



# Wojnar bids farewell at final selectmen’s meeting

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DUDLEY — The Dudley Board of Selectmen’s first meeting of 2023 on Jan. 9 ended in bittersweet fashion with the final goodbye of Police Chief Steve Wojnar, who officially retires this month. The meeting was the Chief’s last in the post he has held for two decades, bringing an end to a career spanning over 30 years in total with the force.

Wojnar announced his retirement plans late last year, with his successor, Lt. Marek Karłowicz, named in December of 2022. Wojnar built much of his career working for the town of Dudley, including the entirety of the 2000s and 2010s, most of that time as Chief. Before the selectmen could adjourn his final meeting, Wojnar



Chief Steve Wojnar poses for a photo with the Board of Selectmen during his final meeting as Chief.

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took a moment to thank those who helped make his job so rewarding.

“I just wanted to thank the town, the board, all the past board members. I think I’ve been through

four or five administrators and twenty board members over the years, and I don’t know how many folks from the town hall staff and town offices. The members of the

department. You’re only as good leading as the people under you. I’ve been very fortunate to have a great crew over the years. They’ve really been there to help me out with any-

thing. They’ve done the things I’ve asked them to do and really have done a good job. The department has a real good reputation with other departments and other members of

the community and that’s something they should be proud of and I’m proud and thankful of that,” said Wojnar.

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## Schools seeking calendar, special ed input

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OXFORD — The School Committee intends to seek public input regarding next year’s school calendar to avoid “making a decision in a vacuum,” as member Palmina Griffin put it.

Key issues that concern members, and for which some have already heard questions, include starting time, Thanksgiving week and February vacation. Chair Dave Cornacchioli said he expects to see mixed responses but thinks sharing the draft calendar is a good idea. To him, half-days before vacations is “a waste of a day.”

The idea primarily came from September Forbes, who said she thinks there are particularly issues with the fact some weeks are drafted so that kids will get just two days, followed by five days off in rapid succession. One of them is the first week if school starts before Labor Day. Such a schedule is hard for both kids and teachers.

She suggested “cutting down” February vacation, too, noting that it comes soon after Christmas break and a couple January days off.

Cornacchioli, however, countered that by saying that timing is good for cleaning, reducing energy consumption at a time that’s often cold and snowy, and giving “people a chance to energize and recharge their batteries.” As it is now, without snow days,

school will get out June 13, 2024, he said.

Regarding Thanksgiving week, Corey B said a key concern is that it creates “a full week, especially with little ones, [parents are] going to have to find daycare.” Palmina Griffin agreed, noting those days and the day after that break (and other vacations) often see increased absenteeism in part due to covid exposure.

Superintendent Mike Lucas said he has already bounced the calendar off the teachers’ union. He’s also still working with the town on issues surrounding using the school gyms for elections, which fall on Tuesdays.

In other business, Lucas noted a new program to assist homeless families at the Clara Barton Camp has seen four families come to town, two with kids in the schools. They’re “doing very very well after the first week,” he said.

The camp’s being planned to house up to 18 families, and he expects many of them to be “young, pregnant women or with young kids.” The state is moving people there “that have ties to central Mass or specifically to southern Worcester County,” Lucas said. The current ones with kids came from “much farther away than anticipated. They were relocated to places far away from central Mass and the state is trying to get them closer.”

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## Dudley selectmen recognize staff, volunteers for pandemic service

BY JASON BLEAU  
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DUDLEY — It’s been nearly three years since the COVID-19 pandemically officially shut down and unsuspecting world. In the years since communities across the country slowly adjusted to what would be called the “new norm” and over the last year a true sense of normality has taken hold once more.

With the pandemic officially considered over many towns are taking some time to remember those who helped their communities push through the struggles and unknowns the pandemic brought. For the Town of Dudley Board of Selectmen’s first meeting of 2023, the occasion was essentially one big celebration of the people who helped Dudley manage the situation and come through stronger and more united on the other side.

For just over an hour, officials from every corner of Dudley came together to recognize their own with numerous citations all

thanking numerous town employees and volunteers for their commitment to Dudley through the pandemic years. It started with special presentations by Senator Ryan Fattman and State Representative Peter Durant who each presented citations from the Senate and House of Representatives in Boston respectively to the town’s fire, police, highway, water & sewer, and town hall staff as well as the Board of Health for their contributions to help Dudley navigate the pandemic.

“I feel like it’s been a while since we’ve come back from a pandemic, but things still get back to normal and it takes quite a while. I think it’s important tonight that we recognize all of those in town that went the extra mile and did the extra work that was necessary during a really uncertain time,” said Durant.

“When we started this whole thing three years ago nobody knew what we had up against us. It was a pandemic. It was a scary thing. A lot of people had to jump into action and really risk their own well-being to do the things that needed to be done. This is just a simple way for us to thank (everyone) for what you did out there. It did not go unnoticed,”

presenting Unit Citations and uniform bars for the officers, firefighters and EMS workers of Dudley thanking them for their dedication during a scary and difficult time.

“This was one of those situations where it was very difficult and very uncertain with everything that was happening at that time. None of the information was really, I guess, fully accurate at the time because nobody knew what was going to happen,” said Wojnar.

“Our people didn’t have the chance of working from home. When everybody else shut down and went home we had to still be in - Our people really went above and beyond to go out, do the job every day, very little complaining out of everybody, and it was a real team atmosphere the entire time.”

“All department membership is recognized for their swift and professional response during this pandemic and putting others safety in front of their own,” stated Kochanowski. “The selfless acts of the department membership and dedication during this crisis have earned the fire department the undying gratitude and appreciation of the citizens of Dudley.”

For their own leadership during the pandemic, both chiefs were individually recognized by the selectmen with citations and uniform bars of their own as was Deputy Chief Paul Konieczny of the Dudley Fire Department.

One of the driving forces behind the COVID-19 response in Dudley was, of course, the health officials in town. Selectmen presented citations for Public Health Nurse Roberta Johnson as well as her fellow Board of Health members Jennifer Cournoyer and Lorri Dusharme with Selectman Kerry Cyganiewicz summing up all they had to work around as COVID slowed the world to a halt.

“In the early stages of the pandemic it was the job of three volunteer women elected Board of Health officials to guide the town through the executive orders, state mandates that included closures of private busi-

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## REMEMBERING THOSE WHO SERVED

The Webster/Dudley Veterans Council recently honored those who serve by placing a wreath at the Veterans Memorial.



### Ryan Truscott of Webster named Presidential Scholar at Clarkson University

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# Dudley-Charlton School District receives Elks grant

BY JASON BLEAU  
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DUDLEY / CHARLTON — The Dudley Charlton Regional School Committee has announced they received a \$5,000 grant from the Auburn Elks Lodge No 2118 which will help pay for three projects enhancing both curriculum and emergency preparedness in the district.

Superintendent Steven Lamarche announced the receipt of the grant during the School Committee's first gathering of 2023 on Jan. 11 explaining that the money will support several different initiatives in the district, starting with a Circles Curriculum led by Robert Bergeron, the district's Director of Pupil Personnel Services. Superintendent Lamarche explained that the program will help enhance offerings for students in need of increased social skill development.

"The circles curriculum is designed to teach students social and relationship boundar-



ies, interpersonal skills and relationship specific social skills in an easy-to-understand format," Lamarche said.

The program will be launched with the help of \$1,399 from the Elks grant.

The second part of the funding will help develop the first responders of tomorrow through a new offering at Shephard Hill Regional High School. The district worked with Principal Darren Elwell to start an "Essentials of Firefighting" course in the next semester with \$2,295 of the grant supporting the resources for the class including books and workbooks.

"Principal Elwell

has worked collaboratively with the Dudley Fire Department. Chief (Dean) Kochanowski and Assistant Chief (Paul) Konieczny have been working closely with Principal Elwell and they are prepared to start the course," said Lamarche who called it an "innovative idea" for the district.

The remaining \$1,306 will be put towards an initiative that was a major focus of much of 2022 for the district. In the wake of the tragic school shooting in Uvalde, Texas, the district embraced ALICE training to help staff stay prepared for any emergency. The money from the Elks grant will help purchase new

tools for classrooms to use in the case of such an event.

"In working with our ALICE trainers, we talked about the initial cost of Go-Buckets in the classrooms. We are very excited that the Elks is going to support our initial investment in Go-Buckets," said Lamarche. "These are the buckets you can fill with certain supplies or entities to help in the event that there is an active shooter or a lockdown situation."

Members of the Auburn Elks were on hand to pose for a photo opportunity and present both a symbolic and the actual check for \$5,000 to the School Committee.

## Saint Joseph students recognized for poetry

WEBSTER — On Saturday, Jan. 14, five Saint Joseph School students were recognized for their winning poetry at the Worcester State University 29th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Celebration.

This year's poetry contest theme was "Give Us the Ballot: My Civil Right - Voting," based on the King family's recent call to action.

Andrea Waters King said, "Voting is essential to our democracy's infrastructure, and we cannot afford for it to crumble any further."

In addition, Martin Luther King III and his family stated last year that "there should be no MLK Jr. Day celebrations without meaningful voting rights legislation."

The poetry contest was open to seventh-12th-grade students. Entries were judged by the MLK Jr. Poetry Committee, which consisted of a panel of educators, university students, and community members. Criteria included creativity, originality, style, and how the poems addressed the theme. Saint Joseph School Language Arts instructor Mrs. Karen Lefebvre invited all her students to participate. The following were selected as winners by the MLK Jr. Poetry Committee: Grade 7: Molly Hachigian, Alvin Montreuil, and Ella Parslow; Grade 8: Alexander Kowalski and Gianna Rosario. While attending the celebration, the students were awarded certificates and gifts. They also had the opportunity to meet Worcester State University President Barry Maloney and Congressman Jim McGovern. Congratulations to Saint Joseph School's poets!



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Saint Joseph School Winning Poets attended the Worcester State University 29th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Celebration on Jan. 14, and were recognized for their work. (Left to Right) Saint Joseph School Principal Beth Boudreau, Grade 7 Student Ella Parslow, Saint Joseph School 6th-8th Grade Language Arts Instructor Karen Lefebvre, Grade 7 Student Alvin Montreuil, Congressman Jim McGovern, and Grade 8 Student Gianna Rosario. (Not pictured Grade 7 Student Molly Hachigian and Grade 8 Student Alex Kowalski.)

## Ryan Tuttle of Auburn graduates from University of New Hampshire

DURHAM, New Hampshire — Ryan Tuttle of Auburn graduated from the University of New Hampshire in December 2022. He/she earned a MA in Psychology.

