

Slippin’ and slidin’



THE MINOR DETAILS
ADAM MINOR

Steer into the slide...just steer into the slide.

It’s one of the greatest joys of New England living, that thrill of putting your life into your own hands as you slip and slide all over an ice- and snow-covered road hoping you don’t slide off the road and make contact with another vehicle.

That familiar feeling coursed through my veins last weekend, as I was dumb enough to be out on the roads. I was even traveling at a reasonable speed, as I was making my way home, and approaching a stop sign. As I lightly tapped the brakes, my car suddenly decided it didn’t want to comply with my wishes and I began to slide, the ABS system on my brakes pounding against my foot and making it seem like it was pounding my brakes to shreds. Before I knew it, I was at a complete stop in the middle of the intersection. Luckily, no one was around, because if there was, there might have been a nice little accident. I am thankful that no one else was there.

It brought me back to an experience I had with my first car when I was a teenager 16 years ago. I had a small, white, 1989 Chevy S-10, which was practically a street legal go kart. I loved the thing. I traded a small mini-bike and \$300 to buy the thing, and it was the very first car I drove alone. In my senior high year of high school, I got a part-time job after school to pay for the car insurance and because — well, teenagers need jobs. Learn to be responsible, all of my teen readers out there. Anyway, on my way home late one winter night (I worked as a cashier at a supermarket), I was minding my own business, driving on a straight piece of road, when suddenly, I was no longer driving straight. In fact, I was spinning. I can’t sit here and tell you how many times, I spun, because going through it, it felt like 20. It was probably more like three. Suddenly, I was jolted as my back bumper rammed in to the guardrail. I was all alone, and for the seconds afterward, I sat there frozen, gripping my wheel with white knuckles and trying to regain my wits.

With no traffic coming in either direction, I stepped out of the vehicle, thanking God I was OK, knowing it could have been a lot worse, and checked on the damage. Luckily, there was only a dent where the guardrail hit my bumper. Not knowing what else to do, and figuring that everything was OK, I got back in the car, and left to go home, driving about 20 mph the rest of the way, counting my lucky stars that I only escaped the ordeal with a dent.

Ironically, my brother would go on to total that truck on the telephone pole in a snowstorm. Go figure.

Fast forward to last weekend, and I was once again alone after slipping and sliding and coming to a stop. I didn’t hit anything this time, and looking both ways, I continued on my way, thankful I was OK.

Ah, New England driving...

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Attorney comments rekindle cemetery issue in Dudley

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Jonathan Ruda

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

DUDLEY — Rekindled discussions concerning the proposed Islamic cemetery in Dudley got off to a rocky start in 2017 after comments presented in the Jan. 5 issue of The Webster Times sparked concern among selectmen in regards to a settlement reached between the town and the Islamic Society of Greater Worcester (ISGW) just before the Christmas holiday.

Following the announcement of the settlement on Dec. 22, 2016, The Webster Times spoke

with the ISGW’s representing attorney, Jay Talerman, about the agreement at which time Talerman told The Webster Times that “the (Dudley) Zoning Board doesn’t possess any discretion under the agreement to say ‘no,’” a comment that was not taken lightly by several selectmen, who issued statements to The Times and other news outlets showing hesitation to go forward with the agreement.

Board of Selectmen Chairman Jonathan Ruda said in a statement that he was taken aback

by Talerman’s comments and that he feels it undermined the spirit of the agreement set forth at the end of December.

“Mr. Talerman has, on behalf of the Islamic Society of Greater Worcester, made it clear that he either does not understand the terms of the proposed agreement with the Town of Dudley regarding returning to the special permitting process, or that the Islamic Society of Greater

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Town receives state funds for water system

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

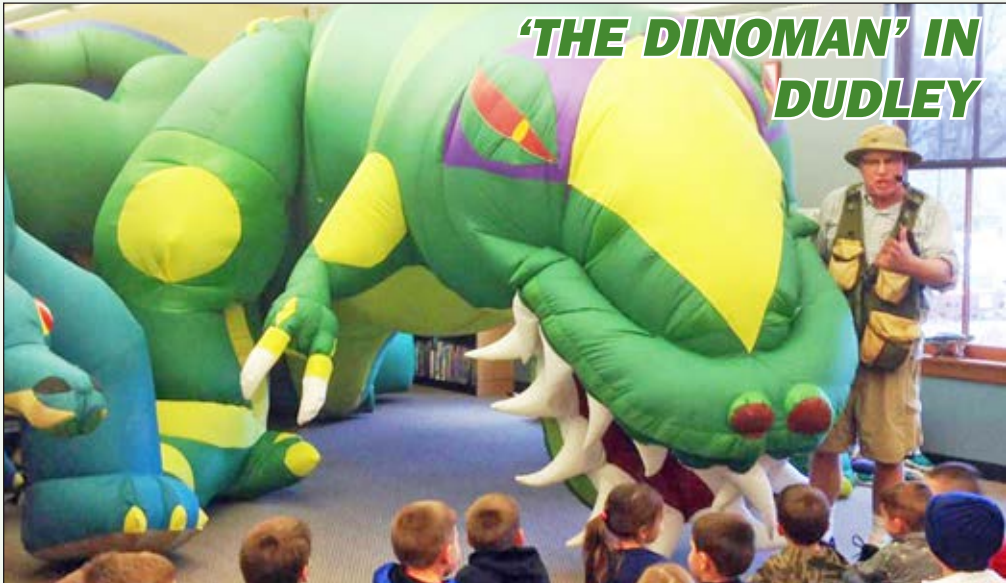
WEBSTER — The town continues to make strides in bringing much-needed upgrades to its water systems, at least from a financial standpoint.

In December, then Acting Town Administrator Pam Leduc informed selectmen that Webster was among the top towns named for funding through the Commonwealth’s Drinking Water State Revolving Fund after submitting a draft intended use plan to the state for consideration. Leduc said the town received notice of its designation on Nov. 30 and was ranked first on the list along with New Bedford.

“We are ranked at the top of the list for funding and we have been approved in the total amount of our \$10 million,” Leduc told selectmen last month. “That’s wonderful news. If you look at some of the other projects they are funded, but not at 100 percent.”

Webster has continued to

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Courtesy photo

DUDLEY — “The Dinoman” Bob Lisaius paid a visit to Dudley on Dec. 28, bringing with him his knowledge and love for all things prehistoric in a special presentation at the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library. Pictured, capping off his presentation, the “Dinoman” presented a giant inflatable T-Rex that youngsters could interact with after the show. For more photos, turn to page A5!

Oxford sticks with single tax rate

BY JASON BLEAU
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OXFORD — Oxford is staying with a single tax rate following an affirmative vote by selectmen prior to the Christmas holiday.

Selectmen made a decision after a brief discussion with Town Assessor Christopher Pupka on Dec. 13, which keeps the same single tax rate for businesses and homes in Oxford at \$16.85 per \$1,000 in assessed value for the 2017 fiscal year. Pupka told selectmen that it was a “very boring year” for Oxford and that

the town saw little change that would warrant a shift in the tax rate during the 2016 fiscal year.

“We didn’t really change anything for the most part. From a modeling standpoint it was a minor change that effected oversized ranches and that was born out of some abatement application that we received,” Pupka said. “There was a pattern that ranches that put very large additions after the fact were being terribly over assessed so that’s one model adjustment that we made

- For the most part people should be seeing values the same as they were last year for their properties. We were able to keep everything within the ratios that meet the Department of Revenue guidelines without having to do a lot of modeling changes.”

Pupka broke down the property values in Oxford noting the town is 78 percent residential, 10 percent commercial, nearly 8 percent industrial, and just under

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Oxford fire destroys salon, apartments on Main St.

BEMIS: SOURCE ELECTRICAL, NOT SUSPICIOUS

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OXFORD — A four-alarm fire displaced two residents and a business on Jan. 2, after numerous fire departments responded to control the fast moving blaze at around 2:05 a.m.

According to Oxford Fire & EMS the fire took place at the Shagged Hair Salon

on Main Street and was reported by a passerby before responding police confirmed it to be a full-fledged fire that had engulfed the salon portion of the building and had begun to spread to the adjacent apartments.

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Courtesy photos

Flames erupt from the Shagged Hair Salon on Main Street in Oxford on the morning of Jan. 2, where a 4-alarm blaze destroyed the business and displaced residents in adjacent apartments.

Dudley to seek money for Civil War POW monument

BY JASON BLEAU
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DUDLEY — The Historical Commission looks to be moving forward with a new project to pay homage to a group of soldiers who were held captive as prisoners during the American Civil War.

Dudley Historical Commission Chairman Edward Bazinet presented

the idea before the Board of Selectmen in December seeking their blessing through a letter of support to seek out grant money from the Massachusetts Historical Commission in Boston. Selectmen applauded the idea, approving a letter of support, which Bazinet said would allow them to seek the money to cover at least part of the

proposed project.

“It would be for a memorial on the town common that would indicate the six Dudley Civil War veterans that were held at Andersonville, Ga. prison. I think it would be a nice tribute to them.” Bazinet told selectmen. “Even though they are already on the big monster monument up there this gives us a chance to edu-

cate and memorialize a little piece of the Civil War that you wouldn’t normally know about.”

Three of the men to be depicted on the monument survived their imprisonment while the other three did parish during the Civil War. Bazinet said that all six names

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Searching for Dudley’s Jericho Village

In the Old Testament, the place in Palestine was called Jericho (from the Hebrew Yeriho). When the Jews were led into Canaan by Joshua, the Hebrew God commanded that Jericho be destroyed as it had become so corrupt, debauched and degenerate. Per instructions, the Jews breeched the walls of the city and every man, woman and child of Jericho was slain. A curse was then placed upon the ruins by Joshua.

The New Testament also mentions Jericho in the parable of the Good Samaritan: “A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among thieves, who both stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead.”

Jericho never seems to have been a good place to be.

In the 17th century in Oxford, England, with the building of the Oxford Canal in 1790 and the building of Jericho Iron and Brass Foundry in 1825, an area called Jericho came into being to house workers. Their houses were small and basic, lacking even basic drainage. Jericho was little more than a squalid slum and vulnerable to outbreaks of cholera and not a place you wanted to be. Considered a vulgar expletive in mid 1800s England. “Go to Jericho!” meant you wished someone gone to perdition.

In Dudley in 1846, Henry Hale Stevens founded Steven Linen Works. In 1855, he had a plot plan drawn that encompassed about 12 acres he owned east of his mill. The land was divided into 86 lots, most of them exactly 66 x 100 feet in size, some larger and a few smaller. The price was \$450 per lot. The eastern side of the land started next to the Webster railroad tracks and included an iron foundry and a building set up as a shoe shop. Going westward beyond Oxford Avenue was a beehive of little house lots, ending on Green Street, which then led to the back of the mill. There was a large livery stable in the area and then there was Stevens’ gas works, opened in 1865 across the French river, the southern border of the parcel of land. Next to all this sat the linen mill. Anyone willing to build tenements for mill workers received consideration in the sale price of the land. Workers in the mill were mainly immigrants: Germans, Irish, Scots, Polish, French-Canadians Looking back, Stevens seems to have integrated gritty, smelly, industrial businesses with postage-stamp-sized house lots—perhaps the first “mixed use” property in Dudley!

In 1863, Henry H. Stevens brought charges against two drunken Irishmen for breaking the Sabbath and fighting

in public. In court they were fined \$5 each plus court costs. “The location where the disturbance occurred Sunday [soon to be known as Jericho] is becoming intolerable by reason of the disgraceful scenes which occur there.” This included keeping saloons open on the Sabbath, selling and drinking liquor, and fighting in the streets on Sundays. Myriad other Sunday laws were broken as well.

The first use of the derogatory name “Jericho” for this area is seen in a Webster Times of 1866. July 1866 saw 13 tenements having been built on Stevens’ property. There were 50 school age children in Jericho in 1866. In 1869, Stevens erected a gas lantern at the Dudley end of the Merino Bridge by a fish market, thus “illuminating a very dangerous area.”

In 1870, the Dudley selectmen posted a notice that all persons with sink drains, privies, waste vaults, or other such places where filth collects, the same emitting a foul odor to the discomfort of neighboring residents, must clean said places at once and keep them clean. Complaints had been made, one being in Jericho village.

By 1871, some residents of the Oxford Avenue area raised objections to the

area being called Jericho and wanted it changed. The idea never caught on. In 1876, this snide comment about selectmen meeting in Jericho came from constant government critic Rev . Zephaniah Baker of Dudley: “The road to Jericho used to be infested with thieves. Whether it is improved in this regard, Judge Jillson’s court records may help to determine,” inferring there were a lot of crooks in Jericho. Not helping Jericho’s reputation was the plethora of bars in the area as well as all the bottling establishments on the abutting Pleasant Street in Webster.

It was 1892 before Stevens Linen Works supplied their workers’ tenements with running water. Long after Henry H. Stevens had gone, the company proposed pumping water from Merino pond through the mill and into the tenements in Jericho. Six-inch pipes would be laid and Jericho residents would apply to the town to get six hydrants in connection with the project. Stevens Linen would install 37 faucets in their tenements with an additional 40 installed later.

By 1898 Jericho was still a rough place. In April residents of Jericho village were complaining of the presence of a crowd of roughs, who congregated nights and Sundays on the Dudley side

WEBSTER TIMES

ACCURACY WATCH:

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of the Merino bridge and in the railroad yards, fighting and disturbing the peace. Liquor was taken to this locality and to the grove at the junction of the Norwich and Worcester and Southbridge branch tracks, with area residents getting very much disturbed about the goings on. No constable had been elected from the Jericho area at the last selectmen’s meeting and Webster police had no jurisdiction at the site.

In July 1898 it had gotten no better. A Polish dance had been held at a house in Jericho one Saturday evening and “as usual culminated in a free fight” about midnight. Knives were involved and two party-goers wounded. Taken

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Tuesday
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\$325,000, 182 Schofield Avenue, Michael A. Alano and Brenda M. Alano to Wanda I. Marte

OXFORD

\$223,281.76, 37 Dudley Road, John R. Demers, Jr. and Laura A. Demers to US Bank NA TR and LSF9 Master Participation Trust
\$162,000, 132 Old Webster Road, USBC Bank USA NA TR, Peoples Choice Home Loan Securities Trust Series 2005-3, and Ocwen Loan Servicing LLC to Scott Dreyer and Lynn Garcia
\$229,000, 39 Quobaug Avenue, Marek Krawczyk to Charles R. Fearrington and Kristina Beksha

WEBSTER

\$219,550, 129 Lower Gore Road, Brenda J. Marchetti, Brenda J. Blouin, and Paul J. Marchetti to Gary D. Soderman, II
\$126,000, 188 Lower Gore Road, Michelle Jodrey and Dorothy F. Para EST to Connors Land Trust LLC-TR and 188 Lower Gore Road Nominee Trust
\$190,000, 28 Slater Street, Czeslaw Lagutowski to Zeon Nyanue
\$254,000, 6 Jeffrey Street, Gregory C. Bankowski to Robert Rousseau
\$12,500, Maple Street, Webster Town to Jaroslaw Pianka
\$22,500, Overlook Avenue, Webster Town to Timothy L. Vanderlinden
\$4,200, Chase Avenue, Webster Town to Peter G. Bannister
\$35,000, Black Point Road, Webster Town to Ronald I. Fields
\$15,000, 38 Lincoln Street, Webster Town to JD & D Construction Inc.
\$60,000, Wakefield Avenue, Webster Town to JD & D Construction Inc.
\$45,000, 91 North Main Street, Webster Town to JPEG Realty Inc.

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Wednesday, Jan. 18: Lemon thyme chicken, sour cream and chive potato, Scandinavian vegetables, fresh fruit, cream of carrot soup
Thursday, Jan. 19: Spaghetti and meatballs, green beans, baked apples
Friday, Jan. 20: Cheese/spinach omelet, O'Brien potatoes, mixed vegetables, pear streusel cake, diet=small piece

Webster Senior Center

5 Church Street, (508) 949-3845 to Open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Webster Senior Center will be closed on Monday, Jan. 16, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
Tri-Valley Lunch: Served Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 11:30 am. Please call (508) 949-3845 at least 48 hours in advance to reserve your meal or to cancel a reserved meal.
Progressive Pitch: Every Monday and Wednesday at 1 p.m.
Knitting/Crocheting Social: Mondays 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Yahtzee Social: Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.
Adult Coloring: Tuesdays, 10-11 a.m.
Bingo: Every Tuesday, starts at 1 p.m. promptly. Please plan to arrive by 12:45 p.m. to allow time to buy your bingo sheets.
Bingo: Sunday, Jan. 22, starts promptly at 2 p.m. Please plan to arrive by 1:45 pm to allow time to buy your bingo sheets.
Free Low Impact Exercise Class every Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.
Linda Littleton Art Classes: Wednesday, Jan. 25, Ink/ Watercolor, Wednesday, Feb. 8, Acrylics. Each class costs \$10 and includes all supplies.
David Resnik of American Senior Benefits will be at the Senior Center on Thursday, Jan. 26, from 9:30-11 a.m. to answer any health insurance questions you may have.
Advanced Line Dancing Class with Forty Arroyo. Class are held every Thursday from 9:30-11 a.m. \$3 per class. Sign up at front desk or call (508) 949-3845. Beginner Line Dancing Class starting soon, please call (508) 949-3845 for more information.
13 Card Pitch: Every Thursday at 1 p.m.
Friday Exercise Classes - Instructor: Forty Arroyo. Chair Dancing Class 10-11 a.m. and Move While U Groove class 1-2 p.m. \$3 per class.
S.C.M. Elderbus Inc. Passengers: Please note that you need to call 48 business hours (2 days) in advance to

schedule a ride. 1-800-321-0243
Free Blood Pressure Screenings on the second Thursday of every month at 10:30 a.m. Sponsored by Webster Manor.
House Number Signs: Sheriff's Office offers a free service to anyone who may be interested in having a number sign made for his or her house. Please inquire at Senior Center Office.
Please call the Senior Center at (508) 949-3845 for a complete list of additional activities and upcoming events.

Dudley Senior Center

UPCOMING EVENTS

• Jan. 16, closed for MLK Day.
• Jan. 19, 4-6 p.m., Common Ground Memory Café at the Dudley Senior Center, free to Caregivers/family/friends, loved ones, and individuals who are suffering with memory issues due to Alzheimer's, Dementia, Parkinson's, or other brain difficulties. Come and enjoy a fun date together, complete with a light meal and refreshments. We offer music programs with live music, art programs, games, Ping-Pong, gentle sports, etc. The monthly Memory Café is meant to be a great time out together, sharing laughter, and non-judgmental, fun times! Please RSVP to Margaret for the Memory Café, Call 508-949-8010 X, ext. 3. Please leave your name and number and we'll get back to you. Please note, "Walk- In" friends are welcome too! The Common Ground Memory Café is scheduled to take place every Third Thursday, 4-6 p.m. The Jan. 19 Café will once again feature a Drum Circle with Tim Kane, Percussion instruments included! Come join us for a fun time!
• Jan. 20, last day to RSVP for European Lunch. Tickets are \$7.00 and are available now!
• Jan. 27, at noon. Eastern European Cuisine! A celebration of old family Eastern European recipes: Polish, Slovak, Ukrainian and more; truly unforgettable ethnic foods! Menu may include some of your favorites: Golabki, Pierogi, Kapusta, Kielbasa, Borch, (some countries may have different names or spelling of these favorite dishes), we also have various yummy European desserts, wine, beer, and coffee. We're also featuring books, videos, and music of this beautiful region for you to experience! Tickets are \$7 and available in the COA office. Please purchase your ticket by Jan. 20 so you don't miss out!
• Jan. 30, Lunch The Famous Tri Valley Pasta Bar. Please RSVP to INGE. Then, after lunch, Robin Putnam, Research and Special Projects Manager for The Office of Consumer

Affairs, presents: Online Safety and Identity Theft Prevention. Free, please join us for this important conversation with valuable information!

ONGOING SCHEDULE

• Chair Yoga with Joanne Laliberte, HHP, continues on Mondays and Fridays, 10:30am-11:30am. Also on Fridays at 9am-9:30am in the senior center, "Aging Backwards." Come and join us for the "latest and greatest program of being mindful of your own body posture, and achieving better health by utilizing proper body mechanics, and range of motion. It is possible to look and feel great at the same time!
• Monday: Chair Yoga at 10:30-11:30am. Lunch is served at 11:30am. Please call senior center 48 hours in advance to reserve your meal. A \$3.00 donation is suggested.
• Tuesday: at 1 p.m., 13 Card Pitch, and Dudley Senior Women Needleworker's .
• Wednesday: at 1 p.m. Dudley Senior Women Needleworker's, and Scrabble Players. Welcome back Scrabble players! We have space for more players, come join us and have some fun!
• Thursday: at 1 p.m. Cribbage Players.
• Friday: Aging Backwards at 9-9:30 a.m., Chair Yoga at 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tri Valley Lunch is at 11:30 a.m., followed by bingo, (a friendly, small group, slower paced bingo).
Seniors did you know that you are welcome to attend any of our events or activities regardless of where you live? If you see something on our schedule you'd like to try, come and join us! We like making new friends!
Don't forget, Panera Bread Donation is here on Friday mornings at 10:15 a.m., until it's gone! Thank you, Panera!

Oxford Senior Center

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

ONGOING

• Mondays: Cards and Games, 10 a.m., WalMart (second and fourth Mondays), holiday exceptions (with option of TJ Maxx), cards & games, "Aging Backwards" Stretch, 12:45 p.m.
• Tuesdays: Grocery Shopping (option of Dollar Tree), 10 a.m., Needle Workers to 12 p.m., Chair Yoga, 1 p.m.
• Wednesdays: SHINE — Every other Wednesday, call for an appointment, K-Mart (third Wednesday of month),

10 a.m., Zumba Gold, 9:30 a.m., Pitch, 12:30-2:30 p.m.
• Thursdays: Strength & Balance, 9 a.m., Grocery Shopping, 10 a.m., Mah Jongg, 10:30 a.m.
• Fridays: Hair Appointments, Cards and Games, 10 a.m.

The Senior Center van service is available for shopping, appointments, etc., throughout Oxford. Appointments need to be made 24 hours in advance (small fee applies). The WRTA van service can be used for out-of-town appointments (contact WRTA for more information or to schedule a ride. 508-752-9283).
• Monthly: Jewelry making, Painting with Pam, health talks, entertainment, Book Club, Tea & Talk, The Friendly Visitor Program, movie days, blood glucose monitoring, blood pressure checks and surprise events. Tri-Valley lunches served at 11:45 a.m., Monday through Friday, 48-hour notice needed.

