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**TROOP
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ITS FIRST
EAGLE
SCOUT!**

THOMPSON, Conn. — On Sunday, April 3, Troop 1066, in Thompson, Conn., held an Eagle Court of Honor for Elena Joan Ralph of Webster.

Scouts BSA Troop 1066 was founded in 2019 as a sister troop to Troop 66, both are chartered by the Jessie Hay Memorial Association. Troop 1066's Scoutmaster is Melissa Ericson. Elena is a founding member of the Troop and its first Eagle Scout. Elena is also the first Eagle Scout from Connecticut's Leaders of the Revolution District.

Ralph's Eagle Project was a clothing drive benefiting, Michael's Closet, which serves people struggling with addiction. The project was done in honor of her cousin, Michael J. O'Mara. The project collected more than 500 pounds of clothing and other supplies.

Ralph earned her Eagle Rank on Nov. 30, 2021. Her brothers, Thomas, Joseph and James, are Troop 66 Eagle Scouts, and Elena is particularly excited to have joined their ranks. Earning the rank of Eagle is the fulfillment of a goal Elena dreamed about long before it was a possibility. Now, she is honored to counted among the first young women to have attained the rank of Eagle Scout.



**Webster looks
at \$54.56
million budget**

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER — When voters go to Town Meeting May 9, they'll get a look at the \$54.56 million fiscal 2023 budget new Town Administrator Rick LaFond presented to the selectmen April 11.

The plan includes a fairly long list of new things and a jump in state aid, especially to the schools. Overall, the town is getting 13.75 percent more in aid than last year, a total of \$20.1 million, which LaFond said is "unheard of. It's been since the 1990s we've seen this kind of increase." Local receipts are up 5.2 percent to \$4.3 million, Chapter 70 road aid has risen to \$2.1 million, and other aid is up \$306,000.

LaFond later said he hopes the increased aid is used as "a baseline for increases down the road, and not a one-time score."

Such changes are helping buffer the school's request to increase by 7.1 percent to \$24.1 million. Meanwhile, the town side is seeking \$10.3 million, with \$17.8 million in costs shared by both sides (particularly insurance and other benefits). One of the latter is fuel, where LaFond is projecting a 25 percent increase due to the global situation.

Among the new items LaFond is proposing, one is popping up in several nearby communities as well: hiring an IT professional. In Webster, this person would be part-time, to aid Gregg Lynskey in handling what LaFond dubbed "a rather overwhelming task." The newcomer, he said, would deal with "the more mundane troubleshooting." He noted, however, he might hold off on a part-timer to hire a full-timer later in the fiscal year.

The plan also includes four full-time firefighters "entirely offset by a reduction in part-time positions," he said. They would come in addition to several po-

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**Town Meeting
warrant includes
election reform idea**

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER — On May 9, Town Meeting voters will face a 21-item warrant that features a lot of routine articles, but also a potential change to how the town conducts elections overall.

The latter is one of the warrant's two citizen petitions, which calls for implementation of a balloting system called STAR Voting. That's an acronym for Score Then Automatic Runoff, a system designed largely for single-seat races with multiple candidates. According to its website, starvoting.us, the method is a combination of Instant Runoff (aka Ranked Choice) Voting and a scoring system, as opposed to the long-standing tradition of "first-past-the-post" or plurality voting.

"The realization was that a scoring ballot includes both level of support and preference order, which means that it could be counted both ways – with a scoring round, and then an instant runoff," the site states. "This hybrid approach unlocks the simplicity and benefits of tabulation by addition, while also achieving the honest voting incentives which are gained by a preference ballot and top-two runoff."

The idea came into being in 2014 in Oregon, when election reform advocates sought to address the flaws of several voting systems. A 2017 computer simulation found "plurality and IRV tend to squeeze out candidates in the center, favoring more polarizing candidates, Score and Approval may give an advantage to candidates who are positioned in between others, though to a lesser extent. STAR Voting consistently performs closest to the ideal model of the systems visualized," the site states.

Advocates argue such a system makes "strategic" voting unnecessary by enabling voters to support their preferred candidates, rather than the "lesser of two evils." In general, it seems to work this way: voters cast a ballot ranking all candidates, with the top two votegetters overall being rescored by whatever point totals the voters gave them specifically.

When voting to refer this article to its sponsoring citizens, the selectmen did not take a position. But Chair Randy Becker said his brief research into it found "it has not been used in any US jurisdiction for any government election, but has been used twice for party elections."

Town Administrator Rick LaFond agreed, saying he'd thought it was a new name for IRV and had "never heard of yet a third method for elections." In fact, the STAR Voting site refers to several such systems, many of them hybrids of a few key methods.

Town Clerk Bob Craver declined comment last week by email, saying he had not yet looked into the proposal's impact.

A second petition is far simpler: it seeks approval to seek special legislation to create a full liquor license

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**Greatest Hits brings recreational
cannabis shop to Dudley**



The sales counter inside Greatest Hits capitalizes on the marriage of music and cannabis culture providing a unique identity for the shop.

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY –Recreational cannabis sales have officially come to Dudley with the opening of the long-awaited dispensary Greatest Hits at 35 Chase Ave. The business, which was originally proposed by DMA Holdings and received the unanimous vote of support from selectmen in January of 2020, is the first recreational marijuana dispensary in Dudley and provides a unique experience for customers blending music and cannabis

culture on its sales floor.

CEO Joe Villatico, who grew up in Webster and has been an ever-present ambassador for the project during town meetings, said the grand opening on April 12 was the culmination of a great deal of dedication and effort by many stakeholders.

"I think the most exciting thing is to see when you put your mind to something it come to fruition. My partners and I have worked very hard to get to this point," Villatico said. "This is one of three stores in Massachusetts and we're also building

the first phase of 40,000 square-foot cultivation and manufacturing facility. We're happy to bring our brand to the market. We think our experience, our brand and what it stands for is going to go a long way."

The biggest part of Greatest Hits' identity is its atmosphere, blending music and cannabis in a seamless tribute to the relationship and history of both cultures. The theming is apparent right from the start with the entryway and sales floor giving the vibes of a record studio and

record shop respectively. Villatico said they wanted to establish a unique identity for the brand compared to other marijuana establishments.

"We feel like there's a lack of branding and a lack of knowledge of direction on where the industry is going, and we really want to bring our customers a good experience," Villatico said. "We're trying to bring that music-meets-cannabis vibe and marry those ideas together. Those things have been associ-

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Oxford’s Charles Q. Fox to perform in “Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead”



Charles Fox

WORCESTER — Worcester State University’s Visual and Performing Arts (VPA) Department will feature Oxford native and Worcester State student Charles Q. Fox in its upcoming production of Tom Stoppard’s “Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead,” an exist-

tential tragicomedy and sideways take on Shakespeare’s Hamlet.

Fox, a Psychology Major with a Minor in Communication Disorders, will play the role of Polonius in the production that is slated to open at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 28 in Fuller Theater, located on the second floor of the Administration Building on Worcester State’s campus at 486 Chandler Street. VPA will continue presenting shows at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30. The production concludes with a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, May 1.

“Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead” is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc. of www.concordtheatricals.com. Acclaimed as a modern dramatic masterpiece, “Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead” is the fabulously inventive tale of Hamlet as told from the worm’s eye view of the bewildered Rosencrantz and Guildenstern, two minor characters in Shakespeare’s play. In Tom Stoppard’s best known work, this Shakespearean Laurel and Hardy finally get a chance to take the lead role.

“Whenever we tackle a new project,

theatre artists always ask ourselves ‘Why this play, and why now?’” said production director and Worcester State Professor of Theatre Kim H. Carrell. “As we work on ‘Rosencrantz and Guildenstern,’ I’m realizing just how potent those questions are in this instance. They constantly search for answers and look for connection in order to make sense of the chaos around them - and that is essentially what ALL of us have been doing during the pandemic. When the answers we find don’t make sense to us, connection is what gets us through. But in Rosencrantz and Guildenstern’s case, the answers were already written. It’s just that no one gave them that part of the script and that makes connecting really difficult, and sometimes hilariously so.”

Tickets are \$7 for students, \$10 for seniors, and \$15 for general admission. To purchase tickets online, visit worcester.edu/VPABoxOffice. To purchase tickets in person, visit the Worcester State Student Center Information Desk or contact the VPA Box Office at 508-929-8843. Tickets will also be available at the door.

The production comes on the heels of Worcester State’s offering of a new Bachelor of Arts in Theatre this school

year. The degree program immerses students in a 39-credit program of study that includes an extensive variety of theatre courses, performances, and other hands-on, lab-like experiences with productions such as “Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead.”

About the Visual and Performing Arts Department

The Worcester State Visual and Performing Arts Department offers interdisciplinary and specialized artistic education that prepares students for professional lives in the arts. Its educational spaces encompass the Fuller Theater, practice rooms for music, and art studios at the University’s Sagamore Studios. VPA students gain in-depth knowledge of their preferred art form - art, music, or theatre - plus an understanding of what the arts have in common, and how they are performed and exhibited in the real world. Learn more at www.worcester.edu/VPA or connect with VPA on social media: Facebook/VPAatWorcesterState, Twitter and Instagram @WSUVPA. Follow our blog, The Artful Lancer, at WSUVPA.wordpress.com or subscribe to our YouTube channel, search WSU VPA.

Dudley Easter flower sale keeps popular tradition alive

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – Each year, the Dudley Fire Department holds a pair of flower sales to support the Dudley Firefighter Association. The first of these two events for 2022 was held on Easter weekend with firefighters and members of the association serving customers seeking that extra splash of floral color for their holiday celebration.

Jennifer Fitzgerald, President of the Dudley Firefighter Association, said the flower sales are among the most popular annual fundraisers to support local firefighters and charity causes.

“All the proceeds go to help firefighters in need.

We do charities, we help the community and it’s good for public relations, that way people know we’re here. It also gives people a chance to see inside this building and all the upgrades we’ve made. It’s a good time. We love doing this and meeting and greeting everyone,” said Fitzgerald.

The flower selection for the Easter sale consisted of daffodils, tulips, begonias, hyacinths, roses, hydrangeas, the option of a bouquet of flowers, and, of course, Easter lilies. All the plants are provided by a vendor in Massachusetts that has a long history with the event. Fitzgerald said the sales usually go “fairly well” with customers returning time and time

again making the events more than just fundraisers, they’re also community traditions.

“People all year round ask us about these sales, and I think it’s something we enjoy. That’s why we keep doing it. The people love it and it’s nice to see the familiar faces come by and be a part of this, not just returning customers but also past firefighters and those who worked in the department who bring their families. We see a bunch of kids and give them the opportunity to see the fire engines. It’s a popular event. People really enjoy it,” said Fitzgerald.

The next flower sale will take place during Mother’s Day weekend, the first weekend of May.



Jason Bleau

Flowers line display tables outside the Dudley Fire Department for the annual Easter Flower Sale over Easter weekend.

Historical Commission seeks new members

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – The Dudley Historical Commission is seeking interested and dedicated individuals to fill vacancies and continue to support the preserva-

tion of the town’s storied past.

The Historical Commission is charged with helping to preserve and educate locals about the history of Dudley as well as draw attention to the remaining historical landmarks such as the famed Black Tavern. Over the

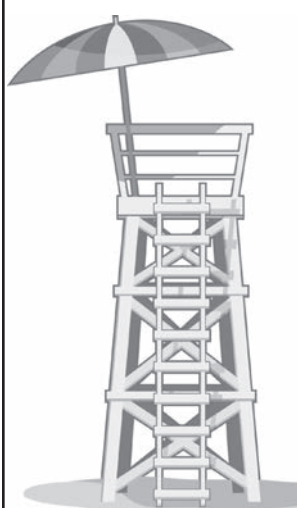
last decade, the Commission has spearheaded numerous initiatives including dedicating Center Road as the town common and creating a brochure for visitors to take a self-guided walking tour through Dudley’s historical district. As the Commission continues to push for more events and programs, including the town’s tricentennial to be celebrated in ten years, they are seeking new membership to guide the town into the future while preserving the past that makes Dudley such a notable community.

“We’re looking for more members. We could fill any one of two vacancies at any point,” Commission Chair Ed Bazinet said during an April 13 meeting. “If you think you’d like to help out and you have some interest in the history of the town, which you should, please send a note or call the selectmen’s office and tell them you’d like to be considered. We’d love to have more people.”

The Commission’s April 13 meeting had three members present, enough for a quorum but not the full group of five the Commission was designed to

host. Bazinet said this allows them to get business done but they still want a full commission to bring new ideas to the table.

The Historical Commission meets every second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in Room 315 of the Dudley Municipal Complex. Members of the Commission are also available in the Pearle L. Crawford History Room from 10 until 11 a.m. every Wednesday aiding with historical research and inquiries. Those with interest in serving or learning more about the Commission can call 508-949-8004 for more information.



Town of Dudley Lifeguard Position

Seeking responsible, reliable individuals for the Town Beach. Must have CPR and Lifeguard Certification. Beach is open from July 1, 2022 to September 5, 2022. Forward applications or resume to the Town Administrator’s office, 71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA or stop by the office. Applications are available at the town hall and on our website at www.dudleyma.gov.

Applications accepted through June 1, 2022.

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\$375,000, 136 Pierpont Rd, Janice A Belanger RET, and Velez, Prudence A, to Maykel, Linda A.
\$300,347, 14 Bates Rd, Bates, Sylvia J, to Spahl, Jay R, and Spahl, Lynn A.
\$297,500, 34 Schofield Ave, Bertnell Realty Inc, to Yager 2nd, William J.

Oxford

\$299,900, 55 Old Worcester Rd, Grala Patricia A Est, and Frost, Frances E, to Grala Patricia M Est, and Delima, Joao P.
\$265,050, 28 Old Depot Rd, Chrysostom, Peter, and US Bank NA Tr, to US Bank NA Tr.
\$175,000, 6 E Main St, Monahan, Daniel, to Monahan, John.
\$87,500, 52 Harwood St, DJ Enterprises Inc, to Trac, Vinh.

Webster

\$430,300, 15 Everett Ave, Fasshauer, Joshua, to Kpayeh, Albertha, and Sarpee, Jerry.
\$415,000, 10 Camile Rd, Sidebottom, Joy A, and Sidebottom, Cindy M, to Mason, James P, and Manzi, Carla A.
\$404,000, 8 Everett Ave, Starosta IRT, and Haggerty, Theresa, to Loiseau, Steve, and Loiseau, Stephanie D.
\$297,000, 32 Maple St, Joslin, Jacob P, to Gardecki, Vincent P.
\$250,000, 84 N Main St, Frazer, Victoria, and Campbell, Karin M, to Ramos-Benabe, Omayra, and Caraballo-Ramos, Tanairi.