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# Samuel Slater Experience to host Open House for Dudley residents Jan. 29

WEBSTER — Samuel Slater Experience, Webster’s museum dedicated to the “Father of the American Industrial Revolution,” will host an Open House for residents of neighboring Dudley on Sunday, Jan. 29, from noon to 4 p.m.

“We have been open for nearly a year and have had many visitors from Dudley. We now want to invite our neighbors who have not had a chance to tour the museum to come to our Dudley Open House Day with free admission for two people,” said Barbara Van Reed, museum director. Proof of residency is required.

Described as “Disney-like,” the Samuel Slater Experience employs state-of-the-art 4-D digital technology to tell the story of Samuel Slater and covers two time periods: the early 1800s and the early 1900s.

The museum is both educational and entertaining, encouraging visitors to experience history in a new, immersive way as they climb aboard the ship that carried Samuel Slater to America, learn about life in the early 1800s with interactive exhibits and ride a trolley through downtown Webster a century later.

Visitors should plan for an hour to an hour-and-a-half to tour the museum. Self-guided tours begin every eight minutes. The last admission is at 3 p.m.

Samuel Slater Experience is located in the former National Guard Armory at 31 Ray Street, Webster, Massachusetts, and open to the public year-round. Year-round daily schedule: Fridays & Saturdays: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday: Noon to 4 p.m. The museum is also available for group tours and events.

For more information and tickets, visit [samuel Slater Experience](http://samuel Slater Experience), email [admin@samuel Slater Experience](mailto:admin@samuel Slater Experience) or call 508-461-2955.



- CLUES ACROSS
1. Not invited

6. Whale ship captain

10. One point south of southwest

14. Small cavity in a rock

15. Recidivists

17. City of Angels hoopster

19. A way to mark with one's signature

20. OJ trial judge

21. Rice cooked in broth

22. One point east of due south

23. One point east of southeast

24. Complements an entree

26. Grouped by twos

29. Disfigure

31. Woods

32. Political action committee

34. Longer of 2 bones in the forearm

35. Kin groups

37. Philippine Island

38. Contrary to

39. Bluish-gray fur

40. Comprehend the written word

41. Natural depressions

43. Felines

45. Breathe noisily

46. Taxi

47. Pancake made from buckwheat flour

49. Swiss river

50. Foot (Latin)

53. Have surgery

57. Formal withdrawal

58. Monetary units of Peru

59. Greek war god

60. 2,000 lbs.

- CLUES DOWN
1. Green and yellow citrus fruit

2. A bright color

3. Thicket

4. Journalist Tarbell

5. A place to work or relax

6. Sharp mountain ridge

7. Helicopter

8. Mimic

9. Suggests

10. More musty

11. Large, flightless rail

12. Make beer

13. Soviet Socialist Republic

16. People who account for you

18. Taunt

22. South Dakota

23. Cover the entirety of

24. Kids' favorite visitor

25. A way to save for retirement

27. Fencing swords

28. C. China mountain range

29. Type of sandwich

30. Team

31. Paddle

33. Partly digested food

35. Most cagey

36. Shoppers make one

37. Cathode-ray tube

39. Food supplies

42. Backbones

43. Concern

44. Blood group

46. Broadway songwriter Sammy

47. Dutch colonist

48. Full-grown pike fish

49. Deity of a monotheistic cult

50. Type of bread

51. S. Nigerian people

52. Scottish tax

53. Young women's association

54. Brazilian city

55. Hide of a young animal

56. Midway between north and northeast



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## DA offers funds to support safe end-of-year school events

WORCESTER — For the fifth year, District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr. is offering funding to support safe post-prom and post-graduation programs designed to keep students from driving impaired.

“Prom and graduation are major milestones that deserve to be celebrated, but too often we see these celebrations turn into tragedies,” Mr. Early said. “We’ve been proud to help fund nearly 20 different post-prom and post-graduation events for the last five years. We will continue to offer these funds to help provide students with the fun and safe events they deserve.”

These events, organized and overseen by adults, offer safe drug- and alcohol-free alternatives to high-risk activities that often follow end of the year celebrations for high school students.

District Attorney Early felt it was vital to continue supporting these programs and is utilizing his Drug Forfeiture Reinvestment Program this year. Funding to support these grants



was previously provided by the Massachusetts Office of Victim Assistance Drunk Driving Trust Fund.

Schools and parent groups can apply for these grants to either support existing events

or to assist in establishing new events. Applications for funding requests are due by Feb. 16.

To request a grant application, contact Ellen Miller at [ellen.miller@mass.gov](mailto:ellen.miller@mass.gov).

## Central One Federal Credit Union announces branch changes

REGION — Central One Federal Credit Union is pleased to announce the following changes to our management team.

Owen Russell, Vice President of Retail Services, will remain at the Shrewsbury Main Office and oversee all retail branch operations. Owen joined the Central One team in 2006 as the Auburn Branch Manager. Owen has been managing the Shrewsbury branch retail team since 2017 and became AVP of Retail Services in 2020, where his responsibilities grew to oversee all Central One's retail branches. In 2022, he was promoted to his current position.

Heather Forchilli,

Northborough Branch Manager, has transferred to our Shrewsbury Main Branch. Heather joined Central One in 2015 as a Senior Teller and was promoted to Personal Financial Representative. In 2017, Heather was promoted to Northborough Assistant Branch Manager; and in 2019, promoted to Northborough Branch Manager.

Andri Jashari, Auburn Assistant Branch Manager, has been promoted to Northborough Branch Manager. Andri joined Central One in 2014, starting as a Senior Teller; eventually holding the titles of Personal Financial Representative and Senior PFR, and then promoted to Auburn

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## Auburn resident named to dean's list at North Shore Community College

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# Wojnar receives End of Watch signoff

DUDLEY — “Chief Wojnar, your time for rest and relaxation has arrived. Congratulations, Chief. We have it from here.”

Those words, broadcast from the Police Dispatch Center in Webster on Jan. 13 marked the retirement of Dudley Police Chief Steven J. Wojnar.

On the last day of his 34-year career in Dudley, the Chief visited Mason Road School, where he is known as “Officer Friendly” to the elementary school children, who he has lunched with and read stories to for years.

Afterward, the End of Watch call was broadcast from the dispatch center in Webster, and at Dudley dispatch, his wife, Christine, voiced a moving message.

Back at Town Hall, town employees gath-

ered to celebrate the Chief. State Sen. Ryan C. Fattman presented a citation in recognition of his many years of service to the Police Department and community. Chief Wojnar pinned the chief badge he wore for 20 years on his successor Marek Karłowicz. And town officials, Selectman Steven P. Sullivan and Town Administrator Johnathan Ruda thanked the Chief for his many years of service.

“I’m happy for Chief Wojnar, and maybe even more so for his family as he begins retirement,” Ruda said. “It is no small accomplishment to begin and end a 34-year career in the same town, plus spend most of that career as a department head. On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, I thank Chief Wojnar for his unwaver-

(RIGHT) Retiring Police Chief Steve Wojnar paid a visit to Mason Road School on his last day in office.

ing professionalism and for serving as an exemplary leader. He is truly a credit to our community and his department.”

Hired as a Reserve Police Officer in 1988, Wojnar rose through the ranks first as Patrolman in 1990, Sergeant in 2002, and Chief in 2003.

During his career, he has served as a Court Liaison Officer and Crime Scene Technician. He has been active in our schools, formerly serving as a field attendance officer, assisted in starting the School Resource Officer Program, and is known as “Officer Friendly” for his work at the Mason Road Elementary School.



## Erin Quaiel of Dudley graduates from University of New Hampshire

DURHAM, New Hampshire — Erin Quaiel of Dudley graduated from the University of New Hampshire in December 2022. He/she earned a MS in Global Conflict & Human Sec.

Students who received the honor Summa Cum Laude graduated with a GPA of 3.85-4.0; Students who received the honor of Magna Cum Laude graduated with a GPA of 3.65-3.84; and students who received the honor of Cum Laude graduated with a GPA of 3.50-3.64.

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Jonathan Berling of Smedhus  
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Some tips for surviving flu season

Flu season has peaked in New Hampshire, and COVID cases are back on the rise. Hospitals in Boston have reported putting several patients on ventilators due to COVID complications. A highly contagious variant, XBB has surfaced, and experts have reminded people to remain vigilant and take precautions such as wearing a mask on a plane or in any other space that puts one in close quarters with others.

The Flu has run rampant this year, and with many still unsure about getting vaccinated against influenza, we have some reminders and tips that will boost your immune system. Noted is the fact that even a flu shot cannot completely keep you safe from falling ill. Depending on what you want to find, you can read arguments on both sides of the flu vaccine debate. One thing we can all agree on, with or without the shot, is that there are things we can do to boost our immune system. Below is a friendly reminder of those simple steps.

The first and most obvious step is to wash your hands as this is the most effective way to prevent the flu. The next step is to be mindful of maintaining gut health. Experts say 70 to 80 percent of our immune system lives there. Eating whole foods that are nutrient-dense is key. Abstaining from a diet with processed foods can boost your immunity — after all, food is medicine. Sticking with foods that you can't open, besides, of course, the famous banana is a good rule of thumb. Foods loaded with sugar weaken the immune system; this includes refined flours found in breads, pastries, crackers, pasta, and cereal.

Loading up on vitamins A and D will help support your immune system. The highest levels of vitamin A are found in the liver of many animals such as duck, goose, beef, and lamb. If you refuse to eat liver, such as this Editor, an alternative would be sweet potatoes, cantaloupe, squash, carrots, spinach, and apricots.

Drinking bone broth can restore much needed minerals back into our bodies. Modern farming practices as well as the influx of processed foods has made the absorption of minerals more of a challenge. Bone broth contains magnesium, zinc, calcium, phosphorus, and Sulphur.

Taking probiotics promote healthy gut flora which can help the body fight against viruses. Taking vitamin C is something we've heard our care givers repeat constantly throughout our youth. Some doctors suggest taking 1,000 milligrams a day on an empty stomach. If you already have a cold or a flu taking 1,000 milligrams two to four times a day could help according to doctors.

Lastly, find a way to get a good night's sleep, keep your stress at bay and exercise. Lack of sleep can increase inflammation levels in your body giving you a high white blood cell count. Sleep produces the hormones prolactin and melatonin, if you don't have enough of these, you will be more susceptible to infections. Avoid stress because it can cause a biochemical change in your gut as well which can compromise your immune system. A good workout will also boost your immune system.

The flu is primarily spread through droplets made when those infected sneeze, talk or cough. The virus can be transmitted from up to six feet away.

