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Karlowicz to succeed Wojnar as Dudley Police Chief

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — With the impending retirement of longtime Police Chief Steve Wojnar in January, the Dudley Board of Selectmen made the decision to hire his successor from within during their Nov. 21 meeting.

Selectmen briefly consider how to move forward with the hiring process with Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda acknowledging that the town has utilized several different methods to fill vacancies over the years. However, for the police the decision seemed obvious in his eyes. He believed that with the department running smoothly seeking an outside hire was not in the town's best interest and formally recommended that Dudley hire Lt. Marek Karlowicz to fill the role. Lt. Karlowicz, who was promoted to his current role late last year, brings with him 22 years of experience in Dudley's police force. He initially joined the department in 2000 before being made full-time in 2002. He was previously promoted to Sergeant in 2019.

Selectmen received the recommendation warmly with the general consen-



Lt. Marek Karlowicz is pictured during his swearing in ceremony as Lieutenant in January of 2022. Karlowicz has been chosen as the new police chief for Dudley succeeding Chief Steve Wojnar, who will retire in January.

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sus among all board members being to maintain the current state of the department rather than bring in an outside leader who might change the

culture and approach of a system that has received praise from both town officials and residents alike. Selectman Steven Sullivan commented that

the citizens have appreciated what Chief Wojnar brought to the department and that hiring from within would help maintain that culture. Selectman

Mark Landry agreed saying he felt comfortable with moving forward with Karlowicz, saying there was "no question of loyalty or profession-

alism," while Selectman Kerry Cyganiewicz leaned on the adage "if it isn't broken, don't fix it." Selectman John Marsi stated that "everyone who is paying attention" knows the department is operating smoothly and saw no need to bring in an outside hire.

Board of Selectmen Chair Jason Johnson summed up the conversation in his statements supporting the decision to promote Lt. Karlowicz.

"The foundations of solid leadership create an environment of integrity, high performance, and shows internal development within a group. There are great examples of all those within the department. What you want is someone that has an education about the work, institutional knowledge about how Dudley works and does all that in a tight knit community. I don't see a reason to make huge changes when you have the internal development within the department," said Johnson.

Before a motion was officially made, Karlowicz was asked to speak on his own behalf about why he was the best choice for Dudley's next police chief.

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Auburn High School choir to perform at Carnegie Hall

AUBURN — The Auburn High School choir led by Director George Eisenhauer will take the stage at Stern Auditorium/Perelman Stage, Carnegie Hall this March under the baton of Conductor Cailin Marcel Manson. The choral ensemble will be joined by singers from around the country in Giuseppe Verdi's "Messa da Requiem" with the New England Symphonic Ensemble (Preston Hawes, Artistic Director). The production is part of MidAmerica Productions' 40th annual concert season. The second half of the concert will feature Norwegian composer Ola Gjeilo's "Sunrise Mass" led by Dr. Bryson Mortensen with the New England Symphonic Ensemble.

"Auburn High School Choir received this invitation because of the high level and quality of musicianship demonstrated by the singers," said Peter Tiboris, General Director and Music Director of MidAmerica Productions and MidAm International.

The experienced and distinguished American choirs performing on the concert include; The Germantown Concert Chorus and The Keene Chorale of Massachusetts led by Manson, Auburn High School Choir of Massachusetts led by Director George Eisenhauer, Yavapai College Master Chorale of Virginia led by Director Joshua Harper, Virginia Wesleyan University Camerata of Virginia led by Director Bryson Mortensen, Severn Choirs of Maryland led by Director Rob Redei, Bemidji High School A Cappella Choir of Minnesota led by Director Christopher Fettig, Visual and Performing Arts Academy at Salem HS Vocal Strand of Virginia led by Director Corbin Thomas Pinto.

The singers will spend five days and four nights in New York City in preparation for their concert. They will also spend nine to ten hours in rehearsal as well as touring New York City. They will be performing at Stern Auditorium/Perelman Stage, Carnegie Hall on Saturday, March 11th at 7:00 p.m.

Cailin Marcel Manson, baritone and conductor, a Philadelphia native, has toured as a soloist and master teacher at major concert venues throughout the United States, Europe and Asia with many organizations, including the Radio-Sinfonieorchester Stuttgart, SWR Sinfonieorchester, Taipei Philharmonic, Bayerische Staatsoper - Münchner Opernfestspiele, Choral Arts Society of Philadelphia, Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, Teatro La Fenice, Teatro San Carlo, Konservatorium Oslo, and the Conservatoire de Luxembourg.

Manson has held positions as Music Director of the Vorarlberger Musikfest, Music Director and Conductor Laureate of the Chamber Symphony of Atlantic City, Artistic Director and Conductor of the Montgomery County Youth Orchestra, Chair of Vocal Studies at the Hazleton Conservatory for the

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Dudley stays with single tax rate

BY JASON BLEAU
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DUDLEY — Dudley's selectmen agreed to maintain a single tax rate following the town's annual tax classification hearing on Nov. 21.

The yearly re-examination of the town's tax format asks town officials if they want to maintain a rate that taxes all classes of property equally, known as a single tax rate, or to shift larger

portions of the burden on commercial, industrial, and personal property, known as a split tax rate. Dudley has long maintained a single tax rate due to the ratio of residential taxpayers compared to large and local businesses in town.

Town Assessor Lisa Berg made her annual presentation during a public hearing discussing Dudley's current taxpayer numbers revealing some interesting trends

dating back to 2015. In the 2023 fiscal year Dudley has more than 93 percent residential taxpayers, 2.5 percent commercial, 2 percent industrial, and 2.3 percent personal property. That residential taxpayer number is the highest since 2015, and the first time the number has climbed more than 93 percent while commercial and industrial numbers have dropped both over 2022 and since 2015 while personal property

taxes, while well over the 2015 number, have also dropped compared to 2022. What this means is residents are making up a larger percentage of the tax base than businesses both big and small.

As she does every year, Berg presented hypothetical numbers showing the impact a split tax rate would have on the businesses of town. While it would save the

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Five bidders vying for school roof projects

BY JASON BLEAU
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DUDLEY/CHARLTON — The top bidders for the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District middle schools roof projects have been revealed after the district released a request for proposals earlier in the year. A committee charged with overseeing the hiring for the projects met on Nov. 7, where they assessed and rated five proposals for consideration by the School Committee.

The replacement of the Dudley and Charlton Middle School roofs was approved during the September primary elections as part of Phase 1 of the school district's multi-year capital improvement plan. That voted allowed for \$7.5 million in spending to rehab the roofs of both schools which have experienced a variety of issues such as leaking due to their age. Richard Mathieu, District Director of Finance and Operations, revealed the bidders during a Nov. 9 School Committee meeting in which were presented in order of recommended preference.

"After reviewing the proposals and scoring them in four different

categories we reached a consensus ranking. The top ranked firm was Russo Barr Associates of Woburn. The second was Gale Associates of

Weymouth. Third was Nault Architects of Worcester. CSS Architects of Wakefield was fourth and fifth was RGB architects from Providence,"

said Mathieu. "All five firms were very strong and presented valid arguments as to why they

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SAINT JOSEPH STUDENTS INSTALLED AS ALTAR SERVERS

Seven Saint Joseph School students were recently installed as altar servers at Saint Joseph Basilica. These students participated in weekly training sessions for the past ten weeks with Pastor Rev. Grzegorz Chodkowski. Their hard work and dedication culminated on Sunday, November 20th, when they received their cassocks, took their Pledge of Service, and were blessed. Students include Third grade – Jon Thomas Belanger, Amadeusz Gacek, Severyn Kuznecki, Johnny Marcuccio, and Mathieu Prunier; Fourth grade – Noah Ryan; Fifth Grade – Jacob Marcuccio. Thank you for answering God's call to serve at His Holy Altar. Here, newly installed altar servers at Saint Joseph Basilica include the following Saint Joseph School students: (Front, left to right) Jon Thomas Belanger, Amadeusz Gacek, Severyn Kuznecki and (Back, left to right) Noah Ryan, Jacob Marcuccio, Pastor Rev. Grzegorz Chodkowski, Johnny Marcuccio, Mathieu Prunier.

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The book contains historic descriptions of the more than 200 houses with accompanying pictures. The book is just in time to make a great Christmas gift for those Auburn history buffs on your list for just \$30. The museum is open Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. You can reserve a copy by calling 508-832-6856, email- auburnmuseum@verizon.net or better yet, come in and get it and receive a complimentary tour of the Auburn Historical Museum.



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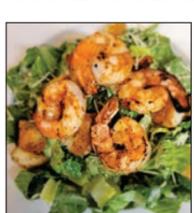
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Nursing students participate in Shepherd Hill's Festival of Crafts

DUDLEY — The 30th Annual Shepherd Hill's Festival of Crafts was held at the Shepherd Hill Regional High School. The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Class of 2023 participated along with more than 125 New England Crafters and Artisans with top-quality handcrafted items, raffles, and food trucks. The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy team was led by Professor Sarah Watson, MSN Ed, RN of Worcester. The Practical Nursing volunteer students offered free Blood pressure and Finger Stick Blood Sugar screenings. This year's practical nursing student volunteers are Fidelis Mensah, Mary Mwangi, Animat

Poku, Michael Wairimu, Faith Wanjohi, Maureen Bittner, and Alice Maina. "It remains to be a wonderful opportunity for the students," said Watson. "I am glad to be joining Shepherd Hill's Festival again." Watson led a group of student volunteers in the past several years. Originally, Professor Suzanne Taylor, MSN, RN invited Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy and coordinated the practical nursing student's participation. "We are grateful that Professor Taylor invited us and continues to give our practical nursing students the oppor-

tunity to be of service to the community," stated Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN Academy Director at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy. The Shepherd Hill's Festival of Crafts is an annual event promoted by the Shepherd Hill Music Parents. Students from the music department sang and assisted with bringing food. The Shepherd Hill's Festival of Crafts has 5,000 people attending annually. The celebration highlights the community. Vendors look forward to next year's celebration. For more about the Shepherd Hill's Festival of Crafts, visit: <https://www.facebook.com/shepherdhill-festivalofcrafts/>. About Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Bay Path Practical Nursing is a 40-week



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Masons sell tasty treats during tree lighting



BY BRO. JIMMY FALZONE
PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER
QUINEBAUG MASONIC LODGE, SOUTHBRIDGE

SOUTHBRIDGE — Saturday, Nov. 26 was a beautiful mild night for the Christmas Tree Lighting festivities at the Southbridge common. For the past few years, Quinebaug Masonic lodge has participated in this annual event on the common buy selling tasty treats. The smell in the air of French fries and kettle corn cooking stopped people in their tracks and caused them to wait in line. To see the smiles on the children's faces as they tell their parents

what they want French fries, hot dogs, fried dough, or at leftkettle corn. There were lamas that children could pet and vendors selling Christmas ornaments that light up that they could wear around their necks or head. Christmas music was playing from the common's gazebo. When the parade started, and Santa came by the line to purchase these tasty treats that Quinebaug Masonic Lodge was selling was still long while many adults and children watched the parade go by. The common was lit up with Christmas lights and decorations of all kinds. Many people mentioned and was very grateful that it was not like last year when the weather was blistering cold. If you are interested and would like more information about Freemasonry and to find a lodge nearest you, visit our Web site at www.massfreemasonry.org

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At left: Quinebaug Masonic Lodge booth with members working hard to accommodate these tasty treats to people who attended this very busy event.