Good Citizens Awards announced



WEBSTER — The General Ebenezer Learned Oxford Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) would like to announce the school winners of the Good Citizens Award from the area schools that the chapter sponsors.

Bartlett High School, in Webster, is represented by Josephine Corridori, Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School in Charlton, is represented by Lillian Dolan. Lillian received an Honorable Mention for her Good Citizen essay. Emma Jedrysik represents Millbury Jr./Sr. High School. The North Brookfield

High School representative is Kelly Daige, the Oxford High School representative is Abigail McDaniel, and Anjolina Fantaroni represents Quaboag Regional High School in Warren. Elzbieta Maria Gronek represents Shepherd Hill Regional High School and was 1st runner up in the essay section. Erin Parker is the Tantasqua Regional High School and is the General Ebenezer Learned Chapter representative at the state level. These students received their awards at a ceremony held at the Oxford Police Station Community Room on Saturday, March 12.

The DAR Good Citizens Award and Scholarship

Contest, created in 1934, is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship.

This award recognizes and rewards individuals who possess the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism in their homes, schools, and communities. These students are selected by their teachers and peers because they demonstrate these qualities to an outstanding degree.

This program is only open to high-school seniors whose schools are accredited by their state board of education.

Only one student per year may be honored as a school's DAR Good Citizen.

United States citizenship is not required.

Additional rules and guidelines can be acquired by contacting your local DAR chapter.

Once a student is chosen as the DAR Good Citizen the student is invited to participate in the scholarship portion of the program. This consists of a personal statement and an essay.

The Daughters of the American Revolution is a non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service organization. DAR members are dedicated to promoting historic preservation, education and patriotism in communities across the nation. All students are invited to participate and learn more about the educational programs the DAR offers.

DUDLEY POLICE LOG

DUDLEY — The Dudley Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of April 8-15.

A 37-year-old male whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on April 8 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

Mackenzie M. Bruso, age 23, of Dudley was arrested on April 11 in connection with multiple out of agency warrants.

Paige J. Bilodeau, age 28, of Webster was arrested on April 11 in connection with an out of agency warrant.

Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts announces new board members, officers

HOLYOKE/WORCESTER – The Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts (GSCWM) elected five new officers and one new member to its Board of Directors at its Annual Meeting April 10. They include:

Jennifer Johnson, President/Chair of the Board - Jennifer is the Director of Clinical Services for Commonwealth Medicine at UMass Chan Medical School. Johnson is a registered nurse and is a Medical Service Corps Officer for the United States Air Force Reserves. She resides in Auburn.

Nicole Messier, First Vice President, is the Program Manager for a classified program at Raytheon in which she is responsible for \$10 million in annual revenue. Messier is an eight-year veteran of the U.S. Air Force. She lives in Shutesbury.

Bonnie J. Walker, Second Vice President, is the Director of Equity and Inclusion at Worcester Academy. She is a member of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) and the New England Chapter, and the Board at the African Center for Education (ACE), in Worcester. She resides in Millbury.

Ray Matson, Secretary, is the Vice President of Business Development for Peregrine Property Management, a property management firm based in Rhode Island and Massachusetts. He is the chair of the GSCWM Fund Development Committee. Ryan resides in Worcester.

Sheryl Zarozny, Treasurer, is Practice Director at Change Healthcare Consulting. She is a member of the board of advisors for the Macgregor Communications Boston PM Summit and mentors college freshmen at Bryant University on their IDEA program design thinking projects required for all freshmen.

Ellen W. Freyman, Board Member-at-Large 2022 – 2024 - Attorney Ellen W. Freyman concentrates her law practice in commercial finance and real estate: acquisitions and sales, development, leasing and financing. She has an extensive land use practice and is a resident of Longmeadow.

About Girl Scouts of Central & Western Massachusetts

Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts serves over 5,000 girls in grades K through 12 with the strong support of over 3,000 adult volunteers

in 186 towns and cities in central and western Massachusetts. The Girl Scout program allows girls to discover the fun, friendship and power of girls together, while building their own personal leadership qualities. GSCWM offers a wide range of programs in the arts and culture, health and well-being, science, technology and engineering, life skills, financial literacy and the environment. GSCWM supports girls by giving them extraordinary opportunities to explore, experience and learn about their world and helps girls recognize that they are vital members of their communities.

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Webster Masonic Lodge offering spaghetti supper

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Mandatory Water Conservation Restriction

April 22, 2022

On April 22, 2022, the Webster Water Department issued a mandatory water conservation restriction. In order for the Town to keep up with daily water system demand, we are instituting MANDATORY outdoor water use restrictions. Our largest water source remains offline so we can work on Perfluorocarbon treatment (PFAS) and infrastructure improvements. This is not an emergency and we appreciate your support and assistance.

These mandatory water restrictions are for daily “nonessential” water use from public water sources and shall be in effect from **May 1st and will remain in effect until September 30th.**

When you CAN use water outdoors:

- Even number address may use water outdoors with sprinklers or for washing (cars, walks, drives, buildings, etc...) on even number calendar days before 7:00AM and after 7:00PM;
- Odd numbered address may use water outdoors with sprinklers or for washing (cars, walks, drives, buildings, etc...) on odd number calendar days before 7:00AM and after 7:00PM;
- All addresses may use water outdoors on any day at any time for the following uses:
 - Health or safety reasons;
 - Irrigation of public parks and recreational fields by means of automatic sprinklers outside the hours of 7:00AM to 7:00PM;
 - Irrigation of lawns and gardens by means of a hand-held hose;
 - for the production of food and fiber;
 - for the maintenance of livestock;
 - to meet the core functions of a business;
 - if your property is serviced by a private well.

When you CANNOT use water outdoors:

- Between 7:00AM and 7:00PM at any address on any day for washing or sprinkler irrigation.
- On non-designated days at any time for washing or sprinkler irrigation.

Enforcement will include:

- Written warning of first offense;
- \$50 fine for second offense;
- \$100 fine for each subsequent offense;
- Each day of violation constitutes a separate offense.

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DUNGEONS & DRAGONS GROUP
Mondays @ 5:00PM
Have you ever wanted to learn to play D&D or are you a player looking to join a group? We have an experienced DM starting a group on Monday Nights. This is an online program! Free; registration required.

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.

POKEMON CLUB
Tuesdays @ 3:30PM
Calling all Pokemon fans! Children ages 7 to 14 are invited to join our club. This meeting will be a great opportunity to meet other players and share ideas. Please make sure you bring your trading cards and anything else you would like to share and discuss.

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

LEGO CHALLENGE CLUB
Wednesdays @ 3:30PM
Come join us each week for a different Lego challenge, from writing your name in Legos to making a Lego zipline. Ages 5+

WIGGLES AND GIGGLES
Fridays @ 11:00AM
Ages 2-5 are invited to attend this fun, free program! Sing, move, play instruments, learn rhythm, and listen to stories with Lainey Hanlon.

Space is limited; registration required. Sponsored by the YMCA Community and Family Partnership.

ADULT BOOK GROUP
Third Thursday, 6:00PM-7:30PM
The adult book group meets for an informal discussion of the month's title, which is available at the circulation desk a month prior to the meeting. For the current month's title see our website.

BUSHWACKERS: AN INTERNATIONAL POSTER EXHIBIT
Throughout the month of April
This poster exhibit, focusing on political satire, from the collection of Stephen Lewis will be on display in the Fels Room throughout the month.

Sponsored by the Dudley Cultural Council.

MUSIC & MOVEMENT WITH DEB HUDGINS
Thursday, April 21 10:30AM-11:00AM
This is a 30 minute 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!

Free; children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

AUTHOR JERRY PALLOTTA
Thursday, April 21 1:00PM-2:00PM
Jerry Pallotta is the author of the Who Would Win series and many other children's books. He'll speak about his writing, and attendees will be able to purchase his books and have them autographed by Jerry.

Free; children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Sponsored by the Hugh W and Harriet K Crawford Endowment.

RECORDS AND BURPEE PETTING ZOO
Friday, April 22 various sessions
Come meet animals including a llama, alpaca, tortoise, squirrel monkey, and more! There will be 4 sessions for 25 minutes each at 1PM, 1:40PM, 2:20PM, 3:00PM, and 3:40. Space is limited and registration is required for each person attending at crawfordlibrary.org

You will have the ability to purchase small amounts of feed for the animals. The money from the feed machines will go to help the Friends of the Library! Please bring change!
Free; children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

DRUM CIRCLE WITH MIKE LEO
Saturday, April 23 11:00AM-noon
Come be part of a drum circle and play a variety of different drums.

Free; children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Sponsored by the Hugh W and Harriet K Crawford Endowment.

WORLD WAR WOMEN
Thursday, April 28 6:00PM-7:45PM
Judith Kalaora of History At Play embodies the spirit of women who risked their lives to defeat Fascism in WWII in this immersive reliving of the triumphs of our greatest heroines. From organizing the resistance to blowing up railroad tracks, descrambling German Enigma

messages, and flying dangerous missions, these stories may be the most influential and often forgotten victories of the War.

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THE BACKYARD ORCHARD
Monday, May 2 6:30PM-7:45PM
There's nothing like fruit picked fresh off the tree! Growing fruit can be a challenge, but with a few helpful hints and the right techniques taught by the master gardeners at Blackstone Valley Veggie Gardens you'll have enough apples, pears, peaches, and whatever else you like to feed the entire neighborhood!
Free; children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
Sponsored by the Hugh W and Harriet K Crawford Endowment.

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL
Monday, May 2 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!

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SPRING BOOK SALE
May 5-May 7 during library hours
The Friends of the Library spring book sale features books, DVDs, and CDs for all ages, plus a few surprises. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library.

“THE ORPHAN TRAINS” DOCUMENTARY
Monday, May 9 6:00PM-7:00PM
Prepare for author Christina Baker Kline's (“The Orphan Train,” “Orphan Train Girl”) visit to our neighbors at the Gladys Kelly Library in Webster with this documentary on the real life story of the orphan trains.
Free. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Popcorn provided!

NEEDLE FELTING AN OWL
Saturday, May 14 10:00AM-1:00PM
Participants in this workshop will create their own needle felted owl with instructor Nicol Wander. No experience is necessary and all materials are provided.
Space is limited; registration is required.
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YOGA WITH JULIE
Saturday, May 14 Noon-1:00PM
Monthly beginner-friendly yoga class, led by Julie St Francis.
Free; children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
Sponsored by the Friends of the Library

RELEASING PAIN NATURALLY
Thursday, May 19 6:00PM-7:45PM
Do you find yourself thinking “when will this pain end?” “why do I still have this pain?” or “how can I get rid of this pain?” Brad and Pamela Thompson will introduce some of the most recent breakthroughs in our understanding of pain and introduce a powerful and natural pain-reducing technique.
Registration is recommended for this free program.

CRAFT SWAP
Saturday, May 21 10:00AM-1:00PM

Spring clean your craft closet and bring your new or gently used craft supplies, tools, books, and materials and swap them with other crafters - or stop by and pick up some ideas and supplies for a new craft project!
Free; ages 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

DCLT announces upcoming events

DUDLEY — The Dudley Conservation Land Trust (DCLT) Plant Sale will take part in this year's “Dudley Grows Together” sponsored by the Dudley Agricultural Commission. We will be at the Dudley Grange, 139 Center Rd., on Saturday, May 14 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Rain or Shine.

We are returning after a two-year hiatus due to the Covid-19 virus and its variants. Our healthy and delightful products will consist of: multiple varieties of heirloom tomatoes, native plants, annuals, hanging baskets, houseplants, cemetery containers, gently used garden items and a raffle of three different potted planters. The Dudley Grange will be offering vegetables. The Black Tavern is holding a yard sale at the same time. We are glad to be back and hope to see our returning customers. Remember we have years of backyard farming and gardening expertise on hand. It is a pleasure to be part of this wonderful community event in Dudley and hopefully a new beginning with this wonderful idea of “Dudley Grows Together.”

DCLT is looking for photos of your blooming, native bulbs, corms and rhizomes which you purchase last year at our “Native and Pollinator Bulb Sale” our 2021 major fundraiser. If you would like to share your photos with us please email to: DCLTrust@aol.com or via Facebook or Instagram to: Dudley Conservation Land Trust. We hope that these flowering plants will make you smile!

CLUES ACROSS

1. A woman of refinement

7. Body part

10. One who imitates

12. Tropical Asian starlings

13. A type of delivery

14. W. Australian capital

15. Many wombs

16. Wings

17. Expression of amusement

18. Brews

19. Mild yellow Dutch cheese

21. Mild expression

22. Solitary

27. Distance to top

28. The rebirth of a soul in a new body
33. Police who investigate police (abbr.)

34. Begrudged

36. Popular sports league

37. Autonomous republic of Russia

38. Double-headed drum

39. Type of light bulb

40. Czech River

41. Male servants (Span.)

44. Previously

45. Minor

48. Metrical foot

49. Days that follow Mondays

50. Small European viper

51. News shows have one

CLUES DOWN

1. Inspiration

2. Resembling wings

3. Form of Persian

4. Consumed

5. Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand

6. Sea eagle

7. Jaguarundis

8. Poker stake

9. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!

10. South American nation

11. A colorless, odorless gas

12. Disturbance

14. Artist's tool

17. Polish peninsula

18. Ottoman military leaders

20. Bird-like dinosaur

23. Drinking glass

24. Central Florida city
25. One's mother

26. To do it is human

29. Atomic #10

30. Used to write

31. The branch of medicine concerned with the ear

32. Adversaries

35. Have already done

36. One of conspicuous wealth

38. It flies over sporting events

40. Geological times

41. Net

42. Musical phrase

43. Chadie dialect

44. Private Internet Access (abbr.)

45. Lizard genus

46. Woman of the church

47. Having ten

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Adult Programming
SEED LIBRARY – Spring 2022

Do you have a green thumb, or are you looking to develop one? We are offering a selection of seeds for anyone to take home and plant! This selection changes weekly, this week we have tomatoes, peppers, and sunflowers. All of the seeds were generously donated by Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds.