CHANGES ARE COMING FOR OXFORD PARATRANSIT RIDERS

WHO?
• People age 60+ who are going out-of-town for medical trips
• People with disabilities of all ages who are going out-of-town for medical trips
• People who are taking an ADA trip
WHAT?
Paratransit van service will be provided by SCM Elderbus, Inc. They have been providing quality paratransit service for many years in the WRTA service area. They can be reached at (800) 321-0243, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or www.scmelderbus.org.
WHERE?
Service will be provided to eligible Oxford residents for out-of-town medical trips. ADA trips will be provided to all eligible locations.
WHEN?
This change will begin Monday, Feb. 6. Service will be provided to eligible Oxford residents on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.
WHY?
This change was voted by the Oxford Council on Aging Board.
HOW?
WRTA and Oxford Council on Aging will be coordinating the transition with SCM ElderBus Inc.
WHAT ELSE?
The Oxford Council on Aging will continue to provide in-town transportation to people age 60+ and people with disabilities regardless of age for all trips in Oxford. Additional information on in-town service is available at the Oxford Senior Center, (508) 987-6000.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Pain

5. Near the stern of a ship

8. Certified public accountant

11. External appearance

13. Neither

14. He played with Peter & Mary

15. Maximum

16. Irish republican organization

17. Swedish rock group

18. Source of chocolate

20. Counterparts to women

21. Type of levy

22. More tasteless

25. "Use Somebody" rockers

30. Burst

31. Flightless, fast bird

32. Type of salami

33. Charges to live somewhere

38. Ji dynasty's ancestral home

41. They play music

43. One who cancels

45. Resin from an African tree

47. Shellfish

49. Notre Dame coach Parseghian

50. Thoroughbred horse race: __ Stakes

55. Empire in pre-colonial C. Africa

56. Small piece of caramel

57. Hillsides

59. Does great

60. Israeli city __ Aviv

61. Brief appearance

62. Danish krone (abbr.)

63. Midway between east and southeast

64. Database mgmt. system

CLUES DOWN

1. Sign language

2. In style

3. Syrian city

4. A long narrative poem

5. Living thing

6. Envision

7. Flat surface on a vessel's stern

8. Scottish sport

9. They serve beer

10. Expression of sorrow or pity

12. When you expect to get there

14. Bullfighting maneuver

19. Double-reed instrument

23. Rural Free Delivery (abbr.)

24. Hardened

25. Small cask or barrel

26. Anger

27. Female religious figure

28. Central mail bureau

29. Ruled Russia

34. Geological time

35. Catches fish

36. As well

37. Soviet Socialist Republic

39. A moderately slow tempo

40. Female reproductive organs

41. Patti Hearst's captors

42. Twitchings

44. Suitable for crops

45. Cavalry-sword

46. Greek sophist

47. Dressed

48. Tight crowd of people

51. Basics

52. "Raymond" actor Garrett

53. Unstressed-stressed

54. Old World tree

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to court, they were fined \$15 apiece. The judge said too many of these dances ending in fights were occurring and he was determined to breakup the practice.

In 1944, Eva LaChance, the librarian of the Dudley Public Library, launched her own search for the origins of Jericho. She could account for other villages of Dudley, but not Jericho. Her best guess was that Henry Hale Stevens may have been the originator of the nickname. That would seem unlikely.

Jericho is still with us; I saw real estate advertised as "being in Jericho village" last week. No one will ever really know who first called the area Jericho, but you can assume a place with such a name was never a very good place to be.

CORRECTION:

In last month's article, the accompanying photo caption should have identified the lady on the far right as Helen Swiersbien. Mr. Crawford's movies may be seen on YouTube at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S5cylAJI_MY (two parts) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9XXabB7Ug_g

L.K. Branniff is on the Board of Directors at the Black Tavern Historical Society in Dudley. She volunteers a historical column each month to the Webster Times.

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LEARNING

'The Dinoman' visits Dudley with prehistoric presentation



Bob Lisaius shows off a small piece of amber to the young visitors to his show in Dudley on Dec. 28.



Using the “clothesline of history,” “Dinoman” Bob Lisaius was able to show local children the different eras of history all the way to the world as we know it today.



"Dinoman" Bob Lisaius shows off his freshly "fossilized" raccoon. Of course it was a fake raccoon that he used, but it was all part of a presentation to show how fossils are made for local youngsters in Dudley.



Lisaius seeks out a volunteer for his next presentation.



“Dinoman” Bob Lisaius, an archeologist himself when he’s not presenting dinosaurs to kids, shows off one of his coolest finds, a fossilized ammonite.



For some, the “Dinoman” show was a family affair as parents joined their youngsters in enjoying the show.

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Young Anthony not only enjoyed the “Dinoman” show, he also enjoyed some play time with a dinosaur of his own at the Pearl Crawford Library.



To show how much of earth was once covered in land, the “Dinoman” had a volunteer come up to help show where ancient Mesopotamia used to sit on planet earth, represented in this photo by a balloon.



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LEARNING

All Saints Academy brings Christmas season to life

WEBSTER — The Christmas spirit, joy, and happiness came alive at All Saints Academy! Each class presented their skit and singing skills to a gymnasium filled with classmates, parents, grandparents, and friends. In addition to the class presentations, the Bells Club performed a few songs for the audience, and our students who participate in the after school instrumental program, wowed us with their new skills on the keyboard, guitar, and ukulele. The closing act by Grade 8 brought the Nativity to Life for all to witness.

Courtesy photos



All Saints students hop aboard the Polar Express

Courtesy photos

WEBSTER — On Dec. 22, 2016, the students at All Saints Academy hopped on the Polar Express in their pajamas to travel from classroom to classroom to participate in various STEM projects followed by a presentation of the movie. The conductor of the steam train, Mr. Sean Gilrein, was assisted on the travels by the school staff and parent volunteers. A fun day filled with learning was enjoyed by all.



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LEARNING

The future STARs of Bay Path

NEW AFTER-SCHOOL GROUP LED BY U.S. ARMY TO BEGIN

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

CHARLTON — Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School is excited to announce that STAR Club will be starting after school. STAR Club, which stands for Students Taking Active Roles, will take place on Thursdays at 4 p.m. and will be led by members of the U.S. Army.

“The program is essentially to help schools prepare students for whatever they do after graduation, whether it’s a vocational tech school, industry or college or even the army,” said Lt. Col. Christopher Ingels, a recruiter from Albany. “It’s really character development and give some life skills. Some activities and club topics are time management, team building, public speaking, finances...”

STAR Leverages the expertise and resources of local U.S. Army soldiers to help students develop skills that will enable and encourage them to take active roles in their own life, read one press release. Modeled after JROTC, the STAR Club is a free alternative that promotes personal growth through discipline, problem solving, self-re-

spect, teamwork, professionalism, responsibility and personal pride.

The curriculum of the club will form week by week, allowing students to choose which topics they’d like to focus on. The mentors have made it clear there is “no limit” to what the students can learn from them.

For Bay Path in particular, noted Ingels, the students are seen as “industries’ future leaders.” So the program would offer “extra leadership skills” that they could bring into the workforce.

A true partnership with the army, the army provides soldier involvement and mentorship, curriculum support, army-sponsored competitions, army t-shirts, army sponsorship of school events, color guard equipment and guest speakers.

One of the mentors will be Sgt. First Class Joseph Martial. He said: “This is strictly volunteer. We understand that we are part of the community and we want to do whatever we can do to help the community. Everyone in the army feels that if the students have structure in their life – something that teaches them more discipline – it’s very beneficial to

them going forward in life. The military is one of those places where you get those tools to make the right decisions in your life.”

So far, 15 students have signed up for the club and Marital expects it to double by the end of the year, since students can join any time. Students can also be involved in other ways. Senior Phillip Langlois and a few other recruits will be helping out with the program, putting the students more at ease. As a squad leader at a recruitment center, the STAR Club was brought up to Langlois, who felt it was a good idea.

“Ever since I’ve been a little kid I’ve always wanted to be in the military. When I talked to the recruiters and they said the STAR Club was coming here I enlisted. They said it would be less nerve-racking for the students and make the soldiers more approachable,” he explained. “People see a guy in uniform and get nervous. The STAR Club was me wanting to reach out to other kids and saying there’s more than just a trade and more than just going to college.”

Langlois and the other recruits will be helping their



Olivia Richman photos

Bay Path faculty and members of the U.S. Army took a tour of Bay Path before speaking with students interested in joining the STAR Club on Jan. 5.

peers with marching and other club activities. He is hoping his involvement will help students see the importance in joining the army and understand all of the opportunities it has to offer.

He stated: “Don’t be afraid to try new things. Don’t be afraid to go off the path. There are so many opportunities that I want to express to students. It’s not

all about grades and getting the highest degree.”

If any parents or students want more information on the STAR Club, contact Martial at joseph.p.martial.mil@mail.mil or by phone at 518-844-9202.

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

EDUCATION NOTEBOOK

Old Sturbridge Academy Charter Public School

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

- Wednesday, Jan. 18, North Village Community Room, 18 Village Way, Webster, 3:30 p.m.
- Monday, Jan. 23, Richard Sugden Library, 8 Pleasant St., Spencer, at 5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 24, Old Sturbridge Village Fuller Conference Center, Sturbridge, at 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 25, Haston Free Public Library, 161 Main St., North Brookfield, at 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 26, Palmer Public Library, 1455 North Main St., Palmer, at 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, Jan. 30, Jacob Edwards Library, 236 Main St., Southbridge, at 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, Feb. 6, Jacob Edwards Library, 236 Main St., Southbridge, at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, visit www.osacps.org

Lasell College

NEWTON — Lasell College has announced the Dean’s List for outstanding academic achievement during the Fall semester of the 2016-17 academic year. A student must earn a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher to receive Dean’s List recognition.

Among the students named to the Dean’s List are:

Sara Hyde, of Webster
Micheal Hatch, of Dudley
Katie Lorkiewicz, of Webster
Carol Stateham, of Oxford

University of New Haven

WEST HAVEN, Conn. — The following students were named to the Dean’s List at the University of New Haven for the Fall 2016 semester. The dean’s list honors undergraduate students who demonstrate excellence in their academic performance. Full-time undergraduate students who earn a grade point average (G.P.A.) of 3.50 or better in any one semester will be appointed to the dean’s list for that semester.

Dudley: Marisa Ann Caramiello, Bachelor of Science, Biology, College of Arts and Sciences
Oxford: Cory William Goyette, Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice, Lee College of CJ & Forensics; Cory William Goyette, Bachelor of Science,

National Security Studies, Lee College of CJ & Forensics

Dean College

FRANKLIN — Dean College is pleased to announce the students that have earned a place on the Dean’s List for the Fall 2016 semester.

Mandy McCrea, of North Oxford
Spencer Holden, of Dudley

Keene State College

KEENE, N.H. — Keene State College announces that 1,400 students have been named to the fall 2016 dean’s list, including the following local students.

Madison Betty, of Webster
Kelsey Harper, of Dudley
Emily Kreidler, of Webster
Stephanie Ryder, of Webster

MENUS

SHEPHERD HILL REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, Jan. 16: Martin Luther King Jr. Day: No School
Tuesday, Jan. 17: Turkey on a grinder roll, sweet potato fries, fruit, variety of sandwiches
Wednesday, Jan. 18: Roast pork, mashed potato, carrots/roll, fruit, variety of sandwiches
Thursday, Jan. 19: Baked chicken, potato, rolls and butter, fruit, variety of sandwiches
Friday, Jan. 20: Mexican Fiesta with meat and cheese, lettuce, tomato, refried beans, fruit, variety of sandwiches

DUDLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, Jan. 16: Martin Luther King Jr. Day: No School
Tuesday, Jan. 17: Turkey on a grinder roll, sweet potato fries, fruit, variety of sandwiches
Wednesday, Jan. 18: Roast pork, mashed potato, carrots/roll, fruit, variety of sandwiches
Thursday, Jan. 19: Baked chicken, potato, rolls and butter, fruit, variety of sandwiches
Friday, Jan. 20: Mexican Fiesta with meat and cheese, lettuce, tomato, refried beans, fruit, variety of sandwiches

DUDLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday, Jan. 16: Martin Luther King Jr. Day: No School
Tuesday, Jan. 17: Chicken nuggets, sweet and sour sauce, potato, whole-

wheat roll, fruit
Wednesday, Jan. 18: Meatball grinder on whole grain roll, sweet potato fries, fruit
Thursday, Jan. 19: Hot dog on a whole grain roll, baked beans, fruit
Friday, Jan. 20: Chicken quesadilla, Spanish rice, green romaine salad, salsa, fruit.

OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, Jan. 16: No School: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Tuesday, Jan. 17: Specialty salad, salad meal middle, turkey salad wrap, turkey spaghetti, primo pizza, peas, aloha muffin square, chilled pears, milk
Wednesday, Jan. 18: Specialty salad, salad meal middle, tuna roll-up, rib-BQ/bun, super burger, broccoli soup, vegetable and hummus, blueberry gingerbread, fresh apples, milk
Thursday, Jan. 19: Specialty salad, salad meal middle, tuna roll-up, mini cheeseburger, cheese lasagna, chicken vegetable soup, sweet potatoes, three bean salad, fruit pan dowdy, apple-sauce, milk
Friday, Jan. 20: Specialty salad, salad meal middle, stuffed crust pizza, hot dog, tossed salad, fruit crisp, milk

OXFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, Jan. 16: No School: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Tuesday, Jan. 17: Grab and go salad meal middle, turkey salad wrap, turkey spaghetti, primo pizza, peas, chilled pears, milk

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Friday's Child

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Alan and Aden are young boys of Caucasian and Hispanic descent. They are currently living apart and looking to be reunited in an adoptive home. Alan is an active 9-year-old boy who enjoys riding his bicycle and engaging in other outdoor activities. He is a sports fan and especially likes basketball and football. Alan has made great progress in his current placement where he has benefited from regular routines, redirection and support from his foster parents. In school, Alan has an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) for support. Like his brother, Aden is a friendly, active 6-year-old who loves to bowl, ride his bicycle and be outdoors. Aden has done very well in his current foster home and has benefited from the regular routines and support. Aden has done well in school and in his after school program without the need for support services.

Alan and Aden would do best in an active two-parent family that could encourage their interest in sports. If there were other children in the home, older children would be best. If Alan and Aden are unable to be placed together, they will need regular ongoing contact with one another. They currently see each other monthly.

Who are the Children Waiting for Adoption?

There are approximately 2,800 children in Massachusetts foster care with the goal of adoption. Through no fault of their own, they cannot be raised by their birth parents. Many will be adopted by a relative or foster parent, but more than 700 have no one to adopt them yet. These waiting children are all ages including toddlers, school age, teens, sibling groups who belong together, children of color of all ages, and children with intellectual, physical or emotional difficulties or disabilities. These children have experienced many losses and changes in their lives, and need patient and dependable adoptive parents who can help them grow and thrive in their new family. Free post-adoption support services are available to help.

To learn more about Alan and Aden, and about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-54-ADOPT (617-542-3678) or visit www.mareinc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have “a permanent place to call HOME.”

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LEARNING

All Saints Academy inducts Junior Honor Society members

WEBSTER — On the evening of Dec. 20, All Saints Academy held its first induction ceremony establishing a new chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. After a Mass, a candle lighting ceremony was held to induct twenty members. Each member received a certificate, a NJHS pin, signed the founding member registry, and lit a candle signifying the five pillars of National Honor Society ideals. The All Saints Academy NJHS will engage in a number of individual and chapter service projects. To be eligible for membership consideration, students must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher. In addition to scholarship, candidates must meet high standards of service, leadership, citizenship, and character. Congratulations!

Courtesy photo



MENUS

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Wednesday, Jan. 18: Grab and go salad meal middle, tuna roll-up, rib-BQ/bun, super burger, broccoli soup, vegetable and hummus, fresh apples, milk

Thursday, Jan. 19: Grab and go salad meal middle, tuna roll-up, mini cheese-burger, cheese lasagna, chicken vegetable soup, sweet potatoes, three bean salad, applesauce, milk

Friday, Jan. 20: Grab and go salad meal middle, stuffed crust pizza, hot dog, tossed salad, fruit crisp, milk

CLARA BARTON

Monday, Jan. 16: No School: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday, Jan. 17: PB&J meal munchie lunch, salad meal, turkey sandwich, turkey spaghetti, peas, chilled pears, milk

Wednesday, Jan. 18: PB&J meal munchie lunch, salad meal, ham sandwich, rib-BQ/bun, spinach, vegetable and hummus, apple, milk

Thursday, Jan. 19: PB&J meal munchie lunch, salad meal, tuna sub, hamburger on a bun, three bean salad, sweet potatoes, applesauce, milk

Friday, Jan. 20: PB&J meal munchie lunch, sandwich of the day, pizza, tossed salad, fruit crisp, chilled pears, milk

AM CHAFFEE

Monday, Jan. 16: No School: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday, Jan. 17: PB&J meal munchie lunch, salad meal, turkey sandwich, turkey spaghetti, peas, chilled pears, milk

Wednesday, Jan. 18: PB&J meal munchie lunch, salad meal, ham sandwich, rib-BQ/bun, spinach, vegetable and hummus, apple, milk

Thursday, Jan. 19: PB&J meal munchie lunch, salad meal, tuna sub, hamburger on a bun, three bean salad, sweet potatoes, applesauce, milk

Friday, Jan. 20: PB&J meal munchie lunch, sandwich of the day, pizza, tossed salad, fruit crisp, chilled pears, milk

BARTLETT HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, Jan. 16: No School: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday, Jan. 17: No School: Professional Development Day

Wednesday, Jan. 18: Whole grain stuffed shells, whole wheat garlic roll, steamed green beans, side salad, fresh fruit, milk variety, grilled cheese sandwich, chicken salad on whole grain croissant

Thursday, Jan. 19: Boneless chicken wings, cheesy potatoes, honey whole grain biscuit, celery sticks, ranch dressing cup, milk variety, grilled cheese sandwich, chicken salad on whole grain croissant

Friday, Jan. 20: Pepperoni pizza sticks, marinara dunk cup, brocco-

li with cheese sauce, side salad, fresh fruit, milk variety, grilled cheese sandwich, chicken salad on whole grain croissant

WEBSTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, Jan. 16: No School: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday, Jan. 17: No School: Professional Development Day

Wednesday, Jan. 18: Scrambled eggs, pork sausage links, hash browns, applesauce cup, milk variety, ham and cheese sandwich

Thursday, Jan. 19: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, whole grain dinner roll, steamed green beans, milk variety, ham and cheese sandwich

Friday, Jan. 20: Personal pan cheese pizza, side salad, fresh fruit, milk variety, ham and cheese sandwich

PARK AVE ELEMENTARY

Monday, Jan. 16: No School: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday, Jan. 17: No School: Professional Development Day

Wednesday, Jan. 18: French toast sticks, pork sausage links, hash browns, apple sauce cup, milk variety, Wowbutter and jelly sandwich

Thursday, Jan. 19: Meatball sub on whole grain hoagie, steamed broccoli, fresh fruit, milk variety, Wowbutter and jelly sandwich

Friday, Jan. 20: Pepperoni pizza sticks, marinara dunk cup, sweet peas, side salad, fresh fruit, milk variety, Wowbutter and jelly sandwich

BAY PATH

BREAKFAST

Monday, Jan. 16: Martin Luther King Jr. Day: No School

Tuesday, Jan. 17: Assorted bagel, assorted cream cheese, 4 oz. yogurt, 4 oz. fruit juice, fruit variety

Wednesday, Jan. 18: Scrambled eggs, sausage, whole-wheat toast, 4 oz. fruit juice, fruit variety

Thursday, Jan. 19: Homemade coffee cake, 4 oz. yogurt, 4 oz. fruit juice, fruit variety

Friday, Jan. 20: Bacon, egg and cheese on a croissant, 4 oz. yogurt, 4 oz. fruit juice, fruit variety

LUNCH

Monday, Jan. 16: Martin Luther King Jr. Day: No School

Tuesday, Jan. 17: Grilled cheese, tomato soup, baked hash brown, fruit variety

Wednesday, Jan. 18: Pollo Guisado, chicken and vegetables in a tomato stew over a bed of rice, sweet plantains, tossed salad, fruit variety

Thursday, Jan. 19: Chop suey, whole wheat elbow pasta tossed in a meat sauce, garlic bread, steamed broccoli, fruit variety

Friday, Jan. 20: Half Day!

LEARNING

Nichols partners with local community colleges

DUDLEY — Nichols College has formed partnerships with four public community colleges in three different states — Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI) in Warwick, R.I.; Mount Wachusett Community College in Gardner, Mass.; Quinebaug Valley Community College (QVCC) in Danielson, Conn.; and Quinsigamond Community College (QCC) in Worcester — to create an affordable and smoother pathway for community college students seeking to further their education.

These four articulation agreements are part of a Nichols-launched initiative called Affordable Business and Leadership Education (ABLE). They streamline and maximize the transfer credit process; transfer students will have the benefit of knowing that their credits at the community college level will be accepted by Nichols and that they will be guaranteed admission if they meet the minimum GPA requirement of 2.0.

“Nichols College strives to become the most community college-friendly private college in New England, and it can provide the bridge between an associate’s degree and the career that community college students want to pursue,” said Nichols College President Susan West Engelkemeyer, Ph.D. “Transfer students will find at Nichols that they receive high-level instruction and experiential learning opportunities in many business tracks.”

“In addition, students transferring from community colleges to Nichols will gain leadership and professional development skills — all from a warm, welcoming campus community,” added Engelkemeyer. “Nichols has always been about fostering economic mobility, turning students from varied backgrounds into prosperous professionals. The Nichols ABLE initiative is consistent with the College’s mission and gives us strength in an important segment of the changing higher education landscape.”

William Boffi, vice president for enrollment at Nichols College, said: “Community college students contribute to the learning environment in different ways than students entering straight from high school. Many choose community college because it is a financially prudent pathway. We want to help those students get the skills to succeed as a professional and multiply their earning potential. A Nichols College degree can do that.”

Most pathway partnerships from community college to a four-year college or university are between institutions in the same state and are also between two public schools or two private schools. In the case of the Nichols agreements, the public-to-private pathway from schools in three different states is unique. And while other four-year colleges also guarantee admission, it is to their continuing education divisions, not as a fully matriculated student. At Nichols, students have the option to be a day student or enter the Undergraduate Adult Education Program. Special pricing means that Nichols offers students who earn associate’s degrees from its partner institutions a rate that is lower than other private, four-year colleges.

“Nichols provides a clear, articulated pathway that is easy for all students and advisors to see course equivalencies,” said Boffi. “It is also a very individual approach.”

The presidents of the four community colleges said that their partnering with Nichols will help their students obtain a bachelor’s degree at a more affordable cost.

“Mount Wachusett Community College students have benefited tremendously from our partnership with Nichols,” said MWCC President Daniel M. Asquino. “Students have expressed that they have received outstanding support from faculty at both institutions. It is critical for both our students and our regional economy that this unique pathway in higher education remains robust.”

Noted QCC President Gail E. Carberry, Ed.D.: “Great careers start at Quinsigamond Community College. We are proud of our partnership with Nichols College that allows students to earn their associate’s degree at QCC and transfer seamlessly to Nichols to earn their bachelor’s degree and beyond. Programs like these offer affordable pathways for students to begin their careers with less debt and enter the next phase of their lives as business leaders and cornerstones of our community.”

Said QVCC President Carlee Drummer, Ph.D.: “Quinebaug Valley Community College is delighted to be part of the ABLE initiative with Nichols College. The partnership will enable QVCC students to complete the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration at a nationally ranked business college for a fraction of the cost.”

Added QVCC Dean of Academic Affairs and Student Services Alfred Williams: “Quinebaug Valley Community College is thrilled about this partnership with Nichols College. It is a significant opportunity for our students to receive affordable bachelor’s and associate’s degrees in business from two high-quality institutions. In a time of increasing college costs, it is vital that QVCC find innovative ways to help its students achieve success with a significant cost savings. We are grateful that Nichols College is contributing to this effort.”

“CCRI is proud to partner with Nichols College to offer our students a new transfer pathway to pursue a bachelor’s degree at an institution well-known for its business and leadership educational programs,” said CCRI President Meghan Hughes, Ph.D. “It is clear that the Nichols faculty and staff understand the value that community college students like ours bring to the classroom, and this partnership presents an opportunity for our students to further their education in high-growth business fields.”