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STELLAR STUDENTS

Congratulations to the All Saints Academy students who exhibited excellent character through compassion, honesty, trustworthiness, optimism, respect, initiative and responsibility which earned them Knight of the Month for October. The students are Camden Trainor, Cassidy Hamm, Sophia Mackenzie, Alina Turner, Sean Healey, Connor Shelburne, Jack Campbell, Evelyn LeBoeuf, Amelia Mathews, and Zalla Morgan (not pictured are Missage Bidumba and Cecilia Rogers).

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Auburn Rec hosting Holiday Craft Fair

AUBURN — The Town of Auburn's Recreation and Culture Department will present its Ninth Annual Holiday Craft Fair Saturday, Dec. 10 (snow date Sunday, Dec. 11) from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Auburn High School, 99 Auburn St. More than 150 craft vendors will be on hand to help you get into the spirit of the holiday season. Santa will be making an appearance from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., so bring the kids! There will be activities, food, drawing, face painting, and much more.

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Nichols College supports veteran cause with 22 laps



DUDLEY — Nichols College President Glenn M. Sulmasy, JD, LL.M, presented donations totaling more than \$1,600 to Bill Moore, founder, CEO and president of Project New Hope Inc., representing funds raised from the college's annual Sweat for Vets 22 Laps event held on Nov. 10.

The charity event, which is sponsored by the Veteran and Military Services group at Nichols, has been a campus tradition since 2019. Participants, comprising students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members, take a 22-lap run or walk around the track on Vendetti Field. They and others are encouraged to donate \$22 to the cause.

The significance of the 22 laps is that, according to the Veteran Administration, 22 veterans are lost to suicide each day.

Founded in 2011, Project New Hope Inc. is a Worcester-based nonprofit organization that provides services and resources to veterans, service members and their families, such as therapeutic retreats, food and baby care pantries, and other humanitarian programs.

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Nichols President Glenn Sulmasy (center) presents donations totaling more than \$1,600 to Bill Moore, CEO of Project New Hope Inc. Also pictured are members of the Veteran and Military Services group at Nichols, from left, Tom Stewart, April Girardin, and Boyd Brown.

Fundraiser to support Nursing Students for SkillsUSA Competition

CHARLTON — Members of the Practical Nursing Class of 2023 are hosting a raffle to benefit competitors to the 2023 SkillsUSA district conference.

The raffle item, donated by Gearlyn Wetherbee of Charlton is Victoria's Secret gift package valued at \$120.

Raffle tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10. Those who purchase raffle tickets are supporting members of the Practical Nursing Class of 2023 competitors in the five categories of Medical Math, Medical Terminology, First Aid/CPR, Practical Nursing, and Health Knowledge Bowl. Tickets may be purchased from the fundraising liaison,

Theresa Boakye of Worcester. Boakye, originally from Berekum, Ghana may be reached through the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy office, 508-248-5971, ext. 1674.

Boakye said, "The outpouring of support from the class has just been incredible."

She added that all PN SkillsUSA competitors will benefit from this fundraiser.

The SkillsUSA district competition is scheduled for March 2023. The PN Class of 2023 is planning a spring fundraiser as well. Last year seven Bay Path Practical Nursing students competed

at the National SkillsUSA Conference from June 20-24 in Atlanta, Georgia after winning gold medals at the state level.

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Year four brings Poets at Large to Webster

WEBSTER — Poets at Large will begin its fourth year in 2023 presenting free spoken word/poetry performances and appearing for the first time at The Rose Room Cafe, 4 E. Main St.

Coordinator Karen Warinsky said, "We are so pleased at the generosity of The Rose Room Cafe's willingness to host our readings."

Owner of The Rose Room Cafe Jessica Sabine said, "The Rose Room is absolutely thrilled to have an opportunity to work with Poets at Large and bring more cultural activities to Webster. If you are looking for a reason to get out, grab a local bite, and support your community look no further! Poets at Large

is joining us five times in 2023 and we welcome you to join us as well."

Poets at Large also performs at Roseland Park, 205 Roseland Park Road, in Woodstock, Conn. These free readings will be held on Sundays from 2-4 p.m. in the barn at Roseland Park, on June 4, Sept. 10 and Oct. 8. Readings at The Rose Room will be held on Feb. 26, March 26, May 28 and June 25, also from 2-4 p.m., as well as a special Thursday evening performance at the cafe on April 20 from 6-8 p.m. These events are

recommended for ages 14 and up. Open mic segments happen after intermission and refreshments will be available at both locations.

Some of the poets who will be reading in 2023 include the current Connecticut State Poet Laureate, Antoinette Brim-Bell, as well as the current Massachusetts Beat Poet Laureate Tommy Twilight. Some of the other participants will be Poet Laureate of West Haven, Conn., Tony Fusco, Beat Poet Laureate for Life Paul Richmond,

Pegi Deitz Shea and T'Challa Williams, among many others.

Poets at Large performances are free to the public but the group is seeking sponsors. Sponsors get their names on all advertising and flyers and some categories of sponsorship include a signed book by one of the poets. Money is used to pay travel expenses for the poets and for advertising. Anyone interested in getting more information about sponsoring Poets at Large may inquire at karen.warinsky@gmail.com.

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\$200,000, 39 Berlin St, Shiers, Linda L, to Bahnan, George.

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\$310,000, 4 Pineview Rd, Kitka Norma I Est, and Wixon, Gail L, to Miller, Edward D.

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\$580,000, 5 Kate Ln, Lanzillotti FT 2022, and Lanzillotti, Lisa, to Young, Shawn K.

\$330,000, 249 N Main St, Morgan, Medhat, to Delarosa, Vianny P.

\$315,000, 28 Elaine St, Montgomery, Eleanor M, to Mayard, Jean, and Mayard, Leona M.

\$70,000, 113 Lake St, Charron, Donat E, to Marzeotti Group Rlty Inc.

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The hunt for the perfect tree is oftentimes an important part of family tradition. Buy local whenever possible by supporting local Christmas tree growers. Purchasing locally grown trees also reduces the risk of spreading unwanted pests into your landscape.

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Family tradition may dictate your tree choice. Many prefer the fragrance of balsam fir and needle retention of other firs like Fraser, white, Grand, and Noble. Though not a true fir, Douglas fir needles have a wonderful aroma when crushed. White pine lacks the fragrance that many prefer. Its pliable branches only support lightweight ornaments, but the soft needles have less bite than the popular Scots or Scotch pine. This evergreen has stiff branches that support heavier ornaments and its needles hold even when dry.

Check for freshness. A fresh tree will last throughout the holidays. Run your hand along the stem. The needles should be pliable yet firmly attached to the branch. Avoid trees with lots of moss, lichens, vines, broken branches, and other signs of poor care.

Look at the overall shape and size of the tree. Stand the tree upright to make sure it will fit in the allotted space. Check the trunk. It should be straight and the base small enough to fit in your tree stand.

Make a fresh cut, removing at least



GARDEN MOMENTS

MELINDA MYERS

an inch from the base of the trunk before setting it in the stand. Straight or diagonal cuts work equally well. A diagonal or V-shaped cut may make it difficult to properly support the tree in the stand.

Proper watering is key. Fill the stand with water and check it often. Fresh trees can absorb as much as 2 quarts of water in the first 24 hours. Keeping your tree stand filled with water is the best way to keep your tree looking its best throughout the season.

Once your tree is in place, you can add lights and decorations. Then take time throughout the busy holiday season to relax with your favorite winter beverage and enjoy the beauty of your Christmas tree.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released *Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition* and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything"* instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio* program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

Cornerstone Bank donates \$2,500 to Hearts for Heat

WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with 10 locations throughout Central Massachusetts, has donated \$2,500 to the Leicester chapter of Hearts for Heat, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing winter heating fuel to families in need.

"With both inflation and fuel prices on the rise, we know this year will pose greater financial challenges to many residents when it comes to heating their homes," said Cornerstone Bank CEO Todd Tallman. "We are proud to support this grassroots organization that has been helping families in Worcester County stay warm during the winter for the past 15 years."

Hearts for Heat has chapters in Leicester, North Brookfield, Princeton, Spencer, and other Worcester County towns. It was started in 2007 by Cindy Shea, a local social worker with a teaching background and a passion for helping those in need.

To learn more about Hearts for Heat or to make a tax-deductible donation, visit heartsforheat.org.

Country Bank announces "Season of Difference" campaign with \$125,000 in support for local communities

REGION — The winter holidays are going to be a lot brighter for a lot of people, thanks to Country Bank's annual Season of Difference campaign, during which the bank has pledged 28 days of making a difference in the communities they serve.

The bank's team members (aka, Difference Makers) will deliver \$80,000 in donations to local food pantries, as well as \$5,000 each to the Friends of the Homeless, Salvation Army and the USO.

The campaign kick-off is on Saturday, Nov. 26—Small Business Saturday—with Difference Makers purchasing gifts cards from local businesses and distributing them throughout their banking centers on Tuesday, Nov. 29.

In addition, the bank's team members will be supporting holiday sponsorships and events, volunteering at nonprofits, providing gifts for 300 seniors in nursing homes, 400 gifts for children, and 300 gifts to homeless shelters, ringing the bell for the Salvation Army, and more.

"As a community partner, we care deeply about our communities, and we want to make a meaningful difference where it is most needed this holiday season," said Paul Scully, President, and CEO of Country Bank. "As we reflect on the past year with gratitude for the bank's strength and ability to support so many in need, we are also humbled to witness so many great acts of kindness and support throughout our communities from the people and businesses who make this region the remarkable place it is to live and work."

To find out what the bank is doing each day of the campaign, follow the bank's social channels or visit www.countrybank.com/seasonofdifference.

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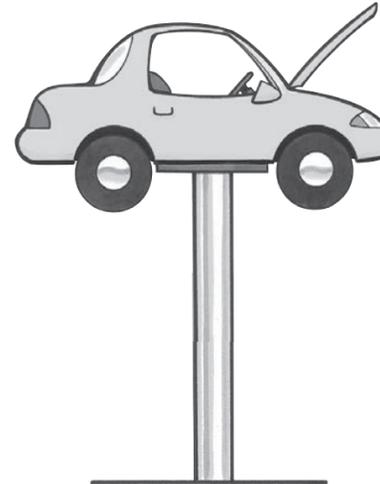
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The WHY of our life

What is the "WHY" of our life? Why do we exist? Why are we here on earth? What does our Creator expect from us and what is our purpose and destiny in life?

What motivates us in our lives is discovering the great "WHY" in why we exist! Saint Paul clearly answers this WHY in today's Epistle reading – "For we are the workmanship of God, created in Christ Jesus for good works." We were created to do good works in this world; we were created to offer acts of love and works of mercy and grace that will bless others and make the world a brighter place. This is our purpose on earth – we were created to love God by loving others!

Contrast this vision of the great WHY of our life with the Gospel story of the Rich Fool. Jesus describes the life of a person whom many of us would envy. This man is so rich that he can retire early. He has so much that he is ready to tear down his old house and build a much bigger one. He's ready to just relax, take it easy and enjoy life with his abundance of wealth.

An extremely successful man – in the eyes of the world and surely in the eyes of many of us. Who wouldn't envy his lifestyle?!? Yet, Jesus calls this same "rich, successful man" a FOOL! Take note. What the world calls a success Christ calls a fool!

