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Oxford Middle School recognizes students each month who exemplify our Be The 3 goals of Respect, Responsibility, and Safety as well as showing that attendance matters, displaying citizenship, and showing growth in a variety of ways. This month, OMS celebrates Heather Stebbins, Ana Benitez Payano, Tim Hall Cook, Destiny Purcell, Zachary Dubsy, and Sadie Steward as our December Students of the Month.

Conservation Commission approves junkyard cleanup plan

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER—The Conservation Commission put their stamp on an issue the selectmen have had on their plate for a few weeks now – the long-term cleanup of 114 Worcester Rd.

On Jan. 6, the commission approved a six-phase, three-year plan to remove tires, a crane, old truck and car parts and miscellaneous metal items from the unnamed perennial stream on that property. Agent Joey Wigglesworth said there aren't too many actual vehicles, but many "piles of steel," with some oil and other material probably near the building. The ultimate goal, he said, is to remove stuff from the stream and push it all at least 25 feet from the water.

"This situation at 114 Worcester Rd. didn't happen overnight, so it's going to take some time to clean up," Wigglesworth said, adding that he thinks this phasing will enable that to happen "from worse to better."

"This material has been there for decades, and the trees have grown up through it, which makes it very hard to move it," owner's attorney David Dupont said.

He said the plan is to clear the stream and "sell off what we can sell."

Dupont represented Vito Lomuscio of Lomuscio Trucking, which is seeking to obtain the property's junk license from its current holder, LaPlante Brothers. Last month, that license came up for renewal before the selectmen, who put it on hold until March to see what the ConCom decided and to see progress happen. But it will still have to decide which applicant it will give the license to, since both Lomuscio and LaPlante filed applications.

A fair amount of discussion surrounded requiring Lomuscio to install what's called a "filter sock" in the stream at the point it reaches the culvert under Route 12. That's intended to catch any sediment and other material the removal work is likely to dislodge, preventing it from getting to the French River about a half mile away. As one member noted, some of the vehicles there are embedded quite deeply into the stream and nearby soil.

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Volunteer opportunities at Samuel Slater Experience

WEBSTER — Samuel Slater Experience guides are volunteer hosts who support and enhance visitors' experiences throughout their tour of the museum. We are currently looking for additional volunteers to assist us during regular open hours on weekends and school field trips in the spring.

Experience guides greet visitors, assist with self-guided tours, supply transitional and anecdotal information for the exhibits, conduct group tours, and answer general questions about the Samuel Slater story.

Our volunteers have diverse backgrounds and skills, but all share an interest and enthusiasm for the history of the American Industrial Revolution and the founding of our local mill towns.

Experience guides receive a family membership for free entry to the museum during their tenure as volunteers. They also receive a 20 percent discount in the gift shop and invitations to special events.

If you'd like to learn more or apply, contact Nicole Gaudette at 508-491-2955 or email admin@samuelslaterexperience.org.

About Samuel Slater Experience

The Samuel Slater Experience museum, which opened in March 2022, uses immersive digital technology and interactive exhibits to tell the story of Samuel Slater, the early American Industrial Revolution, and the creation of economically thriving mill towns like Webster, Massachusetts.

The museum is at 31 Ray St., Webster. For open hours and programs, go to www.samuelslaterexperience.org.

Oxford Community Center hosts Fourth Annual Fun, Frost & Family Winter Festival

OXFORD — The Oxford Community Center is hosting Oxford's Fourth Annual Fun, Frost & Family Winter Festival to be held Jan. 25, sponsored by The Mass Cultural Council, Oxford Cultural Council, Janet Malser Humanities Trust, Smolenski Millette Trusts, and McDonalds Sellia Corporation.

The day will begin at 10:30 a.m. with our official Law Enforcement Torch Run Polar Plunge into Carbundle Pond, 12 Carbundle Dr. Oxford Fire/EMS has been assisting since year one, and this year we welcome the support of our Oxford Police Department. Those entering the water will be raising money for Special Olympics. Oxford's local youth sports leagues – Oxford Youth Soccer, Oxford Webster Youth Football and Cheer, Little League, and Lassie League - have been challenged to compete against one another for the highest number of registered participants and the highest fundraising total! Others are invited to register for the plunge as individuals or groups. Ample parking is available on-site for registrants and spectators. We'd love to have you join us!

You can donate and/or register for the Plunge at

<https://fundraise.specialolympicsma.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=851>.

The First Congregational Church is joining the fun hosting a pancake breakfast at 11 a.m., sponsored in part by Oxford McDonalds. Weather-permitting, free horse drawn carriage rides will pick up at the corner of Church Street between noon and 3 p.m. Activities continue on Oxford Town Common on Main Street, also from noon to 3 p.m., with music and the prize wheel by 104-5 XLO, Minute-to-Win-it games, food trucks, free hot chocolate and smores at our fire pits. Clowning with LeeLee will provide glitter tattoos and magic shows at 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. on the bandstand. Read Wishing Tree wishes from 2023 and 2024 and add your wishes for 2025. Youth athletic leagues will be on hand to share registration information for their 2025 seasons. The Army Corps of Engineers will also be there with displays and information on Hodges Village Dam trails. New to Town, NE Kung Fu will present Kung Fu and Tai Chi demonstrations.

When you need to warm up, visit the Vendor Fair at the Oxford Community Center gymnasium, where you can also listen to live music with Stephen George and Nancy Marshall, and youngsters can get creative with cookie decorating in the OCC lower level. Other warm options include this year's

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DCRSD officials present Superintendent and Principal Awards

BY JASON BLEAU
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DUDLEY/CHARLTON — The Dudley-Charlton Regional School Committee celebrated the annual recognition of two outstanding students in the graduating class to kick off the new year. The honorees for the Superintendent's Award and Shepherd Hill Regional High School Principal's Award were presented on Jan. 8 with both students receiving certificates for their educational success and commitment to the school community.

The first honor was the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents Certificate of Academic Excellence presented by Superintendent Steven Lamarche to senior Donovan Ennis. Lamarche praised Ennis as a fine example of a student who not only strives



Superintendent Steven Lamarche presents the winner of this year's Superintendent's Award, Donovan Ennis.

to accomplish personal excellence but also fully embraces his responsibility as a student leader.

"Having had the privilege of observing his academic journey and personal growth, I can confidently say that Donovan exemplifies the qualities of outstanding scholarship and demonstrates immense promise for future success," said Lamarche. "Academically,

Donovan stands in a class of his own. Throughout his high school career, he has maintained an unweighted 4.0 GPA while excelling in rigorous coursework such as AP seminar, AP research, and AP Calculus BC. His commitment to academic excellence extends beyond traditional classrooms, as evidenced by his success in dual-enrollment college courses



Shepherd Hill Principal Darren Elwell presented the Principal's Award to Mekhi Blanc.

and virtual biotechnology studies, where he also earned top marks. As a Rensselaer Medalist, recognized for his excellence in math and science, Donovan's intellectual capacity and dedication to learning are undeniable. What truly distinguishes Donovan, however, is not just his stellar academic performance, but his remarkable ability to apply knowledge and

lead by example."

Ennis was instrumental in helping revive the Shepherd Hill Regional High School Robotics Club, founded STEMLink which promotes STEM education in his local community, and has been active member of the Dudley-Charlton Leadership Council helping inform Superintendent Lamarche to help pro-

Jason Bleau

mote district-wide initiatives. He has also worked on the state level with Senator Ryan Fattman to promote STEM initiatives and mental health awareness. In December, he was selected by the Acting Commissioner and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education as one of the U.S. Presidential Scholar nominees to represent Massachusetts. He plans to continue his education seeking a career in the biomedical field or chemical engineering.