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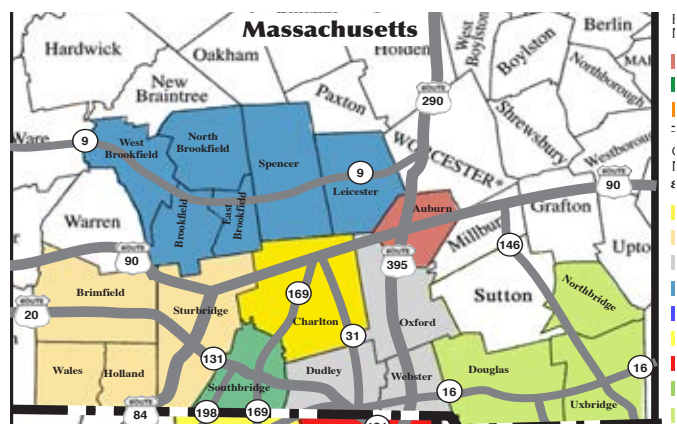


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Medical
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A 19th century Cary brass pocket microscope in our Jan. 26 auction.



ANTIQUES,
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WAYNE TUISKULA

I've touched upon medical antiques and memorabilia in my previous columns about advertising signs and antique oddities. There are so many different aspects of collecting medical antiques that it warrants a column of its own. Many, including doctors and other medical professionals, have a strong desire to purchase these items and grow their collections.

Hippocrates is considered by many to be the father of medicine. The ancient Greek physician was born in 460 BC and died in 375 BC. Encyclopedia Britannica states that there are over 60 medical works of writing that bear his name, although not all were written by him. The Hippocratic Oath contains the ethical standards still upheld by physicians today. The Telegraph and other sources reported that Imhotep may actually deserve the title of "Father of Medicine" instead of Hippocrates though. He lived in ancient Egypt from 2667 BC to 2648 BC. Imhotep is believed to have diagnosed and treated over 200 diseases. Following many other medical advances, medicine came over to America with Colonial settlers in Jamestown and Plymouth. Miles Standish was one of two physicians on the Mayflower.

With such a long history, there are many different options for those who want to collect medical memorabilia. Doctors' tools and implements are some of the items collectors seek. Items like 19th century tooth extractors resembling large set of pliers along with other medical implements are desirable to collectors. Surgical kits, especially those used during the Civil War, are in high demand. In one of our auctions 10 years ago, two 19th century surgical kits brought figures in the thousands of dollars. Other items like old brass microscopes appeal not only to medical antique collectors but collectors of other scientific instruments as well.

Advertising pieces are popular in the medical field as they are in all areas of collecting. We sold a 19th century sign in the shape of eyeglasses for over \$6,000 in a 2008 auction. The sign would have hung in over an optometrist's office and made it apparent to everyone, including those who were illiterate or didn't speak English that they could their get glasses there. Other signs and advertising tins are sought after, especially those of quack medicine and cure-alls.

Medical related photographs and ephemera are also collectible. Old medical broadsides, doctors' journals and early medical books are just some of the items medical collectors are looking for. We sold a collection of old photographs at an auction a couple of years ago. I was able to identify one photo of medical students performing an autopsy as being from the University of Maryland, School of Medicine. It brought hundreds of dollars at auction.

Antique pharmaceutical bottles are another collectible that can be valuable. Bottles from drugs that are now illegal like opium and morphine are among the most collectible. We sold a turn of the century medicine chest from the early 20th century that contained some of these bottles. It brought well over \$1,000, which was just what the doctor ordered.

We continue to accept quality consignments for our January 26th auction in Worcester. I'll be appraising items at a fundraiser in Athol on Jan. 14. Additional events are scheduled in March. See www.centralmassauctions.com for more information on our upcoming events.

Contact us at: Wayne Tuiskula Auctioneer/ Appraiser Central Mass Auctions for Antique Auctions, Estate Sales and Appraisal Services www.centralmassauctions.com (508-612-6111), info@centralmassauctions.com.

VIEWPOINT

THE DEADLINE to submit letters to the editor and commentaries for next week's newspaper is Friday at noon. **SEND ALL ITEMS** to Editor Adam Minor at aminor@stonebridgepress.news



VETERANS COUNCIL INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

The Webster-Dudley Veterans Council held installation of officers on Wednesday, Jan. 4. Pictured, from left, are Jr. Vice Commander John Blissell, Commander Victor Jankowski, Adjutant Andrew Kozlowski, Treasurer Robert Guenther, Chaplain Norman Deptula.

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Remember these ice safety tips

Now that the winter months are upon us and outdoor winter activities are in full stride there are a few things we should remember when it comes to safety on the ice.

First, as chief, I will say that no ice is safe and I would not recommend going out on it — period. That being said, we all know people will anyway, and that winter activities on the ice are a big part of the New England area. Still, if you are going to go on the ice, certain precautions need to be taken. Daily air temperatures that stay below 32 degrees form stronger ice than fluctuating temperatures. Air temperature fluctuations can cause thermal expansion or contraction, which creates wet or dry cracks. Avoid cracks that meet at 90-degree angles. Pressure ridges or kneels can also be formed from thermal expansion. Buckling of the ice can occur, and soft ice or open water often appears near these areas. Stay well away from these areas. These spots tend to be very weak and you will most likely fall through. Ice thickness tends to be the most common factor in determining ice strength, but do not judge ice strength by thickness alone. Ice does not form or maintain uniform thickness.

The best ice to walk on, fish on, etc. is solid ice that has been exposed to continual below freezing temperatures on calm bodies of water such as ponds and lakes. Areas where springs are located should be avoided. The moving water will weaken the ice. Also, moving water, such as rivers, should be avoided. This also contributes to weak ice formations. Areas under bridges should also be avoided for similar reasons, as stated



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earlier. Just as a rule of thumb, the following is a load table for support on the ice.

- 2 inches: One person
- 4 inches: One person fishing, or a group walking
- 5 inches: A snowmobile
- 8 inches: A car
- 10-12 inches: A light truck

Keep in mind this table is considering you have had perfect freezing conditions. If there is continual freezing and melting, such as we have had this year the ice will be much weaker and be much more susceptible to cracking or breaking. You must always use extreme caution when on ice. Never go alone, always go in pairs or in a group. If someone does fall through the ice do not attempt rescue unless you can reach the victim from the shoreline. Call 911 immediately so the proper personnel and equipment can respond and perform the rescue. If you attempt a rescue you may become a victim yourself. Never try to rescue animals off the ice. Most animals will be able to rescue themselves, meaning wild animals. If it is a house pet such as a dog you again need to call 911 for assistance. If you are a victim yourself, attempt self-rescue, but do not work yourself to the point of exhaustion. If you cannot get out and there is an ice shelf rest up against the ice shelf and wait for emergency services to arrive. Again, enjoy this winter season, but always make safety your first priority when it involves activities on the ice and always know and obey your local laws regarding activities on the water. Should you have any questions or would like any other topics discussed, please feel free to email me at dudleyfirechief@dudleyma.gov.

Rules for
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accidents



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Car accidents occur frequently during winter months. Although some are severe in nature, many result in only minimal damage. A person had been involved in a minor accident. There were no injuries and their vehicle suffered a "dent." They wished to know the requirements for filing an accident report.

Massachusetts General Law Chapter 90 Section 26 contains the guidelines for the reporting of accidents in this state. An accident report is required to be filed within five days, with both the Registry and the police department having jurisdiction over the area, if it involves one or more of the following events: 1) Any person is killed or injured or 2) There is damage in excess of one thousand dollars to any one vehicle or other property. Any time a person is injured, whether or not they go to the hospital, a report is required. The property damage is another key point to consider. With the current cost of vehicle and property damage repairs, it is not particularly difficult to reach the thousand-dollar threshold. The law pertains to any vehicle involved or "other property." This can include utility poles, lawns, landscaping, fences, walls, etc. The scope of this category is rather broad and any property of value may be applicable. Penalties for not reporting an accident can involve a fine and/or license suspension.

My advice is to report all accidents to the police department having jurisdiction over that particular area. Log entries or other reports can be made at minimum in order to record the event properly. In addition, appropriate medical attention can be summoned if it is in fact necessary. Failing to report an accident can lead to future issues. Claims could be made at later dated for injuries or excessive property damage. Since most people have cell phones capable of taking pictures, it is also a good idea to photograph the scene and any potential damage. This is the best way to preserve an accurate account of the incident. This can greatly reduce the possibility of false claims at a later time. Take the few moments to record the events and gather as much information as possible in order to protect yourself and others.

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

When you retire, where can you find
investment income?

As an investor, your main goals will change at different times in your life. During your working years, you need to grow as many resources as possible for retirement. Once you retire, however, you will likely need to focus more on getting income from your investments. But what are your options?

There's no shortage of income-producing investments, of course. You might immediately think of bonds, which can provide regular interest payments and probable preservation of principal, provided the bonds are considered "investment grade." Still, if interest rates are low when you retire — as they have been for several years now — bonds might not provide you with as much income as you need. And just as importantly, the income you receive from most bonds won't rise over time, leaving you susceptible to inflation and the loss of purchasing power.

Consequently, you may also need to explore other types of income-generating vehicles, including dividend-paying stocks and real estate investment trusts (REITs).

Some stocks have not only paid but also increased their dividends for many consecutive years. These stocks have historically provided the potential for rising income to help combat inflation and are typically



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well-run companies that strive to reward their investors. Nonetheless, you need to recognize that even these stocks are not obligated to pay you dividends, and they are free to lower or discontinue them at any time without notice.

Now, let's turn to a second type of potential income-producing asset: Real estate investment trusts (REITs). Different types of REITs are available. For example, equity REITs invest in and own commercial properties, such as hotels and shopping centers, while mortgage REITs, as the name suggests, own and invest in property mortgages. Is one form of REIT better than another? There's no simple answer. On the one hand, mortgage REITs are considered riskier than equity REITs. However, mortgage REITs often pay quite large dividends, although the payout can be inconsistent. (Like all REITs, mortgage REITs must pay 90 percent of their taxable income to investors in the form of dividends. Due to this requirement, REITs generally need to raise capital to finance their growth plans, and this necessity can affect their share prices.)

Other factors, such as changing interest rates, will affect the value of

mortgage and equity REITs differently. Specifically, rising interest rates will likely cause the market value of the property mortgages inside mortgage REITs to fall, whereas equity REITs, which own actual buildings, might actually benefit if the Federal Reserve raises interest rates, as such a move would indicate a strong economy, more jobs and greater demand for office space. In the short term, though, even equity REITs can react negatively to an interest-rate increase. But over the long term, this movement can be offset by the benefits of earnings and dividend growth driven by a growing economy.

Clearly, there's much to think about when considering potential income-producing options such as bonds, dividend-paying stocks and REITs. Ultimately, you will need to weigh the merits and risks of these investments — including interest rate risk, credit risk and market risk — and determine which of them, or which combination of them, are most appropriate for your needs.

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VIEWPOINT

With deer season over, hunters shift focus to sea ducks

With the deer-hunting season in Massachusetts now over, some local hunters are setting their sights on sea duck hunting.

Sea duck hunting opened on Nov. 21 and runs through Jan. 28. Because Massachusetts has failed to pass Sunday hunting again this year, many duck hunters are hunting the saltwater bays and inlets of Rhode Island. Warm clothes and plenty of hot coffee are required to handle the somewhat harsh conditions of sea duck hunting. It is also a very dangerous sport, costing injury and death to those that fail to take all of the safety precautions required. In the past years of my younger life, sea duck hunting was a big part of my hunting adventures.

A couple of hunting buddies and this writer often made a trip every Sunday morning to hunt sea ducks in Rhode Island. Heading out at 4 a.m., we arrived at our hunting spot approximately 1 hour before sunrise. The 8-foot pram that was used to carry us over to our blinds along a coastal marsh was a bit small for our planned hunt, but when you are young, you do foolish things and take stupid chances. The tidal flow coming out of the bay could have swamped the small watercraft with all of our hunting gear and more than likely caused us our life. Our dogs were equipped with a hunting vest that helped keep them warm from the extremely cold-water conditions. The dogs were



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not allowed in the boat, and were required to swim through the tidal waters to our hunting spot. With only a few inches of freeboard from the freezing water one quick move by the dogs could have swamped the boat.

When we were all on dry land we had to set out all of our decoys, which was also a very cold job. With winds howling at 15 to 20 mph or more, it was hard to keep the decoys from floating away until we attached one large weight to keep them in place. It was just breaking first light by the time we were done with the decoys, as we headed back to our blinds on shore.

Loading our guns with # 4 shotgun shells, it was time to enjoy some duck hunting action. The area that we were hunting on most days provided buffel head and Merganser ducks. Some brant were rarely harvested, and geese would give us an opportunity to get a shot on a few occasions.

It was the buffel head ducks that gave us some great shooting as they skimmed along the water and over our raft of decoys. The first few shots were often missed, but it did not take long for us to realize we were not leading the fast flying birds enough. Watching our shot hit the water 4 or 5 feet in back of the bird had us quickly changing our lead. It was not long before my retriever Max was in the water and swimming out to pick up a downed bird. The tidal

currents made his return to shore with the bird a bit exhausting, and after a few retrieves, we started to retrieve the birds with our small boat that was equipped with a 6 HP motor. The fast action died out quickly as the sun rose and it was not long before it was time to pick up and head for home. We were often home by noon.

Numerous other sea duck hunting trips in Boston Harbor with the late Frank Sampson, of Revere, had us shooting eider ducks. Frank and his buddy, Jerry Woodmansee, were members of the Concerned Costal Gunners Association, which is no longer active, but they did a lot to preserve the sea duck hunting in Massachusetts! Frank lined us up with a guide that took my brother and I to a spot in Boston Harbor to hunt eider. It was a great trip but I nearly lost my dog to tidal currents again that made retrieves exhausting. I look back at all of my saltwater hunting experiences today and realize how lucky I am to still be here. Numerous other acquaintances and friends were not so lucky, and some lost their lives to the sport of sea duck hunting.

Ice fishing should improve in the coming days but the up and down temperature of the last couple of weeks has left ice conditions somewhat dangerous. The snow cover is also making ice conditions dangerous. Ice fishing derbies are planned for some local club ponds this month. The Whitinsville Fish & Game Club will hold their derby at the club pond on Jan. 21, for members. The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club will



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This week’s picture shows a couple of die-hard anglers at the Singletary Rod & Gun ice fishing derby last year. More fishing derbies will be planned in the coming weeks, weather permitting.

hold their derby this Saturday Jan. 14, starting at 8 a.m. for club members. The pond was recently stocked with trout. Breakfast and derby are planned for the day at all clubs. The Singletary Rod & Gun Club will hold their derby on Jan. 29, this year.

Wild game suppers are being planed at local clubs. Whitinsville Fish & Game Club & Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club tickets are available now. The Singletary Rod & Gun Club game dinner will be held on Feb. 25. Tickets can be purchased at the clubhouse on weekends at all clubs. Do not forget to renew your club memberships.

Take a kid fishing and keep them rods bending!

Tips to keep New Year resolutions

Let’s face it — New Year’s resolutions are difficult to keep. Even the firmest intentions can lose steam come March.

So what’s the secret to willpower longevity? The key factors to resolution success are attitude and commitment. Oftentimes New Year resolutions are self-improvements, and that requires a lifestyle change. Taking on the challenge with an eye to the future can increase the odds of your New Year resolution turning into a longtime success.

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

Change What?: According to Nielson (the famous ratings company), Americans made the following New Year resolutions last year:

Stay fit and healthy: 37 percent; Lose weight: 32 percent; Enjoy life to the fullest: 28 percent; Spend less, save more: 25 percent; Spend more time with family and friends: 19 percent; Get organized 18 percent; Will not; make any resolutions: 16 percent; Learn something new/new hobby: 14 percent; Travel more: 14 percent; Read more: 12 percent.

The list reveals Americans put a premium on health and fitness, want to practice frugality and spend quality time with loved ones. While that’s no surprise, the path to getting their might be. Here’s how to approach your goals with a different plan of action (and hopefully a better outcome)!

Rules to Turn Annual Resolutions into Daily Habits

- Rule #1: Stop Overachieving

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

- Rule #2: Adjust your Attitude

So you hate working out? Resent pinching pennies? Can’t bear to sack the sweets?

Remind yourself you are doing this of your own free will! Remember the “fake it till you make it” research that reveals even a forced smile boosts your happy genes, thus actually making you happier! The phenomenon is called “facial feedback,” and according to Psychology

Today, it works because the brain senses the flexion of certain facial muscles and interprets it as “Oh I must be happy about something.”

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

- Rule #3: Be Accountable

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

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

- Rule #4: Break it Down

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

- Rule #5: Group Therapy

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

- Rule #6: Make it Fun!

When’s the last time you had fun achieving a goal? It’s easier than you think to stay the course if it’s a pleasant trip. Besides, who ever said a self-improvement plan has to be grueling? For example, watch the Food Channel while you’re on the treadmill. You will get your “food fix” virtually (and with no calories!); Make a game of your budgeting: Challenge yourself to save a certain



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percentage at the grocery store each week, and up the ante when you reach your goal; Or simply play your favorite music while you are organizing that messy closet.

- Rule # 7: Motivate Yourself

Motivational speakers spark results, but you can use simple tools to be a self-motivator! Look up inspirational quotes, and post them where you’ll see them every day. You might also want to repeat an affirmation every day to solidify your vow. Research the habits successful people and take a cue from them on how to carry on and achieve success even after failures. Remember Thomas Edison’s famous quote. After someone remarked his light bulb experiments failed, he said: “I have not failed 10,000 times. I have successfully found 10,000 ways that will not work.”

Success Strategy: This column has touted this advice before but here is a proven strategy to successfully “break a bad habit”: Experts agree that it takes a minimum of 21 days to change a behavior, so the first thing to do is count ahead 21 days and mark the day you’ll be officially “home free” from your habit on a calendar.

How to get through the 21 days? First write down your goal and list the positive reasons you want to change your habit. These exercises will help build commitment. Next share your goals with your family and friends. Making a commitment public leaves little room to back out, plus you’ll benefit from a support system. Each day review your list of reasons for quitting or changing. Reward yourself verbally, each hour if necessary, working up to a great treat at the end of a successful week. And remember if you fall off the wagon, jump back on immediately before you fall completely back into your old habit. It pays to remember research reveals only 40 percent of habits are broken on the first try. Besides, there’s always next year!

Famous Quotes: Here’s a dose of

inspiration from successful people:

“If you set your goals ridiculously high and it’s a failure, you will fail above everyone else’s success.” -James Cameron

“All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them.” -Walt Disney

“Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day-in and day-out.” -Robert Collier

“The only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary.” -Vidal Sassoon

“Motivation is what gets you started. Habit is what keeps you going.” -Jim Ryun

“You may have to fight a battle more than once to win it.” -Margaret Thatcher

“Develop success from failures. Discouragement and failure are two of the surest stepping stones to success.” -Dale Carnegie

“The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack of will.” -Vince Lombardi

“The successful warrior is the average man, with laser-like focus.” -Bruce Lee

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House — Your tips can win you a fabulous dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. Hints are entered into a drawing for a three-course dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn! 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 thee 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 publications? Send questions and/or hint to: Take the Hint!, c/o Stonebridge Press, P.O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550. Or e-mail kdr@aol.com.

New Year’s resolutions

You may be one of the millions, or know of people who came into the New Year, with either a list of resolutions, expectations, plans or promises.

Many began the new year with hopes of losing those elusive 5 to 10 pounds, trying on a new perspective or outlook, claiming that 2017 is the year for them. New year, new outlook, new you. Resonates with me. Recently, I heard someone comment that 80 percent of New Year’s resolutions usually get dropped by February. Ouch! How daunting!

In the Christian calendar, we

are in a season called Epiphany. A time where we celebrate, and learn that God was revealed/manifested to our world, all of us, in the birth and life of Jesus. In this time of promises made by us to ourselves, to others as well as a time when promises may have been made to us, I am encouraged when I am reminded that in Epiphany, God is revealed to us, as a God who keeps promises. In Jesus, God makes a way for us to know God better and return

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to God, our creator, the One that loves us most and truly and our greatest champion.

I am encouraged when I realize that God is faithful, when I am not. God is strong, when I am weak. God can always be counted on when I am disappointed at my shortcomings or that of others. For Christians, this time following the feast of the Epiphany, the appearance

of the magi from the orient with gifts for Jesus, is a time of celebration and wonder. God breaks into human history and is revealed to us all, in Christ. In Jesus, we are given the gift of true revelation and love. Something worth holding unto as we continue to walk further into this New Year. What 2017 has in store for us, is still to be revealed. But how wonderful to continue to move forward with anticipation of how great it can be when we remember a promise keeping God. In Christ, we are loved, we are forgiven, we are accepted. What if we celebrate this fact and extend this

love, forgiveness and acceptance to others? What would 2017 look like then?

New year, new outlook, new you, can be transformational not just to you but to others around you. My prayer for you, who may be reading this, is that you realize how loved you are. In Jesus, God incarnates the ultimate promise keeper. And we too can continue that legacy when we accept and believe it happened because God loves us so.

SPORTS

Bartlett rallies to win own holiday basketball tournament

WEBSTER — The fifth annual Bartlett Holiday Basketball Tournament culminated with a big-time championship match when the host Indians played St. Peter-Marian High on Friday, Dec. 30. And after trailing for a good portion of the game, Bartlett rallied to win the title, 65-62. It is the second straight holiday tournament championship for the Indians.



From left, Bartlett's Tyler Davern and Anthony Grzembksi celebrate following the Indians' Bartlett Holiday Basketball Tournament championship game victory.



The Bartlett High boys' varsity basketball team holds up the No. 1 sign after defeating St. Peter-Marian High, 65-62, for the Bartlett Holiday Basketball Tournament championship on Dec. 30.

Photos courtesy Lisa Kontoes

Strong defensive showing helps Rams run past Shrewsbury, 55-28

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

DUDLEY — Holding a high school basketball team to a point total so low that it doesn't add up to the total number of minutes played says a lot about that team's defense. That was the case on Tuesday, Jan. 3 when the Shepherd Hill Regional girls played 32 solid minutes to easily defeat Shrewsbury High, 55-28.

The Colonials' quarter totals from first to fourth equaled 6, 2, 10 and 10 points.

"I thought we played very good defense," said long-time Rams head coach Jim Hackenson. "I thought the defense was outstanding and that's two games in a row now."

Four days prior Shepherd Hill beat Holyoke High — a

team they lost to last season — 59-35 on Dec. 30 as the Rams are now 3-2.

Shepherd Hill held a slim 4-2 lead midway through the first quarter as the offense then came alive while the defense continued to flourish. The Rams ended the first frame on a 12-4 run, which was capped by a Molly Springer offensive rebound and put-back while drawing a foul. The coinciding free throw made it 16-6 heading into the second quarter.

The Hill then kept the offensive surge alive to start the second, as Makayla Norton beat Shrewsbury's press by dishing a pass to Bailey Savage in stride, who finished the play with a layup. A few possessions later, both Ingrid Lindstrom and Julia Dandridge got inside

the Colonial defense for uncontested layups.

The half ended with another Springer three-point play and a layup from Dandridge to put the score at a comfortable 31-8 lead for the Rams.

Most of Shepherd Hill's first half offensive damage came as a result of breaking Shrewsbury's press without turning the ball over.

"I thought No. 1 we didn't panic and No. 2 we got the ball into the middle and the girls handled the ball in the middle very well and dished the ball up-court and then we ended up with fairly decent shots — we got a lot of layups out of the press," Hackenson said of the keys to success. "My contingency is if you get the ball in the middle and you break off both sides they can't double-team you."

