

# Lindstrom nominated for Man of the Year

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DUDLEY — Very few athletes get the chance to prove themselves on the nation’s biggest stage, but it appears that, thankfully, former Shepherd Hill Regional High School athlete and starting guard for the Atlanta Falcons Chris Lindstrom has not forgotten where he came from despite reaching these heights.

Lindstrom was selected 14th overall in the 2019 NFL draft by the Atlanta Falcons after excelling in football at both Shepherd Hill and Boston College and has since utilized his platform to support both the community that raised him as well as the city that drafted him into the NFL. His efforts have included helping launch a Georgia chapter of Best Buddies International, an organization that Lindstrom worked with before his

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## KARLOWICZ NAMED DUDLEY’S NEXT CHIEF OF POLICE

The Dudley Board of Selectmen Monday approved the employment contract with the town’s next Police Chief - Police Lt. Marek Karłowicz. Karłowicz was the unanimous choice of selectmen to succeed retiring Police Chief Steven Wojnar, effective January 13. His appointment to chief on November 21 was contingent upon the successful completion of contract negotiations.

Lt. Karłowicz was hired as a reserve officer in 2000. He became a fulltime patrolman in 2002 and was promoted to sergeant in 2019. He was sworn in as Lieutenant in January. Karłowicz will be sworn in as Police Chief at a selectmen’s meeting set for Jan. 9. The town extends congratulations to Chief Wojnar on his retirement and to the soon to be Chief Karłowicz.

# School District receives Pathways, Fells Foundation grants

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DUDLEY/CHARLTON — The Shepherd Hill Regional School District has received a pair of grants that will help continue the district’s career pathways programs and emergency preparedness efforts respectively.

Superintendent Steven Lamarche announced both grants during the Regional School Committee’s final meeting of 2022 in December starting with \$50,000 courtesy of the state’s

Innovation Pathways Implementation and Support Grant program for Fiscal Year 2023. The grant awardees were recently announced by Governor Charlie Baker’s office. Superintendent Lamarche said the awards will help build on Shepherd Hill’s career pathways programs designed to help prepare students for futures in a variety of specialty careers.

“This grant provides resources and continues to help us establish an exceptional opportunity for Shepherd Hill Regional High School Students through innovative instructional practices in both engineering and biomedical studies,” Lamarche said. “We really appreciate the Governor for providing us a \$50,000 grant.”

The second grant comes courtesy of the Fells Family Foundation. The School District has been granted \$7,000 to partners with The Edward Davis Company, a risk management firm, to complete extensive multi-hazard scenarios through one

internal and one external exercise. Superintendent Lamarche explained that the exercises will include involvement from both school officials and emergency personnel.

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# Oxford sets \$13.64 tax rate

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OXFORD — To wrap up town affairs for 2022, the selectmen held the delayed Tax Classification hearing with new Assessor Alex Sendzik Dec. 20.

As Town Manager Jen Callahan noted, Sendzik had only been in the role six months, and has his work cut out for him. He “walked into a revaluation period” which normally takes longer by itself, never mind setting up the data for the annual hearing process. But she credited the fact he did it at least partly to the fact Sendzik has years of assessing experience in Westboro and Grafton.

Sendzik’s presentation was a pretty bare-bones, number-heavy explanation of how he came to recommend the selectmen approve a single tax rate, which they did. The rate, subject to approval by the state Department of Revenue, will be approximately \$13.64 per \$1,000, which

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Members of Cub Scout Pack 274 presented the Dudley Woman’s Club with a \$1,000 donation toward their effort to pay for the refurbishment of the Fun Zone playground. The Donation is the largest non-business donation to date in the campaign.

# Scout cake auction nets \$1,000 for Playground Project

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DUDLEY — The Dudley’s Woman’s Club’s campaign to revitalize the worn-down playground at the Dudley Municipal Complex got a boost from a local group of youngsters who will no doubt benefit from the playground when it finally receives new life. The scouts of Cub Scout Pack 274 held their annual cake auction in November with all the proceeds going to benefit the Woman’s Club’s campaign making the Scouts the largest non-business donors to date. Representatives of Pack 274 appeared before the Board of Selectmen

on Dec. 19 to present \$1,000 to the Dudley Woman’s Club as a result of the auction. Brian Anders, an ambassador for Pack 274, called the auction a long running tradition that often benefits local causes or organizations. For 2022, the Pack decided to help the Woman’s Club in their mission to revitalize the playground to help teach the young scouts the meaning of being a good citizen and an active member of the local community. Anders also acknowledged that the scouts will also benefit directly from helping reopen the playground to give themselves a place to play in town.

“It benefits this group,” Anders said

pointing to the young Cub Scouts. “This fits so perfectly into what we do and it’s an example for us to demonstrate to the scouts, the boys and the girls that we now have, that this is what we do, and this is what good citizenship is all about.”

Cub Master Mark LePage was one of several to also thank the many people who donated goods and participated in the auction, making the donation possible.

“We couldn’t have done this without the gracious donations of people offering their baked goods to us to auction off and, of course, the people

who showed up to actually pay for the cakes,” said LePage.

The playground, known as the Fun Zone, has been closed for some time after it was deemed unsafe for kids to play. The project was tabled during Dudley’s annual fall town meeting to allow the Dudley Woman’s Club the opportunity to spearhead a fundraiser for the remainder of the year. The official cost estimate for the refurbishment is \$380,000. As of the end of the year, the Club had raised more than \$4,780, with \$10,000 pledges from local businesses Greatest Hits and Rampco Construction.



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DUDLEY COUPLE  
CELEBRATE 75TH  
ANNIVERSARY

Arthur and Theresa Graves of Dudley celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary in December with family and friends.

WEBSTER  
POLICE LOG

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of Dec. 11-17.

A 70-year-old male from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Dec. 11 for Violation of a Harassment Prevention Order.

A 35-year-old female from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Dec. 12 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

Melissa Pardee, age 50, of Southbridge was arrested on Dec. 12 in connection with a warrant.

Jackson S. Sugrue, age 24, of Webster was arrested on Dec. 13 on a warrant of apprehension.

Nicholas Jon Holmes, age 40, of Putnam, Conn. was arrested on Dec. 14 in connection with a warrant.

A 45-year-old male from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Dec. 15 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member and in connection with a warrant.


Kahlil Malik Crittendon, age 28, of Worcester was arrested on Dec. 17 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, Possession of an Open Container of Alcohol in a Motor Vehicle, and a Marked Lanes Violation.

John Charles Mazeski III, age 43, of Webster was arrested on Dec. 17 for Disorderly Conduct and Disturbing the Peace.

Christina L. Dennis, age 53, of New Bedford was arrested on Dec. 17 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol (second offense), operating a vehicle with no inspection sticker, and Possession of an Open Container of Alcohol in a Motor Vehicle.


Bay Path students apply Physics concepts

CHARLTON — Recently at Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School, students in Marc Christianson's AP Physics class applied their knowledge of physics to create miniature versions of trebuchets, which were medieval siege weapons similar to catapults. In the middle ages, armies would use these weapons to hurl stones at castle walls. In the lesson, students first watched a video about the history and use of these weapons. They were then provided with materials such as cardboard, popsicle sticks, scissors, pencils, straws, glue, and tape, and worked collaboratively to make their models.



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Pictured in the first photo (L-R) are Terry Simon of Southbridge and Sabrina Rodrigues of Webster. In the second photo are Terry Simon, Sabrina Rodrigues, Delaney Kirkorian of Spencer, Mr. Christianson, Alex Tetreault of Southbridge, Emma St. Francis of Oxford, and Makayla Collins of Dudley.



high expectations and support, engaging instruction, inclusive instruction, and critical instruction.

Purposeful assessment refers to providing students with multiple ways and opportunities to demonstrate learning, enabling students to draw from their cultural knowledge and lived experiences, and ensuring that assessment methods and instruments maintain the rigor and high expectations outlined in standards in culturally sustaining ways. Another goal is also to not perpetuate racial, cultural, or linguistic bias.

High Expectations and Support refers to teachers using evidence-based pedagogical practices to provide equitable opportunities, supports, and scaffolds for grade-level learning, providing clear criteria for success (e.g. rubrics and exemplars), reinforcing perseverance and effort with challenging content and tasks, and communicating specific, frequent, accessible, and asset-based feedback to students on progress and areas for growth.

Engaging Instruction is defined as the following: "Providing opportunities for students to explore topics and apply learning in culturally relevant, authentic, and real-world contexts; building on students' strengths, interests, cultural and linguistic backgrounds, and prior knowledge; facilitating cooperative learning and equitable student discourse; and developing students' positive identities as learners."

Inclusive Instruction refers to the making of grade-level content accessible and culturally relevant to students and accommodating and supporting individual differences in all students.

Critical Instruction refers to the developing of students' abilities to think critically, ask questions, and analyze sources, perspectives and biases in order to deepen learning and make connections between content and real-world problems and events.



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ST. JOSEPH STUDENT COUNCIL HOLDS ANNUAL COAT DRIVE

During the Season of Advent, the Saint Joseph School Student Council conducted its annual coat drive in conjunction with the Webster Police Department. The Student Council collected 30 coats, as well as multiple hats, scarves, gloves, and boots from school families. Then, on December 22nd, they presented the items to Webster Police Chief Michael Shaw. The items will be distributed at the Webster-Dudley Food Share. Pictured with Chief Shaw are (left to right) Marcus Muchiru - Student Council Vice President, Leah Boudreau - Student Council President, Neli Kuznecki - 5th Grade Class Representative, Molly Hachigian - Student Council Treasurer, Ayla Reed - 6th Grade Class Representative, Laura Ibrahim - 7th Grade Class Representative, Mrs. Mary Ann Weaver - Student Council Advisor, Bella Kicilinski - 4th Grade Class Representative, and Aiden Muchiru - 8th Grade Class Representative. (Not pictured - Alvin Montreuil - Student Council Secretary.)

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# Local fire departments earn grants for safety equipment

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REGION — Numerous local fire departments were named recipients of 2023 Firefighter Safety Equipment Grants in December as the annual funding announcement revealed a total of \$5 million worth of investments in helping 308 fire departments stay equipped and ready for any emergency.

Gov. Charlie Baker and Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito announced the recipients on Dec. 9 in the third year of a five-year, \$25 million bond bill filed by their administration to support firefighters across the Commonwealth. In a statement, Baker praised the work firefighters do across the state. “We ask so much of our firefighters, and no matter how dangerous or difficult the situation, they always do whatever it takes to help,” said Baker. “This program is an opportunity to make sure they are properly protected every time they answer a call for help.”

Lt. Governor Polito concurred, taking her own opportunity to praise those who choose to protect others as their line of work.

“The decision to become a firefighter is one of the bravest, most selfless choices a person can make,” said Lt. Gov. Polito. “I am so thankful to the men and women who have dedicated themselves to this calling. In every city and town, these heroes drop what they’re doing and rush to help – even when it puts them in harm’s way.”

The funding will help provide a variety of tools to different departments in need including ballistic vests and helmets, boots and coats, cold water immersion suits, gas detectors, gear driers, gloves, hoods, hoses and assorted complimenting equipment, rescue ladders, thermal imaging cameras, vehicle stabilization struts, and much more although what the funding will be used for by each individual department was not listed in the announcement.

Numerous towns in Southern Worcester County were on the list of grantees including Auburn which is receiving \$12,382.30, Brookfield which will receive \$7,697.25, Charlton which was awarded \$18,995.40, Dudley which is receiving \$13,207, Northbridge which is receiving \$15,418.73, Oxford which is receiving \$19,000, Southbridge and Sturbridge which are receiving \$14,460 and \$10,070.70, respectively, Spencer which is receiving \$11,114.92, Uxbridge which was awarded \$19,000, and Webster will receive \$18,524.