Why? What is the sin of this rich man? Was it that he was only thinking of himself? He had so much wealth yet he was thinking only about how he could enjoy it all and take comfort in his wealthy and selfish lifestyle. "Let me retire and just play golf all day. Let me retire and enjoy my beach house. Let me retire and travel the world. Let me retire and do whatever my heart desires." That sounds like a dream for many people. Yet be on guard, what society calls a dream may reveal a selfish and self-centered life, a life focused on fulfilling what I want and not what God wants!

This is why Jesus calls the man a FOOL. The great WHY in his life wasn't about loving God and loving his neighbor; it was about fulfilling his own desires and enjoying the pleasures of life. It was all about ME. Yet, as followers of Jesus Christ, our life is not our own. Life is not about ME but about WE!!!

Life is all about God and His people. The two greatest commands are to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We heard vivid stories about this divine love over the past weeks through the Gospel stories – in the story of the Rich Man and Lazarus, which described a Rich Man living in his extravagant luxury while ignoring the poor Lazarus who sat right outside his doorstep. This Rich Man ended up in Hades because of his self-centered life, a life that ignored those in need right outside his doorstep.

We can remember the story of the Good Samaritan who showed that love of God demands us to love the one in need whom we pass by on the road every day. We can't hide behind a false religiosity like the priest and the temple worker who walked right past the half dead man. Loving our neighbor is lov-



BEYOND THE PEWS

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ing whoever is in need right in front of us through the good works we offer:

Then remember how Jesus chastises the Rich Fool for his self-centered extravagance. "You Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be? So it is for anyone who lays up treasure for themselves, and is not rich toward God."

Whenever we lay up treasures for ourselves without thinking of the others in need, we are not acting in a manner that is "rich toward God." Remember, God is in the other person. Whatever we do to the least of our brothers and sisters, we do to Christ Himself. When we "lay up treasures for ourselves," enjoying our own fantasies and pleasures without thinking of others, whenever we act in an egotistic, self-centered manner, fulfilling only our own desires, we are missing the great WHY of our lives.

"For we are the workmanship of God, created in Christ Jesus for good works."

Be careful – wealth, money, possessions – are not evil in and of themselves but they are a great temptation. When our goal and dream is to become wealthy, we will be tempted to fulfill our egocentric desires and passions. We may even listen to the lie of the world by basing our success on what and how much we have instead of on what we do to help others. Be careful of "laying up treasures for ourselves" and failing to act "rich toward God."

Think about how the Apostle Paul warns us that "the love of money is the root of all evil." Jesus also reminds His listeners to "be on guard against all kinds of greed." Wealth, possessions, and our desire for more and more can quickly and unconsciously turn toward greed which then focuses only on ourselves and our own desires.

We must remember that we were created for good works, to act as faithful stewards and caretakers of all we possess, using our wealth and money and possessions not for selfish satisfaction but to use all we have to bless others; we show how much we love God by loving our neighbor. We show how much we love God by giving generously and joyously to those in need.

"For we are the workmanship of God created in Christ Jesus for good works!"

The great WHY we exist is quite simple. We exist to love God and love our neighbor and we experience and offer Divine Love through our good works toward others.

Don't look at the Jeff Bezoses and Elon Musks of the world and dream about the billionaires and multi-millionaires. Don't envy those who build larger houses and buy expensive cars and travel the seas in their unbelievable yachts. What the world may think as successful, God may see quite differently.

"You Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be? So it is for anyone who lays up treasure for themselves, and is not rich toward God."

Goods for Guns



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On Saturday, Dec. 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., our department will join numerous police departments from the area and participate in the "Goods for Guns, a.k.a. Guns 2 Gardens" take back program. The Dudley Police will be taking part in this effort for the fifth time. I wanted to provide some back-

ground information for those interested.

The 21st Annual Goods for Guns program is sponsored by UMass Memorial Medical Injury Prevention Center and the Worcester County District Attorney's Office. It is designed to prevent injury or death from unwanted or unsafe guns in local homes. Many people have older or unused firearms in their residence. These may have belonged to a deceased relative or are simply no longer used. People may have a desire to dispose of these in a safe manner. This program will provide an opportunity for residents to turn in functioning and non-working guns, ammunition, and firearm accessories for disposal. Registrations or licenses for these weapons are not necessary during this time and the program is anonymous. Free gun locks will also be available.

People who turn in operable firearms will receive gift cards to local stores. It is important that all guns turned in during this program are to be unloaded and wrapped in some packaging material or contained in a bag. If there is anyone who cannot bring these weapons to the department, arrangements can be made for an officer to pick up these items at your home. We ask you to contact our station at 508-949-8023 if you wish to schedule a time. The goal of this program is like drug take back events. It is a way to rid homes of unwanted firearms and ammunition. This prevents injuries and reduces the opportunity for these weapons to find their way to unauthorized individuals. I encourage anyone with these unwanted weapons to take advantage of this worthwhile effort. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me. More information can be also found by following the link: <https://www.umassmemorialhealthcare.org/umass-memorial-medical-center/services-treatments/injury-prevention-center/goods-guns>

Our department will once again be collecting Christmas gift donations for local families in need. New and unwrapped toys and clothing can be brought to the Dudley Police Department at 71 West Main St. Monetary donations as well as gift cards are also accepted. There are definite needs in our area for these items and our department thanks everyone in advance for their continued generosity.

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EDITORIAL

May you never be too grown up to search the skies on Christmas Eve

It's official — the holiday season has arrived, with the first big one under our belts. Thanksgiving is the perfect segue into Christmas and Hanukkah. It's when all the fall decorations, and the dilapidated pumpkins get tossed and the candy canes and red and whites come out. Black Friday and Cyber Monday has passed, now it's time to put things into cruise control until the big day arrives.

When we were younger, the holidays were magical and fun for most of us (as embodied by the quote that headlines this Editorial), with a minimal amount of stress and an abundant number of gifts to those fortunate enough to receive any. As we get older and have families of our own, holidays remain fun, as we pour that magic into making our own children's holidays memorable.

However there comes a time when our children are grown, and the holidays can seem to be more of an obligation and a day to get through. Not only that, but we also long for the days when we had all our family members alive, when the holidays were the 'good old days'. Moving forward, for some, can be quite depressing. Hopefully, that isn't the case for many, but for those who feel that sense of Grinch-esque dread, we have some tips that can help put the spark back into your hot apple cider.

If you remember what it felt like to have an amazing holiday, use those memories to pass down the same magic onto someone else. Even if it's not a child. Do something creative to make someone's holiday one they can remember, something they don't expect. When you take the time to essentially play Santa Claus, the joy you get back is tenfold.

As for relieving stress, don't put too many expectations onto yourself and respect your own limits. You don't have to do everything, you can delegate. As for shopping, you can find just about anything online, even from local shops making gift buying easier. If shopping isn't your thing, hand out gift cards with a handwritten letter.

Throughout the season, take in the lights and remember to take in the holiday spirit of those around you. Go for a walk in the snow and listen to how quiet everything is. Begin and end each day with something you find enjoyable. We find that watching holiday movies, eating sugar cookies, and listening to Christmas music really can be uplifting. 'A Christmas Carol' does put things into perspective. If you haven't read the book in a while or watched the movie, now is the time.

The point of the holidays is to spend time with our favorite people. While we can't go back in time and re-live the days when trains circled our Christmas trees we can live in the present and create new adventures with memories that will put a smile on your face for years to come.

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Juggling your holiday commitments

We are deep into the holiday season, and almost all of us are busier during the holidays than during the rest of the year: parties to attend, gifts to buy, and people to visit. With all the tasks we're already juggling, the holiday season can make it extra tricky to keep all the balls in the air!

If you look around this holiday season, you'll notice some people can handle the extra workload with a smile, and others grit their teeth every step of the way.

Can we learn to become more graceful under pressure?

There's a thing called "Living in the Moment." I'm sure you've heard of it. I've heard the phrase a few million times, but I've only recently paid attention to what it means.

Living in the moment sounds so simple I thought I was naturally doing it all along. How could we do anything but live in the moment? After all, we all live through a series of moments every day!

In the last couple of years, I took on a lot more responsibility than I was used to. As my workload increased, I reacted less gracefully than I would have liked. Although I was getting most everything done, I was constantly worried about what to do next. Always so afraid of not getting everything done that I couldn't properly focus on the task at hand.

I was rushing through each task as fast as possible, unable to perform at

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my best, and simultaneously feeling stressed and anxious about everything and everyone else. My fearful thoughts turned to bitter thoughts as I mentally complained about those who I thought should be helping me but were not.

If you have a lot to accomplish, it's only natural to plan, have a list of to-do's, and try to accomplish as much as possible. If you are on a deadline and have commitments, you must follow through with; it's almost impossible not to nervously anticipate each moment and how it will all get done. It comes with the territory.

I used to think that Living in the moment was the same as Living for the moment. Living in the moment and living for the moment aren't exactly the same, but they do share some qualities. Living for the moment is simply enjoying your life without caring about the future.

How is that different than Living in the Moment?

Living in the moment is accepting where you are, being aware of your emotions and thoughts, and allowing yourself to fully engage in the present moment without anticipation and worry for the next.

Eckhart Tolle said, "Are you able to be present in what you're doing, or is what you're doing no more than a means to an end? And approaching every

moment with the hurried attitude of just needing to get this moment out of the way so you can get to a better one?"

If you're living in the moment, your focus is on what's happening now. You aren't thinking about what is for dinner or what you'll wear to work tomorrow. You aren't reliving moments from the past or being distracted and concerned about future events - you're focused on what you should be doing in the present moment.

Some have asked if you can live in the moment and be a long-term planner? Is it ok to multitask and live in the moment? The answer is yes and yes!

If you have to multitask and perform several jobs simultaneously, you can do all that while staying in the moment. If you're a long-term planner with a big vision, it can sometimes be a distraction to dream about the future. Staying in the moment can help you get the daily chores finished.

Living in the moment is especially useful when dealing with people during the holidays, helping you to treat everybody with dignity and respect.

Living in the moment is associated with less stress and better decision-making, especially when combined with an attitude of acceptance and gratitude. Rather than letting the season's stress ruin your holiday cheer, take a breath, accept, be thankful, and live in the moment.

On the hunt

Shotgun deer season opened this past Monday under ideal conditions, although some hunters that like to track deer in the snow may need to wait a bit longer. Deer hunting in the valley is a far cry from when I was hunting in my early years. There were few deer in the area, so we headed into the hills of Petersham, and hunted along the outskirts of the Quabbin Reservoir! We were fortunate enough to find a family that owned numerous acres of land that gave us permission to hunt. We were able to park our cars on their property just across the street from their home.



THE GREAT
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On opening day, we headed out real early, as we had to make the one and half hour journey to Petersham. We encountered a long line of traffic which was mostly other deer hunters heading into Petersham, Oakham and other great deer hunting spots in the area. The long line of traffic moved very slowly, as the old cars and trucks of the time had drivers driving a more normal speed than the crazy drivers of today. The car's headlights seemed as though there was a train heading in the same direction, until many drivers stopped to have a hot breakfast at some of the many eating establishments along the way.

