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Local couple donates drone to Dudley FD

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — The Dudley Fire Department has a new tool at its disposal thanks to a generous donation of a local couple with ties to the department's past.

Dudley Fire Chief Dean Kochanowski appeared before the Board of Selectmen on Jan 23 where he presented a new drone that was recently donated by James and Jennifer Nesse to help the fire department in any future emergency situations. The couple decided to make the generous donation because James's father Charles once served on the department before Chief Kochanowski's tenure with the town.

The chief explained that the drone will be a powerful tool for the department to better assess emergency situations and fire without having to put



their employees at risk.

"This was James' way of giving back to the fire department because his father loved it so much so he decided to donate the drone," said the Chief. "Now we're just going through the process of getting certified and licensed and getting all the policies up to snuff so we can actually utilize this - I think they really went out of their way and went above and beyond to give us a piece of equipment we probably normally wouldn't have gotten. It's very much appreciated."

The drone will be used for rescues both in- and outdoors and can be utilized to seek out the location of brush fires. The device comes with camer-

as that can also help read hotspots on buildings during a fire situation. Selectmen and the chief thanks the Nesses who were unable to attend the meeting in person.

That same night the Board of Selectmen also approved a new town drone policy. Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda presented selectmen with the document which was supported by legal counsel and based heavily on the Department of Fire Services own policy which, itself, serves as the Massachusetts State policy on drones. Selectmen approved the policy unanimously with plans to train a license several emergency responders to effectively and safely use the new drone.

Courtesy

(Left) Fire Chief Dean Kochanowski shows off a new drone donated to the Dudley Fire Department.

Fitchburg's Sherry Hughes helps to feed Auburn students

AUBURN — This semester, Fitchburg resident Sherry Hughes is working to ensure thousands of students continue to receive school meals at zero cost to families in the Auburn Public School district. As a Chef Educator for Project Bread, the leading statewide anti-hunger organization in Massachusetts, she is celebrated for helping to combat child hunger.

Growing up in New Hampshire, fresh food was in abundance for Hughes. The 63-year-old remembers her father's side of the family cooking American staples like pot roast and pies using fruits and vegetables from their gardens, and her mother cooking Mexican inspired delicacies, such as enchiladas and sopapilla. After two decades in the news business, Hughes returned to her roots in the kitchen. Today, she is sharing those same farm-to-table and culturally relevant recipes with school nutrition staff members. She joined the Project Bread team in November 2022 after working seven years as the kitchen manager at Women's Lunch Place. Ensuring that everyone has enough to eat is a mission of Hughes' as the former journalist and radio host thrives in her second act.

"We work with schools and school districts to improve student nutrition by enhancing menu items using food that is already on hand while adding some fresh, often locally sourced, ingredients," says

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School Committee rejects transportation bids, hoping for cheaper pricing

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY/CHARLTON — As with most expenses these days, the cost of transportation has also gone up for school districts including the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District who discussed the most recent transportation bid during their Jan. 11 meeting.

Richard Mathieu, Director of Finance and Operations for the district, brought forth the bids collected for school transportation admitting that what would have normally been a relatively standard item on the agenda was complicated by rising costs while the district is already approaching a tight budget situation in the new year.

The lowest bidder was the district's current transportation partner, First Student, which offered a three-year fixed rate with two one-year district options making it a three-to-five-year contract. However, the bid came in with a significant increase which left Mathieu seeking the School Committee's insight into how to proceed.

"Normally, this is a very straightforward recommendation, especially when the incumbent is the low bidder. However, this round of bids came in substantially higher than predicted and given the state of perpetual financial pressure in the district all options must be carefully considered. More than 50 percent of the increase is dedicated to drivers' wages as First Student attempts to solidify its local employee base and enter into a future collective bargaining agreement," said Mathieu.

The district attempted to negotiate the price with First Student within state regulations and, after a few offers and counter offers, settled on a \$50,000 credit spread over the five years. However, Mathieu didn't feel he could provide a recommendation choosing instead to discuss the pros and cons of rejecting the offer or accepting it with either decision bringing potential risks.

"The con to accepting the bid is simply the price increase. A \$550,000 price increase is challenging to accept, while it may be understandable in today's market with all the known price drivers besides wages, the cost of benefits and the cost of fuel - in terms of option two, rejecting the bid, we do have the opportunity to affect pricing by making changes in the bid specs. Specifically, we would reduce the current age of the bus fleet. The current bid says the buses need to be 2020 or newer and that has been the historic way that Dudley and Charlton have approached transportation," said Mathieu.

Mathieu was clear that both options presented concerns. Rejecting the bid and adjusting the bid specs could reduce the cost but run the unrealistic but still possible risk of receiving no bids or even higher bids. Accepting the option would present higher transportation prices to the towns in an already difficult financial climate during budget season but would lock in the current price with a partner the town has worked with successfully in the past. Mathieu further stressed that because the bids had been opened a decision had to be made at the Jan. 11 meeting even though several members of the School Committee were not present.

The School Committee debated the matter heavily, but a motion was made to reject the bid with the hopes that First Student or another vendor would be open to providing a lower price after adjusting the bid specs. The committee members present voted unanimously to take a chance and reject the offer from First Student with the intent of sending an adjusted transportation contract back out for new bid.

Vision screening by Bay Path Nursing students at Dudley Middle School



DUDLEY — Dr. Adelina Healy of Dudley lead a group of grateful Bay Path Practical Nursing students who volunteered for vision screening to assist the school nurses at the Dudley Middle School. The team included Gearlyn Wetherbee, Nancy Kamicha, and Laurie Barkoskie.

The vision screening for the 5th graders were coordinated by school nurse Amanda White, MBA, MSOL, BSN, RN, CEN Dudley Middle School Nurse and Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN Academy Director for Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy.

Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy adjunct faculty, Dr. Healy, who supervised the PN volunteers, stated, "all the Practical Nursing student volunteers did a great job!"

The experience at the Vision Screening gives the nursing students the opportunity to work hand in hand with the school nurses.

"This is the first time that our Practical Nursing students volunteered with the Dudley Middle School. I am grateful for school nurse Amanda White for reaching out to Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy and extending the invitation to allow our Practical

Nursing students to participate with the vision screening," said Bolandrina.

"We recognize the importance of service-learning and are grateful to get involved outside the classroom to better prepare our practical nursing students," added Bolandrina.

In other service-learning activities, the practical nursing students assist the healthcare team, assess, give out COVID-19 vaccines, monitor for untoward reactions, and complete tasks efficiently, all under the supervision of qualified PN faculty. The training for the future nursing workforce in the Bay Path community and across the region allows practical nursing students to respond to emergencies and assist in community events.

About Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy

Bay Path Practical Nursing is a 40-week (10-month), full-time, Monday through Friday, evening program. The program begins in mid-August and is completed in late June. Graduates receive a Practical Nursing Certificate and are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN licensure exam. Visit www.baypath.net.

DUDLEY POLICE SEEK NEW PERSONNEL

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — With the recent retirement of Chief Steve Wojnar, his successor Chief Marek Karłowicz has hit the ground running as he seeks to bring the Dudley Police Departments staff levels back in line with previous numbers from the beginning of his career.

Chief Karłowicz, who has spent more than 20 years with Dudley, recalled his younger days on the force when speaking with selectmen during a Jan. 23 meeting. Back then the department had 16 full-time members of the force including four sergeants and a lieutenant. Today there are only three sergeants on the force. The chief explained that during his brief time as lieutenant in 2022, he realized the value of having more supervisors on staff and wants to add a fourth sergeant to the ranks once again.

“I’m asking to go back to where we were over 20 years ago. Part of that is as an officer I really didn’t notice it, but as a manager, especially since last year when I was a lieutenant, I noticed the importance of having a sergeant in that role,” said Karłowicz.

He explained that currently there are six shifts at the department without a sergeant on duty. In the past, the fourth sergeant has worked several shifts allowing for almost complete coverage through 24-hours between the four sergeants.

“The importance of having a supervisor on second shift and third shift especially is some of the calls come in late at night and a patrolman who is not getting paid to make that decision has to make a decision. Since the Police Reform Act the Use of Force Reports have to be signed over by a supervisor. Sometimes if there’s no supervisor on duty that might delay something. I think it’s important, especially in this day and age, to have that fourth sergeant,” said the chief.

The selectmen seemed to agree that the position is needed but disagreed on how to go about the process. Selectman Steven Sullivan recommended the board follow protocol and discuss the matter in executive session to continue precedent for handling personnel matters. Selectman John Marsi decided to propose a vote on opening the position immediately. Selectmen voted 3-2 in favor of Marsi’s proposal with Town Administrator Jonathan RUDA agreeing to work with selectmen to have “something on the books” for the selectmen’s next meeting. According to the chief, the fourth sergeant would be funded through existing monies within the department’s budget.

The selectmen also addressed another request from the chief to fill the lieutenant position he vacated by promoting a sergeant and hiring a new sergeant for the duration of his one-year probation. Selectmen agreed to declare vacancies for both positions utilizing a previous list of candidates from within the department to fill the lieutenant position. Both hires would be considered “acting” lieutenant and sergeant respectively.



Courtesy

THANK YOU, BIG BUNNY

On Jan. 27, Representatives from Quinebaug Masonic Lodge in Southbridge met with Leo Lambert, manager of Big Bunny Market, to present him with a Certificate of Appreciation. This certificate was given to Big Bunny for their contribution in helping the community by allowing nonprofit organizations like Quinebaug Masonic Lodge to set up food drive booths in front of their grocery market. All groceries collected went to the local food share located on Elm St. in Southbridge. This small act of kindness goes a long way in helping so many people in the community. Left to right: Bro. Eric Willard, Store Manager Leo Lambert holding Certificate of Appreciation and shaking hands with Master of Quinebaug Lodge Worshipful Bill Belanger and Bro. Clay Tull.

Ice harvesting presentation Feb. 25 at Samuel Slater Experience

WEBSTER — On Saturday, Feb. 25, ice cutting expert Ken Ethier will present his popular program describing the methods and tools used to harvest ice from lakes and ponds two centuries ago, when ice was the

only way to keep things cool. His one-hour talk will be held 11 a.m. at the Samuel Slater Experience museum in Webster.

Ice harvesting became one of New England’s major industries, with local ice companies shipping ice all over the world.

Ethier will demonstrate ice harvesting techniques with his own collection of antique tools, the often-dangerous scoring and cutting on the ice field and describe the transport of harvested ice to ice houses for storage and delivery to peoples’ homes.

Ethier is the Auburn town historian, board member of the Auburn Historical Museum, member of the Auburn Historical Commission, board member and past president of the Auburn Historical Society, board member of Waters Farm in Sutton, the Straw Hollow Engine & Tractor Club, and member of the Central Mass Gas & Steam Engine Club.

This free program is sponsored in part by a grant from the Webster Cultural Council. To register, email admin@samuel SlaterExperience.org or call 508-461-2955.

Visitors wishing to tour the Samuel Slater Experience afterwards will be offered a reduced admission fee.

About Samuel Slater Experience

Samuel Slater Experience opened last year to tell the story of Samuel Slater, the beginnings of the American Industrial Revolution, and Slater’s impact on mill towns such as Webster, Massachusetts. Described as “Disney-like,”

Samuel Slater Experience employs state-of-the-art 4-D digital technology with immersive video and interactive exhibits to recreate two time periods: the early 1800s and the early 1900s.

Samuel Slater Experience is located in the former National Guard Armory at 31 Ray St., Webster, Massachusetts, and open to the public year-round. For more information and tickets, visit www.samuel SlaterExperience.org.

Local parishes unite for Light of the World retreat

OXFORD/WEBSTER — Sacred Heart of Jesus, St Ann, and St Roch Parishes unite to present their Spring Light of the World Retreat at Sacred Heart of Jesus, 11 Day Street, Webster on March 17-20.

Fr. Adam Reid and Father Michael Roy invite you to join your fellow parishioners for an experience that will change your life.

For details or to register go to <https://strochoxford.com/religious-education/adult-education.com> or <https://sacredheartwebster.org/light-of-the-world-parish-retreat> call St Roch 508-987-8987, St Ann at 508-987-8892, Sacred Heart 508-943-3140

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Lake Radio adds expands reach

W E B S T E R — The Lake 940, based in Webster, is proud to announce to regional media that our local radio programming can now be heard throughout much of Worcester County on 99.3 FM.

The Lake's classic hits music format and local content has been featured on 940 AM

for just over five years, and now can be enjoyed with a crisp, clear signal on FM airwaves.

Avid Lake Radio fans and audiophiles that use the seek button on their receivers may have come across the feed on 99.3 since October 2022 during equipment testing, but Lake staff and ownership are set

to make their first public statements about the move Saturday night, January 28th. They will address the crowd from the stage at Point Breeze in Webster the site of an FM launch party featuring Worcester County rock band Crossfire.

Quinebaug Valley broadcasting, and principal owner Kurt

Jackson acted quickly after buying WGFP-AM in the fall of 2022 in getting the new, FCC-approved frequency. They also hope to soon stream their programming online, among other changes.

Despite the progress, most of the station's operations will remain the same. Ownership changes

in media often result in changing of formats and staff, but the music selections of the greatest hits of the 70s and 80s (and more!) and sets of nine in a row commercial-free will stay put, as will the air staff.