**STELLAR STUDENTS**  
Dudley Middle School congratulates its Students of the Month: 5th grade - Ayla Tombeno, Mason Fanion, Camden Karle, & Cooper Levierge-Mallet; 6th Grade - Amilia Piarulli, Charity Acquaah-Mensah, Avery Desautels, & Emerson Fedish; 7th Grade - Alana Marigliano, Jessenia Callejas, & Gabby Pace; 8th Grade - Nathan Dion, Max Tryba, & Connor Dubreuil.

## Poets at Large announces 2023 schedule

WEBSTER / WOODSTOCK, Conn. — Poets at Large will begin its fourth year of performances in N.E. Connecticut and Southern Worcester County on Feb. 26. This year, a total of 21 different poets will be featured at Roseland Park, 205 Roseland Park Rd., Woodstock, Conn., and at The Rose Room Café, 4 E Main St., Webster. These readings are free to the public. All readings at Roseland for 2023 will be held in the spacious, open-air barn at the park, and the readings in Webster will be in the café. All events will be held on Sundays from 2-4 p.m. except for one special evening event at The Rose Room on April 20 from 6-8 p.m. The events will include featured poets and an open mic segment after an intermission. Readers interested in participating in the open mic should email karen.warinsky@gmail.com. Five minute maximum for open mic.

Some returning poets and many new voices will read in the series including the current Connecticut State Poet Laureate, Antoinette Brim-Bell, Tony Fusco, poet laureate of West Haven, Conn., current Massachusetts Beat Poet Laureate Tommy Twilight and Beat Poet Laureate for Life, Paul Richmond.

The schedule is:

Feb. 26 (Rose Room): Sunday, 2-4 p.m. Featured Readers: Steve Veilleux, Michael McAfee, Karen Warinsky.	June 25 (Rose Room): Sunday, 2-4 p.m. Featured Readers: Deborah Tosun Kilday, Michael Kilday, Paul Richmond.
March 26 (Rose Room): Sunday, 2-4 p.m. Featured Readers Barbara Fulton Jennes, G. John Brand.	Sept. 10 (Roseland): Sunday, 2-4 p.m. Featured Readers: Pegi Deitz Shea, T'Challa Williams, C.C. Arshagra, Featured Open Mic reader, Ron Whittle.
April 20 (Rose Room): Thursday, 6-8 p.m. Featured Readers Karen Warinsky, Joe Fusco, Jr. Tommy Twilight.	Oct. 8 (Roseland): Sunday 2-4 p.m. Featured Readers: Joshua M. Stewart, Suzanne Rancourt, Jon Andersen. Featured Open Mic reader, Paul Szlosek.
May 28 (Rose Room): Sunday, 2-4 p.m. Featured Readers M.W. Murphy, Gary Metras, Gerald Yelle.	
June 4 (Roseland): Sunday, 2-4 p.m. Featured Readers: Karen Warinsky, Tony Fusco, Antoinette	

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# Dudley Middle School honor roll

DUDLEY — Dudley Middle School has released its honor roll for the first term of the 2022-2023 school year.

High Honors

Grade 5: William J. Antos, Griffin S. Bachand, Gwyneth W. Boudreau, Sofia E. Cabrera, Kolby J. Campbell, Richard A. Carmignani, Paul A. Chabot, Matilda M. Cronauer, David J. Curran, Jason O. Donais, Addison M. Duval, Chase W. Dzivasen, London V. Ellis, Jaxon S. Flag, Abigail C. Frazier, Dylan V. Gidney, Taya R. Greene, Jasmine N. Hansen, Camden W. Karle, David J. Kruszewski, Olivia D. Laskowski, Calista G. Lawless, Alexander N. Lewandowski, Eleanor C. McCool, Victor N. Mensah, Eliannah J. Moore, Arianna A. Norton, Carter N. Paquin, Ariana N. Rodriguez, Maddex F. St. George, Ryder M. Trajanowski

Grade 6: Charity A. Acquaaah-Mensah, Madelyn M. Audet, Arianna E. Breault, Eros N. Cartagena, Ava R. Cincotta, Teddy J. Cunkovski, Avery J. Desautels, Amelia A. Donahue, Emerson T. Fedish, Caroline E. Fuentes, Tyrone M. Giteru, Maya L. Gorski, Elizabeth A. Haynes, Zachary A. Kaiser, Nikolas W. Mason, Dillon J. McFarlin, Marina M. Morgan, Georgia M. Niforos-Ortiz, Victoria I. Norton, Oliver P. Okolita,

Madison L. Parsons, Teerth N. Patel, Aden M. Patterson, Antoni L. Powaza, Liam C. Rottman, Gabriel H. Soto, Colin C. Starczewski, Margaret A. Straw, Tobias J. Swanbeck, Jeffrey S. Thayer, Brayden A. Trybulski

Grade 7: Adyson L. Austin, Madison M. Boggio, Colin M. Brazeau, Morgan L. Brooks, Morgan M. Caron, Mario A. Colon Pagan, Cecelia B. Donauhue, Brady M. Farmer, Christopher J. Feliciano, Rydyr K. Finlay, Alyssa C. Grammer, Ella M. Hanson, Ariana E. Jurski, Olivia M. Kac, Elisabeth C. Kalmin, Liliana K. Kiwior, Aleksa E. Kruszewski, Stephanie A. Krysinski, Kaylee A. Lambert, Wesley P. Lawless, Sophia J. Lindberg, Kaitlin A. Lulu, Mikhail N. Nemera, Calleigh M. O'Grady, Gabriella O. Pace, Carter D. Richards, Misael J. Rodriguez, Riana G. Ru, Victor M. Sobinski, Damian P. Torres, Zynata S. Twumasi Ankrah, Paige E. Walker, Riley J. West, Sarah A. Whitcraft, Magdalena D. Wood, Aiden D. Young, Christopher L. Zajac, Graham D. Zimmer

Grade 8: Hannah K. Boudreau, Jordan G. Bouthillier, Luciana I. Flores, Avianna R. Gauvin, Olivia P. Jankowski, Sebastian P. Janusz, Ashley R. Jerome, Maria K. Jordanoglou, Isaac T. Kaminski, Kelsey R. Karlowicz, Evan M.

LePage, Steadfastness E. Omyekwere, Jamison D. Paradise, Ethan P. Straw, Julia M. Williams, Olivia M. Williams

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Grade 5: Logan X. Ashford, Abigail M. Avakian, Sophie E. Barcelo, Ava M. Beaudreault, Emily R. Charette, Celeina P. Collins, Isabella M. Congdon, Josephine D. Conrad, Breanna L. Curran, Ana-Clara C. Dallorto, Olivia J. Delisle, Rhea L. Denson, Tiffany R. DePaula, John K. Doyle, Olivia G. Dubreuil, Dylan P. Dufresne, Benjamin F. Durgin, Sophia C. Garcia, Natalee H. Genduso, Jameson D. Groh, Milani L. Hemmiel, Phoebe S. Houatchanthara, Eliora R. Ibrahim, Damian H. Jagiello, Karolina E. Janusz, Damiel T. LaFountaine, Liliana P. Latour, Adam J. Legere, Coleton J. Lempicki, Noah B. LePage, Cooper D. LeVierge-Mallet, Macy O. MacDonald, William M. Martel, Rylie A. Mason, Michael D. Menard, Jolene W. Ndegwa, Olivia G. Panczyk, Jayce J. Peters-Green, Mia A. Piotti, Kiersten E. Plocher, Alivia B. Rada, Gabriel A. Sabara, Justen N. Shenouda, Gabriella M. Smith, Connor J. Spahl, Evan J. Steriti, Jacob E.

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Grade 7: Muriel A. Amponsah, Hailee L. Bell, Brayden P. Berube, London R. Bonczyk, Ethan J. Bourgault, Schemmilpfennig Carvalho, Paul M. Ceppetelli, Jolene E. Chickering, Addyson K. Coutu, John M. Daniel, Erick A. DeJesus, Nadya A. Delgado, Aaron J. Desautels, Nathan J. Durando, Madyson R. FitzGerald, Shaune M. Gaffney, Rocko M. Gardell, Jonathan J. Gauvin, Vyanna L. Gomez, Julianna L. Grant, Maryam O. Hendi, Hunter D. Ingels, Melanie A. Iverson, Amal S. Joudi, Cadence G. Kilderry, Tyler J. Koszewski, Devin T. Lambert, Jacob T. Latuga, Annalie E. Mannion, Alana S. Marigliano, Ryan J. Mason, Fady L. Metias, Jillian R. Mitchell, Carly J. Moody, Evan P. Murphy, Chase R. Murzycki, Trueness O. Onyekwere, Emma E. Panczyk, Kyn K. Phommachanh, Brady L. Reilly, Nicholas D.

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Grade 8: Joya N. Adib, Trevor R. Amaral, Lacie R. Andrews, Madison V. Antos, Celia E. Ares, Riley N. Baillargeon, Emma J. Comforti, Ryan P. Cronin, Alexander J. Croteau, Benjamin J. Cryan, Connor J. Dubreuil, Cadence K. Duval, Elijah R. Garcia, Carter M. Gendron, Damian R. Golemo, Sophia N. Grammer, Marissa R. Grieco, Finnian B. Groh, Tatiana B. Guzman Matute, Thomas W. Ide, Nazih S. Joudi, Andrew M. Khalil, Christian W. Labbe, Julie Anna M. Marchetti, Kaylin A. Marsh, Garrett T. McLaughlin, Jayden L. Miglionico, Alexis K. Moore, Elaina R. Nelson, Jason X. Page, Kayla M. Paquette, Matthew D. Parmenter, Kiera A. Pederson, Aiden T. Quinn, Logan J. Rada, Jason T. Richard, Evan M. Roberts, Emma J. Rottman, Michael R. Scott, Natalie J. Smith, Christopher J. Snow, Ethan A. Steriti, Arianna J. Thomas, Max E. Tryba, Benjamin C. Vitkus, Kyle D. Young

## Rec Commission considering town wide yard sale

BY JASON BLEAU  
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DUDLEY — Dudley could soon join in on a longstanding tradition of many local towns by creating their own version of the town wide yard sale.

The town's Recreation Commission briefly discussed the concept during a Dec. 6 meeting where member Jennifer

Cournoyer stated she felt it would be a great idea that would help encourage people to visit Dudley while also getting members from all different parts of the local community involved.

"You go to either the town library or town common or town hall and you purchase a map. It has a listing of everyone participating in the yard sale. As

a participant you don't have to pay, you just submit your name to the town. They do an app where you can do a QR code and go from yard sale to yard sale on your phone," Cournoyer explained. "The \$2 basically covers the cost of printing and what it does is draw people into the community."

Numerous local communities from

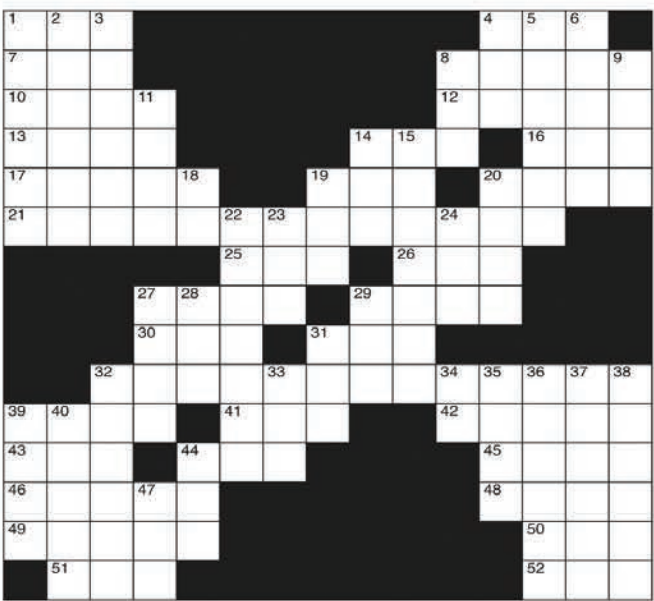
both Worcester County and nearby Connecticut have created their own versions of the town wide yard sales, sometimes referred to as "tag sales" to utilize alliteration. Cournoyer explained that the sales can be done in a variety of formats including the aforementioned map format as well as bringing together vendors from the outskirts of town similar to a strategy utilized by Rutland. Regardless of how the event is executed, Cournoyer feels it could be a great opportunity to bring people into town and we thought it might be a way to bring people into town."