After the long drive, we finally reached our destination a half hour before open-

ing time to hunt. We were all excited to start our annual deer hunt that consisted mostly of our family and a few outcasts. During our day in the woods, we would hear a few shots being fired, but our turn to discharge our shotguns often never happened. Finally, after a few years of hunting the area I heard a few shots, not far from where I was hunting. Suddenly, a nice eight point buck appeared, not far from where I was standing. After firing a couple of shots at the buck, I headed into the direction that I had last seen him. Suddenly, a wave of excitement came over me as I spotted the buck laying only a few yards away from where I had last seen him. It was the first buck I had ever shot.

We had no radios, as hunters do today, so I sat down and waited for a couple of my family to come looking for me. They had heard the shots, so it did not take long for them to find me. After a few high fives and pictures, the deer was field dressed and dragged out to the car. Numerous hunters that accompanied me over the years were Dick Baker, who harvested a nice eight point buck, my brother Mel a nice doe and former police chief Emerick harvested a nice doe. Numerous other deer were harvested over the years at the site, and we always shared our venison with the

nice people that allowed us to hunt their property. We were known by other local hunters as flatlanders!

Today, we seem to have more deer in our area, than the areas we hunted long ago. We also have coyotes, black bear, and numerous other species of wildlife that we did not have back in the '60's. Today, we only need to walk out our back door to hunt deer, although we have lost all of our native pheasant, and woodcock due to development. Grouse have all but disappeared from the valley area also.

I am sure I will hear stories of successful hunters all this week, and there are going to be some big bucks that were harvested this week. Remember that all deer harvested this week need to be brought to a checking station for this week only. There is no online checking of deer!

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Courtesy

For 15 years, Joe L. has been employing WTA TAGS trying to draw a bighorn tag in Montana. His persistence has paid off! After booking with Worldwide Trophy Adventures in Montana, Joe and his guide passed on several smaller rams over three days. Late on day four, they glassed-up this band and then made their loop. They were then able to get into position and took this boomer out of the group at 450 yards. Congratulations, Joe, on this truly remarkable trophy.



Guide to Choosing a Holiday-Worthy Christmas Tree

A holiday tree is the center of the yuletide celebration. Decked out in garland and adorned with ornaments, the stately Christmas tree is not only a tradition but the source of both merriment and sentiment. It's no wonder choosing a special evergreen is a task not to be taken lightly. Whether freshly cut, balled and bagged, or artificially constructed, the choices are pleasantly plentiful.



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Read on for ways to ensure this year's pick is truly trim-worthy!

Oh Evergreen!: Selecting a Christmas tree is a fun family tradition, but getting caught up in the festivities, one can overlook the requirements of a successful pick. The first thing to remember is in a lot or on a farm, a tree can look much smaller than it will in your home. Rule number one is to always bring a tape measure to ensure a proper fit.

When choosing a freshly cut evergreen, look for nice, even coloring throughout the tree with no signs of browning. Also, beware of brittle branches, which are

another sign of an old tree that may not last the season in a heated home. Look for flexibility in a bough.

To test freshness, pick a needle and bend it. A fresh fir needle will snap; a fresh pine needle will bend, but not break. The old "shake tip" really reveals a tree's freshness. Simply shake from the trunk, or wave a bough and observe how many needles fall off. If it is more than several, keep looking.

Live trees balled with the root and wrapped in burlap or containers (a.k.a. balled and bagged trees) are a great choice if you plan on planting the tree after the holidays. The most important consideration with a balled and bagged tree is to make sure the tree species can thrive in your climate zone.

Once you've chosen a holiday tree, it's necessary to prep it for inside enjoyment. If you're using a cut tree, when you get home make a fresh cut at the base. This will help the tree better take up water. It pays to keep in mind that a properly watered tree will keep about a month inside. Be sure to keep the water level above the base of the tree. Believe it or not, a freshly-cut tree can consume a gallon of water in 24 hours!

To prevent fallen needles, add one of these to the base: three tablespoons glycerin; three tablespoons sugar, or a few crushed aspirin.

After Christmas is over, the holiday tree will need to be properly disposed of. Check your city or town transfer stations for recycling options. Some municipalities recycle trees and grind them into mulch that is repurposed back into the community as such.

Faux Forest: If a fresh cut tree is impractical, an artificial tree can be a good investment -

if you choose wisely. When evaluating artificials, buy the best you can afford as skimping on such a purchase will shorten its lifespan. Did you know a well made artificial tree can last a decade or more? Choose trees with many branch tips and multiple needles, thus creating a "fullness" that rivals the real deal.

Look for easy to set up models with hinged branches for quick and easy set up. High end trees often come equipped with an abundance of lights. Make sure the tree stand is sturdy enough to hold a tree laden with heavy ornament and garlands. Lastly, consider a tree that can easily refold into a box or bag, for hassle free storage.

Love the smell of a real tree? You can mimic the fresh scent of balsam simply by sprinkling your carpets with a pine scented carpet freshener before vacuuming. Since smell is the most potent of our senses, visitors to a house that smells like the holidays will feel doubly welcomed!

Christmas Tree Preservative: If your

family loves decorating a real tree, but you hate the mess of fallen needles, and the fear of sparking branches - don't despair! And don't spend big bucks on commercial preservatives either. This recipe will save the tree, some money, and maybe even a few frayed nerves: Ingredients: one gallon water; one cup ammonium sulphate (available from garden supply store); two tablespoons borax (available from grocery or hardware store); a few aspirins or three tablespoons glycerin, or three tablespoons sugar. Instructions: Mix first three ingredients together well. Pour into a spray bottle. Spritz on tree and pour the remainder into the tree stand instead of in water. Saw off the bottom of the trunk, one to two inches and use a drill to bore a narrow hole up through the middle of the trunk. Then fill the hole with cotton, and pack tightly. Put the base in warm water as soon as possible. Warm water will melt the sap, allowing the tree to drink more easily.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House Your tips can win you

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

Do you have a 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.

Antique photographs



While cataloging photos for our ongoing auction of the Rotman family Worcester, New England and historical items collection, I was inspired to write about collecting and selling photos, specifically how to tell if the items you have in your home might be valuable.

First, a brief history of photography. The idea of capturing images dates back further than you might expect, beginning with the technique of "camera obscura," which is now known as a precursor to modern cameras. Items were projected from the outside into a dark room or hall through a pinhole. Britannica writes that the concept dates back more than 2,000 years with

the Chinese and ancient Greeks such as Aristotle likely taking part.

On Jan. 7, 1839, members of the French Académie des Sciences first viewed images (daguerreotypes) by Louis-Jacques-Mandé Daguerre (1787-1851). According to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Daguerre wanted to develop a way to permanently capture the fleeting camera obscura images he viewed. Sadly, the "Diorama" where Daguerre kept his photographs burned to the ground.

Ambrotypes and tintypes (also known as ferrotypes) came into use during the 1850s. They were quicker and cheaper to use than daguerreotypes. The cost ranged from 25 cents to \$2.50 in the U.S.

Cartes de visite (commonly called CDVs) became popular in the late 1850s. A CDV is a small photograph on cardboard backing. Cabinet photos followed soon after and gradually replaced CDVs, coming into use during the 1860s. Cabinet cards are similar to CDVs, but larger and typically include the photographer's name and location.

Here are some things to look for in your own photos. Most daguerreotypes were portraits of unidentified people

and usually don't have a lot of value. But a daguerreotype of a famous person can be very valuable. A daguerreotype of Sam Houston, who was an important figure during the Texas Revolution from 1834 to 1836, sold for \$33,000 in 2018. A daguerreotype of an outdoor scene can be even more valuable. An image of a San Francisco building draped in bunting sold for over \$140,000 in 2008. Sometimes the cases can be worth more than the image inside it. The Vermont Journal writes that thermoplastic cases were made of shellac and sawdust that was mixed and colored with chemicals before being rolled to create a thin sheet of plastic. A thermoplastic case depicting Washington crossing the Delaware sold for \$2,600 in 2019.

There are also many examples of other types of photos fetching high prices. An ambrotype of a traveling photographer's studio went for \$95,000 in 2010. A tintype of Buffalo Bill Cody posed with guns and game sold for \$36,000 in 2016. A CDV of Major Martin Delaney (who was one of the first African American men admitted to Harvard



ANTIQUES,
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Medical School and a surgeon during the Civil War) in uniform sold for over \$59,000 in 2020.

Baseball player photos also sell very well. A Honus Wagner Sporting Life cabinet photo brought \$264,000 in 2019. A picture is worth a thousand words, and sometimes even six figures.

There are many local photographs in the Rotman memorabilia online auction. We will be holding a preview on Saturday, Dec. 3 and Sunday, Dec. 4 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bidding ends on Wednesday, Dec. 7. We are cataloging items for another online auction featuring art, Civil War memorabilia, samplers and other antiques, collectibles and memorabilia. It will start in December and end in early January. Please visit our Web site, <https://centralmassauctions.com>, for links to upcoming events.

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OBITUARIES

Ann Marie Tarantino, 70



Putnam, CT- Ann Marie Tarantino, 70, of Laurel St., passed away on Thursday, Nov. 24th, in the Hartford Hospital, Hartford, after a sudden illness.

She leaves her brother, Vito J. Tarantino and his wife Lisa of Southbridge; her nephew, Anthony Tarantino and his wife Katie of Worcester; her niece Stephanie Tarantino and her partner Carrille Dionne of Spencer; and her close friends Crystal and Connie of Putnam. She was born in Webster the daughter of the late Giuseppe and Hilda (Paglione) Tarantino.

Ann Marie worked for the Rite Aide

Corporation in Danielson, CT for many years, retiring several years ago. In her younger days Ann Marie was an avid bowler. During her retirement, Ann Marie loved to go to family get togethers, picnics, and holidays. She loved to visit the casinos and take care of her pet cats.

Ann Marie's funeral service and burial in Calvary Cemetery, Dudley, will be private. There are no calling hours.

Ann Marie was a lover of animals and the family requests in lieu of flowers donations may be made to the ASPCA by donating online at secure.aspc.org/donate.

The Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, is directing arrangements.

www.morrillfuneralhome.com

Beatrice (Bea) T Bouvier, 88



Beatrice (Bea) T (Lefebvre) Bouvier, age 88, died Sunday, November 20, 2022, peacefully at home with her family by her side. Beatrice was born November 4, 1932, in Webster; the daughter of the late

Eva (Nolin) and George Lefebvre. Her husband of 53 years, Anthony (Tony) J Bouvier, died in 2008. She is survived by a daughter Cynthia (Cindi) Kinder and her husband David Kinder of Portland, OR, daughter-in-law Kerrie Bouvier of Dudley MA, and son-in-law Phillip Parker of Baldwinville MA. She leaves behind six grandsons and two great granddaughters: grandson Garrison Parker his wife Cassandra and daughter Eliana of Cornish NH, grandsons Chandler and Bryce Parker of Baldwinville MA, grandson Joseph Bouvier his wife Brittany and daughter Lyra of Sutton, MA, grandson Robert Bouvier of Dudley MA, and grandson Bryan Kinder of Anaheim CA. She leaves behind her sister Leona Lefebvre and brother James Lefebvre and his wife Donna all of Webster MA. She also leaves many nieces, nephews, and dear friends, including Bob Montigny and her faithful cat Pepper. She was preceded in death by her daughter Michelle Parker, son Richard Bouvier, and her siblings George Lefebvre, Irene Andrews, and Arthur Lefebvre. Bea attended St. Louis Grade School, graduated from St. Louis High School in 1953, and was a lifetime member of the St. Louis Parish. Her first job was bookkeeper for Lavoie Auto in Dudley MA, where she met her husband Tony who was a mechanic there. After they married, she was a stay-at-home mom when her three children were young. Later in the late 1960s she started work at Kenyon Oil Company in North Grosvenordale CT, as a clerk sending out S&H Green Stamps to fuel oil cus-

tomers. She retired in 2004 as Assistant Treasurer for the company. After retirement she became very involved with the Dudley Senior Center where she enjoyed playing Bingo and going to the lunches. She loved being around people and became a member of the Town of Dudley Council on Aging. Always keeping busy, she loved planting flowers and keeping a vegetable garden. One of her favorite things to do was sit on her porch and watch the birds and wildlife on Hayden Pond. She even named the Heron "Henry". Her grandchildren were very special to her. She attended their sporting events and every life event she could, including school activities, graduations, and weddings. She loved to have family and grandchildren visit, especially in the summer. She made sure there was a rowboat, canoe, paddle boat, and speed boat so everyone could enjoy the beach, and of course, no one went hungry. She loved figuring out what to get them for gifts and she already had her list for this Christmas. She was a planner and knew what she wanted to do and what needed to be done. When her son-in-law David was visiting last year for Thanksgiving she got dressed up and said, "You're the only one that gets a good picture of me. Take one for my obituary." So, as she wished, she got the picture shown here. She is loved and will be missed by her family and many friends. May her memory be a blessing. A funeral Mass will be held on Saturday December 10, 2022 at 9:30 am at St. Louis Church 15, Lake Street, Webster, MA In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Louis Parish in memory of Bea. The burial will be private at a later date. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may offer condolences, share fond memories, or light a candle in remembrance of Bea.

Donald A. Johnson, 92



OXFORD - Donald A. Johnson, 92, of Rocky Hill Road, died peacefully on Saturday, November 19, 2022, at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester with his family by his side. He was predeceased by his wife of 69

years, Sally A. (McCullough) Johnson who died in 2021. He is survived by three children, Susan J. Dimmick and her husband Paul of Atlanta, GA, Alan G. Johnson and his wife Cynthia of Webster; and Eric J. Johnson and his wife Jane of Dudley; seven grandchildren, Kristen Veale, Peter Dimmick, Tory Metzler, Michael Johnson, Margaret Dimmick, Katherine Umeh, and Teryn Fasshauer; and eight great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by two sisters, Ruth Vigneault and Sally Perks. He was born in Worcester, son of the late Gunnar J. and Ethel (Emmott) Johnson, and lived in Worcester before moving to Oxford in 1956.

He graduated from Commerce High School in Worcester in 1950. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War, and was a member of the V.E.W. Post 5663 in Oxford.

Mr. Johnson was a central office technician at New England Telephone for over 30 years, retiring in 1992. He was an Eagle Scout in his youth, and was a scout leader with Boy Scout Troop 147 in Oxford when his sons were young.

He was a longtime, active member of the Oxford United Methodist Church and served as a trustee of the church. He participated in R.I.S.E. service projects in upstate New York, spending several weeks each year building and repairing homes with a church youth group.

Mr. Johnson was a member of the Greendale Retired Men's Club and enjoyed monthly breakfasts with the retired telephone workers. He was a skilled handyman who could fix anything, including carpentry, plumbing, and electrical. After high school, he attended trade school and obtained several electrical certificates. He was a volunteer firefighter with the Oxford Fire Department for many years. He enjoyed gardening, fishing, and most of all loved spending time at Little Squam Lake.

A funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 3, 2022, at the Oxford United Methodist Church, 465 Main St., Oxford. Burial with military honors will follow at North Cemetery in Oxford. Calling hours are Friday, December 2, 2022, from 5-7 p.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Oxford United Methodist Church, 465 Main St., Oxford, MA 01540.



Janice A. DiDonato, 76



Webster- Janice A. (Koziak) DiDonato age 76 passed away Friday, November 18, 2022 at Harrington Hospital Webster. She leaves her husband of forty three years, Richard J. DiDonato. Janice

also leaves two brothers, Richard Koziak and his wife Amelia of Leicester, Edward Koziak and his wife Cynthia of Webster, a sister-in-law, Jeanne Koziak of Tolland, CT. Janice had a brother John Koziak of Tolland, CT that predeceased her.

She was born in Webster, daughter of the late John G. Koziak and

Anna E. (Bielik) Koziak and lived in Webster most of her life. Janice was a retired warehouse worker for TJ Max Co. Janice enjoyed knitting, crocheting and bingo.

There are no calling hours. A Mass of Christian burial will be held Friday, December 2, 2022 at 10 am in St. Louis Church, Lake St., Webster, MA with burial in Calvary Cemetery, Dudley, MA. Please go directly to the church. Omit flowers, donations may be made to the St. Louis Endowment Fund. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post condolences or light a candle

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Friday's Child



Talaysia Age 16

Hi! My name is Talaysia and I'm looking for a loving family!

Talaysia is a young lady of African-American descent with a great sense of humor. She loves to dance, sing, and be silly. She enjoys playing games and is a great Uno player. Talaysia requires extra support in school to help her stay focused on her work but with one-on-one support she can be successful academically. Talaysia is working hard to learn how to trust others and will benefit greatly from having a caring family that she can count on.

Legally freed for adoption, Talaysia would love to have a family to call her own and just wants to be loved. Talaysia's social worker is looking for that loving family who will provide her with the support and comfort she needs. She would benefit from being an only child in a family of any constellation. It is very important to Talaysia that she is able

to preserve her connection with her aunt, who resides in North Carolina. <https://www.mareinc.org/waiting-child-profiles#gallery/child/7901>

Can I Adopt?

If you're at least 18 years old, have a stable source of income, and room in your heart, you may be a perfect match to adopt a waiting child. Adoptive parents can be single, married, or partnered; experienced or not; renters or homeowners; LGBTQ+ singles and couples. As an adoptive parent, you won't have to pay any fees, adoption from foster care is completely free in Massachusetts.

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

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



Karisa A. Allen, 21



OXFORD - Karisa A. Allen, 21, of Harwood Street, died unexpectedly on Saturday, November 19, 2022, at Harrington Healthcare at Hubbard Hospital in Webster. She is survived by her father,

David J. Allen Sr. of Oxford, with whom she lived; two brothers, David J. Allen Jr. of Spencer, and Jared J. Allen of Oxford; two aunts, Donna Hogan and Gerry Jason, both of Worcester; and three cousins, Teddy Mitchell of Worcester, David Jason and his wife Kellen of Hudson, and Leah Jason and her companion James Maloughney of Worcester. She was predeceased by her mother, Lisa A. (Jason) Allen who died in 2019. She was born in Worcester on May 4, 2001, and was a lifelong resident of Oxford.

Karisa was a certified nursing assistant at Southbridge Rehabilitation for 3 years. Previously she worked at Market Basket in Oxford. She graduated from Bay Path R.V.T. High School in Charlton in 2019 and attended Worcester State University. Karisa enjoyed quiet time at home and was a dedicated employee, working many hours at her job. She loved spending summers at Lake Manchaug Campground with her family throughout her childhood, and will be greatly missed by her family and her beloved dog, Bonnie.

A funeral Mass was held at 10 a.m. on Monday, November 28, 2022, at St. Ann's Church, 652 Main St., North Oxford. Those attending are respectfully requested to meet directly at the church. Burial will follow at St. John's Cemetery in Worcester. Memorial calling hours were Sunday, November 27, 2022, from 5-8 p.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford.

Richard A. Beauchesne, 77



ELLENWOOD, GA - Richard A. Beauchesne, 77, passed away peacefully in the comfort of his home on November 3, 2022. His wife, Beverly (Haydu) Beauchesne, died in 2018.

An Army veteran, he was deployed to Vietnam and to the DMZ in Korea and then to 2 tours in Germany. In the U.S. he was stationed at Fort Hood in Texas and at Fort McPherson in Georgia. He retired from the Army as a Master Sergeant after 22 years of service.

In civilian life, he worked for the U.S. Postal Service for many years.

Richard loved to collect stamps and postcards and held an extensive collection of both. He enjoyed watching ice hockey. Although he resided many years in the South, he always looked forward to his visits to New England and especially to Webster, MA to be with family and friends.

He was born in Webster on September 15, 1945, the son of Walter and Malvina

(Bryant) Beauchesne and grew up there.

He leaves a sister, Jeanne A. Samples of Dudley, MA; a nephew, Justin Samples and his wife Elizabeth of Woonsocket, RI; a niece, Kristen Liberty and wife Lisa of Thompson, CT; an aunt, Norma Beauchesne of Webster; and several cousins. He was preceded in death by his brother-in-law Ronald Samples in 2019.

A graveside service was held on Monday, November 28 at 11:00 AM in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Old Worcester Road, Webster, MA with the Webster-Dudley Veterans Council providing the military honors. There are no calling hours. Donations in his memory can be made to pawsforpurplehearts.com. Local arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster, MA.

www.websterfunerals.com



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“When I got promoted last year to Lieutenant, Chief Wojnar allowed me to be involved in a lot of the decision making and allowed me to be involved in the budget, doing the bargaining with the union, being involved in a lot of the stuff that he is involved in as an administrator. I believe our department is very unique. We have a great group of police officers that show how professional we are. I think the town is very fortunate. As a leader I rely on my group to carry that on, and I think we have a great department. Based on everything over the years I believe I’m prepared to take over the role,” said Karłowicz, who acknowledged he would have “big shoes to fill” in succeeding Wojnar.

When asked about his goals for the department if he was hired, the lieutenant said he wants to continue to invest in getting more full-time officers on board, build up and update technology, and to continue the community policing standard set under Wojnar’s leadership including a continued relationship with local schools.

Selectmen motioned to promote Karłowicz with minimal further debate, unanimously voting to name him Dudley’s new Police Chief pending further contract negotiations.

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Performing Arts, Director of Music at The Putney School, and as Music Director of the Bennington County Choral Society. He has also served as a member of the faculty of the Vermont Governor’s Institute on the Arts and the Performing Arts Institute

of Wyoming Seminary. He also founded and directed the Germantown Institute for the Vocal Arts and the Germantown Concert Chorus.

Manson is a frequent guest conductor, clinician, presenter, panelist, and adjudicator for conventions, conferences, competitions, and music festivals. Cailin studied voice

performance at Temple University, and opera performance and orchestral conducting at the Universität Mozarteum Salzburg.

The concert will take place Saturday, March 11 at 7 p.m. at Stern Auditorium/Perelman Stage at Carnegie Hall. Tickets go on sale to the general public Monday, Dec. 12 at 9 a.m. via Carnegie

Hall. For single tickets call CarnegieCharge at 212-247-7800 or visit carnegiehall.org

For group sales of 10 or more, contact groupsales@carnegiehall.org or call 212-903-9705

Carnegie Hall Box Office is located at 57th Street and Seventh Avenue

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residential taxpayers money, the rates showed an increased burden on businesses would hurt Dudley more than help. Berg maintained her past recommendations requesting Dudley remain with a single rate.

“In our town, we don’t have a lot of large businesses. We have our hair

salons and liquor stores. They’re all little shops. They’re the ones that are really going to get hurt by this if you shift any of the burden to those properties. Businesses like Verizon and Boston Gas, all of those are big companies that can afford this increase. I just think it would really hurt our smaller businesses in town,” said Berg.