Long-time morning host and programmer Mike Roberts stays in his role, as does

afternoon guy Doc Siddall. This is a breath of fresh air in a climate of radio syndication and consolidation. These hosts will continue tailoring their content to local Worcester County listeners, with maybe less of a focus on their hometown of Webster.

The broadcast signal that reaches many area towns clearly will allow The Lake to additionally embrace listeners from other area towns, notably Southbridge, a town who once boasted compelling local radio content on stations WESO (now not programmed locally) and Q-100 (sold to a larger company long ago and now operating in Worcester).

Mr. Jackson (who has a long pedigree in New England radio as an engineer) remembers those days fondly, and one of his first orders of business was to change the call letters from WGFP to WQVR, the one-time Q-100 FCC ID letters that were available for this new use.

Webster also boasts a rich local radio history, with the 940 signal first signing on in 1979 as WGFP and an FM counterpart joining in 1994. The 98.9 frequency station was sold to a larger broadcast group in 1999 and its operations moved to Worcester. 2023 sees local FM radio returning to Southern Worcester County on 99.3.

Specialty programming such as Bob Zukowski's Polka Show on Sunday mornings will remain, and Jackson and the team are exploring new ideas for music fans. Nonprofit organizations are invited to fill out a form on the Community Calendar page on the web site www.lake940.com to be listed and mentioned on the air.

Statements from The Lake WQVR will be made from the stage Saturday night, 8pm before the performance by Crossfire at Point Breeze, Webster. Crossfire is a four-piece band with a signature East Coast Rock sound, known for a busy live schedule through New England.

Malser Humanities Trust puts out call for grant applications

REGION — The Janet Malser Humanities Trust is now accepting applications for the 2023 grant cycle. Ms. Malser set up the charitable Trust in order to support the arts and humanities, community service and conservation in the towns of Dudley, Oxford, and Webster.

The causes for which funding will be considered include: "The restoration and preservation of historic sites; the furtherance of art and music in the schools, both public and private; public concerts with an emphasis on classical music; the improvement and growth of public libraries; the support of church work aiding the indigent, homeless, aging citizens and needy children; beautification through planting and the preservation of park

areas and cemeteries; the improvement of service and equipment at the Hubbard Regional Hospital [now UMASS Memorial], and the environmental protection of Webster Lake."

Trustees make awards annually to verified tax-exempt organizations meeting the charitable purposes of the Trust. Prior recipients are encouraged to apply and are eligible as long as proper follow up status reports have been filed. Any questions should be addressed to janetmalsertrust@gmail.com.

Applications and additional instructions including filing final reports are available at www.janetmalsertrust.org. All applications must be post-marked by Saturday, April 1.

Holy Cross announces Fall 2022 Dean's List

WORCESTER — College of the Holy Cross congratulates the following students who were named to the Fall 2022 Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester of the 2022-23 academic year.

Kelsey Connor of Webster, member of the class of 2024
Gianna Cravedi of Dudley, member of the class of 2023
Kaylee Fradsham of Oxford, member of the class of 2024
Samual Lavalley of Oxford, member of the class of 2026
Zachary Lazerick of Auburn, member of the class of 2023
Claudia Oliver of Auburn, member of the class of 2025
Oliana Tego of Auburn, member of the class of 2026
Andrew Toth of Auburn,

member of the class of 2023
To qualify, students must pass four or more letter-graded courses with no failing grades during the semester and earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

About Holy Cross
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Assumption students named to university's Dean's List

WORCESTER — Assumption University has announced those who have been named to the University's Dean's List for the fall 2022 semester. Students named to the Dean's List must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 for a minimum of a five-class, 15-credit semester to be included on the prestigious list. The Dean's List is announced at the completion of each fall and spring semester.

Philip Benvenuti, Class of 2024, of Auburn
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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. 2/7 Meatloaf w/gravy. Wed. 2/8 Macaroni & Cheese, stewed tomatoes, green beans. Thurs. 2/9 Salmon Primavera, wild rice, broccoli & red peppers. Fri. 2/10 Roast Turkey w/gravy, mashed sweet potatoes, 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.

Join us for a Soup Social on Monday, February 6th at 11:30 am at the Webster Senior Center. Sponsored by Christopher Heights. Please sign up in advance at the Senior Center front desk.

Bomba Beauty is celebrating its one year anniversary on Tuesday, February 7th by holding an Open House from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Come meet Aggie, enjoy coffee & pastry and enter to win a gift certificate!

The Webster Senior Center will be celebrating February birthdays on Wednesday, February 8th at 12:00 pm. Sign up at the Senior Center front desk.

Friends of the Webster

Senior Center are sponsoring a Valentine's Day Ice Cream Social on Monday, February 13th from 1:00 – 2:30 pm. Enjoy a karaoke sing along and enter the Feed Your Heart drawing to win gift cards/certificates for restaurants & groceries. Reservations required – you must sign up at the Senior Center front desk by Friday, February 6th.

A representative from MassAdvantage will be at the Senior Center on Wednesday, February 15th at 12:00 pm to discuss health insurance.

Life Care Center of Auburn is sponsoring a Chili & Cornbread Social on Monday, February 27th 11:30 am. Please sign up at the Senior Center front desk.

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.

Worcester Polytechnic Institute announces Fall 2022 Dean's List

WORCESTER — A total of 2,069 undergraduate students achieved the criteria required for Worcester Polytechnic Institute's (WPI) fall 2022 Dean's List. The criteria for the WPI Dean's List differs from that of most other universities as WPI does not compute a grade point average (GPA). Instead, WPI defines the Dean's List by the amount of work completed at the A level in courses and projects.

"WPI's academic programs are rigorous and require a level of independence beyond what is required in traditional courses. WPI students work on open-ended problems for communities around the world. The problems are important and the impact is real" said dean of undergraduate studies Arthur C. Heinricher. "Some of this nation's best and brightest students come to WPI to study engineering and science and business and the humanities.

Those named to the Dean's List have excelled in all of their work, and we are exceptionally proud of these outstanding students."

The following students were named to the Dean's List for fall 2022:

Alysha Creelman of Auburn, majoring in Data Science (BS), class of 2025

Bryce Kennedy of Auburn, majoring in Mechanical Engineering (BS), class of 2023

Nicholas Palumbo of Auburn, majoring in Biomedical Engineering (BS), class of 2026

Sandra Phan of Auburn, majoring in Mathematical Sciences, class of 2024

Caleb Scopetski of Auburn, majoring in Computer Science & Data Science, class of 2024

Jackson Sypek of Auburn, majoring in Mathematical Sciences (BS), class of 2023

Jacob Vosburg of Auburn, majoring in Biochemistry (BS), class of 2023

Nikita Igoshin of North Oxford,

majoring in Engineering - To Be Declared (BS), class of 2023

Deep Patel of Dudley, majoring in Aerospace Engineering (BS), class of 2023

Jessica Peets of Webster, majoring in Mechanical Engineering (BS), class of 2026

Morgan Polinski of Webster, majoring in ED, class of 2025

James Ralph of Webster, majoring in International and Global Studies (BS), class of 2024

Justin Santiago Wonoski of Dudley, majoring in Computer Science (BS), class of 2024

Catherine Sauter of Oxford, majoring in Biochemistry (BS), class of 2026

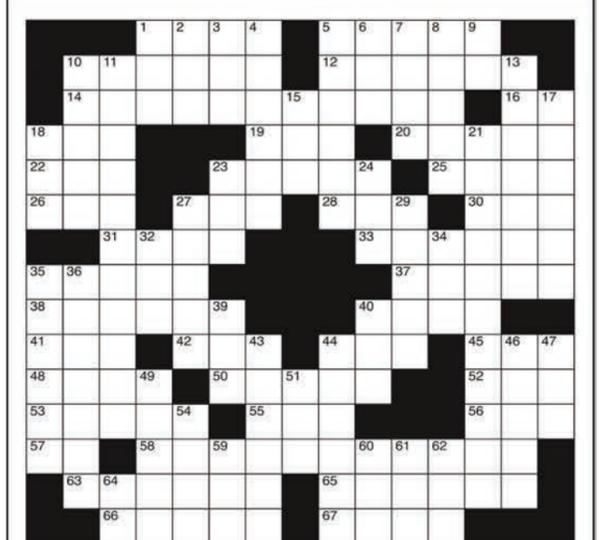
Hayden Smith of Webster, majoring in Computer Science, class of 2023

William Tyrrell of Oxford, majoring in Electrical and Computer Engineering (BS), class of 2025

About Worcester Polytechnic Institute
WPI, a global

leader in project-based learning, is a distinctive, top-tier technological university founded in 1865 on the principle that students learn most effectively by applying the theory learned in the classroom to the practice of solving real-world problems. Recognized by the National Academy of Engineering with the 2016 Bernard M. Gordon Prize for Innovation in Engineering and Technology Education, WPI's pioneering project-based curriculum engages undergraduates in solving important scientific, technological, and societal problems through-

out their education and at more than 50 project centers around the world. WPI offers more than 70 bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs across 18 academic departments in science, engineering, technology, business, the social sciences, and the humanities and arts. Its faculty and students pursue groundbreaking research to meet ongoing challenges in health and biotechnology; robotics and manufacturing; cyber, data, and security systems; learning science; and more. www.wpi.edu



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Shed tears
- 5. Luxury jewelry designer
- 10. Goddess of wisdom
- 12. Convert into a particular form
- 14. Working-class people
- 16. It borders Canada (abbr.)
- 18. A princess can detect its presence
- 19. Red-brown sea bream
- 20. Defunct retail empire
- 22. Vase
- 23. Demeter's equivalent
- 25. Monetary unit of the Maldives
- 26. French and Belgian river
- 27. Small amount
- 28. High schoolers' test
- 30. Animal's foot
- 31. Some is red
- 33. Per ___: each
- 35. Swedish jazz pop duo
- 37. Plate for Eucharist
- 38. Train line
- 40. Russian pop duo
- 41. Stake
- 42. Plant by scattering
- 44. Female sibling
- 45. City of Angels hoopsters (abbr.)
- 48. Popular cookie brand
- 50. Group of Niger-Congo languages
- 52. A team's best pitcher
- 53. Vomits
- 55. 19th letter of Greek alphabet
- 56. Men's fashion accessory
- 57. Its capital is Pierre (abbr.)
- 58. Expensive cut of steak
- 63. Popular James Cameron film
- 65. A ___: relating to knowledge gleaned from deduction
- 66. Kids' snow toys
- 67. Flip side to yin

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Global public health agency
- 2. Snake-like fish
- 3. Midway between northeast and east
- 4. Dabbed
- 5. TV show
- 6. Folk singer DiFranco
- 7. Canadian flyers
- 8. Of the dowry
- 9. Commercial
- 10. The act of imitating
- 11. Equipment used to broadcast radio or TV signals
- 13. Lands of an emir
- 15. Swiss river
- 17. Island
- 18. Monetary unit of Afghanistan
- 21. One who surrenders under agreed conditions
- 23. Garfield is one
- 24. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- 27. Small boats used in the Black Sea
- 29. Small savory Spanish dishes
- 32. Body part
- 34. Touch lightly
- 35. Popular grilled foods on a stick
- 36. ___ Hess: oil company
- 39. Antelope with a reddish coat
- 40. Pharaoh of Lower Egypt
- 43. Pink Floyd's Roger
- 44. Short and thick
- 46. Small, sac-like cavities
- 47. Performer ___-Lo
- 49. Entrails of animal used as food
- 51. ___ King Cole, musician
- 54. Where construction is done
- 59. Chap
- 60. Investment vehicle
- 61. Often mixed with tonic
- 62. Holiday beverage egg ___
- 64. Against



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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.

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 BRANDRIF
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.
Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

ANIMAL ADVENTURES
Saturday, February 4 11:00AM-Noon
Learn about the 8-10 live animals that will visit the Pearle for this program and even have the chance to touch them! Open to all ages – children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Sponsored by the Hugh W and Harriet K Crawford Endowment.

CHAIR YOGA WITH JULIE
Saturday, February 4 12:30PM-1:30PM
Instructor Julie St. Francis will lead a chair yoga class for all ages. Chair yoga is a gentle practice in which poses are performed while seated or with the aid of the chair, and is perfect for seniors or those with mobility issues.

Free; sponsored by the Friends of the Library.
Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Monday, February 6 5:00PM-6:00PM
All tweens and teens in grades 6-12 are invited to join.

Why join? You will gain valuable leadership skills. You can meet new people. You can earn volunteer hours (please bring your form).

Pizza and drinks will be served!
All children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.
Sponsored by the Hugh W and Harriet K Crawford Endowment.

BAD MOVIE OF THE MONTH: THE BLACK SCORPION

Thursday, February 9 6:00PM-7:30PM
There are thousands of wonderful movies in the world. Movies that will make you cry, lift your spirits, and inspire you. These are not those movies. Join us for a showing of "The Black Scorpion" (1957). A volcano releases giant insects, including the eponymous scorpions, which terrorize the populace. Free. Popcorn and bottled water provided.

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VALENTINE'S PAINT CLASS
Saturday, February 11 11:00-1:00PM
Returning favorite Jean Walker will lead a Valentine's themed paint class.

This class is intended for those 16 years of age and older.
Space is limited, so registration is required.

