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# Vietnam veteran named Dudley's parade marshal



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PDUDLEY — Tambiet! Goodbyes are emotional in any language. Randolph Paul Snow, Vietnam vet, will relive those emotions as he leads the 'Brotherhood' in a parade down Main Street on Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

This is the story of Randy, the eldest of three boys in a typical Worcester family, living on Amber Street. He was an active kid, playing seasonal sports while attending school at St. Peter's, as a teen he had a role in the Class Play and sang solo in the Glee Club, he was no wallflower.

Randy worked at a lumber yard after school and in a hospital kitchen on weekends, after graduation from High School in 1966 he studied at Quinsigamond Community College.

There was a bloody war going on in Vietnam, a long way from home. Randy volunteered for the draft, he was inducted in mid-December of 1967.

The US Army promised 'TRAVEL'...to Fort Dix for eight weeks of basic training, also called 'indoctrination' into Army Life: obey orders, stay in shape and remem-

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# Dudley Fall Town Meeting addresses capital projects

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — Dudley's fall annual town meeting was a mixed bag of results on Monday, Oct. 24 as voters considered numerous items including bylaw changes, capital projects, and road betterments.

The meeting lasted around an hour and started off with some basic housekeeping measures as the first three articles passed easily. Article 4 created a bit of conversation with voters taking up a \$775,000 fire truck purchase for a second time this year. While the item passed the annual town meeting in June it requires a Proposition 2 1/2 override at a ballot vote and did not go before the voters prior to the Sept. 15 deadline. The article was brought forth again in October to receive reapproval to be placed on the Election Day ballot on Nov. 8. Voters once again supported the purchase by a wide majority. Article 5, a proposal to fund cyclical inspections of all properties in town that have not been inspected for the past ten years, was also soundly approved.

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## CUBE MASTER

Carter Meehan, a second grade student at All Saints Academy, used his math skills at the Lake Erie Cubing Clash held by the World Cubing Association on Oct. 22. Carter was the youngest of 70 competitors from six different countries. Carter competed in five (out of six) puzzles and completed 22 timed solves. His events included: 3x3, 2x2, Pyraminx, Skewb & Clock. Although he did not place, he held his own as the youngest competitor and got some of his personal best times. He made some new connections including competitors that he has watched over the last few years. He will continue to work on algorithms while twisting and turning the layers of the various cubes in preparation for his next competition in January 2023.

# Oxford providing energy cost relief to residents

OXFORD — The Town has renewed its Oxford Community Electricity Aggregation (Oxford CEA) contract for two years, offering significant winter energy price relief for enrolled participants. The Town has again bid for electric supply together with the Towns of Charlton and Millbury.

"I am pleased to have acted back in May and signed a new two year agreement on the advice of Oxford's Good Energy Consultants to go out to market in advance of NGRID announcing its winter electric rates in the fall. Now learning

NGRID's residential rates will more than double per kilowatt to 33.8 cents for the winter, I am extremely pleased our new Aggregation Supply rates are about 50 percent less for both the Basic Rate at 15.5 cents/kWh and the optional 100% Green Rate at 18.4 cents/kWh. This continues the trend of helping residents and businesses realize significant utility savings by having available an optional aggregation program," stated Oxford Town Manager Jennifer Callahan.

Oxford residents currently participating in the Community

Electricity Aggregation program will automatically receive the new prices, which will be fixed for two years (from December 2022 through December 2024). Oxford CEA's new electricity supplier will be Direct Energy Services. This exciting news comes on the heels of National Grid's recent proposal of significant rate hikes for the coming winter months.

National Grid proposed that as of Nov. 1, the default Residential Basic Service Fixed supply rate will be 33.891 cents/kWh, which is significantly higher than the new

default Oxford Standard supply rate of 15.540 cents/kWh. National Grid's rates change twice a year for Residential and Small Business customers on May 1 and Nov. 1, but Oxford CEA's new rates will be fixed from December 2022 to December 2024. Future savings cannot be guaranteed.

Oxford residents can confirm that they are enrolled in Oxford Community Electricity Aggregation by looking at the Supply Services Section of a recent electric bill. If it says "Supplier: NextEra

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## OXFORD MASONS INSTALL NEW OFFICERS

On Monday, Oct. 24, the Oxford Masonic Lodge held its Installation of Officers for the 2022-2023 Masonic year. Pictured is the Installing Suite who performed the ceremony. From left to right: Bro. Alfred Aubin III, Wor. Jerome Michaelson, Rt. Wor. Robert Schremser, Wor. Robert Lejoie and Wor. Erik Sampson.

# Talks continue regarding Nichols housing project

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — Nichols College returned to the table on Oct. 26 to continue discussing a proposed student housing project with the Dudley Planning Board.

The plan was originally presented in July with new housing to replace the current modular accommodations and was sold in part as a recruiting tool for future students. However, local residents voiced opposition for the project during the initial hearing specifically around its location, light pollution, and a proposed catch basin leading Nichols to reexamine the proposal before the hearing continued. Robert Lavigne, Vice President of Operations for Nichols, returned to represent the college in October explaining that after the response from abutters in July school officials assessed numerous different options. They concluded that the proposed site in the southwest portion of the campus was the prime location for the new facilities.

"This is the site that the college chooses to develop," said Lavigne. "We additionally looked at what we could do differently up there relative to the catch basin. There's lots of discussion, could we move it to the west side, could we split it, could we do different things. After careful review of that and in conjunction with property (at 99 Center Rd.) that we will be closing on that's where we're proposing to put the catch basin, moving it away from the neighbors on Center Road

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# Community celebrates local veteran’s life and legacy

**BY KEVIN FLANDERS**  
**STAFF WRITER**

WEBSTER — The community is celebrating the life and legacy of World War II Navy veteran Alfred Nowicki, who recently passed away at 97 following a brief illness.

A lifelong Webster resident, Nowicki was the longest active member of Webster-Dudley American Legion Post 184 (74 continuous years). Special memorial services honoring his life were conducted by the Webster-Dudley Veterans Council. His wife, Beverly Nowicki, received his Memorial American Flag during these services.

Growing up, Nowicki attended Saint Joseph Elementary School and was a 1943 graduate of Bartlett High School. He was a member of Saint Joseph Basilica for his entire life.

Prior to his military service, Nowicki served as an airplane spotter in the Air Warning Corps in Webster.

Following his military service,

Nowicki worked as the manager of the meat department at the Worcester A&P for 30 years, according to his obituary. He then became a custodian at Bartlett High School for 23 years, retiring in 2000.

Nowicki was a member of the Webster-Dudley American Legion, the Polish American Veterans, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, all of Webster. Additionally, he served as a lifelong member of the Auburn-Webster Lodge of Elks #2118.

“He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening and woodworking, and was an avid sports fan,” read Nowicki’s obituary posted by Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home. “Over the years, he and his wife logged many miles exploring New England, Long Island, and Canada. They enjoyed dining out and until recently went out to breakfast daily, visiting with friends and catching up on the local news.”

On Oct. 24, a graveside service with military honors was per-

formed by the Webster-Dudley Veterans Council in Webster’s Saint Joseph Garden of Peace.

In Nov. 2021, Nowicki was one of five local World War II veterans who were presented with Quilts of Valor by Webster-Dudley American Legion Post 184. Additional WWII veterans to receive the honor included William Adamuska, Norman Czyzewski, Anthony Stefanik, and Victor A. Lempicki.

Nowicki’s four brothers were also members of the Armed Forces. Even in his later years, Nowicki still had his military uniforms and a foot locker he used during his service.

Moreover, Nowicki was an avid viewer of football, baseball, and basketball. He was also well-versed on the history of local sports teams.

Donations in Nowicki’s memory may be made to the Webster-Dudley Veterans Council, 4 Veterans Way, Webster, MA 01570.



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Beverly Nowicki, the widow of the late Alfred Nowicki, receives a memorial flag during a service held by the Webster-Dudley Veterans Council. Presenting the flag is Randy Snow, of the Webster-Dudley Veterans Council.

## Fire truck override compliments Dudley election ballot

**BY JASON BLEAU**  
**CORRESPONDENT**

DUDLEY — While numerous questions and candidates will be on the ballot in Dudley on Election Day, Nov. 8, one additional question will ask Dudley voters to support an important investment for the Dudley Fire Department, a new truck to replace the aging Engine 3.

The much-discussed request has been approved twice at town meetings but must also be approved through Proposition 2 ½ override question on an election ballot. The proposal was initially supported during the Annual Town Meeting in May but was not placed on a ballot prior to the Sept. 15 deadline. Voters approved the project a second time during the October fall town meeting setting it up for inclusion on the November ballot as Question 5.

Fire Chief Dean Kochanowski has spent much of the year stressing the importance of the investment as one of the final expected major purchases for the department during his tenure. In preparation for the ballot vote, the Dudley Fire Department as a group released a call for “mutual aid” from the public at large to support the new truck. If approved, the town would appropriate \$775,000 to purchase the new Rescue Engine effectively retiring the 1996 Pumper Truck known as Engine 3.

“We rely on this Engine to provide water to the firefighters who enter your houses to extinguish the fire,” the Fire Department wrote in a joint statement released on social media. “If it fails to pump, those firefighters could be at risk. But this Engine is very special. Its duties are twofold. It also serves as our Rescue Truck, providing all types of rescue services to include, but not limited to, automobile crash extrication, high angle rope rescue, extricating people with body parts stuck in any type of machine, water rescue, air bag and lifting operations. In addition to all the Engine equipment, this Engine

also carries all our hydraulic rescue tools (Jaws of Life), stabilization struts, ropes in a variety of diameters, a winch, and many hand tools. This truck is quite overloaded, and the equipment is just piled in the compartments. There is no way to secure all the equipment in the compartments. And the compartment doors are beaten and don’t always secure properly. Some firefighters have been injured by falling equipment after opening compartment doors when arriving on the scene of an incident - This Engine has been in service for 26 years now, and it is very tired and has served the Town well, much of the time as a front-line piece of apparatus. But we feel it needs to be retired.”

Engine 3 has proven to be a costly piece of equipment in Dudley over the past few years with repairs stressing the department’s annual maintenance and operations expenses. While the Dudley Fire Department has sought grant money to help offset the cost, they have been unsuccessful.

“In many cases, Dudley has been quite lucky as the Chief has been able to secure grants from the Federal Government in the amount of \$1.3 million dollars for the purchase of fire vehicles and equipment since 2011. He researched and applied for a grant to replace this Engine, but Engine 3 was ineligible,” the Fire Department wrote. The statement continued by revealing a series of mechanical and electrical issues that have plagued the vehicle over the years stressing that fire officials are not only questioning the reliability but also the safety of the vehicle if it remains in action. The fire department also released photos of the truck on social media showcasing some of the wear and tear it has experienced in recent years.

If Question 5 is approved, the Fire Department calculates that during the life of the three-year loan the average impact to taxpayers would be 21-cents per \$1,000 assessed, or \$63.73 a year breaking down to \$15.93 a quarter.

## Native archaeology comes to Dudley Grange

DUDLEY – Canoes in our area are a dime a dozen. But almost none of them are centuries old.

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Project Mishoon’s Cheryl Stedtler will talk about the discovery and its implications at Dudley Grange, 139 Center Rd., Dudley, on Tuesday, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. It’s free and open to the public. Come up the hill after you’ve voted in this year’s important midterm elections to explore a new aspect of American history.

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**Adult Programming**  
**FRIENDS FEATURED AUTHOR BOOK SALE** – Ongoing  
Featuring women of suspense and mystery: Mary Higgins Clark, Mary Janice Davidson, Anne Perry, and Elizabeth Peters, a grocery bag full of books just \$3.00 right now!

**YOGA WITH JULIE** – Saturdays in October and November, except 10/15 and 11/5 at 10:00AM  
Join Julie at the Gladys E. Kelly Library for a vinyasa yoga class for all levels. In Sanskrit, Vinyasa yoga translates to the “uniting of movement with breath”. A typical class involves a centering of the mind with the breath, aromatherapy, movement of the body to release energetic blockages and, finally, a rest and relaxation. Classes are free. Sponsored by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

**INDIGENOUS MUSIC WITH CRAIG HARRIS** – November 3rd 6:00-8:00PM  
Join author, percussionist, and the host of Bluegrass Country Radio’s Craig Harris Show for an ear-opening introduction to the eclectic sounds of Indigenous music.

**MINI GOLF FUNDRAISER** – November 4th 6:00-9:00PM (ADULTS ONLY)  
Explore the Library in a new way! A fundraiser for the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library. Weave your way through the library playing mini-golf with holes featuring local history and book themes. \$10 minimum donation to play. Beer, wine and water will be available for purchase. Thank you to Place Motor, Inc. and LaFramboise Water Service, Inc. for funding this event!

**FALL CONCERT SERIES FEAT. ALEX MINASIAN TRIO** – November 10th 6:30-7:30PM  
The Alex Minasian Jazz Trio will introduce an evening of jazz at the Gladys E Kelly Library. Their musical selections will honor the legends of jazz music, such as Charlie Parker and Thelonious Monk as well as music from the Great American Songbook.

**WHAT’S IT WORTH? ZOOM APPRAISALS WITH MIKE IVANKOVICH** – November 17th 6:30-8:00PM  
Author, Auctioneer, Appraiser and Radio show Host Mike Ivankovich will introduce you to “What Determines Value”...and reveal what your Antiques, Collectibles, and Personal Treasures are really worth today. Each attendee is invited to bring in 1-2 items for Mike to appraise. Time is limited, so attendees with items to appraise will need to sign up in advance. Zoom link will be provided, and participants can also bring their items to the library. Contact Randa at rc0x@cwmmars.org for more information.