The Recreation Commission didn't move on the idea during the meeting, but it was received warmly as a possibility for continued discussion in the new year.

the same time.

"It's a way to attract people to your community. A lot of the other towns have Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts doing things, Lions Clubs, Senior Centers, things like that selling things so they can bring in a profit," said Cournoyer. "We get a lot of people who like to do yard sales in the town, and we thought it might be a way to bring people into town."

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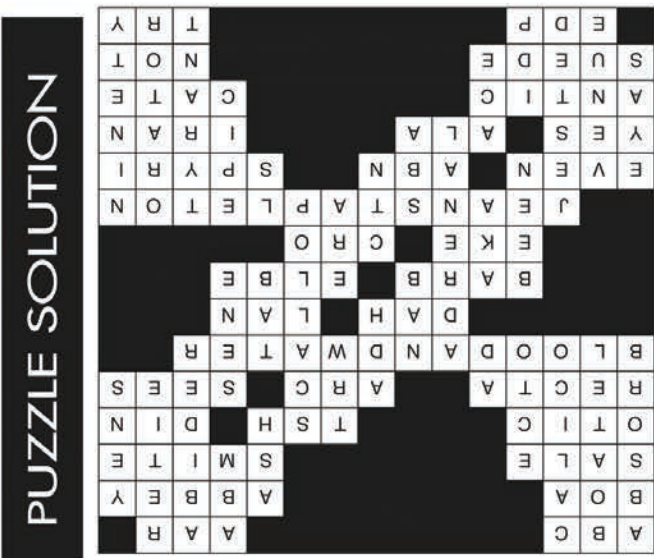


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Basics
- 4. Swiss river
- 7. Constrictor snake
- 8. Building occupied by monks
- 10. Discount
- 12. Deal a blow to
- 13. Relating to the ear
- 14. Thyrotropin
- 16. Loud, unpleasant noise
- 17. Large intestines
- 19. Move with a curving trajectory
- 20. Witnesses
- 21. You need both to live
- 25. Dash
- 26. Network
- 27. Dig
- 29. C. European river
- 30. Supplement with difficulty
- 31. Corporate executive
- 32. Carroll O'Connor's onscreen wife
- 39. No variation
- 41. Airborne (abbr.)
- 42. "Heidi" author
- 43. Affirmative
- 44. Pie \_\_\_ mode
- 45. W. Asian country
- 46. Grotesque or bizarre
- 48. Delicacy (archaic)
- 49. Textile
- 50. Denial
- 51. Electronic data processing
- 52. Attempt

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Engulf
- 2. Waterside hotel
- 3. Printed cotton fabric
- 4. Defensive nuclear weapon
- 5. One who follows the rules
- 6. Lace up once more
- 8. Fire byproduct
- 9. Hankerings
- 11. Outer
- 14. One-time aerospace firm
- 15. Seafood
- 18. Commercial
- 19. Epoxy hardener (abbr.)
- 20. Samoan monetary unit
- 22. Type of gland
- 23. Arrest
- 24. Check
- 27. Past participle of be
- 28. Alias
- 29. Major division of geological time
- 31. Kids programming channel (abbr.)
- 32. Joked
- 33. Helps little firms
- 34. Roman numeral 50
- 35. Impressive in size or scope
- 36. Domineering leader
- 37. A person who delivers a speech
- 38. One after 89
- 39. Young hawk
- 40. The scene of any event or action
- 44. A team's best pitcher
- 47. Integrated data processing



## Dudley resident Ella Springer wraps up first semester at Eastern Connecticut State University

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. — Nearly 1,000 new students concluded their first semester at Eastern Connecticut State University this fall. The new admits included 734 first-time and 246 transfer students who are enrolled in undergraduate and graduate level programs.

Among them is Ella Springer of Dudley, a first-year student who is majoring in Health Sciences.

The most popular majors for the new students include business administration, psychology, health sciences, English, criminology and computer science. Students come from nearly all of Connecticut's 169 towns and 22 other states. Outside of Connecticut, the biggest feeder states for the new cohort include Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New York.

These students join a student body of more than 4,000 who are enrolled for the 2022-23 academic year. In total, 31 states and eight foreign countries are represented among them. Approximately 28% are the first in their families to attend college.

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# Public interest segment added to Dudley selectmen’s meetings

**BY JASON BLEAU**  
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — Dudley's Board of Selectmen will have a new segment of their meetings for the foreseeable future geared towards informing the public of the goings on in town.

Recently appointed Public Information Coordinator Debbie Laplaca announced a new addition to the Board of Selectmen's monthly meeting called "Public Notices of General Interest," which will serve as a designated time during each meeting to discuss notable events that have occurred or are upcoming in town as well as other news around the community.

"This is something I've been working with (Town Administrator) Jon Ruda on adding to the agenda for (selectmen) meetings and this is just an opportunity to bring out some of the great things happening in the community whether it's within the Town Hall itself or out in some of our Cub Scout packs or Woman's Clubs or things like that," Laplaca told selectmen during the Boards Dec. 22 meeting.

While there's wasn't much news of note in the first edition of the segment, Leplaca said she sees it as an opportunity to put the focus on the positive things in the community that often go overlooked and keep the public better informed of public events they may be unaware of without word of mouth or the internet.

"We're really interested in hearing from the community, any great happenings in town, fundraisers, events, ribbon cuttings. What I've seen over the years is it's kind of sporadic. If a Selectman thinks to make an announcement at a Board of Selectmen meeting it comes out, but there's so much happening I think people would like to hear about," said Laplaca.

Those wishing to add an item to the Public Notices of General Interest segment of future Board of Selectmen meetings can email Laplaca at publicinfo@dudleymass.gov with details of their event or story.



## DUDLEY PD TOY DRIVE MAKES CHRISTMAS MEMORIES FOR 80 CHILDREN

'Tis the season of late for celebration, holiday gatherings, and giving gifts to those who hold our hearts. It is also a stressful time for parents struggling to make their children's Christmas wishes come true. For more than a decade, the Dudley Police Department Annual Toy Drive has helped parents in need give their children the traditional yuletide joy of opening a gift on Christmas morning. This year, the toy drive brightened Christmas for 80 local children from 34 families.

The Dudley Police Department thanks the dozens of individuals, businesses and organizations who gave a little or gave a lot to make a difference in the lives of local families at Christmastime.



**READING SUPERSTARS**  
Elyse Bennett of Dudley and Isabella Valenti of Webster recently completed the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program at the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library.

# QCC’s winter break offers students a chance to get ahead

WORCESTER — As colleges and universities across the country gear up for winter break, Quinsigamond Community College is preparing for its Winter Intersession. Winter Intersession classes are full credit classes (three credits) that run during the winter break from Jan. 3-10. These two-week classes save students time and money towards their degree or certificate. Intersession classes at QCC are well-known in the area, not just for students already enrolled at QCC, but for students attending other colleges.

"This is a terrific way for students to catch up or get ahead on their college courses, or just experience a class they've always wanted to try," said QCC's Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. James Keane, noting that there are over 30 online and in-person courses available.

Professor Bill McCarthy, QCC criminal justice department chair, said that intersession courses are historically popular across the country and help retention and graduation rates.

"The Winter Intersession benefits visiting students because many get stuck in a situation where they need just a class or two to graduate," McCarthy said. "This can keep them from graduating late."

"QCC students as well as students who regularly attend college away from their homes in Central Massachusetts have benefitted from the Winter Intersessions," added Melissa Fama, dean of the School of Public Services, Education, and Social Sciences.

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**CHAIR YOGA WITH JULIE**  
Saturday, January 7 12:30PM-1:30PM  
Instructor Julie St. Francis will lead a chair yoga class for all ages. Chair yoga is a gentle practice in which poses are performed while seated or with the aid of the chair, and is perfect for seniors or those with mobility issues.

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**BAD MOVIE OF THE MONTH: KILLER SOFA**  
Thursday, January 12th 6:00PM-7:30PM  
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**DEB'S SING AND SWING**  
Thursday, January 19 10:30AM-11:15AM  
This is an interactive program featuring singing, guitar music, dancing, rhythm instruments, stories and variety of fun props, including a parachute, beanbags, scarves, and pom poms. These programs are theme-based, and cover everything from holidays and seasons to dinosaurs and bugs!

Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

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**ARTHROPOD PETTING ZOO**  
Saturday, January 21 11:00AM-Noon  
Come and see Professor Bugman and his arthropod petting zoo! You will be able to see and touch different arthropods. This is geared for children ages 5-11. There is a limit of 30 children, please register!

Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

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**ADULT BOOK GROUP**  
Monday, January 23 6:00PM-7:00PM  
All are welcome to join our adult book group for a discussion of this month's title, The Chancellor: The Remarkable Odyssey of Angela Merkel. Copies of this month's title are available at the circulation desk one month prior to the meeting.

**WORKING WITH CENSUS REPORTS TO FIND YOUR FAMILY**  
Thursday, January 26 6:00PM-7:45PM  
Genealogist Seema Kenney will present useful information on the purpose of the census, the instructions and methods for the enumerators, and the hidden gems you find when reading the entire page and putting your ancestors' information into historical context. Each leads to additional sources to be researched for verification and added information.

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**WINTER AFTERNOON STORYTIME**  
Monday, January 30 5:00PM-6:00PM  
Join Ms. Lida for a special afternoon storytime! Geared for ages 3-6.

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**ALL THINGS CHOCOLATE WITH MARIA BRANDRIFF**  
Thursday, February 2 6:30PM-7:45PM  
Chocolatier Maria Brandriff of Pure 'n' Sinful Chocolates will present this program on all things chocolate, including chocolate varieties and a demonstration of chocolate making, just in time for Valentine's Day. Generous samples will be provided!

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Bay Path students welcome Santa

Flexibility is key for Practical Nursing student

CHARLTON — On Saturday, Dec. 3, a “Breakfast with Santa” was held at Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School with National Honor Society students assisting at the event. The Breakfast, held to support the Bay Path Education Foundation in supporting senior scholarships, returned after a two-year hiatus due to Covid.

Activities for students included tinsel hair extensions, tattoos, and Magic Reindeer Food. A raffle, organized by Secretary to Director of CTE Peggi Corsi, helped raise \$3,000. More than \$10,000 was raised in total. Various departments and constituents at the school contributed to the planning of the Breakfast.



Pictured at the Breakfast are (L-R): Nicholas Wing of Webster, Zaydyn Streeter-Wornham of Oxford, Phoebe Lawendowski of Charlton, Isabel McLam of Charlton, Mystic Marion of Auburn, Aliyah Gonyea of Charlton, Niti Patel of Southbridge, and Emma Gachagua of Southbridge. Bottom, (L-R): Terry Simon of Southbridge, NHS Advisor Mrs. Stephanie Stone, Jenna Gajewski of Oxford, Sophia Balestracci of Oxford, Zoeybeth Streeter-Wornham of Oxford, Nathan Chenevert of Webster, and Dylan Dejesus of Charlton.

Secretary to the Superintendent Ms. Sue Foscett helped organize and decorate for the event. The graphics department printed invitations and signs and the marketing department helped

set up a balloon arch. The culinary department provided food preparations and members of the Bay Path Education Foundation helped clear tables. Teachers and some of their

spouses volunteered their time. Principal Cliff Cloutier served food and took photographs and Superintendent-Director Kyle Brenner helped announce raffle winners. School

committee member Mr. Don Montville endured the rain to head parking duty. The Bay Path community thanks all who contributed, volunteered, and/or attended the event.