The Rams then essentially put the game away by scoring the first eight points of the third quarter as the frame ended with Shepherd Hill up, 41-18. The Hill then closed the game out by taking the final frame, 14-10, to win by 27 points.

Savage led the way offensively with a game-high 16 points — most of them coming by way of the midrange jump shot. Hackenson was pleased to see Savage and others take the open shot, something that



Nick Ethier photos

Shepherd Hill defender Bailey Savage focuses intently on slowing down an oncoming Casey Taitel of Shrewsbury.

they have struggled with this season.

"Sometimes they're a little too unselfish — they like to pass too much and we throw the ball away a lot still. They try to thread a needle and they're not seamstresses,"

Hackenson laughed.

Dandridge and Springer both scored 10 points for Shepherd Hill, and Springer collected a game-high 11 rebounds to complete a double-double performance.

SPORTS CORRESPONDENT



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Kyra Foss of Shepherd Hill reaches out her right hand to collect a pass before the ball could sail out of bounds.



Shepherd Hill's Morgan O'Malley goes strong to the basket and draws a foul on Shrewsbury's Kathryn Armour.

SPORTS

Tantasqua's physical game plan wears down Pirates late, produces victory



Oxford's Gina Parmenter races past Tantasqua defender Joan Howland on her pursuit to the basket.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

OXFORD — Even though the Tantasqua Regional girls' varsity basketball team didn't lead at the end of the first, second or third quarters when they played Oxford High on Thursday, Jan. 5, the Warriors kept the game close throughout and eventually wore the Pirates down in the final frame thanks to their physical play. The end result was a come-from-behind win for Tantasqua, 61-57.

Head coach Tom Goyette said that his Warriors had the tough task of stopping Oxford's group led by the Parmenter sisters — Karlie and Gina — as well as Kayla Soto, but the fourth quarter was a game changer.

"The fourth quarter we finally got more physical and our kids battled hard — that was a big difference," he said. "I think we kind of wore them down a little bit. We tried to take their legs away from them and by the fourth quarter I think we did that."

Tantasqua trailed at the end of three

quarters, 45-39, but they won fourth quarter scoring by a 22-12 count and limited the Pirates to just one basket in the final frame.

The first half of play was close, with the sides deadlocked at 17-17 after the initial eight minutes. The Pirates then won the second frame, 14-13, to lead by a point, 31-30, heading into halftime.

It then looked like Oxford may run away with things in the third quarter when Gina and Karlie Parmenter knocked down back-to-back 3-pointers from the same spot on the court at the midpoint of the quarter, upping their team's lead to 10 points, 43-33.

"I thought we controlled the game for a majority of the game," said Pirates head coach Joe Pietrzak. "We went up by 10 points in the third quarter, but I think we ran out of gas, frankly."

Tantasqua outscored Oxford the rest of the way, 28-14.

"We said before the game started that it was definitely a measuring stick game," said Goyette, whose team improved to 2-3 while handing

Oxford their first defeat (4-1). "We can see things in the last week have really come together. At practices we've really started to gel as a team so it's nice to see it make a difference on the game court as well."

Tantasqua took its final lead midway through the fourth quarter when Victoria Bowler's free throw broke a 50-50 stalemate. Lindsey Zak then scored four straight for the Warriors on a jumper and a pair of free throws to make it 55-50.

Then, after the Pirates made it a two-point game at 59-57, Tantasqua freshman Lydia Boland stepped to the free throw line with 8.7 seconds to go. She looked like a senior leader at the stripe, confidently knocking down both foul shots to close out the scoring.

"Even though she's a freshman, she has a lot of basketball experience behind her. She doesn't play like a freshman... and she's a calm, cool customer out there," Goyette said of Boland, who finished with 9 points.

Other leaders for the Warriors included Lily Lucas (16 points), Kelsey Emrich (11 points, 17 rebounds) and Zak (9 points, 9 rebounds).

For Pietrzak, he said that his team "just can't quite get over the hump with them," in regards to matchups with Tantasqua, as a year ago they lost a 56-54 game with Gina Parmenter having a chance to tie things up at the buzzer.

Soto had 20 points and 9 rebounds in this one for Oxford, which impressed Pietrzak.

"She plays so much bigger than she



Oxford's Hannah Buxton raises the ball up and out of the way of the reach of Tantasqua defender Joan Howland.

is. She's really worked hard to develop her footwork," he said of his post presence.

Felicity Steiger had 12 points for the Pirates, while Gina and Karlie (10 rebounds) Parmenter each scored another 10 points in the loss, a loss that Pietrzak hopes will help his team in the long run.

"This is the kind of loss that it either brings you together or we start to question who we are," he said, adding that the senior leadership of Karlie Parmenter, Jordan Tremblay and Soto will surely help Oxford regroup and rebound as a team.

All Saints win Danielson Saint James basketball tournament

Courtesy photo

The All Saints Academy JV girls' basketball team won the Danielson, Conn. Saint James hosted tournament on Dec. 30. They played Saint James in the final game and took the win, 30-4. They have been guided by Bartlett Hall of Fame coach Sean "Beef" Heatherman and coach George "Spitzzy" Spitz.

Shown in the photo are "Auge," Coach "Spitzzy," "Sunshine," "Vix," "ChaCha," "Phil," and "P Manning." Coach Sean, "Walshy" and "Newton" were unavailable for the photo.



Will raising the minimum wage affect real estate?

Real estate is tied to almost any economic indicator. Interest rates, unemployment rate, inflation, consumer confidence, cost of living and many other things affect it.

This subject hits home with almost everyone in one way or another. Keep in mind this is just my opinion on the subject.

Minimum wage increased \$1 an hour to \$11 an hour, which means at 40 hours a week, someone's gross pay is \$440 a week or \$22,800 for the year. The average sales price for a single-family home in Worcester County over the past six months was \$299,974. So if someone put 5 percent down or \$15,000 at a 4.125 percent interest rate for 30 years then their monthly payment before taxes and insurance is \$1,382. Taxes will be another \$300-\$500 a month plus insurance of say \$80-\$100. You are probably looking at a monthly cost before other utilities of \$1,850. At minimum wage the gross \$1,906 a month. Dave Ramsey suggests never to spend more than 25 percent of your take home pay on your house payment. Which means if you followed that formula then a married couple both getting paid minimum wage would need to work 80 hours a week each in order to comfortably afford an average house. This also assumes you are paying no taxes. In reality, they may need to work more hours than that even. This increase should not have much effect locally because it is very



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difficult for someone at this pay to afford a home, but it may affect buying power in areas where housing prices are much lower.

The other question is should these people be going to school to get more skills so they get a higher paying job and then they don't have to just scrape by? The short answer, I would say, is yes, but many people may have responsibilities that they need to pay for so they cannot afford to also pay for college.

This then takes me to the challenge of student loans. Let's say someone goes to college to become a doctor. Over 50 percent of new physicians carry over \$200,000 in student loan debt. So if you look at a 6.75 percent interest rate and borrowed 200K over 30 years you are looking at \$1,297.20 a month. This looks very similar to a mortgage payment. There are many other professions where someone could have this kind of debt with much lower income potential. This student loan debt will continue to hinder buyers ability to purchase homes and also the amount that they can comfortably spend will may have a long term impact on our Real Estate market if something is not done about it.

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MOHEGAN BOWL WINTER LEAGUES, WEEKS ENDING JAN. 1, JAN. 8

Monday Men's Business
Single — Michael Kustak 188, Jim Gatzke 143, Jon Dufield 139
Series — Michael Kustak 420, Jim Gatzke 368, Ron Ostrokolowicz 350
Series over average — Michael Kustak +72

Tuesday Chet's Social
Single — Rick Marschall 146, Joe Pranaitis 132, Ryan Pelletier 130, Diane Levesque 119, Joan Lavalley-Leary 118, Ellen Fugatt 112
Series — Rick Marschall 359, Tom Smith 334, Ryan Pelletier 325, Ellen Fugatt 322, Joan Lavalley-Leary 300, Bethany Meunier 272
Series over average — Patrick Gleason +90, Ellen Fugatt +46

Wednesday Women's Industrial
Single — Lynne Smith (Gail's Gals) 121, Joanne Grzembski (Nikki's Doghouse) 117, Elaine Seaman (DG Home Imp) 114
Series — Lynne Smith and Joanne Grzembski 345, Pam Wunsch 297

Thursday Men's Industrial
Single — Rick Marschall 124, James Cahill 118, Iver Peterson 113
Series — Rick Marschall 336, James Cahill 324, Iver Peterson 310
Series over average — Rick Marschall and Geovani Pastor +45

Sunday Mixed
Single — Brian Lavallee 135, Rick O'Connor 132, Angel Claudio 114, Briana Baillargeon 110, Loda Blackmer 106, Leigh Farrar 103
Series — Brian Lavallee 319, John Dupuis 318, Angel Claudio 311, Loda Blackmer 314, Leigh Farrar 273, Carol Turner 261
Series over average — Trey Salce +11, Loda Blackmer +44

Monday Men's Business
Single — Jon Dufield 149, Pete Caffrey 148, Matt Ryan 141
Series — Pete Caffrey 402, Ron Ostrokolowicz 369, Michael Kustak 355
Series over average — Pete Caffrey +60

Tuesday Chet's Social
Single — Steve Poisant 140, Tom Smith 121, Richard Girouard 116, Kellee Tella 107, Cherie Borski 101, Ellen Fugatt 99

Series — Steve Poisant 354, Tom Smith 338, Richard Girouard 319, Ellen Fugatt 275, Diane Levesque 270, Cherie Borski 269
Series over average — Trevor Collins +57, Kellee Tella +51

Tuesday Bowlerettes
Single — Mona Grande 120, Brenda Mayer and Charles Knorr 106, June Carpenter 100
Series — Brenda Mayer 301, Charles Knorr 296, Mona Grande 290

Wednesday Women's Industrial
Single — Noelle Gorski (Harbro Cars) 118, Cindy Lester (Barber's Nook II) 116, Tara Laliberte (Nikki's Doghouse) 111
Series — Lynne Smith (Gail's Gals) 305, Joanne Grzembski (Nikki's Doghouse) 304, Noelle Gorski 301

Thursday Coffee
Single — Barbara Penniman 113, Millie Wonoski 110, Donna Lewandowski and Lorraine Brezniak 104
Series — Barbara Penniman 296, Jessica Agazarian 290, Marsha Kallgren 289
Series over average — Joan Wentworth +43
Thursday Men's Industrial
Single — James Cahill 162, Joe Pranaitis 135, Dave Blake 124
Series — James Cahill 373, Joe Pranaitis 363, Dave Blake 330
Series over average — James Cahill +58

Saturday Youth
Single — Abby Towne 92, Gavin DeWitt 86, Jordan Ashton 85
Series — Amelia Peterson 241, Jordan Ashton 230, Gavin DeWitt 222
Series over average — Anthony Peterson +26, Abby Towne +13

Sunday Mixed
Single — Dave Phelps 118, John Dupuis 115, Trey Salce and Chad Maramo 111, Leigh Farrar 114, Dana Pendragon 111, Briana Baillargeon 100
Series — John Dupuis 332, Angel Claudio 321, Chad Maramo 317, Leigh Farrar 303, Dana Pendragon 279, Briana Baillargeon 274
Series over average — Chad Maramo +35, Tiffany Ratcliffe +23

SPORTS

Bears beat buzzer, take down Bay Path as rivalry heats up



Bay Path's Alexxus Afriyie races down the court with possession of the ball.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

CHARLTON — Although one may not look at Bay Path Regional and Abby Kelley Foster as natural rivals on the basketball court, things have certainly heated up between the two programs on the girls' varsity side.

On Friday, Jan. 6, the Bears won in the final seconds for the second straight year on the Minutemen's floor to head home victorious, this time 43-40 thanks to a 3-pointer by Andrea Boaheng at the buzzer.

"Same result, they hit a shot within the last five seconds and beat us by one point," Selen said of last year's 46-45 setback. "We've got a little bit of a rivalry going."

Bay Path defeated Abby Kelley in Worcester last season, so they're looking to do the same when they play at the Bears' gym on Feb. 10.

As far as this loss is concerned, Selen said that the Minutemen were "very upset," especially considering that they held leads at the conclusion of each of the first three quarters.

"They take a lot of pride in what they do here and they want to win every sin-



Bay Path's Nekelle Waskiewicz drives the baseline in an attempt to get past Andrea Boaheng of Abby Kelley.

gle game," said Selen.

That winning mindset is relatively new to Bay Path's program, but not to the seniors. As freshmen, they collected a record of 19-1 at the junior varsity level before being part of Central Mass. Division 4 district tournament varsity members their sophomore and junior seasons. Before that, it had been five seasons since the Minutemen tasted the postseason.

"The girls that are on the team right now have the expectation to win," said Selen.

It looked as though Bay Path would win versus Abby Kelley in the early going, as they raced out to a 6-1 lead before settling for an 11-9 advantage at the end of the first quarter.

The Minutemen then gained two additional points on the Bears in the second quarter, taking a 20-16 lead into the halftime break.

Bay Path then won third quarter scoring to surge ahead by seven points, 30-23, but the final frame is what doomed them as Abby Kelley rallied. The Bears won that fourth quarter, 20-10.

Abby Kelley found their first lead (40-39) with 1:13 to play when Queenly Berko knocked down a pair of free



Trisha Wilson of Bay Path elevates to get a jump shot off in front of Abby Kelley defender Andrea Boaheng.

throws, but Alexxus Afriyie of the Minutemen tied the score at 40-40 with a foul shot of her own.

Bay Path then had chances to win the game in the final 36 seconds, but they went 0 for 4 from the free throw line down the stretch. Boaheng (15 points) then beat the buzzer with her 3-pointer, which sent the Bears home with a victory.

"We work on free throws every day, but it's pressure," Selen said of the missed opportunities, as the Minutemen connected on just 4 of 13 foul shots in the fourth quarter.

Selen noted that Abby Kelley's JV team made a lot of noise while Bay Path was attempting their free throws, but it didn't bother him at all in terms of sportsmanship.

"I actually like that, that's how the game should be," he said, adding that playing in potential district tournament games will provide the same amount of noise and pressure at the line.

The Bears' defensive press also posed problems for the Minutemen, especially when typical inbound passer Trisha Wilson exited the game in the second half thanks to a knee to her head.



Sarah Wong Kam of Bay Path heaves on over-head pass past Abby Kelley's Beverly Tuffour.

"They're very aggressive, very quick and they have great hands," Selen said of Abby Kelley's press.

The Minutemen were led by Sarah Wong Kam (13 points, 8 rebounds), Afriyie (11 points), Savannah Vangel (8 points, 10 rebounds) and Kiera Coates (9 rebounds), but they must play better than their current record of 3-4 to once again reach districts. A 10-10 mark or better is grounds for postseason inclusion.

"We'll get to the meat of the schedule and we'll see how things go," Selen concluded.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Worcester State University set to host plenty of baseball clinics

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

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

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

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

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

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

Online registration now open for Webster Little League spring baseball

Please visit WebsterLittleLeague.com for early signups for the Webster Little League spring baseball season. Save money by signing up before Feb. 13. The final day to register (with late fee) is Feb. 28. There will be no in-person registration this year — all reg-

istrations must be done online. Any problems or questions, please contact Bobby at (508) 948-9637.

Fees are \$65 for T-Ball (starting at age 5), \$100 for Coach-Pitch, Minors and Majors, and \$150 for Junior League (late fee applies online after Feb. 12). Player Evaluations ("try-outs") for all players ages 7-12 who wish to play in our Minor or Major Divisions will be Saturday morning, March 18 in the Bartlett High School gym. This year, all new and returning players ages 7 to 12 must attend even if on a Major division team last season. All players will be placed on a team in the division appropriate for them based on their age/skill level. More information is available online and during the registration process. Don't forget to sign up for coaching and volunteer opportunities when registering — especially T-Ball and Coach-Pitch parents. We are looking forward to another great season and the more volunteers we have the better it will be.

Webster Fastpitch to hold Winter Softball Clinic

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

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

The clinic is open to athletes age 5 to 16 (as of Jan. 1, 2017) and will be held inside Webster Middle School's

gymnasium. Athletes need to bring sneakers, a softball glove and a water bottle.

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

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

Knights of Columbus 2017 free throw competition announced

Webster/Dudley Council No. 228 will be holding its 2017 Free Throw Championship local competition on Saturday, Jan. 21 at St. Louis School (48 Negus Street in Webster). Registration will be at 8:30 a.m. with the competition starting promptly at 9. All local boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate. Age of competitor is determined by age as of Jan. 1, 2017. A proof of age and guardian consent is required at registration. Winners in each age group receive a trophy and will represent Council No. 228 in District Competition.

Any questions? Please contact PGK Paul Perry with questions concerning this competition at pijknights@yahoo.com or call (508) 943-9345.

Lacrosse referee class starts Jan. 23

The Eastern Mass. Lacrosse

Officials Association is offering training for new boys' lacrosse officials in Central Mass. Classes are held at St. John's High School (Shrewsbury) starting Jan. 23. Please contact Matt Croteau at emloatraining@yahoo.com for more information and registration.

1 Stop Basketball to host MLK Day Player Development Clinic

1 Stop Basketball (located at 24A Town Forest Road in Webster) is hosting a Martin Luther King Day Player Development Clinic on Monday, Jan. 16. This is a youth and middle school clinic that focuses on developing the complete player. We will develop shooting, ball handling, passing, footwork, defense and other essential skills to become a better basketball player. Third, fourth and fifth graders will go from 8:30 a.m. to noon, while sixth, seventh and eighth graders will participate from 1 to 4:30 p.m., and the cost is \$40 per session.

Softball pitching lessons coming to Southbridge's Armory

Softball Pitching Lessons began Jan. 8 and run until Sunday, March 19 at the Southbridge Armory, located on 152 Chestnut Street. The times are 8:30-11 a.m. for each 50-minute session. Special consideration will be given for teams and leagues. For more information, please contact Coach Bill Rahall at (860) 576-3440 or email wlrh@yahoo.com.

Historical Commission seeks help for upcoming project

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would be immortalized on the monument and that the money they receive from Boston, if successful, would cover at least half of the \$6,000 project with the other half to be paid in whatever funds the Dudley Historical Commission can raise on its own.

"It would be a large block of Barry, Vermont granite to match the founders and 250th memorial that we just refurbished and it would be something that we would use as a seat so that people would be drawn to it. The

inscription would be on the side with the six gentlemen an indicating the Andersonville connection," Bazinet explained. "We also plan on finishing off with some granite pavers that we will get from West Main Street and putting in some interpretive signage that would indicate what was on the common prior to us showing up and give people a better sense of where that common was and what it stood for."

Dudley Selectman Paul Joseph presented a two-part motion to approve the endorsement "wholeheartedly" with the first part of the motion approving the seeking out of grant funds and the second part approving the fundraising effort to follow. Before presenting a universal vote of approval several selectmen joined

Joseph in praising the initiative.

"I certainly support this. I'm a veteran myself. I think this is certainly a wonderful cause," Selectman Peter Fox said.

Selectman John Marsi not only complimented the project, but the Historical Commission consistent support of initiatives in Dudley as well.

"Thanks [to the Historical Commission] for always thinking of the things nobody else will because otherwise these six gentlemen would be forgotten to history," Marsi said.

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Talerman quotes raise eyebrows from Board of Selectmen

CEMETERY UPDATE

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Worcester has no intention of adhering to it,” Ruda said in an e-mail to The Times on Jan. 5. “The proposed agreement calls for ‘mutually agreeable terms’ throughout the special permitting process, a phrase that is clear and is key to any final proposal. Mr. Talerman used his final 15 minutes of fame to take another shot at the integrity of the Dudley Board of Selectmen in our hometown newspaper. [Talerman’s] statement is a direct attack on the integrity of the Board of Selectmen, and a prime example of how any objective process, through the various town boards relative to zoning, health, conservation, etc., is apparently unacceptable to the ISGW.”

Ruda’s comments were followed up by an e-mail from Selectman John Marsi a day later, who showed his own concern for the quotes presented in the Jan. 5 issue of The Webster Times.

“Attorney Talerman’s comment about the ZBA and other boards having no ability to say ‘no’ to any condition that is not mutually agreeable to Dudley and the ISGW is completely and utterly incorrect. We have been working for almost a year to make sure that this process is in keeping with the intent of the special permitting pro-

cess,” Marsi said. “Anything else just isn’t true and Attorney Talerman is undermining the process and the public’s trust.”

In his e-mail, Ruda stated that based on his concerns with Talerman’s comments he would not be signing the proposed agreement. However, since those e-mails were received by The Webster Times, it appears the atmosphere surrounding the issue has changed.

In an interview with special counsel to Dudley John J. Davis on Monday, Jan. 9, it was revealed that talks between Davis and Talerman commenced over the weekend and that the two sides had reached an understanding of the agreement set forward last month.

“The chair and the board of Selectman had some concerns about the quotes attributed to Attorney Talerman and I think Mr. Ruda’s remarks were in reaction to those comments. I have been in touch with Attorney Talerman and we’re still engaging in terms of putting together a joint motion to remand this case back to the ZBA. In my communications with Attorney Talerman we have both agreed that the terms and conditions of the settlement that was entered into by the Islamic Society and the town are still in effect and the parties have both agreed to abide by those provisions,” Davis said.

According to Davis, those agreements include the ISGW returning to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a special permitting process and a public hearing. The permit will be issued based on mutually agreeable conditions with respect to the Dover Amendment rights of the applicant, and the Board of Health will also conduct as review as well as the Conservation Commission, if necessary. Davis said he was confident any misconception was put to rest during his talks with Talerman.

“The concern that there was no discretion whatsoever gave Mr. Ruda some pause because this whole process contemplates public review,” Davis said. “I think throughout this whole negotiation process we could have, six months ago, said we’d just rubber stamp this, but it’s not what the Board of Selectmen was willing to do. They were insistent that this never had anything to do with bigotry or the religions of the applicant. It was about following the steps that any applicant for any use in the town would have to follow. I think we’ve reached an understanding with the Islamic Society that we’re going to follow that. I think we have framed it in such a way that the applicant will get a full and fair review.”

The Webster Times placed a call to Talerman’s office, who sent an e-mail statement on

Jan. 9 acknowledging Ruda’s statements to the media and concerns about Talerman’s quote in The Times. The joint statement from Talerman and the ISGW said they understand the concerns about the integrity of the process, but believe the ISGW has abided by all laws and regulations to this point and intends to continue to do so.

“From day one, we have said this is not about the media or about personality conflicts. It is about a community trying to find a last and peaceful place for its beloved ones. The ISGW is not aware of any changes to the settlement agreement and wishes to make clear that it has a binding, fully executed and enforceable contract with the Town of Dudley,” the statement read. “The agreement not only requires the Town to acknowledge that the proposed cemetery is a legally protected religious use, but also requires the Zoning Board of Appeals to promptly issue an approval consistent with its agreed upon acknowledgement of the religious use of the property. The ISGW is hopeful that the town will rethink and retract its apparent public effort to avoid the agreement it has already executed. We hope that the matter will be resolved without any further legal recourse. There are no winners or losers here. We all lose when we let emotions get the best of us. We

intend to follow exactly the process agreed on.”

