

Wojnar bids farewell at final selectmen’s meeting

BY JASON BLEAU
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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

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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.

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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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.

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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.

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

Assistant Manager in 2020.

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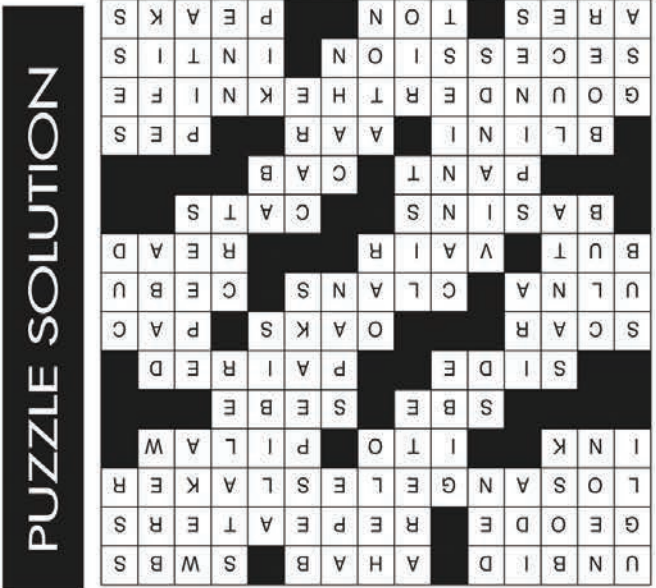


CLUES ACROSS

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

DANVERS — North Shore Community College President Dr. William Heineman is pleased to announce that Michael Randone of Auburn was a Dean's List student for the Fall 2022 semester.

Dean's List Honors are awarded to students who have earned six or more semester hours of academic credit with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.30 or higher.

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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.

Students are only graduated after the Registrar's Office has certified that all degree requirements have been successfully completed. Participating in the commencement ceremony is the act of honoring and celebrating academic achievement.

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SNHU announces Fall 2022 Dean's List

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire — It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Fall 2022 Dean's List. The fall terms run from September to December.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each

16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Hannah Caswell of Oxford
Sidney Holmes of Webster
Jonathan Morse of Dudley
Gabrielle Lemanski of Auburn

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Miko Schiavoni of Oxford
Kelsey Bates of Oxford
Lorilei Czesnowski of Webster
Gabrielle Lienhard of Webster
Karissa Lamothe of Webster
Jennifer Espino of Webster
Skylar Pietz of Dudley
Keiran Kay of Dudley

Jonathan Berling of Smedhus
Devon Wolf of Auburn
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Baker leaves office with launch of behavioral health centers

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PRE-K POWER STORYTIME
Tuesdays @ 11:00AM
Join Miss Lida for Pre-School Story Time! We will be exploring a new letter each week starting with A and ending in the spring with Z.

TODDLER TIME
Wednesdays @ 11:00AM
Come join us for Toddler Time! We will have a different theme each week with stories and songs! This program is geared for ages 18 months to 3.

LEARN TO PLAY DUNGEONS & DRAGONS
Thursdays @ 6:00PM
"Are you looking to play a game that contains action, adventure, and drama? We have an experienced Dungeon Master ready to run a new game of Dungeons and Dragons, the world's number one role playing game. We are missing just one thing ... YOU! This is for those that are looking to learn more about playing and do some short adventures!

Open to ages 10+, children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required for this free program.

KNIT & CROCHET GROUP
Thursday 5:30PM – 7:30PM and Friday 10:00AM-12:00PM
All stitchers are welcome for this informal group

LEGO CLUB
Mondays @4:00PM
Come join us each week for a different Lego challenge, from writing your name in Legos to making a Lego zipline. Ages 5+

POKEMON CARD TRADING
Tuesdays @ 4:00PM
Children are invited to bring their Pokemon cards for informal card trading and discussion.

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

Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

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

Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Sponsored by the Hugh W and Harriet K Crawford Endowment.

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

WORKING WITH CENSUS REPORTS TO FIND YOUR FAMILY
Thursday, January 26 6:00PM-7:45PM
Genealogist Seema Kenney will present useful information on the purpose of the census, the instructions and methods for the enumerators, and the hidden gems you find when reading the entire page and putting your ancestors' information into historical context. Each leads to additional sources to be researched for verification and added information.
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WINTER AFTERNOON STORYTIME
Monday, January 30 5:00PM-6:00PM
Join Ms. Lida for a special afternoon storytime! Geared for ages 3-6.

Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

ALL THINGS CHOCOLATE WITH MARIA BRANDRIFF
Thursday, February 2 6:30PM-7:45PM
Chocolatier Maria Brandriff of Pure 'n' Sinful Chocolates will present this program on all things chocolate, including chocolate varieties and a demonstration of chocolate making, just in time for Valentine's Day. Generous samples will be provided!
Space is limited, so registration is required for this free program.
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BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER
REGION—In one of its final accomplishments in office, the Baker-Polito Administration recently launched several behavioral health centers across the Commonwealth.
A total of 25 facilities opened earlier this month as part of the former Governor's implementation of a behavioral health reform plan that took several years to create. The centers will offer comprehensive mental healthcare, as well as substance use treatment and community-based crisis intervention.
The facilities are available to all Massachusetts residents, regardless of ability to pay.
"Over the past eight years, our administration has collaborated with healthcare providers, medical professionals, and our legislative colleagues to make sure Massachusetts treats behavioral health with the same importance as physical health," said former Gov. Charlie Baker, whose term ended this month after he did not seek re-election. "The implementation of behavioral health reform is the latest step in those efforts."
Prior to the opening of the facilities, the state invested in clinical programming and the addition of more than 3,000 treatment beds. The state was already struggling to deal with mental and behavioral health challenges prior to the pandemic, but COVID-19 exacerbated the problem significantly, officials said.
"It's critical we provide residents and families with access to behavioral health services so they can lead healthier lives, and we are proud of our administration's work to do just that over the past eight years," said former Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito. "These investments and initiatives will continue to make a big difference for residents who need access to these services for years to come."
Additionally, the state will soon launch its 24/7 behavioral health help line to keep residents informed of their options. The service will provide information on the nearest facilities and treatment opportunities available to callers.
Since 2015, the Baker-Polito Administration invested more than \$26.5 billion in behavioral health services across multiple initiatives and state agencies. And even though the administration is no longer in office to see the services in action, they're confident in the foundation they have helped create for improved treatment options.
"Across the spectrum of behavioral health, the administration has worked with providers to increase program capacity by more than 3,000 beds since taking office in 2015, ranging from inpatient treatment to supportive community residential services, including more than 500 additional inpatient psychiatric beds," read a statement released by the former Governor's office.
The launch of the new system was also made possible by feedback received from nearly 700 residents, families, treatment providers, and other stakeholders who identified the need for improved health equity. The overall goal was to create a new, centralized service for residents or their loved ones to call, text, or walk in to get connected to mental health and addiction treatment services, officials said.
The 25 community behavioral health centers, conveniently located across the state, will serve as an entry point for residents requiring treatment for mental health conditions, substance use disorders, urgent visits, and 24/7 community-based crisis intervention. These options will also help relieve the strain on emergency departments at the state's hospitals, which are crowded each year with patients who would be better served in a more specialized treatment environment, officials said.
The 24/7 behavioral health help line will offer real-time clinical triage and service navigation in more than 200 languages.

To learn more about behavioral health facilities near you, visit www.mass.gov.

Omicron Delta Kappa celebrates new members

LEXINGTON, Va. — Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honor Society, welcomed 1,085 new initiates from 45 universities during November 2022.

Students initiated into the Society must be sophomores, juniors, seniors, or graduate/professional students in the top 35% of their class, demonstrate leadership experience in at least one of the five pillars, and embrace the ODK ideals. Fewer than five percent of students on a campus are invited to join each year.

Antoni Piascik of Webster - Merrimack College

Samuel Fonseca of North Oxford - Worcester State University

Omicron Delta Kappa Society, the National Leadership Honor Society, was founded in Lexington, Virginia, on December 3, 1914. A group of 15 students and faculty members established the Society to recognize and encourage leadership at the collegiate level. The founders established the ODK Idea—the concept that individuals representing all phases of collegiate life should collaborate with faculty and others to support the campus and community. ODK's mission is to honor and develop leaders; encourage collaboration among students, faculty, staff, and alumni; and promote ODK's leadership values of collaboration, inclusivity, integrity, scholarship, and service on college and university campuses throughout North America. The Society's national headquarters are located in Lexington, Va.

PUBLIC NOTICE
RIGHT OF WAY MAINTENANCE

As required by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 132B, National Grid (New England Power and/or Massachusetts Electric Company) hereby gives notice that it intends to selectively apply herbicides along specific transmission line rights-of-way in 2023.