4EVERFAB – April 28th at 6:30PM

Live musical performance integrated with spoken word narration that describes the relationship between the music of The Beatles and the culture of the 1960s. Each song in the program is selected for its relevance and a brief narration is given before playing the song. Beyond tying the historical and cultural relevancy of the music, 4EverFab strives to achieve note-for-note accuracy and “true to the recording” performance in every show. This program is sponsored by the Webster Cultural Council.

SPRING CONCERT SERIES – BEN COSGROVE – May 12th at 6:30PM

Ben Cosgrove is a traveling composer-performer whose music explores themes of landscape, place, and environment. Ben has performed in every U.S. state except Delaware and Hawaii, and collaborated with artists ranging from Palaver Strings to Ghost of Paul Revere. Sponsored by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

ONE BOOK ONE COMMUNITY – May 19th at 4:00PM for teens, at the Boys and Girls Club of Webster – Dudley, and 7:00PM at the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library

Christina Baker Kline is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of eight novels. Join us for two discussions with the author about her novel, Orphan Train. The first, at 4:00PM, is geared towards youth, and will take place at the Boys and Girls Club of Webster-Dudley. The second, at 7:00PM is geared towards adults, and will take place at the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library. This event has been generously sponsored by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library, the Janet Malser Humanities Trust, and the Webster Cultural Council.

YOGA WITH JULIE – Saturdays 10AM-11:15AM

Join Julie at the Gladys E. Kelly Library for a vinyasa yoga class for all levels. In Sanskrit, Vinyasa yoga translates to the “uniting of movement with breath”. A typical class involves a centering of the mind with the breath, aromatherapy, movement of the body to

release energetic blockages and, finally, a rest and relaxation. Classes are free. Sponsored by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

CAMPFIRE UKULELE SONGS – May 26th at 6:30PM

Want to try an instrument that is fun and easy to play? Join Julie Stepanek as she shows the fundamentals of ukulele playing. You’ll learn how to tune, strum and read chords. After a short lesson, you’ll be able to play songs. No experience necessary. Bring your own ukulele or borrow one of hers. Sponsored by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

Children’s and Young Adult Programming

MAKER MONDAYS – Mondays from 3:30-4:30PM

This March we’ll have magic scratch paper available for children and their caregivers to create with! Every month we will rotate our craft material, so stay tuned!

BUILD NIGHT – Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30PM

Every Tuesday in March we’ll have marble runs for kids to create with! Building materials will change monthly, check back for more information!

HATCH-A-CHICK IS BACK – March 23rd to April 22nd

We’re hatching chicks in the Lobby again this year! Stop by to see our eggs incubating for 21 days, then stream the hatch live on Facebook or visit the Library to watch live!

APRIL VACATION WEEK: EARTH CELEBRATIONS WITH RONA LEVENTHAL – Saturday, April 16th at 10AM

Rona Leventhal uses storytelling as a springboard for learning about environmental concepts and facts!

BUILD YOUR OWN ROADWAY – Tuesday, April 19th – 3:30-4:30PM

Everyone will get a big piece of cardboard and a roll of road tape to make their own highways. Hot Wheels provided for play, donated by Long Subaru.

BABYTIME – Wednesday, April 20th – 10-10:45AM

This story-time with Miss Sondra will have your babies laughing and bouncing! Siblings welcome.

SEED PLANTING – Thursday, April 21st – 3:30-4:30PM

Celebrate the return of Spring by planting seeds for your garden or windowsill.

EGG DROP CHALLENGE – Friday, April 22nd – 10:30-11:30AM

Use our supplies to build a protective box for your egg, then throw it off the lobby balcony to see if it survives.

CHILDREN’S BOOK SALE – April 19th – 21st

The Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library are celebrating April vacation week by hosting a Children’s Book Sale! Join us in the lobby from Tuesday, April 19th through Thursday April 21st to purchase your favorite stories.

WIGGLES AND GIGGLES – Every Friday from May 6th to June 3rd at 9:30AM

Children ages 2-5 will sing, move, play musical instruments, learn rhythm and listen to stories in this weekly music and movement series with Ms. Laine. Registration is required, follow the link on our website calendar. Sponsored by the YMCA Family & Community Partnership (YFCP), a Massachusetts Coordinated Family & Community Engagement (CFCE) grant funded by the Department of Early Education & Care and awarded to the YMCA of Central Massachusetts.

TOUCH A TRUCK – May 15th at 10:00AM at the Town Hall Parking Lot

Our second annual Town of Webster Touch A Truck event will be held on May 14th at 10AM in the Town Hall parking lot. Vehicles from the Fire, Police, and EMS departments will be there in addition to others! Kids can climb in and explore the vehicles. Parking is available at the Library.

FOLKTALES FROM ASIA – May 21st at 10:30-11:30AM

Parents’ Choice Award-winning storyteller Motoko enchants families (ages 5 and up) with fun folktales from Asia, combined with songs, mime, and origami. Every child receives Motoko’s original paper sumo game! This program will take place in the Children’s Storytime Room upstairs. This program is funded by a grant from the Webster Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

WEBSTER SENIOR CENTER

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

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.

The Bomba Beauty Salon at the Webster Senior Center is open Mondays - Fridays 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Walk-ins Are Welcome! Please call (508) 341-8724 for more information.

Come join the Friends of the Webster Senior for their Spring Fling! Monday, April 25th from 1:00-2:30 pm. Live Music! Refreshments and 50/50 raffle. Sign up at front desk by Tuesday, April 19th. Friends of the Webster Senior Center are celebrating Mother’s Day with a coffee/tea party on Monday, May 16th from 1:00-3:00 pm. Sign up at the front desk by Friday, May 13th.

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.

Progressive Pitch 1:00 pm Mondays and Wednesdays, 13-card Pitch on Thursdays and 9-card Pitch on Fridays.

Mahjongg group meets every Friday at 1:00 pm

Trip 1: Webster Senior Center and Best of Times are offering a trip to the Danversport Yacht Club for a Patsy Cline Tribute Show on Wednesday, June 22nd. Trip price of \$99.00 per person includes show ticket, transportation, luncheon, meal tax & gratuity. Trip 2: Webster Senior Center and Best of Times are offering a trip to Fosters in York, ME on Thursday, July 21st. Trip price of \$99.00 include Icons & Legends Concert ticket and a Traditional Maine Lobsterbake, meal tax & gratuity. Our trips are quickly selling out so don’t wait to reserve your seat! Please call the Senior Center at (508) 949-3845 for more information.

Summer Porch Pot Workshop with Bemis Nursery will be held on Monday, June 13th at 10:00 am. Cost of \$25.00 includes all supplies. Sign up at Senior Center front desk, payment due at time of sign up.

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



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In the Automotive Collision and Refinishing program at Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School, students are trained in all areas of the trade including refinishing and spraying techniques and rust and collision repair. Instruction includes the use of all basic and hand pneumatic tools practiced on actual vehicles. Instructor of the course are Raymond Beck, Michael Roemer, and Lee Thomas. In the photo, Christian Nguyen of Auburn is shown prepping the bumper of a Mercedes 560SEL for primer for a car that reportedly once belonged to a professional baseball player.



Courtesy

At Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School, 20 students in grades 9-12 are on the Math Team, which is part of the Worcester County Math League (WOCOMAL). The team competes against nearly 50 other schools and has won the vocational division for the past two years. The team traditionally has visited hosting schools to compete but, for now, is still competing virtually. Advisor Jess Kitchell stated that “We try to maintain the fun and thrill of leaving the school for a few hours. For the varsity meets we take a trip out to Charlton Library, where I proctor the questions and send results into the league.” Math team members also volunteer their time after school to help tutor other students in math. Pictured (L-R) in the photo are Aysel Silva Nieves of Webster, Emma Dwyer of Dudley, Alaina Pafume of Auburn, Advisor Jessica Kitchell, Jordan Kippax of Oxford, Adison Daoust of Spencer, and Korey Wood of Auburn.

Friday’s Child



Chance - 04/24
Age 12

I’m a really smart kid who loves to read!
Chance is a sweet and funny boy of Caucasian descent. He has a wonderful sense of humor and is very bright, talkative and outgoing. Chance loves to read but also enjoys playing outside where he can run around, be active and have fun with his friends. In the summer he loves to go to water parks or just swim in a backyard pool but he is also very happy just playing and running in his backyard or playing video games. He also loves animals and is kind and caring to them.
Chance is in the 6th grade as of fall 2021 and is in a specialized school in a small classroom with one -on-one attention. His teachers state that he is very inquisitive and asks a lot of bright questions. His favorite subject is math. Chance can struggle at times with peer relations and interactions but he is working very hard in individual therapy to address this. He may struggle to play games that he cannot win and will attempt to change the rules to his advantage. Chance may also become bossy and will seek out the most vulnerable children to bully. He always likes to “be right”. He does best with clear directives, structure, routine and predictability in his daily life which also applies to his school setting. He wears prescription glasses for the treatment of a slight “lazy eye” although he does not like wearing them. . He currently lives in a foster home setting where he has been for over 4 years.
Legally freed for adoption, Chance would do well in a mom and dad or single mom home where he would be the only or youngest child by a few years. He will need guidance, love, structure, routine and firm boundaries in his new family. There is an open adoption agreement set by the court stating that Chance’s birth mom, who lives out of state, should receive letters and photos periodically through out the years if it’s in Chance’s best interest.
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School District, DESE extend at-home COVID test program

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY/CHARLTON – While the issue of COVID cases seems to have leveled out in the region, the threat remains for a new spike. Home tests have become a popular method of determining cases over the last few months with many kits being distributed through state and local agencies free of charge to help prevent future outbreaks.
One of the biggest areas of concern continues to be in schools and while mask mandates have been rescinded for many districts, including the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District, officials are still asking parents to exercise caution under the new normal to prevent outbreaks if students were to contract the illness.

In an effort to assist districts across the state, the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) is continuing to make these free at-home test kits available through Memorial Day weekend.
Dudley-Charlton Regional School District Superintendent Steven Lamarche discussed the status of these test kits during an April 13 meeting of the Regional School Committee noting that originally the tests were to be available only until the end of April vacation. However, he received notice prior to the meeting that the program has been extended significantly.
“We were informed by DESE that the distribution will continue until (the end of May). If people are still interested in receiving free tests kits they can go to our web-

site and click the COVID tab,” said Lamarche.
These tests are provided through an opt-in at-home antigen test program available on the Dudley-Charlton School Districts website which allows both employees and students to participate regardless of their vaccination status. Employees, or in the student’s case parents, fill out an online form which allows access to test kits containing two individual tests every two weeks. This voluntary program is being offered until May 27, coinciding with the expected conclusion of DESE’s free home test program. The school district’s COVID page also provides information on COVID testing sites, consent forms for at-school symptomatic testing, and district protocols for COVID-related situations.

BARTLETT HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

WEBSTER — Bartlett High School has released its honor roll for the third quarter of the 2021-2022 school year:

Grade 12
High Honor: Josephine Corridori, Talia Gardner, Samantha Tremblay
Honor: Felcia Benoit, Paige Blythe, Zaley DelRio, Paige Evora, Brendan Falke, Camden Heenan, Jada Jones, Nathan Lowe, Kelly Macario, Colin Minarik, Cassandra O’Connor, Jessica Peets, Kerolos Rezk, Omaris Villegas Garcia, Aryannah Walker-Sanchez, Amanda Warchal, Imani Washington, Sabrina Yaw

Grade 11
High Honor: Maxine Adu-Boahen Jones, Ynge Pharell Assizo Manasse, Shelly Condon, Matthew Forgotch, Nyia Gonzalez, Erikas Naujokas, Gabrielle Piehler, Dana Piwowarczyk, Tiffany Salazar Vega, Victoria Spitz, Hannah Walker
Honor: Elisabeth Adams, Wilson Aguilar Sanchez, Nateli Barjolo, Maria Davila-Pedroza, Wilenny Duran, Josiah Espino, Isabel Figueroa, Anousone Manilut, Catherine McIntyre, Ethan Minarik, Dakota Moore, Camryn Phillips, Lily Picchioni, Yostina Rezk, Meghan Rice, Alymarie Rodriguez, Yanelis Sanchez, Megan Tucker, Frederica Yanna

Grade 10
High Honor: Leidy Cruz Guzman, Cash Frederick, Peter Lavache, Angel Marin Caceres, Hung Tran
Honor: Kevin Aguilar Sanchez, Kwadwo Agyemang, Muhammad Aslam, Anthony Lopez, Manessa Macario, Eric Manilut, Benjamin Note, Damian Pye, Madisynn Segarra, Jayda Spencer, Donovan Williams, Dezmin Zona

Grade 9
High Honor: Hope Cooper, Ayden Do, Savannah Keegan, Lexani Lewis, Ian Mulbah, Adam Phillips, Adam Urato
Honor: Savannah Bjork, Lillyanna Cannon, Jayden Casey, Aiden Castillo, Kianna Edwards, Taryn Gerber, Ayden Heenan, Justin Iarraza, Natalee Kelly, Trinity Marland, Evangeline Mayotte, Cayleb Mercure, Clara Metzger, Ashley Millette, Tiffany Oppong, Leximee Phanthavong, Annika Stockhaus, Rafael Trivino, Gabriella Troy, Odelis Valentin, Dakota Vaudreuil.



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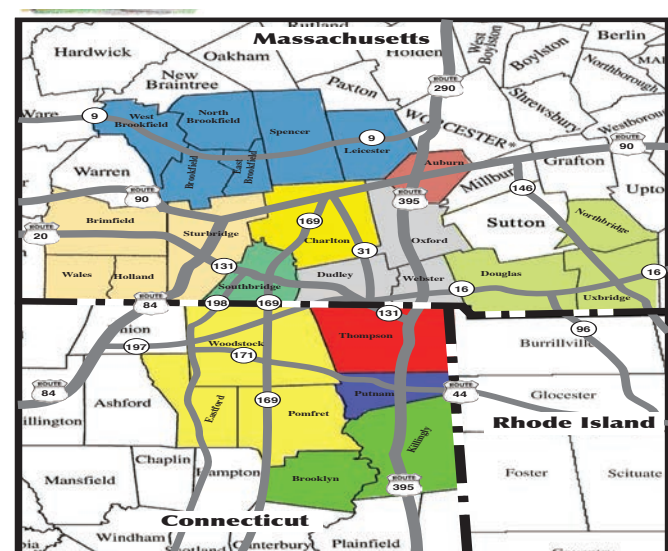
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EDITORIAL

The cost of higher education

It's that time of year, when high school seniors are committing to colleges and making a plan for what will happen after graduation day. College tuition has become so incredibly unaffordable that many students are opting out or seeking a career in various trades, of which they stand to make more money than a classmate with a four-year degree, depending of course on which route they take.