**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** – November 21st at 6:30PM  
The Gladys E. Kelly Public Library Adult Book Discussion Group will be meeting in person this month! The group meets at 6:30 pm and the meeting will take place in the Library’s Community Room. New members are always welcome! Next month’s book discussion will be on Monday, November 21st. The group will be discussing The Uninhabitable Earth by David Wallace-Wells. Stop by the library, or reach out by phone to 508-949-3880, or by email to ehale@cwmmars.org for inquiries.

**HOLIDAY WRAPPING PROGRAM** – November 29th 5:00-8:00PM  
Come and learn how to wrap your presents in style! Learn how to use ribbons, bows, and other adornments to spruce up your holiday presents! For all ages!

**Children’s and Young Adult Programming**  
**MAKER MONDAYS** – Mondays from 3:30-4:30PM  
Feeling artistic? We will have a variety of craft materials available to put your creativity to the test! Every month we will rotate our craft material, stop in to see what we’re making this month!

**MINI STEM-CHALLENGE** – Tuesdays from 3:30-

4:30PM  
Join us every Tuesday for a self-guided STEM-based building challenge, appropriate for all ages. Younger kids should bring a parent. Instruction sheets will be provided. Contact Andrew at 508-949-3880, or atai@cwmmars.org for more details.

**STEM THURSDAYS-MAKE YOUR OWN VOLCANO** – November 3rd 3:30-4:30PM  
Build your own volcano, then watch it explode! All ages. No Registration Required.

**WIGGLES AND GIGGLES (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)** – Wednesday Nov. 4th, 18th, Dec. 2nd, 9th, and 16th 10-11AM  
Come sing, dance, and make music with Lainey Hanlon! Geared for children ages 2-5 and their caregivers, but all ages welcome! Go to our website to register!

**MINI GOLF FUNDRAISER** – November 5th 10:00AM-1:00PM (FAMILY DAY)  
Explore the Library in a new way! A fundraiser for the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library. Weave your way through the library playing mini-golf with holes featuring local history and book themes. \$5 minimum donation for adults, kids play free! Thank you to Place Motor, Inc. and LaFramboise Water Service, Inc. for funding this event!

**STEM THURSDAYS – BREAD IN A BAG** – November 10th 3:30-4:30PM  
All you need to make bread is a bag and a few ingredients! Take your dough home, bake it, and enjoy! All ages. No Registration Required.

**MUSIC TOGETHER** – November 12th and 19th 11:15-12PM  
Fun, fabulous, uplifting, magical early childhood music class! Sponsored by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

**STEM PASSPORT EVENT** – November 18th 4:30-5:30PM  
Join us for an Amazing Race Themed STEM event where participants must complete multiple missions to get their passports stamped.

# Reliant Medical Group nationally recognized for commitment to improve cardiovascular health

**WORCESTER** — Reliant Medical Group has received three American Heart Association outpatient program achievement awards in recognition for its commitment to reducing the risk of heart disease and stroke by improving high cholesterol, Type 2 diabetes and blood pressure management. The awards recognize a commitment to following the latest evidence- and science-based care guidelines.

Nearly half of all adults in the U.S. have some form of cardiovascular disease, including heart attack, stroke or heart failure. High cholesterol, Type 2 diabetes and uncontrolled high blood pressure are leading risk factors for cardiovascular disease, but with timely diagnosis, research-based treatment and education, these conditions can be managed.

“We are proud to be recognized by the American Heart Association for our focus on reducing our patients’ risk for heart disease and stroke,” said Tarek Elsayw, President/CEO of Reliant Medical Group. “Participating in AHA’s programs assists our clinicians in using the latest science and clinical guidelines to help patients prevent and manage disease, and live healthier lives.”

This year, Reliant Medical Group received three gold-level achievement awards: The American Heart Association’s Check. Change. Control. Cholesterol™, The American Heart Association and American Diabetes Association’s Target: Type 2 Diabetes Target: BP™ recognition jointly presented by the American Heart Association and the American Medical Association.

“Addressing Type 2 diabetes, cholesterol, blood pressure management is key for better cardiovascular health – and critical today, when heart disease and stroke continue to be leading causes of death for Americans,” said Howard Haft, M.D., MMM, CPE, FACPE, volunteer science expert for the American Heart Association and executive director of the Maryland Primary Care Program, in Baltimore. “The American Heart Association is pleased to recognize Reliant Medical Group for its commitment to managing patient risk factors related to these diseases.”

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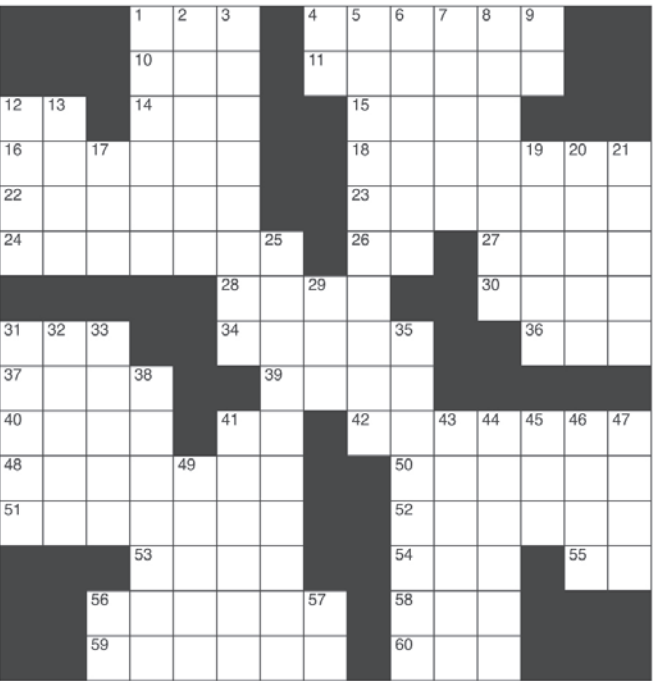
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### CLUES ACROSS

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| 1. The central bank of the US                | 36. When you hope to get there             |
| 4. Direct one's ambitions                    | 37. Popular 80's pop duo                   |
| 10. Only                                     | 39. Beloved Mexican dish                   |
| 11. "Nothing ventured, nothing "             | 40. Extremely small amount                 |
| 12. Lead                                     | 41. Special therapy                        |
| 14. Returned material authorization (abbr.)  | 42. Cause to move slowly                   |
| 15. Indicates the pitch of notes             | 48. A person's natural height              |
| 16. Set up to blame                          | 50. Elicited                               |
| 18. States of rest                           | 51. Legislator                             |
| 22. Complete                                 | 52. Baking ingredient                      |
| 23. Be around longer than                    | 53. Sandwich store                         |
| 24. Instructs                                | 54. Peyton's little brother                |
| 26. Childless (abbr.)                        | 55. Southeast                              |
| 27. Coffee machines do it                    | 56. Popular Mexican beer                   |
| 28. Bowfin                                   | 58. Baglike structure in a plant or animal |
| 30. A group separate from established Church | 59. Car body manufacturer                  |
| 31. Soviet Socialist Republic                | 60. Midway between south and southeast     |
| 34. Mends with a needle                      |  |

### CLUES DOWN

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| 1. Colorless volatile acid             | 29. Retirement account                 |
| 2. A way to tangle                     | 31. Holey type of cheese               |
| 3. Jam rock band devotee               | 32. Young pig                          |
| 4. The nation's highest lawyer (abbr.) | 33. Climbing palm                      |
| 5. Inviolable                          | 35. Discomfort                         |
| 6. Collision                           | 38. Bullfighter                        |
| 7. Clumsy                              | 41. High-level computer language       |
| 8. Bends again                         | 43. Fleshy extensions above the throat |
| 9. "Pollock" actor Harris              | 44. Request                            |
| 12. Flew off!                          | 45. Equal to 10 meters (abbr.)         |
| 13. Soft creamy white cheese           | 46. Bruce and Spike are two            |
| 17. Comedienne Gasteyer                | 47. Precipice                          |
| 19. Exclamation used for emphasis      | 49. Wombs                              |
| 20. Expel from one's property          | 56. A radio band                       |
| 21. Philly transit body                | 57. Emphasizes an amount               |
| 25. Small amount of something          |  |





# Plans announced for Dudley Veterans Day parade

DUDLEY — We will be holding our 17th annual Veterans Day Parade this year on Friday, Nov. 11.

Prior to regularly scheduled parade activities, we would like to encourage everyone to attend a brief ceremonial tribute to our local veterans who paid the supreme sacrifice for their country in WW II at The Memorial Monument located at the Webster Lake entryway off of Thompson Road. In addition, at this time we will be placing a wreath at the Women's Veterans' Monument. This ceremony will begin promptly at 9:45 a.m.

Upon completion of our memorial tribute all marching veterans will meet with their perspective colors/weapons at the St. Louis School Yard Parking area located next to the gymnasium at the bottom of the entryway at 10:15 a.m. Transportation by bus will leave at

approximately 10:30 a.m. and proceed to the Municipal Complex in Dudley.

Upon arrival in Dudley, we will assemble at the Veterans' Court of Honor. Ceremonies will commence promptly at 11 a.m. Our Chaplain will lead us in prayer; immediately following will be a three-shot volley performed by the weapon detail and Taps. Our guest speaker (speaker to be named) will then present a brief ceremonial message.

Upon conclusion we will march in procession from the Dudley Municipal Complex to the Webster Veterans' Court of Honor for a similar presentation with Chaplain's prayer; three-shot volley and Taps. Ceremonies will conclude at approximately 12:45 p.m.

All Scouting Organizations who plan on participating are asked to meet at the Dudley Municipal Complex (Town Hall) at 10:45 a.m.

This year's Grand Marshall for our Veterans Day Parade is Army- Vietnam Veteran Specialist E-4, Randy P. Snow.

Please adhere to the following marching order:

- Honor Guard with colors/weapons
- Grand Marshal in Vehicle

Webster/Dudley Veterans Council; VFW; American Legion; PAV; DAV; All Ladies Auxiliary Units; Sons of the American Legion; and the Scouting Organizations who are participating.

Please Note: all former Military veterans wishing to join us are certainly welcome and are encouraged to march. Those who plan on doing so should meet at the Dudley Municipal Complex at 10:45AM.

NOTICE:  
Three vehicles for our riding Veterans. Those who will be riding will meet at the Dudley Complex at 10:45 a.m.

Those marching behind vehicles should maintain 30 feet of separation from vehicles, Ladies Auxiliary Units and all Scouting Organizations.

One vehicle will be at the end of the parade and available for anyone having difficulty marching.

Our Host this year for refreshments will be provided by the Polish American Veterans (PAV) on Ray St. in Webster. All those participating/marching are invited to attend immediately upon conclusion of this event.

Please keep in mind that we are honoring all those who are serving and those who have served this great nation. We sincerely thank everyone for their participation with helping to make this day a memorable one.

## Infrastructure issues on “Vision 2050” agenda

BY GUS STEEVES  
CORRESPONDENT

REGION — As part of the ongoing “Vision 2050” process, Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission called on area DPW, Water and Sewer folks to opine on key issues facing their towns in an online forum last week.

According to CMRPC Executive Director Janet Pierce, the goal is to create “a comprehensive picture of infrastructure needs for our entire region,” and the timing is good “with the federal funding coming down the pike.”

That funding was a major factor in a large number of the participants' comments, with towns citing competing needs – roads, water, sewer, stormwater, broadband, building projects, staff needs, and other expenses – all vying for a too-small pool of local funds. In many towns, those needs are further constrained by strong local opposition to increased property taxes and need outside grants to happen.

One of the areas sparking the most concern is stormwater – water from rain or snow that ends up either in the town's sewer system, causing erosion and other issues on the land, or polluting the rivers. Several years ago, the federal government started requiring communities to plan and create bylaws for it, without providing funds. That's left most towns having no real way to afford the millions it'll cost to fix the problems.

“Stormwater is a whole different animal. It's unseen and nobody sees the benefit” of fixing it, Charlton's Peter Boria observed.

Brookfield Planning Board Chair Sharon Mahoney agreed, saying improving infrastructure in general will increase the tax rate, but people “don't seem to understand that improved infrastructure will attract business” that can help offset that rate. She already sees a lot of complaints, making the key issue “educating the public about how these dilemmas work together.”

Sturbridge (and former Southbridge) DPW Director Heather Blakeley noted there are “drainage problems all over the place,” some of them natural. In some places, “if you stand on the road bed, you're looking up at the beaver dam,” with the risk of breach endangering the road. But “if you follow the letter of the law, you really can't do much,” she said.

Several towns see issues with well contamination from state highways, and need help to expand their water/sewer systems to provide service to those residents, Blakeley added. At the same time, some towns still have old asbestos/cement water lines that need replacing, but “don't have the capacity to raise taxes to go there,” she said. Often, they also have trouble “finding people that are qualified” with the necessary licenses (she specifically cited CDLs) to work for the town.

Southbridge Sewer Superintendent James Merchant noted his town has “a

big I&I issue,” referring to “infiltration and inflow,” where water from outside sources ends up getting into the sewer system and getting treated. In many cases, that water is essentially clean; it comes from leaks, illegal connections, sump pumps and other sources. It's particularly an issue after major storms, when the flow to the sewer plant can reach or briefly exceed its permit capacity.