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VALENTINE'S DROP-IN CRAFT FOR KIDS

Monday, February 13 5:00PM-7:00PM
Drop in and make a Valentine craft that you can give to your Valentine (or your family).

Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

DEB'S SING AND SWING
Thursday, February 16
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 need to be accompanied by an adult.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library

Katilyn Johnson and Victoria Mann recognized by Lasell University for outstanding collaboration

NEWTON, Mass. — Katilyn Johnson, a Lasell University student from Auburn, and Victoria Mann from Webster were recognized by the institution for outstanding collaboration in the fall 2022 semester in their Imaging for Graphic Design course, taught by Professor Stephen Fischer.

Johnson was selected as one of the three best people to work with in this course. Recipients of the Collaboration Recognition Award are selected by their peers for exemplifying superior skills

in collaboration by sharing ideas and useful information, communicating in a professional manner, and cooperating in a way to ensure success.

The Collaboration Recognition Program at Lasell University was launched last year as an opportunity to acknowledge students not just for their academic performance in a particular course, but for collaborative behaviors that are the key to success in professional environments.

Professor of Art and Graphic Design Stephen Fischer and Lasell Village resident Parker Small conceptualized the program based on a model that Small previously implemented at the University of Florida (UF) College of Medicine, where he taught for 34 years. Employers of those UF students found the model to be a valuable assessment of the graduates' competencies beyond technical know-how. At Lasell, Small and Fischer piloted the Collaboration Recognition Program in each of the University's five schools of study with immense success. In 2021, five courses utilized the model; as of this semester, nearly 30 were part of the program.

For more information contact: Samantha Mocle, assistant director of communications, at (617) 243-2386, or smocle@lasell.edu

Bartlett High School honor roll

BARTLETT — Bartlett High School has released its honor roll for the second quarter of the 2022-2023 school year.

Grade 9

High Honor: Niel Duszlak
Honor: Kenneth Arpin, Tristan Booth, Nathan Cole, Aiden Cruz, Annalissa Krasnecky, Georgia LaPierre, Jeriel Lopez Rosado, Naomie Orelie, Michael Pagan, Eryk Piwowarczyk, Travis Russell

Grade 10

High Honor: Wynter Cady, Hope Cooper, Ayden Heenan, Lexani Lewis, Adam Phillips, Adam Urato, Dakota Vaudreuil
Honor: Jibril Abshir, Savannah Bjork, Lillyanna Cannon, Layden Casey, Ayden Do, Sydney Fuller, Kallie Gagne, Taryn Gerber, Ariel Hochadel, Justin Ilarraza, Ess Keegan, Evangeline Mayotte, Janlucas Mercedes Morales, Cayleb Mercure, Ian Mulbah, Leximee Phanthavong, Milton Skerrett, Rafael Trivino, Gabriella Troy, Odelis Valentin, Maya Wetherbee

Grade 11

High Honor: Peter Brando, Peter Lavache, Angel Marin-Caceres
Honor: Kwadwo Agyemang, Leidy Cruz Guzman, Cash Frederick, Janessa Macario, Ryan McCormack, Haideeliz Martinez, Benjamin Note, Hung Tran, Dezmin Zona

Grade 12

High Honor: Shelby Condon, Ariana Frink-McCluskey, Nyia Gonzalez, Kyliana Hernandez, Catherine McIntyre, Erikas Naujokas, Camryn Phillips, Lily Picchioni, Gabrielle Piehler, Daria Piwowargzyk, Tiffany Salazar Vega, Victoria Spitz, Frederica Yanna
Honor: Maxine Adu-Broahen Jones, Yunge Pharell Assizo Manasse, Faith Blaisdell, Jacob Burnside, Wilenny Duran, Matthew Forgotch, Osvaldo Gonzalez, Kyle Langevin, Anousone Manilut, Lianette Pantoja, Jean Platel, Yostina Rezk, Alymarie Rodriguez, Angel Rodriguez Monserrate, Yanellis Sanchez, Emmelia Shippey, Megan Tucker, Hannah Walker

Oxford Woman's Club meets Tuesday

OXFORD — Attention, ladies! The Oxford Woman's Club invites you to come and join us Tuesday, Feb. 7 at the Oxford Senior Center beginning at 7 p.m. Sarah Gadbois of Serendipity Sweets will be our speaker.

The Oxford Woman's Club donates three college scholarships to graduating Oxford residents each year; provides free museum passes and books to the Oxford Free Public Library; supports the Best Buddies and MASC programs at Oxford High School, the Clara Barton Diabetes Camp, the Oxford Food Shelf, the Dog Park, Senior Center, and local veterans.

For more information, contact Paula Parker at (508) 987-2804 or phparker1951@gmail.com.



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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
February is the month of Valentine's and Love!!! Check out these authors of Romance Elizabeth Lowell, Jean Plaidy, Belva Plain, and Danielle Steele!! Still only \$3.00 for a bag of books!!

YOGA WITH JULIE –February 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th 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.

HISTORY OF NINTENDO—ADULT PROGRAM—February 9th at 5 PM
Players will be able to learn about how Nintendo started and see how the iconic console evolved to where it is today. All Nintendo systems from NES to Switch

are available to play throughout the exhibit on old-school CRT TVs. There is also a relic table of rare Nintendo equipment on display. (non-playable). At the end of the exhibit, players will have the chance to play all the OG Nintendo games on Switch emulators. Drop in any time between 5 and 8 PM!

PUZZLE EXCHANGE—February 23rd, 6:00 PM
Do you have a puzzle or two that you are through with that you are willing to part with? Turn in old puzzles to get new ones! Drop off puzzles starting Monday the 21st and on Thursday the 23rd come at 6:00 to be able to pick up a few new ones!

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP—February 27th at 6:30 PM
This month's book discussion will be on Monday, February 27th at 6:30 PM in the Library's Community Room. The Group will be discussing This Tender Land by William Kent Krueger. Stop by the library, or reach out by phone at 508-949-3880, or by email to rcox@cwmar.org for inquiries.

COOKBOOK BOOK CLUB –February 28th 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 Dessert Person! 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!

MINISTEM-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@cwmar.org for more details.

STEM BEGINNINGS PRE-K CLASS –February 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd at 10AM
With each class, the children will learn STEM concepts through hands-on activities, engaging stories, music and movement, challenges, and even simple experiments ideal for little hands. Each day will be a fun, learning experience for your little ones!

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.

STEM EVENT MAD SCIENCE—SUN AND STARS—February 3rd 3:30 PM
This stellar program leads you through the life cycles of the stars! Learn about our star, the sun, and see stardust form.

ELEPHANT TOOTHPASTE— February 9th 3:30 PM
Create foamy eruptions using hydrogen peroxide, yeast, soap, and water

BUBBLES ON TABLES -- February 16th 3:30 PM
Use straws to blow some bubbly experiments on our tables!

ZOOMOBILE ANIMAL ECOLOGY-- February 24th 12:30 PM
A ZooMobile is an educational outreach program that involves an educator and some animal ambassadors traveling to the library where they cover a range of topics about animal ecology, behavior, and conservation.

University of New Hampshire announces Dean's List

DURHAM, New Hampshire — The following students have been named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire for the fall 2022 semester:
Sara Forcina of Oxford, earning Honors
Vivian Poplawski of Webster, earning High Honors
Elzbieta Gronek of Webster, earning Highest Honors
Sydney FitzGerald of Dudley, earning High Honors
Kaylee Galvin of Dudley, earning High Honors
Emily Flaherty of Auburn, earning Highest Honors
Matthew Sjogren of Auburn, earning Honors
Kyara Crespo Gutierrez of Auburn, earning Highest Honors
Ava Pietrowicz of Auburn, earning High Honors
Kasey Simmons of Auburn, earning Highest Honors

Allison Grzembki makes Dean's List at Delaware Valley University

DOYLESTOWN, Pa. — Allison Grzembki, a resident of Webster, was honored for academic achievement by being named to the Dean's List at Delaware Valley University for the Fall 2022 semester.
About Delaware Valley University
Delaware Valley University is a private, comprehensive, nonprofit university educating students with a curriculum that emphasizes and requires experiential learning. Located in Doylestown, Pennsylvania, about 30 miles north of Philadelphia, the University offers more than 25 undergraduate majors in life and physical sciences, business, the humanities, and agricultural and environmental sciences; nine master's degrees; and a doctorate in education. Founded in 1896, DelVal has been cited by the National Society for Experiential Education as having the country's top experiential learning program, by Princeton Review as one of the best colleges in the Northeast, and by College Factual as having one of the top 20 animal science programs in the country.

HUGHES

Project Bread has worked with the Auburn Public School District for many years. School nutrition staff members joined Project Bread's inaugural School Food Fellowship Program in October 2021 to introduce new recipes to students with a focus on plant-based recipes, understanding recipe substitutions, developing international and culturally relevant menu options, and creatively using spices, spice blends and sauces made in-house. The newly developed recipes so far have included North African Spiced Carrots, Garlic Parmesan Broccoli, Black Bean & Corn Salad, Tikka Masala, and Herbed Yogurt Marinade, all of which were student tested and approved. School Food Fellows participate in monthly professional development trainings and onsite meetings with Project Bread's Chef Educators, including the development of a new recipes that cater to supply chain limitations and meet USDA nutrition standards. This is just one key example of how Project Bread is working to ensure nutritious, delicious school meals are available at no cost and free of stigma for every student in the state.

information, visit: www.projectbread.org.

About the Feed Kids Campaign
Feed Kids, Solve Hunger MA is a statewide legislative campaign aimed at passing School Meals for All legislation in the Commonwealth. Our diverse coalition consists of over 120 anti-hunger partners, health care advocates, school and municipal officials, food systems experts, faith communities, children's advocates and more. School Meals for All will allow every student who wants or needs a school breakfast or lunch to receive meals at no cost to their family. The cost would be covered by the existing National School Lunch Program federal reimbursement combined with a supplemental state reimbursement.

We must recognize the importance of school meals as a key line of defense in the fight against hunger. Accounting for up to half of a child's daily calories, school meals are a critical source of nutrition for many children, helping them learn and be active in the short term, and thrive academically, physically, and emotionally in the long term. You can learn more and join us at www.feedkidsma.org.

“We've seen during the pandemic that it's possible to expand access to school meals for the benefit of all youth,” says Hughes. “When a school offers universal school meals, participation increases, meal debt is eliminated and USDA funding to the school increases – a win-win for students, families, schools and communities at large.”
Without state level legislation in place, there is risk barriers to food access will return once the annual budget ends on June 30. The Commonwealth will return to a tiered-pay system that leaves out at least 26 percent of food insecure children. Currently, over half of the Massachusetts state legislature support School Meals for All legislation and more than 120 anti-hunger partners, health care advocates, school and municipal officials, food systems experts, faith communities, children's advocates and more have joined the Feed Kids Coalition. Those who support this effort can go to feedkidsma.org and ask their legislators to make School Meals for All a priority.



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Dudley Cultural Council funds 16 local projects

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — The Dudley Cultural Council recently released their list of grantees for their annual round of grant funding for local cultural programs in the community. The funding is part of the Massachusetts Cultural Council's mission to help encourage cultural programs throughout the state by offering individual community cultural councils a chance to support offerings in their individual towns.

In 2023, the Dudley Cultural Council awarded \$11,100 in reimbursement grants to 16 programs in the area, either with or directly related to culture in Dudley. Ginni DiDonato, Chair of the Dudley Cultural Council, explained that the funding takes into consideration both state and local

priorities with a focus on enhancing, promoting, or educating locals about the culture of both the Commonwealth and the town.

"Local priorities basically say it has a venue. Your program should reach either seniors or school children or include some kind of cultural activity. Most of the people who apply are very familiar with the Massachusetts Cultural Council. You would be surprised how much money goes into culture in Massachusetts, and it's a good thing," said DiDonato.

In order to receive funding, programs must have an established 2023 date and benefit many residents through artists, performers, presenters, or the like in accordance with state and local guidelines. The grant process typically prioritizes programs that are geared

towards families, seniors, and presentations of artistry such as lectures or concerts. DiDonato explained that many people may not even be aware of the Cultural Council or the culture in their community. These programs help enhance people's knowledge of the arts and the Council and their partners' missions to educate locals about the history and hidden artistic beauty of their hometown and state.

"There's \$28 million in the Massachusetts budget for cultural work and the problem I see is that because not enough people know about it, it doesn't benefit as many people as it should. The seniors in the Dudley Senior Center know about it because they go there on a regular basis. The Dudley-Charlton School District art show last year there were probably a thousand pieces last year.

Then you have the Dudley Grange that do summer concerts. You bring your lawn chair, and you get these outdoor concerts and they're wonderful," DiDonato said. "We put up banners at these events that say 'Sponsored by the Dudley Cultural Council' but We need to connect with more people. We like to think that culture enhances (communities). There are different kinds of art. There's music and poetry and we all can get effected differently, but we're all enhanced by it."