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VIEWPOINT

Repentance, change, transformation

"Repent for the kingdom of God is at hand." These are the first words of Saint John the Baptist and the first words of Jesus Christ as He begins His public ministry. Our journey of faith begins with Repentance. Yet, what does repentance mean?

Repentance. Change. Transformation. To Repent means to be open to Change. To Turn from one direction leading away from God and turn toward the direction of God. To repent means to begin to discover new life. Repentance is not a one moment act but a never ending transformation, where our turning toward God doesn't end until the day that we die.

This past Friday we had our monthly Orthodoxy on Tap with 30 young adults, and our guest speaker, Dr. Philip Mamalakis, talked about relationships and how one finds their soul mate, or more so how one becomes a soul mate. A fundamental principle he highlighted was that when we marry, we are on a journey that leads into the kingdom of heaven. Marriage is not a static affair but an ongoing, changing relationship. On this journey, it is important to realize we are always growing and changing, learning how to love in new ways with divine love. "Even a couple that has been married for 50 years," Dr. Phil noted, "will still be learning and growing and changing in their understanding of love."

Repentance, whether in marriage or generally in our spiritual journey throughout life, implies constantly turning away from our egocentric and fallen nature, turning away from our sins and failures and turning toward God. It implies constantly growing in the "mind of Christ." Since God is infinite, none of us can ever say that we are good enough, that we have arrived. We are on a never ending journey toward God.

For one to truly repent, we have to know ourselves. And to know oneself is an extremely difficult thing. Most of us choose to live at a superficial level of self-knowledge. We see some good in ourselves. We know we've failed in some areas. Yet, we don't want to look too closely because we might not like what we will see. We don't want to really know ourselves because we're scared about what we will discover. We have a past full of failures, of shortcomings, of brokenness, of unfulfilled dreams. None of us have lived up to our divine potential.

When we truly know ourselves, however, we will not see only the ugliness and darkness within but we will discover our God-given beauty, created in His image, and our unfulfilled divine potential. Unfortunately, we too often choose a path turning away from God, giving in to certain temptations and addictive behaviors. True self-knowledge reveals how often we have turned away from God and toward darkness. Yet, self-knowledge with repentance helps us discover beauty and light, the divine image of God in whom we were created.

To know yourself can scare us. Yet, to truly know yourself should give us hope. It all depends on which lens we choose to



BEYOND THE PEWS

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I also emphasized in the same sermon that just as we welcome everyone, we also expect everyone in this church to live a life a repentance, a life of constant, ongoing change. Starting with the life-long members who were baptized as babies in this church, to the newest visitors, the call and demand of repentance is the same. Each one of us is called to live a life of repentance, and thus a life of change, a life where we are open to Godly transformation.

We can never stay the way we are. When I meet some people who say, "I don't need to change. If someone doesn't love me the way I am, I don't need them." That's not the attitude here in this Church. Yes, we love you where you're at. But we want you to discover your God-given potential and we want you to become who God wants you to become. Thus, change is expected!

If we are not growing, we are stagnating. There is no status quo in the Christian life. Think about the icon of the Divine Ladder. We are on a journey climbing that ladder. We can't reach the top if we are content where we are. No matter how high we climb, our goal isn't to go high, it is to enter into the kingdom of heaven. We can never stop climbing until we reach our goal.

Repentance. Change. Transformation. That is what we hear our Lord Jesus say to us today: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Repent, for you are invited into the kingdom of heaven, to experience this kingdom starting today.

Let me conclude with these inspiring words of Archbishop Anastasios of Albania: "The unparalleled contribution of the Church is the giving of meaning to life, the transcendence of death...I believe that what the Church offers is the elevation of humanity, through purification, from the multifaceted nature of sin to something more refined, more genuine. The goal is to advance to another level, to what we call illumination, to deification by grace, which is our ultimate yearning. It is participation in God, who is love. It is a never-ending movement of limited humanity to the unlimited divine."

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Library staff deserve acknowledgment

To the Editor:

At the Board of Selectmen meeting on Jan. 9, I was deeply disappointed to find that the library was the only town department not to receive a state commendation, and that, unlike other town staff, the library staff were not recognized with individual citations from the Board of Selectmen and the town.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, Patty Buzanoski, Lena Costen, Anne Ethier, Susan Gustafson, Heather Roberts, George Tryba, and Youth Services Librarian Lida Carroll provided exemplary service and deserve every bit of the recognition that was awarded to their fellow employees.

When the town furloughed part time staff and closed town buildings, Youth Services Librarian Lida Carroll went above and beyond to provide services to the library patrons left without a physical library. She took the lead on providing online programming which reached over 11,000 people, including weekly live educational story times for children too young for school and isolated by the pandemic closures. She worked closely with me to provide as many services as possible to the members of the community, in particular responding to countless emails and phone calls asking for information on the pandemic and the resources available to town residents. She and I hand delivered library items to those libraries in surrounding communities that remained open, so that Dudley residents

could access the materials they needed. Per the direction of the town administrator, while I contacted every church and non-profit on a weekly basis, Lida reached out to every business registered in Dudley to be sure that they had the resources they needed and to keep them apprised of the various stages of the closures and guidelines for reopening. In addition, Lida and I assisted the treasurer/collector, the town clerk, and the water/sewer departments with their work throughout the pandemic closures and staffed the election in the spring of 2020.

The library reopened for its full service hours while the town hall offices were providing limited hours at a drive-up kiosk. The library staff not only provided the full range of regular services, but also a labor-intensive curbside pickup service for patrons, and instituted an hourly disinfecting schedule of the entire library building to keep our patrons safe, and a daily deep cleaning by our custodian in addition to the regular cleaning of the building.

To overlook the service of these hard-working and dedicated staff is a slap in the face to individuals who provided outstanding service in unprecedented times, and I hope that the selectmen will remedy the situation at the earliest opportunity.

J. Drusilla Carter  
Director, Pearlle L. Crawford Library  
Dudley

A fond farewell, and a heartfelt thank you



CHIEF'S CORNER  
STEVE WOJNAR

This is one column I never anticipated I would be writing. After 34 years with the Dudley Police Department, including 20 of them as the Chief, my time has come to retire and move on to new adventures in life. Change is never easy; however, I have the good fortune of being surrounded by great people, both personally and professionally, and I am looking forward to what lies ahead. Since this is my last official "Chiefs Corner," I wanted to take the time to simply say thank you.

In the spring of 2003, a new Police Chief approached two local newspapers, the Webster Times and The Patriot, and presented an idea of a weekly question and answer column. Both papers took a chance on a young police chief and embraced this new idea. Social media and on-line services were in their infancy. Most people got their news from the print media. Articles were faxed in each week and the staff members did a great job re-typing them and putting the entire paper together. When my first column appeared in the Patriot, a typo got the article off to a hilarious start. When my opening line said, "Hello to citizens of Dudley," one missing letter wished them "Hell" by mistake. This certainly got everyone's attention and got the column off to a flying start. Early on, getting questions, finding the time to research the answers, and putting it together each week was a bit of a challenge. It quickly became popular and part of my weekly routine. Twenty years later, it is still hard for me to believe the impact this column had on so many people. I hear from many, and I truly appreciate the positive feedback I have received over the years. I am approached at places such as the grocery store, with comments from many who look forward to reading this column. Probably most satisfying was providing people who were not comfortable speaking to a police officer, the opportunity to do so without being a "bother." Many have wondered about a particular issue, and they were pleased to receive some information that was helpful. It gives me great satisfaction knowing they saw me as someone approachable to speak with.

Never hesitate as a citizen to reach out to your local police department. We have all taken an oath to protect and serve. The job is certainly more challenging than ever with outside factors and the demands placed upon the profession. Good people have stepped up to take on this difficult job and I have the greatest respect for those who choose the profession that has been so good to me. Knowing we have the support of the community is crucial. Dudley is very fortunate to have some great men and women working for the department and I know the community is in good hands moving forward with Chief Marek Karłowicz. He is a great person and police officer and I have full confidence he will do well moving the department into the future. He will be introducing his own style of community awareness soon.

Thank you to the many people who have contributed to my career and the success of this column. I have been very fortunate. First and foremost is my wife Christine, who has been a tremendous supporter and asset in my life. My children, the rest of my family, friends, and community members have constantly been there to help whenever needed. The community has always been supportive of the department and me. Whether it was early on in my tenure as chief when certain individuals were trying to fire me for their own personal gain or when I faced the challenge of cancer, the outpouring of support that I received was beyond anything I could have possibly imagined. You will never know the impact this had on my life and career. Everyone from the children, schools, community groups, seniors, and people from all walks of life have in some way made my job easier. I thank you all for being there for these many years. It has been quite a ride and certainly has been a privilege and honor to have served as the Dudley Police Chief.



# New winning flower and vegetable varieties

It's never too early to start planning new additions to this year's gardens and containers. Start compiling your list now so you are ready to place your seed order or buy plants early when the selection is the greatest.

Consider including a few All-America Selections (AAS) winners. These plants have been "Tested Nationally & Proven Locally™" for their superior performance in home gardens and containers. Grow a few of these 2023 flower winners for a new look to some long-time favorites.

Coral Candy Coleus is part of the Premium Sun series of coleus. It is the first coleus grown from seed to be selected as an AAS Winner. This uniformly compact coleus has unique narrow, serrated, multicolored leaves. The AAS judges found this variety maintained the color even when grown in full sun. It performed well all season and had almost no flowers. You will only need three seeds to fill a 14 to 16 inch container.

Bring a bit of the tropics to your garden, patio, or balcony with Royal Hawaiian® Waikiki colocasia. This beautiful elephant ear wowed the judges with its sturdy burgundy stems and large glossy leaves featuring pink veins and creamy white centers. Waikiki reveals these striking colors earlier than other variegated colocasia. This compact variety holds up well in wind and rain.

The stunning orange flowers of Doubleshot snapdragons will have you looking for spaces in the garden and containers to include this winner. This 18 to 20 inch tall snapdragon features open-faced double flowers that start out in shades of orange and orange-red transitioning to a dusty shade as they age. Its strong stems produce lots of flower-filled branches all season long that don't break off in high winds.

Blue By You salvia is bursting with bright blue flowers from late spring into fall when spent flowers are removed. This perennial blooms up to two weeks earlier than similar varieties already on the market. It was tested over three seasons, including winters and proven to be hardy in zones 4b to 9a. It is a favorite of hummingbirds and butterflies, makes a great cut flower, is suitable for containers, and is heat tolerant. All this and it's less favored by deer and rabbits.