The second honor, the Principal's Award, was presented by Shepherd Hill Principal Darren Elwell to senior Mekhi Blanc for his contributions and success at the high school. Blanc, who transferred to Shepherd Hill as a sophomore in 2022, was praised for his intellectual curiosity, work ethics, and his

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Bay Path Academy Director recognized with two citations

WORCESTER — Massachusetts State Sen. Ryan Fattman and State Rep. John J. Marsi, Jr., through Amanda Galonek Hellyar, MPA, Deputy District Director and Special Projects Coordinator from the Office of Senator Ryan Fattman, Worcester & Hampden presented a citation to Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Director, Gretheline Bolandrina DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN of Athol, formerly of Dudley and Douglas. The citations were an acknowledgement for Bolandrina's accomplishments and award as a Champion of Health Care creating partnerships to enhance community health as recognized by the Worcester Business Journal. Citations are awarded to constituents who have reached a significant personal or professional milestone.

Ryan C. Fattman currently serves in the Massachusetts State Senate. Previously, he represented the 18th Worcester district in the Massachusetts House of Representatives as a Republican. John J. Marsi, Jr. is currently serving as a Republican member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives from the 6th Worcester district. Originally from Isabela, Philippines, Bolandrina had an interesting path that eventually led her to Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy. She attended high school in Novaliches, Quezon City, and obtained her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree at the University of Santo Tomas (UST) College of Nursing, UST, officially the Pontifical and Royal University of

Santo Tomas, is a private, Catholic research university in Manila, Philippines. Founded in 1611, UST has an autonomous status with Centres of Excellence in the fields of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Medical Technology, Biology, Chemistry, Chemical Engineering, Teacher Education, Philosophy, Psychology, Tourism & Hospitality Management and Music. She worked at the Philippine General Hospital for a year prior to moving to Boston. The move to the US was prompted by Bolandrina's mother and father who knew she needed a safer environment. Bolandrina stated, "My father has been an enormous influence in my life. He would tell me, become a nurse, and go to America. Never forget the Philippines. He always offered great advice, having traveled the world as a journalist." At 22,

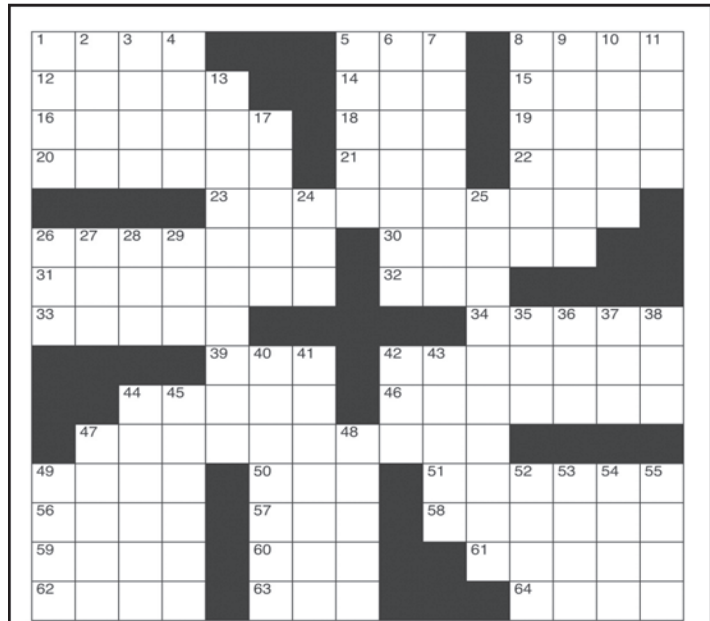
Bolandrina was an entry level nurse at St. John of God Hospital in Boston with a specialty in rehabilitation nursing. She became a CRRN (Certified Rehabilitation Registered Nurse) in 1994. After moving to Boston, Bolandrina became more focused on her nursing career. That focus led her to nursing education. Bolandrina stated, "I believe in serendipity as well as God's plan to bring me where I am today. As I have worked to care for patients and influence lives, nursing education changed me for the better. I see myself in many of the nursing students. I can share my experience and nursing journey with the students I mentor. I enjoy seeing them succeed." Bolandrina obtained her Master of Science in Nursing education in 2013 at University of Phoenix and her Doctor of Health Administration degree also from University of Phoenix in 2021. She was inducted to the Iota



Amanda Galonek Hellyar and Gretheline Bolandrina. Phi-at-Large Chapter; Chapter of the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau (STTT), the Upsilon Phi Delta Society University of Phoenix-Phoenix Chapter Sigma Alpha Pi, and The National Society of Leadership and Success.

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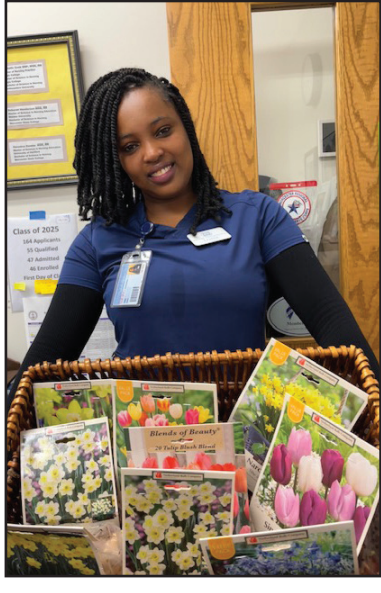
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 - Regions
 - The center of a city
 - Hindu serpentine deity
 - Roared
 - Sun up in New York
 - "Sir" in Malaysian
 - Shrimp dish
 - Muckraker Tarbell
 - Apex
 - Harmonic effects
 - One of Babe Ruth's nicknames
 - Groups in organic chemistry
 - More pleasant-tasting
 - Spring forward
 - Noted writer
 - Building occupied by monks
 - "The world's most famous arena"
 - Colorless liquid hydrocarbon
 - Long or fast speech
 - Things you can eat
 - Substance in which magnetic moments are not aligned
 - Actor Idris
 - I (German)
 - Taxes
 - Indonesian island
 - Nuisance (slang)
 - Shawl
 - Digits
 - Moved on foot quickly
 - "For goodness ___"
 - Facial body part
 - Russian river
 - Urinates

- CLUES DOWN**
- Partner to "oohs"
 - Scaly water dweller
 - Pueblo people of New Mexico
 - Music producer Teo
 - Greek mythological goddess
 - Got together to discuss
 - Acquires
 - Involve
 - Some are tomato-based
 - Old Irish alphabets
 - A sheet of glass in a window or door
 - Blood poisoning
 - A moon of Saturn
 - Neither
 - Sums
 - They follow "A"
 - Satisfaction
 - People of southeastern Burma
 - Small amount
 - Guy (slang)
 - Sound unit
 - Midway between northeast and east
 - Affirmative
 - Almost at the top
 - Extremely slow
 - Pearl Jam's debut album
 - Influential mid-century playwright
 - Martens
 - Approval
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Bay Path Nursing student coordinates flower bulb distribution



Loise Ngigi

CHARLTON — Thirty-six members of the Practical Nursing Class of 2025 were recipients of premium flower bulbs from Achilles Agway of Keene, New Hampshire. Hundreds of tulips and daffodil bulbs were donated to Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy and distributed to the Practical Nursing students as part of self-care efforts and in collaboration with the UNICEF Club. Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy was one of many non-profit organi-

zations chosen to receive bags of premium flower bulbs. The same bulbs are sold online and at the Keene, NH location of Achilles Agway. According to Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN, Academy Director, "Going to nursing school is a busy time. Like nursing, flower bulb planting is both an art and a science." Bolandrina stated, "The care one takes in planting is both therapeutic and stress relieving. It is a beautiful form of self-care." Loise Ngigi of South Grafton, a member of the PN Class of 2025 and UNICEF Club officer graciously coordinated the distribution of the flower bulbs. "I like doing it," said Ngigi with a smile. Ngigi is a compassionate Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) and certified home health aide (HHA) whose knowledge is based on the accumulation of seven years of direct experience as a certified HHA and CNA. She obtained her nursing assistant certification through the 3 Dimensions College (Worcester) in 2017. She

obtained her high school diploma from Moi Girls Kamangu High School in Kenya (2012). As a practical nursing student at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, she has completed her Dementia Care certification. She is certified in BLS/HCP/CPR (Basic Life Support, Health Care Provider Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation), Medical Administration Program (MAP), and Mental Health First Aid. She was a CNA at River Terrace Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center (Lancaster) and is currently a direct support professional at Venture Community Services (Sturbridge).