Harvard University cost ten schillings per year in the early 1700's, which was equal to about a pair of shoes and two pairs of stockings. Interesting to note is that back then, most jobs did not require a degree, license or certification and laborers learned via apprenticeship. If the price of Harvard over time had risen at the same rate as prices generally equaled to the rate of inflation, tuition today would cost \$1,703 per year. However, that is not the case, and the current tuition at Harvard is upwards of \$67,580.

As a society, we stress the need for a solid, good education. Any job that pays a livable wage requires you to have a degree; however, many students are not making much more than their counterparts who chose to enter the work force right out of high school. Really this depends on where you live and what you do.

The significant increase in college tuition has angered many parents and students. One has to wonder how a financial aid office at any given school comes up with the numbers for a student's financial aid package. In one recent example, a college in Massachusetts cost \$73,000 per year. Yes, you read that right. A student with a single mother who makes in the ballpark of \$30,000 a year was offered \$13,000 in financial aid for the year. Does this school discriminate based on socioeconomic? One has to wonder. Are wealthy students somehow more special than their less fortunate counterparts?

Students who do make it through the four years will graduate with an exorbitant amount of debt, a bill they could potentially be paying well into old age.

Way back when, state universities were free; however, attendance did include a small fee. In the 1960's, social and legislative changes turned higher education into a business, hence the student loan debt crisis we see today.

Through some research, we discovered an interesting timeline that laid out the path higher education has taken since its inception during Medieval times in Europe. Back then, few of these schools charged tuition and were supported by the government or a church, and areas of study were limited.

In 1796, Thomas Jefferson proposed an education system that was supported through taxes. He did this because he believed that for a government to truly work, that it's people needed to be educated. As a result, in 1818, the government began subsidizing elementary schools and Jefferson used a \$15,000 grant to start The University of Virginia.

In the early 1800's, many colleges did not charge tuition, however only the wealthy could afford the living expenses incurred during study. In 1810, students lived as simply as possible, keeping room and board rates extremely low, compared to today's living conditions.

In 1870, Harvard's tuition was \$150 per year, while Brown University was just \$75. This amounts to roughly \$3,000 in today's terms. Again, only the wealthy could afford to attend.

A spike hit in 1920 when admissions doubled between then and 1930. The cost was about \$250 per year; with 20 percent of college aged Americans attending university.

The G.I. Bill was passed in 1944, but has since been modified.

In 1965, the Higher Education Act passed. This act helped provide financial assistance for those who needed it. In 1973, in today's dollars, an average year, at an average school cost just over \$9,000 and just over \$2,000 for an in state public school.

In 1972, only 49 percent of high school graduates went on to college. Back then, grants covered 80 percent of the costs. Today more and more students

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All things are possible

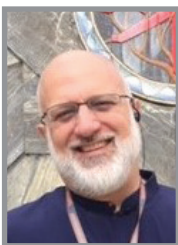
How many of us believe that we can truly change? To change old habits and deeply rooted patterns of behavior? How many of us deeply believe that we overcome common vices that have been a part of our lives throughout all the years and trust that Christ-like virtues can replace them?

Do we sincerely believe it's possible to overcome our lustful desires, our greed and love of money and possessions, our anger and quick temper, our gluttony, our despondency and hopelessness to change, our loose tongue that too often gossips and slanders others, our fears, our vainglory and pride and egocentric passions? We may have struggled with these vices throughout our lives, and it may seem that these vices are simply a part of who we are. Do we believe it is possible to change now, and do we even want to change?

What about not only overcoming vices, but actually growing in the divine virtues of humble obedience, repentance, a continual remembrance of death, simplicity, humility, discernment, stillness, prayer, and love.

There is a beautiful story in the Gospel of Mark where a father who brings his epileptic son first to the disciples and then to Jesus Himself. The father is desperate to help his son and is close to despair. His child has suffered throughout his childhood, coming close to a tragic death often by casting himself in fire and water. The father pleads with Christ, "If you can do anything, have pity on us and help us."

Our Lord looks at the father with compassion and love, yet simply responds, "If I can?



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If YOU can! All things are possible to the one who believes." To which the father of the child cries out "I believe; help my unbelief!"

All things are possible to the one who believes.

What a powerful exchange between the father and our Lord Jesus. The father is desperate and close to despair. His son has suffered his entire life. No one has been able to help him, not even Christ's disciples. The father believes yet he has doubt. He wants to hope in Jesus, yet he is unsure if he will be disappointed once again. He humbly comes before Christ asking for His help. Christ sees his seeds of faith and responds "If YOU have faith, all things are possible." Your faith and hope in God can bring about change!

The father cries out one of the most profound and honest prayers in the entire Bible – "I believe. Help my unbelief!" This is the message I want all of us to reflect upon. God only needs a tiny seed of faith from us. If we hold on to a glimmer of hope and offer a spark of faith, Christ can perform miracles in us!

Now think about whatever vices that you've struggled with your entire lives, the part of your personality you think will never change, the addictive and destructive behaviors that have become a part of who you are. For many of us, we believe the subtle deception of the devil that we can never change. We believe the lie that change is impossible. Yet, here lies Satan's deception that leads us to despair, despondency, and the belief that change will never happen.

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Work zone safety



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The week of April 11-15 was National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW). Mass. DOT has continued to participate in the nationwide work zone safety campaign and has asked our department to share the campaign information. This year's theme was "Work Zones Are a Sign to Slow Down" and was intended to highlight the importance for motorists to slow their vehicles and stay alert when approaching and passing a work zone. They note from 2018-2021, there were 181 work zone-related crashes that resulted in a fatality or serious injury in Massachusetts. Mass DOT reminds everyone to pay attention, exercise caution, and please take a moment to reflect on the individuals who build, patrol, & maintain the roads we travel on daily.

Several years ago, fines were authorized to be doubled in construction areas and, back in 2016, the "Move Over" law was enacted here in the Commonwealth. Under normal conditions, if a driver is cited for speeding, and they are travelling 50mph in a 30pmh zone, they would be subject to a \$150 base fine (plus additional surcharges). This is based on \$50 for the first ten miles over the limit, and \$10 per mile for those after. In Work Zones or "construction areas", the same speed can result in a fine of \$300 (plus surcharges). A "construction area" appears to be defined by Mass Law in 720CMR9.06. It offers guidelines in application to highways where "traffic signs are erected, or warning lights are displayed...to notify of the presence of men or equipment." This is general and broad, so numerous areas of work can apply. These can be places where accidents or injuries can take place, so the laws provide stiff penalties for speeding in these areas. The presence of heavy equipment and workers contributes to the hazards in the locations. It is important to control your speed and watch for things such as vehicles entering and exiting.

The "Move Over for Emergency Vehicles" law is contained in MGL Chapter 89 Section 7C. It applies to several vehicles, including Emergency Response Vehicles, such as police cars, fire apparatus, ambulances, or disaster vehicles. Others covered under this section include highway maintenance vehicles, such as dump trucks, heavy equipment, etc. The law states: "Upon approaching a stationary emergency vehicle, highway maintenance vehicle or recovery vehicle with flashing lights an operator shall: proceed with due caution and reduce the speed of the vehicle to that of a reasonable and safe speed for road conditions. On a highway, drivers must make a lane change if practicable. If changing lanes is impracticable, drivers must proceed with due caution and reduce the speed of the vehicle to that of a reasonable and safe speed for road conditions." A penalty for a violation is a \$100 civil fine. Whether or not it is a construction zone, it is important to remember vehicles share the road with pedestrians, bicyclists, and workers. By combining cautious driving with the proper use of the roads by the public, we can reduce the chances of accidents and injuries.

For those still seeking COVID-19 vaccination or other information, it can be found at www.dudleyma.gov or by calling 508-949-8036. We encourage everyone to continue to be safe. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. These times continue to be challenging and we, at the Dudley Police Department, greatly appreciate the support we receive from our community.

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

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Latest auction news

It's almost a new month, which means it's time for another update on the latest auctions, antiques and collectibles news. Many organizations are running auctions to support Ukrainian relief efforts. NPR recently reported that Russian journalist Dmitry Muratov will auction his Nobel Prize medal. Muratov is the editor-in-chief of Novaya Gazeta. "Novaya Gazeta and I have decided to donate the 2021 Nobel Peace Prize Medal to the Ukrainian Refugee Fund," Muratov said. Elsewhere, English cyclist Tony Martin will auction his Olympic silver medal for Ukrainian children and will be donating the proceeds to "Wir helfen Kindern," a foundation that support Ukrainian children and their families, according to a CNN report. Ten London jewelry designers have also joined forces to auction some of their pieces for the World Central Kitchen, which delivers food in conflict zones. Nationaljeweler.com reports that the auction can be found on Twitter and Instagram under #HandinHand.

In other news, collectibles have been bringing huge auction prices back in the United States. An auction record for a Disney toy was set when a Tippco Mickey and Minnie tin wind-up motorcycle from the early 1930s recently went on the auction block. The rare motorcycle had an estimate of \$25,000 to \$45,000, according to Air Fix Daily. The motorcycle had sold for \$65,000 at auction 12 years ago when it was part of the Donald Kaufman collection. Kaufman was a co-founder of KB Toys. It far exceeded the estimate when it sold last month, fetching \$222,000.

As for another type of collectible, the New York Times recently reported on the successful sale of a rare comic book. The first issue of Captain America was published in March 1941. The comic was printed nine months before the United States entered World War II. The cover image depicts Captain America punching Hitler while a bullet from a German soldier bounces off his shield. This high-grade Captain America issue #1 sold for \$3.1 million, making it the fourth highest priced comic book ever. Tiger Woods was in the news recently



for playing in the Masters golf tournament after suffering severe injuries in a car accident a little over a year ago. A set of his golf clubs also aced the auction world recently. The "Tiger Slams" clubs were used by Woods when he won all four major tournaments in 2000 and 2001. USA Today reported the clubs to be "nine Titleist 681-T irons, 2-iron through pitching wedge, as well as two Vokey wedges." Todd Brock purchased the clubs for \$57,242 in 2010 and kept them in a frame in his office. It proved to be a wise investment. They sold for \$5,156,162. In comparison, CBS Sports reported that Tiger Woods' 47th place finish in this year's Master's earned him well under 10% of the club price at \$43,500.

We have over 600 lots in our upcoming auction and will run the auction in two sessions. Session I will end on May 10, and will feature gold estate jewelry, coins and sterling silver flatware and hollow ware. Session II will end on May 11 and includes sports cards, historical items and a wide selection of other antiques and collectibles. Please visit our Web site, <https://centralmassauctions.com>, for a link to the auction and for other upcoming events.

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A turkey hunting tale

Massachusetts wild turkey season opens on April 25. Do not forget to take a youngster turkey hunting on April 23. Although many local sportsmen are not seeing the number of turkeys in local covers this year, it may be because of all the acorns in local covers for them to feed on. The heavy acorn crop from this past fall has kept numerous species of wildlife well fed throughout the past winter months. Making sure that your shotgun is sighted in prior to heading out into the woodlots and fields needs to be done every year. It could mean the difference of bringing home that bird for the dinner table or coming home empty handed.

The excitement of entering your ground blind early before first light can offer you the opportunity to observe numerous species of wildlife as they head out in search of food. The sound of a hen turkey making her first calls of the early morning light is often followed by a gobbler anxiously waiting for a chance to mate. After a few minutes of listening to the birds calling, the sudden flutter of the huge birds dropping to the ground from their roost, can get the excitement level of the hunter at full alert. Numerous songbirds are now filling the woods with all forms of mating calls, and is the best part of the day for the sportsmen.

It is soon light enough to see across the field, but nothing seems to be moving until something catches my eye at the far corner of the field. It is too big for a turkey, and as the object comes



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closer, I realize that it is a lone coyote looking for an early morning meal. He has his sights set on my turkey decoys, not realizing they are not real. I let him creep closer and closer until I started to feel a bit uncomfortable. I pointed the barrel of my shotgun out the window of my ground blind and let out a blast of noise from my whistle. The coyote quickly stopped in his tracks and hightailed it across the field, not looking back until he was a god 50 yards away. I watched him as he slowly disappeared over the crest of the hill in front of me. Now that was exciting!

The sun was just starting to rise in the distance when I could hear the faint sound of a hen turkey in back of me. I turned to look out the rear window of my ground blind and observed a large tom bird accompanied by three hen turkeys. One of the hen turkeys was headed straight for my set of turkey decoys when suddenly, the Tom bird let out a loud gobble and all of the birds rushed out of sight. I soon realized that another hunter was heading in my direction, and I quickly exited my ground blind to let him know I was there. As soon as he spotted me, he changed direction and disappeared into the woods.

I entered my ground blind and decided to have a cup of tea and a sandwich. Waiting more than an hour, I decided to give a few light calls on my hen turkey call. To my surprise, a quick call from a gobbler was repeated over and over. I could not see the bird, so



I gave a light hen call. The bird went absolutely nuts gobbling. I decided to stick the barrel of my shotgun out the window in anticipation of harvesting the bird in very short time. Seconds turned into minutes, and minutes into an hour. The bird was gone!

I decided to lay back in my chair and relax for a short time; nearly falling asleep as the early morning sun warmed up my ground blind, I decided to head back to my vehicle. I had heard a couple of single shots in the distance as I was crossing the field. I was hoping he had better luck than me. It was now 10 a.m., so I decided to go back and pick up my decoys and secure my ground blind for another day. It sure was an exciting morning! More next week! I

finally got lucky!

Opening day at Wallum Lake had a lot of shore fishermen trying their luck, hoping to catch a few trout for the dinner table. There were numerous boats launched at the boat ramp on the Massachusetts side, but it was the large number of shore fishing anglers that was surprising. I was unable to attend the opening day because of a bout with Covid. Anglers had caught a good number of trout trolling fly's and lures, but power bait had many anglers catching their limits early, according to my sources.

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The Rules of “Efficiency Cleaning”

Most everyone would like more time to clean their homes, and since we can't stop the clock, the best we can do is cut down on the time it takes to do household chores - thus “efficiency cleaning” is a strategy worth pursuing. Ushering in the spring season is the ideal time to try your hand at efficiency. Whether you're tackling the dreaded annual chore of spring cleaning, or simply seeking to reduce your regular workload, read on for the basic rules of cleaning efficiently.