The ultimate goal is for each of the programs funded in a given year to help raise awareness and knowledge of the culture of Dudley. The 2023 grantees range from familiar local organizations and events to newer offerings with some partially funded and others fully funded by their respective grants. The 2023 awardees are: Davis

R. Bates III receiving \$475 for "Celebrating the Season: A Performance for Seniors," the Conant Library for the Conant Library Spring Art Show at Nichols College for \$500. The Dudley Elementary School receiving \$775 for a Chinese Culture/Dragon King Marionettes program and \$600 for the Positive Playground, the Dudley Grange #163 receiving \$1,550 for the Dudley Grange Summer Concerts, \$650 for the Dudley Grange Apple Festival, and \$300 for the Dudley Grange Strawberry Festival, Dudley Middle School receiving \$772 for the yet-to-be-titled school movie and \$1,172 to visit the Samuel Slater Experience in neighboring Webster, the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District receiving \$1,700 for the Dudley-Charlton District-Wide Art Show, Stephen Lewis receiv-

ing \$148 for Health & Safety - An international Poster Exhibit, Rianne Richard receiving \$700 for the Celebrate Trails Day Concert, the Shepherd Hill Regional High School receiving \$1,500 to fund a special program called "Broadway Connects with Hamilton", Elizabeth Silvia receiving \$500 to fund a showing by The BaNannies, Patrick Smith receiving \$500 for Afternoon of Brass, and finally Timothy Van Edmond will receive \$445 for a yet-to-be titled performance at the Dudley Senior Center.

More information on the Dudley Cultural Council and its supported events and programs can be found by visiting www.massculturalcouncil.org/local-council/dudley/ or the Council's page on the Town of Dudley Web site at www.dudleyma.gov/cultural-council.



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Take time away from your phone

Most weeks, our Editorial column spins off of a subject we curious about. While the subject of cell phone and screen addiction comes up often, this week, our perspective on the issue noticeably shifted after receiving a wise tip. A national news story broke, relaying that many younger people are switching to flip phones as a way to curb mental illness and burnout.

There are several tips as far as screen time and how to manage it. The first one is to ignore your phone, don't even look at it, until 30 minutes after you wake up. In that time, sit down, have your morning coffee, and read a book. When you start to scroll on your phone just after waking up, you put yourself into what's called a passive scrolling phase, which can derail your entire day and ward off productivity.

A few days of following this new advice, and there is a noticeable sense of comfort and relaxation that can carry you throughout your day. It's like taking 30 minutes every morning to get back to the basics and recall simpler times.

Most people feel like they are in control of their phone use, but are you? How can you determine if you have a phone addiction, or are just part of the modern era grind? We've said it before, and we'll say it again — nothing beats the days of watching "Jeopardy!" uninterrupted, without the pressure of responding to a ding from your phone.

In 2011, only 35 percent of the population owned Smartphones; today, 81 percent do. It is our main form of communication, so much so that now there is a term called nomophobia, or the fear of going without your phone.

Excessive cell phone use is a huge problem for many. As far as addiction goes, some experts say the dopamine connection the phone offers can be linked to something akin to a drug addiction. The triggering of that chemical in your brain, reinforces compulsive behavior. When we can't predict when we will receive a text or a "like" on social media, we check our phones more often.

Adolescents are more vulnerable to this problem than any other age group. Excessive use in that age group is such an issue that most teenagers never turn off their phones. Experts say that the younger a child has access to a phone, the sooner the problems begin. Problematic cell phone use is linked to low self-esteem, low impulse control, depression and anxiety.

Signs you may have a phone addiction could be that you reach for your phone if you're bored, you feel anxious or upset if you can't get to your phone, you wake throughout the night to check it, or your phone has caused you to get into an accident. Other signs could be that you spend most of your waking hours on your phone, and that it interferes with personal relationships or work.

When trying to focus on work, or any task, you are significantly disrupted, and your concentration is thrown off.

Ways to break the addiction in order to fix your relationships, your health and other responsibilities include figuring out if there is a larger issue as to why you're using your phone so much. Are you avoiding something else bigger? Resolving the larger issue at hand, could cause a decrease in phone use.

Change your settings to remove notifications and other alerts, set your screen to dark mode at night, keep your phone out of sight and never charge it in your bedroom. After a certain time, set your phone up so that only emergency contacts can get through to you, everyone else can wait. Try replacing games on your phone with real in person games or develop a hobby you've been wanting to try. Too much cell phone use can develop into a loss of control.

There have been some experiments where people have gone two days without their phones. Some people choose to give up their phones all together, while others make significant changes to reduce use.

The potential risk of depression, insomnia and lack of productivity just isn't worth it. Think back to pre-cell phone times. While there are safety benefits to having a phone, we don't need to be connected 24/7, and we don't need to respond or answer our phones just because they ding.

Your responsibility is to yourself, and it is revelatory how much you can get done if you just unplug. Take a breather, shut your phone completely off for 15 minutes and see how you feel. If you do try this trick, send us an email, and let us know what you find. If you are willing to take it one step further, and switch to a flip phone temporarily, let us know how that goes. Flip phones are very affordable and often come without a plan, and can be purchased at most stores.

VIEWPOINT

THE DEADLINE to submit letters to the editor and commentaries for next week's newspaper is Friday at noon. SEND ALL ITEMS to Editor
Brendan Berube at THE WEBSTER TIMES — news@stonebridgepress.news

Seeing God's beauty all around us

At the Metro Station in Washington, D.C. on a cold January morning, a man with a violin played six Bach pieces for about 45 minutes. During that time, almost 1,100 people went through the station, most on their way to work. After about three minutes, a middle-aged man noticed that there was a musician playing. He slowed his pace and stopped for a few seconds, and then hurried on to meet his schedule.

At four minutes, the violinist received his first dollar. A woman threw money in the hat and, without stopping, continued to walk. A minute later, a young man leaned against the wall to listen to him, then looked at his watch and started to walk away. He was late for work.

The one who paid the most attention was a three-year-old boy, but his mother tugged him along hurriedly. The kid stopped to look at the violinist again, but the mother pushed hard and the child continued to walk, turning his head the whole time. This action was repeated by several other children, but every parent - without exception - forced their children to move on quickly.

During the 45 minutes, only six people stopped and listened for a short while. A mere 27 out of 1097 passing travelers gave a total of \$37.17. When he finished playing and silence took over, no one noticed and no one applauded. There was no recognition at all.

No one realized that the violinist was Joshua Bell, one of the greatest musicians in the world, playing one of the most intricate pieces ever written by Bach, with a violin worth \$3.5 million dollars. Two days earlier, Joshua Bell played before a sold-out theater in Boston where people paid an average of \$100 to listen to him play the same music.

This true story was organized by Washington Post writer Gene Weingarten, who won a Pulitzer Prize for his article describing this social experience on perception, taste and people's priorities. At an inappropriate time and in a commonplace environment, would people recognize beauty? If so, would they stop to appreciate it?

Weingarten noted, "Each passerby had a quick choice to make, one familiar to commuters in any urban area where the occasional street performer is part of the cityscape: Do we stop and listen, or do we hurry past with a blend of guilt and irritation, aware of our cupidity but annoyed by the unbidden demand on our time and wallet? Do we throw in a buck, just to be polite? Does our decision change if the musician is really bad or really good? Do we have time for beauty? And shouldn't we make the time?"

Think about this experiment for a moment — a world class musician playing a magnificent piece of music, yet so few people notice, and even fewer take the time to enjoy. If less than 3 percent of the commuters had time to pause and take in such beauty, how many other things will we miss rushing through life?

Each day, God reveals Himself to us through beauty - whether through nature, music, writing or some other experience - as well as through His most beautiful creation, our fellow human beings. God is present everywhere, in everyone, trying to communicate with us. The question should never be, "Where is God?" Instead, "Where are we? Do we have the eyes to see Him? Do we have the ears to hear His soft, gentle voice? Can we perceive His Spirit active and present all around us in our lives?"

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BEYOND THE PEWS

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I remember when I was a seminarian, saintly Bishop Gerasimos lived on campus. Although He was retired and didn't teach any classes, I learned more from this holy man than from most of my professors, especially because of his holy, peaceful, joy-filled presence. One thing that remains etched in my mind is the way he would walk around campus and enjoy the beauty all around. He tenderly stopped and smelled the roses in front of his apartment. He admired any squirrel or animal crossing his path. He seemingly spoke with the birds. He was in communion with nature, as well as at peace with all people. He saw God's beauty and understood His presence everywhere and in everyone.

When Jesus preached His Good News to the crowds, He often concluded by saying, "Those who have ears to hear, let them hear." Thousands of people listened to Christ, yet few perceived what He truly said. Even fewer responded to Him. When we don't sense God's presence in our lives, it's not that He is absent. He is present but we may be too busy to notice. We may be too occupied with many superficial and inconsequential affairs. We may think "I don't have time to stop for this subway musician?" or "What do I have to learn from this homeless person?" We forget that God is present, possibly speaking through each person, talking to us through the beauty of some unexpected event.

When we rush through the day, allowing distractions to clamor for our attention, it is hard to hear God's voice or to sense His Presence. Yet if we set aside time, consciously open our eyes and minds, seeking after God or even waiting for Him, the wonder is that we will not only hear Him, but we will actually meet Him. The more we allow God's Spirit to dwell in us, the more we begin to see Him everywhere and in everything.

So let's take a moment to reflect on Joshua Bell and his Metro music concert. God's beauty is all around us. Do we notice? Are we listening?

Even in the darkest of times, one person can make a difference

On a sprawling plantation in Maryland, Harriet Tubman took her first breath into a life of servitude, surrounded by fields of cotton, tobacco, and sorrow.

At age five, Harriet was bought by a cruel trapper who forced her to work in the icy rivers, setting muskrat traps. Soon she was too sick to work and was brought back and made to be a caretaker for the plantation owner's baby; any cries from the baby would result in a brutal whipping for Harriet.

One day, while the plantation owner and his wife were in a heated argument, Harriet spotted a bowl of sugar, something she had never tasted before. Sneaking a pinch of the sweet treat, she was seen by the Master's wife. Harriet bolted out of the house and hid in a pig pen for five hungry days rather than face another whipping. With no food or refuge, she returned and was beaten brutally.

Harriet's faith was a defining force in her life that guided her every step of the way. Rumors of escaped enslaved people reaching freedom in the North captivated Harriet. She prayed for a life beyond the constraints of slavery.

Despite her hardships, she found love for a free man named John Tubman. She often confided in John about her dream of escaping, but he threatened to report her if she ever tried.

Harriet said, "I had reasoned it out in my mind; there were two things I had a right to, Liberty or Death, and if I couldn't have one, I would have the other."

One day, a Quaker woman approached her as she worked in the fields. The Quakers were a religious society known for their commitment to anti-slavery beliefs. The lady told Harriet that she could come to her house if she ever wanted to escape.

It was the first time Harriet had met someone part of the whispered-about Underground Railroad, a network of safe houses and secret routes used by escaped slaves to reach freedom.

Escaping at night when her husband was asleep, Harriet arrived at the Quaker woman's house, where she was given food and taught to navigate using the north star, as she would

God News!

BY SJ SHPEERD
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There's no need to fear now, You're my sons and my daughters.

Remember, I showed you when I split up the waters.

No more parables now, it is joy that He brings.

When He was there, that's how He taught you some things.

You'll all be new on that bright shining day.

You'll jump and run - it will be time to play.

All gates will be opened - even at the zoo.

All creatures will come, to Me and to you.

You won't look the same, you'll even look thin,

When a baby I put deep within.

Giving birth won't hurt like it did before.

'Cause Jesus will come and settle that score.

Being saved is something that's oh so great.

"To see Your face, I just can't wait!"

A day that is special is coming real soon.

You'll all be with Jesus, He saved you a room.

Look, He is coming - keep your eyes wide open.

Don't worry, you'll hear Him, when He has spoken.

You'll be dancing and praising every single day.

All because, you followed His Way!

"Look, I AM coming soon! Blessed are those who obey the prophecy written in this scroll."

~ Revelation 22:7

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always travel by night.

As she made her way towards her freedom, Harriet was taken from one safe house to another, each one offering her food and shelter along the way.

Delighted to be a free woman in Philadelphia, her mind eventually turned to family. One day news reached Harriet that her sister Mary, her children, and other relatives were to be sold at the auction house, and she was determined to rescue them.

Harriet again traveled by night, returning to the county where she once lived in slavery. With determination in her heart, she devised a plan with Mary's husband, a free man, to help her free Mary and her children. He showed up at the auction house with a forged letter, claiming the plantation had a buyer for Harriet's family, and they were to return home immediately.

The guard hesitated, his hands hovering over his rifle as he read the letter. Mary's husband held his breath for an eternity, wondering if the ploy would work. It did, and Harriet wasted no time, whisking them away to freedom. She was now a conductor on The Underground Railroad.

Harriet faced new dangers with the passage of laws allowing captured escaped slaves to be returned to their owners, even when found in the North.

Determined, she saved for a house in Canada, where she planned to bring escaped slaves. Harriet embarked on multiple rescue missions from Canada.

It wasn't long before Harriet was a legend amongst enslaved people; they sang gospel songs in the fields about her. They called her Moses, sent to set her people free.

A reward was placed on her head, and she was sometimes forced to disguise herself as a man as she traveled from plantation to plantation to rescue any who desired freedom. She made 19 trips and rescued over seventy enslaved people.

Her legacy serves as a reminder that even in the darkest times, one person can make a difference, and that we all have the power to overcome fear and stand up to tyranny in all of its forms.