Flexibility is key for Practical Nursing student

CHARLTON — The typical Bay Path Practical Nursing student is a working adult who also has a family and other responsibilities. The typical Bay Path Practical Nursing student wants to improve their chances of landing a job with greater responsibilities and higher pay. Imagine the demand and stress of a full-time evening nursing program. Add a curve ball such as an unfortunate fall resulting in a broken elbow! This is what happened to Nancy Kamicha of Worcester.



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EDITORIAL

Resolutions that have stood the test of time

“Play and sing good, dance better, help win war – beat Fascism.” – Woody Guthrie, ‘New Year’s Rulin’s,’ 1943.

“I will tell people not to call in the morning, or not answer the phone.” – Susan Sontag, diary, 1977.

“Keep looking around me — only much more so —observing — but not only myself but others and everything — take things (it) for what they (it’s) are worth.” – Marilyn Monroe, diary, 1955.

“Makeup in privacy, not where he sees you.” – Dating Guide, 1938.

“Things not to worry about: Don’t worry about popular opinion, don’t worry about dolls, don’t worry about the past, don’t worry about the future, don’t worry about growing up, don’t worry about anybody getting ahead of you, don’t worry about triumph, don’t worry about failure unless it comes through your own fault, don’t worry about mosquitoes, don’t worry about flies, don’t worry about insects in general, don’t worry about parents. don’t worry about boys, don’t worry about disappointments, don’t worry about pleasures, don’t worry about satisfactions.” – F. Scott Fitzgerald, letter to his daughter, 1933.

“A New Year’s Resolution that a man can keep... take a glass of Guinness every day.” – Guinness advertisement, 1935.

“Into each day put 12 parts of faith, 11 parts of patience, 10 of courage, 9 of work, 8 of hope, 7 of fidelity, 6 of liberality, 5 of kindness, 4 of rest, 3 of prayer, 2 of meditation and one well-selected resolution.” – Ocala Motors Inc. advertisement, 1960.

“No New Year’s Resolutions except to make the bed and stop mooning about.” – Christopher Isherwood, diary, 1968.

“Set great goals, daily rest, brief vacations, knowledge of all weaknesses, better use of time.” – Richard Nixon, diary, 1965.

Do what you’ve never done before, see what you’ve never seen  
Feel what you’ve never felt before  
Go where you’ve never been.”  
– Donovan, “New Year’s Resolution,” 1970

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VIEWPOINT

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A blessed New Year



BEYOND THE PEWS

BY FR. LUKE A. VERONIS  
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ORTHODOX  
CHURCH,  
WEBSTER

What are some New Year’s resolutions you made this year? Why do many people make New Year’s resolutions? Is it because we see something in our lives we want to improve? We all can look at ourselves and see things we want to improve. A new year gives us a reason to reflect and strive for a new beginning

Maybe we want to improve our health. Or fix up our finances. Or simply try to become a better person. As followers of Jesus Christ, this type of self-reflection is something we are called to do on an ongoing basis. We are to honestly look at ourselves and strive to re-orient our lives back to God, again and again. We fall down and then we get back up. We constantly take stock of ourselves, confessing to God, repenting (which ultimately means changing our direction from a self-centered one and reorienting our lives toward God). God gives us a second, third, fifth, tenth and hundredth chance to start anew!

With this in mind, what would be some good resolutions for us to make as Christians? Here are Ten Suggestions:

1. Pray every day. Develop a Prayer Rule in your life and then try to follow that rule every day. Prayer is connecting with God, communing with the Source of life. Say set prayers every morning and evening, but also seek to talk with God throughout the day. Don’t let an hour go by where you don’t “check in” with God and turn your attention to Him.
2. Do not only prayer but meditate. This means sitting in silence for 10 or 15 minutes each day, clearing your mind of all clutter and sitting in the presence of God. You can do this in front of an icon, or you can sit anywhere and close your eyes, reciting the Jesus Prayer – “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, Have Mercy On Me, a Sinner.”
3. Try to fill your mind each day with something that is “true, noble, just, pure, lovely, holy” (Phil 4:8). In other words, take time every day to read something that will edify and build you up, not simply all the negative things we see on social media. Try to read Holy Scripture and other spiritual writings. Fill your mind with words and thoughts that will sanctify you. Meditate on what you read and try to apply what you read in your life.
4. Take time each day to express gratitude, first towards God and then towards others. Even when you have a

tough day, pause and think of five things for which you can thank God. Make it a point that whenever you are frustrated, you thank God even more!

5. Each day hand over any anger or resentment to God. Don’t allow the day to end while holding on to any bitterness. This means that we have to practice forgiveness daily. Take time each day to reflect on your own mistakes, asking God for forgiveness. Then, offer your forgiveness to anyone who may have hurt or offended you.

6. Refuse to let jealousy, envy or greed to occupy your mind. Thank God for what you have, and “rejoice with those who rejoice.”

7. Every day, remember how Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and then

think about how you can humbly serve others. Strive to serve others with joy. Remember that it is more blessed to give than receive.

8. Do random acts of kindness each day. Better yet, be deliberate in conscious acts of kindness. Each day think about how you can do something special for whoever may cross your path?

9. Smile and try to brighten up each person who crosses your path. Say words that will “edify and bring grace to the hearers” (Ephesians 4:29)

10. Keep an eternal perspective on life. Every day remember that some people have tragically died and thank God that you are alive. Remembering death can help us live life better. If we remember that we are but brief sojourners on this earth, and that our ultimate citizenship is in heaven, it changes our perspective on how we live

These 10 concrete resolutions can change our new year IF we do each of them every day. They will bless us as well as bless others. We will become instruments in God’s hands, shining forth His light of love to the world around us!

May the New Year bring happiness to keep you sweet; trials to keep you strong; sorrow to keep you compassionate; hope to sustain you; failure to keep you humble; success to keep you eager; friends to give you comfort; wealth to meet your needs; enthusiasm to make you look forward to tomorrow; and determination to make each day better than the day before. A happy and blessed new year!

Holiday drive makes the season brighter for 30 families



CHIEF’S CORNER  
STEVE WOJNAR

We have completed another year of our annual holiday drive. This year, Officers Keith Remillard and Luis Pacheco led our efforts, along with other members of the department. Thanks to all involved, and the continued generosity of our donors, we distributed gifts and clothing to some 30 families, including over 60 children. We greatly appreciate the support we have received over the years. This has made the holiday season much brighter for many local children. To continue the success of this effort, a donor asked if I could recommend types of donations, we have found best to distribute during this drive.

Certainly, donations of any kind are accepted. We will try to find a match for whatever we receive. We are fortunate to have local organizations, such as The Webster Dudley Food Share, to assist us in distributing anything we have remaining. Most children we see range from

ages three to seven. We certainly have younger and older kids as well, however, this seems to be the predominant age range. What is most sought after are the current toys of the time. These will change year to year, so it is always a challenge to say what is the best. If you are willing to donate such items, it is always best to seek out information from parents with younger children to determine the current “fad.” Items such as stuffed animals and board games are usually amongst the last items to go during these distributions. We have many stuffed animals we try to distribute throughout the year, and these are usually only popular for very young children. Sports related items, however; are always popular gifts. These can include balls of any kind and any other things like goals or other related items. Even though they are expensive purchases, bicycles of any kind are always our most popular donations. These are always the first to go and we are pleased to see children out enjoying these. If people don’t have time to shop, or do not know what to buy, never worry. We accept financial donations and gift cards. Local stores can be a great source for these purchases. These can be particularly handy for those parents with children who are approximately 11 or 12. Parents often know what these children need or want and therefore can use these donations to purchase something appropriate.

Once again, we appreciate all the donations and the support of our residents. We thank everyone for their continued generosity. We have enjoyed a great relationship with our community, and we appreciate all the support with this drive and all our community policing efforts.

For those still seeking vaccination or COVID information, it can be found at [www.dudleyma.gov](http://www.dudleyma.gov) or by calling The Board of Health 508-949-8036. During these challenging times, we, at the Dudley Police Department, greatly appreciate the support we receive from our community.

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

The ice fishing outlook



THE GREAT OUTDOORS  
RALPH TRUE

The start of a new year has many hoping for a better year than 2022. The Covid crisis has returned, but should not be as bad as last year, as most residents of the state have had most of the required shots. Traveling is something that needs to be given a lot of thought. There is plenty of hunting and fishing here at home. The few cold days that we had a week ago gave ice fishing anglers an opportunity to get a few days of ice fishing in, although only seasoned anglers should have attempted to venture out onto the ice. Fishing on thin ice as we all know is extremely dangerous and can present anglers with life or death situations, in a matter of seconds.

The quick change in temperatures last week, and continued this week, should make any sensible person stay off of the ice locally, but ice fishing continues the farther north and west you go. Some local anglers headed for Maine last week, and had substantial ice on many ponds providing anglers with some great fishing. When and if some colder weather arrives, ice fishing should resume for many anglers, and many of them will be targeting Northern Pike.

This trophy fishing for Northerns is like a fever for some anglers. Purchasing large live bait like six inch suckers, at close to \$5 or more (if you can find them at your local bait shop) is just the start of fishing for Northerns. Many anglers travel out of state to find these trophy fish, which is only an hour



Courtesy

This week’s picture shows an excited angler with a trophy Northern Pike he caught a few years ago. Nice fish!

or two away. States like Rhode Island and Connecticut provide anglers with some great fishing if you do your homework. Anglers that have located the best Northern fishing are very careful not to divulge their fishing hotspots, but sometimes it is very hard to keep secret. It has become such a prized secret, that some anglers are gathering information from anglers at bait shops and Facebook and following them to their destination. That is how bad some guys want to catch one of these trophy fish. If you have a fishing hotspot be sure to check the car behind you when you head out for a day of fishing. You could be being followed!

Rat poison is in the news, and it is not only killing rats! One animal rehab center is claiming that the poisoned rats and mice are being eaten by other animals and birds, and are dying from the ingestion of the poisoned four legged mammals. Getting rid of these mammals is not easy, and is a constant problem for homeowners and farmers. Setting traps and homemade devices never seems to be enough to eradicate these four legged mam-

mals. They are responsible for eating clothing and other valuable items that are stored away for the winter months. They will eat wiring in cars and lawn equipment. You can never take enough precautions to protect all of your items. So what do you do? Most resort to calling an exterminator; if the situation gets out of hand! I spoke with a local exterminator this past week and he is aware of the problem, but insists it is not as bad as some people think. The latest poison on the market to rid your home of these nasty pests is better than the poison of years ago, but you still need to closely monitor your pets and livestock and most of all your family members. There is no real quick fix to the problem, and the nasty critters are here to stay, as are the problems with coyotes. Unfortunately, some of the poisoned critters will get eaten by other animals, but hopefully, it will be kept to a minimum.

Next week, we will discuss the art of Jig fishing through the ice! Don’t miss it!

Take a Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

# Ring in the New Year with traditions, fruits, and vegetables



GARDEN MOMENTS  
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MELINDA MYERS

Start your New Year with a bit of luck and nutritious eating. Try a few of these food-related traditions and then plan on growing a few of your own to enjoy.

Eating grapes on New Year's Eve is a Mexican food tradition. One grape is eaten with each stroke of midnight and is believed to lead to prosperity in the year ahead. Grapes are low in saturated fats and relatively high in vitamins C and K.

If space allows, grow your own grapes in a sunny location on decorative arbors and trellises. Use these as a decorative and edible entryway to the garden, as screening, or to provide shade. Plan for the squirrels and birds that may join you during harvest season.

In the southern United States, black-eyed peas have long been part of the New Year's celebration. Many people believe the swelling of the peas as they cook represents prosperity, while others think their shape resembles coins.