Spencer's Jim Laplante agreed, noting his town has a \$20 million I&I pipe project in the works, on top of a \$47 million treatment upgrade that's risen by \$10 million due to inflation and materials costs. He said he's approached state legislators for help because “that's going to be an unbearable economic impact on the public.”

Regarding other infrastructure, the forum focused mostly on energy issues. Several people cited concerns about dealing with National Grid to address gas leaks or their towns lacking gas at all. Blakeley noted her dealings in with them in Southbridge “couldn't get a straight answer” regarding local business requests to tap into the gas lines, handling problems with trenching in roads, and even “making heads or tails” of billing issues surrounding solar credits, which also go through National Grid.

Douglas's Matt Wojcik said his town is particularly concerned the grid does not have extra electric or gas capacity to grow. Douglas is now seeing two large

warehouse projects under construction, but the utility has said they can only have a quarter of the electricity they need.

To address that, Douglas is looking into building locally-owned microgrids. That prompted my comment (wearing my town council hat) that our towns need to be able to take advantage of the area's rivers for small hydropower projects, with today's technology having far less ecological impact than old methods. Several years ago, Dexter-Russell tried to do that on their dam off River Street, but gave up due to the cost and hassle of dealing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.


In the chat, Wojcik agreed, saying he knows of a small hydropower project in Woonsocket that was “very simple and reliable. Trying to permit that now? Impossible.”

Gus Steeves can be reached at gus.steeves2@gmail.com.

## DUDLEY POLICE LOG

DUDLEY — The Dudley Police Department reported only one arrest during the week of Oct. 21-23.

Bennett T. Ferraro, age 24, of Holland was arrested on Oct. 21 for Operating Under the Influence and Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle.



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## What's your favorite Thanksgiving recipe?

AUBURN — The Auburn Historical Museum is looking for unique recipes that people use for Thanksgiving foods. The recipes can be traditional, with or without a twist, very unconventional foods, whatever you might enjoy around this holiday. The museum mascot, Henry Auburnites, will be donning his chef's outfit and displaying some of his vintage cooking utensils, as well as recipes on “How to Cook a Turkey” which were done by a third-grade class when he was just a tyke.

Anyone of any age can contribute to Henry's recipe collection and illustrations are welcome also. Please drop off your contributions to the Museum at 41 South St. on Tuesday or Saturdays 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., when the museum is open, email the museum- auburnmuseum@verizon.net, or drop them through the mail slot in the door any other time. Henry will be looking forward to seeing you and letting you have a tour of the Auburn Historical Museum.

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ELDER ABUSE intake Hotline for Mass., 1-800-922-2275, to report physical/mental/financial abuse. Senior self-harm/neglect. (May remain anonymous in reporting suspected abuse).

Dudley Senior Center hours are 10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Seniors are welcome to drop in for self-directed activities, cards, puzzles, movies, knitting or just to hang out with friends.

Tri Valley Congregate lunches are served on Monday & Friday at 11:45 a.m. Reservations for lunch must be made two days in advance. Call office and leave a message to reserve your lunch at 508-949-8015. A \$3.00 donation is appreciated.

Activities at Dudley Senior Center:  
Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. – Pitch League

Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. – The Dudley Senior Women’s Knitting group. Come join us if you’re interested in creating groovy knitting projects which are helping to support our community.

Friday is Game Day, before or after lunch for anyone who enjoys word games like Scrabble, Boggle and Scattergories. Also, “MEMES” a funny picture/memes/blurbs game for up to 20 people.

Coming up! Tina Bemis Flower Workshops, November 14 – Evergreen Door Swag - \$25.00. Starts at 10:00 a.m.

November 17, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – The Common Ground Memory Café is scheduled the third Thursday of each month, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. This is a FREE program featuring live music and a light meal. It’s a fun, come as you are, no judgement social activity. This program is especially meant for anyone who is affected by cognitive decline/difficulty such as Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s, stroke, Lewy Body Dementia, forget-

fulness, loneliness or need to socialize. Come join us! We are Dementia Friends Certified Champions. Our Memory Café music guest this month will be Sandy Allen, who has worked with dementia patients. She is an instrumentals who works with woodwind instruments. Come and join us. Enjoy a light meal, meet old friends and develop new friendships.

Save the Dates: NOVEMBER  
Monday, November 14, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Tina Bemis Workshop. Evergreen Door Swag, \$25.  
Thursday, November 17, 2022 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Memory Café  
Monday, December 12, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Bemis Farm Centerpiece Surprise - \$15.

Handouts are available at the Dudley Senior Center

Medicare Enrollment/SHINE. October 15, 2022 – December 7, 2022. Should batteries be tossed or recycled?  
Worcester County Action Council

(heating assistance program). Determined by annual income of the household.

Thanksgiving meal is scheduled for November 18, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Please register one week in advance so we can have enough food to serve. A \$5.00 donation is appreciated.

Christmas party is scheduled for December 15, 2022 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Further information forthcoming.

Office Hours: Monday & Friday, 11:00 a.m – 3:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. before and after Memory Café every third Thursday of the month.  
Email: [coordinator@dudleyma.gov](mailto:coordinator@dudleyma.gov)  
Telephone: 508-949-8015. Please leave us a message with your return phone number.

We are always open to new ideas for programs/events. Come and share!

Open to all seniors. You are always welcome to attend any of our programs and events no matter where you live!

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Like the Webster Senior Center Facebook page to view our photographs, news and announcements. Please stop by to pick up our monthly newsletter for a complete list of activities, upcoming events and our monthly lunch menu.

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. 11/8 Senior Center closed for election Wed. 11/9 Marinated Pork Loin, cranberry stuffing, brussels sprouts Thurs. 11/10 Chicken Fajitas, Spanish rice, black beans and corn Fri. 11/11 Veterans Day, Senior Center closed. Please note, menus are subject to change.

Are you interested in playing chess? We now have a chess club meeting on Wednesdays at 12:00 pm. All skill levels are welcomed!

Join us for a Soup Social at the Webster Senior Center on Monday, November 7th at 11:30 am. Sponsored by Christopher Heights. Please sign up at the Senior Center front desk.

Come celebrate November birthdays with us on Wednesday, November 9th. Cake will be served at 12:00 pm. Sign up

at front desk.

A Mass Advantage representative will be at the Senior Center on Wednesday, November 9th at 12:00 pm to answer questions and to discuss Open Enrollment.

The Webster Senior Center will be closed on Tuesday, November 8th for the election, and also closed on Friday, November 11th in observance of Veteran’s Day.

Join us for a movie matinee on Monday, November 14th at 1:00pm. We will be showing “Jerry & Marge Go Large” based on the true story about a married couple who win the lottery and use the money to revive their small town. Popcorn and refreshments will be served. Please sign up at the Senior Center front desk.

Summit Health will be offering a Smart Kitchen presentation at the Senior Center on Wednesday, November 16th at 10:30 am. Sign up at the Senior Center front desk.

The Friends of the Webster Senior Center are sponsoring a Friendsgiving get together on Monday, November 21st from 1:00pm-2:30pm. Homemade Apple Crisp with ice cream will be served and there will be live music! You must sign up by Wed., Nov. 16th. Sign up at the front desk.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Tax Aide, a partnership between the IRS and the AARP Foundation, need volunteer counselors to help low- and moderate-income persons in your community prepare their Federal and Massachusetts

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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





**Bacari**  
**Age 16**

**Hi! My name is Bacari and I can tell you about space and meteorites!**

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Bacari does well in school, and although he is currently unsure of the type of career he would like to pursue, he enjoys animation and creating cartoons and comics.

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\$875,000, 8 Whitetail Run, Sei, Vicki P, to Keenan, John.  
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\$230,000, 40 Walsh Ave, Fant Stephen K Est, and Williams, Debra, to Marcus, Matthew J.  
\$160,949, 5 Glenview Ave, Bovaird, Marguerite V, to Oconnell, Andrew C.

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\$372,000, 9 Michael Ln, Berger RT, and Dunn, Michelle L, to Lanier, Cameron L, and Spooner, Emily.  
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\$314,000, 15 Marshall Ter, Blouin FT, and Blouin, Richard D, to Collazo, Samantha, and Collazo, Xavier.

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*“There are many kinds of strength, and no one kind will suffice”*

On Nov. 22, 1963, President John F. Kennedy was en route to give a speech in Dallas, Texas. He was assassinated before reaching his destination, but already written was a speech he was to deliver at the event. Here we are years later reading his words that call for unity and peace. We have taken portions out due to space, however our hope is that this decades old speech will translate into the present. This speech delivers an important message as we head to the polls next week. Remember to vote for the best candidate in any area and try not to fall into the trap of voting along party lines. Local elections should go to the person who is the biggest champion for your area, with the most experience, full stop. Do your due diligence in researching candidates and do not fall prey to smear campaigns. Follow your gut, and most importantly do your civic duty, by voting. The speech reads as follows:

“This Nation’s strength and security are not easily or cheaply obtained, nor are they quickly and simply explained. There are many kinds of strength and no one kind will suffice. “Ignorance and misinformation can handicap the progress of a city or a company, but they can, if allowed to prevail in foreign policy, handicap this country’s security. In a world of complex and continuing problems, in a world full of frustrations and irritations, America’s leadership must be guided by the lights of learning and reason — or else those who confuse rhetoric with reality and the plausible with the possible will gain the popular ascendancy with their seemingly swift and simple solutions to every world problem. “There will always be dissident voices heard in the land, expressing opposition without alternative, finding fault but never favor, perceiving gloom on every side and seeking influence without responsibility. Those voices are inevitable. But today, other voices are heard in the land — voices preaching doctrines wholly unrelated to reality, wholly unsuited to the sixties, doctrines which apparently assume that words will suffice without weapons, that vituperation is as good as victory and that peace is a sign of weakness. “We cannot expect that everyone, to use the phrase of a decade ago, will “talk sense to the American people.” But we can hope that fewer people will listen to nonsense. And the notion that this Nation is headed for defeat through deficit, or that strength is but a matter of slogans, is nothing but just plain nonsense. “Above all, words alone are not enough. The United States is a peaceful nation. And where our strength and determination are clear, our words need merely to convey conviction, not belligerence. If we are strong, our strength will speak for itself. If we are weak, words will be of no help. “I have spoken of strength largely in terms of the deterrence and resistance of aggression and attack. But in today’s world, freedom can be lost without a shot being fired, by ballots as well as bullets. The success of our leadership is dependent upon respect for our mission in the world as well as our missiles — on a clearer recognition of the virtues of freedom as well as the evils of tyranny. “Finally, it should be clear by now that a nation can be no stronger abroad than she is at home. Only an America which practices what it preaches about equal rights and social justice will be respected by those whose choice affects our future. Only an America which has fully educated its citizens is fully capable of tackling the complex problems and perceiving the hidden dangers of the world in which we live. And only an America which is growing and prospering economically can sustain the worldwide defenses of freedom, while demonstrating to all concerned the opportunities of our system and society. “My friends and fellow citizens: I cite these facts and figures to make it clear that America today is stronger than ever before. Our adversaries have not abandoned their ambitions, our dangers have not diminished, our vigilance cannot be relaxed. But now we have the military, the scientific, and the economic strength to do whatever must be done for preservation and promotion of freedom. “The strength will never be used in pursuit of aggressive ambitions — it will always be used in pursuit of peace. It will never be used to promote provocations — it will always be used to promote the peaceful settlement of disputes. “We, in this country, in this generation, are — by destiny rather than by choice — the watchmen on the walls of world freedom. We ask, therefore, that we may be worthy of our power and responsibility, that we may exercise our strength with wisdom and restraint, and that we may achieve in our time and for all time the ancient vision of “peace on earth, good will toward men.” That must always be our goal, and the righteousness of our cause must always underlie our strength. For as was written long ago: “except the Lord keep the city, the watchmen waketh but in vain.”

# VIEWPOINT

## “What is your name?”

“Who are you? and What is your name?” The name of every individual is very important to the identity of who someone is. A name, in past times, often told us something about a person – whose son or daughter they were, what family they came from, what profession they held, and what their cultural or religious tradition is. Names are very important. How many parents tell their children, “Be careful of what you do or how you behave, because we don’t want you to embarrass the family name.” Names are a sacred part of who we are.

So, it is not surprising that the first question Jesus asks a man who seems confused and lost, “What is your name?” By asking this question, Christ not only wants to develop a personal interaction, and eventual relationship with the individual, but more importantly, He wants to understand how this man views himself. “What is your name?”

The man doesn’t hesitate in his response, “My name is Legion.” The man is a broken, pathetic figure, who felt controlled by many demons and dark forces. The evil one deceived and controlled him for so long that the man forgot his true identity. He forgot that he was created in the image of a loving God. The poor man did not see himself as a child of God but as one possessed by dark forces.

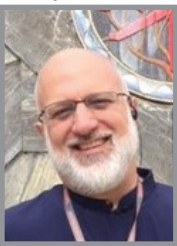
Like so many people, the man forgot the most basic principle of human life – that he is a child of God, created in the image of the Holy Trinity, and thus, uniquely special in the eyes of God. Regardless of any terrible mistakes, poor choices or evil habits the man had given into, he forgot the words of our loving God in the Old Testament, “Even though a mother may forget her child, I can never forget you, for I have created you in the palm of my hands.”