The statement also included a copy of the agreement between the two parties and screenshots of Jonathan Ruda’s signature as well as Dr. Khalid Sadozai, the president of the ISGW, albeit on what appeared to be two different copies of the document. That document does, indeed, state that once the Zoning Board has conducted a public hearing and deliberated, their decision to approve will be subject to “mutually agreeable conditions.” The agreement also notably states “The Board of Selectmen will not place the issue of approval of the ISGW’s proposed cemetery on a future Town Meeting warrant.” It also prohibits the selectmen or any other town agency from encouraging such an article be placed on the town warrant and that if, by chance, an item is placed on the warrants by other means that the Board of Selectmen will recommend a vote to grant permissions for the property use as a cemetery at that town meeting. The agreement also noted that the settlement is contingent upon the ISGW obtaining an extension to purchase the property on Corbin Road where the cemetery would be placed.

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Early morning blaze destroys local Oxford business

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Oxford Fire & EMS Chief Sheri Bemis said that crews found heavy fire on scene when they arrived and began working to control the situation with Auburn quickly arriving on scene to assist. The two occupants of adjacent apartments behind the hair salon were evacuated safely from their homes thanks to quick thinking from pedestrians who noticed the fire and sprang into action.

Bemis said that the fire spread quickly through the aged structure and at one point firefighters did experience a “mayday” situation, although no injuries were reported from the scene.

“At some point the Auburn Engine 1 crew did call a ‘mayday.’ They had gotten into a situation where they were having difficulty finding their way out of the room. They eventually found the windows and were able to bail out of the windows. The room next to them had flashed over and they were in a situation where they recognized the signs of the impending flash over and were trying to get out of the room they were in,”

Bemis said.

Bemis said an investigation was able to narrow down the origin of the fire, but not the exact cause, and noted that the incident did begin in the salon portion of the structure. Due to the extensive damage, Bemis confirmed the building is not salvageable.

“We determined it was definitely some sort of electrical source. It wasn’t suspicious. The insurance companies will determine exactly what piece of equipment started it. We did locate the origin and the biggest problem is it was a balloon construction so the way the building was set up the ceiling portion of the salon meets the wall of the residential structure so once is breached that area the fire presented itself in the back of the building when it started in the front. That’s what happens with balloon construction. You just don’t know where it’s going to pop up,” Bemis said.

The Webster Times spoke with one of the business owners of Shagged Hair Salon, Vicky Lacaire-Durant, about the fire and how her business is holding up in the wake of the incident. She said that the



The remnants of Shagged Hair Salon and an adjacent apartment building in Oxford where an early morning fire broke out on Jan. 2.

company has bounced back quickly from the situation and found a new home that same day.

“Honestly we’ve been holding up great. We have a new location and we’re open for business about a mile down the road from the old salon. We’re looking forward, not looking back. It’s all we can do,” Lacaire-Durant said. “We have a great spot and God was good. Maybe two hours

after the fire we received a call about a salon that was just vacated right down the street and it was offered to us.”

Lacaire-Durant complimented the firefighters on scene for a job well done, having witnessed the response effort first hand, and confirmed that the fire was determined to start in the salon but stressed that the exact ignition source was still undetermined. Although,



Firefighters pump water into Shagged Hair Salon in Oxford where an early morning fire destroyed the building and damaged two apartments on Jan. 2.

she did confirm that the fire started at a station that was not in use before the fire began.

“I’ve talked to the landlord many times and we know the fire did start in the salon, but the cause it still unknown. The area where the fire started was not being used. The girl had been on time off for vacation so she hadn’t worked there in a week. So we know it started there, we just don’t know what started it,” said

Lacaire-Durant.

The exact cause of the fire will remain under investigation with the building being torn down according to Oxford officials. A GoFundMe page was put together to help the salon owners in the wake of the blaze.

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Water upgrades get shot in the arm with state funds

WATER

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endure water quality issues for some time, with complaints from citizens of brown or dirty water becoming commonplace in recent years. Several temporary solutions have been initiated in order to help ease the problem, but no permanent solution has been put into place as of yet although talks of how to proceed and the cost of potential solutions have been a staple of town meetings for some time. Leduc said this funding would be a shot in the arm for Webster going forward.

“I think this really speaks to the fact that, if you remember, representatives from the Department of Environmental Protection were here and attended some public meetings we had on our water quality issues and at that time they committed to the fact that they were supportive 110 percent behind this project,” Leduc said. “So I think this really speaks to that and we really appreciate it.”

With water quality issues continuing in the town and the seemingly unpredictable nature of where the next concern

will pop up, Webster has also launched a new system to inform citizens of when and where work on water lines or systems will be taking place. The town recently entered a contract with Emergency Communications Network to establish a CodeRED system in the town, described as a high-speed notification system. The CodeRED system will provide Webster officials with the ability to send out a message to areas of the town that could be impacted by waterline work or the redirection or shutting off of water in the future and serves as an answer to concerns over the last few years about water delays and a lack of communication from water and sewer officials about when and where any work would be taking place that could impact water services to particular neighborhoods. Those who have yet to register their numbers with the CodeRED system can find more information on this new service on the Town of Webster’s website.

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‘Boring year’ leads to affirmative single tax rate vote

TAX RATE

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4 percent personal property with the bulk of those values staying consistent through the last year. The average properly value stands at \$216,729 with the average tax bill totaling \$3,651 for the 2017 fiscal year.

“A boring year is a good year from the assessment standpoint when the values are pretty stable. It should be reassuring to the taxpayers I hope that the value did stay the same this year. As an early warning we are seeing values going up for next year,” Pupka said.

Selectmen showed full support for the single tax rate even before casting their votes. Selectman Michael Voas said keeping the single tax rate is vital to the continued growth of Oxford as a business center.

“Our real growth in town here has been commercial,” Voas said. “Commercial businesses don’t utilize the same type of services that the residents do. Businesses are coming to Oxford for a variety of different reasons, but most importantly I believe it’s the tax structure. We’re very friendly to commercial businesses and where


you see a lot of other communities losing commercial property Oxford has grown.”

Selectman John Saad said he has no doubt in his mind maintaining a single tax rate has helped Oxford grow as a community and cast his vote with confidence that it would continue to provide a positive impact in the future.


“There are other communities that had the split and they’re all trying to get out of it. Once you diversify into different segments it’s hard to come back and go to a factor of one,” Saad said. “Some of these towns are trying to do it slowly. I know Auburn has tried it and I believe the city of Worcester is toying with it as well, but it’s really difficult for them so to change it to anything other than a tax factor of one I think would be a disservice to the residents of this community and the taxpayers.”

The affirmative vote puts the single tax rate in place for the duration of 2017. As always, selectmen will reassess the tax structure at the end of the year.

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NEWS BRIEF

Deadline announced for Malser grant applications

The Janet Malser Humanities Trust is accepting applications for the 2017 grant cycle.

Ms. Malser set up the charitable Trust in order to support the arts and humanities, community service and conservation in the towns of Dudley, Oxford, and Webster.

The causes for which funding will be considered include: “the restoration and preservation of historic sites; the furtherance of art and music in the schools, both public and private; public concerts with an emphasis on classical music; the improvement and growth of public libraries; the support of church work aiding the indigent, homeless, aging citizens and needy children; beautification through planting and the preservation of park areas and cemeteries; the improvement of service and equipment at the Hubbard Regional Hospital [now Harrington Healthcare at Hubbard], and the environmental protection of Webster Lake.”

Trustees make awards annually to verified tax-exempt, non-profit organizations meeting the charitable purposes of the Trust. Prior recipients are eligible to apply so long as proper follow up status reports have been filed; otherwise they will not be considered.

Applications and additional instructions for the current year are available at www.janetmalsertrust.org. All applications must be postmarked by April 1, 2017.



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PISCOPO, MUDD TO WED

Michael and Nancy Piscopo of Dudley announce the engagement of their daughter Lissa Michelle Piscopo to Stephen Morgan Mudd, son of Christopher Mudd of Worcester and Barbara Foscatto of Holden.

Lissa is a 2003 graduate of Shepherd Hill Regional High School and a 2007 graduate of Westfield State University where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management. She currently works at IDG Enterprises as an Event Planner.

Stephen is a 2006 graduate of Wachusett Regional High School and a 2012 graduate of Framingham State University where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Arts. He is a Graphic Designer at Harvard Bioscience, Inc.

The couple resides in Auburn. A June 9, 2017 wedding is planned.

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OBITUARIES

Clairette A. Ricard, 88



DUDLEY — Clairette A. (Martel) Ricard, 88, died Tuesday, Jan. 3, at home surrounded by her family. Her husband of 44 years, Gerard H. “Joe” Ricard, died in 1994. She leaves two daughters, Claire L. Verdone and her husband Thomas, with whom she lived, and Christine A. Kokernak and her husband Gary, all of Dudley; a son, Gerard R. “Gerry” Ricard, Jr., also of Dudley; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; a great great-grandson; four brothers, Normand, Andre and Francois Martel, all of Grandmere, Quebec, and Jacques Martel of Montreal, Quebec; many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a brother, Giles Martel, and by a sister, Bibianne Bourgouin, both in 2009. She was born and raised in Grandmere, Quebec, a daughter of

Achille and Louise (Boivert) Martel. She had lived in the Webster-Dudley area since 1950. Mrs. Ricard was a homemaker. She was a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Webster. She enjoyed going camping in the summer with her husband and spending time with her family. The family would like to thank the caring staff from the VNA for their professional and compassionate care for Clairette. The funeral will be held Saturday, Jan. 14, from the Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster, with a Mass at 10 a.m. in Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 16 East Main St., Webster. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Webster. Visitation will be from 8:45 to 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, in the funeral home. Donations in her name may be made to VNA of Southern Worcester County, 534 School St., Webster, MA 01570. Visit www.sitkowski-malboeuf.com.

Norman Scheffler, 90



DUDLEY — Norman Scheffler, 90, passed peacefully on Jan. 6, at the home of his son, David. He leaves his wife of 66 years, Irene (Rouleau) Scheffler, his son David Scheffler and his wife Janet (Conti) Scheffler of Webster, two grandchildren, Katherine Scheffler of Hull, and Thomas Scheffler, of Newton. He also leaves his sister Jeanette (Scheffler) Stefanov and her husband Eddie, his brother John Scheffler and his wife Barbara. He is preceded in death by his two older brothers Raymond and Edgard Scheffler. He also leaves several nieces and nephews. Norman was born in Webster, the son of John and Arzelia (Provost) Scheffler. He graduated from Bartlett High School. Norman proudly served his country during World War II enlisting in the Merchant Marines and then

the Armed Forces. He worked at Webster Lens in Webster for more than 20 years. The second half of his career was spent managing the facilities department for the Dudley Charlton Regional School district. His family would like to thank the great staff at UMass Memorial Hospital for their care and attention. They also wish to express their gratitude to the wonderful team at Central Mass Hospice for their efforts and kindness enabling Norman to pass gracefully at home. Calling hours were held on Sunday, Jan. 8, Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel, 33 Schofield Ave., in Dudley. A funeral Mass was held at St. Louis Church, 14 Lake Street in Webster on Monday, Jan. 9. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Dudley. Visit www.bartelfuneralhome.com.



Robert W. Stone, 88



NORTH OXFORD — Robert W. Stone, 88, died Wednesday, Jan. 4, at UMass Memorial Medical Center – Memorial Campus in Worcester. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Theresa A. (LeBlanc) Stone of North Oxford; two children, Gerald W. Stone of New York City, N.Y., and Sharon M. Mazurek of Oxford; a grandson, Ian Mazurek of New York City, N.Y.; two heart sons, Donald Jolly of Sutton and John Sennhauser of New York City, NY; and many nephews and nieces. He was born in Oxford, son of the late William and Ethel (Stone) Stone, and was a lifelong resident of Oxford. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, serving aboard the U.S.S. Wright.

Mr. Stone was a purchasing agent at Boston Digital for 5 years, retiring in 1992. He was a member of St. Ann’s Church in North Oxford. Mr. Stone coached baseball in Oxford and was a Boy Scout leader. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 4241 in Oxford and was a volunteer firefighter for the Oxford Fire Department. He was a member of the Greendale Men’s Club in Worcester. A funeral Mass was held Saturday, Jan. 7, at St. Ann’s Church, 652 Main St., North Oxford. Military burial followed at North Cemetery in Oxford. There were no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, c/o St. Ann’s Church, P.O. Box 488, North Oxford, MA 01537. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements. Visit paradisfuneralhome.com.

Louis A.C. Tella, 50

PUTNAM, Conn. — Louis A.C. Tella, 50, of Putnam, Conn., died Thursday, Jan. 5, at Day Kimball Hospital. He leaves his wife of 26 years, Kellee J. (Marschall) Tella of Putnam; a son, Anthony Tella of Putnam; two daughters, Lauren Fierro of Lowell and Brittney Tella of Putnam; a brother, Joseph Tella of Southbridge; five sisters, Theresa Chubbs of Delaware, Tina Doyle of Putnam, Anna Connely of Delaware, Jennifer Parmella of Southbridge and Jessica Foss of Maine; seven grandchildren. He also leaves his mother Betty (Walls) Tella Edward of

Southbridge. He was born in Putnam, son of the late Anthony Tella and lived in Putnam most of his life. He was a truck driver for Latourneau Trucking. He enjoyed fishing and motorcycles. There are no calling hours. Funeral services will be announced at a later date. Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street, Webster, has been entrusted with arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may light a candle or post a message of condolence.

Edward Wisniewski, 73

DUDLEY — Edward Wisniewski, 73, died Thursday, Dec. 29, in Harrington Healthcare at Hubbard. He leaves his wife of 47 years, Zofia (Miecielica) Wisniewski; 3 children, Dorothy Murzycki of Dudley, Ursula M. Zdrok and her husband David of Webster, and Daniel E. Wisniewski of Dudley; 2 grandchildren, Julia Catherine Zdrok and Matthew David Zdrok; a brother, Jurek Wisniewski and his wife Helena of Farmington, Conn.; a sister, Irena Goracy of New Britain, Conn.; nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his brother, Marian Wisniewski. He was born and raised in Bystry, Poland, a son of Wacław and Aleksandra (Dzienieśewska) Wisniewski. He graduated from a trade school in Gdansk. He moved to Dudley in 1965. Mr. Wisniewski was first a butcher

at New Way Market in Southbridge. He then worked as a machine operator at Concord Wire Company in Worcester before retiring in 2003. He was a communicant of Saint Andrew Bobola Church and a former member of the Worcester Teamsters Union. He enjoyed tending his annual garden, mushroom picking, fishing and the outdoors in general. He cherished the time he spent with his grandchildren. The funeral was held Monday, Jan. 2, from the Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School St., Webster, with a Mass in Saint Andrew Bobola Church, 54 West Main Street. Burial was in St. Joseph Garden of Peace, Webster. Visitation was held Sunday, Jan. 1, in the funeral home. Visit www.sitkowski-malboeuf.com.

Ronald A. Salmonson Jr., 54



DUDLEY — Ronald A. Salmonson Jr., 54, of Kennedy Drive, died unexpectedly on Thursday, Dec. 29, in his home. He is survived by his wife of eight years, Jamy A. (Bostock) Salmonson of Dudley; his mother, Carolyn M. (Kallio) Salmonson and her partner Earle Gaulzetti of Webster; his son, Ronald A. Salmonson III of Dudley; three stepchildren, Jessica Patenaude of Manville, R.I., Nicholas Skebos of Auburn, and Kristi Skebos of Worcester; his sister, Dawn E. Parker and her husband Kenneth of Worcester; his grandson, Derek Patenaude of Manville, R.I.; his former wife, Donna M. Salmonson of Dudley; four aunts, Linda Luce and her husband Richard of Auburn, Hanna Zajkowski and her husband John of Dudley, Frances Kulak of Venice, Fla., and Mary Johnson and her husband Kenneth of Auburn; his uncle, John Kallio and his partner Sal Luco of Auburn; several cousins; and his beloved dog, Hunter.

He was born in Worcester, son of the late Ronald A. Salmonson Sr., and lived in Oxford and Connecticut before moving to Dudley 17 years ago. He graduated from Oxford High School in 1980 and attended Porter and Chester Institute. Mr. Salmonson was a service technician at Automatic Laundry in West Newton for 17 years. He was a former member of Singletary Rod and Gun Club in Oxford. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing, and hiking. Ron had a great love for his family and would always help anyone in need. He had a big heart, a big laugh, and always had a smile on his face. A funeral service was held Wednesday, Jan. 4, at Bethel Lutheran Church, 90 Bryn Mawr Ave., Auburn. Burial followed at All Faiths Cemetery in Worcester. Calling hours were Tuesday, Jan. 3, at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 9 Erie Dr., Suite 101, Natick, MA 01760. Visit paradisfuneralhome.com.

Joshua M. Spellman, 29



CHARLTON — Joshua M. Spellman, 29, of Charlton, passed away Friday, Dec. 30, at UMass/Memorial Hospital, University Campus in Worcester after sustaining injuries from an automobile accident. He leaves behind his mother, Sheila M. (Ferree) Spellman of Spencer, a brother, Shawn P. Hoffner in Spencer, a half-sister, Heather Spellman of Nebraska, his grandparents, Paul E. and Marie R. Ferree of Charlton, an aunt, Paula Anderson of Gardner and nieces and nephews. Josh was predeceased by a brother, Bruce H. Hoffner, who died in Aug. 28, 2015. He was born in Worcester May 26,

1987, and was raised in Charlton and graduated from Bay Path Regional Vocational High School in 2006. He played baseball, basketball, football, and was named All Star on the school’s baseball team. Josh also enjoyed fishing and soccer. He worked at METSO-Co. in Worcester as a machinist. Memorial calling hours for Joshua were held Sunday, Jan. 8, at the Robert J. Miller-Charlton Funeral Home, 175 Old Worcester Rd. A Mass of Christian Burial was Monday, Jan. 9, in St. Joseph’s Church, 10 H. Putnam Rd., Ext. in Charlton. Burial followed in Notre Dame Cemetery, 162 Webster St., Worcester. An online guest book, or to share a memory of Joshua, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net.

Shannon Noelle Sullivan, 50



NORTH OXFORD — Shannon Noelle (Sinders) Sullivan, 50, of Chestnut Hill Road, died Wednesday, Jan. 4, at UMass Memorial Medical Center – Memorial Campus, after a courageous fight with ovarian cancer for several years, which she valiantly fought with dignity and strength. She is survived by her husband of 21 years, Thomas W. Sullivan of North Oxford; two children, Erin Rose Sullivan and William Marcus Sullivan, both of North Oxford; her mother, Sherri Lyn Sindors of McPherson, Kansas; her grandmother, Beverly Rose Oberly of McPherson, Kansas; two sisters, Stacey L. Peloso of Hamden, Conn., and Melody N. McFarren and her husband Donald of Chittenden, Vt.; her best friend, Brodie Sullivan; many nephews, nieces, and a large extended family. She was predeceased by her father, Marcus Earl Sindors; and her brother-in-law, Christopher Peloso. She was born in Lima, Ohio, and lived in North Oxford for the past 25 years. She graduated from Trumbull High School in Trumbull, Conn., in 1985, and attended the University of Connecticut.

Mrs. Sullivan worked in the restaurant industry for many years. Most recently, she worked at Isador’s Deli in Oxford. She will be remembered most as a dedicated wife and mother. She coached Oxford Youth Soccer, baseball, softball, was a Girl Scout leader, volunteered extensively at her children’s schools, and never missed one of her children’s activities. She was a legendary culinary artist and prepared the best meals around the holidays. She was dedicated to the success and happiness of her children and will be greatly missed by all. The family would like to thank the nurses and staff at Memorial Hospital South 5 for their exceptional care during her numerous visits, as well as Dr. Behmer and Dr. Hughes for their care and comfort. A funeral service was held Friday, Jan. 6, at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. Burial will be private at a later date at St. Roch’s Cemetery. Calling hours were Thursday, Jan. 5, and again on Friday prior to the service, at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the McAuley Nazareth Home for Boys, 77 Mulberry St., Leicester, MA 01524, or to a charity of one’s choice. Visit paradisfuneralhome.com.

Richard Raymond Thibodeau, 75



PENSACOLA, Fla. — Richard “Dick” Raymond Thibodeau, 75, of Pensacola, Fla., passed away Monday, Dec. 26, at West Florida Hospital after a brief battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Karen L. (Ellis) Thibodeau; four children Paula (Thibodeau) Ingel of Spencer, Debra (Thibodeau) Domantas and her husband Vincent of Holden, Bryan Thibodeau of Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., daughter Ashley (Thibodeau) DiPasquale of Yorktown, Va., six grandchildren, Johnathan Domantas, Troy Ingel, Sydney Ingel Kristina Domantas Nicholas DiPasquale and Jacob DiPasquale. He was born in Fitchburg, the son of the late Anthony R and the late Anita C. (Bourgeois) Thibodeau. Dick lived many years in Fitchburg and Dudley. He attended Fitchburg High School and earned an Associate’s Degree from Worcester Jr. College. He also served in the Marine Corps from Aug. 14, 1959 to Aug. 13, 1963.

HeretiredfromPaul Revere Insurance in Worcester as a Computer Software Programmer and also retired from BMC Software. In 2009 they moved to Pensacola, Fla. Dick was a member of St. Joseph’s Cadets Drum and Bugle Corps of Fitchburg growing up. He enjoyed travelling and camping with his family, off-roading in his Jeep, tinkering with home projects, playing cards with his wife, and making everyone chuckle at his jokes. He was truly loved by everyone he met. A Mass of Christian burial was held Monday, Jan. 2, at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 24 Dudley Hill Rd., Dudley. Burial will be in St. Anthony Cemetery, Webster. Calling hours were Saturday, Dec. 31, at Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel, 33 Schofield Ave., Dudley, www.bartelfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers please make a donation in Dicks name to St. Jude’s Research and the National Pancreatic Cancer Foundation.



OBITUARIES

Charles G. Brezny, 70



DUDLEY — Charles G. Brezny, 70, of Dudley, and a former Dudley selectman, died Friday, Dec. 30, at UMass Memorial Medical Center – University Campus of Worcester, with his wife at his side.

He leaves his wife of 42 years Denise Dru (Cannava) Brezny, two sons, Brian Brezny, of Dudley, and Charles J. Brezny, who died in 1994, his three daughters, Donna Larsen, of Smyrna, Del., and her husband David, Diana Perez of Trenton, N.J., and her husband Eddie, Denise M Britz of Congers, N.Y., six grandchildren, Eric Larsen, Lindsey Larsen, Eddie Perez, Stephanie (Lucky) Perez, Adam Perez, Josef Britz, and one great granddaughter, Alexis Larsen, niece Kathy Caravonna and her husband Ronald, nephew Billy Martin.

He was predeceased by a sister, Barbara Brezny.

He was born in Manhattan, N.Y., son of the late Charles and Olga(Kladek) Brezny. He was a 15-year veteran of the New York City Police Department (NYPD)receiving 20 citations for exceptional police duty and bravery, including one for heroism. He is enrolled as a lifetime member of the elite Honor Legion of Police for New York City.

He graduated from John Jay College for criminal justice in New York with a degree in Management with further education at Columbia University, while serving as a Police Officer, he was the primary training police instructor teaching Police Science, Fire Prevention and Fire Safety courses and developed a disaster plan for the Queensborough Bridge regarding

Manhattan Traffic and Pedestrian Control. At the time of his retirement he was a supervisor to 86 officers.

In 1984 he moved to Dudley. He was a selectman for five years, serving one year as chairman. He retired from the Board of Selectman in 2001. Also, he was chairman of the Dudley Conservation Committee, Dudley Ponds Commission, Town's Fence Viewer, member of the Dam Safety Committee, a Little League Coach and a substitute teacher at Bay Path Regional High School.