Southern peas are warm-weather plants and should not be planted until the soil is warm and toasty, preferably above 65 degrees. Multiple plantings can be made at three-week intervals to have fresh peas all summer and fall. Space the seeds about two inches apart down the row. The rows should be three to four feet apart.

Southern peas are one vegetable that doesn't require pampering. They thrive in summer heat and stand up to the dry weather without a complaint. Most selections require 50-55 days from planting until harvest in the green pea stage. If dried peas are desired, 65-75 days are needed.

Elevate the fun of future New Year's celebrations by growing your own. Plant black-eyed peas in a sunny spot in your garden. Wait for the soil to warm to begin planting the seeds. Make several plantings to have fresh peas all



Melinda Myers

Increase your good luck and prosperity by growing and serving a cabbage dish on New Year's Eve.

summer long. Most varieties are ready to harvest fresh in 50 to 55 days. Allow some of them to mature on the plant. These are usually ready to harvest in 65 to 75 days. Pull and hang the plants in a warm location to dry. Then shell and store the black-eyed peas for your winter and New Year's meal.

Increase your good luck and prosperity by including a cabbage dish. This German, Irish, and U.S. tradition is tied to the fact that cabbage leaves resemble money, promoting personal wealth.

You can start your own cabbage plants from seeds or purchase transplants from your favorite garden center. Plant cabbage in the garden in spring for an early summer harvest or plant in mid-summer for a fall harvest. Preserve your cabbage by quartering, blanching, and freezing some for use in your favorite cabbage dishes and New Year's celebration.

Growing your own fruits and vegetables elevates the fun of these New Year's celebrations. It also encourages all of us to eat healthier, a common resolution for many.

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).



ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES & ESTATES  
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WAYNE TUISKULA

I hope that you have been having a wonderful holiday season and wish you a healthy and happy New Year!

We are currently preparing for our first auction of 2023. One of my favorite aspects of our work is the element of surprise with each new estate. We never know what we'll find. That includes two exciting finds that will be up for sale in our next auction: Two popular 1970s cars from two different estates.

Car enthusiasts collect a wide variety of cars ranging from some of the earliest versions like Ford Model Ts and Stanley Steamers to modern vehicles like a 2023 Ram 1500 TRX Havoc Edition Baja Yellow Super Truck, which has a list price of over \$100,000.

The auto industry saw many changes during the 1970s. Supercars.net notes that gas shortages forced vehicles to become more fuel efficient and consumer advocate2s demanded safer cars.

American auto companies and consumers were slow to respond to these changes and many muscle cars (mid-sized high-performance car) were still being manufactured in the United States during the 1970s. Motorcities.org refers to the late 1960s and early 1970s as the "American Performance Generation." A variety of bright colors and high-performance engines appealed to buyers. Plymouth sold

fast cars in "Vitamin C Orange" while Chevrolet produced cars in "Rally Red."

As you might expect, some of the 1970s cars that are most popular with collectors are muscle cars. However, there are some surprising choices on hot-cars.com's list of "Some of The Coolest American Cars of the 1970s." The top 10 are:

10. 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle LS6
9. 1970 Dodge Challenger R/T Convertible
8. 1970 Ford Mustang Boss 302
7. 1971 AMC Hornet SC/360
6. 1971 Plymouth Hemi GTX
5. 1972 Oldsmobile Cutlass 442 W-30
4. 1973 Buick Riviera Boat Tail
3. 1973 Chevy Camaro Z28
2. 1974 Cadillac Fleetwood Sixty-Special Brougham Talisman
1. 1974 Lincoln Continental MKIV's line

The 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle, 1973 Camaro Z28, 1970 Dodge Challenger R/T Convertible and Ford Mustang Boss 302 are cars I'd expect to see on the list. But the 1971 AMC Hornet SC/360, 1974 Cadillac Fleetwood Sixty-Special Brougham Talisman and the 1974 Lincoln Continental MKIV's line surprised me. The Hornet had a 5.9L V8 engine and offered a lot of performance in a smaller car, which could explain why it made the list. They chose the Cadillac and Lincoln based on how luxurious they are.

## Tips to Keep New Year Resolutions

Let's face it, New Year resolutions are difficult to keep. Even the firmest intentions can lose steam come March. So what's the secret to will-power longevity? The key factors to resolution success are attitude and commitment. Oftentimes New Year resolutions are self-improvements, and that requires a lifestyle change. Taking on the challenge with an eye to the future can increase the odds of your New Year resolution turning into a longtime success.

The following strategies are geared toward arming you with the tools to expand your January vows into lifelong achievements. Happy New Year!

\*\* According to Statista Global Consumer Survey, Americans top New Year resolutions for 2023 are as follows:

Exercise more 52%; Eat healthier, 50%; Lose weight: 40%; Save more money, 39%; Spend more time with family and friends, 37%; Spend less time on social media, 20%; Reduce stress on the job, 19%.

The list reveals Americans put a premium on health and fitness, want to practice frugality and spend quality time with loved ones. While that's no surprise, the path to getting



TAKE THE HINT  
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KAREN TRAINOR

their might be. Here's how to approach your goals with a different plan of action (and hopefully a better outcome)!

\*\* Rule #1: Stop Overachieving

Whittling your resolutions down from a top ten list to one or two increases the odds of long term success. With a focus on one main goal, your "eye is always on the prize."

\*\* Rule #2: Adjust your Attitude

So you hate working out? Resent pinching pennies? Can't bear to sack the sweets? Remind yourself you are doing this of your own free will! Remember the "fake it till you make it" research that reveals even a forced smile boosts your happy genes, thus actually making you happier! The phenomenon is called "facial feedback," and according to Psychology Today, it works because the brain senses the flexion of certain facial

muscles and interprets it as "Oh I must be happy about something."

No one is forcing you to get on the treadmill or give up your \$6 morning Latte – it is your choice. You are choosing to improve your life. Sometimes reminding yourself that you are willingly partaking in the sacrifice can get you through the tough times.

\*\* Rule #3 Be Accountable

Taking pen to paper (or keyboard to screen) can be powerful, and research repeatedly reveals that holding yourself accountable, be it via an exercise chart, daily food list, or budget list, is very effective to making long term changes.

Better yet, log your progress and map out your future goals on a graph, spreadsheet or on a calendar.

\*\* Rule #3: Break it Down

It sounds like common sense to break goals down into manageable tasks, but people don't always take the time to practice it. Make a plan with mini goals. When you achieve each goal, log it on paper or on the computer. Again, the power of the written (or typed) word solidifies the commitment.

\*\* Rule #4: Group Therapy

There's a reason WW (formerly known as Weight Watchers) is a huge success. Misery (and merriment) loves company. With plenty of support groups available online there is no reason not to seek out others striving for the same end results as you. Posting on a website that promotes healthy eating, frugality or even organization skills can boost your willpower and give you "shots" of encouragement. Not ready to join in a discussion? No worries. Just visiting a website with information and resources can aid you in your journey of improvement.

\*\* Rule #5: Make it Fun!

When's the last time you had fun achieving a goal? It's easier than you think to stay the course if it's a pleasant trip. Besides, who ever said a self-improvement plan has to be grueling? For example, it might not work for everyone,

but I watch the Food Channel while on the treadmill. This way, I get my "food fix" virtually (and with no calories)!

And although pinching pennies can feel like punishment, why not make a game of your budgeting? Challenge yourself to save a certain percentage at the grocery store each week, and up the ante when you reach your goal. Many supermarkets reveal the percentage or dollar amount saved right on the receipt, making it even easier to track your progress.

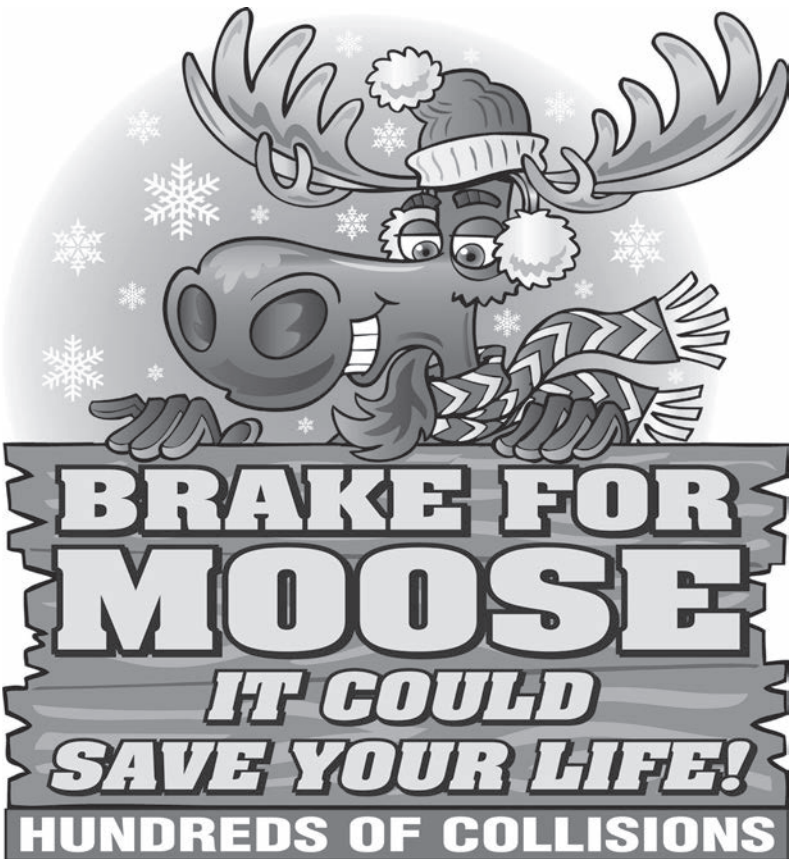
\*\* Rule # 6: Motivate Yourself

Motivational speakers spark results, but you can use simple tools to be a self-motivator! Research the habits successful people and take a cue from them on how to carry on and achieve success even after failures. Remember Thomas Edison's famous quote: After someone remarked his light bulb experiments failed, he said: "I have not failed 10,000 times. I have successfully found 10,000 ways that will not work."

\*\* Win Dinner for Two at the PublicHouse

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



# OBITUARIES

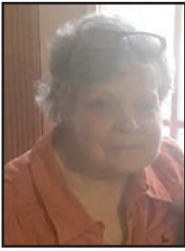
## Kanesa Marie Rivers, 50



Kanesa Marie Rivers, 50 of Webster and Putnam passed away peacefully Monday December 19th, 2022 at Harrington Hospital in Southbridge, Massachusetts after a brief battle with ovarian cancer. She was the beloved daughter of Marie Gorski and Kenneth Rivers both of Webster. She leaves behind the love's of her life, her three sons and four grandsons. Antonio Cote and his sons Riley and Declan, Andrew Cote and his sons Ethan and Andrew Jr. and Christopher Cote all of CT. She had a sister and her best friend Melisa English and her husband Rex, a cherished niece Samantha Fornaro and nephew Justin Stately, all from Webster. Kenesa also leaves behind her fiancée Kurt Champagne of

Putnam. She enjoyed her boat rides to Indiana ranch with her dad, and spending time with her grandsons. Kenesa attended Bartlett High School. She was a graduate of the University of Oklahoma where she studied early childhood education. Kenesa worked briefly for IPG in Oxford, Massachusetts, prior to that she worked at Putnam Supermarket. She was well known as the Grinder Lady. Everyone who met Kanesa always remembered her for her beautiful blue eyes, and cheerful demeanor. She will truly be missed by those who knew and loved her. She was born in Webster, and lived her most of her life. No services are planned at this time. If you choose, please make a donation to the charity of your choice. Comfort Cremation and Robert Miller Funeral Home are assisting the family.