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Saint Joseph School celebrates beginning of the Year of Hope



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Saint Joseph School faculty, staff, and students gather in celebration after Mass on Sunday, Jan. 12 to kick off the Jubilee Year of Hope, united in faith and community as they embark on this special year of grace. At the center of the group, students proudly hold the framed decree written by Bishop Robert McManus, officially opening the jubilee year in the Diocese of Worcester.

WEBSTER — On Sunday, Jan. 12, Saint Joseph School students joined parishioners and clergy for a special Mass at Saint Joseph Basilica to mark the beginning of the church's Jubilee Year, The Year of Hope. This momentous occasion united the school community, reinforcing its shared faith, renewal, and Hope.

A Catholic Jubilee Year is a special year of grace and spiritual renewal, observed every 25 years. It is a time for Catholics worldwide to grow closer to God through prayer, reconciliation, and acts of service. The Jubilee Year 2025, centered on the theme of Hope, was inaugurated by Pope Francis in December when he ceremoniously opened the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, symbolizing the passage to salvation and new beginnings.

This year also marks the 75th Jubilee of the Diocese of Worcester, a significant milestone in the history of our local Catholic community. This celebration and the global Jubilee Year make it a considerable time for the school community.

The Mass at Saint Joseph Basilica began with a welcome by Pastor and Headmaster Rev. Grzegorz Chodkowski. Associate Pastor Rev. Anthony Kazarnowicz then read Bishop Robert McManus' decree designating the 10 pilgrimage churches in the Diocese of Worcester. These churches serve as exceptional spiritual destinations for prayer and reflection throughout the Jubilee Year.

In his decree, Bishop Robert McManus emphasized the significance of pilgrimage during the Jubilee Year, stating, "A pilgrimage is a journey to a sacred place undertaken as an act of reli-

gious devotion, symbolizing our life's journey towards God."

He encouraged the faithful to visit the designated pilgrimage churches to seek spiritual renewal and deepen their faith during this special time. More importantly, Bishop McManus' decree opened the jubilee year in the Diocese of Worcester.

A procession followed the reading of the decree and was led by Rev. Chodkowski, who carried a special jubilee crucifix around the basilica. Included in the procession were altar servers, the Children of Mary, Saint Joseph School students, faculty, staff, and members of the Saint Joseph Parish Council. Saint Joseph School eighth-grade student and Student Council President Oluwatobiloba Akindele also played a unique role by having the honor of carrying Bishop Robert McManus' decree.

After the procession, Sr. Jeanne Marie Akalski read Pope Francis' bull of indiction, SPES NON CONFUNDIT "Hope Does Not Disappoint." This document officially declared the Jubilee Year and invited Catholics worldwide to embrace Hope as a guiding principle in their lives.

Special Mass festivities also included inspiring readings from students. Fourth-grader Rylan Shemansky shared a heartfelt poem, "Seeds of Hope," in honor of the Jubilee Year. Julia Biela followed with a moving recitation of "Together in Faith," a tribute to the Diocese of Worcester's rich history and commitment to faith and service. Rev. Chodkowski concluded the rite of introduction with the Jubilee Year Prayer that Saint Joseph School students will recite each morning.

Saint Joseph School students played signifi-

cant and proud roles in the Liturgy of the Word, a testament to their growing faith and understanding of the Catholic tradition. Eighth-grade student Jada Jackson had the privilege of reading the first reading from Isaiah, which speaks of God's everlasting strength and the renewal of our strength. Her classmate and Student Council Vice President Ayla Reed, read the second reading from Acts. Oluwatobiloba Akindele also participated in reading the Prayer of the Faithful, which is a moment for the congregation to voice their prayers and petitions. The Children of Mary members assisted in the offertory, further demonstrating the active involvement of the students in the Mass.

The Jubilee music during the Mass, beautifully led by the Saint Joseph School Children's Choir under the direction of Organist Maria Helena Czarnecka-Cielak, added a joyful and uplifting tone to the celebration, resonating with the spirit of the Jubilee Year and inspiring everyone present.

Following the Mass, the students, faculty, and staff gathered for a large group picture to commemorate the occasion. Students were then treated to donuts and juice in the rectory, hosted by Principal Beth Boudreau, Assistant Principal Mary Ann Weaver, and Rev. Chodkowski.

The day profoundly reminded everyone of the spiritual and communal strength of the Saint Joseph School community. It set a hopeful and joyful tone for the year ahead, inspiring everyone in attendance to embrace the Jubilee message and carry its lessons into their daily lives.

As the Jubilee Year 2025 unfolds, Saint Joseph

School remains committed to fostering Hope, faith, and renewal in its students and the broader community during this extraordinary time of grace.

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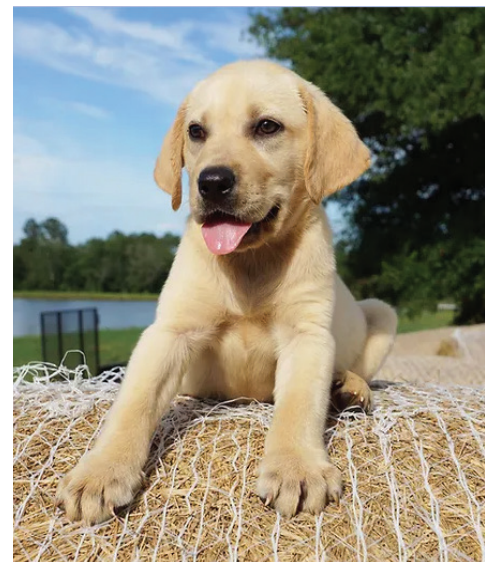
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The ties that really matter

You never really think about how much a good friend means until life throws you a curveball or a moment of joy, and you look around for someone to share it with. A true friend isn't just a person who's around when it's convenient; they're the ones who stick with you through life's messier moments, offering support when you need it and calling you out when you need that too. But as the years pass, it's easy to let these relationships fade into the background, overshadowed by work, family, and the endless demands of daily life.

Friendship isn't just a nice thing to have; it's a cornerstone of what makes life meaningful. Studies show that strong relationships can boost mental health, reduce stress, and even help us live longer. But this isn't about science. It's about the people who make you laugh until your ribs hurt, who know your embarrassing stories and love you anyway. These bonds are rare, and they deserve more care than we often give them.

Think about your own life, your moments of celebration, your hardest days. Who was there with you, either physically or in spirit? A good friend is the one who shows up, even when it's inconvenient, and listens without judgment. They're the person you call when you need advice but also when you just need someone to laugh with. That kind of bond doesn't come along every day, and when it does, it deserves to be nurtured.

But here's the thing: friendships don't maintain themselves. Life's busy pace often makes us assume that the people who matter will always be there, even if we don't put in the effort. Days turn into months, and before we know it, the people who once meant everything become distant memories. It's not intentional, it's just what happens when life gets in the way. Yet the cost of losing those connections can be profound, leaving us feeling isolated or unmoored when we need them most.

The good news? It doesn't take much to rebuild or maintain those bonds. A quick phone call, a handwritten note, or even a spontaneous "How are you?" text can remind someone they matter to you. Showing up doesn't always have to mean grand gestures; often, it's the little acts of consistency that count. It's not about having dozens of close friends; one or two truly meaningful relationships are enough to make a world of difference.