The selective use of herbicides to manage vegetation along rights-of-way is done within the context of an Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) program consisting of mechanical, chemical, natural and cultural components. In right-of-way vegetation management the pest or target is vegetation (primarily tall growing) that will cause outages and safety issues. National Grid's IVM program encourages natural controls by promoting low growing plant communities that resist invasion by target vegetation. The selective use of herbicides and mechanical controls are the direct techniques used to control target vegetation and help establish and maintain natural controls.

Rodeo, and possibly one of the following herbicides, Arsenal or Arsenal Powerline, will be applied directly to the surface of stumps immediately after target vegetation is cut (Cut Stump Treatment). Garlon 4 or Garlon 4 Ultra will be applied selectively to the stems of target vegetation using hand-held equipment (Basal Treatment and Dormant stem treatment). Krenite S or Rodeo, mixed with Escort XP, and one of the following herbicides, Arsenal or Arsenal Powerline, or Milestone will be applied selectively to the foliage of target vegetation using hand-held equipment (Foliar Treatment). Applications shall not commence more than ten days before nor conclude more than ten days after the following treatment periods. The herbicide mixes and additional information about rights of way management in Massachusetts can be found here: <https://www.mass.gov/rights-of-way-vegetation-management>

Municipalities that have rights-of-way scheduled for herbicide treatments in 2023:
Oxford, Webster

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Treatment Periods

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Basal	CST	Basal
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Further information may be requested by contacting (during business hours, Mon-Fri from 8:00 am-4:00 pm):
Mariclaire Rigby, National Grid, 939 Southbridge Street, Worcester, MA 01610.
Telephone: (508) 860-6282 or email: mariclaire.rigby@nationalgrid.com

Nichols College students earn academic honors for fall 2022

DUDLEY — More than 400 students at Nichols College in Dudley have achieved President's List or Dean's List honors during the fall 2022 semester.

The President's List and Dean's List recognize those students who achieve high grades during a single semester. To be included on the President's List, a student must have a grade point average of 3.85 or higher for at least 12 undergraduate credit-hours and must have received no grades below B- during the semester. Students with a minimum grade point average of 3.5 for at least 12 undergraduate credit-hours and no grades below B- will receive Dean's List honors.

Noah Azzaoui of Webster
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Adult Programming
SPICE CLUB – Beginning in January
A five-month series, each month will feature a new spice, recipes, and cookbooks. Stop by the lobby to grab a sample of that month’s spice, then take it home and cook! January’s spice is Cardamom.

FRIENDS FEATURED AUTHOR BOOK SALE – Ongoing
Need a thriller over the holidays? Featured authors Tom Clancy, Stephen Fry, and Eric Lustbader. Fill a grocery bag for \$3.00!

YOGA WITH JULIE –January 21st, and 28th at 9:30 AM
Join Julie at the Gladys E. Kelly Library for a vinyasa yoga class for all levels. In Sanskrit, Vinyasa yoga translates to the “uniting of movement with breath”. A typical class involves a centering of the mind with the breath, aromatherapy, movement of the body to release energetic blockages, and, finally, rest and relaxation. Classes are free. Sponsored by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

RICHARD DONOHUE- TOWN OF IRON TOYS
January 19th at 6:30 PM
Join Richard Franklin Donohue, Historian for the Town of Cromwell, as he demonstrates his collection of mechanical banks and explains their history and the amusing tales that inspired their design. Witness Boss Tweed take kickbacks, one coin at a time. See William Tell to shoot an apple from the top of his son’s

head with a penny! Watch a gentlemanly game of 1880s Baseball from the third base line and help to feed a menagerie of animals, from frogs to bulldogs.

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP—January 23rd at 6:30 PM
This month’s book discussion will be on Monday, January 23rd at 6:30 PM in the Library’s Community Room. The Group will be discussing The Color of Water: a Black Man’s Tribute to his Mother by James McBride. Stop by the library, or reach out by phone at 508-949-3880, or by email to rcxo@cwmares.org for inquiries.

COOKBOOK BOOK CLUB – January 24th at 6:00 PM
A book club for people who like to cook- and eat! Each month will feature a new cookbook. Take home this month’s pick, choose a recipe and bring what you make to the next meeting! We welcome all cooking abilities! This month’s cookbook is Dinner then Dessert. Cookbooks are in!! Swing by the front desk to pick one up!