Berg went on to point out that Dudley has the 74th lowest tax rate in Massachusetts of 351 towns and one

of the lowest tax rates of the 236 communities with a single tax rate. The town’s new growth value was \$12.5 million with \$146,615 in increased revenue. Looking at the last five years, the 2023 proposed tax rate was \$10.16, over \$3 lower than any other surrounding town in 2022.

The selectmen agreed with the recommendation of the Board of Assessors unanimously choosing to remain with a single tax rate.

BIDDERS

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should be the choice. I think we were fortunate that we had five strong competitors.”

Mathieu then turned over the final decision to the School Committee recommending they choose at least three candidates for consideration. While Mathieu didn’t reveal the exact bids,

he did say all five bidders were “in the ballpark” and recommended the School Committee allow negotiation with all five companies if necessary. The School Committee agreed and voted

to allow Mathieu to negotiate with all five companies on a final price which will be brought to the School Committee before the end of the year for further consideration.

LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Larry D. Darling, Sr., to CitiFinancial Services, Inc., dated October 9, 2009, and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 44956 at Page 47, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from CitiFinancial Services, Inc., to CitiFinancial, Inc., dated June 17, 2013, recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 51114, Page 268; by assignment from CFNA Receivables (MD), Inc. f/k/a CitiFinancial, Inc., to CitiFinancial Servicing LLC, dated April 21, 2016, recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 55261, Page 214; by assignment from CitiFinancial Servicing LLC, to Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, dated April 21, 2016, recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 55261, Page 215; by assignment from Community Loan Servicing, LLC, f/k/a Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, to Koitere Dispositions, LLC, dated March 15, 2021, recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 65308, Page 105; and by an assignment from Koitere Dispositions, LLC, to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee of the Igloo Series IV Trust, dated May 3, 2021, recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 65308, Page 108, 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 13th day of December 2022 at 69 Ramshorn Road, Dudley, MA 01571, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

To wit:
A certain tract of land with the buildings thereon situated in said Dudley on the westerly side of Ramshorn Road, Bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a stake in the westerly line of said Ramshorn Road 944.04 feet northwesterly of the northeasterly corner of land of one Dunham;
THENCE N. 23 degrees 12’ W. 440 feet by the westerly line of said Ramshorn Road to the end of a stone wall;
THENCE S. 85 degrees 48’ W., 317.15 feet along said stone wall to a corner of said wall;
THENCE S. 5 degrees 12’ E. 600 feet along said stone wall to another corner of said wall;
THENCE N. 89 degrees 13’ E., 302.75 feet along said stone wall to an iron pipe;
THENCE N. 23 degrees 12’ W., 200 feet by land of the grantors to an iron pipe;
THENCE N. 89 degrees 13’ E., 200 feet by land of the grantors to the point of beginning.

BEING the same premises described in a deed from Larry D. Darling, Sr. and Judith A. Darling to Larry D. Darling, Sr. and Judith A. Darling dated July 25, 1995 And recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 17193, Page 398.

Excepting therefrom the following sales:
Book 4687, Page 267, Book 4891 Page 99, and Book 5038 Page 232 and 5045 Page 593

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 applica-

ble, 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 Hoeger LLP, 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 Trust
National Association,
as Trustee of the
Igloo Series IV Trust,
Present holder of said mortgage,
By its Attorneys,
Demerle Hoeger LLP
10 City Square, 4th Floor
Boston, MA 02129
(617) 337-4444

November 18, 2022

November 25, 2022

(SEAL)

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket No. 22 SM 003384 ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:
Michael Murphy; Katrine E. Krog a/k/a Katrine E. Murphy
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (et seq):
Trust Bank f/k/a Branch Banking and Trust Company s/b/m SunTrust Bank s/b/m SunTrust Mortgage, Inc. claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Auburn, numbered 65 Jerome Avenue, given by Michael Murphy and Katrine E. Murphy f/k/a Katrine E. Krog to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Stockton Turner, LLC, dated June 26, 2008, and recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 43051, Page 164, and now held by the plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant’s/Defendants’ Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before December 26, 2022 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the grounds of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on 11/4/2022

Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
December 2, 2022

Town of Dudley, Massachusetts REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS BRIDGE DEMOLITION BRANDON RD. / MILL RACE

Sealed proposals will be received in the Office of the Town Administrator, Town of Dudley with an address of 71 Main Street, Dudley, MA 01571 until 10AM on **Tuesday, January 10, 2023,**

at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud, for the following:

The Town of Dudley, Massachusetts, seeks proposals for the demolition of Bridge No: D-12-027, BIN No: 1BJ, Structure No: D12027-1BJ-MUN-NBI, also known as Brandon Rd. / Mill Race (Dry).

This procurement shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of G.L. Chapter 30B, and those provisions are hereby incorporated by reference into this Request for Proposals (“RFP”).

All proposals will remain in effect for a period of ninety (90) calendar days from the deadline for submission, or until a Contract has been executed, or this RFP is cancelled, whichever occurs first.

Copies of the Request for Proposals may be obtained at the Office of the Town Administrator/Chief Procurement Officer at the address above during regular business hours for the Dudley Municipal Center.

The Town reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive any informalities in the proposal process, and to accept the proposal deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

Jonathan Ruda, Town Administrator/
CPO
December 2, 2022

Town of Dudley Public Hearing

The Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 19, 2022 at 6:40PM in the Dudley Municipal Complex, 71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA 01571 - Veteran’s Memorial Hall, Room 321A. The Purpose of this Hearing: To Act on a Change of Manager Application for Dudley Links Operations, LLC a/k/a Dudley Hill Golf Club with a mailing address of 123 Center Road, Dudley, MA and a physical address of 80 Airport Road, Dudley, MA 01571.

Anyone wishing to be heard on this matter should appear at the date and time specified or submit their concerns in writing.

Jason Johnson
Chairman, Board of Selectmen
Town of Dudley
December 2, 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. WO22P3921EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of:

Kenneth A. Roberge
Date of Death: 04/03/2009

To all interested persons:
A Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **Melissa L. Smith of Dagsboro DE**

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

Melissa L. Smith of Dagsboro DE and be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **un-supervised 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 12/20/2022.** 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: November 16, 2022

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
December 2, 2022

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 Docket No. WO22P2924PM CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L.c. 190B, § 5-304 & § 5-405

In the matter of: Bruce J Smith Of: Webster, MA RESPONDENT

(Person to be Protected/Minor)
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Webster Manor Rehabilitation and He of Webster, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Bruce J Smith** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that

(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **Without Surety** on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

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 **12/20/2022.** 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 abovenamed person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice
November 18, 2022

Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
December 2, 2022

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
Docket No. WO22P2923GD
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF
GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED
PERSON PURSUANT TO
G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
In the matter of:
Bruce J Smith
Of: Webster, MA
RESPONDENT

Alleged Incapacitated Person
 To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Webster Manor Rehabilitation and H of Webster, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Bruce J Smith** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (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 **12/20/2022**. 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

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
 Date: November 18, 2022

Stephanie K. Fattman
 Register of Probate

December 2, 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. WO22P3942EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Sharon M. Krouse
Date of Death: 08/07/2015

To all interested persons:
A A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by **George E. Krouse of Webster 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 **George E. Krouse of Webster MA** and 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 12/20/2022.** 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: November 18, 2022
 Stephanie K. Fattman,
 Register of Probate
 December 2, 2022

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
Docket No. WO22P2813GD
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF
GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED
PERSON PURSUANT TO
G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
In the matter of:
Nathan A Piette
Of: Dudley, MA
RESPONDENT

Alleged Incapacitated Person
 To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Shannon L Piette of Dudley, MA**

in the above captioned matter alleging that **Nathan A Piette** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Shannon L Piette of Dudley, 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 **12/13/2022**. 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.

Date: November 14, 2022
 Stephanie K. Fattman
 Register of Probate
 December 2, 2022

(SEAL)
 COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
 LAND COURT
 DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
 Docket 22 SM 003525
 ORDER OF NOTICE
 To:

Peter L. Ward
 and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq):
 Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc., claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Webster, numbered 66 Old Douglas Road, given by Pamela Ward and Peter L. Ward to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Countrywide Bank, N. A., its successors and assigns, dated December 14, 2006, and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 40345, Page 331, and now held by plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before January 2, 2023, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.
 Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of this Court on November 21, 2022.

Attest:
 Deborah J. Patterson
 Recorder
 22-001709
 December 2, 2022

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
Docket Nos. WO22P3691GD
NOTICE AND ORDER:
Petition for Appointment of
Guardian of a Minor
 In the interests of
Isabella Ann Dubay
 of Webster, MA
 Minor

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on **10/27/2002** by **Lacey L Mills** of Webster, MA will be held **11/30/2022 at 08:30 am. Guardianship of Minor Hearing.**

Located **Courtroom 8, Probate and Family Court, 225 Main Street, Worcester, MA 01608**

2. Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:

File the original with the Court; and
 Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

3. Counsel for the Minor: The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

4. Counsel for Parents: If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.

5. Presence of the Minor at Hearing: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for legal advice.

Date: October 27, 2022

Stephanie K. Fattman
 Register of Probate
 December 2, 2022

Webster
Office of the Collector of Taxes
December 2, 2022

The owner (s), occupant (s) and public are hereby notified that the following described parcels herein, located within the municipality of Webster and Worcester County, of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have taxes and special assessments for the years 2019 & 2020 as committed to the Collector of Taxes, by the Board of Assessors of this municipality which remain delinquent and unpaid, and that the property herein described will be taken by WEBSTER on December 16, 2022 at 12:00 P.M. for nonpayment of taxes & special assessments including interest and all legal costs and charges thereon, unless the property shall be previously discharged.

Tina M. Landry
 Collector of Taxes
 Town of Webster

Property Location 1 Oakwood Dr
 Assessed Owners: Hyams, Harry
 Hyams, Dana
 Supposed Current Owner: Hyams, Harry
 Hyams, Dana
 Land Description: 43,560 Square Feet
 Parcel Number: 89-A-4-4
 Book 9458 Page 267
 Bill Number 2757
 2019 Real Estate Taxes & Special Assessments:
Total Due \$3,941.34

Property Location 465 School St
 Assessed Owners: Archibald, Rye
 Supposed Current Owner: Archibald, Rye
 Land Description: 22,454 Square Feet
 Parcel Number: 2-K-12-0
 Book 34008 Page 164
 Bill Number 210
 2019 Real Estate Taxes & Special Assessments:
Total Due \$2,730.27

Property Location 27 Goddard St
 Assessed Owners: Desrosiers, Richard
 Supposed Current Owner: Desrosiers, Richard
 Land Description: 12,013 Square Feet
 Parcel Number: 14-E-10-0
 Book 16911 Page 171
 Bill Number 1488
 2019 Real Estate Taxes & Special Assessments:
Total Due \$4,794.43

Property Location 0 Nelson St

Assessed Owners: Snyder, Rodney
 Snyder, Dianne
 Supposed Current Owner: Snyder, Rodney
 Snyder, Dianne
 Land Description: 9,570 Square Feet
 Parcel Number: 27-D-17-0
 Book 28700 Page 201
 Bill Number 5572
 2019 Real Estate Taxes & Special Assessments:
Total Due \$81.22