If God, the Almighty Creator of the universe, created every individual in the palm of His hand, then we have a sacred connection with Him, which no horrible sin or evil habit or destructive addiction can take away!

Let us reflect on this for a moment. Often, we forget who we truly are. Underneath the titles and nicknames, whether complementary or derogatory, that others give us - at work, within our family, from our peers, and even the labels that society may place upon us - do each of us understand who we truly are? Jesus asks us to pause and carefully look at how we view ourselves, and then to discover, or recover, the name that God has given us. We need to remember that in His eyes, we are unique children with special potential beloved by Him.

Reflecting on who we are, on our name, we may come to four different ways of viewing ourselves:

First, there is the name, or image, that we try to present to other people. Too often, we don’t want others to see who we truly are, so we attempt to put forth a particular side of our personality. We want others to see our positive characteristics and good virtues. And we may initially deceive people, if they don’t spend much time with us, and they may actually believe in only the name that we hope to portray. With today’s social media, how many people create avatars of themselves on the internet, creating



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a custom-fit image to offer to the world?

The second view of ourselves is not the name, or image, we try to portray to others, but the image that people actually see. Even though we try to hide the negative aspects of our character, still people can see through our masquerade, and will eventually see both our good and bad.

The third perspective of who we are is the way we understand ourselves deep down in our hearts. Of course, we know better than anyone else our own weaknesses, our own shortcomings, our own bad habits, and even our evil thoughts. We see a side of ourselves that others cannot see. And yet, even with ourselves, we’re not always honest. Many times we think better or worse of ourselves than we actually are. We deceive ourselves into believing this false image. Such people never travel into their soul’s depths to discover what is actually there.

The fourth, and most accurate perspective of ourselves is the view that God alone possesses. He knows us better than we ourselves. He created all the goodness we possess, and the limitless potential we have. He sees His own image in us! At the same time, however, God also knows all our weaknesses – our pride, our anger, our greed, our hatred, our self-centeredness. He knows all our deep and hidden thoughts and desires. God knows well the demons that exists deep within our souls. And we all have such demons. God knows who we truly are; only He is the one who fully sees BOTH our GOOD and our BAD, our shortcomings and our potential.

When Jesus asks the possessed man, “What is your name? Who are you? How do you see yourself?” the man could only acknowledge the darkness and evil within, the LEGION of DEMONS that possessed his soul, which left him broken, destroyed, and pathetic.

Christ, however, revealed to the man something more. Yes, you have demons, like we all do, but let me show you who you truly are, deep within your own soul. Let me free you from your demons, and from your own delusion of self, and let me remind you how you are a beloved child of God, someone created in His image, created with the potential to love and be loved, created with the potential to become a saint! Let me give you a new name. In Revelation, Jesus says, “I will give you a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except you who receives it.”

So Jesus freely releases the man from the bondage of the legion of demons, gives him a new name, and sends the man throughout the country telling others how God had healed him.

“What is your name and who are you?” Let us admit that our names may also be “legion” because of the influence of evil in our lives. Yet with God’s help, we can discover a new, special name He gives each of us at our creation. This holy name is written in the Book of Life, awaiting us to claim it!

I am a child of God, loved by God, created in His image and likeness, filled with divine potential. No matter what name I had before, I can become a new creation through Jesus Christ and embrace the precious name that He has reserved for me alone.

What is your name?

## License plate lettering



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I was recently asked a question about the lettering of Massachusetts vehicle license plates. Vanity and specialty plates (Whales, Patriots, Cape and Islands, etc.), are issued by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (Mass DOT). These can often be confusing when the number “0” or the letter “O” appear on these plates. I was asked if these numbers or letters are still in use here in Massachusetts.

As is often the case, vanity or specialty plates can contain a wide combination of numbers and letters. All vanity plates are approved for use and issued by the Mass DOT – Registry of Motor Vehicles. Massachusetts does allow for both the number “0” as well as the letter “O” to be used on number plates. To address some of the potential confusion, the style of these numbers and letters is altered slightly to provide a different appearance. Photo examples are available online which show the letter “O” appearing on a license plate, in a more block style fashion. This means the top, bottom, and both sides are straight with 90 degree, angled corners. Its shape resembles that of a rectangle. The number “0” remains oval in appearance with the top and bottom being rounded. The differences are not immediately apparent when looking at them quickly, however; if you pay particular attention to this factor in the future, you will see a difference.

If you have any plates with these characters contained in them, there may be some confusion if outside people (police departments, parking clerks, etc.) or license plate readers check the vehicle status. This may require some further documentation to insure you are not the subject of any fines or charges. All these plates are official and are approved for use by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. They must be displayed on both the front and rear of the vehicle. If you are interested, check online for example photos of the letter “O” under the Mass DOT issued number plates.

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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.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Stuff I wonder about

To the Editor:  
Don’t understand why anyone would vote for the D party in this state.  
Tax just about everything, and still wants more!  
Why haven’t they amended the state constitution for term limits?  
Massachusetts voters passed term limits over 25 years ago; state is very slow in enacting this amendment, don’t you think?  
I don’t vote for any rep that has more than two terms in office.  
New Hampshire reps are paid \$300 for two-year term; what is so special about Mass. reps? Why are they worth so much more than New Hampshire reps?  
Ever try to get a state job? Kind of tough; have to know someone, be related to someone, and support party ideology. Good salary, and with a pension most anyone in the dreaded private sector would love to have.  
Recent CNBC report said Mass. is one of seven states US that folks are leaving the most because of taxes, regulations,

etc.  
Recent AP report that Mass. is one of seven states US that folks would least like to retire in – too expense/too many taxes.  
Why haven’t Mass. Reps given back the \$3 billion that is owed taxpayers?  
\$4 billion in Mass. rainy day fund, why hasn’t this been used more for helping towns with their tax burden?  
\$3 or \$4 billion of taxpayers’ cash going to about 200,000 illegals in Mass. This is shameful!  
Mass. Turnpike has been paid off since 1988, why are there still tolls. Pike could use two or three additional lanes on each side. Why is nothing done about this?  
None of these D party reps in Mass., or D.C. mention anything about inflation, economy, fuel oil, gas, illegals, failing school systems.  
Our D.C. reps seem to forget their oath of office to uphold the US Constitution.  
D party reps won’t say anything to rock the boat, afraid might lose cam-

paign cash, or their plum job if they speak out. Sort of like a family, you are a made member if you follow the rules. This goes for Mass. and D.C. reps.  
I use to lean toward this party, but no more.  
US Constitution, the way I understand, is to protect citizens, and stay out of our way.  
Constitution is not be used to tax us into the stone age, just tax us enough to protect us, and to run basic government and then leave us alone!  
I spent four years in the service, over three years overseas protecting our reps’ behinds.  
Reps can’t even protect our borders, or at least have the stones to protest the open borders ruining our country with illegals and drugs.  
I wonder why anyone would vote for these alleged reps?

JIM ALLISON  
WEBSTER

### Thanks for a “Spooktacular” time


To the Editor:  
On behalf of the Board of Selectmen I wish to thank the many volunteers and employees of the Dudley Municipal Complex and the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library for a successful “Spooktacular” event that was held on

Oct. 27 at the town hall. This was the 4th year we have had this event and the turn out was amazing!  
Along with the employees I would like to thank the Dudley Police Department, Dudley Fire Department (especially Deputy Chief Paul Konieczny),

National Honor Society volunteers from Shepherd Hill, the Cournoyer family, Park n’ Shop, and the Highway Department.  
Jason Johnson  
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
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# Watch out for deer collisions



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This past weekend was perfect for any outdoor activities. Fishing for trout in local trout stocked waters had anglers catching some 15 inches to 17-inch rainbow trout. Fishing cape ponds also had anglers catching some impressive trout. One angler fished Peters Pond and caught numerous large rainbows. Fishing freshwater ponds at this time of year is extremely enjoyable, and you basically have the ponds all to yourself, as most anglers have put their fishing rods away for the year, and are out deer hunting or bird hunting.

Numerous large bucks have been harvested in Massachusetts to date, and hunters are encountering many deer during their time in the woods. Numerous deer are also being involved with car deer collisions. The rut has already started and bucks are spotted



**Bob & Corey Lepage with a couple of king salmon they caught recently on the Salmon River in Upstate New York.**

chasing does, which is the reason for the increased car deer accidents. Drivers are reminded that many deer will be



**This weeks second picture shows Steven Dizek with a few nice rainbow trout he recently caught at the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club.**

crossing roads, as the bucks chase them for mating, as they do every year. Severe injury or death can result to

passengers or drivers if you become involved with a deer collision. Drivers that hit and kill a deer with their automobile can keep the deer if they want it. Drive safe and remember to pay attention to the road, as a deer can seem to come out of nowhere.

Saltwater fishing continues to provide some great fishing for stripers at the canal, and bottom fishing for tautog and seabass on board charter boats, is slowing because of the economy. Cod fishing in Rhode Island has also slowed!

Many anglers have started to winterize their boats and many have already taken the time put them away for the season. Fogging your outboard motor and adding a stabilizer to your gas should help ensure the motor will be ready for spring fishing.

This week's two pictures show Bob & Corey Lepage with a couple of king salmon they caught recently on the Salmon River in Upstate New York. The second picture shows Steve Dizek of Northbridge, with some nice rainbow trout he caught, while fishing at his favorite fishing hole. Nice fish!

Take a Kid fishing & keep Them Rods Bending!

# Rediscover the Convenience of the Crock Pot

Few modern appliances match the convenience of a crock pot. There's no doubt about it, the slow cooker is making a comeback – even if it does have to share counter space with the air fryer!

With the chilly weather upon us, the pleasure of coming home to a hearty, comfort meal cannot be overstated. Thanks to the ease of absentee cooking, even harried households can enjoy a comfort meal every night of the week.

In celebration of the slow cooker, this week's column will spotlight an array of delicious recipes that are so easy, they can be compiled before you dash out the door in the morning. Just add a salad and you're good to go!

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Saucy Maple Country Ribs

Ingredients: One and a half pounds country style boneless pork ribs; one third cup pure maple syrup; one tablespoon soy sauce; two tablespoons fresh chopped onion; one half teaspoon garlic powder; one quarter teaspoon each cinnamon, ginger, and allspice; dash of pepper

Directions: Place pork in the crockpot. Combine

remaining ingredients; pour over pork. Cover and cook on low for 7 to 9 hours.

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Chicken Breast A L'Orange

Ingredients: Three chicken breasts, halved; one can of cream of celery or cream of chicken soup (Campbell's has a Healthy Request choice); five mushrooms, sliced; two sweet potatoes, peeled and quartered; two thirds cup flour; one half cup freshly squeezed orange juice; one half teaspoon orange rind, grated; three tablespoons flour; one teaspoon salt; one teaspoon nutmeg; one half teaspoon cinnamon; two teaspoons brown sugar; one dash each of pepper and garlic powder.

Directions: Rinse chicken breasts and pat dry. Combine two thirds cup flour with salt, nutmeg, cinnamon, pepper and garlic powder. Thoroughly coat chicken in flour mixture. Place sweet potato slices in bottom of crock pot. Place chicken breasts on top. Combine soup with remaining ingredients and stir well. Pour soup mixture over chicken breasts. Cover and cook on low heat for 8 to 10

hours or on high setting for 3 to 4 hours, or until chicken and vegetables are tender. Serve over hot buttered rice.

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Shortcut Chile

Ingredients: one pound lean ground beef or turkey; one small onion; chopped; one teaspoon salt; one bay leaf; one teaspoon chili powder (or more to taste); one teaspoon Worcestershire sauce; two 8 ounce cans tomato sauce; two 16 ounce cans kidney or pink beans, drained.

Directions: In skillet or slow-cooking pot with browning unit, break up beef with fork and cook until lightly browned. Pour off excess fat. In slow cooker, combine meat with onion, salt, chili powder, bay leaf, Worcestershire sauce, tomato sauce, and kidney beans. Cover and cook on low for 6 to 7 hours. Remove bay leaf before serving.

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Chicken Cassoulet (recipe from Perdue Organic products)

Ingredients: 1 package Perdue Harvestland organic boneless skinless chicken breasts, thin sliced; 2 cans (16 oz.



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each) cannellini or white beans, drained; 1 can (16 oz.) stewed tomatoes; 1 1/2 tsp. chopped fresh rosemary (or 1/2 tsp. dried, crushed); 1/4 tsp. ground black pepper

Directions: Place chicken, beans, tomatoes, rosemary and pepper in a slow cooker. Stir to combine. Cook covered 6 to 8 hours on low, or 4 to 6 hours on high.

**\*\***

All Day Apple Butter

Note: This recipe is easy but requires monitoring, so save it for a day you are home

Ingredients: Five and a half pounds of apples, peeled and chopped; optional sugar (up to three cups) as desired; two to three teaspoons cinnamon; one quarter teaspoon each ground cloves, salt.

Directions: Place apples in slow cooker. Combine sugar, cinnamon, cloves and salt; pour over apples

and mix well. Cover and cook on high for one hour. Reduce heat to low; cover and cook for 9-11 hours or until thickened and brown, stirring occasionally (stir more frequently as it thickens to prevent sticking). Uncover and cook on low one hour longer to thicken the butter. If desired, stir with a wire whisk or immersion blender until smooth. Spoon into freezer containers, leaving one half inch airspace. Cover and refrigerate or freeze.