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(Clean by Zone: Separating spaces into zones (rooms or areas) can not only prompt efficiency but it prevents you from becoming overwhelmed by a whole house cleaning. For example, two small rooms or one room and a hall; alcove or pass through can be designated a “zone.” Write a plan of action that includes the zone areas before beginning a major cleaning project.

Wherever you decide to begin, cleaning pros advise working in one room at a time, and to avoid moving to another until that first room is complete. If you stick to cleaning one area, you will likely remain motivated to finish it.

Always start in one corner of the room and work clockwise from the ceiling down. Working from top to bottom prevents repeat cleaning of surfaces and ensures you only have to do it once. You'll be amazed at how quickly the job goes when you work around a room with priority and purpose in mind.

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Efficiency Tools: Just as a carpenter has tools close at hand (and around his waist); the efficient

cleaner also keeps a portable “toolbox” of supplies nearby. Make up a cache of cleaning supplies by stuffing a bucket with cleaning supplies, rags, paper towels, etc. You can tote the kit around easily as you clean. Wrap a tool belt around the outside of the bucket to carry small items from room to room. Or recycle a cardboard six pack to use as a disposable tote to hold cleaning bottles, rags and towels. An efficient cleaning kit doesn't have to translate into many products. Just the basics can get the job done quickly and effectively. Some examples include a good window cleaner; an all purpose cleaner; abrasive cleaner (baking soda or Comet); microfiber cloths; paper towels; scrub brush; Mr. Clean Eraser (amazingly effective on grime), etc.

An Ounce of Prevention: The epitome of efficiency is utilizing prevention strategies! Here are several to try:

*Cut down on the grueling job of washing large windows, such as sliders as often by pre-treating them:

Once you get your windows clean (use a squeegee to speed up the chore) keep them cleaner longer by treating the glass with Rain X, or another a water repellent sold in auto supply stores. Dirt, as well as water, won't be attracted to the glass which means less cleaning.

*Another area of the kitchen that can benefit from a preventative treatment is painted walls behind the kitchen stove or near a work area. After cleaning (with a degreaser) apply a generous coating of furniture polish. Buff it in well. The next time grease spatters on the area, all it will take is a swipe of a paper towel to clean it up!

*When you clean your refrigerator or freezer, wipe the inside down with straight white vinegar and allow it to air dry. It will discourage future growth of mold and mildew and instantly deodorize your refrigerator - cutting down cleaning time!

*It's clear that prevention is the key to cutting cleaning chores, and the bathroom is a great way to practice this strategy. After cleaning grout and tile, rub liquid Turtle Wax car wax on, and polish when dry. It makes the tiles twice as easy to clean next time.

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Products that do Double (or more) Duty

Products that have more than one purpose not only boost efficiency but save money too.

Isopropyl (rubbing) alcohol: isopropyl alcohol is an inexpensive cleaner and disinfectant you can use all around the house. In fact, straight alcohol in a spray bottle quickly cleans windows to a streak free shine. It's also an effective disinfectant for counter tops, cell phones, computers and other surfaces you want to be germ-free. The alcohol disinfects as good as costly commercial disinfectants, but costs just a fraction of the price. Rubbing

alcohol also shines up chrome trim with just a quick rub. As a bonus, if you buy the winter-green scented version it will leave a pleasant, clean smell behind.

Bathroom mirrors often display stray hairspray or other hair product stains. A swipe of full strength isopropyl alcohol on a soft cloth is all it takes to clean the glass to a sparkling shine with no scrubbing required!

One of the most efficient use of isopropyl alcohol is to prevent frost on windshields. When a frost is predicted, spritz full strength alcohol onto the glass - no more scraping!

Struggling to remove permanent marker stains on laminate surfaces is no longer a challenge, thanks to rubbing alcohol: Spray full strength onto the stain to almost instantly dissolve the stain, which can then be wiped away.

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Baking Soda: Baking soda has long been hailed as a diverse (and natural) cleaning product. Not only is it a disinfecting scrub to clean sinks and other kitchen surfaces, but it replaces numerous commercial products.

Mildew on and around tub and shower areas can easily be deterred by a sprinkle of baking soda and a quick scrub.. Ditto for shower curtain liners and doors.

Baking soda is also a great odor fighter. Sprinkle it in the litter box to tamp down smells; sprinkle pet beds with baking soda, allow to set for 20 minutes and vacuum away odors.

Refresh stuffed animals without risking damage by washing: Simply sprinkle plush toys with baking soda and brush it out.

Carpet stains can be a huge problem and nearly impossible to clean if the

rug is a light color. This method works almost magically to remove dark stains from liquids, such as wine or soda: First blot up the excess liquid. Use a thick towel and blot with a heavy foot (for more weight), continuously moving the towel to a new, dry area until the stain is nearly gone. Make a paste of baking soda and water and dab the stain. Blot again with a very wet, warm cloth. Blot yet again with a dry towel as described above. Allow to air dry.

Sprinkle baking soda at the bottom of your trash can (before you put the liner in) to keep offending odors at bay quickly and easily.

If your wet mop smells less than sweet, here's an effortless trick to remove lingering smells: Add a cup of baking soda and a half cup of salt to a bucket of hot water. Leave the mop to soak in the solution overnight.

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Vinegar: Vinegar is one of the most versatile and efficient cleaners all around the house.

Pour a cup of straight white vinegar down the drain; allow to sit and then run water to keep drains fresh and deodorized without cost or effort.

White distilled vinegar dissolve minerals to unclog a steam iron. Pour equal parts vinegar and water into the reservoir; set for steam for five minutes (keep iron upright). Once cooled empty reservoir and rinse.

Wood cabinets get a facelift when cleaned and rejuvenated with a mixture of two tablespoons of olive oil and four tablespoons white vinegar mixed in 16 ounces of water. Mix well and apply with a soft cloth, allowing mixture to penetrate wood; then buff to a sheen.

Candle wax residue

can ruin wood furniture, but white vinegar can come to the rescue better than commercial offerings: Soak a cloth in a mixture of equal parts white vinegar and water rub onto wax residue until stain is gone. (Test in an inconspicuous area first.)

Vinegar serves as a cost saving replacement for dishwasher drying agents. Just add white vinegar to the rinse cycle.

Coffee and tea stains on good china can easily and safely be removed by scrubbing with equal parts vinegar and salt.

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Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House – Contest has resumed!

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

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

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are heading off to school, leaving less grant money to go around. In 1975, the rates started to increase faster than inflation. Before the 1970's, tuition rates increased roughly 2-3 percent each year. In 2003, the cost went up 14 percent in just one year. In 1987, the rate for a public school saw a 44 percent change.

In the late 1990's, the debt was so bad that people put off weddings, having children and making other big lifetime decisions.

The year 2008 saw an increase of 439 percent since 1982, while income has only increased 147 percent. If things continue as they are in 2028, the cost will be \$340,800 for a private school education per year and \$95,000 for a public school.

Americans over the age of 60 currently owe more than \$86 billion in unpaid loans, and many of them are concerned that Social Security will no longer be available to them when their generation comes of age to collect it, leaving them with nothing.

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OBITUARIES

Elizabeth J. Recko, 87



Elizabeth J. Recko (Nachajko) 87 of North Grosvenordale, CT., passed away on Sunday April 10, 2022 at Davis Place Rehabilitation Center in Danielson CT. following complications from Alzheimer's.

Elizabeth was born September 03, 1934 to the late Chester and Elizabeth (Lemanski) Nachajko.

Elizabeth is survived by her son Charles C. (Chris) Recko and his wife Denise (Santerre) from Thompson Ct., and their daughter Loni (Recko) Decelles and her husband David from Brooklyn Ct. Her daughter Karen J. (Recko) Grzyb and her companion Joseph Kabala from Webster Ma., and her daughter Keli (Grzyb) Ferrand, her son Christopher Grzyb and his wife Jasmine from Webster Ma. Her son James A. Recko and his wife Donna (Gorski) from Webster Ma., and their daughters Jessica Recko and her companion Kerrin Ryan from Webster, Jenna Recko and her fiancé Matthew Maguire from Southbridge Ma., and Jillian Recko from Boston Ma., and daughter in-law Elizabeth from Denver Co. She also leaves great grandsons Dyllan, Mason, Tyler, Ethan and Noah, and a great granddaughter Lily all from Webster Ma. She is also survived by her youngest brother Ronald and his wife Marie of Putnam Ct.

Elizabeth was predeceased by her husband Charles, youngest son Brian, and sisters Nancy Pershula, Patricia

Faneuf, Sandra Anthony, and brother Kenneth.

Elizabeth graduated from Bartlett High School in Webster Ma. Elizabeth was a member of the Civil Air Patrol at Westover Air Base in Springfield Ma. during the Korean War. Elizabeth married her husband Charles in 1953 while Charles was in the Navy.

Elizabeth worked with her husband and sons at their auto parts store in Dudley for many years. She also worked for the original Webster Times newspaper in the 1970's & 1980's as a proof reader, photographer and a columnist. She wrote her own column, "Sincerely Yours". After retiring in 1999 from the auto parts business, she went on to work at Old Sturbridge Village in the gift shop and book store. She then left work due to illness.

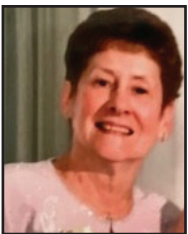
Amongst Elizabeth's hobbies, was her love for flower gardening, reading, oil painting and candlepin bowling.

Calling hours for Elizabeth will be held Monday April 25th from 9:30 to 10:30 am at Bartel Funeral Home, 33 Schofield Ave. Dudley Ma., followed by a mass at Saint Joseph Basilica, 53 Whitcomb Street, Webster Ma. at 11:00 am. Committal prayers will follow at Saint Joseph Garden of Peace cemetery - Columbarium in Webster Ma.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Elizabeth's name to the Alzheimer's Association, or the American Cancer Society.

www.bartelfuneralhome.com

Jeanne G. (Tetreault) Thomas 91



Quinebaug, CT- Jeanne G. (Tetreault) Thomas 91, passed away April 12, 2022 at Davis Place in Danielson.

Her Husband of 51 years Peter D. Thomas died May 30, 2019.

She leaved 2 daughters, Lisa J. Tortora and her husband Christopher of Norton, MA, and Jodi A. Thomas of Quincy, MA., a sister Annette Thomas of Fabyan, CT. and many nieces and nephews.

She was born in Webster, MA. June 2, 1931 a daughter of the late Ernest and Rose(Therrien)Thomas, she was also predeceased by a brother Norman Tetreault.

She worked as a secretary for many years at the former American Optical Co. she enjoyed walking, travelling,

going out to lunch with her sister and being with family. Jeanne was a member of St. Stephen's Church.

The Funeral Mass was held Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 10 A.M.in St. Stephen's Church Junctions of Routes 131 & 197 in Quinebaug, Ct. Burial will be in Sacred Heart


Cemetery in Webster, MA. There was a calling hour from 9AM until the start of the service (In the church)

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be made to: St. Jude's Hospital for Children, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN. 38105 or to Susan B. Koman Breast Cancer, P. O. Box 660843, Dallas,Tx.75266-0843.

To offer an on-line condolence, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net

The ROBERT J.MILLER FUNERAL HOME an LAKE CHAPEL, 366 School St., Webster, MA. is directing arrangements.

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To get where you want to go, excel where you are

A global Gallup poll in 2019 revealed that only 15 percent of people are engaged in the workplace. The poll implies that 85 percent of people worldwide don't like what they do for a living.

The reasons are probably too numerous to count. Boredom, dislike for their co-workers, a bad relationship with their boss, their commute is too long; they feel stagnant, don't make enough money, are overworked, etc.

I'm sure some of you are thinking, "Of course, it's a global poll." In some countries, the working conditions would be considered outrageous to the average American.

If you thought that, you're correct. In the USA, an astounding 60

percent of people hate their jobs. We are doing a little better than the global average, but not much!

I would guess that some feel that way because they are not where they want to be; it's not what they see themselves doing.

I have to confess I hated many of my jobs earlier in life, for all of the reasons mentioned above but mainly because I didn't see myself doing it long term, and I was unhappy because I wasn't where I wanted to be.

As a result, I didn't do my best, had no enthusiasm, and had a terrible attitude. Customers, co-workers, and managers all noticed. I showed up late and tried to leave early, and I was irritated if I had to do something I saw as outside the scope

of my responsibilities. In short, I was a lousy employee.

No matter how hard I worked, nothing seemed to work out for me, and although I was pursuing my dreams, they kept getting further and further away.

One day, I realized that I was so far from my dreams that I might be stuck forever if I didn't change.

I always wanted a life of excellence, but I wasn't being excellent. For so long, I was telling myself, "I'll be excellent when I finally have the life I want; I'll do my best when I get where I want to go; I'll have a great attitude when I accomplish my dreams."

POSITIVELY SPEAKING

TOBY MOORE

I wish somebody had slapped me and shouted, "It doesn't work that way, stupid!"

Imagine telling your boss, "I'll work harder once you give me a raise," "Once you give me that promotion, you'll have the best worker you ever saw!" "I'll have some enthusiasm if you let me be the boss." Do you think you'll get that raise? Do you think you'll get that promotion? Do you ever think you'll be the boss?

The simple fact of the matter is, life doesn't work like that. If you're going to get where you want to go, you'll need to be excellent where you are now, even if it's not where you want to be.

Zig Ziglar said,

"Attitude, not aptitude, will determine your altitude."

Little by little, I changed my attitude, added some enthusiasm to my personality, and started by treating every customer as if they were the most important person in the world.

Rather than complaining or acting annoyed with their every request, I started serving them with a great attitude. My income began to rise, and my managers took notice. I went from being their worst employee to one of their best!

You may say, "Well, great, Toby, you were doing well at a job you didn't want. You still weren't living your dream life." While that's true, a funny thing start-

ed to happen; new opportunities came that took me to the next level.

Jim Rohn said, "For things to change, you have to change. For things to be different, you have to be different. Before financial success can occur, personal growth must occur..of all the things that can have an effect on your future; I believe personal growth is the greatest."

Whether you love your job and are working toward that next promotion or hate your job and want a different career, you'll never get there unless you focus on becoming excellent where you are. Do your best, put a smile on your face, and go the extra mile. If you do that for long enough, you'll go places you never dreamed were possible.

Creating a garden in the shade

Don't let limited sunlight stop you from growing a beautiful garden. Make the most of shady locations with proper plant selection and design strategies.