As a selectman from 1996 to 2001 he started the Thursday evening Open Door Program for the residents. This way, residents could talk to a Selectman on a one-on -one basis when they had a problem needing attention or an answer to a question. This led to the opening of all Town Hall Departments on Thursday evenings. He created the Student Selectman Program, Youth Commission, Photo ID for children, worked on and implemented management policies regarding, liquor stores, auto dealers and junk yard licenses. He was instrumental in the development of the job description for the town administrator. He strongly believed weekly selectman's meeting should be held and residents have the right to question the selectmen on the town's affairs.

After 15 years of pain and suffering, he is free of pain and suffering and is in Heaven with God. Services will be held privately in Corbin Cemetery in Dudley.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made for cancer research.

Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel, 33 Schofield Ave., Dudley, is directing arrangements.

Visit www.bartelfuneralhome.com.

Emily Irene Dabrowski, 17



C H A R L T O N — Emily Irene Dabrowski, 17, passed away on Friday, Jan. 6, in the UMass Medical Center, University Campus, Worcester, from rare complications related to mononucleosis.

She leaves her father, David W. Dabrowski and his fiancé Lori Gooch of Charlton; her mother, Diane M. (Carpentier) Dabrowski and her companion Peter Rotondo of Charlton; her brother, Joseph E. Dabrowski of Charlton; her step-brother, Calvin Fullerton of Charlton; her step-sister, India Fullerton of Charlton; her paternal grandmother, Irene (Borowski) Dabrowski of Oxford; her maternal grandparents; Armand and Irene (Niehues) Carpentier of Charlton; 11 aunts and uncles, Eric Dabrowski, Paul Dabrowski, Karen Monahan, Linda O'Neil, Paul Carpentier, Michelle Leufstedt, John Carpentier, Julie Carpentier and David Carpentier; and many cousins.

She was predeceased by her paternal grandfather, Louis Dabrowski.

Emily was born in Worcester on Jan. 21, 1999.

Emily's life should be celebrated for the beauty, kindness, and humor she brought to all who knew her. She

had a deep passion for the orphaned children of Haiti, where she volunteered annually, was symbolic of her unselfish depth of character. She was a senior at Shepherd Hill High School and planned to attend college in the fall to further her plans to help others. Always active outdoors, Em loved lake sports, hiking, and snowboarding. She was a talented volleyball player for Shepherd Hill High School and Eastern Connecticut Volley Ball Club. She was a proud employee of D'Angelo sandwich shop in Auburn. Em will be deeply missed by her dozens of friends, teachers, coaches, the "Polish Posse" girls, and especially by her loving and close-knit family.

Her funeral Mass was held on Wednesday, Jan. 11, in St. Joseph's Church, 10 H. Putnam Rd. Ext., Charlton. Burial will be in West Ridge Cemetery, Charlton. Calling hours for Emily were held in St. Joseph's Church on Tuesday, Jan. 10.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in memory of Emily to help the children of Haiti by giving to Free the Kids, 5704 W. Market St. #8947, Greensboro, NC 27419 or online at www.freethekids.org.

The Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, is directing arrangements.

Visit www.morrillfuneralhome.com.

Robert P. Johnson, 83



CHARLTON — Robert P. Johnson, 83, passed away Thursday, Dec. 29, at the Overlook Health Care Center.

His wife of 46 years, Claire Y. (Cote) Johnson died Aug. 16, 2012.

He is survived by a son, Keith A. Johnson and his wife Kym of Charlton, a daughter, Cheryl A. Tremblay and her husband Jeffrey of Holden, five grandchildren, two sisters, Laura Chaput of Northborough and Claire Kirkpatrick of Worcester.

Bob was born in Worcester, Oct. 8, 1933, a son of the late Aaron P. and Lillian (Bonin) Johnson and lived here many years.

He was a graduate of St. John's High School in Shrewsbury and also a grad-

uate of the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester. For many years he was a Certified Public Accountant.

Bob was a member of St. Joseph's Church.

Most of all, he will be remembered as a quiet family man.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Thursday, Jan. 5, at St. Joseph's Church, 10 H-Putnam Rd., Ext. in Charlton, followed by burial next to his beloved wife in West Ridge Cemetery.

Calling hours were Wednesday, Jan. 4, at the Robert J. Miller-Charlton Funeral Home, 175 Old Worcester Rd.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be made to: St. Joseph's Church. P.O. Box 338, Charlton City, MA 01508.

An online guest book, or to share a memory, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net.

Esther R. Lavoie, 85

DUDLEY — Esther R. (Piechota) Lavoie of Dudley, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 28, in Harrington Hospital in Southbridge.

She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Norman B. Lavoie; her daughter Jayne E. Dodge and husband Bruce of Dudley; her son Brian E. Lavoie and wife Lisa of Dudley; four grandchildren, Matthew, Chelsea, Katie and Eric and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by three brothers Joseph Piechota, John H. Piechota and Walter Piechota and three sisters Josephine Trojanowski, Stasia Libera and Charlotte Waliszewski.

She was born in Webster on July 31, 1931, the daughter of Kazimierz and Maria (Faryniarz) Piechota. She graduated from Bartlett High School,

Webster in 1950. She was a member of Sacred Heart Parish in Webster.

She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, homemaker and friend. She enjoyed spending time in Marco Island, Fla., and on Webster Lake.

Her funeral was held on Saturday, Dec. 31, with a Mass in Sacred Heart Parish, 18 East Main St., Webster. Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Webster Emergency Medical Services, P.O. Box 869, Webster, or Sacred Heart Parish, 18 East Main St, Webster. There were no calling hours.

Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel, 33 Schofield Ave., Dudley, is directing arrangements.

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Louis J. Brozyna, 79

BOYNTON BEACH, Fla. — Louis J. Brozyna, 79, of Boynton Beach and formerly of Wilmington and Webster, passed away on Dec. 28.

He is survived by his loving wife Donnamarie (Ennis) Brozyna; his son Bruce Brozyna and his wife Christina, of Plainville; daughter LoriAnn Burgomaster and her husband Thomas, of Westford; daughter Barbara LeBlanc and her husband Stephen, of Peabody; predeceased by daughter Susan Carroll, survived by her husband Robert Carroll; brother Paul Brozyna and his wife Marilyn, of Ashford, Conn.; 11 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Calling hours were held Monday, Jan. 2, at the Lorne & Sons Funeral Home, 745 N.E. 6th Avenue, Delray Beach. A funeral mass was celebrated at St. Vincent Ferrer, 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach, Fla., on Tuesday, Jan. 3, with burial following at the South Florida National VA Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Minuteman Home Care, Brozyna Memorial Fund, at 24 Third Ave, Burlington, MA 01803.

A memorial celebration will be held in Massachusetts. Date information to follow, and will be posted on the Lorne & Sons Funeral Home (www.Lorneandsons.com) webpage for Louis Brozyna's obituary.

Frederick P. Deveau Jr., 76



D A Y V I L L E , Conn. — Frederick Paul Deveau passed away on Nov. 26, in Hartford Hospital, after a brief illness with his family by his side.

He leaves his wife of 54 years,

Stephanie (Ciappenelli) Deveau, two children a daughter Michelle, wife of Kenneth LaPlume of Milford, N.H., son Paul Deveau of Dayville, Conn., and his companion Christine Doherty of Tewksbury, four grandchildren, Matthew Deveau, of Keene, N.H., and his companion Missy Morgan, Delia Kemp and spouse of Webster, Jordan Cournoyer, of Imlay City, Mich., and her companion Ryan Wood, Dakota Cournoyer of Orlando, Fla., two sisters, Barbra Guyette of Southbridge, and her husband, Fred Guyette, and LuAnne McElroy and her husband Mac McElroy, three brothers, Niles Deveau, of Woodstock, Conn., and wife Bonnie Deveau. James Kaczmarek of Woodstock, Conn., and his companion Renee Aantcil.

A brother, Raymond Kaczmarek,

predeceased him in 1997. He also leaves several nieces and nephews. He leaves longtime friends Jerry Canty and Paul (Lefty) Lonnergan, of Webster, and also his beloved cat Miss Kitty.

Fred was born in Southbridge in 1940 to the late Vivian Knowles Deveau Kaczmarek and Frederick Deveau, of Southbridge.

Fred served honorably in the United States Air Force and also served in the Korean Conflict. He flew Cessna aircraft, he was a certified CNA of Massachusetts, he worked for American Optical until its closing and at Frito lay in Dayville as a cook until his retirement in 2004. He was an avid sports fan and had a passion for the New England Patriots and Red Sox. He also enjoyed day trips to the Rhode Island coast and Mohegan Sun casino.

A celebration of his life will be at the convenience of the family.

Donations in his name can be made to the Disabled Veterans of Connecticut.

Stasia B. Kawiaka, 92



WEBSTER — Stasia B. (Jolda) Kawiaka, 92, died Saturday, Dec. 31, at home.

Her husband of 46 years, Theodore F. "Ted" Kawiaka, died in 2011.

She leaves a daughter, Susan M. & her husband Michael R. Levesque of Putnam, Conn.; three grandchildren, Briana Patriarca, Richard Patriarca and Michael Levesque; a great-grandson, Pierce Patriarca; a sister, Genevieve Kowalski of North Fort Myers, Fla.; nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, William Jolda, Edward Jolda and Louis Jolda and by her sister, Michaeline Bonczek.

She was born in Webster, a daughter of Adam J. and Mary R. (Baron) Jolda. She was a graduate of Bartlett High

School, class of 1942.

Mrs. Kawiaka worked at Bates Shoe retiring to devote her time to raising her daughter.

She was a communicant of Saint Joseph Basilica. She enjoyed crocheting and dining out. She treasured the time she spent with her grandchildren and great grandson to them she was so much more than a grandmother.

The funeral was held Thursday, Jan. 5, from the Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School St., Webster, with a Mass in Saint Joseph Basilica, 53 Whitcomb Street. Burial was in St. Joseph Garden of Peace, Webster. A calling period was held Thursday morning before the funeral in the funeral home.

The family requests donation in her name be made to Saint Joseph Basilica or to Saint Joseph School, both 53 Whitcomb Street, Webster, MA 01570.

Visit www.sitkowski-malboeuf.com.

Annette Plazeski, 94



WEBSTER — Annette (Bonnette) Plazeski, 94, went to be with our Lord Wednesday, Jan. 4, in Webster Manor after a period of declining health. Her husband of 24 years, Edward J. Plazeski, died in 1965.

She leaves her daughter, Pier M. Cutler and her husband Paul H. Cutler of Webster; her son, Paul E. Plazeski of South Portland, Maine; four grandchildren, Emily Cutler and Kaitlyn Cutler, both of Webster, Kristin Plazeski and her companion Matt Fickett of South Portland, Maine, David Plazeski and his wife Michele of Falmouth, Maine; and a great-granddaughter, Katherine Plazeski. Her brother Cleo Bonnette died in 1965.

She was born on Jan. 16, 1922, in Webster, a daughter of Agapit and Desanges (Henault) Bonnette and lived

here all her life.

Mrs. Plazeski worked as a retailclerk at Dugan's Drug Store, at Bugbee's Clothing Store and at the A.M. Kouri Company, where she was employed 27 years before retiring in 1995.

She was a member of Saint Louis Church and a weekly adoror at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. She enjoyed traveling and dancing in her younger years.

The funeral will be held Friday, Jan. 13, at 10 a.m. in Saint Louis Church, 14 Lake Street (please meet at the church). Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery. There are no calling hours.

Donations in her name may be made to the Alzheimer's Support Network, P.O. Box 839, Southbridge, MA 01550-0839. Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski & Malboeuf funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster.

Visit www.sitkowski-malboeuf.com.

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your kiss, your warm embrace tucked in my heart, my treasured keepsakes

I loved you then, I love you today

Time may pass, life carries on these treasured memories to
keep me strong and when my sunset comes to stay. I'll take
your hand, you'll show me the way

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<p>SOLD</p> <p>THOMPSON - 449 E Thompson Rd! 6 Rm Contemp! Beautiful! 1.5 Acres! Appliances Kit w/Quartz Counters, Cherry Cabinets, Breakfast Bar! Formal Din Rm! Cathedral Ceiling Liv Rm w/Frplc! Master w/Walk-in Closets, Private Deck & Full Bath! 3 Bdrms! 2.5 Baths! C/Vac! Mitsubishi A/C! Wired for Generator! 2 Car Garage! 2 Sheds! \$299,900.00</p>	<p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>WEBSTER - 52 Upland Ave! 6 Rm Cape! Spacious Appliances Eat-in Kit! Formal Din Rm or 3rd Bdrn w/Hrds & Built-ins! Frplc Liv Rm w/Hrds! Fr! Den or Office! 1/2 Bath on Main Level! 2 Oversized Bdrms w/Hrds on 2nd Flr! Full Bath! Mud Rm! Full Walk-out Basement! Rear Patio! Immediate Occupancy! \$154,900.00</p>	<p>SOLD</p> <p>DUDLEY - 43 Mason Rd! Remodeled 7 Rm Ranch! Appliances Eat-in Kit! Quartz Counters, Breakfast Bar & Tile Flr! Large Frplc Liv Rm w/Hrds! Din Area w/Hrds! 3 Bdrms w/Hrds! 2 Full Exceptional Bathrooms! Fam Rm Office! Security! Oil Heat! AG Pool! Trex Deck! Shed! 2 Car Garage! \$264,900.00</p>	<p>SOLD</p> <p>SUTTON - 58 Stone School Rd! Easy Access! Rte 148! 7 Rm Colonial! 1.22 Acres! Farmers Porch! Appliances Kit w/Din Area, Tile Flr, Slider to Deck! Din Rm w/Hrds, Custom Wood Ceiling w/Crown! Frplc Liv Rm w/Hrds! Office w/Hrds! 3 Bdrms! 13X25 Master! 2 Baths! \$294,900.00</p>	<p>SOLD</p> <p>DUDLEY - 7 Kayla Lane! 8 Rm Colonial Set On 1.84 Acres! Appliances Granite Kit! Frplc Dining Rm! Living Rm w/Hrds! Cathedral Ceiling Family Rm! 3 Bedrooms! Spacious Master, Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! 1st Floor Laundry! Farmers Porch! Deck! Attached 2 Car Garage! \$359,900.00</p>	<p>NEW LISTING</p> <p>WEBSTER - New England Commons! Adult 55+! 2 Bdrms! 1 to 2 Baths! Master! Appliances! Granite! Hrds, Tile & Carpet! Basements! Garage! C/Air! Security! Community Center! Walking Trails! Low Fees! Convenient! From \$234,900.00</p>	<p>SOLD</p> <p>DUDLEY - 4 Cross St! Newly Renovated 6 Rm Cape! Appliances Granite Kit w/Tile Flr! Picture Din & Spacious Liv Rm w/Hrds! New Bath w/Marble Shower & Tile Flr! 1st Flr Master! 2nd Flr w/2 Bdrms w/Walk-in Closets! 3 Season Sunrm! NEW Furnace, Plumbing & Electric! \$149,900.00</p>	<p>NEW PRICE</p> <p>SOUTHBRIDGE - 32 Glenview Ave! Custom 6 Rm Contemp! Open Kit & Din w/Cathedral & Skylight! Liv Rm w/Pellet Stove, Slider to Deck! 1st Flr Master w/Private Deck! 3 Bdrms! 2 Baths! Finished Lower Level w/LP Frplc! New Kit Cabinets, Counters & Roof 2014! \$249,500.00</p>
<p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>WEBSTER - 17 Fort Hill Rd! Looking 30 ACRES OF PRIVACY & SERENITY! 5 Rm Ranch! Eat-in Kit w/Updated Cabinets! Formal Din Rm! Liv Leads to Screened-in Porch Overlooking Pond! 2 Large Bdrms! Updated Bath! Full Basement w/Laundry! 2 Car Detached Garage! Oil Heat! Gas Hot Water! \$274,900.00</p>	<p>SOLD</p> <p>WEBSTER - 129 Lower Gore Rd! 6 Rm Split! Immediate Occupancy! 1.5 Acres of Privacy! Appliances Eat-in Kit w/Tile Flr! Din Area w/Sliders to Deck! Liv Rm w/Neoprene! 3 Bdrms w/Wall to Wall! 1.5 Baths! 6 Panel Doors! Newer Furnace! Town Services! 2 Sheds! \$219,900.00</p>	<p>SOLD</p> <p>WEBSTER - 26 Pepka Dr! 7 Room 1,790' Ranch! SS Appliances Kit & Din Area w/Tile Floor! Formal Din Rm & Liv Rm w/Hrds! Family Rm! 3 Bdrms w/Hrds! Master w/Bath & Walk-in Closet! 2 Full Tile Baths! Huge Basement! Patio! Circular Drive! Great Yard! \$219,900.00</p>	<p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>WEBSTER - 24 Upland Ave! 6 Rm Cape w/Full Dornier! Convenient Location! Appliances Eat-in Kit w/Updated Cabinets & Ceiling Fan! Formal Din & Liv Rms w/Carpet Over Hrds! 1st Master w/Hrds! 3 Bdrms! 1.5 Baths! Oil Heat! Town Services! Gas Avail! Vinyl Siding! Garage! \$169,900.00</p>	<p>NEW LISTING</p> <p>WEBSTER - 13 Crown St! Conveniently Located 2 Family! 5.5 Rms! 2/2 Bdrms! 2/1 Baths! Ideal 1st Flr Appliances Eat-in Kit! 15X26 Frplc Liv Rm/Din Rm Combo! 2 Full Baths, Master Bath! Spacious 2nd Flr, 5 Rms! Eat-in Pantry Kit, Din & Liv Rms! Detached Garage! Off Street Parking! \$199,900.00</p>	<p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>DUDLEY - 174 Klondike Rd! Pierpont Meadow Waterfront! West Facing! Beautiful Sunsets! Full Recreational! Cozy Yr Rd Getaway! Remodeled! Appliances Kit w/Hrds! Cathedral Ceiling Liv Rm w/Frplc & Hrds! 1 Bdrml! Updated Bath! Heated Sunroom Overlooking Water! Recent Electrical, Plumbing, Well & Septic! \$199,900.00</p>	<p>NEW PRICE</p> <p>WEBSTER - 36 North Main St! 6 Room Cape Cabinet Packed Kitchen w/Dining Area! Living Room w/Wall to Wall! Den w/Wall A/C! 1st Floor Bedroom! 3/4 Bedrooms! 1.5 Baths! Recent Roof! Furnace! Will be Updated to Circuit Breakers! Nice Back Yard! Off Street Parking! \$89,900.00</p>	<p>NEW PRICE</p> <p>WEBSTER - 9-11 Lyndale Ave! 8 Rm Colonial w/Greenhouses! Eat-in Kitchen! Formal Dining Room Open to Living Rm w/Wood Floors! Full Bath! Den w/Hrds! 4 Large Bedrooms on 2nd Floor! Nice Level Lot! Walking Distance to Center of Webster! Town Services! Rte. 301! Near! Walk to Schools & Churches! \$114,900.00</p>
<p>NEW PRICE</p> <p>WOODSTOCK - 1420 Route 169! Custom Built 10 Rm 3,154' Colonial Set on 5 Secluded Acres! Grand Entry Foyer! 9th Ceiling! Loads of Upgrades! Appliances Kitchen w/Huge Granite Island! Formal Dining w/Hrds! Fireplaced Family Room! Master Suite! 4 Bdrms & 2.5 Baths! C/Air! 2 Car Garage! \$389,900.00</p>	<p>SOLD</p> <p>WOODSTOCK - 291 E Quasset Rd! WAPPAQUASSET "QUASSET" POND! Hidden 88 Acre Recreational Gem! Woodstock Fairgrounds Near! Yr Rd or 2nd Home! 6 Rm Ranch! 152' Waterfront! 34,848' Lot! Appliances Kit! Frplc Fam Rm! 2 Bdrms! Full Bath! A/C! Garage! \$259,900.00</p>	<p>NEW PRICE</p> <p>DUDLEY - 9 Chestnut St Unit 221 "Stonegate" Conveniently Located! Freshly Painted 4 Rm 2 Bdrn Condo! Appliances Eat-in Kit w/Pantry Closet, Tile Counter, Dble Sink & Ceiling Fan! Liv Rm w/Wall A/C & Flat Panel TV! Full Bath! Electric Heat & Hot Water! Storage! 2 Parking Spaces! Coin Op Laundry! \$64,900.00</p>	<p>SOLD</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 71 Birch Island! 7 Rm Colonial w/Lake Views from Every Rm! Hrds in Din/Liv & Master Bdrml! 3 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! Walkout Lower Level Fam Rm! 239' Waterfront! New Metal Roof! 2 Car Attached Garage & 3 Car Detached w/2nd Flr! Needs to be Seen to Appreciate Everything it Could Be! \$674,900.00</p>	<p>SOLD</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 402 Treasure Island! Townhouse! 6 Rms! 1,874' Hardwood Floors! Appliances! Open Floor Plan! 2 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! Frplc Fam Rm! C/Air! Gas Heat! Recent Trex Deck! Garage! 2 BOAT SLIPS! Heated Pool! Sandy Beach! \$299,900.00</p>	<p>SOLD</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 701 Treasure Island! Townhouse End Unit! 6Rms, 2 Bdrms, Master Bath, 2.5 Baths! Total! New LG Stainless Appliances! Din Rm w/Sliders to Deck! Frplc Fam Rm w/Sliders to Patio! New C/Air! Garage w/Storage! 2 BOAT SLIPS! Heated Pool! Sandy Beach! \$284,900.00</p>	<p>SOLD</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 46 Pt Pleasant Rd! Middle Pond - Southern Expo! 8 Rm Custom Cape! Open Flr Plan! Fully Appliances w/Launch Counter! Lake Facing Brick Frplc Liv Rm, Din Rm & Fam Rm! 19' Master! 4 Bdrms, 2 Lake Facing! 2 Baths! Huge Trex Deck! Buderus 52 Oil Heat! \$449,900.00</p>	<p>SOLD</p> <p>CHARLTON - South Charlton Reservoir! 302C Partridge Hill Rd! Full Recreational! 75' Waterfront! West Expo - Beautiful Sunsets! 6 Rm Ranch! Great Water Views! Open Flr Plan w/Cathedral, Skylights, Frplc! 2 Baths! Fam Rm! Garage! Sandy Shore, Great Swimming! Dock! \$329,900.00</p>
<p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 82 Lakeside Ave! South Pond! Prime 157' Waterfront w/Western Expo! Beautiful Sunsets! Panoramic Lake Views! 10+ Rm, 4 Bdrn, 4.5 Bath, A/C'd, 3,832' Custom Colonial! Technical/Electrical Marvel! 2 Story Grand Entry! Fully Appliance Lake Facing Quartz Kit w/2 Dishwashers, Heated Flr & Pantry! Spacious Din Area w/Custom Wall Unit & Slider to the Waterfront Deck w/Elect Awning! Frplc Liv Rm w/Entertainment Center! Din Rm w/Trey Ceiling! 1st Flr Lake Facing Master w/Trey Ceiling, Walk-in Closet, Full Bath w/Dble Vanity, Whirlpool & Corner Shower! Upstairs 3 Comfortable Bdrms, 2 Lake Facing, both connect to a Full Bath, the 3rd has its Own Full Bath & Walk-in Closet! Walkout Lower Level Lake Facing Fam Rm w/2nd Kit, Cedar Sauna & Full Bath! Separate Utility Rm & Workshop! 3 Car Attached Garage! Detached 1 Car Garage! Security System! LP Gas Whole House Generator! Boat House that Auto Draws Boat Out of the Water, Launches It on a Rail System! Weather Station! Well Irrig System! See/Ask For All Attachments! \$1,195,900.00</p>	<p>NEW PRICE</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE COMPOUND! 2 Checkerberry Isl! Private 2.09 Acre Waterfront Peninsula Estate! Park Like Grounds! 2,800' 8 Rm Colonial Main House w/Lake Views from Most Windows! SS Appliances Granite Kit! Din Area w/Tile Flr! Lake Facing 38' Din/Liv Rm w/Frplc, Recessed Lighting & Slider to Wrap Around Deck! French Dr Fam Rm Surrounded by Water! 3 Bdrms! 21' Master w/Cathedral Ceiling, Slider to Private Deck w/Lake Views, Master Bath! 2nd Bath w/Dble Vanity Sinks, 3.5 Baths! Skywalk Attached 750' 4 Rm Guest/In-Law Apartment w/Granite Kit, SS Appliances, Open Din & Liv Rm w/Slider to Lake View Deck, Bdrn, Nice Bathroom! Detached 3 Rm Yr Rd Guest Cottage or Rental Unit w/Kit, Frplc Liv Rm, Bdrn & Bathroom! Enclosed 3 Season Pavilion Great for Entertaining! Tree Lined Private Drive! Rolling Lawn! Decks! Patios! Ideal Dock Setup! Boat Ramp! For the Discerning Buyer! \$1,449,900.00</p>	<p>SOLD</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 17 Lakeview Rd! Middle Pond - Reid Smith Cove! West Exposure - Sunsets! 100' Level Waterfront! 7 Rm Yr Rd or Ideal 2nd Home! Enjoy Music from Indian Ranch - Free! Fantastic 12,298' Flat Lot w/Plenty of Space for Outside Enjoyment! 2 Docks! 3 Bdrms! 1.5 Baths! \$489,900.00</p>	<p>SOLD</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 36 Laurelwood Dr! Magnificent Lake Property! 75 Acres! Western Expo - Beautiful Sunsets! Frplc Liv Rm! Kit w/SS Appliances! Din Rm! 4 Bdrms! 2 Baths! 3 Car Garage! Mahogany Deck! Cabana! Sandy Beach! New Dock! Boat Ramp! \$799,900.00</p>	<p>NEW PRICE</p> <p>HOLLAND - Hamilton Reservoir Waterfront! 430 Mashpang Rd! 8 Rm 2,864' Custom Cape! 200' Waterfront, 3.2 Acres, Estate Like Grounds! Situated in a Cove Sheltered from Storms, Idle Out to Main Lake! Grand Entry Foyer! Open Floor Plan! Custom Cherry Kit w/Quartz Isl, SS Appliances, Walk Overs, Pantry Closet & Recessed Lighting! Din Area & Cathedral Ceiling Liv Rm w/Wood Stove Frplc & Pella Sliders to 12x38 Deck w/Electric Awning & 12X18 Screened Porch! 1st Flr Water Facing Master w/Walk-in Closet & Bath w/Granite Dble Vanity & Custom Glass Shower w/Waterhaven Tower! 1st Flr Office w/French Pocket Doors & Custom Desk! Wall! Side Entry Mud Rm w/Custom Desk, Cabinets & Counter w/Sink, Guest Closet, Laundry Closet & Half Bath w/Pedestal Sink! Upstairs 3 Water Facing Bdrms, 2 w/Cathedral! 2nd Full Tile Bath w/Custom Vanity & Linen Closet! Adj! Storage! Full Walkout Basement - New! More Rm! Zoned Hydro Jet! 3 Car Garage! Sheds! Dock! Long Driveway or Direct Access from Shore Dr! Full Recreation Lake! \$799,900.00</p>	<p>NEW PRICE</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 103 Treasure Island! 1,874' Townhouse! Oak Cabinet Kit w/ Breakfast Counter! Formal Din Rm! Frplc Liv Rm! Screened Porch! 1st Flr Master w/Walk-in Closet & Bath! 2.5 Baths! 2nd Level w/2nd Master Bdrn & Bath! C/Air! Attached Garage! 2 Boat Slips! Heated Pool! Sandy Beach! \$269,900.00</p>	<p>SOLD</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 113 Birch Island Rd! Overlooking Middle Pond! Eastern Expo - Beautiful Sunrises! 5 Rm Year Round Waterfront Home! 2 Bdrms! Renovated Kit & Bath! Din Rm! Liv Rm w/Frplc! Listed by Another, SOLD by Century21 Lake Realty! \$285,000.00</p>	<p>SOLD</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 15 South Point Rd! Middle Pond - Panoramic Views! Build Your Waterfront Dream! 100+ of Shoreline! 53'94' Pond Frontage! Land Area 8,147' Town Water & Sewer Available! 2 Docks Already in the Water! Lots on Webster Lake are a Rarity. Don't let this Slip by without Your Consideration! \$189,900.00</p>