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Crock pot hints:

\*Place root vegetables, which take longer to cook, such as carrots and potatoes, in the bottom and around the sides of the slow cooker. Meat should be placed on top of vegetables.

\*To speed up the cooking time of most recipes, including soups and stews, follow the rule that one hour on High is equal to two hours on Low. This conversion does not apply when cooking desserts.

\*Do not lift the lid while the slow cooker is cooking, unless otherwise indicated in the recipe. The loss of steam adds an additional 15 to 20 minutes to the cooking time.

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Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

Your tips can win you a great three course dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renowned 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. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

# Local memorabilia auction

In previous columns, I've noted that finding historical objects is one of the most enjoyable parts of my job. I am especially interested in local history, so the auction I'm currently cataloging, featuring Worcester related items from the early 1700s through the 20th century, has been especially exciting.

Most of the impressive collection is comprised of items from other Massachusetts and New England towns. Some of the earliest pieces are land deeds and other legal documents from the area. Several books printed by printer and revolutionary war soldier, Isaiah Thomas of Worcester, are also part of the collection.

The collection includes



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many books about Worcester and towns in Worcester County from the early 1800s. There are also bound editions of the Worcester Massachusetts Spy and other newspapers from the late 1700s and early 1800s. Additionally, it features local history books from many towns throughout Massachusetts.

Beyond the books, the collection has plenty of other items that will appeal to local collectors. There are many pamphlets, price guides and other materials from factories when Worcester

of local interest in the city along with local fire and police badges, and some taxi badges, just to name a few. Norton Company produced stoneware crocks and jugs, and they will also be represented in this auction.

Advertising items are always popular with collectors. A corner of the hall is set up like an old pharmacy. Apothecary jars, a mortar and pestle, and other medical items are displayed like they would have been in a drug store during the turn of the century. The collection was moved from a closed Torrington, Connecticut drug store to the Worcester location where it is currently housed.

A recreated country store occupies the opposite corner of the room.

There are multiple tin cans of cleaners, soap and food products that you would have seen in a country store during the turn of the century.

There are also large signs advertising Anderson and Patterson (Worcester) Ice Cream, a large Cincinnati Water Purifier by Ross Brothers Washburn and Moen Steel Barb Fencing (barbed wire) sign. Ross Brothers distributed seeds via mail from their Worcester location.

Worcester is known for producing Valentine's Day cards, and this collection includes some from the 19th century along with a Whitney Valentines card sample book circa 1930s. Hopefully this collection of items from the "Heart of the Commonwealth" offers something that will

warm your heart.

The auction will open for bidding in mid-November. There will be a preview in Worcester (I'll provide the location in my next column) on Saturday, Dec. 3 and Sunday, Dec. 4. The auction will end on Monday, Dec. 7 and local pickup will be available on Saturday, Dec. 10 and Sunday, Dec. 11.

Bidding ends on Nov. 15 for our online jewelry, coins and sterling auction. The sports card and memorabilia auction with the rare Virginia Brights baseball tobacco cards ends Nov. 17. The auction with art, historical memorabilia, antiques and collectibles will begin in a couple of weeks. I hope to see some of you this Saturday, Nov. 5 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Leicester Senior Center to raise



money for the Leicester Historical Society. Please visit our website <https://centralmassauctions.com> for links to upcoming events.

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**INVITATION TO BID**  
Sealed Bids for PREFABRICATED PRV BUILDING (Contract No. 2022-1) will be received by the Auburn Water District, MA at the Water District Office, 75 Church Street, Auburn, MA 01501 on or before Wednesday November 9th at 2 P.M. at which time and place all Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Sealed envelopes containing bids must be clearly marked “Bid for PREFABRICATED PRV BUILDING”. This project includes furnishing and installing of an approximate 21-ft x 11-ft (exterior dimensions) precast concrete building with insulated walls on a concrete foundation and all associated site clearing and grading. The Route 12 water main work and water main stub ups through this prefabricated building’s floor will be completed by others. The contractor shall coordinate this work with the District prior to installation of concrete footings. Contract Documents may be examined and/or obtained after October 19th, 2022 at Comprehensive Environmental Inc., 41 Main Street, Bolton, Massachusetts 01740 from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday, except for holidays. A copy of the Contract Documents may be obtained upon the deposit of \$50.00 (refundable) by check or money order made payable to Comprehensive Environmental Inc.. Contract Documents will be mailed to prospective bidders upon receipt of a separate check or money order for \$35.00 (non-refundable) made payable to Comprehensive Environmental Inc. Upon request, an electronic copy of the Contract Documents will be emailed to prospective bidders (no charge). Minimum Wage Rates are applicable, as determined by the Department of Labor and Work Force Development for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 149. Instructions for submitting bids and Bid Security Deposit are contained in the Contract Documents. A five percent (5%) bid bond is required with bid submission. The District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or portions thereof if deemed to be in the best interest of the District. A Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each in the amount of one hundred (100) percent of the Contract Price, will be required of the successful Bidder in the form described in DOCUMENT 00100, INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION FOR BIDDERS. This Contract is being Bid on under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 30, Section 39M. No Bidder may withdraw its Bid within thirty (30) days (Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded) after the actual date of the Bid Opening. October 28, 2022 November 4, 2022

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**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT**  
**Docket Number: 22 SM 003147 ORDER OF NOTICE**

To: Mary J. Amaral and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq): Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Auburn, numbered 6 George Street, given by Mary J. Amaral to Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a subsidiary of IndyMac Bank, F.S.B., dated March 28, 2007, and registered at the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry District of the Land Court as document number 92126, and noted on certificate of title number 15549, 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 December 12, 2022, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on October 25, 2022.  
Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder 22436 November 4, 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.WO22P3523EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of:**  
Mary E Brodeur  
**Date of Death: 09/26/2022**  
To all interested persons:

A **Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Thomas P Popiak of N Grosvenordale CT** and requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Thomas P Popiak of N Grosvenordale CT** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/15/2022**. 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: October 17, 2022

Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate November 4, 2022

**(SEAL)**  
**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT**  
**Docket No. 22 SM 003143 ORDER OF NOTICE**

TO: Shawn W. Cierpich and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. C. 50 §3901 (et seq): US Bank Trust National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For VRMTG Asset Trust claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Dudley, numbered 180 Ramshorn Road, given by Shawn W. Cierpich to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., dated February 3, 2006, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 38497, Page 289, as affected by a Loan Modification Agreement dated August 28, 2012, and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 50089, Page 62, 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 12/05/2022 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, GORDON H. PIPER Chief Justice of this Court on 10/24/2022. Attest: Deborah J. Patterson, Recorder November 4, 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.WO22P2984EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of:**  
Allen Scott Everitt  
**Date of Death: 07/10/2022**  
To all interested persons:

A **Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Chris S. Everitt of Oxford MA** and requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Chris S. Everitt of Oxford MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

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Date: October 25, 2022

Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate November 4, 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.WO22P3627EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of:**

Suzanne M Lussier  
**Date of Death: 08/11/2022**  
To all interested persons: A **Petition for FormalProbate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Gerald E Shugrue of Whitinsville MA** and requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Gerald E Shugrue of Whitinsville MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

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Date: October 21, 2022

Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate November 4, 2022

**THE COMMONWEALTH**

**OF MASSACHUSETTS TOWN OF AUBURN COLLECTOR OF TAXES**  
To the owners of the hereinafter described parcels of land situated in AUBURN in the county of WORCESTER and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and to all others concerned: You are hereby notified that on NOVEMBER 21, 2022 pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 60, Section 53 as amended, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Collector of Taxes - It is my intention to take for AUBURN the following parcels of land for non-payment after demand, of the taxes due thereon, with interest and all incidental expenses and costs to the date of taking unless the same shall have been paid before that date. MARY ANN MURPHY

AIELLO ELANA L, Parcel: 24/223/0004, BUILDING located at 254 -201 OXFORD ST N in AUBURN, BUILDING shown on Assessor’s Map 242230004, recorded at WORCESTER COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 61590/1. For FY-2022 Tax Due \$117.82.

BOISVERT PETER J, BOISVERT CATHY A, Parcel: 11/103/0000, LAND & BUILDING located at 110 ROCKLAND RD in AUBURN, LAND & BUILDING shown on Assessor’s Map 111030000, recorded at WORCESTER COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 26434/0312. For FY-2022 Tax Due \$274.40.

BOLIVAR ROBERT L, BOLIVAR ELAINE J, Parcel: 18/020/0000, LAND & BUILDING located at 4 PERRY PL in AUBURN, LAND & BUILDING shown on Assessor’s Map180200000, recorded at WORCESTER COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 04549/0482. For FY-2022 Tax Due \$3,469.97.

BREMER PAUL, BROPHY GERALDINE, Subsequent Owner: FAHNESTOCK TIMOTHY J., Parcel: 17/108/0000, LAND & BUILDING located at 187-189 AUBURN ST in AUBURN, LAND & BUILDING shown on Assessor’s Map 171080000, recorded at WORCESTER COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS – Document# 71344. For FY-2022 Tax Due \$2,222.32.

BYER ROBERT E, Parcel: 49/086/0000, LAND & BUILDING located at 15 BARBARA AVE in AUBURN, LAND & BUILDING shown on Assessor’s Map 490860000, recorded at WORCESTER COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 44908/0384. For FY-2022 Tax Due \$4,284.05.

DEWSBURY ROBERT S, Subsequent Owner: DEWSBURY ROBERT S & DIMAURO NICHOLAS J, Parcel: 11/094/0000, LAND & BUILDING located at 93 ROCKLAND RD in AUBURN, LAND & BUILDING shown on Assessor’s Map 110940000, recorded at WORCESTER COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 6526/1. For FY-2022 Tax Due \$1,987.90.

DIAZ FRANCISCO P, Subsequent Owner: ELLER MATHEUS, Parcel: 04/166/0000, LAND & BUILDING located at 25 CARROLL ST in AUBURN, LAND & BUILDING shown on Assessor’s Map 041660000, recorded at WORCESTER COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 56014/294. For FY-2022 Tax Due \$1,205.81.

DUNPHY BRIAN SEAN, Parcel: 32/134/0000, LAND & BUILDING located at 325 OXFORD ST N in AUBURN, LAND & BUILDING shown on Assessor’s Map 321340000, recorded atWORCESTER COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 55659/0172. For FY-2022 Tax Due \$673.68.

GEER HOLLY, Parcel: 56/113/0000, LAND & BUILDING located at 2 DARTMOUTH DR in AUBURN, LAND & BUILDING shown on Assessor’s Map 561130000, recorded at WORCESTER COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 53469/0250. For FY-2022 Tax Due \$4,374.88.

GOULAS GEORGE P TRUSTEE NPJ REALTY TRUST, Subsequent Owner: WOO INVESTMENT GROUP LLC, Parcel: 55/081/0000, LAND & BUILDING located at 44 WATMAN RD in AUBURN, LAND & BUILDING shown on Assessor’s Map 550810000, recorded at WORCES-



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# Local students named to Nichols Senior Advisory Council

DUDLEY — Nichols College President Glenn M. Sulmasy, JD, LL.M has appointed 26 students to the 2022-2023 Nichols Senior Advisory Council.

NSAC, now in its second year, comprises students who have played significant leadership roles in the Nichols community. Their role is to advise the president and senior administration on issues related to the senior class and the college in general. In monthly meetings, the council will discuss plans, initiatives, and trends and issues in higher education.

In announcing this year’s council, President Sulmasy said, “In addition to helping Nichols become a leader in higher education and enhance the overall experience for all of the community, the meetings are also intended to assist participants in developing communication skills, which are so important to career advancement.”

Abigail Karalus of Dudley is a member of the 2022-2023 Nichols Senior Advisory Council

Thomas Cunningham of Dudley is a member of the 2022-2023 Nichols Senior Advisory Council

About Nichols College  
The mission of Nichols College is to educate and enlighten students to capitalize on their ambitions and to become impactful, forward looking global leaders.

# DWC hosting comedy night fundraiser

DUDLEY — Ready for a rollicking night of laughter and cheer? Funny 4 Funds Comedy Night, featuring New England’s best comedians, is just the ticket!

Get your seats now for the Friday, Nov. 11 show at Drafters Sports Cafe, 1017 Riverside Dr., North Grovenordale, Conn. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the 18 and over adult show starts at 7:30 p.m. Event features include raffles, and a 50/50 drawing. Tickets are \$20 each. For tickets or to become an event sponsor, please visit [www.funny4funds.com/events](http://www.funny4funds.com/events). For more information, please email [dudleywomansclub@gmail.com](mailto:dudleywomansclub@gmail.com).

The DWC thanks and recognizes the following for their show sponsorship:

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# LEGALS

TER COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS  
- Book/Page 61507/196.  
For FY-2022 Tax Due \$2,212.36.

GURIES EDWARD JR,  
GURIES VERONICA,  
Parcel: 19/062/0000,  
LAND & BUILDING located at 14 WYOMA DR in AUBURN, LAND & BUILDING shown on Assessor’s Map 190620000, recorded at WORCESTER COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 05152/0242.  
For FY-2022 Tax Due \$458.65.

KIRITSY ANNA,  
Subsequent Owners: ANNA KIRITSY 1999 REVOCABLE TRUST, LOPEZ CRISTIAN, MERRIMACK INSTITUTE LLC,  
Parcel: 19/048/0000,  
LAND & BUILDING located at 15 GLENVIEW RD in AUBURN, LAND & BUILDING shown on Assessor’s Map 190480000, recorded at WORCESTER COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 3904/587. For FY-2022 Tax Due \$2,909.88.