Property Location 0 Ash St
 Assessed Owners: Lebouef, Alice
 Camerano, Denice
 Supposed Current Owner: Lebouef, Alice
 Camerano, Denice
 Land Description: 11,025 Square Feet
 Parcel Number: 8-A-7-1
 Book 48460 Page 321
 Bill Number 122
 2019 Real Estate Taxes & Special Assessments:
Total Due \$57.26

Property Location 21 Maple St
 Assessed Owners: Steen, Mary
 Supposed Current Owner: Steen, Mary
 Land Description: 10,820 Square Feet
 Parcel Number: 2-E-21-0
 Book 6354 Page 13
 Bill Number 5692
 2019 Real Estate Taxes & Special Assessments:
Total Due \$3,628.26

Property Location 0 Morris St
 Assessed Owners: Gatzke, Hulda
 Kruger, Arthur
 Supposed Current Owner: Gatzke, Hulda
 Kruger, Arthur
 Land Description: 9,570 Square Feet
 Parcel Number: 27-E-9-0
 Book 2345 Page 400
 Bill Number 2150
 2019 Real Estate Taxes & Special Assessments:
Total Due \$530.78

Property Location 78-78R Myrtle Ave
 Assessed Owners: Russell, Robert Jr
 Russell, Christine
 Supposed Current Owner: Russell, Robert Jr
 Russell, Christine
 Land Description: 9,757 Square Feet
 Parcel Number: 2-H-2-0
 Book 12375 Page 222
 Bill Number 5231
 2019 Real Estate Taxes & Special Assessments:
Total Due \$5,405.21

Property Location 0 High St
 Assessed Owners: The Blueberry Hill Realty Trust
 Supposed Current Owner: The Blueberry Hill Realty Trust
 Land Description: 6,960 Square Feet
 Parcel Number: 1-T-7-0
 Book 35155 Page 201
 Bill Number 5889
 2019 Real Estate Taxes & Special Assessments:
Total Due \$274.41

Property Location 0 High St
 Assessed Owners: The Blueberry Hill Realty Trust
 Supposed Current Owner: The Blueberry Hill Realty Trust
 Land Description: 15,441 Square Feet
 Parcel Number: 1-T-5-0
 Book 35155 Page 201
 Bill Number 5887
 2019 Real Estate Taxes & Special Assessments:
Total Due \$364.85

Property Location 0 High St
 Assessed Owners: The Blueberry Hill Realty Trust
 Supposed Current Owner: The Blueberry Hill Realty Trust
 Land Description: 20,189 Square Feet
 Parcel Number: 1-T-4-0
 Book 35155 Page 201
 Bill Number 5886
 2019 Real Estate Taxes & Special Assessments:
Total Due \$415.44

Property Location 0 High St
 Assessed Owner The Blueberry Hill Realty Trust
 Supposed Current Owner: The Blueberry Hill Realty Trust
 Land Description: 7,056 Square Feet
 Parcel Number: 1-T-6-0
 Book 35155 Page 201
 Bill Number 5888
 2019 Real Estate Taxes & Special Assessments:
Total Due \$275.94

Property Location 12 Prospect St
 Assessed Owners: Bembenek, Patrick L
 Supposed Current Owner: RC Investments Trust Ruscitti, Eric TRS
 Land Description: 4,314 Square Feet
 Parcel Number: 14-D-25-0
 Book 61770 Page 301
 Bill Number 484
 2020 Real Estate Taxes & Special Assessments:
Total Due \$683.12

SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

WEBSTER — St. Joseph School has released its honor roll for the first quarter of the 2022-2023 school year.

Grade 8

High Honors: Leah Boudreau, Gabriela Pianka, Marcus Muchiru, Aiden Muchiru, Shayley Szela, Vanessa Zeglen, Bella Calnan, Jackson Meehan

Honors: Pete Kirk Patrick, Bobbi Enman, Gianna Rosario, Emerson Bernard, Haleigh Creighton, Brett McCarthy, Jacob Perry, Ike Rudnicki

Credit: Alexander Kowalski, Catherine Barbale

Grade 7

High Honors: Claire Calnan, Molly Hachigian, Laura Ibrahim

Honors: Ella Parslow, Max Podgorny, Alvin Montreuil, Ryan Grupposo, Gabriel Gallant, Violet Johnson, Emily Macko

Credit: Alan Kulpa

Grade 6

High Honors: RoseMary Basha, Jacob Singer, Tobi Akindele, Alan Rubin, Kyle Muchiru, Jacob Parafinowicz, Simon Kowalczyk, Ayla Reed, Jada Jackson

Honors: Faith Muga, Liana Worth, Luke Surwaniec, Adam Wozniak, Lisa Kippax, Gabriel Rudnicki

Credit: Gianna Pigeon, Jake Martin, Ryan Amaral, Zosia Pawlikowska

Grade 5

High Honors: Hayley Benes, Olivia Rozanski

Honors: Tenleigh Dowd, Kalleia Agosto, Lukas Barbosa, Neli Kuznecki, Alexis Archambault, Maria Mankarios, Jacob Marcuccio, Tosin Akindele, Radhy Pena, Ivonka Waranjtys

Credit: Mychael Jones, Avery Archamabulat, Mackenzie Openshaw, Jacob Lopez

Grade 4

High Honors: Ariana Benson, Grayson Dollar, Bella Kicilinski, Evelyn Macko, Jacob Manzi, Lily Martin, James Miranda, Amelia Potem, Abigail Rubin, Lukas Stock, Sophia Surwaniec, Gabruel Ketnouvong-Ung, Noah Ryan, Odin Cowie

Honors: Deven Worth

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WEBSTER FIVE RECOGNIZED WITH MARKETPLACE EXCELLENCE AWARD

Webster Five was recently recognized as a 2022 Winner of a BBB of Central New England Award for Marketplace Excellence. This award celebrates businesses in central Massachusetts and northeast Connecticut that epitomize corporate responsibility and always do what's right by their customers. Honorees convey to the community of businesses that upholding the ethical standards of the Better Business Bureau is the hallmark of a successful business. Harbro Auto Sales and Service and Worcester Railers Hockey Club were this year's other top winners. The businesses were recognized at the Central MA Awards for Marketplace Excellence ceremony on November 9th, along with other award recipients. Webster Five has been dedicated to delivering exceptional banking services to its customers, a supportive work environment for its employees, and a positive impact on Central MA communities for over 150 years. Pictured (l-r): Nancy Cahalen, President & CEO of BBB of Central New England; Brian McEvoy, SVP Sr. Retail Banking Officer, Webster Five; Donald Doyle, President & CEO, Webster Five; Bruce Varner, Mortgage Loan Originator, Webster Five; Michele Kasabula, Board Chair for BBB of Central New England.

LEGALS

Property Location 26-28 Cutler St
Assessed Owners: Cutler High LLC
Supposed Current Owner: Cutler High LLC
Land Description: 6,910 Square Feet
Parcel Number: 14-F-1-0
Book 45753 Page 188
Bill Number 1318
2020 Real Estate Taxes
& Special Assessments:
Total Due \$690.29

Property Location 27 Upland Ave
Assessed Owners: Joseph, Laura & Page, Mary
Kathryne E Joseph Rev Liv
Supposed Current Owner: Joseph, Laura & Page, Mary
Kathryne E Joseph Rev Liv
Land Description: 7, 227 Square Feet
Parcel Number: 16-F-29-0
Book 55547 Page 53
Bill Number 2922
2020 Real Estate Taxes
& Special Assessments:
Total Due \$1,029.50

Property Location 14-16 Hartley St
Assessed Owners: Shea, Ryan G
Supposed Current Owner: Shea, Ryan G
Land Description: 11,825 Square Feet
Parcel Number: 24-E-11-0
Book 58611 Page 89
Bill Number 5430
2020 Real Estate Taxes
& Special Assessments:
Total Due \$648.40

Property Location 12-R Prospect St
Assessed Owners: Bembenek, Patrick L
Supposed Current Owner: RC Investments Trust Ruscitti, Eric TRS
Land Description: 5,053 Square Feet
Parcel Number: 14-D-26-0
Book 61770 Page 302
Bill Number 485
2020 Real Estate Taxes
& Special Assessments:
Total Due \$670.84

Property Location 0 Mill St
Assessed Owners: Rudnicki, LLC
Supposed Current Owner: Rudnicki, LLC
Land Description: 5.162 Acres
Parcel Number: 16-A-1-0
Book 54987 Page 252
Bill Number 5196
2020 Real Estate Taxes
& Special Assessments:
Total Due \$2,826.76

Property Location 269 High St
Assessed Owners: Lafountain, Mary J
Supposed Current Owner: Biela, Michal, & Biela, Joanna
Land Description: 5,073 Square Feet
Parcel Number: 2-M-1-0
Book 60658 Page 326
Bill Number 3277
2020 Real Estate Taxes
& Special Assessments:
Total Due \$1,445.19

Property Location 3 Oak Tree Lane
Assessed Owners: Erdmann, Teri L
Supposed Current Owner: Erdmann, Teri L
Land Description: 10,900 Square Feet
Parcel Number: 25-E-27-0
Book 59695 Page 279
Bill Number 1794
2020 Real Estate Taxes
& Special Assessments:
Total Due \$1,429.31

Property Location 0 Morris St
Assessed Owner: Kruger, Nancy G
Supposed Current Owner: Kruger, Nancy G
Land Description: 19,143 Square Feet
Parcel Number: 27-E-10-0
Book 59643 Page 125
Bill Number 3177
2020 Real Estate Taxes
& Special Assessments:
Total Due \$354.68

Property Location 0 Third St
Assessed Owners: Kunkel, Lee E
Supposed Current Owner: Kunkel, Lee E
Land Description: 11,550 Square Feet
Parcel Number: 3-G-6-0
Book 45728 Page 378
Bill Number 3213
2020 Real Estate Taxes
& Special Assessments:
Total Due \$352.74

Property Location 45 Point Pleasant Rd
Assessed Owners: Russello, Traci A
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Land Description: 4,530 Square Feet
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Book 24490 Page 174
Bill Number 5225
2020 Real Estate Taxes
& Special Assessments:
Total Due \$1,030.19

Property Location 0 Point Pleasant Rd
Assessed Owner: Savard, Caryl P
Supposed Current Owner Savard, Caryl P
Land Description: 4,988 Square Feet
Parcel Number: 48-A-42-0
Book 58910 Page 256
Bill Number 5319
2020 Real Estate Taxes
& Special Assessments:
Total Due \$1,352.93

Property Location 42 Point Pleasant Rd
Assessed Owners: Savard, Caryl P
Supposed Current Owner: Savard, Caryl P
Land Description: 8,441 Square Feet
Parcel Number: 48-A-41-0
Book 58910 Page 256
Bill Number 5318
2020 Real Estate Taxes
& Special Assessments:
Total Due \$4,223.98

Property Location 5 Nelson St
Assessed Owners: Gem, Karen

Supposed Current Owner: Gem, Karen
Land Description: 9,570 Square Feet
Parcel Number: 27-E-22-0
Book 23573 Page 180
Bill Number 2181
2020 Real Estate Taxes
& Special Assessments:
Total Due \$4,731.30

Property Location 0 Everett Ave
Assessed Owners: JK Emerald Realty
Supposed Current Owner: O'Brien, Michael
Land Description: 6,916 Square Feet
Parcel Number: 28-G-6-0
Book 59553 Page 390
Bill Number 2861
2020 Real Estate Taxes
& Special Assessments:
Total Due \$100.90