Make space in the vegetable garden for the high-yielding Kabocha Sweet Jade winter squash. The fruit weighs between one and two pounds, making it perfect for single servings of squash, as an edible soup bowl, or added to a variety of Asian-style dishes where a sweet, earthy nutritious squash is typically recommended. Roast, bake, or puree Sweet Jade's deep orange flesh that has a dry texture with a sweet flavor.

Grow San Joaquin jalapeno pepper when looking for big harvests in a short timeframe. This means you'll have lots of peppers available for canning, pickling, and serving roasted and stuffed to large groups of guests. Leave them on the plant longer, allowing them to turn a beautiful red while maintaining their flavor. These thick-walled peppers have just a hint of heat at 2,500-6,000 Scoville units.

Make room in your gardens and containers for these and other winning varieties. Adding new introductions that have been trialed by horticulture professionals across North America helps increase your gardening success.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment



GARDEN MOMENTS

MELINDA MYERS



THE GREAT OUTDOORS  
RALPH TRUE

Ice fishing remains on hold, at least for this neck of the woods. I decided to wait a week to discuss the joy and techniques of Jig fishing, which is also called Spudding! Back in the day, many Swedish families were living in the Worcester area, and worked in the Steel Mill on Millbury Street. They were hard workers, but also loved fishing, and were very good at it. Ice fishing was one of their favorite forms of fishing, and they made their fishing gear from scratch. One particular Swedish gentleman lived on Millbury Street, almost across from the steel mill, and was well known by many ice fishing anglers. I often stopped by to buy some of the tackle he made in his garage. They also had made bags to carry the fish in, which also had a spot to carry a little liquid refreshment!

One of my first visits to his garage had me amazed at what he was making in his little workshop. He was making his own jigs that were in the form of a teardrop, with brass on one side and chrome on the other. They were heavy enough to go through a thin layer of slush, often left in the hole after chopping a hole with his hand made ice chisel. They had a single hook attached to the jig which was often baited with a perch eye from one of his first freshly caught perch, using a piece of worm.

Jig fishing requires cutting a lot of holes in the ice, and although the holes were a bit rough, and only a three of inches around, yellow perch could easily be brought through them to the surface of the ice. If a large fish was encountered, the angler would come over to the hole and chisel it larger, as the

# Jig fishing



Courtesy

This week's picture shows a group of Whitinsville ice fishing anglers fishing at Meadow pond a few years ago. They are hoping for some ice soon so they can test their skills at catching a big fish.

angler held the fish just under the ice until the hole was made larger. It happened often, as many large bass and sometimes a large perch, was too small to bring the fish through. An angler would often cut more than 100 holes a day, with their ice chisels that were made at their workplace. The ice chisels were of high quality, and were a prize possession of each angler. This writer often fished with the late Stan Melnicki of Douglas, and before he passed, he gave me his homemade ice chisel, that has cut many holes in the ice over he years, until the power ice augers came into my possession. The chisel has saved my life on numerous occasions, as I still use it to test the ice as I travel across new frozen ponds and lakes. I guess Stan is still watching over me!

The latest ice augers are making ice fishing a lot easier for today's anglers. Cutting 10 inch holes through eight or ten inches of ice can be done in seconds, allowing for more time fishing. Using jig sticks, an angler can catch a lot of fish in a day, but most jig fishing anglers return many of them to fight again. My brother Ken and I often targeted yellow perch, and they were often cooked the same day, by simply fry-

ing them in a cast iron skillet with a bit of cooking oil and rolling them in a mixture of yellow corn meal and flower. The sweet taste of the yellow perch was an annual meal, and as my wife cooked them I would run down to the Food Works restaurant in North Uxbridge, for an order of shrimp fried rice, and hot mustard, I am hoping for sum ice soon to have at least one meal before the warmer weather arrives. We could often catch eight or ten perch from one hole before chopping another hole just a few feet from the hole we were fishing. Perch swim in schools, and are often moving, so it is necessary to locate them when the hole stops producing. We often set in a couple of ice fishing tilts, just in case a big fish is in the area, but the coat of a dozen large shiners from a bait shop now sells for \$12. You can catch big fish on a jig stick also, and it is a lot more fun. Today jig sticks are widely accessible for little money, so do not leave home without one and be sure to bring the family. Hopefully, you will get a chance to try jig fishing, before spring arrives!

Take a Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending.

# Heroes come in all shapes and sizes

POSITIVELY SPEAKING  
TOBY MOORE

We've seen so many superhero movies that we've been conditioned to think that a hero must have superhuman abilities. Like Superman, "faster than a speeding bullet, more powerful than a locomotive!" They must be able to fly, shoot lasers through their eyes, and perform feats of incredible strength and agility.

The truth is that heroes come in all shapes and sizes. Sometimes even a little girl can stand up to great tyranny and win.

It reminds me of the old phrase, "It's not the size of the person, but the size of their heart that counts."

Have you ever heard of Malala Yousafzai? Malala Yousafzai was born in Pakistan on July 12, 1997. She was raised in a conservative family and received her early education at home. Her father was a teacher and an education activist. He instilled in her a love for learning and a desire to improve the education system in Pakistan.

In 2009, when Malala was only 12

years old. The Taliban began taking control of the Swat Valley, where Malala lived. The Taliban's brutal reign of terror was a nightmare for

the local population.

As the Islamist extremist group tightened its grip on the region, they imposed a harsh version of the Islamic law that stripped away the people's fundamental rights and freedoms.

Girls were banned from school, and those who dared to defy the ban were tortured and killed. The Taliban destroyed dozens of girls' schools, leaving thousands of young girls without access to education. Women were forced to wear burqas in public and were beaten and killed if they dared to defy this oppressive rule.

The Taliban thugs carried out random bombings and targeted assassinations, causing absolute fear and panic.

Public executions and amputations were punishments for crimes. Anyone accused of spying or collaborating with the Pakistani government was publicly beheaded.

In this situation, I'm sure many of the local population sought help from the government or lobbied the United Nations for Peacekeepers. No doubt, many prayed for a miracle, never realizing their miracle was a twelve-year-old girl.

Malala's father, who ran a school for girls, refused to comply with the ban, and Malala began speaking out against the Taliban's actions.

In September 2008, Malala wrote a blog for the BBC under a pen name, describing life under the Taliban. The blog was a huge success. Soon after, she began speaking to the media about her life and the importance of education for girls.

What kind of threat could a twelve-year-old girl be to the mighty Taliban? Enough of a threat that Taliban leadership unanimously decided to kill her, and they knew where she lived. Death threats were delivered to her house and slid underneath her door. Even newspapers began publishing threats against her.

One day in 2012, she had defiantly attended a school to take an exam; while riding a bus on the way home, a Taliban hitman boarded the bus and asked which of the children was Malala; after identifying herself, he put a bullet in her head, and injuring two others.

Indeed, the attacker thought he was successful in his attempt. After being rushed to the hospital for a five-hour surgery to remove the bullet, miraculously, the doctors said she had a 70% chance of survival.

Malala survived and seemed to have a full recovery. In 2013, she spoke at the United Nations. She said, "The terrorists thought they would change my aims and stop my ambitions, but nothing changed in my life except this: weakness, fear, and hopelessness died. Strength, power, and courage were born ..."

Despite the odds, Malala Yousafzai stood up against the Taliban's brutal regime and fought for girls' education in Pakistan.

In 2014, she became the youngest ever to receive the Nobel Peace Prize.

Malala Yousafzai continues to fight and, no doubt, is just beginning her journey to greatness. Although the Taliban is alive and well, Malala has won. Her international fame and attention have captivated the world, and there is no turning back.

You have within you a strength that is greater than you can imagine. Like Malala, you can pursue your dreams, stand up against tyranny, and win.

# A Reader Exchange of Helpful Hints and Handy Tips

## Readers Share Hacks and Hints

The holiday are over, and winter remains in full swing, but thanks to readers' suggestions, the season can be a little more hassle free! From easing pain to cleaning up, everyday tasks are a bit easier with the following ideas! Read on for the latest readers' roster of tips and tricks.

And remember, send in your favorite tips and you could win a three-course dinner for two at Publick House in Sturbridge!



TAKE THE HINT  
KAREN TRAINOR

Baking is a year round labor of love, and this reader found a simple way to make sure your tinted cookies are always eye appealing:

This time of year many of us are baking cookies. When making cookies that require coloring the dough, I add the food coloring to the mixture before adding the flour. The coloring blends more easily and completely.

Joan Mazeika  
Oxford, MA

We all know if dryer lint traps aren't cleaned often, they can be a fire hazard. Thanks to this reader's hint, makes grabbing even that last bit of lint quicker and easier:

My tip is to use a toothbrush to clean lint from the dryer's lint trap. It works really well!

Terry Maiorana  
Ashford, CT

Prize Winner  
Congratulations to Joan Mazeika of Oxford, MA, whose name was drawn as winner for Dinner for Two at the Publick House in Sturbridge. She offered the

great kitchen tip above.

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Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

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

A somewhat dilapidated pinecone wreath makes a good base placed flat under a plant. Extra greenery or decorations may be placed among the cones.

Or, smear with peanut butter and bird seed and hang in a tree. Delighted birds will be YOUR treat!

Anne Wuelfing  
Spencer, MA

This repurposing tip relieves pain and your budget!

Do you have bad knees? Use an old sock with the toe end cut off to make a sleeve to ease the pain of the knee. It works like the copper fit knee sleeves you buy for the same purpose.

Paul Davignon  
Uxbridge, MA

Pinecone wreaths are beautiful, until they're not! Here's a clever way to repurpose worn out wreaths that have served their time:



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# Cornerstone Bank now accepting applications for \$2,500 scholarships

WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with 10 locations throughout Central Massachusetts, will award \$2,500 scholarships to 16 local high school seniors who anticipate pursuing studies in business and finance. The scholarships will be granted to students who best demonstrate achievement in academics, extracurricular activities, and community involvement. Applications are being accepted through Thursday, April 6.

“We are delighted to again help local students pursue higher education, while also fostering advancement in the fields of business and finance,” said CEO Todd Tallman. “We appreciate the opportunity to reward some of the many exemplary stu-

dents in our community and hope these scholarships alleviate some of the financial burden involved with a college education.”

To apply for a scholarship, the student must:

- Be a 2023 high school graduate
- Anticipate being a full-time student at an accredited, degree-granting institution of higher education
- Anticipate studying in a business or financial field
- Demonstrate achievement and high standards in academics, extracurricular activities and community involvement

Submit an official transcript and GPA from their guidance office

In addition, the student must submit a one-page, typed essay based on the prompt: our company’s

customer promise, Built on Trust, is not just a brand, but also a corporate focus. Whether a business or personal partnership, Cornerstone Bank rests on the foundation that relationships are built on trust. We stand by our core values of teamwork, relationships, user-friendly, solutions-based and transparency. Describe a time when you embraced one of the Cornerstone core values.