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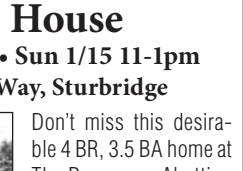
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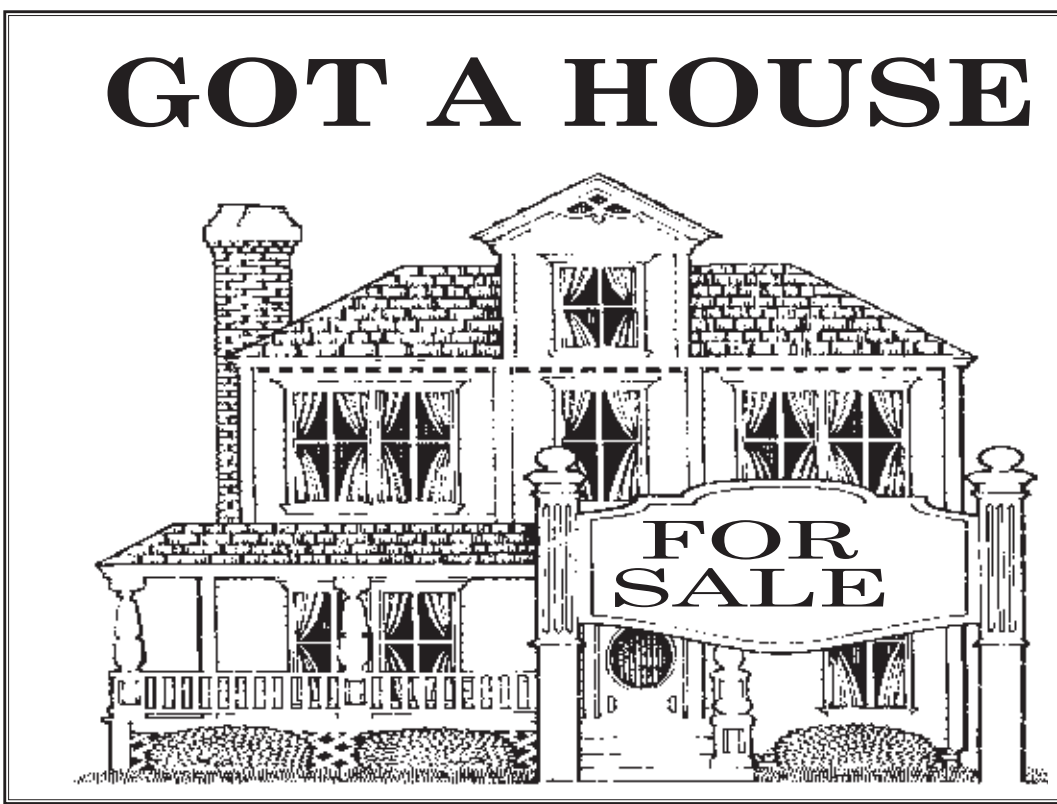
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Saturday, Jan. 21

DUDLEY

The First Congregational Church of Dudley, 135 Center Rd. is having a Pork Roast Dinner on Saturday, Jan. 21. The menu will include pork roast, apple-sauce, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans with bacon, and tossed salad. Dessert will be golden gingerbread with real whipped cream. Servings will be at 5 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. Adults: \$10; Preteens: \$5. Children 5 and under free. Ticket reservations are recommended. Please call MJ at (508) 943-1684. Tickets are also sold at the door. Handicapped accessible.

Thursday, Jan. 26

WEBSTER

Dealing with anxiety, overwhelm, depression, chronic pain, or other health issues? Experiencing feelings of inadequacy or self-doubt? This interactive workshop is for those who want to learn where 99 percent of their stress comes from, how it is impacting their health, and how they can recognize and resolve their symptoms of stress. Brad and Pamela Thompson will introduce groundbreaking information at the Webster Public Library about how the mind impacts the body, and how a simple, self-administered technique can reduce stress in the moment, and prevent its devastating, long-term accumulated affects on health. The workshop will start at 5:30 PM and will be about 90 minutes. This workshop is free, but registration is required, please call 508-949-3880 or visit the Circulation desk to sign up.

Saturday, Jan. 28

OXFORD

Grand Tasting at the VFW on 20 Federal Hill Road, Oxford, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Wine, beer, spirits, food and raffles! Tickets are \$25 per person in advance or \$30 at the door. This is a 21 and over event. All proceeds benefit Oxford High School Operation Graduation 2017. To purchase tickets, please text or call: Michelle Parmenter at 774-276-0606; Kelly McCarthy at 508-439-3650; or Tracey Storey at 617-201-9274.

Saturday, Jan. 28, 5 p.m., Parade of Soups, St. Roch Church Hall, 332 Main Street, Oxford. \$8 per person. Includes a bowl to sample and savor a variety of soups, stews, and chowders. All you can eat! The meal also includes bread, beverage, and dessert. Tickets available at the door. For more information, e-mail joediveglia@hotmail.com.

ONGOING EVENTS

WEBSTER

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

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

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

OXFORD

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

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

Restorative Yoga Saturdays, 8:15-9 a.m., Oxford Community Center, 4 Maple Road, Oxford. Please visit Pinkhippy.org for more information. Restorative Yoga Wednesdays, 6:30-

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

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

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

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

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

DUDLEY

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

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

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

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

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

SOUTHBRIDGE

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

PUTNAM, Conn.

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

POLICE LOGS

Editor's Note: The information contained in these police logs was obtained through either press releases or other public documents kept by each police department, and is considered to be the account of police. All subjects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. If a case is dismissed in court or the party is found to be innocent, The Times, with proper documentation, will update the log at the request of the arrested party.

WEBSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Monday, Dec. 19

Teryn Rae Johnson, 20, of 7 Quaddick Town Farm Road, Thompson, Conn., was charged with OUI liquor, failure to stop for police, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, reckless operation of a motor vehicle, willfully obstructing an emergency vehicle, failure to pull over for an emergency vehicle, person under 21 possession of liquor, possession of an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle, open container of marijuana, speeding in violation of a special regulation, red light violation, two counts of failure to slow at an intersection, failure to slow with an obstructed view, failure to slow on a curve, passing violation, marked lanes violation, disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace, resisting arrest, non-criminal possession of marijuana/THC

Tuesday, Dec. 20

Robert J. Cephas, 24, of 33 Webster St., Fall River, was charged with operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license (subsequent offense), lights violation

Thursday, Dec. 22

Destiny J. Spencer, 32, of 15 Florence St., Putnam, Conn., was arrested on a warrant

Friday, Dec. 23

Amanda L. Androwski, 31, homeless, of Webster, was arrested on a warrant and charged with possession of a class A drug (subsequent offense), possess of a class B drug (subsequent offense)

Sunday, Jan. 1

Juan P. Ramos, 28, of 181 North Main St., Webster, was charged with disorderly conduct, wantonly injuring real or personal property, assault and battery on police officer

Paige M. Bettencourt, 27, of 2 Houghton St., Webster, was charged with assault with dangerous weapon, disorderly conduct

William A. Lowe, 51, of 50 Pleasant St., Apt. 4, Northborough, was arrested on two warrants and charged with shoplifting by asportation, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license (subsequent offense), exhibiting another person's license

Thursday, Jan. 5

Maurice T. Chase, 26, of 1059 Main St., Worcester, was charged with failure to stop for police, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended or revoked license, no inspection/sticker

Friday, Jan. 6

James M. Lamarche, 35, of 65 Myrtle Ave., Apt. 3, Webster, was arrested on a warrant

Saturday, Jan. 7

Michael P. Vear, 33, of 102 Lelandville Road, Charlton, was charged with OUI liquor, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, marked lanes violation

Sunday, Jan. 8

Christian Zapata, 24, of 7 Peach Hill Ave., Apt. 1, North Providence, R.I., was charged with OUI liquor, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, possession of an open container of alcohol in a

motor vehicle

Manixit S. Mann, 21, of 408 School St., Apt. 1, Webster, was arrested on a warrant

DUDLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Saturday, Dec. 24

Kenneth W. Jarosz, 53, of 348 Quinebaug Rd., North Grosvenordale, Conn., was charged with OUI liquor (2nd offense), negligent operation of a motor vehicle, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended or revoked license, failure to drive in right lane, warrant arrest

Thursday, Dec. 29

Anthony Perzichino, 40, of 3 Charlton Rd., Dudley, was charged with operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license (subsequent offense)

Wednesday, Jan. 4

John McKinney, 45, of 4 Perryville Rd., Dudley, was arrested on a Dudley PD warrant and an out of agency warrant

Thursday, Jan. 5

Nicholas M. Rivera, 27, of 3 Barry Ave., Dudley, was arrested on a Dudley PD warrant

Arrest Details: As a result of an investigation into the possible theft of fuel from the Town of Dudley Highway Department, on Thursday, Jan. 5, The Dudley Police Department arrested Mr. Nicholas Rivera, 27, of Dudley. Mr. Rivera is a call firefighter for the Dudley Fire Department.

While on patrol on Monday, Jan. 2, at approximately 4:23 a.m., Dudley Police Sgt. Paul Ceppetelli arrived at the Dudley Highway Department to fuel up his cruiser. This location is gated and locked after normal hours and the fuel pumps are only accessed via spe-

cial keys and access codes. At this time, the sergeant observed Mr. Rivera, and what appeared to be his personal vehicle, parked at the fuel pumps. When questioned about his presence there, he informed the sergeant he was looking for a lost key.

Ceppetelli and Dudley Police Officer James Annese began investigating this matter. Over the course of this week, a review of Town fuel logs, video evidence, and other materials revealed a pattern of conduct where it is alleged gasoline was taken without authorization from the pumps by Mr. Rivera over a period of several months. Early information indicated the thefts dated back to at least September of 2016. This alleged larceny involved several hundred gallons of gasoline valued in excess of \$1,000. As a result of the investigation, a warrant was issued for Mr. Rivera's arrest on Thursday, Jan. 5. He was taken into custody at his home without incident and brought back to the Dudley Police Department for processing. At the time of his arrest, he had fuel pump access keys in his possession. He was held on \$250 cash bail for a court appearance in Dudley District Court this morning. The investigation is on going at this time and further charges and information is anticipated to be available in the near future. Mr. Rivera is being relieved of his duties with the town. The Town of Dudley takes these violations of public trust seriously. The Board of Selectmen and administration has zero tolerance for theft from taxpayers and will not hesitate to hold accountable any employee that abuses their position or authority in such a manner.

Rivera is charged with larceny of property over \$250 by single scheme, breaking and entering in the nighttime, attempting to commit a crime, and receiving stolen property under \$250 (keys).

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NEWS BRIEF

State legislators work with local family on AED bill passage

BOSTON — State Sen. Ryan C. Fattman (R-Webster) and State Rep. Joseph D. McKenna (R-Webster) were aided by Sutton natives John and Luann Ellsesser in pushing legislation that would require schools to have automated external defibrillators and require a staff member to be trained as an AED provider.

Automated external defibrillators are medical devices that analyze heart rhythms and deliver electrical shocks that can help restart the heart and reestablish an effective rhythm during sudden cardiac arrest.

In the closing time window for the bill to pass without restarting the timely legislative process anew, the Ellsesser family worked in conjunction with Fattman and McKenna to move the bill over the finish line to Gov. Charlie Baker’s desk to be signed into law.

“Throughout my first session this bill was the single more important issue I worked on. I’m extremely proud to have played a small part of a very large effort with lots of people that resulted today in legislation to place lifesaving AED’s in every school in Massachusetts,” said McKenna.

The legislation had stalled in the state legislature’s final days of a legislative session, which began in 2014. The Ellsesser family have lost two sons to sudden cardiac arrest, and been vocal proponents of the bill since its inception.

“I am thrilled and honored to have worked with the Ellsesser family on this issue during my tenure at the State House. This law will keep students, faculty, and visitors safe in case of a sudden cardiac event. Additionally, the law was designed to work with schools who may be struggling financially and not further burden them with unfunded mandates,” said Fattman.

The legislation calls on state officials to make available grants and other funding sources that may aid schools in purchasing AEDs.



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From left, Sen. Ryan Fattman, John Ellsesser, Luann Ellsesser, Sen. President Stanley Rosenberg, Rep. Kimberly Ferguson, and Rep. Joseph McKenna.

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OHS cadets continue tradition of volunteerism in big ways

OXFORD — The Naval Junior ROTC (NJROTC) Program at Oxford High is well known for its longstanding tradition of excellence in performance and in community service volunteer efforts. The nationally recognized unit started a third decade of operations this school year and continues to reach impressive benchmarks in one cornerstone element of the special citizenship development program that has been at Oxford High since August 1995.

Over the course of 20 years, Oxford's NJROTC Cadets have averaged over 2,900 hours of community service per year. At the last Area 4 NJROTC In Service Training at Joint Base McGuire in New Jersey, attending instructors learned that cadet service nationwide averaged about 19 hours cadets during last school year. However, Oxford High's Cadets per capita ratio was slightly over 54 hours — 284 percent more than the national average. To date in the new school year, Oxford Pirate cadets have amassed over 1,500 documented hours with less than half of the school year gone.

Cadet annual involvement in volunteerism consistently covers an impressive range of over 20 services and opportunities which span helping the Auburn Lodge of Elks operate a concessions booth during their bingo fundraising operations 52 weeks a year; to conducting multiple environmental cleanups in the Massachusetts Adopt A Highway Program through to unit support of the Oxford Little League Parade, Opening Day Ceremonies, and special events across the region including leading the Celebrate Massachusetts Day Parade at the Big “E”, and leading the

Town of Oxford Veterans' Day and Memorial Day Parades. Further, cadets conduct many annual assists with Oxford American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts including placing over 1200 flags in Oxford cemeteries while preparing for Memorial Day. They also served meals to veterans at the annual Town of Oxford Veterans Recognition Dinner and often help with school cleanup and maintenance projects, helping with many local youth special events, school sporting events and more.

The approach of the holidays always brings increasing needs and this year was no exception as Oxford's intrepid young Pirate's simply ramped up their efforts, including continuation of a long term cadets established six years ago. Over the course of 18 months, cadets conducted a series of Charity Auctions and Raffles at their annual Military Balls, at homecoming, during their formal Navy inspections and end of year award banquets and more recently at the Thanksgiving Home Game. At each raffle, special Patriots and Red Sox sports collectibles were displayed along with hand crafted items resulting from a special relationship between the Oxford Naval Junior ROTC and Vermont Teddy Bears (VTB) near Burlington, Vermont continued.

Since 2010, Vermont Teddy Bears has generously provided many deeply discounted lifetime teddy bears for each Oxford cadet charity raffle when it was learned they were supporting the Oxford Food Shelf – and the 2015-2016 school year was no exception. The ultimate objective of the OHS students' efforts? No unit fundraising effort for over ten years has ever been used to support NJROTC activities and material purchases. Rather cadets have continued a long-standing tradition of donating all money generated at the



Courtesy photo

Volunteers from seven Oxford churches recently joined forces once again in the town's unique Ecumenical Council Holiday Project. For the 20th straight year, cadets from Oxford High School's Naval Junior ROTC Unit carried hundreds of heavy baskets and bags to waiting vehicles in unusually bitter cold. Oxford cadets, led by senior Cadet Connor Pinkham with OHS Principal Ross A. Thibault in attendance, presented a check for \$3,000, generated over 18 months through seven charity fundraiser events, to Council President John Kneeland.

charity fundraisers to the Oxford Food Shelf. Thursday, Dec. 15 saw 28 OHS NJROTC cadets join up with Oxford Ecumenical Council members for the 18th year to lift an estimated 10 tons of food and toys over 5 hours in bitter cold to the vehicles of over 170 needy Oxford families. To cap their largest service outreach of each year, Oxford cadets presented their charity fundraiser check to the tune of \$3000.00 to Mr. John Kneeland, Chairman of the Oxford Ecumenical Council.

“Every dollar donated can generate many times more purchases for the Food Shelf – so the Oxford NJROTC donation is really impressive we are able to obtain four to six times the purchasing power of their original donation. These dedicated kids simply inspire all of us,” Kneeland stated.

Connor Pinkham, a member of the Class of 2017 and the Senior Cadet present led a small contingent of enthusiastic cadets in presenting the group's donation.

“We are excited to deliver this year's donation. The Oxford community's generosity through private donations and grants from the Smolenski-Millette Trust Fund help NJROTC immensely. Our string of community service commitments are the least we can try locally to make a difference while having fun,” said Cadet Pinkham. “Volunteerism has always been a mainstay in our unit without requiring massive commitments of personal time. I am very proud of my Oxford schoolmates who helped in this year's projects to push our six year total of donations to support the Oxford Food Shelf to over \$14,000.”

LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Marcus Antonio Diaz, Laurie Lee Diaz** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. dated February 22, 2005, recorded at the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 35781, Page 23; said mortgage was then assigned to Bank of America, N.A., Successor by Merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP FKA Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP by virtue of an assignment dated January 23, 2012, and recorded in Book 48505, Page 270; and further assigned to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust by virtue of an assignment dated July 10, 2015, and recorded in Book 54033, Page 326; of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at PUBLIC AUCTION at 01:00 PM on **February 7, 2017**, on the mortgaged premises. This property has the address of 11 Dolge Court, Oxford, MA 01540. The entire mortgaged premises, all and singular, the premises as described in said mortgage:

The land in Oxford, Worcester County, Massachusetts, on the southeasterly side of Dolge Court, being shown as Lot 7 on a plan entitled “Land in Oxford and Charlton, on Dolge Terrace and Old Webster Road,” owned by J. E. Murray, Inc., drawn by R.F. Dombrowski, R.L.S., dated April 19, 1985, recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 535, Plan 80, and bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the southeasterly side of Dolge Terrace at the northerly corner of the herein described premises, said point being the most westerly corner of Lot 6 as shown on said plan; THENCE S. 70° 00’ 21” E. by said Lot 6, a distance of 247.22 feet to a point at land now or formerly of St. Germain; THENCE S. 71° 29’ 51” W. by said St. Germain land, 376.32 feet to a point at other land now or formerly of St. Germain; THENCE S. 71° 25’ 32” W. by land now or formerly of Rybicki, a distance of 146.15 feet to a point on the southeasterly side of Dolge Terrace; THENCE N. 46° 24’ 15” E. by said Dolge Terrace, 363.30 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 40.185 square feet of land, more or less, according to said Plan. BUT EXCEPTING Parcel A on a plan entitled “Plan of Land in Oxford, Ma., being conveyed between Escape Estates, Inc. and David E. Stampfli et al,” dated May 20, 1991, Para Land Surveying, Inc., recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book

656 Plan 118. Land in Oxford, Ma, described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the southeasterly side of Dolge Terrace at the most southwesterly corner of the herein described premises, said point being the northwesterly corner of land now or formerly of Stanley M. Rybicki; THENCE North 46° 20’ 59” East, 192.43 feet to a point on Dolge Terrace at land of David E. Stampfli *et ux*; THENCE along a curve to the left having a radius of 10 feet; 15.71 feet to a point; THENCE South 43° 39’ 01” East, 75.23 feet to a point at the most westerly point of Parcel B on the aforesaid plan; THENCE South 71° 26’ 35” West, 55.21 feet along land of Escape Estes, Inc. to a corner of stone walls at land now or formerly of Rybicki; THENCE South 71° 22’ 16” West, 146.15 feet along a stone wall and land now or formerly of Rybicki to the point of beginning. The above described tract contains an area of 7,791 square feet. Together with a 10 foot slope easement to the Grantee, its heirs or assigns, along the northeasterly and easterly boundary of the above described premises, as shown on the plan. AND ALSO INCLUDING The land in Oxford, Worcester County, Massachusetts, described as Parcel B on a plan entitled “Plan of Land in Oxford, Mass.” being conveyed between Escape Estates, Inc. and David E. Stampfli *et al*” dated May 20, 1991, Para Land Surveying, Inc., recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 656, Plan 118, and. described as follows: Parcel “B” BEGINNING at a point at the northeast corner of tract herein described at the southeast corner of land of David E. and Lisa M. Stampfli, said point also being S. 70° 03’ 37” E. , a distance of 247.22 feet from a point at the northeast corner of land of said Stampfli on the souther sideline of Dolge Terrace; THENCE S. 18° 33’ 25” E. along other land of Escape Estates, Inc., a distance of sixty-five and no hundredths (65.00) feet to a point; THENCE S. 71° 26’ 35” W. along other land of said Escape Estates, Inc. a distance of one hundred sixty and no hundredths (160.00) feet to a point; THENCE N. 86° 35’ 07” W. along other land of said Escape Estates, Inc., a distance of one hundred seventy-three and seventy- three hundredths (173.73) feet to a point; THENCE N. 71° 26’ 35” E. along said Stampfli land, a distance of three hundred twenty-one and eleven hundredths (321.11) feet to the point of beginning. The above-described tract contains an area of 15.636 square feet. No right of way by necessity or otherwise is hereby conveyed from Lot B over the remaining land of the grantor. Also subject to a 10-foot slope easement, to the grantor, its heirs or assigns, as shown on the plan. For mortgagor's title see deed dated

May 19, 2004 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 33785, Page 329.

Subject to and with the benefit of easements, reservation, restrictions, and taking of record, if any, insofar as the same are now in force and applicable. In the event of any typographical error set forth herein in the legal description of the premises, the description as set forth and contained in the mortgage shall control by reference. Together with all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property and all easements, rights, appurtenances, rents, royalties, mineral, oil and gas rights and profits, water rights and stock and all fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property. All replacements and additions shall also be covered by this sale.

Terms of Sale: Said premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and assessments, tax sales, tax titles and other municipal liens and water or sewer liens and State or County transfer fees, if any there are, and TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) in cashier's or certified check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of the sale as a deposit and the balance in cashier's or certified check will be due in thirty (30) days, at the offices of Doonan, Graves & Longoria, LLC, (“DG&L”), time being of the essence. The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone the sale to a later date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone at any adjourned sale-date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date. The premises is to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, leases, tenancies, and rights of possession, building and zoning laws, encumbrances, condominium liens, if any and all other claim in the nature of liens, if any there be.

In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the property by foreclosure deed to the second highest bidder, providing that said second highest bidder shall deposit with the Mortgagee's attorneys, the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein. If the second highest bidder declines to purchase the within described property, the Mortgagee reserves the right to purchase the within described property at the amount bid by the second highest bidder. The foreclosure deed and the consideration paid by the successful bidder shall be held in escrow by DG&L, (hereinafter called the “Escrow Agent”) until the

deed shall be released from escrow to the successful bidder at the same time as the consideration is released to the Mortgagee, whereupon all obligations of the Escrow Agent shall be deemed to have been properly fulfilled and the Escrow Agent shall be discharged. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

Dated: January 5, 2017 U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust By its Attorney DOONAN, GRAVES & LONGORIA, LLC 100 Cummings Center Suite 225D Beverly, MA 01915 (978) 921-2670 www.dgandl.com 53077 (DIAZ) FEI # 1078.01921 01/13/2017, 01/20/2017, 01/27/2017
January 13, 2017
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

16SM011392 ORDER OF NOTICE

To: Michael H. Dionne and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. 50 §3901 et seq.: The Bank of New York Mellon fka The Bank of New York as Trustee for the Certificateholders of CWMBBS, Inc. Reperforming Loan REMIC Trust Certificates, Series 2003-R3 claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in WEBSTER, 5 WALL STREET, given by Michael H. Dionne to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., dated September 5, 2001, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 24778, Page 49, 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 February 20, 2017 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act. Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of said Court on January 4, 2017. Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder 201608-0602-YEL January 13, 2017

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

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by John E. McGuigan and Margaret A. McGuigan to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., dated July 29, 2005 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 36968, Page 162; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 AM on January 27, 2017 at 50 Blueberry Hill, Webster, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land located in Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts, situated on the westerly side of Blueberry Hill, bounded and described as follows: Lot 45 BEGINNING at the northeasterly corner of the herein described premises; said point being the southeasterly corner of Lot #44; THENCE S. 00 degrees 09' 40" E., by said street, 128.67 feet to a point; THENCE S. 89 degrees 50' 20" W., by Lot #46, 340.07 feet to a point; THENCE N. 01 degrees 12' 45" E., by Lot #48, and Lot #42, 128.71 feet to a point; THENCE N. 89 degrees 50' 20" E., by Lot #44, 336.99 feet to the point of beginning. CONTAINING 43,560 square feet or 1.000 acres and being shown as Lot #45 on a plan of Blueberry Hill, Lakeview Heights, Worcester, Mass., Huguenot Development Corp., Owner dated October 10, 1985, and prepared by A. F. Paige Associates, Registered Land Surveyors and Civil Engineers, Worcester, Mass. and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 555, Page 46. SUBJECT to restrictions of record as recited in deed dated 3-2-89 and recorded in Book 11958, Page 239. BEING the same premises conveyed in a deed dated March 2, 1989 and recorded on March 3, 1989, in Book 11958, Page 239.

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, building and zoning laws, liens, attorney's fees and costs pursuant to M.G.L.Ch.183A, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. **TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.**

Other terms if any, to be announced at the sale.
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
Present Holder of said Mortgage,
By Its Attorneys,
ORLANS MORAN PLLC
PO Box 540540
Waltham, MA 02454
Phone: (781) 790-7800
16-005550
January 6, 2017
January 13, 2017
January 20, 2017

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

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Richard P. Meyer to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as a nominee for H&R Block Mortgage Corporation, dated September 25, 2006 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 40084, Page 232 of which mortgage The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of the CWALT, Inc., Alternative Loan Trust 2006-39CB, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-39CB is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the certificateholders of the CWALT, Inc., Alternative Loan Trust 2006-39CB, Mortgage Pass-Through

Certificates, Series 2006-39CB dated March 23, 2012 recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 48761, Page 95, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 218 Dudley Southbridge Road a/k/a Old Southbridge Road, Dudley, MA 01571 will be sold at a Public Auction at 12:00PM on February 7, 2017, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

All that certain land situated in the State of MA, County of Worcester, City Of Dudley, described as follows: Beginning at a corner of a wall on the Northerly side of the said Old Southbridge Road at land of Paul J. Meyer and being the Southwesterly angle of the tract hereby conveyed; thence N. 23° 25' E. Two hundred thirty and one-half (230-1/2) feet along a stone wall and by land of Paul J. Meyer to a drill hole in a stone; thence Easterly Two hundred three (203) feet by land of Paul J. Meyer to an iron pin driven into the ground; thence Southerly Two hundred thirty and one-half (230-1/2) feet by land of Paul J. Meyer and along a fence to a fence post at the wall on the Northerly side of said Old Southbridge Road; thence Westerly a distance of two hundred (200) feet along stone wall of the Northerly side of said Old Southbridge Road to the point of beginning. The included angle between the first and last courses being 108° 46'.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 7529, Page 81. See also deed recorded in said Registry of Deeds in Book 11094, Page 173.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of the CWALT, Inc., Alternative Loan Trust 2006-39CB, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-39CB
Korde & Associates, P.C.
900 Chelmsford Street
Suite 3102
Lowell, MA 01851
(978) 256-1500
Meyer, Richard P., 15-023596, January 13, 2017, January 20, 2017, January 27, 2017
January 13, 2017
January 20, 2017
January 27, 2017

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

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Wendy A. Dupuis aka Wendy A. St. John and Robert St. John to Option One Mortgage Corporation, dated March 21, 2007 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 40851, Page 169 subsequently assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, National Association as Trustee for Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-5, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-5 by Sand Canyon Corporation FKA Option One Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded in said at Book 55291, Page 325; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 AM on February 3, 2017 at 18-20 Crosby Street, Webster, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

That certain lot or parcel of land located in the Town of Webster, County of Worcester Described as follows: Lot numbered 2 (two) on that plan entitled "Division of land map, assessor's

Map 3, Block J, Lot 5, Webster, MA Scale 1" = 10', July 1999, Wendy A. Dupuis, owner", said plan recorded in the Worcester County Registry of Deeds on 12/3/99 at 10:25 am in Plan Book 749 as Plan 78. Being a portion of the property conveyed to Wendy A. Dupuis by Deed from WCB Realty, Inc. by Deed recorded in Book 18710 Page 168, on March 31, 1997.

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, building and zoning laws, liens, attorney's fees and costs pursuant to M.G.L.Ch.183A, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. **TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.**

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

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association as Trustee for Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-5, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-5
Present Holder of said Mortgage,
By Its Attorneys,
ORLANS MORAN PLLC
PO Box 540540
Waltham, MA 02454
Phone: (781) 790-7800
16-004505
January 13, 2017
January 20, 2017
January 27, 2017

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

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Gerald A. Mancini to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp., dated August 9, 2007 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 41626, Page 168, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp. to Nationstar Mortgage LLC dated August 20, 2013 and recorded with said registry on August 30, 2013 at Book 51430 Page 62 and by assignment from Nationstar Mortgage LLC to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as trustee fro LSF9 Master Participation Trust dated July 21, 2016 and recorded with said registry on August 1, 2016 at Book 55728 Page 313, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 a.m. on February 10, 2017, on the mortgaged premises located at 26 Ragina Avenue, Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

Lot 73 on a Plan of Land entitled, 'Definitive Plan Sunny Shores Section V, Webster, Massachusetts 39 Lots, 290802 ac' by Bouley Brothers, Engineering a division of H.S. & T Group, Inc., 75 Hammond Street, P.O. Box 2215, Worcester, Massachusetts 01613, Owner: Sunny Shores, Inc. Old Worcester Road., Webster, Massachusetts 01570, Developer; CJP Construction, Inc., 31 Charlton Road, Dudley, MA 01570, Scale 1' = 40', dated December 4, 2003. Said plan is recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 825, Plan 81.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41626, Page 166.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing

encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

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

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

US BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR
LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION
TRUST

Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California Street
Newton, MA 02458
(617) 558-0500
201404-0512 - PRP

January 13, 2017

January 20, 2017

January 27, 2017

(SEAL)

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

16SM011443

ORDER OF NOTICE

To:

George Holt, The Heirs, Devisees and Legal Representatives of the Estate of Elaine D. Norris, Martha Goutal, Lucille St. James,

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

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Webster, 25A Harris Street, given by George Holt and Elaine D. Norris to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., dated August 31, 2007, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41765, Page 234, 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 February 20, 2017 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of said Court on January 4, 2017.

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson

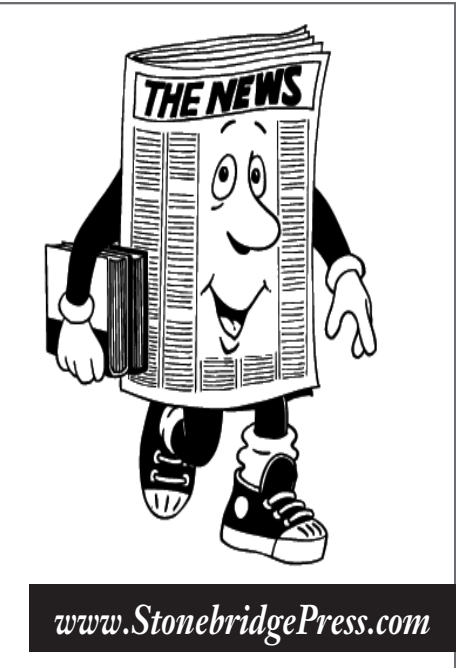
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January 13, 2017

**TOWN OF DUDLEY
MASSACHUSETTS
HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

The Dudley Historical Commission is in receipt of an application for a demolition permit for 10 West Main St., Dudley, MA 01571 dated 1-5-2017 and received by the Commission 1-5-2017. At the Dudley Municipal Complex 71 West Main Street, Dudley Ma 01571 on Feb 14, 2017 RM 315, 6:30 p.m. a public hearing will be held as per section 12.04.00 d of the Dudley Ma. Demolition Delay Bylaw
Michael Branniff
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January 13, 2017



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January 24 Old Sturbridge Village Fuller Conference Center, Sturbridge at 6:30 PM.

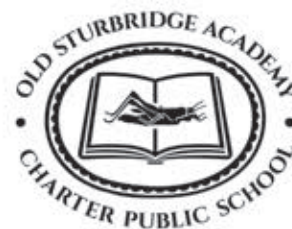
January 25 Haston Free Public Library 161 Main St., North Brookfield, at 6:30 PM.

January 26 Palmer Public Library 1455 North Main St., Palmer, at 6:30 PM.

January 30 Jacob Edwards Library 236 Main St., Southbridge, at 6:30 PM.

February 6 Jacob Edwards Library 236 Main St., Southbridge, at 6:30 PM.

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Freshen Up Your Meal Prep

BY RACHAEL DEVAUX, RD
(NAPS)

With more than 3.9 million “mealprep” hashtags on Instagram, many people have found success in living a healthier lifestyle through meal prepping. Not only does it save you time during the busy workweek, it allows for a better variety of healthy, ready-to-eat foods at your disposal.

PREPPING 101

Of course, this doesn’t mean you should spend your entire day in the kitchen prepping every last detail of your meals for the week—simply cook up or prepare several staple items to have on hand for those quick and wholesome, no-brainer meals or snacks when you need them. Here are some tips on how to make the most of your prepping sessions:

Chop, slice, dice, repeat. Start with something as simple as prepping fruits and veggies in advance to have ready in the fridge for meals or snacks; store them in glass containers for easy organization and motivation to stick to your meal plan.

Double the batch. Along with prepared produce, cook large batches of staple ingredients such as quinoa, brown rice and proteins to make meal assembly quick and easy.

Add a dash of this, a dash of that. Use seasonings and sauces to mix up the flavor profile of

similar ingredients. One night, dinner could be an Asian stir-fry, while the next it could be a Mexican-inspired bowl.

Try something new. Meal “preppers” may eventually become tired of throwing together the same old meals and find the food they prepare mundane. When fatigue hits, seek out a new recipe or work with a new ingredient. I like to incorporate tasty and brightly colored fruit such as mango to refresh everyday meals and snacks.

Roll Up Your Sleeves

For a healthy, tasty and quick meal this week, try my Mango Spring Rolls. This recipe is a delicious step out of the ordinary and it’s chock-full of nutrients. One cup of mango provides 100 percent of your daily vitamin C, 35 percent of your daily vitamin A and 12 percent of your daily fiber.

MANGO SPRING ROLLS

Servings: 5 spring rolls

Ingredients:
½ fresh mango
¼ small head purple cabbage
5 green onion spears
½ medium cucumber
½ medium red bell pepper
5 pieces rice paper
Handful cilantro
1 cup shredded carrot

Almond Butter Dipping Sauce:

3 Tbsp creamy almond butter
1 tsp tamari
½ lime, squeezed
1 Tbsp honey
2-3 Tbsp hot filtered water

Directions: Slice two mango cheeks into long, narrow strips and set aside. Slice cabbage, onion, cucumber and red bell pepper into very thin 4-inch pieces and set aside. Prepare rice paper as instructed on package. Once pliable, place a few of each ingredient (including cilantro and carrots) in the center of the paper, folding in the sides and rolling until all veggies are inside and paper is closed. To store, leave some space between rolls to prevent rolls from sticking together.

Dipping Sauce: Whisk or blend together all ingredients until consistency is creamy.

Mango How-To

If you’re new to working with mangos, follow these quick tips for proper prep.

Selection. Don’t judge a mango by its color—red does not mean ripe. A ripe mango will be slightly soft like a peach or avocado.

Storage. Keep unripe mangos at room temperature. Never refrigerate mangos before they’re ripe. Once ripe, mangos can be moved to the refrigerator to slow down ripening for several days.

Cutting. To cut a mango, simply slice off



the sides of the fruit, avoiding the large seed in the center. Once you have these two sides (cheeks), you can get to the flesh and slice or dice as needed. Then, simply scoop the fruit out of the

skin.

Learn More
Visit www.mango.org for additional information on mango varieties, availability and recipes.

To save time, prep veggies and other ingredients in advance of making your meals. To make them more nutritious and fun, include mangos.

Bake Up Delicious Breakfast Bars For Busy Kids



(NAPS)

Here’s news many families may consider a wake-up call: Studies show that kids who eat breakfast have better concentration and more energy. Yet



These bars are made with fresh Swedish lingonberry jam so they’re as delicious as they are convenient. Experts say breakfast is the most important meal of the day, gearing you up for work, school and play.

Pennsylvania found that children achieve higher IQ scores if they eat breakfast.

- Yale scientists found that students who participated in school breakfast programs were less likely to become overweight even if they also had breakfast at home.

Good News

Fortunately for the many families that don’t have the time to prepare a full breakfast, there’s a nutritious make-ahead option kids love. Flavored with bananas, chocolate chips and tart sweet lingonberries, which have been called a “superfruit,” rich in antioxidants, it’s a nutritious snack they can eat on the way to school or tuck into their

lunchboxes for later.

Lingonberry Breakfast/ Lunchbox Bars

1½ tablespoons ground flaxseeds (or flaxseed meal)
3 tablespoons water
15 ounces chickpeas (garbanzo beans), canned
2 medium bananas
¾ cup flour, gluten free
½ cup coconut sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon baking soda
teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon vanilla extract
4 tablespoons Felix Lingonberry Jam
¼ cup chocolate chips, dark

Preheat the oven to 350° F. Grease and line an 8” x 8” bak-

ing pan with parchment and set aside.

Whisk together the flaxseed meal or grind whole flaxseeds and combine with water in a small bowl. Set aside for 5 minutes.

Meanwhile, blend chickpeas and bananas in a food processor until completely smooth.

In a large mixing bowl, whisk together the dry ingredients, reserving the chocolate chips. Add the chickpea puree to the dry ingredients along with the vanilla, lingonberry jam and flaxseed mixture and mix to combine. Then fold in the chocolate chips.

Pour the batter into the prepared pan. Bake on center oven rack for 24-26 minutes until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.

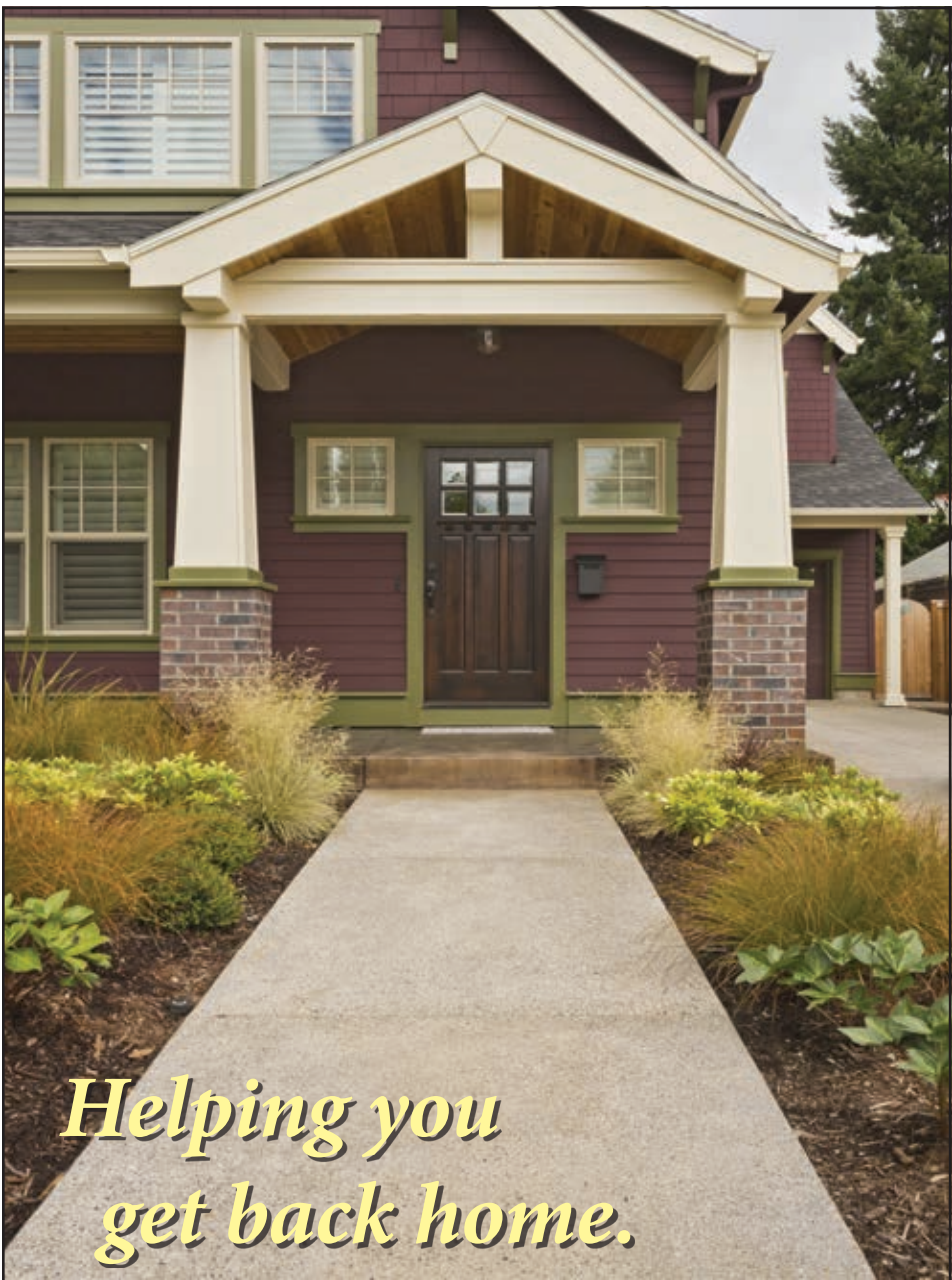
Let cool in the pan for 10-15 minutes, then transfer bars to a wire rack and cool completely before slicing (this is important!).

Slice into 12-16 bars. Store on the counter for a few hours if they seem too moist; otherwise, put them in an airtight container and store for two to three days.

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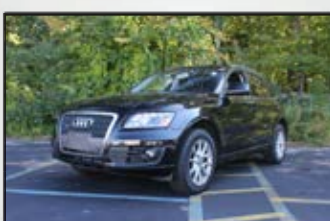
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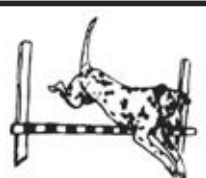


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