As life keeps moving forward, take a moment to think about the friends who've been there through thick and thin. Reach out to the ones you haven't spoken to in a while, even if it feels awkward at first. Friendship, like anything worth having, takes effort, but the rewards are immeasurable. A good friend isn't just someone who walks into your life, they're someone who stays. Make sure you do your part to keep them there.

In the end, life's most valuable currency isn't money or success; it's the people who stand by us through all of it. Good friends remind us of who we are when we forget, and they make even the hardest days a little easier to bear. Don't let the busyness of life rob you of one of its greatest gifts. Stay in touch. Stay connected. Because the best friendships are worth holding onto, no matter how far life pulls you apart.

VIEWPOINT

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



Courtesy

Dudley Middle School salutes its Students of The Month: 5th Grade - Maya Caron, Bentley Toto, Luca DiDonato, & Seth Cregg; 6th Grade - Charlotte Langlois, Grayson Belley, & Delaney O'Grady; 7th Grade - Abigail Avakian, Jasmine Hansen, & Anastasia Towadros; 8th Grade - Zachary Kaiser, Aslynn St. Laurent, & Noah Hamelin.

To put on Christ

I recently baptized the infant Elizabeth "Ella," the daughter of Olivia and Oliver Fahling. As a part of the baptismal service, we walked around the baptismal font singing, "As many as have been baptized in Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia."

Yet every time I do a baptism, it's an opportunity for all those in attendance to reflect on their baptism and ask themselves, "What does it mean? We have been baptized and mystically "put on Christ," and yet, have we practically adorned ourselves with Jesus Christ? What does it mean to "put on Christ?" Have we allowed Jesus to become a part of every aspect of our lives? "To put on Christ" means to adopt His worldview, to accept His way of life, to follow His teachings in every part of our lives, and to embrace the new reality that our life is not our own, but it is His!

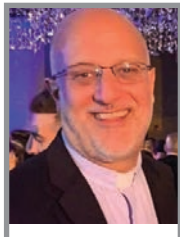
The Orthodox Christian faith is all about becoming a new creation. The old passes away and we become new. The old fallen nature into which we were born and its power over our lives has passed away through our baptism. Yes, we will still have the temptations of our fallen nature that lead us toward egocentric desires, anger, greed, hatred, lust and other such vices, yet these vices no longer control us when we put on Christ. When we embrace and live in the light of our baptismal grace, when we allow His grace to flow through our lives, we discover the inspiration and power to live according to God's desires. We truly become Christians, or little Christs, in the world.

Our baptism is more than simply a ritual of membership, or an act of entrance into the Body of the Church. Our baptism is a deep mystery that marks the beginning of our life-long journey of salvation. It is a journey of purification, illumination, and deification.

It's not simply confessing a belief in Jesus but putting on Christ means committing our life to Him as our Lord and Master and striving to imitate His life in ours. Through baptism our sins are forgiven, but more than that, we begin our union with God. Baptism can be seen as a TOMB and a WOMB - death to our fallen nature and New Life, a New Beginning as we put on Christ. Our baptism is our moment of being born again, born anew, born from on high.

In Baptism, we enter spiritual warfare and put on Christ as our armor. Now, some may question why we do infant baptism because infants aren't able to make any decision themselves and they don't even know what they are doing. That's true. Of course, parents make every decision for their infant children at that point of their life. And the mystery of baptism is not simply something parents decide to do for their children; it is a gift that God offers to us. Since baptism is the beginning of a new life in Christ, a life where we will continually grow in His likeness, then age should not be a factor in Baptism. We want our infant children to begin that process from the beginning of their lives. Thus, infant baptism is the natu-

ral consequence of a Christian parents for their children.



BEYOND THE PEWS

BY FR. LUKE A. VERONIS
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Of course, baptism isn't a magical tool with which to enter heaven, but it is a beginning. As the theologian John Romanides explains, "It is clear that after baptism, we are still subject to the possibility of falling into the hands of the devil and being cut off from the body of Christ. Baptism is no magical guarantee against the possibility that we can again become a slave to the devil and be cut off from the body of Christ. Through baptism, however, we declare unconditional war against the devil and his powers of division and corruption. And this war is continued in the corporate life of the Eucharist."

Thus, through our Baptism, we receive the gift of salvation. God offers us new birth and new life. He is faithful in His promise. We ourselves, however, must choose to remain faithful in our baptismal grace throughout our lives.

Here it is relevant to reflect on the words of Saint Paul to his disciple Timothy which he writes at the end of his life: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing."

We also must make it a priority to live out our baptismal grace, to fight the good spiritual fight and to run in a way where we finish the race into the Kingdom of Heaven. Our journey of faith means nothing if we begin a race at our baptism and then give up before the end. It means little if we are fervent for a time and excited about the race in the middle of life and then we drift away. Our journey with Christ is a life-long journey that continues into paradise. We must remain vigilant and attentive to the divine grace within us. We must struggle and fight, at times being injured, at times being exhausted, at times being tempted to give up or unconsciously drift away. We may even actually fall away for a time. But when we become aware of falling away, we then need to repent, confess, and get back up, continuing the journey.

As we struggle to stay rooted in our baptismal grace and putting on Christ, remember to keep His Good News at the center of this walk with Jesus. Good News of Great Joy! Good News of the forgiveness of our sins! Good News of our union with God. Good News of the power, comfort and inspiration that the Holy Spirit gives us. Good News that for "as many of us that are baptized in Christ have put on Christ."

This lifelong journey of faith, from the moment of our baptism to the present moment of life, is our greatest blessing and treasure in life. Value it and thank God daily for "the crown of righteousness which the Lord awards to all who love His appearing."

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Retirees may face HELOC challenges

BY CHRISTOPHER MALLON
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As a financial planning firm that specializes in retirement income planning, we often get questions from retirees about how and when to use a Home Equity Line of Credit (also known as a HELOC). While many retirees may understand how a HELOC functions, some retirees could face unexpected challenges when applying for one.

According to research, among U.S. homeowners overall, home equity accounts for nearly 45% of individual net worth. As a result, it is not surprising that many Americans may need to tap into this source of wealth at some point in their lives.

A HELOC is essentially a line of credit secured by the equity in your home. It allows you to borrow against the difference between your home's market value and the amount owed on your mortgage. Repayment options are often flexible and can be spread out over time. When used prudently, a HELOC can be a powerful financial planning tool to help manage unexpected expenses.

Would it be prudent to use a HELOC to fund a luxury vacation? Not likely. But if you're facing a critical expense (i.e. home repair, medical issue, etc.) HELOCs can be a valuable last line of defense during a liquidity crunch.

At many banks, there is little to no cost to open this line of credit. In general, you will only incur fees and interest if/when you access funds (or close the HELOC). And because home values are still near record highs, your total approved line of credit may also be near record highs.

Perhaps you don't "need" a HELOC right now (and perhaps you never will). But is it not "better to have one and not need it -- than need one and not have it"? You don't want to be left scrambling should the need arise.

Pro tip: If you are looking to establish a HELOC, don't wait until you're retired. Once you no longer have regular earned income, it can be harder for banks to approve your request. Even if you have substantial cash, a large investment portfolio, and zero debt, all banks still have income requirements for HELOCs. We have seen retirees with \$1,000,000 of assets get surprised when their HELOC application was initially denied.

Fortunately, if you are retired and want to establish a HELOC, there are steps you can take to help meet eligibility requirements. For example, if you work with a financial planner, they might structure portfolio withdrawals in a manner that would satisfy the regular income requirements.

Because The Capstone Planning Group is conveniently located at Cornerstone Bank, our planners can work closely with lenders to help address these situations.