Applications must be submitted electronically to Cornerstone Bank by Thursday, April 6, 2023. Please apply through the online submission form. Scholarship funds will be disbursed to the student after successful completion of the first semester, and upon presentation of an official

copy of the first-semester transcript and second-semester bill.

For more information, and to complete the online application form, please visit [cornerstonebank.com/scholarships](http://cornerstonebank.com/scholarships).

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## Dudley Middle School student recognized for service leadership

DUDLEY — Natalie Smith, an eighth grader from Dudley Middle School was recently selected as Dudley’s 2023 Project 351 Ambassador for her inspiring ethic of service and values of kindness, compassion, humility, and gratitude. Project 351 is a non-profit organization that empowers a youth-led movement for change powered by an eighth grade student representing every city and town in Massachusetts.

“Natalie possesses empathy and compassion. She is a role model of kindness and caring. Her presence brings light and warmth to all around her. Intelligence, leadership, enthusiasm and gentleness describe this exemplary student. Despite these qualities, Natalie is one of the most humble people I’ve met,” wrote seventh grade teacher, Mrs. Ide.

“Natalie is far beyond her years when it comes to service leadership. She sets a daily example of kindness and generosity to everyone around her. In 2017 she started her own organization centered around spreading positivity and inclusion. Here at DMS, Natalie is the first person to volunteer for any job, big or small, that involves helping the school and students. Natalie is well-spoken and an excellent student,” added eighth grade teacher, Mr. Ide.

On Jan. 14, Natalie will unite with more than 425 Ambassadors and Alumni mentors for Project 351’s 13th annual Launch and Service Day in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. & Coretta Scott King. Launch Day kicks-off 12 months of leadership

development through unifying service, Alumni mentorship, and enrichment through Project 351’s Service Leadership Academy.

Over their year’s term, Ambassadors develop the skills and confidence to mobilize schools and communities in four statewide service campaigns: Spring Service, Benefiting Cradles and Crayons, Hope & Gratitude Walk benefiting nonprofits selected by Ambassadors; 9/11 Tribute Service with the Massachusetts Military Heroes Fund; and Fall Service, which seeks to eradicate hunger through support of hundreds of hometown Food Pantries. At the close of their service year, Ambassadors are invited to continue to hone skills and lead communities as a member of the Alumni Organization.

Launch Day will celebrate the Class of 2023 and honor the legacy of the Kings, with a special tribute of the “The Embrace,” the Commonwealth’s first memorial to Dr. and Mrs. King. Highlights include a kick-off program at Faneuil Hall and an end-of-day celebration.

Ambassadors will dedicate the afternoon to high impact service with 10 nonprofit organizations including La Colaborativa, Cradles to Crayons, Hope & Comfort, and the Wonderfund. United across 351 cities and towns, Ambassadors will address critical issues including hunger, educational opportunity, childhood poverty, mental health and wellness, and care for military and veterans – impacting thousands of neighbors across Boston and the

Commonwealth.

“The 35ONE generation is compassion-in-action. We’re honored to welcome our 13th Class of leaders, dreamers, and doers,” said Carolyn Casey, Project 351’s Founder and Executive Director. “We are proud of their commitment to unite as the Class of 2023 to build the knowledge, skills, and confidence to lead the change they wish to see in the world.”

Since 2011, 4,492 Ambassadors have positively impacted more than 1.2 million neighbors through unifying statewide service.

About Project 351

Founded in 2011, Project 351 is a youth-led movement for change powered by an eighth grade unsung hero selected to represent every city and town in Massachusetts. Ambassadors are selected for an exemplary ethic of service and the values of kindness, compassion, humility, and gratitude.

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

Tri-Valley Lunches are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 11:30 am. Please call (508) 949-3845 at least 48-hours in advance to reserve or cancel your meal. A \$3.00 donation is appreciated. All meals include milk, bread and fruit or dessert. This week’s menu: Tues. 1/24 Roast Pork, herb stuffing, roasted veggies. Wed. 1/25 Chicken Fajitas, Spanish rice, black beans & corn. Thurs. 1/26 Beef w/ onions & peppers, red bliss potatoes, carrots. Friday, 1/27 Shepherd’s Pie, carrots, peas.

New Covid-19 Treatment Hotline: Have you tested positive for Covid-19? Telehealth is a quick and free way to see if you’re eligible for Covid-19 treatment. Just call 1-833-273-6330. Clinicians are available every day from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm EST.

pm. Cost per each class is \$3.00. Please sign up in advance at the Senior Center front desk. All ages are welcome!

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

The Bomba Beauty Salon at the Webster Senior Center is closed on Mondays. Open Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays 10:00 am – 3:00 pm BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Walk-ins Are Welcome on Wednesdays 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Please call (508) 341-8724 to schedule your appointment!

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

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

Bingo: Every Tuesday, starts promptly at 1:00 pm. Please plan to arrive by 12:30 pm to allow time to buy your bingo sheets. Better yet, sign up for lunch, come early and spend the day!

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

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

Project 351 is a nonprofit organization powered by Ambassador leadership and the investment of civic-minded corporations, foundations, individuals, and Project 351 Alumni. We are honored by the faith of our partners including the Martin Richard Foundation, Boston Celtics Shamrock Foundation, Crimson Lion Foundation, John Hancock, Michael Carmen and Pamela Lederer, Foundation to be Named Later, HYM Investment, Mabel Louise Riley Foundation, Governor Deval and Diane Patrick, two generous funders who chose anonymity, and our media partner WBZ-TV.

A SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone) counselor is available at the Senior Center to assist you. Please call (508) 949-3845 for more information.

The Regional Environmental Council has scheduled their Winter Mobile Fresh Produce Markets for Thursdays at the Webster Senior Center, starting Thursday, January 19th from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. Markets will be held every Thursday from January 19th through May 11, 2023.

Please join us for a movie matinee on Monday, January 23rd at 1:00 pm. We will be showing CODA, voted the best picture of 2022! Refreshments will be served. Please sign up at the front desk.

Join us for a Dessert Social on Wednesday, January 25th at 12:00pm. Sponsored by Life Care of Auburn. Please sign up at Senior Center front desk.

FREE line dancing class led by Instructor Forty Arroyo! Class will be held on Friday, January 27th from 1:00 – 2:30 pm. All ages are welcome!

Starting Friday, February 3rd you can come kick up your heels at a progressive line dancing class led by Instructor Forty Arroyo! Classes will run for 6 weeks on Fridays from 1:00 pm – 2:30

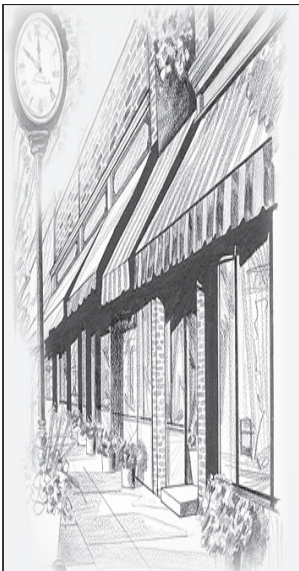
Mahjongg group meets every Friday at 1:00 pm – beginners welcome!

Celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with Emmet Cahill, star of PBS Celtic Thunder on Wednesday, March 8th. Trip price of \$119.00 includes transportation, luncheon, meal tax, meal gratuity and show ticket. Our trips sell out quickly so don’t wait to reserve your seat! Trip prices do not include bus driver gratuity. Please call the Senior Center at (508) 949-3845 for more information.

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

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

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



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# OBITUARIES

## Kathy Lee Dupont, 67



**WEBSTER** – Kathy Lee (Gelnette) Dupont, 67, died Sunday, January 1, 2023 in UMass/Memorial University Campus, Worcester after an illness. She leaves her husband of 30 years, Kevin A. Dupont; a daughter, Tiara Skulley and her husband John of New York State; 5 grandchildren; her mother-in-law, Dolores (Gallant) Leblanc of Webster; her brothers-in-law, David Dupont, Brian Emery and Larry Dupont; her sisters-in-law, Judith Dupont, Jacqueline Power and Christine Emery; and cousins. She was preceded in death by her brother Ronnie, her uncles David and James Schaffer and her brother-in-law Alan Dupont. She also leaves her beloved Chihuahuas Ozzie and Kersey. She was born on January 3, 1955 in Brookfield, PA, the daughter of James and Luella (Schafer) Gelnette

and raised there. She lived in The Bronx, NY before moving to Webster at the time of her marriage. Mrs. Dupont first worked as a weaver and then supervisor at the former Anglo Fabrics Company. She was a customer service representative at the Worcester Telegram & Gazette in Worcester. She retired as a cashier from Market Basket in Webster 2 years ago due to illness. She was a member of Saint Louis Church. The family would like to give special thanks to Kevin's place of employment, Unified 2 in Sutton, for their great support during the time he was on leave; his boss and co-workers were so understanding and kind. A memorial Mass was held on Wednesday, January 11, at 11:00 AM in Saint Louis Church, 14 Lake Street. There are no calling hours. Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street. [www.websterfunerals.com](http://www.websterfunerals.com)

## Harold R. Jacobson



Harold R. Jacobson of 14 Old Worcester Road Oxford, passed away on December 27, 2022; he passed away peacefully at home with his friend Jimmy at his side. Harold was born on December 5, 1934 in a log cabin on the family homestead in Midnight Lake, Saskatchewan, Canada; he came, with his family, to the United States in 1939. Harold was predeceased by his parents Oscar J. and Aldina (Nolin) Jacobson, and his sister Viola Gubber; he leaves behind three brothers: Robert of Woodstock, CT; Lee of Worcester, MA, and Charles of Thompson, CT; he also leaves many nieces and cousins in the United States and Canada. Harold worked for several construction companies, and retired from the

Oxford School Department after twenty years; he served honorably in the United States Army for three years. Harold enjoyed his family and playing cards, in younger days he enjoyed playing golf with his brothers. Harold's family expresses their utmost gratitude to the Tri-Valley Services of Webster, and especially his devoted caregivers Avis and Diane. There will be no calling hours or funeral services, private committal services will be held at the convenience of the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, please make a memorial contribution to the Webster-Dudley Veterans Council. A guest book is available at [www.shaw-majercik.com](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you may offer condolences, share fond memories, or light a candle in remembrance of Harold.