Tea for Two (or more) is Good for the Body & Soul

The daily English ritual of Tea Time may be more than a social break - in fact evidence suggests it may be just what the doctor ordered! The simple habit of sipping a cup of hot, steaming tea is being reexamined and is hailed as a cure all for many common ailments in addition to its role as a warm, comforting refreshment. In recognition of National Tea month in January - OK so by the time you read this, it might be February!), the following information highlights the many ways tasty tea truly is terrific!



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tion, the tea plant naturally contains fluoride in its leaves which makes tooth enamel stronger and more resistant to acids. Tea also inhibits bacteria growth in the mouth. *Sipping both black and green teas has been associated with a lower risk of heart disease. It's been speculated that the antioxidant activity of chemicals in tea called flavonoids are at least partly responsible. Black and green teas each contain different flavonoids that appear to be beneficial to health.

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Topical Tea Treatments

Drinking tea isn't the only way to reap the benefits of the healing herbs. Here are some ways natural teas can take the place of commercial health and beauty aids.

Stress Reliever: Make up this green tea and oatmeal bath recipe from a New York City Day Spa, and you'll be soaking in the lap of luxury for mere pennies! The popular treatment is a great stress buster for both men and women as the green tea tones your skin and helps you unwind after a stressful day, while the oatmeal serves as a soother for sensitive skin.

To make: Combine one half cup of loose green tea leaves (available at health stores) and one half cup rolled or instant oatmeal. Place the mixture in a muslin or cheesecloth bag to make a sachet. Then hang the bag from your bathtub spout with string or ribbon and let the warm water rush over it while filling the tub. Once steeped, remove the bag and enjoy a relaxing soak for 15 minutes or so.

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Treat Tired Eyes: If late nights and little sleep are making your eyes puffy, this quick and easy treatment will erase the telltale signs as well as a costly cream. Brew loose tea (try a calming herb, such as chamomile) and chill in the freezer until very cold but not frozen. Dip a cotton pad in the tea to saturate, wring out, and place on puffy areas. Lay back and keep pads on for at least ten minutes.

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Acne Aid Alternative: Studies claim green tea can be as effective as 4% benzoyl peroxide in treating acne. Better yet, the research reveals the tea is gentler on the skin than the chemical. To try at home, simply apply brewed green tea to the skin with a cotton ball.

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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.

Why is Wallum Lake being neglected?



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This week's picture shows Chris Henchey and a couple other trap shooters, lined up for some target practice at the *Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club range recently. The range is open to any shooter that enjoys the sport, every Sunday starting at 10 a.m. Come join in for some fun.

This week, Captain Mel True will sponsor his annual fishing show Feb. 4 & 5 at the Whites of Westport. The Tried & True fishing show will have more than 85 vendors selling new and used fishing tackle. Doors open at 9 a.m. both days. Tickets will be available at the door at \$10 each; children under 12 are free. The show has a lot to offer for both seasoned anglers, and those that are just getting started. Videos of fishing by numerous boat captains will be available, showing the best tactics to catch the big ones, and where to go. It will be a fun packed day for young and old!



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The warm weather continues, but this week, there could be enough cold temperatures at night to freeze up some of the small ponds, which could make for some ice fishing activities, but only for the seasoned anglers. A couple of inches of good black ice is all that is needed to hold one angler to fish on, but walking on these ice conditions needs the constant checking of ice with a chisel, as you navigate the new frozen ponds. Small Rod & Gun club ponds could also become safe to fish on, and provide some good fishing for holdover trout. No more than one angler fishing in one spot, needs to be emphasized. Bunching up in one spot could cause unsafe ice, and a bad outcome. Stay safe and always fish with a friend!

Word has been received of a winter stocking of trout in numerous Rhode Island ponds, but Wallum Lake received nothing! Rhode Island also stocked some lake trout in a few of their ponds, along with some rainbow trout and salmon. It is unheard of in the past, that a state like Rhode Island was stocking lake trout. The salmon were not Broodstock salmon, but were similar to other strains. More information will be gathered for next week's column.

If Wallum Lake continues to be neglected by both Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Sportsmen need to take

matters into their own hands, and privately stock some lake trout into Wallum. The lake is ideal to introduce lake trout into, as it has the depth of water to sustain a lake trout, and the forage fish in the lake would provide plenty of food for the fish to feed on. It is a shame that both Mass. & Rhode Island cannot work together to make Wallum Lake a trophy trout pond, but do not expect any good news in the near future.

A bit more news on local Rod & Gun Clubs in the area. Most have a waiting list of sportsmen waiting to join. Be sure to pay your dues early to avoid being left out because you are late with your renewal. There also seems to be a lot more shooters that are joining clubs that are mainly interested in joining the club to use the ranges. There seems to be a lot more gun owners than in past years, and it shows at the gun ranges, and at gun shows like the one last week in Marlborough! The lines outside to get into the show were long, with many leaving the show without getting in. There are more Gun owners that are licensed to carry because of the dangerous world that we live in today. Mass shootings by individuals that are illegally carrying a firearm are increasing every day, and it is not going to stop anytime soon. I hate to turn on the news, like everyone else! What has made this country so violent?

The Mass. Fish & Wildlife Headquarters in Westborough has only a few employees at their desk because of Covid. If you need to talk to someone about an issue, you need to e-mail the person you are trying to contact. Sitting down and discussing your problem or looking for information face to face, is a thing of the past! Hopefully, this Covid thing is over soon!

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Grow tasty and nutritious leafy greens indoors

Boost the flavor and nutritional value of winter meals by growing a container of greens indoors. Plant, tend and harvest greens for garden-fresh flavor now and throughout the year.



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tive display in larger planters like the Tartu Elevated Rectangular Planter (gardeners.com).

Water thoroughly and often enough to keep the soil moist while waiting for the seeds to sprout. Reduce the need for frequent watering by covering newly planted containers with a plastic sheet or dome. Once sprouts appear, remove the plastic and begin watering thoroughly when the top inch of soil begins to dry.

Boost productivity and increase planting space with the help of artificial lights. You will find a variety of setups for any space in your home. Counter and tabletop light stands like the Micro Grow Light Garden can be conveniently located in the kitchen or dining room. Stand-alone light shelves provide more growing space within a small footprint. Furniture-grade light stands make them easy to use in any room in the house.

Grow greens you and your family like to use in your favorite recipes and salads. Green or red leaf lettuce is easy to grow indoors, and its mild flavor is most appealing to children and picky eaters.

Spinach is another popular and easy-to-grow leafy green vegetable used fresh in salads and smoothies or added to soups and sauces. It contains many vitamins and nutrients, including iron,



Courtesy - Gardener's Supply Company

Tabletop light stands work well on kitchen counters and provide plenty of light for greens to grow.

folic acid, and calcium.

Kale is considered a superfood. This nutrient-dense vegetable is packed with vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants. If the flavor is a bit too intense for you, try the baby leaf types that are milder in flavor, or try braising kale for a milder flavor and more tender texture.

Add a bit of peppery flavor to salads, soups, pastas, and other dishes with arugula. Add a spicier flavor with mustard greens. Sauté mustard greens or add them to your favorite Southern, Asian, Indian or savory dish.

Include color and flavor in your winter meals with beet greens. The leafy

part of this vegetable is often overlooked but is the most nutritious part of the plant. Use these the same way you would spinach or kale. You can purchase beet varieties selected for growing the best greens to harvest from baby to full size.

Make it more fun by getting others involved. Hand family members and guests a plate and kitchen shears so they can harvest

and help prepare the meal. Melinda Myers is the author of more than 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening and Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myer is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Gardener's Supply for her expertise to write this article. Her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

OBITUARIES

Susan M. Horanzy



Webster – Susan M. (Zimatravich) Horanzy of Webster passed away on Thursday January 26, 2023 at the Webster Manor.

Although born in Worcester on December 17, 1947, she was raised in Millbury; she graduated from Millbury Memorial High School; she was predeceased by her mother Catherine and a brother John.

Susan is survived by her husband of forty-five years, Frank A. Horanzy Jr; she leaves two sisters: Catherine Ivascyn and her husband Dan, and Judith Kosnoski and her husband Charles; a niece Jennifer Dowdle and her husband Michael; a nephew Daniel Ivascyn and Devon, and a nephew Gregory Kosnoski; a brother-in-law Paul S. Horanzy. Susan is

also survived by five great-nieces Ivy and Clara Dowdle, Amelie and Audry Ivascyn, Antonia Kosnoski, and several cousins and close friends.

For many years, she was employed by the former Bates Shoe company of Webster, MA. Later, she was employed by Parker Metal Company of Worcester, MA as a data key punch operator. Susan was a compassionate, kind, and generous person, especially those related to children and animals.

All services and burial will be private and at the convenience of the family.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Webster, MA

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 Susan.

Pauline V. Talisman

Southbridge: Pauline V. (Bail) Talisman, 93, passed away on Friday, Jan. 20th in the Lutheran Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center, Worcester after an illness.

Her husband, Michael R. Talisman, died in 2001. She leaves a son, Russell M. Talisman and his wife Deborah of Auburn; a daughter, Michelle G. Talisman and her husband Carleton Waters of Costa Mesa, CA; a nephew, Laurent (Larry) Coutu and his wife Pauline of Mapleville, RI; and a great niece, Michelle Coutu of Pawtucket, RI. She was predeceased by her two sisters, Lorraine Coutu and Theresa Bail. She was born in Southbridge to Hermas and Lillian (Girard) Bail. She was a graduate of the former Mary E. Wells High School.

Pauline served the town of Southbridge as its Assistant Town Clerk for many years until her retirement in 1997. After her retirement she dedicated much of her time as a member of the Harrington Auxiliary of Harrington Memorial Hospital in Southbridge and received the President's Volunteer Service Award in recognition of her commitment. She was also a member of the Community Organ Club, the Southbridge Women's Club, the Red

Hat Society, and the Tuesday Club on Webster Lake. When her children were young Pauline was a Cub Scout Den Mother, a Brownie Leader and a Girl Scout Leader.

The family wishes to offer heartfelt thanks to the organizations and their teams who cared for Pauline in her last years. The Lutheran Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center has been her home for the last three years and they have consistently offered understanding and compassionate care throughout her time there. In the final days of her life, Notre Dame Hospice provided support to her and the family as she slipped away, never wavering in the exceptional care provided by all members of the team.

Her funeral service will be held on Friday, Jan. 27th, at 11:00am in the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge. Burial will follow in New Notre Dame Cemetery, Southbridge. A calling hour in the funeral home will be held on Friday, Jan. 27th, from 10:00 to 11:00 am, prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Harrington Auxiliary, 100 South Street, Southbridge, MA 01550. www.morrillfuneralhome.com

Daniel Brooks named to Siena College President's List

LOUDONVILLE, N.Y. — Daniel Brooks was named to the Siena College President's List for the Fall 2022 Semester. Daniel is from Dudley.

The President's List requires a 3.9 grade point average or higher.

Founded in 1937, Siena College is a private, Catholic Franciscan, residential, liberal arts college with a student body of about 3,000. Siena College offers 36 degree programs, 80+ minors and certificate programs, and professional curricula in teacher preparation/education, pre-medical, pre-law and social work. A student-to-faculty ratio of 11-to-1, average class size of 21, rigorous academics, Division I athletics, intramural sports and widespread service and advocacy experiences nurture each student's personal growth while providing the education of a lifetime.

Grace Stannard named to UVM Dean's List

BURLINGTON, Vt. — Grace Stannard has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2022 semester at the University of Vermont. Stannard from Auburn, is majoring in Public Health Sciences.

To be named to the dean's list, students must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20 percent of their class in their respective college or school.

About UVM

Since 1791, the University of Vermont has worked to move humankind forward. Committed to both research and teaching, UVM professors -- world-class researchers, scholars, and artists -- bring their discoveries into the classroom and their students into the field. Located in Burlington, Vermont, one of the nation's most vibrant small cities and top college towns, UVM top 100 national research university educating over 14,000 undergraduate students, graduate students, certificate and non-degree students, and M.D. students in the Larner College of Medicine.

Zoe Picard named to Wofford College Dean's List

SPARTANBURG, S.C. — Zoe Picard has been named to the fall 2022 Dean's List. Picard is from Auburn.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled for at least 12 semester hours of graded courses and attain a semester grade point average of 3.6 or higher.

Wofford College, established in 1854, is a four-year, residential liberal arts college located in Spartanburg, South Carolina. It offers 27 major fields of study to a student body of 1,800 undergraduates. Nationally known for the strength of its academic program, outstanding faculty, experiential learning opportunities and successful graduates, Wofford is recognized consistently as a "best value" and for its commitment to student success and accessibility for low- and middle-income students. The college community has 12 sororities and fraternities as well as 20 NCAA Division I athletics teams.

Local residents named to Dean's List at Saint Michael's College

COLCHESTER, Vt. — The following local students have been named to the Dean's List at Saint Michael's College for the Fall 2022 semester:

* Bernadette E Lesieur, a sophomore physics major from Oxford and a graduate of Home School Clearing House.

About Saint Michael's College

Saint Michael's College, founded in the great Catholic intellectual tradition, which also recognizes the principles of social justice and compassion, is a selective, fully residential Catholic college in Vermont's beautiful Green Mountains. Our closely connected community delivers internationally respected liberal arts and graduate education near Burlington, one of the country's best college towns. To prepare for fulfilling careers and meaningful lives, young adults here grow intellectually, socially, and morally, learning to be responsible for themselves, each other and their world.