Remember, everyone's financial circumstances are different and may change over time. Evaluating strategies such as a HELOC is just one aspect of financial planning. A comprehensive financial plan is not just about investment management -- it evaluates a variety of tools to help mitigate potential risks. As always, we recommend working closely with a qualified Financial Planner, Lender, and Tax Advisor to receive personalized retirement guidance.

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Reader's Share Favorite Tips and Tricks

It's time again to peek in to the email box and snail mail bag for another round of reader tips. From preventing waste to curing a common malady, the following tips and tricks are geared to make everyday life a little easier. Read on for the first Reader Hint column of 2025.

And remember readers, send in your tried and true tips and you too could win a three course Dinner for Two at the Publick House!

This frugal reader's tip is a twofor: It ensures every last drop of detergent is utilized, while self-cleaning the bottle for the recycling bin!

I would like to share a hint: I do not like to waste anything and try to recycle as much as I can so I find it frustrating at how difficult it is to get the last bit of soap/detergent out of bottles.

To solve this, I save the

almost empty bottles and use the residual soap to clean outdoor items like the furniture, gardening tools, trash bins etc. I just add water to the container, shake it up and use. It uses up the last of the soap and cleans the container for recycling.

Chris Manyak
Oxford, MA 01540

Did you know old time legend has it that when you hiccup, it means someone is thinking of you, or missing you? According to the lore, once your mind comes up with that person, the hiccups stop!

While you're mentally going through your list of friends and enemies, you might want to try this reader's roster of hiccup cures:

Here are some helpful hints for getting rid of hiccups.

One effective



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remedy for getting rid of hiccups is to swallow a heaping teaspoon of sugar, dry without water.

Many people cure hiccups by drinking 1 teaspoon of apple cider vinegar, stirred into 1 cup of warm water.

For many people, eating one heaping spoonful of peanut butter is a definite cure for hiccups.

A little known cure for the hiccups is to quickly swallow, a jigger of lemon juice. The sour taste of lemon may shock the diaphragm's nerves out of spasm.

Donna Lewandowski
Charlton, MA

Cabbage lovers take heed: This reader has discovered a quick and easy way to core even the most stubborn cabbage:

This is my tip: When you have to core a cabbage to make stuffed rolls or whatever, use an apple corer. The kind that is a cylinder with serrated edges on a wooden handle works best.

Jackie Celko
Webster, MA

A hubby's out-of-the-box method to prevent stale donuts, puts them back in the box!

This tip was mostly my husband's idea. Donuts are usually sold in a box. Unfortunately when you open the box, the remaining donuts get stale.

My husband's idea is to put each donut into a lunch size zip-lock

bag then back in the box. They will stay fresher way longer this way.

Sharon Conlon
Whitinsville MA

Prize Winner

Congratulations to Chris Manyak of Oxford, MA, whose name was drawn for Dinner for Two at the Publick House. Chris shared the tip above to prevent detergent waste.

Win a Three Course Dinner for Two at the Publick House

Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month (or whenever I receive enough tips for a column) 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 E-mail KDRR@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

Coral Castle

I've always been a person who loves to travel. Over the years, I've taken dozens of road trips, spanning almost every state. My dad used to take us on road trips in the motorhome, and he would stop for every historical marker, every boulder that seemed out of place, and every national park. If we saw a strange-looking animal, we'd stop to stare.

One place I learned about recently that I'd love to visit is the Coral Castle in Florida. The pictures are stunning, but what truly captivates me is the impossibility of how it was built.

Spanning over 1,100 square feet, the Coral Castle is made up of massive coral blocks, some weighing up to 30 tons—equivalent to the weight of six elephants. These stones form walls, furniture, and intricate carvings, all seamlessly aligned.

Altogether, the structure contains over 1,000 tons of coral rock—a feat so astonishing that it defies explanation.

What makes the Coral Castle even more incredible is that it was built entirely by one man, Edward Leedskalnin.

From 1923 to 1951, Edward quarried, transported, and positioned these enormous stones, often working at night to protect his methods from prying eyes. Using only rudimentary tools like pulleys, levers, and wedges, he accomplished what modern engineers with advanced machinery would find daunting.

To this day, experts are baffled by how Edward achieved such precision and scale without heavy equipment.

Perhaps what drove Edward to create the Coral Castle is even more remarkable than the structure itself. As the story goes, Edward was set to marry

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the love of his life, Agnes Scuffs, in his native Latvia. He called her his "Sweet Sixteen" because she was just 16 years old. On the eve of their wedding, however, she broke off the engagement, leaving Edward heartbroken.

Consumed by grief, he emigrated to America and began work on what many believe was a monument to his unfulfilled love. Each stone, carved and placed with meticulous care, seemed to carry the weight of his devotion, a tangible expression of the loss he could never overcome.

The Coral Castle isn't just a feat of engineering—it's a mystery. I often write about how anything is possible, but have you ever considered that it might be possible for one man to move and position stones weighing 30 tons—all by himself? And not just move them, but do so in the dead of night, shrouded in secrecy?

Edward's work remains one of the

most astonishing accomplishments in history.

Witnesses tell stories that only deepen the intrigue. Flatbed trucks loaded with enormous coral stones would arrive at Edward's property, yet no one ever saw how he got the stones onto the trucks or offloaded them once they arrived. Drivers would return in the morning to find their cargo unloaded and perfectly positioned, as if by magic.

One neighbor claimed to have seen Edward late one night, standing near an enormous stone that seemed to "float" into place. The neighbor described the block as if it defied gravity, though this account has often been dismissed as the product of awe and exaggeration.

Another story comes from a truck driver who left a delivery of coral stones overnight. By morning, the stones had been removed and arranged within the Coral Castle with no visible equipment or assistance.

Edward himself only added to the mystery with cryptic statements like, "I understand the secrets of weight and leverage," and, "I've discovered the

secrets of the pyramids."

These remarks fueled speculation that Edward had tapped into lost knowledge or harnessed forces beyond modern understanding.

The Coral Castle features towering monoliths, a perfectly balanced gate that pivots with a finger's touch, and spiral staircases carved from single blocks of coral. Each piece showcases a level of craftsmanship and ingenuity that seems impossible for one man to achieve.

Edward's ability to transform raw coral into this intricate masterpiece leaves us marveling at both the structure and the enduring allure of mystery.

Edward Leedskalnin's methods may forever remain a secret, locked away with him, but his creation continues to captivate visitors and defy explanation.

So, the next time you laugh when someone says, "Anything is possible," remember the Coral Castle and the man who made the impossible real.

Letter submission policy

Letters to the Editor must include the author's name, address, and a daytime phone number for purposes of verification in order to be considered for publication. Only the author's name and the town in which they reside will be published. Letters submitted without all of the required information will not be accepted.

It is the sole prerogative of the Editor to determine whether a submission satisfies our requirements and decency standards, and any submission may be rejected at any time for any reason he or she might deem appropriate.

Marlborough Fly Fishing Show offers \$100,000 in door prizes

MARLBOROUGH — Some \$100,000 in door prizes – a show record – will be up for grabs along with the year's first view of every fly-fishing tool from the newest rods and reels to boots, waders, clothing and accessories at the 2025 Marlborough Fly Fishing Show® this weekend (Jan. 17-19) in the Royal Plaza Trade Center, 181 Boston Post Road West.

Show hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Saturday; and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$18 for one day, \$28 for two days and \$38 for three days. Children under age five are free as are Boy and Girl Scouts under age 16 in uniform. Children 6-12 are \$5. Active military with an ID is \$10. Parking is free.

Trade Center exhibitor display booths are filled. There will be 26 classes with Experts, nine free seminars daily along with continuous Destination Theater presentations, authors, fly tying and fly casting.

The world premiere of the 2025 International Fly Fishing Film Festival is Fri. (1/17) at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door.

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State, town officials cut ribbon on family-owned Dudley business

DUDLEY — The family-owned breakfast and brunch restaurant Boston Brunch Bites at 265 West Main St. is operated by proprietors Rakisha and Thomas Rivera with Rakisha's mom, Ana Sanchez.

The Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Jan. 8 was attended by state Rep. John Marsi (R-Dudley,

6th Worcester District) Dudley Board of Selectmen Chairman Steven P. Sullivan, Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda and Assistant Town Administrator Olivia Antonson.

"With the opening of Boston Brunch Bites, we celebrate the success of local business as a cornerstone of our community's growth," TA Ruda said.

"As a small town, we're proud to support entrepreneurs and remain committed to improving and streamlining how we serve the public, ensuring progress for our businesses and residents alike. A special thank you to Representative John Marsi and Select Board Chair Steve Sullivan for joining us in marking this important occasion."



Marsi presented the owners with a State House citation that expressed congratulations and well-wishes for success.

"I'm thrilled that the Boston Brunch Bites

team has chosen to open their restaurant in Dudley," Marsi said, adding, "We needed a breakfast place and now we have it - it's very important that we support our small businesses!"

Boston Brunch Bites is open 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and has many offerings including coffee, omelets, waffles, subs and hot dogs.

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At the January Dudley Woman's Club meeting, Heidi Murray helped our 70 or so members get up and move in the New Year with some country line dancing. To thank Heidi for her time and expertise, the club donated \$200 to a local charity of her choice, which was PinkHippy.org. Also at the meeting, DWC members assembled and donated "birthday boxes" for the Webster-Dudley Food Share in Webster and the CHIP-In Food Pantry in Charlton. The estimated value of these boxes that contain the supplies for a child's birthday celebration is \$646. The DWC membership of more than 70 women of various ages and backgrounds from Dudley, Webster, Southbridge, Charlton, Uxbridge, Millbury and several Northern Connecticut towns work together to uplift and support our communities. For more information, please visit www.dudleywomensclub.org.

Bay Path Nursing students train on use of Narcan



Courtesy

Captain Sheehan with Emily Bamberger of Wales and Johanna Marrero of Southbridge.

CHARLTON — Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy students through the collaboration of Donna Pope, LPN, executive assistant to the Academy Director and Captain Daniel Sheehan of the Dudley Fire Department offered training to the PN Class of 2025 who may encounter opioids.

"The collaborative partnership offered training in the use of Narcan to the practical nursing students," stated Getheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN, Academy Director.

"Our nursing students are aware of the incidents across the state and around the country of healthcare workers who have come into contact with illicit drugs during the course of their duties," she said.

The Narcan training included information on exposure to opioids, including fentanyl and heroin which usually occurs through ingestion but also can result from absorption through the skin and inhalation. If substance abuse disorder exists, the risk of encountering those substances

will also exist. The purpose of the program is to equip the community with life-saving naloxone, also known as Narcan. Narcan is safe and reverses the effects of opioid overdoses so that having it on scene is important and provides an extra layer of protection. Narcan saves lives but it can also be the bridge to recovery and treatment. Captain Sheehan emphasized how seconds matter in such incidents. The Narcan training is a training that everyone can use. Captain Sheehan allowed for hands-on participation from the class of 2025.

Dr. Bolandrina was attending an advisory meeting for the nursing programs at Anna Maria College when the subject of Narcan training was brought up.

"I immediately recognized the value that it presented for our practical nursing students. It is wonderful that Donna was able to coordinate the training with the Dudley Fire Department. We are grateful to have Captain Sheehan," she said.

Members of the PN Class of 2025 were grateful to have participated in the Narcan training.

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Charles L Dickson, 85



Charles L. Dickson, age 85, of Dudley died Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at UMASS Memorial Medical Center-University Campus of Worcester, MA with his loved ones at his side. Charles was born September 7, 1939, in Worcester, MA. He was the son of the late Leander and the late Anna (Rebokis) Dickson. He was raised and lived in Oxford, MA before moving to Dudley in 1981. Mr. Dickson was a 1957 graduate of Oxford High School and attended the Worcester Boys Trade School. He worked at Wright Line and Riley Stoker in Worcester as a draftsman for several years, then for 25 years, at Bancroft Motors as their Body Shop Forman, retiring in 1985.

He was a former member of St. Roch's Church in Oxford. Charles was an accomplished auto body repair man and an ace carpenter. He spent countless hours refurbishing cars in his garage and built several homes in

the area for his family. Charles could fix anything and was always willing to help his family and friends when they were in need. He was a member of the Classic T-Bird Club International and enjoyed attending many classic car meets in the area in his '57 T-Bird that he personally restored to perfection. Charles is survived by his wife of 64 years Betty (Javery) Dickson, two sons: Michael Dickson of Charlton, MA and Charles Dickson Jr. and his wife Cheryl Dickson of Dudley, MA; three grandsons: Taylor Dickson, Kyle Dickson, and Colin Dickson; and two great grandsons: Myles Dickson and Calvin Dickson. He is also survived by his sister Carolyn Collins of Perham, ME, predeceased by his brother, Joseph Dickson in 2007. Services will be private at Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel, 33 Schofield Avenue, Dudley, MA with officiating. Burial will be private at St. Roch's Cemetery at a later date. Donations can be made to St Jude's Children's Hospital. donors@st.jude.org www.bartelfuneralhome.com

CLEAN UP

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The agent will also inspect to make sure each phase is done well, and look at the situation toward the end of the project to see if it needs remediation work. Wigglesworth suggested using what's called a wetland seed mix, but thought more serious remediation might be counterproductive. "I think the impact of getting everything out of there, you'd be surprised to see what naturally will come back because things have been laying on seed beds," he said. "I'd just come back 25 feet and let it heal."

At the end of each phase, the commission plans to put up small signs (which they'll provide free) to inform any future users of the 25-foot restriction.

As Chair Richard Parent put it, "It's a good way to continue the education after your ownership in the future, theoretically. ... Who's to say you don't go and sell it two years after pulling this all out, and the new guy comes in and repeats the same thing? That's what we want to avoid." Education also came up after they approved that plan, as the board's main 2025 goal. There, Wigglesworth laid out three major ways to do that: improving the board's public presence, starting community environmental service awards, and improving the Web site. For the first, he said he'd like to see members be part of the April 22 Earth

Day cleanup, do something for May's American Wetlands Month, hold "Conservation Coffee" talks at the library, presentations at local groups on wetlands issues, and two presentations at ConCom meetings per year. He suggested having the Community Service Awards presentation be in May, with the community nominating candidates in February and the board choosing one in April. (He said he's designing that now.) Regarding the website, he said he's already working on putting up more forms and documents, more educational materials, and making it more user friendly.

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

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LEGALS

**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. WO25P0012EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION**
Estate Of:
Carl P. Sjogren
Date of Death: 11/02/2024

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/04/2025**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 07, 2025
Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate
January 17, 2025

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
Premises: 60 Mason Road, Dudley, MA 01571
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Shaun Blanchard and Lisa Blanchard to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc., and now held by **PennyMac Loan Services, LLC**, said mortgage dated December 21, 2007 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 42299, Page 97, said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to Bank of America, N.A. successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP by assignment dated October 4, 2011 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 47994, Page 266; said mortgage was assigned from Bank of America, N.A. successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP to PennyMac Loan Services, LLC by assignment dated December 11,