## Robert W. Langley, 56



Robert W. Langley of Worcester, 56 passed away at home January 11th after a long, courageous battle with Multiple Myeloma. Rob was born in Worcester the son of James Langley and Susan (Nowicki) Parmenter. Besides Worcester, he resided in Oxford and, as a young child, Iwakuni, Japan. Rob graduated from Oxford High School and attended Worcester State University. Upon graduating from high school, he joined the U.S. Navy and served honorably for four years as a medical corpsman. He was stationed all over the world, including Camp LeJeune, NC. Besides his parents, he is survived by his sons, Alex Mason of Hartford, Connecticut and Scott Langley of Vancouver, Washington. Rob is also survived by his sister Cynthia Masciangioli and her husband Mark of Dudley, father Ralph Parmenter of Webster, sister Kim White and husband Todd of Brooklyn, CT and brother Richard Parmenter and wife Megan of Webster. Rob's family also includes many nieces, nephews, uncles and aunts who will dearly feel his loss. Besides his family, Rob leaves a very close friend, Satoko Matsueda of Buffalo, NY.

Rob was a free spirit with a keen intellect who endured the consequences of his illness with dignity and grace. It can be said that he treated people with respect and consideration regardless of the situation. His interests included music, physics, art, science and meteorology. He was also an accomplished photographer whose work was recognized by various publications. His main focus, however, was on his boys and their paths through life. He'll be remembered as a wonderful father who, even through the personal tests of the last few years, was always present for his sons. They, and his friends and family will remember and miss him very much. The family would also like to thank Dr. Muthalagu Ramanathan and the Oncology Department at UMass Memorial for their care from the beginning and during Rob's ordeal. His memorial service will be held on Thursday, January 19th at 11:00 am in the MERCADANTE FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL, 370 Plantation St., Worcester. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Veteran, Inc., 60 Grove St., Worcester, MA. 01605.



Webster- Dennis L. Duguay 68, passed away December 1, 2022 in Hartford Hospital. He was born in Worcester April 4, 1954 son of the late Leo J. and Dorothy D. (Billings) Duguay and lived in Webster most of his life. Dennis was a 1972 graduate of Bartlett High School and the worked as a machinist/engineer for Karl Storz Company. He enjoyed fishing, Corvette's and also enjoyed working around the

house. He also liked fishing at the Cape. He leaves his sister Susan P. Ramsbotham and her husband Richard 'Rick' of Douglas and a nephew Michael J. Ramsbotham. There are no calling hours. A Memorial Mass was held on Monday, January 16, 2023 at 11 A.M. in Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 18 East Nain St., Webster; burial will be private at a later date with his parents in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Webster. The ROBERT J. MILLER FUNERAL HOME and LAKE CHAPEL, 366 School St. is assisting the family with arrangements.

## Springfield College recognizes Dean's List students for fall semester

SPRINGFIELD — Springfield College Recognizes Dean's List Students for the 2022 Fall Semester. Springfield College has named Nicole Boutin from Auburn to the dean's list for academic excellence for the 2022 fall semester. Boutin has a primary major of Education. Springfield College has named Jillian LaBonte from Auburn to the dean's list for academic excellence for the 2022 fall semester. LaBonte has a primary major of Exer Sci / Applied ES. Springfield College has named Grace Levansavich from Auburn to the dean's list for academic excellence for the 2022 fall semester. Levansavich has a primary major of Physical Ed Hlth/FCS. Springfield College has named Danielle Schmeling from Auburn to the dean's list for academic excellence for the 2022 fall semester. Schmeling has a primary major of Health Sci / Pre-PA. Springfield College has named Hunter Audet from Dudley to the dean's list for academic excellence for the 2022 fall semester. Audet has a primary major of Health Sci / Pre-PA. Springfield College has named Hannah Cushing from Dudley to the dean's list for academic excellence for the 2022 fall semester. Cushing has a primary major of Physical Ed Hlth/FCS. Springfield College has named Audrey Hayes from Oxford to the dean's list for academic excellence for the 2022 fall semester. Hayes has a primary major of Health Sci / Pre-OT. Springfield College has named Ryan Steiner from Oxford to the dean's list for academic excellence for the 2022 fall semester. Steiner has a primary major of Sport Management. Springfield College has named Jennifer Walker from Webster to the dean's list for academic excellence for the 2022 fall semester. Walker has a primary major of Exer Sci / Pre-AT. Springfield College has named Lucas Yash from Webster to the dean's list for academic excellence for the 2022 fall semester. Yash has a primary major of Sport Management. The criteria for selection to the Dean's List are as follows: The student must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded coursework for the term, exclusive of "P" grades. The student must not have any incompletes or missing grades in the designated term. The student must have a minimum semester grade average of 3.500 for the term. Springfield College is an independent, nonprofit, coeducational institution founded in 1885. Approximately 4,100 students, including 2,500 full-time undergraduate students, study at its main campus in Springfield, Mass., and at its regional campuses across the country. Springfield College inspires students through the guiding principles of its Humanics philosophy - educating in spirit, mind, and body for leadership in service to others.

## Nichols alum commits \$100,000 to support presidential initiatives

DUDLEY — David Bedard, a 1986 graduate of Nichols College, has committed \$100,000 to support strategies designed to increase the prominence of Nichols regionally and nationally, a priority of Nichols President Glenn M. Sulmasy, JD, LL.M. “We are on a path toward cementing our reputation within and beyond New England as a career-oriented college focused on unparalleled experiential learning opportunities and a vibrant campus culture,” said President Sulmasy. “The contribution from the Bedards will underwrite initiatives aimed on elevating and promoting our brand, and we are immensely grateful.” A Shrewsbury native, Bedard is a former senior vice president at New York Life Investments Group. Now retired, he resides in Florida with his wife Ellen, a 1987 graduate of Nichols. He has been a member of the Nichols College Board of Trustees since 2011 and currently chairs the Audit Committee. “Nichols holds a special place in Ellen's and my hearts, and we are delighted to assist in sharing the history, success and amazing story that is Nichols College,” said Bedard. About Nichols College The mission of Nichols College is to educate and enlighten students to capitalize on their ambitions and to become impactful, forward looking global leaders.

## Friday's Child



Barry Age 6

Hi! My name is Barry and I love to play!

Barry is an energetic and affectionate boy of African American and Caucasian descent who loves to explore outside and play with cars and trains. He is described by those who know him best as kind, loving and “an absolute joy” with unparalleled empathy and an amazing laugh. Barry will comfort others if they are upset or hurt, and his laughter

and carefree demeanor lift the spirits of everyone he meets. In addition to outdoor play, Barry loves painting and any kind of sensory play like slime, water and sensory bins. He recently learned to jump with both feet off the ground! Barry has made significant progress with his speech and language, and now uses more than 50 spoken words. He communicates in two- to three-word phrases, and occasionally supplements this with gestures, signs or his communication device. Diagnosed with autism and some additional medical needs, Barry is followed by a team of specialists. He is thriving in a small classroom with individualized attention, and loves being around peers- he even enjoys sharing with them! The adults in his life note that he has strong problem-solving skills and is able to make connections, such as going to get a paper towel if he notices that something has spilled. Legally freed for adoption, Barry seeks a fun and active family who can provide a balance of the structure that he requires and the love and affection he craves. A family should be prepared to advocate for Barry and to support his independence as he continues to grow and develop. He will do best in a two-parent home, with or without other children. Visits twice a year with his biological mother will need to be supported.

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The high school's National Honor Society has been collecting clothing and other basic goods for them. School services for homeless families are at least partly funded by the federal McKinney-Vento Act, which provides grants for transportation. Lucas said Oxford

would need to see “a very large influx” to need additional teachers, and he doubts 18 families will cause that.

Regarding other special needs, the district is also seeking parents to participate in the Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC), which held an introductory forum last week and had a speaker on mental health at its

meeting in December. SEPAC is hosting an online workshop on

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nesses and public offices, potential postponement of elections, mail-in voting, outdoor dining, sanitation, public gatherings, managing COVID programs with the college, a regional high school

understanding individual education plans (IEPs) Jan. 25 from 6-8

p.m. Information and the zoom link are on the website.

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

and three Dudley public schools, several private schools, multiple religious institutions, contact tracing, and eventually testing and vaccinations. No small task for these three elected volunteer officials to maintain local policy oversight and do it as professionally and

as well, in many cases, better than larger cities and towns with larger full time public health staff,” said Cyganiewicz.

The ceremony also recognized members of the Town Hall Staff, the Town Clerks office, the town moderator and Veterans Services office,

the Highway and Water & Sewer Departments, the Library, the Council on Aging, and the Treasurer/Collector Staff for their service during the pandemic closing out what was arguably one of the biggest celebrations of public service in Dudley's modern history.

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 Ricardo Navedo to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Crescent Mortgage Company, dated May 30, 2013 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 50967, Page 168, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Crescent Mortgage Company, its successors and assigns to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., recorded on December 30, 2020, in Book No. 64108, at Page 387

for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 PM on February 10, 2023, on the mortgaged premises located at 87 Shore Drive, Auburn, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT: The land in Auburn on the easterly side of Shore Drive, being lot #75 as shown on Plan of Woodland Park, made by R. J. Donovan, CE., recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Plan Book 45 Plan 13 and bounded and described as follows: On the northwest about seventy (70) feet by said Shore Drive; on the northeast one hundred thirty two (132) feet by lot #74 on said plan; on the southeast about thirty and six tenths (30.6) feet by lot #80 on said plan; and on the southwest about eighty six (86) feet by lots #81 and #82 on said plan. Containing by estimation an area of 3990 square feet of land. Also Lot #74 as shown on the above mentioned plan bounded and described as follows: Northeasterly by lot #73 on said plan about one hundred fifty (150) feet; southeasterly by lot #79 on said plan about thirty and six tenths (30.6) feet; southwesterly by lot #75 on said plan about one hundred thirty two (132) feet northwesterly by said Shore Drive about forty-five (45) feet. Containing by estimation an area of 4230 square feet. Also the land in Auburn in said Worcester County, being the northwesterly part of Lots 79 and 80 on “Plan of Woodland Park, Auburn, Massachusetts 1925” by K. I. Donovan C.E. and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 45, Plan 13 and further bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the most northerly corner of lot 79 on said plan, said point being the most easterly corner of lot 74 on said plan at land now or formerly of the Scandinavian Workers Educations Society, Incorporated; Thence running Southeasterly by the northeasterly line of Lot 79, fifty (50) feet to a point in said northeasterly line of lot 79 on said plan; Thence southwesterly by the remaining portions of lots 79 and 80 on said plan to a point in the southwesterly line of lot 80, which point is fifty (50) feet southeasterly, measured on the southwesterly line of lot 80, from the most westerly corner of said lot 80; Thence northwesterly by said southwesterly line of lot 80, fifty (50) feet to a point at lot 75 on said plan, being land now or formerly of the Scandinavian Workers Educational Society, Incorporated; Thence northeasterly by lots 75 and 74, by land now or formerly of the Scandinavian Workers Educational Society, Incorporated, sixty and 12/100 (60.12) feet to the point of beginning. For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 50967, Page 165. 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 St., 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.