Start the season with native spring ephemerals like hepatica, spring beauties and trout lilies. These plants grow and flower early in the season before the trees leaf out, shading the area. They dieback soon after flowering as shade tolerant plants fill the garden. Look for those native to your region.

Select bright and lime green foliage plants that stand out in the shady corners of your landscape. Combine them with your favorite dark leafed and flowered plants that tend to disappear in the shade. The contrasting colors help both plants pop.

Use plants with variegated foliage to light up the garden long after their flowers fade. Siberian bugloss (Brunnera) has blue forget-me-not-like flowers in spring and variegated heart shaped leaves. Variegated Solomon Seal's upright stems covered with green leaves edged in cream, white bell-shaped flowers and yellow fall color provide multiple seasons of

interest.

Barrenwort (Epimedium) also provides seasonal color in the shade. The heart shaped leaves are tinged

GARDEN MOMENTS

MELINDA MYERS

red and emerge with the flowers in spring. The leaves turn green for the summer and then change once again to red in fall.

Add some height to those shady areas with bugbane. The leaves are topped with white spires of flowers in summer or fall, depending on the variety selected.

The white or pink blossoms of Roger's flower brighten the early summer garden. The big, bold leaves of this moisture-loving perennial resemble those of a horse chestnut tree.

The narrow leaves of sedges and Hakone grass create a striking contrast with the bold leaves of hostas. For an even bolder statement and focal point include a few elephant ears.

Look for shade tolerant

plants with a variety of leaf shapes and sizes. The differences in texture add interest to the shade garden. Repeat the leaf sizes and shapes to unify the garden. Use this same strategy to create continuity between sun and shade gardens in your landscape.

Include a variety of plant shapes. Use columnar plants to create a focal point and weeping and mounded plants for a sense of fluidity in the garden.

A lack of sun is not the only factor to consider when planning a shade garden. The density of the canopy of trees or an overhang may also limit the water that reaches and is available to the plants below. Growing dry, shade-tolerant perennials will help reduce your long-term maintenance. Barrenwort, liriope, coral bells, foam flower, sweet woodruff and hellebores are fairly shade tolerant once established.

Make sure all new plantings are watered thoroughly and when the top few inches of soil are crumbly and moist. Proper watering the first few years will result in deep, drought tolerant root systems that will help these plants grow



Melinda Myers

Bugbane's white spires of flowers will provide some height to the shady areas in the landscape.

and flourish despite the dry shade.

When planting under or near trees, be careful not to kill the trees when creating your shade garden. Don't cut or remove surface roots, creating entryways for insects and diseases. Adding as little as an inch of soil over the roots can kill some tree species. Avoid deep cultivation which can damage the feeder roots that are critical for water and nutrient absorption since the majority grow within the top 12 inches of soil.

If there's too much shade to grow even shade-loving plants, consider mulch to protect the soil and tree roots. Add a chair for relaxing and enjoy this cool space as summer temperatures rise.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including The Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great

Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally-syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Summit for her expertise to write this article. Her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

HEALTH & HOME 2022 SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT SCRAMBLE

We hope you'll enjoy this challenging puzzle!

Please find the answers (business names or portion of names) in the Special Pull-Out Supplement in this week's issue. We will unscramble for you and announce a winner of a \$25 Gift Card on May 13th to a local business.

Please mail to Health & Home Scramble, P. O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550 or take a pic and email to jsima@stonebridgepress.news by May 4th. Good luck!



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ple being hired under a federal SAFER grant in that department.

Looking at that, selectman Lisa Kontoes said she thought the intent was to use marijuana tax income to fund such needs, not cutting part-timers. LaFond said pot money is being used to “plug the gap” caused by decreasing SAFER funding for the other seven recently-hired firefighters.

Additionally, it adds one person to the Highway Department, although LaFond initially sought three. He aims to have that person “deal with a number of issues, especially seasonal and snow.”

That department will likely also be tasked with handling replacement of LED lights and maintenance, as well as using the \$50,000 LaFond plans to set aside to augment road work money. Regarding the former, Chair Randy Becker noted Webster converted its lights to LED only a few years ago, and was then told they’d last 15-20 years.

In the senior center, the new budget proposes combining three part-time posts into one full-time and one part-time. LaFond said he sees that as “a return to level service” after reductions during Covid. It also calls for splitting the free cash several ways: \$2 million to stabilization, \$852,900 to the capital stabilization account, and \$200,000 to fund snow and ice, with the remaining \$747,000 to be decided later.

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WARRANT

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for 421 Main St. Becker noted the town is now “capped out” with no available licenses.

Other warrant items will look pretty familiar; although details will often differ. Several are budget related, including the big one, the town’s overall \$54.56 million budget (see related story), and major capital proposals. The latter are mostly condensed into three articles, with the biggest-ticket items being a \$1.8 million sewer department aeration project, \$288,800 for mobile radios for police and fire, \$105,000 to refurbish May Street Park, and \$175,000 for various work at water department station #1. The list also includes multiple vehicles of various types, replacing a fire department air compressor, and buying the sewer department a closed circuit TV system and generator.

Separately, voters will be asked to approve \$30,000 in repairs to the town’s historic World War II air-raid

HITS

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ated with each other for a very long time and we feel like we’ll provide a very welcoming atmosphere. Our staff is unbelievable and Lucas Baier, our Vice President of Retail, is a very positive and energy-driven individual and that’s shown in our team.”

Greatest Hits currently employs around a hundred individuals with potential to double its staff when the manufacturing expansion is completed. Hours and ordering information can be found at www.greatesthitscc.com.

Jason Bleau

Greatest Hits at 35 Chase Ave. officially opened on April 12 as the first recreational cannabis dispensary in Dudley.

observation post. That item was also referred to its sponsors – the Historical Commission and Veterans’ Office – with Becker saying, “If we spend \$30,000, someone’s got to use it for something. ...But if it’s going to be repaired [just] so it doesn’t fall down, should we look at taking it down?”

One somewhat unusual item is being driven by Covid confusion: a proposal to set aside funds to pay off IRS claims the town didn’t pay enough in payroll taxes in 2020 and 2021.

According to Accountant Timothy Bell, the issue arose from the fact “both federal and state regulations [regarding Covid aid use] changed multiple times in that period” and town efforts to obtain needed supplies were delayed, sometimes beyond reporting deadlines, by supply chain backlogs. Bell said he expects the IRS to deny about \$100,000 in Webster’s cost claims.

Regarding the payroll issue itself, Bell said Webster has repeatedly contested IRS’s claims, pushing the total down from more than \$1.4 million to \$68,000. Bell sees the reduction as “a big

acknowledgement they did something wrong,” and suspects IRS input someone else’s data into Webster’s record. He said the alleged debt is already actually accounted for in Webster’s filing paperwork, but he suggested it might be a good idea to pay it off to avoid accruing fines.

“Hopefully, the amount we end up having to pay is zero,” he said, “...but these things are dragging on and on.”

Becker said such issues are cropping up repeatedly among public and private sector taxpayers. People seeking resolution with IRS “can’t get anybody. No one responds. You can’t talk to anybody.” He recommended not paying that bill, but continuing the fight and setting the money aside “if we’re forced.”

Town meeting will also vote on routine prior year’s bills (if any) and the appropriation for the Bartlett renovation project, which is going to the ballot May 2.

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BAY PATH ANNOUNCES THIRD QUARTER HONOR ROLL

CHARLTON — Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School has released its honor roll for the third quarter of the 2021-2022 school year.

Grade 12
High Honors: Connor Barton, Justin Barton, Jayde Berthiaume, Alexia Brawn, Isabella Capuano, Stephanie Chege, Anaya Compres, Marisa DeJesus, Lillian Dolan, May Emsiranunt, Danielle Gauthier, Adelina Giaquinto, Julia Graveson, Ashley Hamel, Nicholas Hunter, Logan Johnson, Ryan Kempskie, Bethany Lasell, Andrew Leach, Marguerite MacKenzie, Amber Mercon, Samuel Murillo, Aidan Oosterman, Paige Osche, Luzyvette Sagastibelza-Lopez, Ethan Shanbaum, Daniel Sibert, Olivia St. Germain, Scarlet Taveras, Mateusz Zych

Honors: Aidan Adler, Lana Antocci, Adrian-Nicky Antwi, Thomas Becker, Dominic Benvenuti, Brian Bonnette, Kylie Bouchard, Hayden Bourgeois, Rebecca Boutilette, Catalina Burden, Dylan Butkus, Andrew Cannon, Diego Canovas, Graham Carbonneau, Adriana Carignan, Jackson Chaffee, Aiden Chernisky, Yadriel Colon Vega, Chynna Cote, Dylan Cotton, Carter Coughlin, Izabella Coughlin, Hailey Cournoyer, Nathan Cuff, Chad Cutroni, Jack Dalton, Chloe Dexter, Madison DiGiantommaso, Erin Donahue, Marlee Donohoe, Lillian Dunkerton, Alyssa Evers, Johnathon Ferreira, Brady Garabedian, Isabella Gervais, Genesis Gonazelz, Nicholas Gosselin, Amie Grenier, Cameron Hafner, Haevyn Hazzard, Morgan Ivory, Molly Johnson, Kailey Jones, Kevin Kilcourse, Tiffany King, Cole Komssi, Ryan Komssi, Jason Kozlowski, William LeCuyer, Lexie MacDonald, John Martinek, Anthony Martins, Alannah Matthews, Allison Maynard, Brayden Nolette, William Ofori, Angelina Ortiz, Gabrielle Packard, Aaliyah Perez, Ilias Perez, Hunter Pocis, Krystal Quadarella, Lukas Rafferty, Evanie Rodriguez, Jacqueline Ross, Keith Roycewicz, Alex Saad, Zachary Sargent, Jayna Scmohl, Anthony Seymour, Chloe Sicari-Swinimer, Sarah Simpson, Brant Smith, Caroline Soucy, Jacob Stevens, Kyra Stevens, Isabella Strzelecki, Francheska Toribio-Polanco, Jalissa Torres, Camden Towns, Aaron Trahan, Aaliyah Tremblay Collins, Mackenzie Tupaj, Rohan Vaidya, Adriana Vazquez Gonzalez, Tyler Verrier

Principal’s List: Nathaniel Anderson, Thomas Benoit, Sadie Bickford, Kylie Burlingame, Abby Christian, Kevin Cunningham, Anthony Defilippo, Nathan Dreitlein, Laura Featherstone, Austin Fish, Victor Freeman, Tricia Gallien, Alex Gilfoy, Lucas Grant, Christopher Hanley, Julia Higgins,

Marina Higgins, Zachary Hinman, Bryce Kaszowski, Zachary Kohberger, Taylor Labrecque, Cody LaMonda, Anthony Lang, Emma Marcotte, Brandon Martocci, Evan O’Malley, Elizabeth Pilling, Rachael Plaud, Carlos Rosado, Kristina Scott, Nicholas Smith, Katrina Somers, Jomar Torres, Jared Tucker, Owen Vaillancourt, Kyle VanCott, Alexis Westmoreland

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Honors: Alyssa Adams, Ayen Ahmad, Samuel Audunsson, Lukus Bachand, Sincere Bailey, Haven Banks, Cauly Beaver, Quinn Beck, Alexander Besaw, Benjamin Besaw, Samuel Boria, Miranda Burden, Evanise Calo Resto, Matthew Casati, Daniel Chaffee, Michael Chansingnavong, Amanda Christianson, Isabella Coleman, Caleb Jude Corpuz, Cam’Ron Desrosiers, Ronald Desrosiers, Ty Dupuis, Gabriel Espinosa, Collin Farrell, Jayden Flanders, Zachary Fritze, Noah Gilspin, Adrian Gonzalez, Osiris Gonzalez, John Guerin, Julius Guillen, Barry Hanson, Lauren Hennessy, Luke Hill, Tatyanna Johnny, Sumner Jordan, Matthew Kallgren, Hunter Kelley, Nakia L’Ecuyer, Anna L’Esperance, Anthony Leite, James LeProhon, Gianaleze Lopez, Yamilisha Machado, Judy Maignan, Matthew Marchetti, Jaime Marrero, Connor McCarthy, Rachel McMenemy, Erika Melendez, Trinity Mercier, Yerilian Miranda-Colon, Dominic Moniz, Kyle Moody, Dylan Morrison Ivonon, Stephen Ngaruiya, Gabrielle Oikle, Michaen Pacheco, Joelle Peluso, Kiyana Perez, Trevor Phillips, Georgios Pirperis, Damon Provencal, Jacob Provencher, Timothy Putnam, Hilary Queirolo, Ariane Ramos, Jenisey Ramos, Emma Roannikko, Evan Rivera, Sabrina Rodrigues, Matthew Rousakos, Abraham Routhier, Kieya Santerre, Nolan Sharry, Terry Simon, Sawyer Smith, Naomi Soriano, Evan St. Cyr, Emma St. Francis, Sean Sweeney, Damion Szaferowicz, Jacob Thomas, Patrick Tierney, Walfry Torres-Rodriguez, Yahil Vega-Cortes, Lucas Welton, Emily Westwell, Jacob Wilga, Makenna Zella

Principal’s List: Maya Belmonte, Jon Boyle, Kendra Carter, Anthony Comforti, Edgardo Cruz-Merced, Bryan DaSilva, Cheryl Dolson, Jaydon

Ferschke, Evan Frost, Casey Gallagher, Alexander Gammetto, Aiden Gelardi, Devon Goulet, Louis Houle, Matthew Hoyt, Michael Jalbert, Tyler Kasprzycki, Delaney Kirkorian, Julianna Loconto, Sara Malaney, Xavier Marquez, Dylan McDonald, Cameron Nolette, Jonathan Norman, Gabriel Osciak, Rozlyn Robillard, Ronin Simone, Gavin Suprenant, Brayden Therren, Wade Wolanski

Grade 10
High Honors: Sophia Balestracci, Gabriella Cabrera, Rachel Carpenter, Olivia Carrier, Meredith Clark, Kirsten Congdon, Mariselle Cosme, Dylan DeJesus, Jonathan Forget, Jenna Gajewski, Rachel Gormley, Makayla Graham, Simon Greening, Bridget Hast, Carly Impey, Stanislow Janusz, Abigail Kibaru, Catherine Magnusson, Sarah Martin, Magie Mullaly, Adrianna Navarro, Kayla Nguyen, Peger Nhan, Megan O’Shea, Nason Omasta, Jared Powell, Emily Quental, Wendy Ramirez, Cody Savary, Catherine Sirard, Jacob Sirard, Adriana Stanley, Victoria Tinsley, Jack Ugrinow, Gabrielle Zopatti