## Linda M Gadoury, 70



Linda M Gadoury, age 70, of Dudley died Wednesday, December 28, 2022 peacefully at her home in Dudley with her family at her side. Linda was born February 18, 1952 She is the daughter of the late Leonard J and the late Eva E (Newton) Cournoyer. She is survived by her husband of 52 years Edgar Gadoury, Her children Gerard Gadoury of Dudley, MA: Kristie Marino of Pottstown PA and Eva Gadoury of Dudley, and Robert Gadoury of Shrewsbury, MA.; three sisters: Sharon Bernier of GA, Sheila Cournoyer of Worcester, MA and Mary Murphy of Rochdale, and two brothers: Leonard Cournoyer of Holden, MA and Maurice Cournoyer of Worcester, MA.; She was blessed

with ten grandchildren; Linda was a dispatcher for the Town of Dudley Police/Fire /EMS for 20 years before retiring due to illness She severed on the Conservation Committee for several terms. She enjoyed living on Hayden Pond and the wildlife around her home. Most of all she treasured time with her family and especially her grandkids James, Shannon, Jacob, Stephanie, Alayna, Kathryn, Luke, Dillon, Connor and Alexandria. The funeral service was held 4:00 pm on Tuesday, January 3 at Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel, 33 Schofield Ave., Dudley. Calling hours were Tuesday, January 3 from 1-4 pm at the funeral home. PLEASE OMMIT Flowers donations to the families favorite charity St. Judes Childrens Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl. Memphis, TN 38105-9959

## Fourth grader Adriana Panu wins Dudley PD Card Contest

DUDLEY — And the winner is: Adriana Panu, a fourth grader at Dudley Elementary School. The Dudley Police Department recently held its 13th Annual Holiday Card Contest with the fourth-grade students at Dudley Elementary. The students, under the direction of art teacher Dawn Gravel, were given the opportunity to submit a drawing to be used as the cover photo on the Dudley PD 2022 holiday card. The contest, designed to engage local children in the fun and excitement of the holiday season, received more than100 entries. The winning entry was created by Adriana. “This is very exciting; I had no idea. She hadn’t told us about it, so we’re very surprised,” mom Jasmina Panu said at the school on Dec. 20. Police Lt. Marek Karłowicz and Sgt. Dean Poplawski announced the winner to Adriana’s class that afternoon, and it seemed she was as surprised as her mother. “Somewhere in the White House is that card,” Lt. Karłowicz told



the class. “At the Patriot Palace, Bob Kraft has it on his desk somewhere.” The officers presented Adriana with a poster sized copy of her drawing, a box of cards for family and friends, and a gift card in appreciation of her efforts. For more than a decade, the Dudley PD has selected student artwork for its holiday card. The mailing goes to local businesses and individuals, as well as other police departments,

local professional sports teams, Governor Charlie Baker, and President Biden. The Dudley PD thanks Dudley Elementary School Principal Kelly True and Art Teacher Dawn Gravel for their efforts in coordinating this program. And, thanks also goes out to all the teachers and students for their participation and efforts in making this program a success.

## SENIOR CORNER

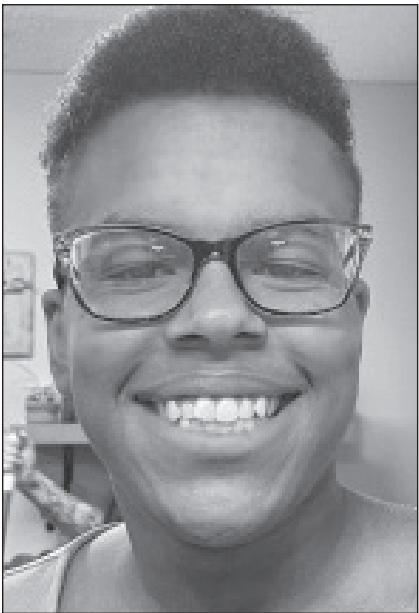
Webster Senior Center 5 Church St. (508) 949-3845 Open Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Email: SeniorCenter@Webster-MA.gov Like the Webster Senior Center Facebook page to view our photographs, news and announcements. Please stop by to pick up our monthly newsletter for a complete list of activities, 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! The Senior Center will be closed on Monday, January 16th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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: Tues. 1/10 Vegetable Cheese Bake, seasoned potatoes, green beans. Wed. 1/11 Chicken Milano, vegetable couscous, spinach. Thurs. 1/12 Teriyaki Beef, rice, jardiniere vegies. Friday, 1/13 Potato Crunch Fish, au gratin potatoes, mixed vegies. New Covid-19 Treatment Hotline: Have you tested positive for Covid-19? Telehealth is a quick and free way to see if you’re eligible for Covid-19 treatment. Just call 1-833-273-6330. Clinicians are available every day from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm EST. A SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone) counselor is available at the Senior Center to assist you. Please call (508) 949-3845 for more information. Join us for a Soup Social on Monday, January 9th at 11:30 am at the Webster Senior Center. Sponsored by Christopher Heights. Please sign up at the Senior Center front desk. We will be celebrating

January birthdays on Wednesday, January 11th at 12:00 pm. Why not sign up for lunch that day and stay for cake?! Please sign up at the Senior Center front desk. The Regional Environmental Council has scheduled their Winter Mobile Fresh Produce Markets for Thursdays at the Webster Senior Center, starting Thursday, January 19th from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. Markets will be held every Thursday from January 19th through May 11, 2023. Please join us for a movie matinee on Monday, January 23rd at 1:00 pm. We will be showing CODA, voted the best picture of 2022! Refreshments will be served. Please sign up at the front desk. FREE line dancing class led by Instructor Forty Arroyo! Class will be held on Friday, January 27th from 1:00 – 2:30 pm. All ages are welcome! Starting Friday, February 3rd you can come kick up your heels at a progressive line dancing class led by Instructor Forty Arroyo! Classes will run for 6 weeks on Fridays from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm. Cost per each class is \$3.00. Please sign up in advance at the Senior Center front desk. Are you interested in playing chess? We now have an informal chess club meeting on Wednesdays at 12:00 pm. All skill levels are welcomed! The Bomba Beauty Salon at the Webster Senior Center is closed on Mondays. Open Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays 10:00 am – 3:00 pm BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Walk-ins Are Welcome on Wednesdays 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Please call (508) 341-8724 to schedule your appointment! 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. 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. Better yet, 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! Celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with Emmet Cahill, star of PBS Celtic Thunder on Wednesday, March 8th. Trip price of \$119.00 includes transportation, luncheon, meal tax, meal gratuity and 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.

## Friday’s Child



**Berniece**  
**Age 16**  
**Registration # 7424**

home. A family for Berniece must be able to advocate for her in order to best support her emotional and academic needs. Berniece shares a good relationship with her birth father, whom she sees monthly, which must continue after placement.

<https://www.mareinc.org/waiting-child-profiles#gallery/child/7424>

### Can I Adopt?

If you’re at least 18 years old, have a stable source of income, and room in your heart, you may be a perfect match to adopt a waiting child. Adoptive parents can be single, married, or partnered; experienced or not; renters or homeowners; LGBTQ+ singles and couples. As an adoptive parent, you won’t have to pay any fees, adoption from foster care is completely free in Massachusetts. The process to adopt a child from foster care includes training, interviews, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you. These steps will help match you with a child or sibling group that your family will fit well with. To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-964-6273 or visit [www.mareinc.org](http://www.mareinc.org). Start the process today and give a waiting child a permanent place to call home.

**Hi! My name is Berniece and I love music and anime! !** Berniece is a kind, well-spoken young lady of African American descent. Those who know her best describe Berniece as a caring and pleasant teen that always has a large smile on her face. She enjoys camping, spending time outdoors, and having a good time with animals. Berniece also likes to draw and read journals. Berniece is currently in the 11th grade. She enjoys school and has joined the Anime club and the Gay-Straight Alliances (GSA) club in school. She is able to build and maintain close relationships with her peers and siblings. Legally freed for adoption, Berniece would do well in a patient, loving family of any constellation, with or without other children in the

## Nursing

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which I really enjoyed because of patient interaction. I fell at home and fractured my left elbow!” Kamicha worried that her academics would be interrupted and her goal to become a nurse derailed. She wondered how she would cope, wondered how long her recovery would take, and felt a little lost. “The flexibility of the Bay Path Practical Nursing program made it possible for Kamicha to pursue her educational goals uninterrupted,” said Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN Academy Director. “Kamicha had a caring family who was her strong support system and kind members of her clinical team from the 2023 cohort, along with her Clinical Facilitator,” she says. “And so having the format of learning that we have available at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, where we created a learn-

ing contract and weekly check-ins, Kamicha was able to complete her learning and her clinical experiences in a face-to-face format uninterrupted. It all came down to prioritization and time management for the student.” “My professors were kind to listen and understand my situation,” said Kamicha. “I was privileged to observe the performance of evidence-based interventions and follow the nursing process of assessment, diagnosis, planning, implementation, and evaluation. I understood that teamwork is vital in nursing care. My fellow students have been a key factor to my success on Term one, I have found moral support when I felt discouraged. I have learned that communication and teamwork are important.” Nursing is one of the unique fields where often students simply cannot complete 100% of their learning in a classroom. Bolandrina emphasized that “it is required by the Board of

# LEGALS

**DUDLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Public Hearing Notice**  
A Public Hearing will be held at the Dudley Municipal Complex, 71 West Main Street in Dudley, MA at 6:00 PM on January 11 2023 to consider an Notice of Intent for Verde Organica, LLC for the property located at 35-37 Chase Ave. This is a Public Hearing under the requirements of G.L. CH. 131 §40, as amended. Plans are available at the Dudley Conservation office on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9:00-4:00 PM. For more information, call 508-949-8011.  
January 6, 2022

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**The Trial Court**  
**Probate and Family Court**  
**Worcester Probate and Family Court**  
**225 Main Street**  
**Worcester, MA 01608**  
**(508) 831-2200**  
**Docket No. WO22P4294EA**  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**  
Donald A. Johnson  
**Date of Death: : 11/19/2022**  
To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Susan J. Dimmick of Atlanta GA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Susan J. Dimmick of Atlanta GA** and 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 01/17/2023**. 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 timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**  
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.  
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: December 16, 2022  
Stephanie K. Fattman,  
Register of Probate  
January 6, 2022

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**  
Premises: 22 Lakeside Avenue, Webster, Massachusetts  
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Steven L. Raymond and Jennie Raymond to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., said mortgage dated June 25, 2010, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 46014 at Page 345 and now held by Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by virtue of an assignment from JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC dated December 19, 2018 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 59857, Page 317, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at **Public Auction on February 6, 2023 at 1:00 PM** Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:  
**The land with the buildings thereon, being shown as Lots 420, 421, 422, 423 and 424 on a plan recorded with the Worcester South Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 164, Plan 1.**  
**For Title, see deed recorded with said Deeds on 3/20/1996 in Book 17758, Page 102.**  
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 March 20, 1996, and recorded in Book 17758 at Page 102 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.  
BENDETT & MCHUGH, PC  
270 Farmington Avenue  
Farmington, CT 06032  
Attorney for Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC  
Present Holder of the Mortgage (860) 677-2868  
January 6, 2023  
January 13, 2023  
January 20, 2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**The Trial Court**  
**Probate and Family Court**  
**Worcester Division**  
**Docket No. WO22P4070EA**  
**Estate of:**  
Edward F Lipnickas  
**Date Of Death: October 25, 2022**  
**INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner  
**Kathleen M Smith of Oxford MA**  
**Kathleen M Smith of Oxford 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.  
January 6, 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. WO22P4381EA**  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**  
**Estate of:**  
Susan G Moczymski  
**Date of Death: : 09/08/2022**  
To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Jesse P Moczymski of East Douglas MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Jesse P Moczymski of East Douglas MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/24/2023**. 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 timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.  
**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**  
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.  
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: December 23, 2022  
Stephanie K. Fattman,  
Register of Probate  
January 6, 2022