LAVALLE JAMES S,  
LAVALLE JUSTINE L,  
Parcel: 78/026/0000,  
LAND & BUILDING located at 29 CEDAR ST in AUBURN, LAND & BUILDING shown on Assessor’s Map 780260000, recorded at WORCESTER COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 23074/0281.  
For FY-2022 Tax Due \$4,418.50.

LEARY PAUL E,  
Parcel: 04/031/0000,  
LAND & BUILDING located at 24 JUNE ST in AUBURN, LAND & BUILDING shown on Assessor’s Map 040310000, recorded at WORCESTER COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 23427/0295.  
For FY-2022 Tax Due \$1,986.21.

MARIER LYNN A,  
Parcel: 32/213/0000,  
LAND & BUILDING located at 25 MURRAY AVE in AUBURN, LAND & BUILDING shown on Assessor’s Map 322130000, recorded at WORCESTER COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 45832/0306.  
For FY-2022 Tax Due \$151.13.

ORR JUSTIN,  
Subsequent Owner: KARM REALTY TRUST, PATEL BHIKHABAI, PATEL KANUBHAI, AND PATEL AM-ITKUMAR TRUSTEES  
Parcel: 66/075/0031,  
BUILDING located at 161 OLD MEETINGHOUSE RD in AUBURN, BUILDING shown on Assessor’s Map 660750031, recorded at WORCESTER COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 62094/24.  
For FY-2022 Tax Due \$501.47.

PRIDEZ LLC,  
Parcel: 60/064/0000,  
LAND & BUILDING located at 781 SOUTHBIDGE ST in AUBURN, LAND & BUILDING shown on Assessor’s Map 600640000, recorded at WORCESTER COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 57048/0373. For FY-2022 Tax Due \$1,630.47.

SCHILTZ HARVEY M,  
Subsequent Owner: MACGILLIVRAY IAN,  
Parcel: 23/060/0000,  
LAND & BUILDING located at 3 BYLUND DR in AUBURN, LAND & BUILDING shown on Assessor’s Map 230600000, recorded at WORCESTER COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 34999/272.  
For FY-2022 Tax Due \$90.97.

SIBLEY VIVIAN U,  
Parcel: 66/023/0000  
LAND located at ATHENS St in AUBURN, LAND shown on Assessor’s Map 660230000, recorded at WORCESTER COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS – Book/Page 36730/209.  
For FY-2022 Tax Due \$802.55.

STEVENS JEFFREY,  
STRAFER JENNIFER,  
Parcel: 49/059/0000,  
LAND & BUILDING located at 15 WINCHESTER AVE in AUBURN, LAND & BUILDING shown on Assessor’s Map 490590000, recorded at WORCESTER COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 59378/1.  
For FY-2022 Tax Due \$614.29.

TAPLEY MARK,  
Parcel: 05/151/0000,  
LAND & BUILDING located at 6 WOODLAND RD in AUBURN, LAND & BUILDING shown on Assessor’s Map 051510000, recorded at WORCESTER COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 52632/0259.  
For FY-2022 Tax Due \$770.28.

THACH AN,  
Parcel: 04/033/0000,  
LAND & BUILDING located at 64 CHESTNUT AVE in AUBURN, LAND & BUILDING shown on Assessor’s Map 040330000, recorded at WORCESTER COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 60420/1. For FY-2022 Tax Due \$403.21.

THE TAYLOR MACKENZIE GERMANO TRUST,  
Parcel: 41/076/0000,  
LAND & BUILDING located at 23 RIDGEWOOD DR in AUBURN, LAND & BUILDING shown on Assessor’s Map 410760000, recorded at WORCESTER COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 63008/91. For

FY-2022 Tax Due \$1,561.03.

WALSH KATHERINE C,  
Parcel: 11/115/0000,  
LAND & BUILDING located at 18 COLONIAL RD in AUBURN, LAND & BUILDING shown on Assessor’s Map 111150000, recorded at WORCESTER COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 63531/285.  
For FY-2022 Tax Due \$154.85.

WEBSTER ANNA,  
Parcel: 10/205/0000,  
LAND & BUILDING located at 4 MAHLERT CT in AUBURN, LAND & BUILDING shown on Assessor’s Map 102050000, recorded at WORCESTER COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 39143/0195.  
For FY-2022 Tax Due \$818.30.

WILKIN ERIK,  
WILKIN ERIN,  
Subsequent Owner: ENGLISH JUSTIN P,  
O’DONOGHUE ALISSA M,  
Parcel: 55/082/0000,  
LAND & BUILDING located at 46 WATERMAN RD in AUBURN, LAND & BUILDING shown on Assessor’s Map 550820000, recorded at WORCESTER COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 49449/305.  
For FY-2022 Tax Due \$445.71.  
November 4, 2022

(SEAL)  
**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 22 SM 002981 ORDER OF NOTICE**

TO: Heirs, Devisees or Legal Representative of the Estate of Sean Collins, Michael A. Collins, and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 *et seq.*:  
AmeriHome Mortgage Company, LLC claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in **Auburn**, numbered **52 Barbara Avenue**, given by Sean Collins to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (“MERS”), as mortgagee, as nominee for Paramount Residential Mortgage Group, Inc. its successors and assigns, dated October 17, 2019, and recorded or filed in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 61250, Page 72, and now held by 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 11/28/2022 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of this Court on 10/12/2022. Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder November 4, 2022.

(SEAL)  
**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT SM 003095 ORDER OF NOTICE**

TO: Paula A. Blackwood and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq) U.S. Bank National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely In Its Capacity As Indenture Trustee Of CIM Trust 2021-NR2 claiming to have an interest in a mortgage covering real property in Oxford, numbered 21 Allen Avenue, given by Timothy A. Blackwood and Paula A. Blackwood to Beneficial Massachusetts Inc., dated December 20, 2005, and recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 38070, Page 313, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, has filed with this court a complaint for determination of 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 December 5, 2022, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on October 20, 2022. Deborah J. Patterson Recorder November 4, 2022.



# OBITUARIES

## Barbara A. Sterczala, 83



DUDLEY – Barbara A. (Harvard) Sterczala, 83, formerly of Schofield Avenue and Joshua Place, died Sunday, October 9, 2022 in Care One at Millbury after a period of declining health. She leaves 3 sons, Chester Sterczala and his wife Ramona, and Kevin Sterczala and his wife Sharon, all of Oxford, and Gary Sterczala and his wife Shawn of Killingly, CT; 12 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; a brother, John Harvard of Dudley; 3 sisters, Rita Grayden of Nashua, NH, Jeanne Powers and her husband Edward of Webster, and Joan Burditt of Danielson, CT; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her son Larry Sterczala in 2010, by her grandson Jake Sterczala in 2011, and by 3 brothers Henry Harvard, Jr., Frank Harvard and Joseph Harvard.

She was born in Dudley on October 6, 1939 a daughter of Henry Harvard, Sr. and Agnes (Nierodzinski) Harvard and was a life-long resident. She graduated from Bartlett High School. Barbara was a certified nurse assistant at the former Oakwood Nursing Home for several years before retiring in 1991. Prior to working at Oakwood, she was a waitress at the State Line Casino. She enjoyed knitting, reading and listening to polka music. The family would like to thank the staff at Care One at Millbury for their excellent care and compassion for Barbara during her time there. A graveside service will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, November 4, in Saint Joseph Garden of Peace, Old Worcester Road, Webster. There are no calling hours. Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster.

www.websterfunerals.com

## Georgianna Sgariglia, 71



WORCESTER – Georgianna Sgariglia, 71, died at home on October 2, 2022. She passed in her home from complications related to heart and blood conditions diagnosed earlier this year. Georgianna leaves a son, Lionell D. Thompson Jr., his wife Amy and their two children Maximillian and Anna of Douglas, and a daughter, Moriah Mensah of Washington, D.C. In addition, she leaves a brother, Brian G. Sgariglia, his wife Nancy and a sister Deborah A Thibadeau and her husband Thomas of Webster. Georgianna had 2 nephews, Adam Sgariglia, his wife Miranda, and Eric Sgariglia. Adam and Miranda also gave Georgianna a grand-nephew, Jackson Sgariglia. She was preceded in death by her daughter Tara L. Thompson who died in 1992 and by her mother Theresa R. (Dupre) DeVries who died in 2021.

Georgianna, Gigi to her friends, was born in Webster a daughter of George and Theresa R. (Dupre) Sgariglia and was a 1969 graduate of Bartlett High School. She raised her oldest children in Webster before moving to Worcester in mid 90s to raise her youngest daughter. Gigi had many friends and was known for her good and kind nature. One thing that any person who knew her would say, is that she strived to be a fair and understanding person. This attitude stayed with her even when life and people were not kind or fair with her. Whether it be the emotional sup-

port she provided to her children, the time she spent caring for her elderly mother before her passing, or her donations to local charities of her time and money, Gigi strived to make the world a better and kinder place. Each of us strive to leave this world a bit better than it was when we arrived, and she succeeded. Ms. Sgariglia worked as an executive assistant at the Family Healthcare Center of Worcester retiring in 2018. Her time there, spent assisting the less fortunate to get the assistance they need to survive and grow, was reminiscent of her time navigating these programs in her youth. She enjoyed yoga, Reiki, Chinese brush-painting. Gigi was also a lover of cats, which she loved to adopt from the local shelters. She also enjoyed taking art classes at the Worcester Senior Center. In conclusion Georgianna's greatest love was her family. She was a light and calm harbor in the storm of life. She will be greatly missed and the world is a lesser place without her. An open Celebration of Life will take place on Saturday 5th November 2022 from 1 PM to 4PM at Point Breeze, 114 Point Breeze Rd, Webster, MA 01570. An optional lunch will be served at 2PM to all those who would like to partake. Burial will be private. Donations in her memory may be made to the Disabled American Veterans, Massachusetts State House, Room 546, Boston, MA 02133. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main Street, Webster: www.scanlonfs.com

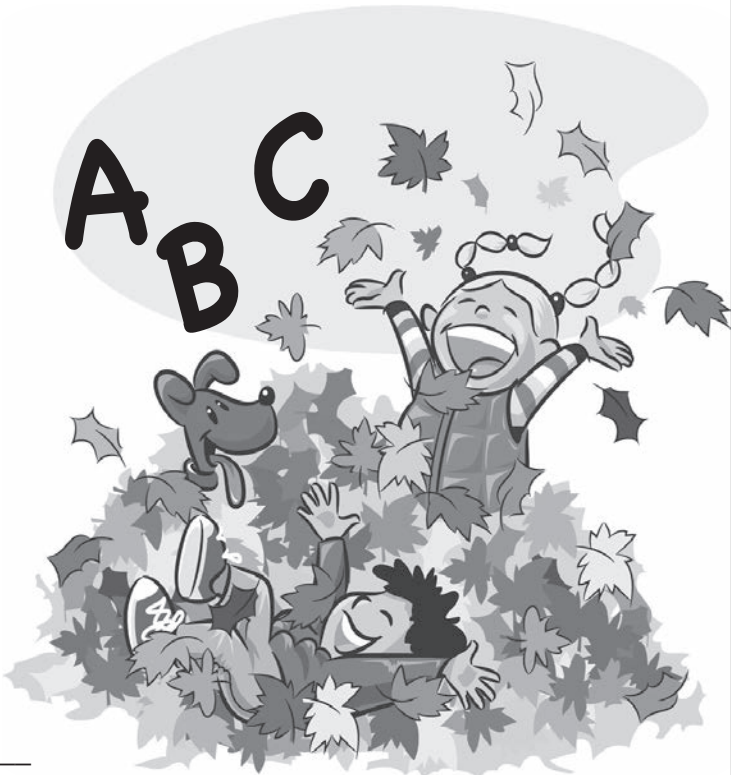
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# Dudley marks Halloween with Spooktacular Celebration



Members of the Dudley Board of Health serviced freshly made smores to kids who joined the Spooktacular fun.



The Evangelous and Zielinski families pose for a photo during a break from the Spooktacular fun.

DUDLEY — The town of Dudley’s annual Halloween Spooktacular celebration took place on Oct. 27 welcoming costumed guests of all ages to enjoy a bit of community fun. The Spooktacular has become a tradition in Dudley and celebrated its fourth year in 2022 starting with a parade of costumed kids from the Pearl L. Crawford Library to the town hall where games, food, and more were waiting to help kick off the Halloween weekend early.



Local youngster Phoenix showed his fandom with this homemade costume inspired by the legendary Pokémon Dialga.



One of the most popular family themes of the afternoon was this ensemble inspired by “Tiger King.”



Youngsters could enjoy a variety of fall and Halloween themed games including a ring toss game featuring pumpkins instead of pins.



A pair of magical costumed visitors cast a spell during Dudley’s annual Spooktacular.



Dudley Fire Department Assistant Chief Paul Konieczny welcomes costumed youngsters into the department’s SAFE trailer, a resource designed to help teach them how to properly respond to fire hazards and emergencies in the home.



Representatives of the Pearl Crawford Library were in full costume as they joined in the Spooktacular fun.



Guests make their way through spooky sets during Dudley’s Spooktacular event.





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# QCC’s respiratory care Program celebrates Respiratory Care Week

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College's Respiratory Care program is doing its part to give a new generation of respiratory therapists the essential skills needed to provide respiratory care.