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Present holder of said mortgage By its Attorneys, HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C. 150 California St. Newton, MA 02458 (617)558-0500 22396 January 13, 2023 January 20, 2023 January 27, 2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**The Trial Court**  
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**WORCESTER, Division**  
**Docket No.22E0058PE**  
**22E0059PE**  
**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**

Dominic Navarro a minor  
Nicolas Antonio Navarro a minor  
To the above named Defendant: Esmeralda Flores  
A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff,Omar Navarro, seeking Paternity.  
You are required to serve upon Paul M. Sushchik attorney for plaintiff(s)-whose address, 1 Exchange Place- Suite 202, Worcester, MA 01608 your answer on or on before March 7, 2023. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at Worcester.  
Witness, Leilah A. Kearny, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Worcester, this 4th day of January, 2023.  
Stephanie Fattman  
January 20, 2022

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Witness, Leilah A. Kearny, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Worcester, this 23rd day of November, 2022.  
Stephanie Fattman  
January 20, 2022

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this 4th day of January, 2023.

Stephanie Fattman

January 20, 2022

**TOWN OF DUDLEY**  
**Notice to Bidders**

The Town of Dudley is requesting bids for the following construction material items for various departments for the period of **January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023.**

- ITEM #1 All grades of medium curving asphalt and emulsion type asphalt
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*Bidders of items # 2A & # 9 must be pre-qualified and a Certificate of Approval from Mass Highway.*

*All materials must conform to Mass Highway Specifications.*

Bids will be received by the Chief Procurement Officer in the Dudley Town Hall, 71 West Main St. MA 01571 until 11:00AM on **February 01, 2023**, and at that time they will be opened and read. All envelopes must be sealed and **marked “BID” and appropriate “ITEM #” indicated.**

The Town of Dudley brings to the attention of bidders, Chapter 149, sections 26D & 27D of the Mass. General Laws concerning minimum wage rates where applicable. All bids must be in compliance with all Mass. General Laws. Specifications available at the Selectmen's Office, 71 West Main St, Dudley MA 01571, Monday – Thursday between 9:00a.m. and 4:00p.m., Friday from 9:00a.m. – noon. Specific questions may be addressed to Jeffrey Murray, Highway Superintendent at (508) 949-8020.

The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids/proposals if deemed in the best interest of the Town.

Town of Dudley  
Jonathan Ruda  
Town Administrator  
Chief Procurement Officer  
January 20, 2023  
January 27, 2023

(SEAL)  
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
LAND COURT  
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT  
Docket Number: 23 SM 000136  
ORDER OF NOTICE

To: Kathleen Terry; Heather Terry; Heirs, Devisees and Legal Representatives of the Estate of Gordon R. Terry and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq): U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee for the holders of the First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-FF10 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-FF10 claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Dudley, numbered 40 Lakeview Avenue, given by Gordon R. Terry, Kelly J. Patterson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for NationPoint, a division of Nat. City Bank of IN, dated April 3, 2006, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 39116, Page 182, 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 27, 2023, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of non-compliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on January 11, 2023.

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson

Recorder

22399

January 20, 2022

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**The Trial Court**  
**Probate and Family Court**  
**Worcester Probate**  
**and Family Court**  
**225 Main Street**  
**Worcester, MA 01608**  
**(508) 831-2200**  
**Docket No. WO23C0608CA**  
**CITATION ON PETITION TO**  
**CHANGE NAME**  
**In the matter of:**  
**Mason Lloyd Rossetti**

**A Petition to Change Name of Minor** has been filed by **Mason Lloyd Rossetti of Oxford MA**

requesting that the court enter a Decree changing his name to:

**Mason Lloyd Bennett**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/24/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.**

**WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.**

Date: December 28, 2022

Stephanie K. Fattman  
Register of Probate

January 20, 2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**The Trial Court**  
**Probate and Family Court**  
**Worcester Probate and Family Court**  
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**(508) 831-2200**  
**Docket No.WO23P0123EA**  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR**  
**FORMAL ADJUDICATION**  
**Estate of:**

Marilyn G. Colaianne

**Also known as:** Marilyn G. Lambert  
**Date of Death:** 08/28/2022

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Matthew Colaianne of Worcester MA**

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that:

**Matthew Colaianne of Worcester MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/14/2023.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

**WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.**

Date: January 13, 2023

Stephanie K. Fattman,  
Register of Probate

January 20, 2023



# SPORTS

## Mentally strong Shepherd Hill hangs on to defeat Rangers



Nick Ethier

Shepherd Hill's Shaylan Cashman makes a power move toward the basket and finishes off the layup for two points.

**BY NICK ETHIER**  
SPORTS EDITOR

WESTBOROUGH — As the Shepherd Hill Regional girls' varsity basketball team made the trek to Westborough High to take on the Rangers on Tuesday, Jan. 10, the Rams knew how tough and how important the matchup was going to be. Both teams entered 6-1 and wanted to one-up the other in the competitive Midland-Wachusett League B Division.

"We all knew this was going to be a game here tonight," said Shepherd Hill head coach Maura Hackenson. "We've been preparing for days for this. We knew we wanted to come here and win and it was going to be tough."

Shepherd Hill led at

the half, 32-27, and held a slim 38-34 advantage through three quarters. But Westborough scored the first five points of the final frame on a Rachel Carpenter (21 points) 3-pointer and an Annabelle Semeter (14 points, 11 rebounds) layup as the Rangers surged ahead, 39-38.

But Hackenson credited her team's mental toughness, and the Rams responded by outscoring the Rangers the rest of the way, 13-4, to claim a 51-43 victory.

"The game was physical and the fouls were going against us, so we called a timeout specifically to talk about mental toughness. They responded," Hackenson said. "Tonight was a really big



Nick Ethier

Shepherd Hill's Sarah Miller reaches out to collect the ball before it can bounce out of bounds.

learning experience for everybody."

Hackenson's starting five included two seniors in Emery Mullen and Shaylan Cashman, a junior in Heidi Jarosz, a sophomore in Aryanna Sheehan and a freshman in Lily Connole, so the mixed bag in terms of experience meshed well in the victory.

"We have a next play mentality. If someone makes an error or if the calls aren't going our way, it's OK. Next play, but we had to be reminded tonight," said Hackenson.

Leading that charge was Mullen, Shepherd Hill's point guard and a four-year varsity player.

"She doesn't respond to anything negative, if

things aren't going her way the facial expression is the same. We don't want complaining to referees, we don't want anyone being upset with their teammates — that's not team basketball," said Hackenson. "Her stat line is really tremendous. It's blocks, steals — you name it."

Mullen led the team with 12 points and 12 rebounds for a double-double, plus she added a handful of blocks and steals. She also controlled the shot clock on the offensive end as the Rams clung to their lead. She also made both of her free throw attempts on a one-and-one opportunity with 18 seconds remaining, putting the game out of reach for the



Nick Ethier

Emery Mullen of Shepherd Hill reaches out to catch a pass from teammate Shaylan Cashman.



Nick Ethier

Aryanna Sheehan of Shepherd Hill flies by Westborough defender Rachel Carpenter while attempting an acrobatic layup.

Rangers.

But Hackenson reiterated that the Rams employ the entire roster for picking up victories.

"We're not going to rely on one or two people every night and that our team is going to win games for us," she noted. "They're bought in and they're seeing it now."

Cashman and Sheehan both scored 10 points and a total of nine players scored at least a basket.

Now at 7-1, and with more confidence moving forward, the Rams are excited.

"We'll have a nice bus ride home," said Hackenson.

## Girls on the Run Worcester County invites new participants for 2023 Spring Season

Girls on the Run Worcester County's registration for girl participants is now open. Girls on the Run is a physical activity-based, positive youth development program that inspires girls in grades 3-8 to be joyful, healthy and confident. The 10-week program incorporates running to teach critical life skills, encourage personal development and foster team building and community service. Volunteer coaches utilize a curriculum to engage teams of girls in fun, interactive lessons. Teams meet twice a week for 10 weeks, and the program culminates with all teams participating in a 5K event.

Girls on the Run Worcester County will serve over 30 sites throughout the 2023 Spring Season beginning the week of March 27. The non-profit organization

is currently seeking girls in grades 3-8 to participate in their transformative, confidence-building Spring season.

Jennifer Bolt, a coach with Girls on the Run throughout Fall 2022, stated that her school "saw girls develop new friendships - both in the program and around school," as well as "demonstrate great pride and excitement in knowing that they can run a 5K." Similarly, coach Heidi Richard saw a transformation in her team, particularly in the Community Impact Project portion of the program. Each team completes this project to enhance their leadership skills and serve their community. Her team chose to collect supplies to donate to a local animal shelter.

"From speaking at all school meetings, to making an

announcement over the intercom each morning for a week, our girls went above and beyond to spread the word and get their community involved," Heidi said.

Girls in grades 3-8 can register today to be entered into "lottery status," which gives each girl a fair shot to participate in the program. The lottery will run through Feb. 3, and those who register during this period will be notified of their girl's registration status no later than Feb. 6. Following this period, registration will be on a first come, first serve basis.

For more information about coaching or registering girls in the Girls on the Run program, visit [www.gotr-worc.org](http://www.gotr-worc.org).

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# SPORTS



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Bartlett's Neveah Espola works the ball around a Leicester defender.



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Tiffany Salazar of Bartlett drives the ball through two Leicester defenders as she gets into the lane.



Nick Ethier

Bartlett's Victoria Spitz reaches out to collect a pass thrown her way.



Nick Ethier

Leicester's Sarah O'Connor releases a pass down the court.



Nick Ethier

Nina Dykas of Leicester surveys the court, looking to make a pass, while Bartlett's Victoria Spitz defends.



Nick Ethier

Leicester's Maeve Nelson gets fouled by Bartlett's Dawanee Phanthavong while attempting a layup.