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**The Trial Court**  
**Probate and Family Court**  
**Worcester Probate and Family Court**  
**225 Main Street**  
**Worcester, MA 01608**  
**Docket No. WO22P2806GD**  
**CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304**  
**In the matter of:**  
**Austin James Bernier**  
**Of: Webster, MA**  
**RESPONDENT**  
Alleged Incapacitated Person  
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by  
**James A Bernier of Webster, MA**  
**Lucille Donna Bernier of Webster, MA**  
In the above captioned matter alleging that **Austin James Bernier** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that  
**James A Bernier of Webster, MA**  
**Lucille Donna Bernier of Webster, MA**  
(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.  
**You have the right to object to this proceeding.** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **01/10/2023**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.**  
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: December 08, 2022  
Stephanie K. Fattman  
Register of Probate  
January 6, 2023

**State of Connecticut**  
**Court of Probate,**  
**New London Regional Children's Probate Court District**  
NOTICE TO Ozzie Harper, whose last known address was in the town of Webster, State of Massachusetts. Pursuant to an order of Hon. Charles K. Norris, Judge, a hearing will be held at New London Regional Children's Probate Court, One Union Plaza, New London, CT 06320 on January 18, 2023 at 11:30 AM on a petition for Removal of Guardian of the Person concerning a certain minor child born on March 16, 2006. The court's decision will affect your interest, if any, as in the petition on file more fully appears.  
**RIGHT TO COUNSEL:** If the above-named person wishes to have an attorney, but is unable to pay for one, the court will provide an attorney upon proof of inability to pay. Any such request should be made immediately by contacting the court office where the hearing is to be held.  
By order of the court  
Kristen Brunelle, Clerk  
January 5, 2023

**PUBLIC HEARING TAX CLASSIFICATION**  
The Webster Board of Selectmen, with the Assessor, will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, 350 Main Street, Webster, MA, 01570. This is in conformity with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws chapter 40 section 56 for the purpose of holding a Tax Classification Hearing to establish the relative tax burden to be borne by each class of properties for FY 2023. All interested parties are invited to attend and participate.  
January 6, 2023

**DUDLEY PLANNING BOARD**  
**PUBLIC HEARING LEGAL NOTICE**  
In accordance with the provisions of Section 5.04, Site Plan Review, of the Dudley Zoning Bylaw, the Dudley Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at 7:15 pm in the Dudley Municipal Complex, Room 321-A (DMC, Veterans Memorial Hall), 71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA 01571, on the application of DMA Holdings MA, LLC, for modification of a previously approved Site Plan at 35-37 Chase Avenue. The property owner is Verde Organica, LLC, 16 Village Street, Dudley, MA. The applicant previously received a special permit for an adult use marijuana establishment, including retail sales, processing, and cultivation. The applicant proposes to change the cultivation component from taking place within existing buildings to construction of a new greenhouse comprising 55,540 sq. ft. of floor area. The greenhouse will be built behind existing mill buildings fronting Chase Ave. in an area where a demolished building once stood. The site plan was prepared by Dillis & Roy, 1 Main Street, Lunenburg, MA 01462, dated November 30, 2022. The site is in an IND 43 district and the Mill Conversion Overlay District. The property is listed as Assessors Map 118, Parcel 37.

Copies of the plan and application are on file in the Planning Board Office and the Town Clerk's Office, both of which are located in the Dudley Municipal Complex, 71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA 01571, and may be inspected during regular working hours. The Planning Board will receive public input at the public hearing. Any person interested or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated. If you wish to comment but are unable to attend, please submit either an email to planner1@dudleyma.gov, or written comments to the Planning Board Office at 71 West Main Street, Dudley MA 01571, before 4:30 p.m. on January 24, 2023.  
Guy Horne, Chairman  
Dudley Planning Board  
January 6, 2023  
January 13, 2023

Legal Notice  
Warrant Articles #12, #13 and #16 (Zoning) of the Special Town Meeting held on October 24, 2022, has received approval from the Attorney General's Office on December 21, 2022. The entire text of this bylaw is posted in the following five places in accordance with G.L. c. 40 § 32: Dudley Municipal Complex, Pearle Crawford Memorial Library, Mason Road School, Dudley District Court House and Shepherd Hill High School.  
Attest: Lori A. Smith, Dudley Town Clerk  
January 6, 2023  
January 13, 2023

**(SEAL)**  
**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**  
**LAND COURT**  
**DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT**  
**Docket No. 22 SM 003859**  
**ORDER OF NOTICE**

TO:  
Matheus Eller  
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (*et seq*): Freedom Mortgage Corporation claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Auburn, numbered 25 Carroll Street, given by Matheus Eller to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Finance Of America Mortgage LLC, dated April 27, 2021, and recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 65026, Page 93, and now held by the plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **January 30, 2023** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the grounds of noncompliance with the Act.  
Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on December 15, 2022  
Attest:  
Deborah J. Patterson  
Recorder  
January 6, 2023

# Two locations, two games, same two teams

## AUBURN, BLACKSTONE VALLEY TECH SPLIT BASKETBALL TILTS

**BY NICK ETHIER**  
SPORTS EDITOR

U P T O N / AUBURN — On Thursday, Dec. 29, not only did the Blackstone Valley Tech girls' varsity basketball team host Auburn High but, later that day, the Rockets hosted the Beavers in a boys' varsity basketball match-up. The programs went 1-1 as the Valley Tech girls defeated Auburn and the Rockets beat the Beavers on the boys' side.

Blackstone Valley Tech 61, Auburn 41 — Playing an early afternoon contest at the Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick Competition Center, the Beavers led at all the stops. After holding a slight lead of 8-7 after the initial eight-minute quarter, BVT had a tremendous second period, outscoring the Rockets 22-10 and taking a 30-17 advantage into halftime.

"We've usually been a big second half team. We've been the type of team to really dig ourselves a hole and then our third quarter is always really good. Our big goal this game was to play all four quarters, so for them to have that big second quarter was huge," explained Valley Tech head coach Nathalie Christiansen.

The Beavers continued with a strong third quarter, outscoring Auburn by a 21-8 margin to put the game away and lead, 51-25, heading into the final frame.

A total of nine Valley Tech players scored, with Skyla Jack's 16 points leading the way. Danika Kirby (13 points), Kasey Reeves (8) and Mara Keane (8) also had high point totals.

"We haven't really had a ring-er. In years past we graduated Emma Ballard and she would drop 20 or 25 or 30, and we'd rely on her. In losing her some people



Auburn's Maeve Whittemore steps into a jump shot.



Jordan McFadden of Auburn drives the ball into the lane.

have stepped up and everyone is dropping 8 or 10, and that's great," Christiansen said of her team's balanced scoring.

The win boosted BVT's record to 3-3.

Auburn, meanwhile, suffered its first loss and is now 4-1.

"We got outplayed and we got outcoached throughout the entire game. We couldn't rebound that well and they had a lot of second-chance points, so that's what mostly killed us. I don't think any of us really showed up to play," explained head coach Joseph Green.

With that being said, Green isn't overly concerned with the setback.

"We have a long season ahead of us and there's a great group of girls there, so I don't think they're hanging their heads on this one," he explained. "They'll bounce right back. There's a lot of leadership on this team."

Green was also pleased with the Rockets' fourth quarter play, where they outscored the Beavers 16-10. Hanorah Murphy scored a game-high 19 points, while Bella Doyle scored 7 points and pulled down a game-high 12 rebounds.

Auburn 62, Blackstone Valley

Tech 49 — Later that night, at Auburn's Dr. Arthur M. Pappas Gymnasium, the Rockets took on the Beavers for the Rocket Holiday Basketball Classic Championship. Two days prior Auburn defeated Bay Path Regional and Valley Tech beat Southbridge High in first round play.

The Beavers opened the title game hot, jumping out to a 13-3 lead, but the Rockets trimmed the deficit down to 17-12 by the conclusion of the first quarter. Auburn then won the second frame, 17-10, to take a slim lead of 29-27 into intermission.

"BVT is a big, physical team, so

we tried to come out in zone to take that away, but they came out 5 for 6 (shooting), so we had to switch it to man. Our man defense was able to create some energy that carried over to the offense," explained Rockets' head coach Dan Koen. "The fact that we were able to claw back, the kids were able to hang their hat on that."

Then, in the second half, Jordan McFadden took over for Auburn. He scored 18 of his game-high 24 points and secured 8 of his 13 rebounds over the final two quarters.

"Jordan is definitely our offensive catalyst. We



Hanorah Murphy of Auburn seemingly finds an open teammate to pass the ball to while running the fast break.



Auburn's Jackson Bolduc rises and fires a 3-pointer from the wing.

tried to play him off the ball so he could get his shot going. He can score at all three levels: shoots 3's, he can get to the free throw line, and he can put it on the floor and hit the midrange," Koen said of McFadden. "Once he gets going, the team thrives off that. We get confidence off his confidence."

The Rockets led through three quarters, 47-36, but the Beavers scored the first 10 points of the final frame. Auburn never relinquished the lead, though, and ended the game on a 15-3 run.

"I know there's an ebb and flow to every game and

we were definitely hot when it started, and I know they had the energy in the gym to come back at any time to come back with a couple buckets — which is exactly what happened — so I was frustrated to see them not run into some play sets. I wanted to see them slow it down, but they didn't. It's something we've been working on as a group," Valley Tech head coach Dan Morin said of his inexperienced team that graduated many seniors and lost a player to prep school. "I have three returning players. It's definitely different, but we have great chemistry

even though they don't have that comfortability on the court yet."

The Beavers were led by Jon Powell's double-double of 12 points and 13 rebounds. Nathan Slaney chipped in 9 points.

Valley Tech is now 2-2, while Auburn improved to 3-2.

"Any time you can play for a championship, especially at home, it's a special moment," Koen said of winning the title.

McFadden was named the Tournament MVP, and Bay Path defeated Southbridge in the consolation game.

# Mohegan Bowl winter leagues, weeks ending Dec. 25, Jan. 1

**Monday Men's Business**  
Single — Don Holmes 139, Robert Bruno 135, Ryan Pelletier 128  
Series — Jon Dufield 339, Eddie Lavin 335, Mark Gulino 330  
Series over average — Josh Taft +43

**Ten Pin City**  
Single — Division 1: Joanne LaBonte 180  
Division 2: Carol Harvard 162  
Series — Division 1: Natalie Wood 586  
Division 2: Marissa Mink 555

**Tuesday Chet's Social**  
Single — Dave Lamontagne and John Dupuis 124, Ryan Pelletier 119, Tom Smith 118, Mikayla Van Dam 104, Courtney Boulay and Kerry Welsh 100, Ellen Fugatt and Sandy Barrows 97  
Series — Tom Smith 338, Dave Lamontagne 333, Ryan Pelletier 329, Kerry Welsh 289, Ellen Fugatt 279, Erin Van Dam 268  
Series over average — Kyle Vargha +30, Sandy Barrows +37

**Wednesday Women's Industrial**  
Single — Annie Boulos 108, Monique Pierangeli 107, Tara LaLiberte 102  
Series — Annie Boulos 314, Monique Pierangeli 309, Tara LaLiberte 284  
Series over average — Annie Boulos +62



**Summit Tenpin**  
Single — Division 1: J.J. Blair 255  
Division 2: Fred LaBonte 185  
Series — Division 1: Bob Hanville 615  
Division 2: Joe Harvard 511

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Single — Ryan Pelletier 154, Bo Gauvin 132, Rick Gauvin 117  
Series — Ryan Pelletier 407, Bo Gauvin 342, Rick Gauvin 323  
Series over average — Ryan Pelletier and Ron Pierce +44

**Thursday Mixed Tenpin**  
Single — Tony Borowy and Frank Bosma 218, Todd Gaucher 209  
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**Monday Men's Business**  
Single — Ryan Pelletier 143, Tim Labay 126, Mike Taft Sr. 124  
Series — Ryan Pelletier 378, Dan Labay 348, Tim Labay 344  
Series over average — Tony Castano +53

**Ten Pin City**  
Single — Division 1: Erika LaChance 170  
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**Tuesday Chet's Social**  
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Division 2: Joe Harvard 191  
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Series — Ryan Pelletier 401, Bo Gauvin 330, Jay Bernier 316  
Series over average — Jason Drisco +74

**Thursday Mixed Tenpin**  
Single — Tony Borowy 198, Chris Wong Kam and Todd Gaucher 195  
Series — Todd Gaucher 580, Chris Wong Kam 522, Marc Vigeant 471



**Nursing**  
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Registration in Nursing (BORN) that nursing students complete in-person clinical training because the skills they develop are critical for patient safety.”