2013 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 51885, Page 135; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction** on February 14, 2025 at 10:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:
A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon of every nature and descriptions, and all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, situated in the said Dudley on the Easterly side of Mason Rd, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a stake in the Easterly line of said Mason Road 300 feet Southerly of the intersection of the Southerly line of Sawmill Rd with the Easterly line of said Mason Rd, and measured along said Easterly line of Mason Rd; Thence Easterly, a distance of 161.15 feet to a stake; Thence Southerly, with an included angle of 82 degrees 27 minutes a distance of 97.75 feet to a stake; Thence Westerly with an included angle of 96 degrees 54 minutes a distance of 180 feet to a stake in the Easterly line of said Mason Road; Thence Northeasterly by a curve bearing to the left and having a radius of 480 feet, more or less, a distance of 100 feet to the point of BEGINNING. Being Lot No. 4 on "Plan of property Konkol Bros., Inc. Mason Rd, Dudley, Mass.," dated September 13, 1960, by A.R. Klebart, Engineer", recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 252, Plan 10. Being the same property conveyed to SHAUN BLANCHARD and LISA BLANCHARD, husband and wife as tenants by the entirety, by deed dated April 11, 2000 of record in Deed Book 22491, Page 17, in the Worcester County Clerk's Office. Commonly known as: 60 Mason Road, Dudley, MA 01571

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.
For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated April 11, 2000 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 22491, Page 17.
TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.
FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale.
Other terms to be announced at the sale.
Brock & Scott, PLLC
23 Messenger Street
2nd Floor
Plainville, MA 02762
Attorney for PennyMac Loan Services, LLC
Present Holder of the Mortgage
(401) 217-8701
January 17, 2025
January 24, 2025
January 31, 2025
**Town of Dudley
Conservation Commission**
Christopher Place has filed a Notice of Intent to construct a single-family home on lot 29 Charlton Rd. partly within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to a wetland. The Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January

29, 2025, at 6 pm in room 321A at the Town Hall at 71 West Main St.
January 17, 2025

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Eddie Colon, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Seacoast Mortgage Corporation, dated August 8, 2018, and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 59230 at Page 134, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for Seacoast Mortgage Corporation to Plaza Home Mortgage Inc., dated January 30, 2019, recorded at the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 59994, Page 83; by assignment from Plaza Home Mortgage, Inc. to Ocwen Loan Servicing LLC, dated May 20, 2019, recorded at the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 60531, Page 249; by assignment from Plaza Home Mortgage Inc. to PHH Mortgage Corporation, dated June 27, 2019, recorded at the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 60644, Page 343; by corrective assignment from PHH Mortgage Corporation Successor by Merger to Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC to PHH Mortgage Corporation, dated February 14, 2023, recorded at the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 69519, Page 128; and by an assignment from PHH Mortgage Corporation to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee of the RMTP Trust, Series 2021 BKM-TT-V, dated July 26, 2023, recorded at the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 69519, Page 131, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 A.M. on the 31st day of January 2025, at 76 Myrtle Street, Webster, MA 01570, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,
To wit:

The land with the buildings thereon located at 76 Myrtle Avenue, Webster, Worcester County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:
BEGINNING at the southeast corner thereof at Valley Street;
THENCE extending westerly by said Valley Street, one hundred forty (140) feet to a corner;
THENCE extending northerly, fourteen (14) feet;
THENCE extending easterly, one hundred thirty-two (132) feet to said Myrtle Avenue;
THENCE extending southerly by said Myrtle Avenue, sixty-one (61) feet to the point of beginning.
Property Address: 76 Myrtle Street, Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts
For title see Book 59230, Page 131.
Premises to be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.
Terms of sale: A deposit of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place

of sale. The balance is to be paid by wire transfer to Demerle & Associates P.C., 10 City Square, 4th Floor, Boston, MA 02129 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 sale.
U.S. Bank National Association not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee for RMTP Trust, Series 2021 BKM-TT-V,
Present holder of said mortgage,
By its Attorneys,
Demerle & Associates P.C.
10 City Square, 4th Floor
Boston, MA 02129
(617) 337-4444
January 10, 2025
January 17, 2025
January 24, 2025

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
Docket No. WO24P2143GD
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF
GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED
PERSON PURSUANT TO
G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
In the matter of:
**Godfred Ameyaw
Of: Webster, MA
RESPONDENT****

Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Janet Raynold of Webster, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that Godfred Ameyaw is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Janet Raynold of Webster, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.
The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **01/28/25**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
December 30, 2024
Stephanie K. Fattman
January 17, 2025

AWARDS

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extracurricular involvement in the district.

“Prior to making my selection for this award, I spoke to several of Mekhi’s teachers, all of whom offered high praise for Mekhi’s character and contributions,” Elwell said, sharing a few excerpts from some of Blanc’s teachers.

Elwell later expanding on Mekhi’s merits for the award including his embrace of Honors, AP courses, and college credit courses, involvement in show choir, dance,

Drama Club, Student Government and Student Council, the Shepherd Hill Cooking Club, and as a Member of the National Honor Society and the Guidance Advisory Council which Elwell said makes Blanc an “important part of the social fabric of the school.”

“Under the best of circumstances this level of student involvement and achievement would be very difficult, and I would be remiss if I didn’t mention that Mekhi has also demonstrated incredible perseverance throughout his education journey. Especially noteworthy is the fact that between sixth and tenth grade, Mekhi attended seven different schools. In light of the understandable academic and social challenges that resulted from attending so many different schools, I have an even greater appreciation for the excellence that Mekhi has achieved since arriving at Shepherd Hill,” Elwell concluded.

Blanc intends to pursue a degree in chemical engineering and possibly genetic engineering as he hopes to be a part of reversing the effects of climate change and its impact on wildlife.

Carter Coughlin named to President’s List at Western New England University

SPRINGFIELD — Western New England University (WNE) is proud to announce that Carter Coughlin of Dudley has been named to the President’s List for the Fall 2024 semester. Coughlin is one of over 640 students to achieve this mark of academic excellence. Students are named to the President’s List for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.80 or higher.

Coughlin is working toward a BSE in Electrical Engineering.

A WNE education provides career-span agility through a curriculum grounded in professional/experiential studies, enhanced by the liberal arts, and enriched by mentored research that equips graduates to adapt and succeed in the workplace of the future.

Western New England University (WNE) is a private, nationally ranked, comprehensive institution with a focus on preparing work-ready and world-ready graduates. Founded in 1919 in Springfield, Massachusetts as a division of Northeastern College, WNE’s 215-acre suburban campus serves more than 3,700 students, including over 2,500 full-time undergraduates. More than 47,000 alumni have earned degrees through its 90+ undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs at Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, and Pharmacy and

Health Sciences, and School of Law. Students come from 39 U.S. states and territories and 23 countries. Of 45,104 living alumni, 30 percent remain within the region, residing in the four Western Massachusetts counties and northern Connecticut. WNE is classified among nation-

ally ranked universities in US News and World Report, and among the Top 100 Undergraduate Engineering programs, and in the Doctoral/Professional Universities category in the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education.

Western New England University celebrates outstanding academic achievements

SPRINGFIELD — Western New England University (WNE) takes immense pride in recognizing the outstanding academic achievements of over 750 students who have been named to the Dean’s List for the Fall 2024 semester. The following local students were named to the Dean’s List:

Abigail Alicandro of North Oxford

Kiana Tonkin of Dudley

Students are named to the Dean’s List for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.30 or higher.

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Art Exhibit and children’s crafts with Miss Kelcy at the Oxford Free Public Library and bingo at the Senior Center.

Parking is available behind both the Community Center and Town Hall. The Oxford Senior Van will be used to shuttle anyone interested in going from place to place, with shuttle stops marked at each downtown location.

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- Sturbridge Villager
- Charlton Villager
- Southbridge News
- Webster Times
- Auburn News
- Blackstone Valley Tribune

Cornerstone Bank honored by Newsweek as one of America's best regional banks

WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with locations throughout Central Massachusetts, has been named to Newsweek magazine's annual list of America's Best Regional Banks and Credit Unions 2025.

"We are so proud to be recognized in this way," said Cornerstone Bank CEO Todd Tallman. "We strive to be more than just a financial institution; we want to be an actively supportive part-

ner, strengthening our community and neighborhoods."