Honors: Alexander Adkins, Jacob Anderson, Kasey Babkauskas, Alyesia Bellamy, Alex Besiri, Luke Boliver, Alec Borelli, Ryan Bray, Vincent Brink, Joseph Budney, Caitlyn Burke, Riley Caruso, Jesse Catino, Eyan Chase, Petru Cojocaru, Yanieris Colon Vega, Richard Corriveau, Zachary Cournoyer, Peter Courville, Kyleigh Czechowski, LeeAnn Dagnese, Daniel Daige, Wyatt Daoust, Emma Davidson, Emma DeJong, Sean Derenas, Andrew Dip, Jayden-James Dunston, Abigail Egan, Jibril Erraihani, James Ferreira, Kacey Flanagan, Robert Fleck IV, Ethan Gallant, Giovanni Garcia, Kendal Griffin, Lucas Hafner, Renee Hallaman, Tristan Hanson, Riley Heenan, Alba Henriquez-Baez, Isabella Herholz, Valerie Hernandez, Derek Hosley, Ian James, Eva Jerez, JadyN Katz, Jordan Kippax, Madisyn Kozlowski, Alyssa Kutzko, Benjamin LaTour, Anna Lehtola, Emma Levasseur, Kristina Liberty, Abigayle Linde, Albert Luciano, Hannah Luukko, Ryan MacCormack, Marissa Masciarellik, Shaun McLaughlin, Jenna McLeish, Vincent Messier, Christian Nguyen, Madison Nolin, Alix Norman, Noah Okolita, Vanessa Paddock, Gianna Pantalone, Noalani Perez, Dominic Pigeon, Colin Plante, Laci Pollone, Nicholas Pollone, Logan Powers, Harrison Renaud, Xavier Rivera, Victoria Roberts, Nayeli Rodriguez, Samantha Russell, Amanda Seidler, Paige Seymour, Sydney Seymour, Jason Sinkis, Gerald Splaine, Ashton Stockenberg, Alysha Szaferowicz, Colton Tittle, Landon Walker, Natalie Walker, Ryleigh Warchal, Timothy Welch, Thomas Wilk, Hailey Williamson, Charlotte Worster, Stone Zink

Principal’s List: Jacob Alden, Kaidra Anderson, Annalease Arnberg, Hailey Benoit, Lindsey Berthiaume, Andrew Bousquet, Bridget Carrascal, Shane Conti, Deanna Davis, Nyasia Delgado9, Marissa Dumas, Jared Evora, Kayli Haskins, James Heywood, Matthew Hutchins, Jr., Matthew Lach, Julianna Laforce, Macaylah Miller, Cole Mitchell, Leah Monti, Dorina Muska, Benjamin Nashawaty, Peyton Parrettie, Evan Provost, Wyatt Rafferty, Zachary Sabotka, Connor Sentence, Cody Sexton, Brady Suprenant, Kyle Sylwanovicz, Trent Szela, Cole Vignali

Grade 9
High Honors: Kaelen Anderson, Kendall Bond, Jameson Burke, Jonathan Burke, Joshua Chumsae, Catherine Comeau, Ryan Dawson, Carly Donohue, Midrose Freeman, Avery Gifford, Keegan Hall, Valerie Hilner, Leah Johnson, Anya Kittredge, Ayla McGrail, Isabel McLam, Jersey Mejias, Jacob Mornello, Julian Mucci, Maya Ortiz, Brad Piekarczyk, Savannah Steiner, Aaliyah Szkutak, Madison Teal, Manaali Vaidya, Angelica Vega

Honors: Nicholas Adler, Dominic Balducci, Connor Belanger, Hope Belford, Jessica Benoit, Briana Berrios, Cherise Berthiaume, Lake Boucher, Camden Bousquet, David Boyce, Kaiden Brochu, Kendra Brooks, Jason Brum, Julia Burgos, Trentin Buzzell, Aidan Carpenter, Johnathon Carter, Hannah Cavan, Matthew Chatterton, Mikayla Clyne, Makayla Collazo, Olivia Collins, Noah Cournoyer, Mikayla Crocker, Adison Daoust, Philippe Dasilva, Jenna Defosse, Jasai Diaz, Madison Dolan, Gregory Downie, Bryce Dube, Braelyn Dunn, Emma Dwyer, Logan Edwards, Claire Farrar, Conor Gadbois, Erin Gallant, Hailee Gelinass, Antony Gonzalez, Reyna Gonzalez, Noah Goulet, Alicia Graveson, Matthew Guerin, Evan Gunnard, Daniel Harris, Abigail Haynes, Bryce Hutchinson, Ava Iozzo, Molly Isaacs, Kayah Jadcak, Jacob Johnson, Skylar Johnson-Mello, Jacob Jurado, Eliza Kalwarczyk, Sarah Kempskie, Emma Knott, Samuel Lamont, Katherine Landgren, Samantha Landgren, Hayden Larson, Nathan Lashua, Emma Leclair, Benjamin Lombardi, Eva Lombardi, James MacConnell, Mrianda Magalhaes, Lillian Maglich, Joseph Mancini, Aiden McCarthy, Emma McLaughlin, Jed McManus, Paul McManus, Calle Merchant, Cheyene Monsen, Zachary Moody, Brendan Moran, Sullivan Morse, Camron Mortell, Robert Mousseau, Ava Murray, Kayleigh Norris, Dale Nussey, Ashlyn Olejniczak, Jordan Packard, Alaina Pafume, Dominic Paldino, Jonathan Pemberton, Raegan Perreault, Willis Perreault, Marishka Pitzacker, Ryan Plante, Gabriel Prado, Melany Rebeiro, Noah Racinos Rodgers, Casey Renaud, Nevin Rivera, Lilliana Rockwood, Luzmarianne Rodriguez Cirino, Shairy Ruibal-Rios, Nicholas Santoro, Nash Sicari-Swinimer, Aysel Silva Nieves, Abigayle Simpson, Zaydyn Streeter-Wornham, John Sullivan, Kathryn Szretter, Cassandra Tinsley, Hailie Tod, Brady Tremblay, Matthew Twombly, Alison Welton, Amelia White, Dayzyah Wintzel Neely, Cayden Young

Principal’s List: Christopher Aguilar, Connor Allain, Connor Barrette, Teah Boyd, Noah Brown, Nathan Clemence, Travis Cronin, Mariah Cutroni, Hunter Davis, Trenton Desmarais, Gabrielle Erickson, Ari Erkok, Kayla Evans, Jaden Fall, Aiden Fausek, John Gordon, Devan Grensavitch, Deirdre Hartnett, Ella Houle, Elena Jerez, Douglas Johnny, Logan Letourneau, Jadirel Nunez, Julia Osche, Jocelyn Patterson, Emerson Pitz, Dylan Polinski, Eva Powers, Lixiana Resto-Nichols, Joseph Roman, John Rutter, Jeisery Santiago Martinez, Dominic Schoff, Ed Simon, Zoeybeth Streeter-Woenham, Isabella Tolomio, Colin Vaillancourt, Kevin Vazquez-Rivera, Adrian Vitkos

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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 Phetdalinh Pany to Sebastian Birritteri, Trustee of Oxford Lenders Trust (u/d/t dated August 15, 2019, recorded with the Worcester South District Registry of Deeds in Book 60909, Page 245), which mortgage is dated August 20, 2019, and recorded with the Worcester South District Registry of Deeds in Book 60909, Page 252, as affected by a modification to mortgage dated January 16, 2020, and recorded in Book 61752, Page 226, as affected by a second modification to mortgage dated October 6, 2020, and recorded in Book 63538, Page 104, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 o'clock P.M. on the 10th day of May 2022, upon the hereinafter-described mortgaged premises, known as and numbered as 149 Charlton Street, Oxford, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singularly the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:
The land in the westerly part of Oxford, Worcester County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the most easterly corner of land to be conveyed at an iron pipe driven in the ground on the Westerly line of Charlton Street and also being the most northerly corner of land now or formerly of Theresa Paige; THENCE by Charlton Street N 38° 40' W one hundred ninety-nine and five-tenths (199.5) feet to an iron pipe driven in the ground at land now or formerly of Frederick W. Johnson and Mary Johnson; THENCE by said Johnson land S 40° 40' W three hundred thirteen and nine-tenths (313.9) feet to an iron pipe set in a stone wall at other land now or formerly of Theresa Paige; THENCE by a wall and said Paige land S 40° E one hundred fifteen and two-tenths (115.2) feet to an iron pipe at a corner of the wall and a wire fence; THENCE by said Paige land N 55° E three hundred nine and fifty-four hundredths (309.54) feet to the place of beginning.
Containing 48,282 square feet more or less.
For Mortgagor's title, see deed dated July 30, 2018, recorded with Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Book 59196, Page 198.
The premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens, and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens, or encumbrances is made in the deed, and subject to and with the benefit of all building, zoning, and other land use laws, including all permits and approvals issued pursuant thereto.
Terms of Sale: A deposit in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) by certified check or bank cashier's check will be required to be shown at the time and the place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of the purchase price is to be paid by certified check or bank cashier's check at the office of mortgagee's attorney, Law Office of Jonathan Gold, Riverside Center, 275 Grove Street, Suite 2-400, Newton, MA 02466, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control.
Other terms, if any, to be announced at the time and place of sale.
Sebastian Birritteri, Trustee of Oxford Lenders Trust
By its Attorney,
LAW OFFICE OF JONATHAN GOLD
Riverside Center
275 Grove Street Suite 2-400
Newton, MA 02466
(617) 375-0006
April 8, 2022
April 15, 2022
April 22, 2022

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given by Precision Auto Rebuilders, Inc., 243 W Main St Dudley MA 01571 pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.255, Section 39 A that on April 29, 2022 @ 5PM at: Precision Auto Rebuilders, Inc., 243 W Main St Dudley MA 01571 the following motor vehicle will be sold at a private sale to satisfy the garage keeper's lein thereon for storage, towing charges and ex-

penses of notices of said vehicle:
Vehicle: VIN# 1N4AL2AP9AN412530, 2010 Nissan Altima
Owner: Stanley Bernard, 14 Center Rd., Dudley MA 01571
April 8, 2022
April 15, 2022
April 22, 2022

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO22P1241EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Ida E. Dougherty
Date of Death: 03/18/2022

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Frank Dougherty of Southbridge MA and John Dougherty of Webster MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that **Frank Dougherty of Southbridge MA and John Dougherty of Webster MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/10/2022**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS
UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 13, 2022
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate

TOWN OF DUDLEY
OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF
WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
The DEP is requiring the Dudley Water Department to implement a non-essential outdoor water use restriction, according to the new Water Management Act of 2011. This will become effective May 1st, 2022 through September 30th, 2022, between the hours of 9:00 am. until 5:00 p.m.
All restrictions and acceptable outdoor water use will be posted on the Dudley Access Channel (Channel 12) and also on the Town website: www.dudleyma.gov
April 22, 2022

DUDLEY PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING LEGAL NOTICE
In accordance with the provisions of Section 5.04, Site Plan Review, of the Dudley Zoning Bylaw, the Dudley Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at 7:30 pm in the Dudley Municipal Complex, Room 321-A (DMC, Veterans Memorial Hall), 71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA 01571, on the application of Dudley Landfill, LLC, 111 Speen Street, Suite 410, Framingham, MA for Major Site Plan Review. The project entails construction of an approximately 1,830 kW DC ground-mounted solar photovoltaic array and 1,250 kW AC battery energy storage system at the Dudley landfill. The site plan was prepared by Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc., 55 Walkers Brook Drive, Suite 100, Reading, MA 01867, dated March 30, 2022. The facility is sited on Map 122 Lots 27 and 28 and Map 235 Lot 80. The property is in the Town Refuse Disposal (TRD) zoning district where large scale ground mounted solar photovoltaic systems are allowed by right with site plan review.
Copies of the plan and application are on file in the Planning Board Office and the Town Clerk's Office, both of which are located in the Dudley Municipal Complex, 71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA 01571, and may be inspected during regular working hours.
The Planning Board will receive public input at the public hearing. Any person

interested or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated. If you wish to comment but are unable to attend, please submit written comments to the Planning Board Office before 4:30 p.m. on May 10, 2022.
**Guy Horne, Chairman
Dudley Planning Board**
April 22, 2022
April 29, 2022

A.C. 92A
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
21E0041PP
Worcester, ss.
Probate Court

To Ediz Pelevan of Dudley in the County of Worcester and to all persons interested.
A petition has been presented to said Court by Jennifer Breault of Dudley in the County of Worcester representing that she hold as tenant in common undivided part or share of certain land lying in Dudley in said County Worcester and briefly described as follows:
The land and dwelling located in the Town of Dudley, Worcester County, Massachusetts known as 7 Ash Lane, Dudley, Massachusetts being more particularly described as Lot 29 on a plan of land entitled, "Subdivision of Land Owned by Raymond Marchi Phase II and III Developer M&H Development Corp." dated November 9, 1992 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 717 plan 71.
setting forth their desires that – all – the aforesaid described part – of said land may be sold at private sale for not less than \$395,000.00 dollars, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof.
If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Worcester before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the seventeenth day of May 2022, the return date of this citation.
Witness, LEILAH A. KEAMY, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this thirteenth day of April 2022.
Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
April 22, 2022
April 29, 2022
May 6, 2022

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO22P1294EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Mark A Kolodziejczak
Date of Death: 10/23/2014

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **Peter D Pasciucco of Hingham MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that **Peter D Pasciucco of Hingham MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/10/2022**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS
UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 13, 2022
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate

April 22, 2022

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Docket No. WO22P1212EA
Estate of:
Joseph L. Walkowiak
Also known as:
Joseph Louis Walkowiak
Date Of Death: January 22, 2022
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner **Barbara A Plasse of Webster MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.
Barbara A Plasse of Webster MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
April 22, 2022

A.C. 92A
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
22E0015PP
Worcester, ss.
Probate Court