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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 2C John William Drive #2C, Pond View II Condominium, Auburn, MA 01501

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Nancy Nichols to RBS Citizens, N.A., and now held by Citizens Bank, N.A. f/k/a RBS Citizens, N.A., said mortgage dated May 23, 2013 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 50961, Page 326, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction on March 1, 2023 at 10:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, directly in front of the building in which the unit is located, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:**

The unit ("Unit") known as Unit 2-C John William Drive, Auburn, Massachusetts in the POND VIEW II CONDOMINIUM, a condominium "Condominium" established pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 183A, by Master Deed dated September 17, 1985, and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds at Book 8937, Page 84 (the "Master Deed") which Unit is shown on the floor plans ("Plans") recorded in Plan Book 541, Plan 34 with the Master Deed.

The Unit is conveyed together with: 1. An undivided interest of .04762% of the common areas and facilities ("Common Elements") of the Condominium described in the Master Deed, attributable to the Unit. 2. An exclusive right and easement to use any shed, steps, bulkhead or chimney extending from the exterior the Unit as provided in the Master Deed. 3. An exclusive right to use two parking spaces. 4. The exclusive right and easement to use the deck or patio adjacent to such Unit, if any, and to which there is direct access from the interior of such Unit. 5. The exclusive right and easement to use the attic space, if any, above and accessible from such unit. 6. An easement for the continuances of all encroachments by the Unit of any adjoining Units or Common Elements existing as a result of construction of the Condominium, or which may come into existence hereafter as result of settling or shifting of the buildings or of the Unit after damage or destruction by fire or other casualty*, or after a taking in condemnation or eminent domain proceedings, or by reason of an alteration or repair to the Common Elements made by or with the consent of the Trustees of Pond View Condominium Trust (the "Trustees") 7. The easement in common with the owners of other Units to use any pipes, wires, ducts flues, cables, conduits, public utility lines, and other common elements located in any of the other Units or elsewhere in the condominium serving the Unit. 8. Rights and easements in common with other Unit Owners as described in the Master Deed.

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated October 28, 1998 and recorded in the Worcester

County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 20656, Page 359.

Said Unit will be conveyed together with an undivided percentage interest in the Common Elements of said Condominium appurtenant to said Unit and together with all rights, easements, covenants and agreements as contained and referred to in the Declaration of Condominium, as amended.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

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Present Holder of the Mortgage
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January 27, 2023
February 3, 2023
February 10, 2023

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 **Brian Lalone and Cheryl A. Lalone** to Beneficial Massachusetts, Inc. dated June 23, 2006, recorded at the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 39256, Page 121; said mortgage was then assigned to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF8 Master Participation Trust by virtue of an assignment dated July 15, 2014, and recorded in Book 52785, Page 37; and further assigned to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for Legacy Mortgage Asset Trust 2018-RPL4 by virtue of an assignment dated March 17, 2021, and recorded in Book 65213, Page 386 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at PUBLIC AUCTION at 12:00 PM on **February 23, 2023**, on the mortgaged premises. This property has the address of 19 Rawson Avenue, Oxford, MA 01540. The entire mortgaged premises, all and singular, the premises as described in said mortgage:

The Land with the buildings thereon situated in said Oxford on the northwesterly side of Rawson Avenue and being shown as Lot #16 on Plan of Lots laid out by Marble and Allen, C.E. in 1897 and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 9, Page 14, and bounded and described according to said plan as follows: Beginning at the most southerly corner of the premises at the most easterly corner of Lot #14 on said plan; thence Northwesterly, one hundred (100) feet by said Lot #14 to land formerly of one Lamson; thence Northeasterly, seventy-five (75) feet by said Lamson land to Lot #18 on said plan; thence Southeasterly, one hundred (100) feet by said Lot #18 to said Rawson Avenue; thence Southwesterly, seventy-five (75) feet by said Rawson Avenue to the point of beginning. Being the same property conveyed from Grayce A. Waddington and Cheryl A. Lalone, no tenancy stated, to Brian Lalone and Cheryl Lalone, husband and wife as T/B/E, by deed recorded 03/28/02, in Book 26262, at Page 394, in the register's office of Worcester County, Massachusetts. Tax Map or Parcel ID No.: 33B-A42

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

Terms of Sale: Said premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and assessments, tax sales, tax titles and other municipal liens and water or sewer liens and State or County transfer fees, if any there are, and TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) in cashier's or certified check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of the sale as a deposit and the balance in cashier's or certified check will be due in thirty (30) days, at the offices of Doonan, Graves & Longoria, LLC ("DG&L"), time being of the essence. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

Dated: December 16, 2022 U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for Legacy Mortgage Asset Trust 2018-RPL4

By its Attorney DOONAN, GRAVES & LONGORIA, LLC, 100 Cummings Center, Suite 303C, Beverly, MA 01915 (978) 921-2670 www.dgandl.com 56521 (LALONE)

January 27, 2023
February 3, 2023
February 10, 2023

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 26 Perryville Road, Webster, MA 01570

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Virginia D. Gogolinski to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Genworth Financial Home Equity Access, Inc., and now held by **Reverse Mortgage Funding LLC**, said mortgage dated September 28, 2011 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds

in Book 47914, Page 339, said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Genworth Financial Home Equity Access, Inc. to Reverse Mortgage Solutions, Inc. by assignment dated January 25, 2016 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 54873, Page 209; said mortgage was assigned from Reverse Mortgage Solutions, Inc. to Broad Street Funding Trust I by assignment dated August 16, 2018 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 59398, Page 330; said mortgage was assigned from Broad Street Funding Trust I to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee of RMF Buyout Acquisition Trust 2018-1 by assignment dated June 4, 2019 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 60582, Page 143; said mortgage was assigned from Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee of RMF Buyout Acquisition Trust 2018-1 to Reverse Mortgage Funding, LLC by assignment dated November 19, 2021 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 66665, Page 378; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction on March 1, 2023 at 11:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:** A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon of every nature and description and all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, situated in the Town of Webster, County of Worcester, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at an iron pin at the northerly line of Perryville Road fifty three and twenty one hundredths (53.21) feet westerly from a proposed a proposed W. C. H. bound point and at land of William H. Sherwood; Thence N. 18 °16' 28" W. by land of said William H. Sherwood one hundred fifty seven and fifty eight hundredths (157.58) feet to an iron pin; Thence S. 67 ° 44' 20" W. seventy nine and forty nine hundredths (79.49) feet to an iron pipe; Thence southwesterly one hundred seventy and one hundredths (170.41) feet on Goodwin Street, so called, to the northerly line of said Perryville Road; Thence easterly by the northerly line of said Perryville Road one hundred eighty one and sixty five hundredths (181.65) feet to an iron pin and the point of beginning. Less and excepting that parcel that was conveyed to William H. Sherwood in Book 4402 at Page 478 of the Worcester County Registry of Deeds. For Title reference see deed as set forth in Book 6071 at Page 304 of the Worcester County Registry of Deeds.

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated November 18, 1976 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 6071, Page 304.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

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Present Holder of the Mortgage
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January 27, 2023
February 3, 2023
February 10, 2023

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 5 Homestead Avenue, Oxford, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Richard D. Fitzgerald and Jean M. Fitzgerald to Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a Subsidiary of IndyMac Bank, F.S.B., said mortgage dated April 27, 2006, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester) Registry of Deeds, in Book 38906 at Page 1 and now held by Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust by virtue of an assignment from

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., A Delaware Corporation, as mortgagee, as nominee for Financial Freedom Acquisition, LLC, its successors and assigns to Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust dated August 17, 2021 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 65904, Page 133, [for additional AOM's, "previously assigned by Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Financial Freedom Acquisition LLC, its successors and assigns by virtue of an assignment dated September 25, 2009 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 44929, page 138 for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at **Public Auction on February 27, 2023 at 11:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:**

OXFORD, WORCESTER COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS, ON THE WESTERLY SIDE OF HOMESTEAD AVENUE, SHOWN AS LOT 5 ON A PLAN ENTITLED "PLAN OF HOMESTEAD ESTATES, OXFORD, MASSACHUSETTS OWNED AND DEVELOPED BY LESLIE J. CHAFFEE", RECORDED WITH THE WORCESTER DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS, PLAN BOOK 255, PLAN 95, AND BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE WESTERLY SIDE OF HOMESTEAD AVENUE AT THE SOUTHEASTERLY CORNER OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED PREMISES AND AT A POINT ON LOT 3 AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAN.

THENCE NORTH 75° 55' WEST BY SAID LOT 3, A DISTANCE OF 130 FEET TO A POINT AT LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF FAIRLAWN REALTY COMPANY;

THENCE NORTH 14° 05' EAST BY LOT 22 AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAN, 100 FEET TO A POINT AT LOT 7;

THENCE SOUTH 75° 55' EAST BY LOT 7, A DISTANCE OF 130 FEET TO THE POINT ON THE WESTERLY SIDE OF HOMESTEAD AVENUE;

THENCE SOUTH 14° 05' WEST BY SAID HOMESTEAD AVENUE, 100 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 13,000 SQUARE FEET OF LAND, ACCORDING TO SAID PLAN.

APN: 29A-C19

TS Order Number: 10-00082737

The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagors' Title see deed dated October 5, 1991, and recorded in Book 13700 at Page 313 with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within sixty (60) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

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(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO23C0016CA
CITATION ON PETITION TO
CHANGE NAME
In the matter of:
Carmen Marie Davis**

**A Petition to Change Name of Adult
has been filed by Carmen Marie Davis
of Douglas MA**

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

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
02/14/2023. 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: January 17, 2023

Stephanie K. Fattman

Register of Probate

February 3, 2023

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSA-
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LAND COURT

DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL
COURT

Docket Number: 23 SM 000347

ORDER OF NOTICE

To:

Bruce J. Grici; Angela J. Grici
and to all persons entitled to the ben-
efit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief
Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq):
Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr.
Cooper

claiming to have an interest in a
Mortgage covering real property in
Auburn, numbered 650 Oxford Street
South, given by Bruce J. Grici, Angela
J. Grici to Mortgage Electronic Regis-
tration Systems, Inc., as nominee for
CitiMortgage, Inc., dated December 5,
2006, and recorded in the Worcester
County (Worcester District) Registry
of Deeds in Book 40314, Page 1, and
now held by the Plaintiff by assign-
ment, has/have filed with this court a
complaint for determination of Defen-
dant'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 ba-
sis, 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 March
13, 2023, or you may lose the oppor-
tunity to challenge the foreclosure on
the ground of noncompliance with the
Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Jus-
tice of this Court on January 25, 2023.

Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson

Recorder

22054

February 03, 2023

Notice of Initial Site Investigation & Tier Classification

January 2023

20 Warren Road

Auburn, MA 01501

Release Tracking Number 2-21847

Pursuant to the Massachusetts
Contingency Plan (310 CMR 40.0480),
and Initial

Phase I Site Investigation has been
performed at the above referenced
location.

A release of oil and/or hazardous
materials has occurred at the location,
which is

a Disposal Site (defined by M.G.L. c.
21E, Section 2). The site has been
classified

as Tier II, pursuant to 310 CMR
40.0500. Response/Assessment
Actions at this

site have been and will be conduct-
ed by Mr. Matthew Dominy, who has
employed

Mr. Kurt Klages, LSP to manage the
response actions in accordance with the
Massachusetts Contingency Plan (310
CMR 40.0000).

M.G.L. c. 21E and the Massachusetts
Contingency Plan provide additional
opportunities for public notice of and
involvement in decisions regarding
response

actions at the Disposal Site: 1) the
Chief Municipal Official and Board of
Health of

the community in which the site is

located will be/have been notified of
major
milestones and events, pursuant to
310 CMR 40.1403; and 2) upon receipt
of a
petition from ten or more residents of
the municipality in which the site is
located,

or of a municipality potentially affected
by a site, a plan for involving the public
in

decisions regarding response actions
at the site will be prepared and imple-
mented,
pursuant to 310 CMR 40.1405.

To obtain more information about the
Disposal Site and the opportunities for
public
involvement during its remediation,
please contact: Mr. Kurt Klages, LSP,
Jewel

Environmental Corp., 508-207-8879.