Newsweek and Plant-A Insights Group put out the list every year to recognize banks and credit unions positively impacting their communities, and help people identify the most trusted financial institutions. The methodology is based on the bank's credit quality, as well as profitability, net loans and leases, press coverage and a customer survey of more

than 71,000 U.S. citizens, 1.9 million social media reviews and 129 million app store reviews. The list includes the top 500 regional banks and top 500 credit unions.

Cornerstone Bank is committed to uplifting communities throughout Central Massachusetts, regularly donating to charity organizations, contributing to fundraising events and granting scholarships to local students.

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

COLCHESTER, Vt. — The following local students were named to the Dean's List at Saint Michael's College for the Fall 2024 semester. Students who complete at least 12 credits of classes and achieve a grade point average of at least 3.5 in a particular semester are cited on the Dean's List for that semester.

Nicholas D. Lindberg of Dudley

Bernadette E. Lesieur of Oxford

About Saint Michael's College

Saint Michael's College, founded on principles of social justice and leading lives of purpose and consequence, is a selective, Catholic college just outside Burlington, Vermont, one of the country's best college towns. Located between the Green Mountains

and Lake Champlain, our closely connected community guarantees housing all four years and delivers internationally respected liberal arts together with an innovative Purposeful Learning Program, preparing students for fulfilling careers and meaningful lives. Young adults here grow intellectually, socially, and morally, learning to be responsible for themselves, each other, and their world.

Ryan Truscott of Webster named Presidential Scholar at Clarkson University

POTSDAM, N.Y. — Ryan James Truscott of Webster, a senior majoring in electrical engineering, was named a Presidential Scholar for the Fall 2024 semester at Clarkson University.

Presidential Scholars must achieve a minimum 3.80 grade-point average and carry at least 14 credit hours.

Clarkson University is a proven leader in

technological education, research, innovation and sustainable economic development. With its main campus in Potsdam, N.Y., and additional graduate program and research facilities in the Capital Region and Hudson Valley, Clarkson faculty have a direct impact on more than 7,800 students annually through nationally recognized undergraduate and

graduate STEM designated degrees in engineering, business, science and health professions; executive education, industry-relevant credentials and K-12 STEM programs. Alumni earn salaries among the top 2 percent in the nation: one in five already leads in the c-suite. To learn more, go to www.clarkson.edu.

Brigham Arthur Dubey of Dudley named to Clarkson University Dean's List

POTSDAM, N.Y. — Brigham Arthur Dubey of Dudley, a sophomore majoring in engineering and management, was named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2024 semester at Clarkson University.

Dean's List students must achieve a minimum 3.25 grade-point average and also carry at least 14 credit hours.

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Dudley Woman's Club holding Diaper Drive

DUDLEY — The Dudley Woman's Club is conducting a Diaper Drive to benefit the Webster-Dudley Food Share. Any size diapers are welcomed through Feb. 13. Look for the collection bins in the lobby of Dudley Town Hall, 71 West Main St.

The Webster-Dudley Food Share helps to meet the basic needs of more than 100 local families each week.

Zoe Picard named to Wofford College's Dean's List

SPARTANBURG, S.C. — Zoe Picard of Auburn has been named to Wofford College's fall 2024 Dean's List.

Wofford College, established in 1854, is a four-year, residential liberal arts college located in Spartanburg, South Carolina. It offers 27

major fields of study to a student body of 1,800 undergraduates. Nationally known for the strength of its academic program, outstanding faculty, experiential learning opportunities and successful graduates, Wofford is recognized consistently as a "best

value" and for its commitment to student success and accessibility for low- and middle-income students. The college community has 12 sororities and fraternities as well as 20 NCAA Division I athletics teams.

Let the holidays continue!

DUDLEY — The First Congregational Church of Dudley (a.k.a. Dudley Hill Church, 135 Center Rd.) will

host a turkey supper on Saturday, Jan. 18. There are two seatings, one at 4:30 p.m. and the other at 6 p.m.

The meal is served family style with a menu which includes tur-

key, stuffing, mashed potato, turnip, squash, gravy, cranberry sauce, bread & butter, and golden gingerbread with homemade whipped cream. The price is \$18 for ages 13 and up, \$10 for children ages six to 13, and free for those ages five and under. Reservations are recommended, as there is lim-

ited seating. make a reservation, please call 508-943-7320 (there will be no callbacks). Leave your name, telephone number, time of seating (4:30 or 6 p.m.), and the number of adults/children you are reserving for.

Local residents earn Dean's List honors from MassBay Community College

WELLESLEY HILLS — The following local residents have been named to the MassBay Community College Dean's List, achieving this outstanding academic honor for the fall 2024 semester.

Lisa Sage of Auburn, who studies Business Administration

Samantha Keeler of Auburn, who studies Liberal Arts: Political Science

Carlos Ortiz Argueta of Dudley,

who studies General Studies

Carmen Ortiz Argueta of Dudley, who studies Radiologic Technology

Kelly Cournoyer of Dudley, who studies General Studies

Matthew Frappier of Oxford, who studies Computer Information Systems

Alan Caceres of Webster, who studies Cyber Security

Johanna Laguerre of Webster, who studies General Studies

To be eligible for the MassBay Dean's List, students must complete at least six credits of college-level courses, be in good standing with the College, and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Local residents named to UConn Dean's List

STORRS, Conn. — The University of Connecticut congratulates the following students who were named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of 2024:

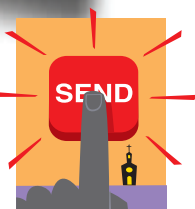
Abigail Lepper of Dudley
Cheyanne Matthews of Oxford

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the 3rd Thursday of the month from 12 Noon-1:15PM
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St. Joseph's Food Pantry is a community partner affiliated with the Worcester County Food Bank.

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Now is the time when many of us are busy ordering seeds. We often end up with many seeds, some new ones we needed or wanted and perhaps a few duplicates of those we have left from past seasons. It is easy to overlook some of these as the

indoor and outdoor planting season begins. Save money by inventorying your current seed collection, reducing the risk of ordering seeds you don't need. Decide what seeds you want to keep and grow this season and those

you want to pass along to or swap with gardening friends. You may choose to make seed art with older or improperly stored seeds and invest in fresh seeds that are sure to germinate. If in doubt, check the seed

viability of older stored seeds with a simple germination test. Wrap ten seeds in a damp paper towel and place them inside a plastic bag. Check the seeds in a week or so to



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viability and keep them safe from mice. Once your seed starting schedule is created and seeds are organized,

prepare the space for starting seeds indoors if needed. Make sure your grow lights are in working order and you have sufficient containers, flats, and seed starting mix for planting.

Save money by repurposing yogurt, applesauce, and similar food containers into seed starting pots. Just clean and add drainage holes. Look for used cell packs, flats, and small pots that can be used again.

Disinfect these by soaking them in a one-part bleach and nine-part water solution for ten minutes then rinse with clear water. Repurposing saves you money and helps reduce plastic waste and the risk of disease that could kill your seedlings. Taking time to plan and organize now can save you money while helping you maximize the productivity and beauty of your gardens.

Melinda Myers has written over 20 gardening books, including *Midwest Gardener's Handbook*, Revised Edition, and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything"* instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine. Myers' Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

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Amen. N.F.L.

A Prayer to the Blessed Virgin
Oh most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of heaven. Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh star of the sea, help me show herein, you are my Mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of heaven and earth! I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity and restore my relationship with John to its full and complete love. Lead him away from another woman and me from anger and distrust. There are none that can withstand your power, Oh show me herein that you are my Mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee. Holy Mother, I place this course in your hands. (Say this portion of the prayer three times) Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all the roads so that I can attain my Goal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me, in all instances in my life, You are with me. I want, in this short prayer, to thank You for things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy towards me And mine. The person must say this prayer on 3 consecutive days After 3 days the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the prayer if granted.
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N.F.L.

PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil (intention), Amen
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