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

MINI STEM-CHALLENGE – Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30

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

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MUSIC TOGETHER – Every Saturday in January at 11:15 AM
Fun, fabulous, uplifting, magical early childhood music class! Sponsored by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

CHEM TECH— Friday, January 20th, 3:30 PM
This microchemistry program challenges students to analyze variables and discover the causes of more than 25 surprising chemical experiments.

TINY ROCKETS—Thursday, January 26th, 3:30 PM
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Gladys E. Kelly Library launches community survey

WEBSTER — What is your view of the library? What services should it provide? What programs and events would make you come out in the cold to a warm library? You can help shape the future of the Gladys E. Library by participating in a Community Survey that is open through Feb. 1.

Since its opening in 2018, the Gladys E Kelly Public Library has become exactly what the trustees and the building committee envisioned, a vital resource for the community. The new building has allowed the library staff to offer more programs and to expand services, but as the library looks ahead to the next five years, it is important for the trustees and the staff to understand the community it serves.

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EDITORIAL

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.

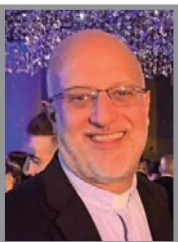
This past Friday we had our monthly Orthodoxy on Tap with 30 young adults, and our guest speaker, Dr. Philip Mamalakis, talked about relationships and how one finds their soul mate, or more so how one becomes a soul mate. A fundamental principle he highlighted was that when we marry, we are on a journey 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



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look at ourselves.

When we hear Jesus proclaim "Repent for the kingdom of God is at hand," He is calling us to this authentic self-awareness which will lead us to turn away from our fallen path and turn toward God. Every time we turn toward Him, we discover hope. Thus, repentance isn't some gloomy, negative act but an exciting positive, life-transformative, act.

Some months ago, I preached a sermon where I emphasized that our church welcomes everyone. It doesn't matter what anyone believes, what lifestyle one has, what mistakes or sins one has committed. That all doesn't really matter. We warmly welcome you to find your home here with us in the Church. Yet, 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.

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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

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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



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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

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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:

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 students 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.

About Cornerstone Bank

Cornerstone Bank was formed in 2017, born of a long history of supporting the community, and providing a strong foundation to help people and businesses thrive.

Serving Worcester County, Massachusetts, Cornerstone Bank’s local presence and community-based banking model enables a unique ability to deliver outstanding service, with a personal touch. Cornerstone provides the highest level of service and expertise for individuals, businesses, and community organizations with branch locations throughout Central Massachusetts. Cornerstone works to connect customers with opportunities, through a broad range of deposit and loan products, and services. Built on Trust is not just a tagline, but also one of our guiding corporate values. Whether a business or personal partnership, Cornerstone stands on the foundation that relationships are built on trust. To learn about Cornerstone Bank’s personal and business banking offerings, please visit cornerstonebank.com or call 800-939-9103.

SENIOR CORNER

Webster Senior Center

5 Church St.
(508) 949-3845
Open Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Email: SeniorCenter@Webster-MA.gov

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

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.

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 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.

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

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 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.

Dennis L. Duguay 68



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 Levensavich from Auburn to the dean's list for academic excellence for the 2022 fall semester. Levensavich 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.

<https://www.mareinc.org/waiting-child-profiles#gallery/child/7946>

Can I Adopt?

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

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-964-6273 or visit www.mareinc.org. Start the process today and give a waiting child a permanent place to call home.



SCHOOLS

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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.

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 purchas-

er 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 Probate and Family Court Department 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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SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Nicolas Antonio Navarro a minor

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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
- ITEM #2 Bituminous concrete, at plant
- ITEM #2A Bituminous concrete, in place
- ITEM #3 Gravel and Washed screened sand at owner's pit and delivered
- ITEM #4 Screened stone at owner's pit and delivered
- ITEM #5 Manhole frames & covers, catch basin frames and grates
- ITEM #6 Corrugated pipe, steel and aluminum, delivered to highway garage
- ITEM #7 Corrugated pipe, polyethylene delivered to highway garage
- ITEM #8 Cold Planing
- ITEM #9 Stone Sealing
- ITEM #10 Pavement Striping

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

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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 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (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 organi-

zation 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.

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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.



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



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



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



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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 Cassidy 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 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



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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

Altiry 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

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 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.



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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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