LEAGUE

Tuesday, Aug. 1 — Opening Round of Playoffs  
(6) Shepherd Hill 25, (11) Leicester 20  
(7) Bay Path 54, (10) Auburn 19  
Thursday, Aug. 3 — Elite Eight  
(1) Sutton 42, (9) Worcester North 40  
(2) Millbury 47, (7) Bay Path 32  
(3) Tantasqua 42, (6) Shepherd Hill 26  
(5) Uxbridge defeated (4) Grafton by Forfeit

### BOYS' LEAGUE

Wednesday, Aug. 2 — Sweet 16  
(1) Millbury Received a Bye  
(2) Uxbridge 41, (19) Whitinsville Christian 38  
(3) David Prouty 53, (18) Sutton 38  
(16) Douglas 66, (4) Northbridge 50  
(5) Grafton 64, (12) Nipmuc 44  
(6) Quaboag 61, (11) Auburn 55  
(10) Hopedale 52, (7) Oxford 38  
(8) Bartlett 55, (9) Bay Path 53  
Monday, Aug. 7 — Elite Eight  
(1) Millbury 74, (16) Douglas 49  
(2) Uxbridge 55, (10) Hopedale 45  
(3) David Prouty 39, (8) Bartlett 28  
(5) Grafton 61, (6) Quaboag 39

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# Cornerstone Bank promotes Daniel D'Amico to VP, Commercial Banking Officer

WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with 10 locations throughout Central Massachusetts, is pleased to announce the promotion of Sutton resident Daniel D'Amico to vice president, commercial banking officer. In this role as a commercial lender and commercial services manager, he has a unique depth of knowledge regarding various elements and collaborations within the bank, allowing him to provide a high level of service for all customers. He expertly assists customers with their lending and commercial banking needs along with the help of his team below him. He was previously the assistant vice president, commercial banking officer.

"Dan began his career in the banking industry 17 years ago and has been with us since 2013," said Cornerstone Bank CEO Todd Tallman. "From his experience in both commercial lending and commercial services, he supplies exceptional advice and solutions to his customers while creating meaningful and long-lasting relationships along the way."

D'Amico received a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice from Worcester State University. He is a Certified Fraud

member of the Rainbow Child Development Center.

About Cornerstone Bank

Cornerstone Bank was formed in 2017, born of a long history of supporting the community, and providing a strong foundation to help people and businesses thrive. Serving Worcester County, Cornerstone Bank's local presence and community-based banking model enables a unique ability to deliver outstanding service, with a personal touch. Cornerstone provides the highest level of service and expertise for individuals, businesses, and community organizations with branch locations throughout Central Massachusetts. Cornerstone works to connect customers with opportunities, through a broad range of deposit and loan products, and services. Built on Trust is not just a tag line, but also one of our guiding corporate values. Whether a business or personal partnership, Cornerstone stands on the foundation that relationships are built on trust. To learn about Cornerstone Bank's personal and business banking offerings, please visit [cornerstone-bank.com](http://cornerstone-bank.com) or call 800-939-9103.

Examiner through the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, as well as a graduate of The New England School for Financial Studies.

"I am proud to be a member of the Cornerstone Bank Commercial Services team," said D'Amico. "The work our experienced staff does to help businesses operate efficiently and grow is second to none, and it is an honor to partner with our amazing clients."

By providing clients with the responsive support and extensive and enhanced commercial banking services they need, Cornerstone Bank simplifies banking so business owners can focus on what matters most to them: their businesses, employees, and customers.

D'Amico is also treasurer of the Worcester Young Businessmen's Association and a board

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