February 03, 2023

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 8 Freeman Avenue,
Webster, MA 01570

By virtue of and in execution of
the Power of Sale contained in a
certain mortgage given by Michael
A. Porter and Christina Thompson
to Mortgage Electronic Registration
Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nomi-
nee for Superior Home Mortgage,
and now held by **Bank of America,
N.A.**, said mortgage dated October 15,
2007 and recorded in the Worcester
County (Worcester District) Registry
of Deeds in Book 41965, Page 49,
As affected by Judgment Order dated
December 11, 2018, and recorded
with said Registry in Book 60190,
Page 95, said mortgage was assigned
from Mortgage Electronic Registration
Systems, Inc. to Bank of America, N.A.
by assignment dated February 27,
2012 and recorded with said Registry
of Deeds in Book 48631, Page 279;
for breach of the conditions in said
mortgage and for the purpose of fore-
closing the same will be sold at **Public
Auction** on March 16, 2023 at 11:00
AM Local Time upon the premises, all
and singular the premises described in
said mortgage, to wit:

The land in Webster, County
of Worcester, Commonwealth of
Massachusetts and bound-
ed and described as follows:

The land together with the build-
ings thereon in said Webster,
at Lakeside, so-called, on Lake
Chaubunagungamaug, and being
known and designated at Lot No. 100
on Plan of Lots of Lakeside, Webster,
Massachusetts, dated December 1,
1925, drawn by J. R. Kleindienst,
Surveyor and recorded in Plan Book
164, Plan 1, said lot being situated
on Lakeside Avenue and Freeman
Avenue, and also designated on said
Plan recorded in Plan Book 149, Plan
44 bounded and described as follows:
BEGINNING at an iron pin at the north-
westerly corner of the premises herein
conveyed and at corner of Freeman
Avenue and Lakeside Avenue;
THENCE southerly by the easterly side
of said Freeman Avenue fifty (50) feet
to a point at Lot No. 99 on said Plan;
THENCE easterly by Lot No.
99 one hundred (100) feet
to Lot No. 101 on said Plan;
THENCE northerly by Lot No.
101 fifty (50) feet to the south
side of Lakeside Avenue;
THENCE west one hundred (100)
feet by the south side of said
Lakeside to the point of beginning.
The mortgagor(s) expressly reserve
my/our rights of Homestead and
do not wish to terminate my/our
Homestead by granting the within
conveyance notwithstanding my/our
waiver of such homestead in par-
agraph 24 of the within mortgage.
However, the mortgagor(s) here-
in hereby expressly subordi-
nate any and all such Homestead
rights to the foregoing mortgage.
The mortgagor(s) expressly reserve
my/our rights of Homestead and
do not wish to terminate my/our
Homestead by granting the within
conveyance notwithstanding my/our
waiver of such homestead in par-
agraph 24 of the within mortgage.
However, the mortgagor(s) here-
in hereby expressly subordi-
nate any and all such Homestead
rights to the foregoing mortgage.
Meaning and intending to convey
and hereby conveying the same prem-
ises conveyed to me/us by deed
recorded with Worcester Registry
of Deeds in Book 41965, Page 47.

The description of the property
contained in the mortgage shall control
in the event of a typographical error in
this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title see deed
dated October 15, 2007 and recorded
in the Worcester County (Worcester
District) Registry of Deeds in Book
41965, Page 47.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will
be sold and conveyed subject to all
liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax
titles, municipal liens and assessments,

if any, which take precedence over the
said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00)
Dollars of the purchase price must
be paid in cash, certified check, bank
treasurer's or cashier's check at the time
and place of the sale by the purchaser.
The balance of the purchase price shall
be paid in cash, certified check, bank
treasurer's or cashier's check within
thirty (30) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced
at the sale.

Brock & Scott, PLLC

1080 Main Street, Suite 200

Pawtucket, RI 02860

Attorney for Bank of America, N.A.

Present Holder of the Mortgage

(401) 217-8701

February 3, 2023

February 10, 2023

February 17, 2023

CARE AND PROTECTION,
TERMINATION OF PARENTAL
RIGHTS, SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION, DOCKET NUMBER:
21CP0360DU, Trial Court of
Massachusetts Juvenile Court
Department, COMMONWEALTH
OF MASSACHUSETTS, Worcester
County Juvenile Court, 279 West Main
Street, Dudley, MA 01571 **TO: Father
of Ellieannie Nichole Soto:** A petition
has been presented to this court by
DCF (Whitinsville), seeking, as to the
following child, **Ellieannie N Soto** that
said child be found in need of care
and protection and committed to the
Department of Children and Families.
The court may dispense the rights of
the person(s) named herein to receive
notice of or to consent to any legal
proceeding affecting the adoption, cus-
tody, or guardianship or any other
disposition of the child named herein,
if it finds that the child is in need of
care and protection and that the best
interests of the child would be served
by said disposition.

You are hereby ORDERED to appear
in this court, at the court address set
forth above, on the following date and
time: **03/31/2023 at 09:30 AM Pre
Trial Conference (CR/CV)**

You may bring an attorney with you.
If you have a right to an attorney and
if the court determines that you are in-
digent, the court will appoint an attorney
to represent you.

**If you fail to appear, the court may
proceed on that date and any date
thereafter with a trial on the merits
of the petition and an adjudication
of this matter.**

For further information call the Office of
the Clerk-Magistrate at 508-949-3070.

WITNESS: Hon. Carol A. Erskine,
FIRST JUSTICE, Brendan J. Moran,
Clerk-Magistrate, DATE ISSUED:
01/20/2023

February 3, 2023

February 10, 2023

February 17, 2023

LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution
of the Power of Sale contained in
a certain mortgage given by Gloria
E. Van Van to Mortgage Electronic
Registration Systems, Inc., as mortga-
gee, acting solely as a nominee for Mid-
Island Mortgage Corp., dated August
28, 2009 and recorded in Worcester
County (Worcester District) Registry
of Deeds in Book 44801, Page 64 (the
"Mortgage") of which mortgage AJX
Mortgage Trust I, a Delaware Trust,
Wilmington Savings Fund Society,
FSB, Trustee is the present holder by
Assignment from Mortgage Electronic
Registration Systems, Inc. as nomi-
nee for Mid-Island Mortgage Corp., its
successor and assigns to Mid-Island
Mortgage Corporation dated March 19,
2012 and recorded at said Registry of
Deeds in Book 48707, Page 41, and
Assignment from Mid-Island Mortgage
Corporation to Secretary of Housing
and Urban Development dated May
21, 2012 and recorded at said Registry
of Deeds in Book 49402, Page 310,
and Assignment from Secretary of
Housing and Urban Development to
Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC dated
June 11, 2012 and recorded at said
Registry of Deeds in Book 49402, Page
313, and Assignment from Bayview
Loan Servicing, LLC to Bayview
Dispositions IIIA, LLC dated March 18,
2019 and recorded at said Registry of
Deeds in Book 60179, Page 349, and
Assignment from Bayview Dispositions
IIIA, LLC to AJX Mortgage Trust I, a
Delaware Trust, Wilmington Savings
Fund Society, FSB, Trustee dated
March 18, 2019 and recorded at said
Registry of Deeds in Book 60179,
Page 351, and Assignment from AJX
Mortgage Trust I, a Delaware Trust,
Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB,
Trustee to Ajax Mortgage Loan Trust
2019-C, Mortgage-Backed Securities,
Series 2019-C, by U.S. Bank National
Association, as Indenture Trustee
dated July 18, 2019 and recorded
at said Registry of Deeds in Book

60745, Page 182, and Corrective
Assignment from AJX Mortgage
Trust I, a Delaware Trust, Wilmington
Savings Fund Society, FSB, Trustee
to U.S. Bank National Association,
as Indenture Trustee on Behalf of
and with respect to Ajax Mortgage
Loan Trust 2019-C, Mortgage-Backed
Securities, Series 2019-C dated March
17, 2020 and recorded at said Registry
of Deeds in Book 62095, Page 122,
and Assignment from U.S. Bank
National Association, as Indenture
Trustee on Behalf of and with respects
to Ajax Mortgage Loan Trust 2019-C,
Mortgage-Backed Securities, Series
2019-C to AJX Mortgage Trust I, a
Delaware Trust, Wilmington Savings
Fund Society, FSB, Trustee dated July
20, 2022 and recorded at said Registry
of Deeds in Book 67939, Page 88, for
breach of conditions of said mortgage
and for the purpose of foreclosing the
same, the mortgaged premises locat-
ed at 60 Granite Street, Webster, MA
01570 will be sold at a Public Auction
at 12:00 PM on March 2, 2023, at the
mortgaged premises, more particularly
described below, all and singular the
premises described in said mortgage,
to wit:

A certain tract or parcel of land with
the buildings thereon situated in the
town of Webster, Worcester County,
Massachusetts and being located at
the intersection of the Easterly side
of granite Street and the Northerly
side of Oak Street and further
bounded and described as follows:
Beginning at a point at the Southwest
corner of premises to be conveyed
being, the intersection of Oak Street
and Granite Street and running
THENCE Northerly by the Easterly
side of Granite Street 122.5 feet
to a point at land of one Tremblay;
THENCE South 75° 20' East 62.9 feet
to a point at land of one Murawski;
THENCE South 7° 04' West by land
or said Mirawski 98.7 feet to a point
at the Northerly line of Oak Street;
THENCE Westerly by the
Northerly line of Oak Street
92.75 feet to point of beginning.
For title, see Deed record-
ed in Book 43430, Page 273.

For mortgagor's title see deed
recorded with the Worcester County
(Worcester District) Registry of Deeds
in Book 43430, Page 273.

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

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

Other terms to be announced
at the sale.

AJX Mortgage Trust I, a Delaware
Trust, Wilmington Savings Fund
Society, FSB, Trustee

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LEGALS

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Thomas J. McGee to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Drew Mortgage Associates, Inc., its successors and assigns, dated April 2, 2008 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 42660, Page 73, subsequently assigned to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Drew Mortgage Associates, Inc., its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 53257, Page 345, subsequently assigned to Specialized Loan Servicing, LLC by JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 56832, Page 56, subsequently assigned to Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as Trustee for the benefit of the Freddie Mac Seasoned Loans Structured Transaction Trust, Series 2019-1 by Specialized Loan Servicing LLC by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 61723, Page 43 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 AM on February 24, 2023 at 14 Clarence Street, Oxford, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit: A certain parcel of land located in a subdivision entitled, "Corey Estates". Said parcel being shown as Lot 6R on a plan entitled "Plan of Land Showing Revised Lots 2-8 in Oxford, Massachusetts Owned by Dennis M. Corey, Sr." dated June 17, 1993 and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 673, Plan 108 and bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the southeasterly corner of the lot to be conveyed at a point on Clarence Drive; THENCE along a curve to the left with a radius of 278.10 feet a distance of 8.88 feet; THENCE proceeding west along a curve to the left with a radius of 825.00 feet a distance of 116.12 feet to a point; THENCE N. 48° 34' 32" W. a distance of 323.69 feet to a point; THENCE N. 6° 23' 41" E. a distance of 57.11 feet to a point; THENCE N. 86° 53' 29" E. a distance of 171.49 feet to a point; THENCE S. 38° 40' 51" E. a distance of 247.45 feet to the point of beginning. RESERVING a drainage easement on the easterly border of the property as described above as is further shown on the plan referred to above. The area of the easement may not be distributed or otherwise altered in any manner that would prevent the flowage of surface water. Further reserving the right to pass and repass over the easement area for maintenance of said easement. BEING the same premises conveyed to the Mortgagor by deed dated March 19, 1996 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 17757, Page 164. The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments,

building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney's fees and costs.

TERMS OF SALE:

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

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as Trustee for the benefit of the Freddie Mac Seasoned Loans Structured Transaction Trust, Series 2019-1

Present Holder of said Mortgage, By Its Attorneys, ORLANDS PC PO Box 540540 Waltham, MA 02454 Phone: (781) 790-7800 20-003670 February 3, 2023 February 10, 2023 February 17, 2023

(SEAL)

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket Number: 23 SM 000349 ORDER OF NOTICE

To: James Giroux, Individually and as Personal Representative of the Estate of Robert Giroux 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 Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Dudley, numbered 4 First Avenue, given by Robert Giroux to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., dated March 29, 2007, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41001, Page 188, 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 March 13, 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 25, 2023.

Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
22923
February 3, 2023

(SEAL)

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket Number: 23 SM 000367 ORDER OF NOTICE

To: Melanie D. Melendy a/k/a Melanie E. Melendy 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 Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Oxford, numbered 148 Main Street, given by Melanie D. Melendy to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., dated September 23, 2006, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 39835, Page 273, as modified by a certain modification agreement dated January 2, 2019, and recorded with said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 60035, Page 265, 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 March 13, 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 26, 2023.

Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
22918
February 3, 2023

(SEAL)

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket Number: 23 SM 000197 ORDER OF NOTICE

To:

Marcia A. Behrens a/k/a Marcia Behrens and Joseph M. Gromelski and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq)

Limosa, LLC

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Dudley, numbered 4 Dudley Oxford Road, given by Marcia A. Behrens a/k/a Marcia Behrens and Joseph M. Gromelski to Citifinancial Services, Inc., dated June 26, 2008, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 43027, Page 363, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before 03/13/2023 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on 1/26/2023.

Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
22918
February 3, 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. WO23C00376CA CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

In the matter of:

Ruben Dario Morel Vargas

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Ruben Dario Morel Vargas of Webster MA

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

Ruben Dario Morel

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 02/28/2023. 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: January 26, 2023

Stephanie K. Fattman

Register of Probate

February 3, 2023

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SPORTS



Nick Ethier

Auburn's Olivia Viens holds off a Saint Joseph Prep defender while carrying the puck down the ice.



Nick Ethier

Maddi Leonard of Auburn scans the ice while stick-handling the puck toward Saint Joseph Prep's zone.



Nick Ethier

Auburn's Maddi Wall attempts to maneuver around a Saint Joseph Prep defender.



Nick Ethier

Leah Medeiros of Auburn prepares for a faceoff versus Saint Joseph Prep.