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of the hands-on learning occurs at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy’s clinical affiliated facilities such as Harrington Memorial Hospital, Fairlawn Rehabilitation Hospital, Vibra, The Meadows, The Overlook, Webster Manor, Life Care Center of Auburn, Quaboag Rehabilitation and Southbridge Rehabilitation Center. These clinical sites as healthcare partners

have proved beneficial to practical nursing students, who are able to use the facilities for training purposes.

Kamicha is enthusiastic about entering Term two in January.

She stated, “I recognize the experience as a blessing in disguise, I have discovered qualities in me – to keep an open mind, to accept and appreciate people more, and to

be positive and optimistic. I look forward to more learning experiences throughout nursing school. I will always be reminded of the kindness that was extended to me by Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, the administration, professors, my fellow students, my care team, and my family on my journey to becoming a nurse.”



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# Barbale’s strong performance brings Bay Path to victory over Wolverines

BY KEN POWERS  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — Peter Barbale scored a game-high 24 points — 20 in the second half — to help lead the Bay Path Regional boys’ basketball team to a 64-33 victory over visiting Leicester High on Wednesday, Dec. 21.

The victory over the Wolverines was a breakout game for the 6-foot-2 Barbale, who is the starting point guard for the Minutemen, despite being just a sophomore.

“Yes, finally,” Barbale said when asked if he felt like this was his best game of the young season. “The first couple of games I got off to a rocky start but today I feel like I played the way I’m capable. The only thing I did different (against Leicester) is I took more shots and I was able to put a lot of them in the basket. Shooters shoot, right?”

Bay Path coach Al Greenough was happy to see the player he knows Barbale can be show up for the Leicester game.

“Peter has a good scoring touch but he struggled, shooting-wise, the first two games. It was good to see him finally break out and have the game he had tonight,” said Greenough, who was quick to point out that Barbale is much more than just a shooter for the Minutemen. “Our team runs through Peter. He’s our point guard and our best shooter. He is tall for a point guard but I don’t care how tall they are as long as they can handle the ball and he can; he doesn’t turn it over very much. That’s really what his job for us is.”

Barbale wasn’t a one-man show for Bay Path in the win over Leicester. Classmate Dale Nussey added nine points, while senior Zack Fritze, junior Trent Szela and sophomore Corey Scovil all scored eight points each.

Nussey was an all-around thorn in the side of the Wolverines throughout the game. He was the focal point of the Minutemen press, which produced several steals and caused many of Leicester’s 20 turnovers. On two occasions, after one of the Wolverines had secured a defensive rebound, Nussey slipped in behind the player, stripped the ball and scored a layup.

“Dale is the sparkplug on our press. He makes us go and he’s 100 percent all the time; every single play,” Greenough said. “His effort may not show up in the box score after every game but he can score when he needs



Nick Ethier  
Peter Barbale of Bay Path flings a pass down the court to teammate Jon Nussey.



Nick Ethier  
Bay Path's Jon Nussey steps into and makes a shot versus Leicester.

to. He’s basically out there to give us a spark, to get some steals, and to get us in transition. Dale is around the ball all the time. As a coach you want a player on the court like that, a player who always finds a way to be in the mix. He’s very quick and very fast.”

Nussey knows when he’s on the court playing defense is job No. 1.

“Points are secondary for me. I just always try to play hard because I’m not the biggest guy out on the court. I try to play like I’m their size even though I’m not,” the 5-foot-8 Nussey said. “Speed is my

thing. With our press we like to make our opponent make quick decisions, which are often bad decisions. When we can do that we can get out and run the floor and have that quick decision by the other team end up as a layup for us. I don’t think they were expecting our press to be so effective.”

The Minutemen took control of the game right away, jumping out to a 7-0 lead by forcing Leicester into three turnovers and three missed shots on its first six possessions. Bay Path, which led 11-5 at the end of the first quarter, pushed its lead to 23-7 with 1:42 to play in the first



Nick Ethier  
Peter Barbale of Bay Path flings a pass down the court to teammate Jon Nussey.



Nick Ethier  
Bay Path's Trent Szela reaches up to catch a pass thrown his way.

half on a pair of Barbale free throws.

Leicester scored the last five points of the second quarter (in the final 32 seconds), however, on a right-side 15-foot jumper and a top-of-the-arc 3-pointer by Steven Diaz (a team-high 13 points). The Wolverines trailed, 23-12, at intermission.

The Minutemen scored the first 11 points of the third quarter, and 16 of the first 18 points in the period to extend their lead to 39-14, with 4:45 remaining in the quarter. Barbale scored nine points in the run.

The Wolverines’ Matt Direnzo scored six of his 10 points in the game during a 9-0 Leicester run

which cut the Bay Path lead to 39-23 with 2:28 left in the third quarter. The Minutemen led, 48-25, after three periods.

With the win over Leicester, Bay Path evened its record at 2-2. The Minutemen closed out the December portion of their 2022-2023 schedule with a loss to Auburn (65-56, Tuesday, Dec. 27) and a win over Southbridge (59-42, Thursday, Dec. 29) in the Rocket Holiday Classic. Bay Path began January with a 3-3 record.

Following the loss to Bay Path the Wolverines (0-5) lost at home to Tahanto Regional (64-31, Tuesday, Dec. 27) and Oxford (74-54, Thursday, Dec. 29).

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# Webster native to take part in PMC Winter Cycle event



W E B S T E R Kelli Tower is heading into her fifth year riding the PMC Winter Cycle, a charitable spin event held in Boston at Fenway Park. Tower was diagnosed with Melanoma in 2013, and was treated at the Dana-Farber Cancer

Institute. Luckily Kelli's diagnosis was at stage-zero, meaning the cancer cells were in the top layer of her skin, and has since had the cancerous cells removed and her skin continuously checked every six months.

H o w e v e r , Tower's experience with cancer did not end with her own diagnosis and treatment. On the 10th anniversary of her own life scare, she was driving to the PMC's Unpaved gravel ride to volunteer when she got the devastating news that her brother had been diagnosed with stage-four Melanoma—and that it was untreatable. After hearing the news, Tower immediately urged her brother to get a second opinion at Dana-Farber, where he received a completely different prognosis. Thanks to Dana-Farber, her brother was put into intense immunotherapy sessions and after just one treatment, his cancer had begun to shrink, giving Tower and the rest of the family the hope they did not expect to have.

Tower has been a committed PMC volunteer and Winter Cycle rider for the past five years, and has found that advocating for cancer screenings and giving back to the organization that has given so much to her, has become her purpose in life.

## Oxford

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he noted is down from last year's \$16.16. He didn't state this, but in other towns where the rate fell similar amounts, it happened because the property values have risen significantly, and average bills will still be higher.

Regarding properties, Sendzik said Oxford has a total of 5925 of them valued at a total of \$1.63 billion, plus \$136.5 million in the commercial, \$146 million in industrial, and \$77 million in "personal property" (mostly business equipment) categories (collectively abbreviated CIP). Residential properties comprise 81.2 percent of Oxford's tax base, and the largest part, the single-family class with 3729 properties, last year saw 129 "arms-length sales" (sales to non-family members).

He noted the last three categories have risen in value, "but the town's residences have gone up more." Most of the "new growth" last year came from expansion at IPG and new homes and renovations to existing homes.

"We've seen a lot of people come in and fix up older houses and resell them," he said.

The core of his talk looked at the impact of splitting the tax rate, and like most assessors, Sendzik urged against doing that. If selectmen opted to go for the "maximum shift," it would reduce residential tax rate to \$12.06 but hike the

CIP rate to \$20.46.

Selectman Robert King argued in favor of a single rate, saying, "The trend is away from a difference in tax classifications to the extent there were any communities left that still had a difference. ... It's difficult enough for people to do business, so you don't want to pile [this] on. ... We want all those storefronts filled."

Afterward, the board approved a long list of business permit renewals of various types. Then Callahan announced the receipt of a \$182,000 ADA grant for walkway, lighting and handicapped bathroom improvements at Joslin Park. She noted it was the town's fourth attempt to get that grant; she'd previously received an ADA planning grant for \$46,000. Combined, she said, the money will free up local capital plan funding for other projects. She also noted the fire department is receiving \$19,000 to buy 12 new portable radios.

Callahan encouraged residents to mark Jan. 21 on their calendars for two related events: the Polar Plunge at Carbuncle Pond (a benefit for Special Olympics at 10 a.m.), followed by the Fun, Frost & Family Winter Festival at the Community Center and Joslin Park at noon.

"The whole town should be lit up with a lot of frosty energy," she said.

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## Lindstrom

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NFL days which creates one-on-one friendships and career opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities. For his contributions to his community Lindstrom became the Falcon's selection for the Walter Payton Man of the Year Award, widely considered one of the most prestigious individual awards in the NFL.

While Lindstrom was not in attendance during the Dudley Charlton Regional School Committee's final meeting of 2022 in December, members still took the time to recognize the former student for his continued commitment to excellence on and off the field.

"This is a prestigious NFL award and recognition. If you have a chance, please watch the video as it is a moving endorsement of Chris Lindstrom and his character," Superintendent Steven Lamarche said of Lindstrom's nomination for Man of the Year.

He also revealed that Lindstrom recently participated in an annual tradition among NFL players to draw attention to a local cause right here in Dudley. In addition, annually NFL players reveal their passions beyond the game and wear their hearts on their feet through 'My Cause My Cleats.' Chris Lindstrom picked this year a case that was important to him and represented the cause on a custom designed cleat. Chris selected the Friends of John Piere Student Fund Be Better.

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that will include Dudley and Charlton first responders, police, fire, emergency management, and extend an invite to Nichols College leaders so we can do a more comprehensive tabletop multi-hazard training as well."

These trainings will continue a recent push for emergency preparedness within the district especially in the wake of the Uvalde, Texas school shootings in May. Dates for these exercises have not been set but are expected to take place in 2023.

The Friends of John Paire Student Support Fund was established to help all Shepherd Hill children have access to an enriched, well-rounded educational experience regardless of economic status.

While Lindstrom has clearly made a splash in the big leagues, he has also maintained the character these communities instilled in him and committed himself to be a part of something bigger than his NFL career. Fans can view Lindstrom's Man of the Year video on YouTube while the Atlanta Falcons have celebrated Lindstrom's commitment to the Atlanta region on their team website. To learn more about the John Paire Student Support Fund visit the Friends of John Paire, Inc. Student Support Fund Facebook page.



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The Dudley Woman's Club's Annual Veterans Holiday Basket program brought seasonal meals and cheer to 20 local families this year! Starting in 2010, and each year since, DWC members have assembled holiday gift baskets for local Veterans in need. This annual giving project is coordinated with the Dudley Veterans Agent, who identifies those in need and distributes the baskets that hold a complete holiday dinner and pantry foods. This year, DWC club members donated the goods for 20 baskets valued at \$1,600. The DWC thanks BJ's Wholesale Club for assistance with turkeys. Thank you to club member Cecile Bernier, who heads up this giving project and to everyone who donated or played a role in making this happen!

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## Dudley Woman's Club meets Jan. 12

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