“Respiratory therapists play a vital role as part of the health-care team. As cardiopulmonary specialists, they provide services for patients from the first breath they take in the delivery room, to the last breath they take, and the many breaths in between,” said Amy Hogan, director of Clinical Education, and assistant professor of QCC’s Respiratory Care program. “We help people breathe better by administering medications, providing therapies, and using sophisticated breathing equipment to help sustain life.”

This year marks the 40th Anniversary of Respiratory Care Week, established in 1982 by then President Ronald Regan, in addition to the profession turning 75 years old. QCC’s Respiratory Care program was established in 1967 and is the oldest respiratory program in Massachusetts.

“All of our students are taking classes in person and are getting

frontline exposure to patients who are struggling to take a breath... this includes COVID-19 patients. Our students get hands-on experience in both the lab and clinical setting learning how to care for the sickest and most vulnerable of patients,” said QCC’s Respiratory Care Program Director Keith Hirst.

In 2021, and again in 2022, QCC’s Respiratory Care program received the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) Distinguished Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) Credentialing Success Award for having more than 90 percent of their graduates pass and obtain the RRT credential over the past 3 years, and for meeting on-going programmatic thresholds as set forth by CoARC. QCC is one of a handful of associate degree programs that have received this award.

“This award speaks to the quality of the program and the outstanding job that the academic and clinical faculty have done in preparing the students to be successful not only in their board exams but also in their future employment,” Hirst said.

QCC’s respiratory therapists are involved with telehealth, patient education, disease man-

agement, extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (a form of cardiopulmonary bypass), pulmonary rehabilitation, as well as being more involved with the management of the patient.

Hirst noted that as the U.S. population ages, so too will an increased incidence of respiratory conditions, thus leading to an increased demand for respiratory therapy services.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of respiratory therapists is projected to grow 23% from 2016 to 2026, much faster than the 8% average growth rate of all occupations, with a current national average base salary of \$60,000. Recently, US World News and Report listed Respiratory Therapy as the #6 Health Care Profession Job and #16 overall in their Top 100 jobs.

“This makes QCC’s program vital not only for the Worcester area, but also for Massachusetts as a whole,” Hirst said.

For more information on QCC’s Respiratory Care program visit [www.QCC.edu/respiratory-care](http://www.QCC.edu/respiratory-care) or email the Respiratory Care program at [respiratory-care@qcc.mass.edu](mailto:respiratory-care@qcc.mass.edu).

## SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL HOLDS TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT

WEBSTER — On Sunday, Oct. 23, the Saint Joseph School community gathered for one of their favorite events: Trunk or Treat!

The SJS Home and School Association (H.S.A.) organized the event. The group aims to direct and coordinate parental support for St. Joseph School through educational activities and religious and social functions. Although the day was overcast, with sprinkles of rain throughout the afternoon, the weather did not dampen the excitement. Teachers, students, and parents gathered for laughter, fellowship, and fun in the schoolyard.

Students in Grades Pre-K – Grade 8 who attended were not disappointed when they arrived. The schoolyard was filled with over thirty skillfully decorated vehicles, creating a festive and spooky atmosphere. In addition, the drivers of those vehicles distributed lots of candy and treats to the “Trunk or Treaters.”

The school community is very thankful for Chairpersons Jennifer Barbosa, Megan Belanger, and Kristen Krajcik, who organized the event.





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MARSHAL

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ber the oath. Two months later the recruits were at Ft. Sill, Comanche County, Oklahoma, for an additional eight weeks of specialized training in the use of Artillery, the Big Guns. It came as no surprise when VIETNAM appeared on Randy's itinerary. It would be a long and uneasy flight to where the killing and the dying took place.

'Snowy' and a plane load of young men just like himself landed at Tan Son Nhut Air Base near Saigon in May of 1968, the air was thick, the heat was draining and the smell was sickening. A truckload of casualties was being off loaded at the base hospital. Some were treatable, most were not. It put a lump in a soldier's throat realizing that you were replacing a man covered with blood and mud. Pvt. Snow was assigned to 7th Battalion, 8th Artillery, the gunner on a crew of five, manning a self -propelled 8 in. howitzer, lightly armored, but sufficient, enemy mortars were their nemesis. The cannon had a ten mile range and could fire off a projectile every two minutes or less. The vehicle was capable of 30mph when it was prudent to leave the scene, i.e. Bien Hoa, Xuan Loc and Ben Luc. These battles were considered 'Adventure' in Draft Board vernacular back in Worcester, the Heart of the Commonwealth, the home of candlepin bowling, the monkey wrench and the Smiley Face!

Randy utilized the Free Health Care clause of his enlistment agreement at a hospital in Japan. Serious injuries suffered in an accident kept him out of the kill zone for a considerable period of time. Upon returning to duty 'Snowy' was assigned to 5th Battalion 2nd Artillery. The Mission: Ground Support, Perimeter Defense of Base Camps, and Convoy Security.

The good news: Snowy was now a short timer, his time in Hell was expiring. The plan: stay low-stay alive and do not volunteer. When Randy's military commitment had been fulfilled, his orders arrived and a replacement was on the way.

Tambiet! It was time for 'goodbyes', the heavy weight

of war had been lifted from his soul, he had survived, now he could breathe again. There would be no more mortar attacks and no fear of ambush, there was also a genuine sense of sadness, despondence over leaving his buddies to continue the fight, the survivor guilt, and the question of WHO decides which ones die...and which ones live?

The charter flight back to the United States was comfortable, full of excitement and packed with emotion. The exhausted and haggard Brotherhood of Shared Experiences was heading home!

'Snowy' arrived at the Army Personnel Center, Oakland, California, where he was honorably discharged after 19 months of active service including 14 months in 'Nam, it was time for a vacation and relaxation, it was time to pause and smell the roses and forget the suffocating stench of Vietnam....and the rats.

Separation only means that you came home alive, for the combat soldier the war never ends, many vets were hard pressed to transition back to civilian life. Statistics show that adjustment periods are directly proportionate to battlefield experiences.

After a year, Randy returned to his studies, using the G.I. Bill, he worked as a bank messenger, bank teller, and mortgage lender. He took night classes at Fairfield University in Connecticut and became proficient in his chosen field of business while working at area banks. He retired as Senior Vice President of Mortgage Banking.

E4 Randolph Snow holds membership in the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans (Chaplain), Veterans of Foreign Wars (Sr. Vice Cdr), and Veterans Council Funeral Squad Honor Guard. He received the National Defense Service Medal; Vietnam Service Medal with three Battle Stars; Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon with Device; Sharpshooter Badge and Auto Rifle Bar.

Randy and his wife, Paula reside in Dudley. They have three children, Kimberly, Matthew and Nicole.

Welcome home, Snowy.

MEETING

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Article 6 brought a bit more debate as this article addressed the worn-down Fun Zone playground at the town municipal complex. The refurbishment is slated to cost \$380,000 and town officials moved to pass over the matter for the 2023 annual town meeting. This motion received mixed reactions with citizens expressing differing views on the project. While one commenter felt that passing over the article was ignoring a quality-of-life improvement, another felt the price was too much. In the end the town's selectmen supported the recommendation to pass over in order to allow the Dudley Women's

Club to make progress on their recently launched fundraising efforts to refurbish the playscape as well as explore grant opportunities to alleviate the potential cost. Voters chose to pass over the item as well as Article 7 which proposed spending \$90,000 for new carpets at the Pearl L. Crawford Memorial Library.

Articles 8 and 9, proposals to increase the salaries of the town treasurer/collector and clerk and to deposit money in the stabilization fund respectively, were both approved, but the next two articles on the warrant created the most dramatic results of the night. Articles 10 and 11 sought to approve betterments of Tobin Farms Road and Misty Meadows, both projects proposed

at previous town meetings but went back to the town for further discussion between the citizens and town officials. The betterment of Tobin Farms Road barely passed with just over the two-thirds majority vote required. The following vote for Misty Meadows was so close that the town moderator was forced to revert to a vote tally eventually declaring that the article just barely failed to meet the two-thirds majority needed for approval.

Articles 12 and 13, amendments to the zoning hours of operations and a re-zone of property of Fish Road respectively, both passed without debate. Article 14, which sought to amend the zoning bylaws to require electric vehicle charging stations in parking lots of 20 spac-

es or more, was easily defeated as the first majority vote against an article of the evening. The following article seeking to establish design standards for shared driveways was also voted down by citizens.

The meeting closed with the final six articles all being approved with little-to-no debate. These included allowing for self-storage facilities in the Mill Conversion Overlay District, accepting a donation of land on Baker Pond Road, the appropriation of \$200,000 from Water Retained Earning to fund a lead service line inventory and replacement plan, and the purchase of a new dump truck for the Water & Sewer Department also utilizing water retrained earning.

ENERGY

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Basic Service Fixed or names a supplier other than NextEra, then that account is not enrolled. Starting with the electricity bill participants receive for December 2022, the Supplier name will change to Oxford CEA's new supplier "Direct Energy Svcs-Oxford Agg."

In December 2022, all Oxford CEA participants will automatically be transitioned to the new price for the program option in which they are now enrolled. No action is necessary for program participants.

Residents and businesses can enroll in Oxford CEA or switch rate options at any time. To make a switch use the online form at oxford-cea.com or by calling the Oxford CEA program at (888) 683-3518. oxford-cea.com shows the current program rates through December 2022. Rates from December 2022 onward are shown below. It can take one or two billing cycles for the supplier change to appear on the utility bill.

Residents should be aware that while the default supply product is Oxford Standard, - which meets all renewable energy content requirements of the Commonwealth, Oxford CEA also offers a 100 percent renewable product, Oxford 100 percent Local Green., In Oxford 100 percent Local Green, 100 percent of the electricity is sourced from renewable resources. Households that elect to enroll at in Oxford 100 percent Local Green can do so by using the online form at oxford-cea.com

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Energy Svcs MA-Oxford Agg." then that account is enrolled. If it says something else such as

rates change every six months for Residential and Small Business customers and every three months for Large Business customers, future savings for the Oxford Community Electricity Aggregation program cannot be guaranteed. Oxford CEA participants can opt-out of the program at any time, without penalty, and return to utility Basic Service.	
The community should also be aware that third-party electrical suppliers have been contacting residents via door knocking, telephone outreach and mailings, claiming to be partners with the Town of Oxford as electrical suppliers. Any communication about the program can be found on the Town's municipal website (oxfordma.us). In addition, no one affiliated with the program will come to your house and all communication will have the Town seal.	
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None	Adds voluntary renewable energy (MA Class I RECs) to total 100% renewable content
Duration	
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NICHOLS

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and moving it onto the newly acquired property."

The project's engineer proceeded to provide an update to the Planning Board including changes to the catch basin which he said was within state requirements in terms of runoff. However, the drainage remained one

of the biggest issues during the hearing with the Planning Board and abutters questioning if the project would add stress to an already overworked municipal drainage system in the area. Planning Board members also questioned the college's plans to tie into the town's drainage system, comparing the project to a subdivision which is traditionally not tied into the town's

system. While most of the debate revolved around the catch basin and potential drainage issues, lighting pollution and the building's location also continued to be significant points of contention during the hour-long hearing.

The Planning Board acknowledged that they had yet to receive feedback from the town engineer, but some Board members stated they had walked the

property themselves to assess the proposal. The town's engineering firm, Graves Engineering, is expected to assess the project in the next month. The Planning Board continued the public hearing until November to allow time for the town to further assess the scope of the project and any other concerns that may need to be brought to the table.

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# SPORTS

## Lambert’s five scores help Pirates top Leicester in postseason precursor

BY NICK ETHIER  
SPORTS EDITOR

LEICESTER — The football was being thrown all over the Becker Field for Oxford High when they traveled to Leicester High to take on the Wolverines in a game played Friday, Oct. 28.

“Throwing downfield is part of the game. We run the spread, so we try to go after it,” said Oxford head coach Jeff Clarkson. “We saw the opportunity and

took the opportunity.”

All the Pirates did in their first three possessions was run eight plays — four passes, four runs — and accumulate 21 points, all in one quarter plus 14 seconds. All three touchdowns came via the air, with quarterback Lucas Lambert connecting with Connor Fantasia on strikes of 17 and 56 yards, and Brett Morgan on a 47-yard heave. Lambert was 4 of 4 passing for 135 yards

on those three drives.

“At the beginning they only had one deep safety and we have so many play-makers that I just had to get it to them,” explained Lambert. “I love throwing a long touchdown and going down there meeting my receiver in the end zone and jumping up with them, it’s great.”

Leicester had the ball twice in that span, turning it over on downs once and punting once.

to play on another Mason Griffiths QB run, this one from 10 yards out, and a Griffiths (8 of 14 passing, 112 yards) to Hunter Senior 79-yard quick hitter, but Oxford ultimately bled the clock and scored on a Lambert 11-yard run with just over a minute to play to end it.

The Pirates are now 7-1.

“It’s been a pretty good season, really good,” said Lambert, who against Leicester was 10 of 13 passing for 211 yards while adding 69 rushing yards. “Even that loss to West Boylston, I feel like that’s going to help us in the play-offs.”

Oxford lost to the Lions on Oct. 14, 51-15, but West Boylston is the top seed in the upcoming Division 7 State Tournament. Clarkson agreed that losing to the Lions could ultimately help his Pirates.