Trio of Maddi's score, Proulx phenomenal in net as Auburn defeats Saint Joseph Prep

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

AUBURN — Scoring at the end of a period is quite the morale booster for any hockey team, and the Auburn High girls' varsity squad did so twice — nearing the ends of the first and second periods — when hosting Saint Joseph Prep of Boston at the Horgan Arena on Tuesday, Jan. 24. Maddi Wall and Maddi Meyer had those goals, Maddi Langevin scored in the third period and goalie Rachel Proulx was a rock in net, stopping 28 shots as the Rockets won a 3-1 decision.

“As we go through a game, we take it one period, one shift, at a time. I talk to the girls about getting better, and when we're not doing well and we're a little bit flat, and then all of a sudden you have one real good shift at the end of the period, it sets the pace for the start of the next period,” said Auburn head coach Pete LaPrad regarding the goals by Wall and Meyer.

Wall's goal came with 42 seconds to go in the first period. She collected the puck along the goal line and banked it in off goalie Kate Dolson's pads. Meyer's tally came with even less time on the clock. In fact, following her goal — a wrist shot from the slot following a shot by Langevin and a save by Dolson — there was less than a second remaining, so both teams went straight to the locker room for intermission.

In that second period, with the game still 1-0 in the Rockets' advantage, Proulx was the best player on the ice. She turned aside all 14 Saint Joseph

Prep shots thrown her way.

“Both goalies this year are doing really, really well,” LaPrad said of Proulx and Tori Horne. “I have always said through the years, we coach from the goalie out. The goalie is the most important place on the rink. When your goalie is standing on her head and she's making saves like Rachel did in that period, it just sets the pace for everybody.”

Saint Joseph Prep did break the ice just 24 seconds into the third period, as Maeve McGrath took a wrist shot that beat Proulx, with Mary McElroy grabbing the assist.

But the Rockets retook a two-goal lead midway through the period when Langevin took a pass from Maia Tatum and, much to her delight, noticed an empty net. That was because Dolson was pulled, as Saint Joseph Prep thought that a penalty was being called on Auburn. It was just a potential icing call, though, which got waived off.

“We talk to the girls constantly about this game is as much mental as it is skill. She got the puck, someone from the bench yelled “open net,” she looked up, had the open net and hit it,” LaPrad said of Langevin's heads-up goal. “It's not an easy thing to do under pressure, throw the puck and hit the net from half ice.”

The Rockets' defense then killed off a Saint Joseph Prep (2-9) power play, their only man-advantage of the game, late in the contest to solidify the 3-1 victory.

“Our special teams, power play and penalty kill, are doing really, really good this year,” said LaPrad. “We have good



Nick Ethier

Auburn goalie Rachel Proulx holds her ground as a Saint Joseph Prep player attempts to score.

systems and they're doing a good job.”

Auburn, whose team is a co-op that also includes skaters from Tantasqua Regional as well as Grafton High, Notre Dame Academy, Sutton High and the Worcester Public Schools, is now 7-5-1 on the season.

“We have elevated our level of competition, schedule-wise, to where we're playing pretty much everyone in

Division 1. We're playing big schools, strong teams, and we are competing,” said LaPrad. “If we can stay around .500, we're very happy. That's what we're shooting for.”

If the Rockets finish .500 or better following the conclusion of their 20-game regular season schedule, they will automatically qualify for the Division 1 State Tournament.

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SPORTS

Panthers shake off slow start, defeat hard-working Auburn



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Auburn's Jackson Bolduc reaches in to steal the ball away from David Prouty's Cam Hoekstra.



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Auburn's Zeb Baffour fights through David Prouty's defense on his way to the basket.



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Nathan Ikonya of Auburn slashes toward the basket while David Prouty's defense converges.



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David Prouty's Braeden White pushes off a chest pass down the court.



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Tyler Patchen of David Prouty moves the ball back and away from an Auburn defender while attempting a shot from the interior.



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Braeden Cashman of David Prouty lays the ball up and over the reach of Auburn's Jordan McFadden.

BY DEAN P. ST. LAURENT
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

AUBURN — Traveling to Auburn High to take on the Rockets, the undefeated David Prouty Regional boys' varsity basketball team started slow and was down 5-0 early. But the Panthers went on a 16-4 run to end the first quarter thanks to a timeout called by head coach Pat O'Connor, a big block and a quick 3-pointer. That spurt ignited Prouty and they never trailed again in the contest, as they defeated Auburn by a final of 65-41 on Thursday, January 26.

The Panthers are now 12-0, while the Rockets dropped to 4-7.

Following David Prouty's timeout, the defense converged on Auburn guard Jordan McFadden, who made a pass to Tyler Kohler. Prouty's JJ Neiray was able to block Kohler's shot, and the Panthers went the other way. Braeden White's ensuing 3-pointer tied the game at 5-5.

"We were not ready to play, we were sleepwalking, I could feel it, I wanted to wait. I didn't want to call the timeout, but I had to call it to wake them up and they certainly responded," expressed O'Connor. "I could tell we were sleepwalking right from the get-go, we made a big mistake defensively on something we had talked about quite often and I knew. It was as simple as, "we have to wake up, let's go."

The Panthers took control and played their game for the rest of the night and were led by Neiray's defense and beautiful offense by senior guards White and Cam Hoekstra, who poured in 21 and 16 points, respectively. White scored 16 of his game-high 21 points in the first half.



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Jordan McFadden of Auburn rises and fires an attempted deep jump shot.

O'Connor loved how his team as a whole responded after the slow start, but specifically pointed out the play of much-improved Neiray, who played with amazing energy from start to finish.

"He is awesome, he is one of the most improved players from last year to this year," O'Connor expressed about Neiray. "He is a huge reason we have been so good. He brings energy, is extremely coachable and he is in the right spot at the right time. Obviously, he is a great athlete that is where you see the blocks and



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David Prouty's Cam Hoekstra passes the ball out of Auburn's defensive triple team.

the rebounds, but I think that he is so bought in and our defense at times is like they're on a string and working as one unit. He guards bigger players, so he ends up on the back end, but his energy, effort, and how much he has improved from last to this year is a huge reason we have been successful."

It wasn't the outcome the young Auburn team wanted, but the effort until the final buzzer was phenomenal. Head coach Dan Koen was pleased with his team's performance despite the outcome.

"We have a young team and we have faced a little adversity with some injuries and some sort of sickness stuff, so we were missing some guys," stated Koen. "We knew we were going up against a very talented team, so we had to make sure we tried to scrap and try and get any easy baskets we could against them. I was very proud we did compete until the end. Prouty is just a tough, tough team. It was a tough matchup for us."

It was a tough offensive night for the Rockets, but there was one thing that stood out throughout, and that was the effort on the offensive glass. Auburn did a great job creating extra possessions with the focus they showed in that aspect of the game. McFadden led all Rocket scorers with 15 points and Logan Bostock chipped in 9.

"We do have a tendency to struggle to score at times, especially when teams pressure us a bit, so any time we can get an easy basket around the hoop, extra possessions for us is something we put a lot of emphasis on and work on in practice," explained Koen.

Lastly, there is a lot of season left for the Rockets and Koen explained the message he is expressing to his young team.

"We have to take it one game at a time, each game is different, and each opponent is different. We have had a little bit of success, we have hit a bit of a rough patch right here, but there are a lot of games left. We have to keep working on getting better each play, each minute, each hour, each day, each game, and hope it builds to something that is successful," concluded Koen.

SPORTS

Pirates nearly spoil Leicester's home gymnasium debut



Nick Ethier

Oxford's Sophia Cornacchioli reaches down to grab possession of a loose ball.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEICESTER — With Leicester High students transitioning into the old Becker College campus, the beginning of the 2022-2023 winter sports season saw the Wolverines continue to play their games at the old high school while the new gymnasium was remodeled. The debut date for the new gym fell on Thursday, Jan. 26, and the Oxford High girls' varsity basketball program had the honor of being the first guests.

After the Wolverines defeated the Pirates in the junior varsity contest, 48-19, Leicester held a ribbon cutting ceremony to elevate the event.

But, when the ball was tipped for the varsity contest, Oxford did all it could to spoil the evening.

The Wolverines scored the first two points — Ayva Connor's layup will go down in the history books as the first varsity points registered in the new gym — but the Pirates countered with the next and final 13 points of the frame. Alexis Steiger scored eight points in the run on two 3-pointers

and a basket from the interior, and Carly Cornacchioli added five points on a basket and three free throws.

Oxford then scored the first three points of the second quarter to take a 16-2 lead, and the Pirates were up, 18-7, at halftime.

"For us, today was an immense effort. That first half defensively, to hold them to 7 points, I'm just so proud," said Oxford head coach Joe Pietrzak.

But Leicester, led by Sarah O'Connor, came alive in the second half. They won the third quarter, 18-3, and the fourth, 14-10, to win a 39-31 decision. Either way, Pietrzak was still proud of the Pirates' effort.

"We've been blown out of games by 40 points on three different occasions this year, so this is a huge step for us," he explained. "This is a great Leicester team. Their record is not who they are."

Leicester, only 3-8, had played against its other opponents with a winning clip of 63 percent (69-40) as of Jan. 26.

"To come on the road in a new



Nick Ethier

Alexis Steiger of Oxford gets loose while on the dribble thanks to a screen provided by teammate Sarah Arndt.



Nick Ethier

Oxford's Myah Guivas pulls the ball away from a pair of Leicester defenders.

place, I'm very pleased with them," Pietrzak said.

"I'll give Joe tons of credit over there in Oxford," added Leicester head coach Chris Barry. "He coaches his butt off with those girls. They played a nice little amoeba defense against Sarah O'Connor."

O'Connor was held scoreless — primarily by Oxford defender Myah Guivas — for all but one second of the first half before O'Connor beat the halftime buzzer with a 3-pointer. O'Connor then added six more 3's — three in the third, three in the fourth — and an interior basket in the fourth for a total of 23 points.

"We wear down. We really short-

ened the rotation tonight and then we got in foul trouble. It kind of snowballed in the fourth quarter," said Pietrzak, before turning his attention to Guivas' defense. "I thought she did a tremendous job."

In regard to O'Connor, Pietrzak said: "She got hot, she's a great player. You give her an inch and she was just draining them."

Pietrzak is hoping for "continued growth" from the Pirates in their final eight games, as they sat at 3-9 following the loss to the Wolverines.

"They are no moral victories, I get that, but tonight was a good step for us, and we're going to look to build on that," he concluded.

Mohegan Bowl winter leagues, week ending Jan. 29



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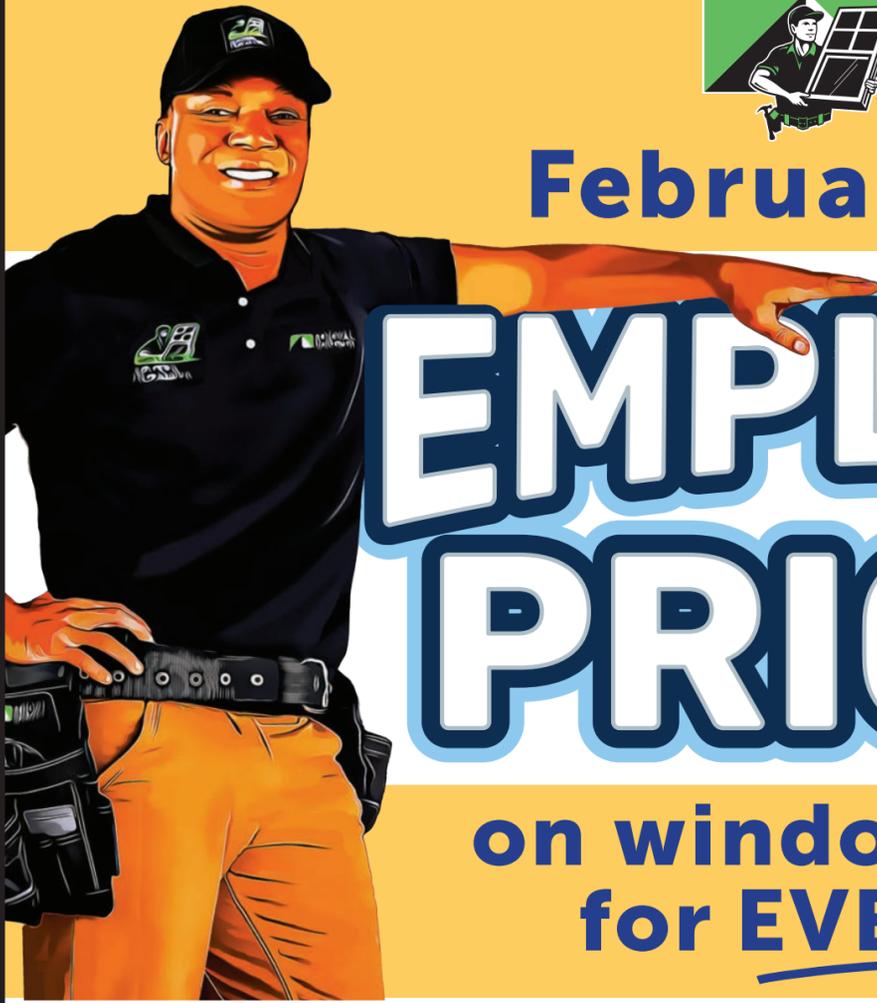
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