## Important game goes Leicester's way over Bartlett

By Nick Ethier  
Sports Editor

LEICESTER — Two girls' varsity basketball teams in desperate need of a victory took to Leicester High's court on Thursday, Jan. 12 when the Wolverines hosted Bartlett High. And Leicester turned a competitive game — they led after one quarter, 11-9, at halftime, 22-15, and through three periods, 27-17 — into a decisive victory as they won the final frame by 10 points, 38-8, for a 45-25 win.

"That's kind of an understatement," Chris Barry, head coach of the Wolverines, said when asked if his team needed this win. "We've been competitive in games, we've been leading in the fourth quarter and we've let some games slip away. One could argue we're much better than 2-7. I think it was great to come out and play together."

There were three lead changes in the first quarter, and a fourth took place in the opening moments of the second when the Indians scored the first six points to take a 15-11 lead. But Leicester embarked on an 11-0 run to end the period, resulting in their 22-15 halftime lead. Barry noted that Ayva Connor had multiple steals in the run and Ellie Hills knocked down a much-needed 3-pointer.

"The last two minutes of the second, we made a little run. It put us up by seven, huge," said Barry.

The low-scoring third quarter saw the Wolverines grab 5 points to the Indians' 2, which put Leicester ahead, 27-17.

"We stuck in there for the first three quarters," said Bartlett head coach Kashawn Hampton. "I think we missed a lot of open shots, which kind of hindered our progress. We've got to execute when we have the opportunities."

Bartlett made just 7 of 21 attempts from the free throw line and struggled from inside the paint.

The Wolverines put the game away by having their highest scoring output in the fourth quarter. Sarah O'Connor scored 7 of her game-high 19 points in the frame. She also finished with 12 rebounds for a double-double.

"Sarah got into a little bit of a groove," said Barry.

Other top contributors for Leicester included Maeve Nelson (13 points) and Kassidy Poce (9 rebounds), as they improved to 2-7.

Bartlett's key players included Victoria Spitz (8 points, 8 rebounds), Tiffany Salazar (7 points, 8 rebounds) and Neveah Espola (game-high 13 rebounds). The Indians played the contest with only seven players dressing.

"They absolutely showed fight. I give it up to my girls, we're low numbers right now but they fought hard," said Hampton. "We'll just keep fighting and go from there."

Bartlett is now 2-5 on the season.

## Knights of Columbus Council No. 228 Free Throw Championship

Knights of Columbus Council No. 228 will hold its annual Free Throw Championship on Saturday, Jan. 21 at All Saints Gym (St. Louis Campus) 48 Negus St., Webster, MA. Registration begins at 8:15 a.m. with competition starting for all participants promptly at 8:30. The event is free and open to all local boys and girls aged 9 to 14. Participant's age is determined by age as of Jan. 1, 2023. Proof of age is required at time of registration. Winners in each age group receive a trophy and will represent Council No. 228 in further District competition. Questions can be directed to Past Grand Knight, Paul Perry at [pjpknights@yahoo.com](mailto:pjpknights@yahoo.com) or phone (508) 943-9345. Snow date is Saturday, Jan. 28.



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Bay Path's Peter Barbale fights through multiple Worcester Tech defenders while drawing a foul.



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Bay Path's Corey Scovil fights as hard as he can to hoist up a shot with three Worcester Tech defenders attempting to block.



Nick Ethier

Walfry Torres of Bay Path leaps into the air and completes an acrobatic layup.

## Minutemen fall three points shy in defensive affair with Worcester Tech

BY NICK ETHIER  
SPORTS EDITOR

CHARLTON — According to Al Greenough, head coach of the Bay Path Regional boys' varsity basketball team, the Minutemen and Worcester Tech routinely battle closely, with defense being the key. "We always have a low-scoring, defensive battle with Worcester Tech. We're both very good defensive teams," explained Greenough. And that was the name of the game again when Bay Path hosted the Eagles on Friday, Jan. 13. Greenough was pleased with holding Worcester Tech to a low point total, but the Minutemen simply came up three points shy of victory. The Eagles won the slugfest, 42-39, improving to 4-2 in the process. Bay Path is now 4-4. "They played hard tonight, they worked hard. Sometimes in a game it comes down to a play here or a play there — a missed shot here, a turnover there — and the bottom line is at the end of the game they did more to get a couple more points than we did," said Greenough. The Minutemen held a 15-10 advantage after the first quarter of play and then Peter Barbale opened the second period

with a 3-pointer, but Tech won the remainder of the quarter by a 12-3 margin to grab a 22-21 lead at the break. "A couple of the guys really didn't get into the flow of the game and that really affected us overall," Greenough said of Bay Path's early foul trouble, of which they committed 10-plus through the first two quarters. The Minutemen continued to lock in defensively, though, and held the Eagles to their lowest scoring quarter total — 6 points — in the third. Bay Path managed 7 points in the frame and it was all tied up at 28-28 as play entered the fourth quarter. "We play with the notion, the idea that if you play defense you're going to be in every game. We pride ourselves on defense and work hard at it every day," said Greenough. "Offensively, (Worcester Tech) couldn't do anything that they've been doing all year long, so I felt good about that, but they ended up hitting a couple more shots than we did in the end." The Eagles scored those precious points after Bay Path's Trent Szela (10 points) made two free throws with 37 seconds to go, giving the Minutemen a 39-38 lead. First, Worcester Tech's Teriq



Nick Ethier

Trent Szela of Bay Path works his way around a Worcester Tech defender while dribbling down the court.

Goodman finished a layup and then, with 12 seconds to go, Goodman made two free throws during a one-and-one opportunity. Once Barbale (12 points) heaved a deep pass with four seconds to play and it was intercepted by Tech, the game was over. "I think we've beaten Worcester Tech once over the last 50 years, and that was last year. For some reason we always end up coming up a little bit short," said Greenough. Now sporting an even .500 record, Greenough still hopes for Bay Path to earn a spot into the Division 4 State Tournament if they can stay at — or above — the .500 ledger. "We want to get to the 10 wins and get to the State Tournament. We started off with a very difficult schedule and end with a very difficult schedule. We're going to be getting into the heart of our league now. We have to take care of business in our league," said Greenough.

## Mohegan Bowl winter leagues, week ending Jan. 15

Monday Men's Business  
Single — Mike Nardone 134, John Grande 128, Ryan Pelletier 124  
Series — Mike Nardone 355, Ryan Pelletier 341, Tim Labay 324  
Series over average — Kevin Vigeant +44

Ten Pin City  
Single — Division 1: Pam McCabe 221  
Division 2: Carol Harvard 164  
Series — Division 1: Natalie Wood 505  
Division 2: Marissa Mink 510

Tuesday Chet's Social  
Single — Tom Smith 149, Ryan Pelletier and Michael LeBlanc 130, Richard Girouard 128, Diane Levesque 103, Dawn Gleason 102, Patti Hurm 95  
Series — Ryan Pelletier 347, Tom Smith 340, Richard Girouard 327, Diane Levesque 289, Dawn Gleason and Kerry Welsh 269, Patti Hurm 265  
Series over average — David Blake +42, Patti Hurm +34

Wednesday Women's Industrial  
Single — Marie McNally 127, Lisa Tucker 108, Rhianna Labay 105  
Series — Marie McNally 300, Tara LaLiberte 288, Roberta Zacek 285  
Series over average — Lisa Tucker +43

Summit Tenpin  
Single — Division 1: Donny

Altieri 245  
Division 2: John Lizotte 193  
Series — Division 1: Bob Grant Jr. 598  
Division 2: Fred LaBonte 568

Thursday Morning Coffee

Single — Joan Wentworth 107, Nancy Zumpfe 94, Lorraine Brezniak 91  
Series — Lorraine Brezniak 270, Donna Lewandowski 256, Pat Blake 249  
Series over average — Denise Oles +38

Thursday Men's Industrial  
Single — Ryan Pelletier 160, John McMenemy 129, Rob LeTourneau and Chris Andros 122  
Series — Ryan Pelletier 401, Bo Gauvin 329, Jay Bernier 322  
Series over average — Mike Harney +64

Thursday Mixed Tenpin  
Single — Todd Gaucher 211, Frank Bosma 194, Randy Schlegel 178  
Series — Todd Gaucher 556, Frank Bosma 519, John Caskey 485



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Division 2: John Lizotte 193  
Series — Division 1: Bob Grant Jr. 598  
Division 2: Fred LaBonte 568

Thursday Morning Coffee

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**SURVEY**  
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Barbara Alevras, a consultant from Sage Consulting Services who has worked with several libraries on strategic planning, has been helping the library and the trustees with their five-year plan. The plan will help guide the library's development of future programming, services and staffing. So far, key leaders in the Webster community have participated in the strategic planning process through focus groups and brainstorming sessions. As a next step, two surveys have been developed: one for adults and one for the tween and teen population. The library is asking for your help in making its five-year plan comprehensive and relevant: please consider filling out the Community Survey!

Online surveys can be accessed on the library Web site at [www.gladyskellylibrary.org](http://www.gladyskellylibrary.org) or paper copies of the Community Survey are available at the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library; the Webster Senior Center or Webster Town Hall. In addition to English, surveys are available in Spanish and Polish. It does not matter if you are currently a library patron or not a patron, all voices matters. The library needs to hear from you! Questions can be sent to the library director, Sondra Murphy at [smurphy@cwmmars.org](mailto:smurphy@cwmmars.org).





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Paige Moroz is sworn in as a Dudley Police Patrolman.



Dan Brunelle is sworn in as a Dudley Police Patrolman.

FAREWELL

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the many town officials, employees, and officers he has worked with throughout the years, he also took the time to thank his most important supporters, his loved ones.

“I couldn’t do any of these things without the support of my family. Certainly, 20 years as chief

has been quite some time for sure, 34 years with the department overall, so there’s a lot of times in there that they sacrificed a lot of things for my career and what I went through, so I really appreciate everything they’ve done,” he said.

The exiting chief said the town is in good hands with incoming Karłowicz, saying he feels the town will be impressed by what they see in the years to come. Wojnar concluded, calling his career “quite

a ride” and receiving a standing ovation as he left the podium one final time.

In addition to Wojnar’s farewell, the Jan. 9 meeting officially signaled the change in leadership for the department with Karłowicz being sworn into his new position. The department also celebrated the addition of two new officers with Paige Moroz and Dan Brunelle both sworn in as full-time Dudley Police Patrolmen.

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Travel to the Dudley District Court and the cities and towns in the its jurisdiction is required: Charlton, Dudley, Oxford, Southbridge, Sturbridge and Webster. Proximity to all communities and familiarity with the criminal law and procedures is helpful.If you are interested in being considered for appointment please contact:

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