## MOHEGAN BOWL FALL LEAGUES, WEEKS ENDING OCT. 23-30

Monday Men’s Business  
Single — Dan Labay 144, Scott Lavallee 133, Mark Gulino 132  
Series — Eddie Lavin 362, Dan Labay 361, Tim Labay 346  
Series over average — Eddie Lavin +74

Ten Pin City  
Single — Division 1: Erika LaChance 189  
Division 2: Donna Dziadula 158  
Series — Division 1: Natalie Wood 537  
Division 2: Marissa Leazotte 472

114, Pat Fafard 111, Nancy Camerano 98  
Series — Pat Fafard 297, Barbara Penkala 290, Nancy Camerano 255  
Series over average — Pat Fafard +69

Thursday Men’s Industrial  
Single — Ryan Pelletier 133, Joe Pranaitis 120, John McMenemy 119  
Series — Ryan Pelletier 380, Joe Pranaitis 314, Angel Claudio 303  
Series over average — Mike Dostoler +56

295, Dawn Gleason 271, June Carpenter and Kathryn Ward 268  
Series over average — Kyle Vargha and Robert Rogers +44, Sandy Barrows +39

Wednesday Women’s Industrial  
Single — Monique Pierangeli 114, Lynne Smith and Tara LaLiberte 110  
Series — Tara LaLiberte 306, Monique Pierangeli 284, Lynne Smith 279  
Series over average — Jessica Germain +55

The Wolverines did cut the deficit down to 21-7 nearing the mid-way portion of the second quarter, though, when quarterback Mason Griffiths called his own number from a yard out. Then, after Oxford turned the ball over on downs on the ensuing possession, Leicester thought it was now a 21-14 game when Griffin Metcalf busted off a 62-yard run to the house, but it was called back due to an offensive holding call.

The Wolverines had to punt, and the Pirates scored in the final minute of the first half (Lambert 13-yard QB keeper) and about five minutes into the second half (Jadan Morales 2-yard rush), all but ending the game with the score now at 34-7.

“We went from cutting it to 21-14, touchdown called back, and five minutes later it’s 34-7. Game over,” said Leicester head coach Tim Griffiths.

The Wolverines did score the next two touchdowns, making the score 34-21 with 8:38

Tuesday Chet’s Social  
Single — DJ Devish 133, Alan Perreault 128, John Dupuis 126, Kerry Welsh 111, Kellee Tella 108, Erin Van Dam 102  
Series — DJ Devish 342, Dave Lamontagne 329, Ryan Pelletier 327, Kerry Welsh 285, Erin Van Dam 276, Kellee Tella 269  
Series over average — Alan Perreault +52, Kellee Tella +20

Thursday Mixed Tenpin  
Single — Todd Gaucher 214, Tony Borowy 176, Frank Bosma 172  
Series — Todd Gaucher 613, Frank Bosma 488, John Caskey 458

Summit Tenpin  
Single — Division 1: Ron Suprenant 231  
Division 2: Fred LaBonte 178  
Series — Division 1: Bob Hanville 658  
Division 2: Lee Standrowicz 545

Wednesday Women’s Industrial  
Single — Lynne Smith 128, Monique Pierangeli 117, Marie McNally 114  
Series — Lynne Smith and Tara LaLiberte 321, Monique Pierangeli 319, Marie McNally 298  
Series over average — Tara LaLiberte +45

Monday Men’s Business  
Single — Tim Labay 148, Ryan Pelletier 141, Dan Labay and Mike Nardone 128  
Series — Tim Labay 387, Ryan Pelletier 382, Mike Nardone 366  
Series over average — Tim Labay +66

Thursday Morning Coffee  
Single — Jeanne Carita 114, Joan Wiczorek 106, Juanita Cristina and Pat Blake 99  
Series — Jeanne Carita 283, Pat Blake 272, Joan Wiczorek 268  
Series over average — Joan Wiczorek +58

Summit Tenpin  
Single — Division 1: Butch Mattson 204  
Division 2: John Lizotte 184  
Series — Division 1: Bob Hanville 628  
Division 2: Joe Harvard 493

Ten Pin City  
Single — Division 1: Joanne LaBonte 186  
Division 2: Charlene Hebert 211  
Series — Division 1: Natalie Wood 541  
Division 2: Marissa Leazotte 555

Thursday Men’s Industrial  
Single — Joel Grzyb 132, Ryan Pelletier 131, Dan Mungovan 127  
Series — Ryan Pelletier 372, Jay Bernier 332, Joel Grzyb 327  
Series over average — Kyle Sgariglia +53

Thursday Mixed Tenpin  
Single — Frank Bosma 206, John Caskey 164, Barbara Choiniere 163  
Series — Frank Bosma 559, John Caskey 430, Denise Wong Kam and Chris Wong Kam 405

Tuesday Chet’s Social  
Single — Ryan Pelletier 146, Matt Bergeron 124, Richard Girouard 119, Kellee Tella 111, Kathryn Ward 107, June Carpenter 106  
Series — Ryan Pelletier 391, Michael LeBlanc 332, Matt Bergeron 330, Erin Van Dam



Nick Ethier photos

Oxford quarterback Lucas Lambert tosses a pass while on the run from Leicester defender Mitchel Giggey.



Oxford's Connor Fantasia waits for a block from teammate Robert Fisher (24) after catching a pass.

## SPORTS BRIEF

### Wong named MIAA Boys’ Lacrosse Official of the Year

Long-time local high school boys’ lacrosse referee Randy Wong has been named as the 2021-2022 MIAA Boys Lacrosse Official of the Year.

“Having been selected for this award among multiple candidates, you stood out based on your dedication to the sport and officiating credentials,” MIAA Associate Athletic Director Richard L. Pearson said in a letter commending Wong. “It is with pride we will honor you as a representative of this important aspect of athletic competition.”

Wong was recently recognized at the MIAA’s game officials banquet on Oct. 25 at the association’s headquarters.

Wong joined the Eastern Massachusetts Lacrosse Officials Association in 2002 and will complete his 22nd year of service on the field this spring. He has held various lacrosse leadership roles as a certified trainer and observer, Central Mass co-chair, and Board Secretary. In addition to his high school officiating, he is also a men’s college lacrosse official as well as a youth lacrosse referee and assigner of youth officials in the Central Mass. area.

Those interested in becoming a lacrosse official should contact newlaxref@gmail.com or visit the EMLOA website <http://emloa.org/become-a-ref/>.

**A PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN**  
Oh most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this, my necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother, oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth. I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart, succor me and this necessity. There are none that can withstand your call. Oh show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Holy Mary, place this cause in your hands (3 times). Sweet Mother I pray for this cause in your hands (3 times). Holy Spirit, resolve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all even against me in that in all instances of my life you are with me. I want this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once and again that I never want to be separated from you even in spite of material things. I wish to be with you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. The person must say this prayer on 3 consecutive days. After 3 days the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the Prayer is granted.

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# SPORTS

## With win over Tantasqua, Rams earn berth into State Tournament

WARRIORS FINISH 11-4-3, ALSO REACH STATES



Nick Ethier photos

Shepherd Hill's Owen Kondek uses the inner portion of his right foot to drag the ball to his left and away from a hard-charging Owen O'Brien of Tantasqua.

By Nick Ethier  
Sports Editor  
DUDLEY — Heading into the Central Mass. Athletic Directors Association Tournament, neither the Shepherd Hill Regional nor the Tantasqua Regional boys' varsity soccer teams had a top-eight seed in Class A, so both squads played in a pair of non-playoff games. In the first matchups the Rams defeated South High, 4-2, while the Warriors lost 2-1 to Wachusett Regional.

That meant that everything was on the line for



Jack Barrows of Shepherd Hill collects a pass with a Tantasqua defender on his back.

Shepherd Hill when they played host to Tantasqua at Carmignani Field on Thursday evening, Oct. 27 in the second non-playoff matchup. The Rams needed a win or a tie to reach or exceed the .500 mark and automatically qualify for the Division 2 State Tournament. And The Hill had previously lost to the Division 3 State Tournament bound Warriors earlier in the season, 2-1, so any outcome was in play. "We show up and play terribly and we show up and play wonderfully," Shepherd Hill head coach Tim Cormier said of his team's up-and-down season. But the Rams came out and played a good soccer game, and they were rewarded for it. Shepherd Hill won the match, 2-1, and improved to 8-7-3 to finish a point above the .500 ledger.

"We knew what it was going to be," Cormier said of the battle with their rivals in Tantasqua. "We knew it was going to be physical, we knew that both teams were going to want it, we don't really like each other." "Overall, we played pretty well for having a bunch of guys out," added Warriors' head coach Matt Guertin. "We had opportunities and didn't put them in. Congratulations to [Shepherd Hill] for making it in." The Rams scored first in the 30th minute when Adrien Roach blasted a free kick into the upper left-hand portion of the net. Tantasqua tied the score in the 50th minute, though, when Cole Casinghino threaded a pass into space and Aaron Lidonde ran up to the ball. One touch later and Lidonde's shot found the back of the net. Shepherd Hill gained a corner kick three minutes later, and they took advantage of the opportunity. The ball was serviced in, and it found the head of Owen Kondek for the goal. That was it for the scoring, but not for the action. Unfortunately, the game took a turn with five seconds to play, a Shepherd Hill striker and Tantasqua keeper Braylon Casinghino getting tangled. Casinghino was ultimately given a yellow card — which will not result in any sort of State Tournament suspension — but the Rams didn't get out of the scrum as lucky. Mike Sobocinski was given a red card for his retaliation toward Casinghino, and he will miss Shepherd Hill's first two playoff games. "That card is going to be a hindrance, but anything can happen," said Cormier. "It is what it is. He sees his player getting pushed to the ground and it's either fight or not." The Warriors finished 11-4-3 and Guertin's main concern heading into States is finding a way to ramp up the offensive production. "Defensively, we look pretty good and we're sound. We just need to score a little bit more," he said. The State Tournament brackets will be released after this publication's deadline.

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## Quaboag girls' soccer ends regular season with boost by defeating Minutemen

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CHARLTON — Olivia Bagg and Jenna Duff scored eight minutes apart in the final 16 minutes of regulation to help lead the Quaboag Regional girls' varsity soccer team past Bay Path Regional, 2-0, on Tuesday, Oct. 25. With the win the Cougars closed out their regular season with a 7-9-2 record. Quaboag, despite its sub-.500 record, will participate in the Division 5 State Tournament, based on its power ranking in the division. As of Oct. 28, The Cougars were ranked No. 13 in the Division 5 power rankings, with the top 32 teams earning automatic bids. "The fact that we are solidly in the state tournament despite being under .500 record-wise is a testament to the strength of the schedule we play," Quaboag head coach Norm St. Denis said. "Our schedule is brutal. We're in a tough league [the Southern Worcester County League], which has several strong teams — Northbridge, Uxbridge, Auburn, Grafton and Tantasqua — but we also play Monson, which is 15-0-2 and ranked No. 1 in Division 5, as well as Doherty and Notre Dame of Worcester." Bagg put Quaboag ahead, 1-0, in the 64th minute of the match. The senior captain lofted a right-to-left shot from 20 yards out that rubbed off the underside of the crossbar where it meets the goalpost. The ball bounced straight down and, thanks to it spinning in the right direction — from the Cougars' perspective, anyway — right into the goal. "One of my teammates took the original shot," Bagg said. "It got deflected and the rebound came right to me and I just one-timed it. The shot felt good when it left my foot, but I was worried about it being too high. I heard it hit the crossbar and then I saw it in the back of the net. That made me very happy." Duff, a junior, potted an insurance goal for the Cougars in the 72nd minute, scoring from nearly the same spot as Bagg. Duff's goal, which entered the goal on a lower trajectory than Bagg's, also went into the left side, just out of the reach of Bay Path goalie Arianna Flores.

"My teammate, Lily Gianfriddo, realized I was set up for a shot, so she popped the ball over to me," Duff explained. "She placed it right on my foot, which gave me time to settle the ball and get it onto a grassy spot. When the ball left my foot I felt it was a really good shot. It felt so nice. It was a really smooth shot." St. Denis said he had a feeling of relief as he watched Duff's goal sail into the net. "Getting that second goal was big," St. Denis said. "We didn't have a lot of scary things going on in our own end, defensively, but you never know. A one-goal lead late in a game is never enough. A two-goal lead is much more comforting." Junior Paige Leach posted the shut-out in net for Quaboag, making five saves, the last coming with five minutes to play on a direct shot from right out in front from about 12 yards away. "Paige is our backup goalie, but due to injury she is now our full-time goalie," St. Denis said. "Victoria Morgan has been an All-Star goalie for us for three years, but she tore her ACL. Paige has been excellent since stepping in. We have a lot of confidence in Paige. She was probably the best backup in the league and now she's doing great in the starting role." Bay Path slipped to 8-8 with the loss. The Minutemen then hosted Northbridge High in their final regular-season game of the season on Oct. 31, which resulted in a 5-0 loss. As of Oct. 28, Bay Path was ranked No. 28 in the Division 4 power rankings, so they could very well reach the State Tournament with a sub-.500 record as well. Minutemen head coach Tammy Legere, while disappointed by the loss to the Cougars, was pleased with the effort her players put forth. "I feel like we did a great job defensively against [Quaboag]; we held them from scoring for a long time," Legere said. "Sophia Balestracci and Hanna Cavan played well for us up top and Jenna Defosse, my defender in the back, kept us in the game. Jenna has played amazing all year. Madison Nolin, our center midfielder, played well also."

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