To Carol M. Messier Personal Representative of the Estate of Sten To R. Brote late of Sutton in the County of Worcester and to all other persons interested.
A petition has been presented to said Court by Deborah Allard and Jacqueline Courtemanche both of Oxford in the County of Worcester representing that they hold as tenant in common undivided part or share of certain land lying in Oxford in said County Worcester and briefly described as follows:
39 Wells Street, Unit 39, Oxford, Massachusetts being part of the 35-41 Wells Street Condominiums created pursuant to a Master Deed dated April 11, 2006 and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 39561 Page 1 as amended and being shown on a plan recorded with the Worcester District registry of Deeds in Plan Book 840 Plan 123.
setting forth their desires that – all – the aforesaid described part – of said land may be sold at private sale for not less than \$199,000.00 dollars, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof.
If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Worcester before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the seventeenth day of May 2022, the return date of this citation.
Witness, LEILAH A. KEAMY, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-fourth day of March 2022.
Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
April 22, 2022
April 29, 2022
May 6, 2022

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DUDLEY HAYDEN POND WATERFRONT - 48 Hayden Pond Rd! Recently Renovated, beautifully appointed, 5 Rm Waterfront Ranch! Enjoy sunsets, fishing & all water sports! Vinyl Composite decking & vinyl railings! Open floor plan! Cathedral ceilings w/ skylights! Din Rm w/slider to covered deck! Kit w/quartz counters & SS appliances! Liv Rm w/stunning views of the Pond! Comfortable Master w/generous closet & half bath! 2nd bedroom or office! Full bath w/washer/dryer hook ups! Full basement for storage or additional living space! Floating Dock! Shed! **\$525,000.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 301 Beacon Park! 5 Rm End Corner Garden Unit - One Level Living - No Stairs! 10 Beautiful Acres of Park Lake Grounds w/Fantastic Panoramic Lake Views! 1,100' of Living Space! Ample Room for Year Round Living or as 2nd Home - Summers on the Lake - Winters in Florida! Well Maintained! 2 Bedrms! Master Bath, 2 Baths Total! Beautiful Lakeside Pool, Spectacular Beach, Best on the Lake! Detached Garage! **\$320,000.00!**

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DUDLEY - 7 SHINE AVENUE



Better than new! 3100 Sq.Ft. of spacious living! METICULOUS, OVERSIZED CAPE w/CONTEMPORARY FLARE! CLEAN, UPDATED & SPACIOUS! .62 Acre Lot, 120'+ Rd Front, Private Backyard, 9 RMS, Front-To-Back Living Rm w/Frplc & scenic views, Open Flr Plan Kitchen/Dining w/Slider to rear deck, 1st Flr Office, 2 Car Att'd Garage, 2nd Flr Great Rm over garage, MSTR BR Suite w/MSTR Bath, 2 more LG BRs, 2-1/2 Baths, LL BATH! AN EXTRAORDINARY OFFERING! Central Air, Central Vac. BEAUTIFULLY landscaped grounds. **\$549,000.**

New Listing!

WEBSTER - 98 MINEBROOK RD



CAR/BOAT ENTHUSIASTS TAKE NOTE! 1.67 Acre Property Features 3 Buildings & 6 Garage Bays - 8', 10' & 12' Doors! Ample Space for all your TOYS! Close to I-395 & Webster Lake! A MUST SEE! - TOO MANY FEATURES TO LIST! *Cash or Special Financing due to its "Unfinished" status. **\$565,000.**

WEBSTER - 7 BRODEUR AVENUE



RARE FIND ~ TO BE BUILT - SPRAWLING 2,200 SQFT+ RANCH HOME! GARAGE Level 1/2 Acre Lot! FOUNDATION IS IN. Private backyard. GREAT LAYOUT! SOLID HARDWOOD FLOORS THROUGHOUT!

WEBSTER - 10 GRANITE STREET



CONTRACTORS TAKE NOTICE! Single Family, need of Repair, 1,900 SF, 3 BRs, 1-1/2 Baths, 6,200 SF Lot, Oil Heat, City Gas avail. Architectural Character! SOLD "AS IS" - Submit Offers, Cash or Rehab Financing. **\$199,900.**

WEBSTER - 32 MAPLE STREET



Two Family, 2,113 SF, 9 Rms, 2 BRs, 2-1/2 Baths, 16,917 SF Lot. Det'd Garages for 3 Cars Great Opportunity for Owner Occupant! assisted sale **\$297,000.**

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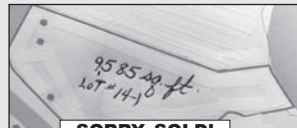
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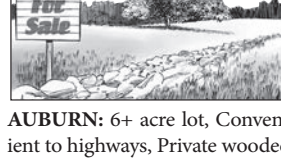
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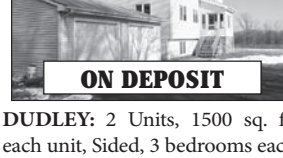
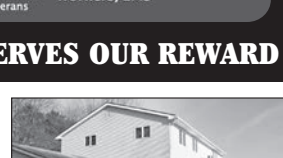
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SPORTS

Plays in the field help Shepherd Hill, hinder Warriors in competitive softball tilt



Shepherd Hill's Mackenzie Millette goes into her throwing motion before tossing a pitch.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR



Amanda Adamuska of Shepherd Hill hits a single, one of her two hits versus Tantasqua.

DUDLEY — Defense was the name of the game when the Shepherd Hill Regional varsity softball team hosted Tantasqua Regional on Thursday, April 14. The Rams committed just one error in the field, while the Warriors were the victim of five fielding miscues. That defensive disparity played into the game's outcome, as The Hill won a 6-2 decision.

"They made more plays than us," Tantasqua head coach Nate Orzech said after his team fell from the undefeated ranks, as they are now 5-1. "They put the ball in play and our girls struggled making the plays. We put the ball in play just as much and their girls made the plays."

Four of the Warriors' errors came in the fourth inning, when the Rams turned a 2-0 deficit into a 3-2 lead.

Shepherd Hill head coach John Snyder said that finally putting the ball into play in the fourth inning was the key to success. In the first three frames the Rams struck out eight times to Tantasqua pitcher Katelyn Schneider.

"Their pitcher was really dominating at first. We were going after her rise-ball...that was her strikeout pitch," said Snyder. "We did some bunting, small-ball and luckily they didn't make the plays and we scored."

In the fourth inning, Grace Garon reached base on a hard hit ball to left field. Later, with one out, Jennifer Brzostek put the ball in play and a throwing error led to Garon scoring. Another throwing error got Miranda Linde on base, and Brzostek and Linde scored when a sacrifice bunt produced yet another throwing error in the infield.

"They were routine plays that we need to make," said

Orzech.

Shepherd Hill added to its lead in the bottom of the fifth with three more runs. Brzostek (2-for-3) hit a two-RBI single into left field and Linde's hard shot to second base resulted in another error and another run scoring.

Schneider pitched well enough to win, as only two of the six runs she relinquished were earned. Schneider gave up six hits and walked one while striking out an impressive 12.

"She did a really good job," Orzech said of Schneider. "She hits her spots and the ball moves — that's what makes her good."

Orzech wasn't thrilled with his team's offensive output, as the Warriors scored single runs in the first and second innings. They were scored on a Taylor Bronner sacrifice fly that plated Olivia Parker (2-for-4), who tripled, and a Hannah Wright infield single that scored Madison Luce. Tantasqua had seven hits with five of them coming in the first two frames.

"We struggled offensively today," said Orzech. "Their pitcher did a nice job keeping us off-balanced."

Shepherd Hill's pitcher was Mackenzie Millette. She struck out four and didn't surrender a walk.

"She was great. She's an easy-go-lucky girl anyway, but she really bore down after the first three innings," Snyder said of Millette.

The Rams are now 3-1 to open the season.

"This is where I wanted to be. I was hoping for 4-0 but Leominster's pitcher was dominant. I think [my team] learned a lot from that game," said Snyder.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Sturbridge Legion signup and tryout dates

Any baseball players interested in playing Sturbridge Legion Baseball that are born on Jan. 1, 2003 or later are eligible to pay. Signup date will be held on Saturday, April 30 from 10 a.m. to noon at Champeau-Vilandre Sturbridge Legion Post, 507 Main Street Fiskdale. Players should bring a photocopy of their birth certificate when they register at signups to insure their eligibility. All players that live in Sturbridge or attend Tantasqua Regional High School are all eligible to play for the Sturbridge team, also players from surrounding towns may also be eligible to play. Team will conduct tryouts Saturday, May 21 from 10 a.m. to noon and Sunday, May 22 from 1 to 3 p.m., both tryout dates will be held at Tantasqua Regional High School varsity baseball field. For more information you can contact team manager Jim Rosseel (774) 230-1784, email: jimrosseel@hotmail.com or coach Rich Wetherbee (508) 981-0897, email: qcards@aol.com.

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SPORTS

Early runs get Bay Path into win column versus Rockets



Bay Path's Grace Jones goes low to be able to foul off the incoming pitch.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — The Bay Path Regional varsity softball team used a tried and true recipe to defeat Auburn High, 7-4, on Friday, April 15 — a potent offensive attack, dominant pitching and crisp defense.

With the win, its second straight, Bay Path improved to 3-1 on the young season. Auburn, having opened the season with three straight wins, dropped to 3-2 with the non-league loss.

“We played well,” Rick Carrero said about the victory, which was his 50th as head coach of the Minutemen. “We played with a lot of spirit and enthusiasm, and that’s what helps us ride. When we’re into it and we’re having fun, and we’re excited, we’re a tough team to beat.”

At the plate Bay Path finished the game with nine hits, four of them doubles. Sophomore LeeAnn Dagnese had a pair of the two-baggers while classmate Sam Buchanan and junior Grace Jones also doubled in the game. On a windy day atop Muggett Hill, the Minutemen had a very specific approach at the plate.

“The one thing I liked about the two big innings we had was that we were hitting line drives,” Carrero said. “LeeAnn’s two doubles come on line drives, Grace had a nice hit over the centerfielder’s head, and Sam drove in a run with a nice line drive to left. This win was a total team effort.”

The Minutemen jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning, sending eight batters to the plate in the frame.

Freshman Kalli Sheehan led off for Bay Path by reaching on a bunt single and advancing to second base on a throwing error by the Rockets. Sheehan gave the Minutemen a 1-0 lead by scampering home when Buchanan, the next batter, slammed the first pitch she saw down the left field line for a run-scoring double.

Buchanan then pushed Bay Path’s lead to 2-0, scoring when Dagnese followed with an RBI double to nearly the exact same spot. Dagnese extended the Minutemen lead to 3-0, scoring with two out, on the first of the Rockets’ three errors in the game.

Auburn cut the Bay Path lead to 3-1 in the top of the second inning, senior Sydney Lyons scoring on an RBI single to left field off the bat of freshman Abby Belanger. Lyons reached base by leading off with a single to center field and then stole second base.

Bay Path sent nine batters to the plate in the bottom of the third inning, extending its lead to 7-1.

Dagnese led off with a wind-aided double to left field and then scored to make it 4-1 when Jones followed with her booming double to straightaway center field. After senior Paige Osche walked and stole second, Jones scored to make it 5-1 on the first of sophomore Anna Lehtola’s two hits, a single to left field.

Osche scored the sixth run of the game for the Minutemen when sophomore Katie Magnusson smacked a single to center field. Freshman Izzy McLam, a courtesy runner for Lehtola,



Starting pitcher Sam Buchanan of Bay Path sends the ball on its way.

went to second on the play and then third when freshman Savannah Steiner singled to left field. McLam pushed the Bay Path lead to 7-1 when she scored on a groundout to short by Sheehan.

Auburn cut its deficit to 7-2 when junior Mattea Dipadua led off the fifth inning with a home run to left field. With one out senior Paige Stewart reached base on a sharp single down the left field line. She scored when sophomore Kaleigh Papierski homered to left field, cutting the Minutemen lead to 7-4.

Buchanan, a sophomore, was solid in the circle for Bay Path, picking up the complete-game win, allowing Auburn’s four earned runs on 10 hits while striking out eight and walking one. The victory was her third of the season.

“My fastball and my drop were working pretty well,” said Buchanan, who recorded five of her eight strikeouts by locating her fastball on the outside portion on the plate. “Once I saw that the outside strike was going to be called I tried to put the ball there as much as possible.”

“Sam is a very good pitcher,” Carrero said. “She locates the ball very well.



Bay Path center fielder Paige Osche sees the ball into her glove.

When she’s under control and in command of her pitches, she’s tough to hit.”

Auburn’s 10-hit attack was led by Papierski (double, home run, two RBI), Lyons (three singles), and Belanger (two doubles).

“We waited too long. It just took us some time to come around. I’m not sure why,” Auburn coach Sandy Lavallee said about her team’s performance at the plate. “The girls are getting into their heads. They need to relax and just do what they know how to do naturally. They’re all really good hitters. They hit the ball well in practice. I think they’ve just got to get out of their heads.”

Dipadua went the distance in the circle for the Rockets, allowing nine hits while striking out seven and walking one.

“Mattea settled in nicely; she had a heck of a game,” Lavallee said. “She pitched great. She’s been pitching very well this year. I expect to see more of that.”

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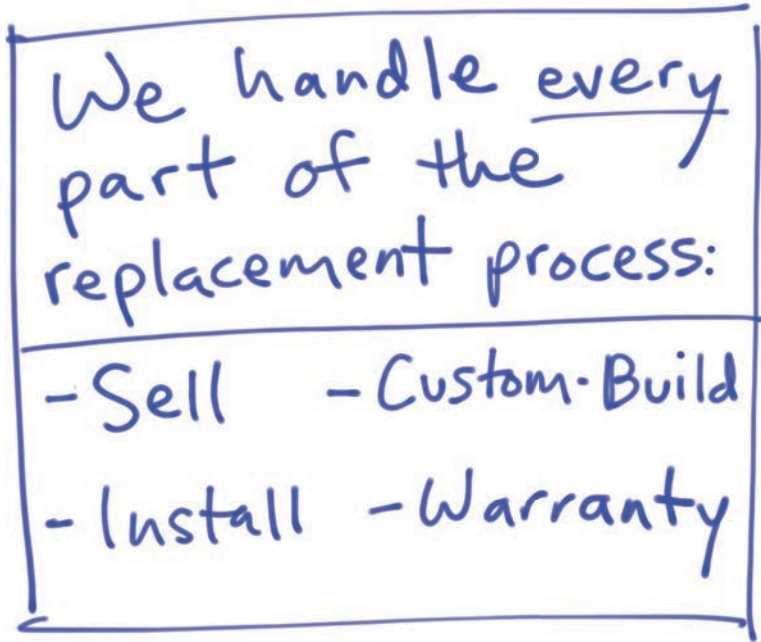
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