Property Location 26 Pattison Rd
Assessed Owners: Gallagher, Jenna
Supposed Current Owner: Gallagher, Jenna
Land Description: 12,878 Square Feet
Parcel Number: 39-B-2-0
Book 58808 Page 236
Bill Number 2111
2020 Real Estate Taxes
& Special Assessments:
Total Due \$5,962.75

Property Location 241 Thompson Rd
Assessed Owners: Leighton, Steven D
Supposed Current Owner: Leighton, Steven D
Land Description: 9,922 Square Feet
Parcel Number: 55-A-15-0
Book 56821 Page 163
Bill Number 3457
2020 Real Estate Taxes
& Special Assessments:
Total Due \$1,493.14
December 2, 2022

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225 Main Street
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Docket No. WO22C0652CA
CITATION ON PETITION TO
CHANGE NAME
In the matter of:
Kelly Lorraine Pratt**

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 15, 2022
Stephanie K. Fattman
December 2, 2022

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The Trial Court
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Worcester Probate and Family Court
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Docket No. WO22P3867EA
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FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Jamie J. Camosse
Date of Death: 06/21/2022**

To all interested persons:
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requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Alice J. Daly of Sutton MA** and **Jonathan J. Camosse of Sturbridge MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Personal Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

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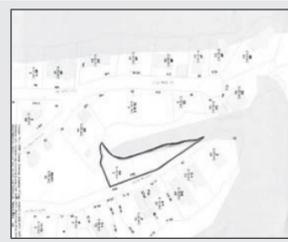
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SPORTS

Miranda runs wild, helps Pioneers overpower Bartlett

SOUTHBRIDGE SENIOR NOW A TWO-TIME THANKSGIVING MVP



Nick Ethier photos

Bartlett's Eric Manilut carries the ball along the sideline.



Caiden Steeves of Bartlett looks up and hauls in a reception.

Miranda then added his third touchdown, though, this one a 10-yard rush, and quarterback Blake Andrews hit Aubrey Moeng on the two-point conversion pass, and Southbridge took a 28-14 lead at intermission.

"Now it's 28-14, we turn one over going into half and then it was like we couldn't stop throwing interceptions for the rest of the game. You're not going to overcome those sorts of mistakes," said Laboissonniere.

The Indians opened the third quarter with an interception, their third of the game, and Miranda scored a play later and added the two-point conversion to make it 36-14.

The next Southbridge score was the result of another Bartlett INT, a pick-six by Olivo and Kyle St. Laurent adding the two-point run. Another pick-six, this one by St. Laurent, ballooned the Pioneers' lead to 50-14.

The Indians added a pair of fourth quarter touchdowns — Brown scoring on a 42-yard run and Caiden Steeves hitting Jose Colon on a 49-yard pass, and then Brown throwing to Colon for the two-point pass — but it was too little, too late.

Bartlett finished 1-10 in Laboissonniere's return to the sidelines following a year away in which the Indians endured an 0-10 campaign. Laboissonniere believes that the future can be bright for Bartlett.

"We're returning 25 of 27 guys on the roster. We've got a good senior class next year. They haven't ever had a consistent weight program, so a big thing for these kids is offseason training. January 4 we're going to be in there," said Laboissonniere. "I've had two 2-9 seasons in my career and both years we came back and made the playoffs following them. If we can follow suit there, we'll see what happens. I've got a good feeling about us for the future."

Southbridge finished 6-4 after a one-win season in 2021.

"It's a Thanksgiving Day win, two in a row. It feels good and I'm happy for the seniors. We had a good group of seniors that went through a lot the past two years, three years," said Koumanelis. "This really puts the frosting on the cake."

The proverbial cake could also be for Koumanelis who, barring any change in plans, will no longer be the head coach of the Pioneers after 39 years on the sidelines, either as a head or assistant coach.

"What I want to do, and they want me to do, is probably bring somebody along, mentor somebody, but I don't want to be the face of the program," said Koumanelis, who was presented with his framed No. 50 high school jersey as a gift.

"For me, it's the culmination of a career," added Koumanelis, a 1968 Southbridge graduate. "Growing up, and I tell these kids, my football life was beating Bartlett. That was more important than Super Bowls or anything like that. I tried to instill that in the kids."

"Winning on Thanksgiving is the greatest feeling ever, especially in front of the home crowd and all the alumni," said Miranda, proving that Koumanelis' words did in fact register to the current crop of student-athletes.



Bartlett's Quiava Brown hustles down the field as the Southbridge defense gives chase.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

SOUTHBRIDGE — Dating back to the early 1970s, no player since Bartlett High's Noel Lefebvre has won the Captain Vincent Sabatinelli Trophy for Game MVP two times in the storied Southbridge versus Bartlett Thanksgiving Day football rivalry.

Until now. The Pioneers' Jonathan Miranda, who won the award last season thanks to a two-touchdown performance, outdid himself this year at Harry J. McMahon Field. Miranda totaled four rushing touchdowns and nearly 200 yards in Southbridge's 50-28 victory in

the 102nd playing of the Thanksgiving matchup.

"Our line executed the right way and they gave me the openings. I did what I had to do," Miranda, a senior, said of his outing.

Frank Koumanelis, head coach of the Pioneers, heaped plenty of praise toward Miranda.

"He's a tremendous, tremendous football player," said Koumanelis. "He's a throwback player. He runs the ball well, he's got good sight, he's got good moves, but defensively he's awesome. He loves to hit. He deserved it today...close to 200 yards and a lot of tackles." Bartlett head coach Dane

Laboissonniere noted that Miranda was too much for the Indians to handle on both sides of the ball.

"We can't really match-up up front with some of their guys in terms of our size. They had some big guys, Miranda's a big back and we wore down as the game progressed," said Laboissonniere. "Jon Miranda is the engine on defense, too. I won't be crying any tears when he crosses the stage in June."

With Miranda scoring twice and Adriel Olivo adding a touchdown, Bartlett kept the game close with first half touchdowns by Quiava Brown Jr. He scored on a 60-yard reception and a rushing TD, making the score 20-14.

Oxford beats Bay Path in annual Battle for Buffums



Nick Ethier photos

Oxford's Lucas Lambert reaches the football into the end zone for a Pirates' touchdown.



Jordan DeLeon (5) and Jadan Morales of Oxford gang-tackle Bay Path ball carrier Jonathan Desmarais.



Oxford's Connor Fantasia slips through Bay Path defenders on his way to scoring a touchdown.

42 points. The scoring plays, in order, were as follows:

Lucas Lambert run, Lambert to Connor Fantasia pass, Lambert to Jordan DeLeon pass with a Lambert to Fantasia two-point conversion pass, Lambert to Robbie Fisher pass with a Lambert to Brett Morgan two-point conversion pass, and a pair of Zak Parmenter runs.

Lambert, the Game MVP, was 14 of 19 passing for 247 yards, and he added another 78 yards rushing on 12 carries. Parmenter was named the Offensive MVP, Quinn Clarkson the Defensive MVP.

Bay Path dropped to 7-5, but their season did not end there. The Minutemen advanced to the Large School State Vocational Championship game, where they will "host" Monty Tech. The game, to be played Thursday, Dec. 1 at 6 p.m., is at Shepherd Hill Regional.



Bay Path's Kaiden Brochu eludes the reach of Oxford defender Cameron Lavallee while carrying the football.



Connor Burke of Bay Path (10) makes a nice play defensively to tip the ball away from Oxford's Brett Morgan.

CHARLTON — The Oxford High varsity football team had a tremendous season, missing out on a State Championship appearance at Gillette Stadium by one point in the semifinal round, and they concluded it with a successful Thanksgiving Day victory over rival Bay Path Regional.

Playing in the Battle for Buffums at George L. Fowler Memorial Field, the Pirates ran away with a 42-6 victory as they finished the season with a record of 10-2.

After the Minutemen scored first on a Jonathan Desmarais 2-yard TD run to take a 6-0 lead, Oxford scored the final

SPORTS

Auburn retains possession of Tarentino Cup, defeats Wolverines 28-7



Photos courtesy Mark Seliger, SeligerPhotography.com

Members of Auburn's defense tackle Leicester ball carrier Mitchel Giggey.



Mason Voeng of Auburn eludes the reach of Leicester's Michael Gerber while carrying the football.



Auburn's Keating Oliver tries to make a move around Leicester's Hunter Senior.



With help provided by a blocking Logan Potter, Hunter Senior of Leicester punts the ball away.



AUBURN — The newfound Thanksgiving Day rivalry between the Auburn and Leicester High varsity football teams dubbed the Tarentino Cup — aptly named due to fallen police officer Ronald Tarentino's ties to both communities — has now been played twice, first in Leicester and this year at Memorial Field.

And the Rockets have won both contests, retaining the Cup with a 28-7 victory. Auburn outgained the Wolverines in yardage, 306-152, rushing for 284 of those yards.

The Rockets finished their season with a record of 7-4, while Leicester wound up 2-9.

Leicester quarterback Mason Griffiths heaves a pass down the field.



Leicester's Griffin Metcalf finds a hole in Auburn's defense and busts off a big gain.



Courtesy photo

Auburn High's 1973 State Championship ice hockey team included, from left, (back row) Assistant Coach Peter Glanville, Manager Charlie Stone, David Blackstone, Paul Shileill, Steve Madore, Brian Hastings, Jeff Sorenson, Glenn Graves, Ron Rukewtiz, Mike O'Coin, Mike Gabriella, Mark Willard, Manager Hal Tyree, Head Coach Jim McElholm, (front row) Ray Perks, Bill Winkleman, Glen Standring, Jerry Kusy, Bill Bowes, Mark St. Dennis, Chris Lamby, and missing from the photo is Manager Steve Odgren.

Auburn hockey's 1973 state championship team planning 50th anniversary celebration

The Auburn High ice hockey team who won the Massachusetts Division 1 State Championship in 1973 is planning to gather this coming January or February in Auburn to be together and honor this amazing accomplishment on the 50th anniversary. We are reaching out to let players know about this is happening, with more details to follow. Please contact Brian Hastings at (603) 986-3027 or email shawviewviewmusic@gmail.com if you haven't already. He has not been able to locate some of the players. Thank you.

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Series — Division 1: Natalie Wood 554
Division 2: Donna Dziadula 493

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Division 2: Scott Lamica 176
Series — Division 1: Eric Apher 621
Division 2: Carol Harvard 454

SPORTS

Defensive minded Rams shut out Tantasqua on Thanksgiving



Jason Bleau photos

Shepherd Hill's Luke Miller scored a touchdown and was the Offensive Player of the Game in the Rams' 14-0 Thanksgiving Day victory against Tantasqua.



With bodies strewn about on the ground, Lucas Welton of Shepherd Hill carries the ball down the sideline.



The Shepherd Hill line tries to move the Tantasqua players backward.

BY JASON BLEAU
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — After a painful Thanksgiving Eve loss in 2021 in Sturbridge, the Shepherd Hill Regional varsity football team got its revenge at home in 2022 in a big way during their annual matchup against Tantasqua Regional on Thanksgiving morning in 2022.

The Rams started off slow in the 48th annual meeting of the two schools with a strong drive halted by a holding penalty. Tantasqua didn't fare much better on their first possession when a fumble ended their strong drive. Both teams were held scoreless after the first quarter.

Tantasqua's second quarter started off the same as the first, with a fumble recovered by Shepherd Hill, this time setting up the Rams with good

field position that they would convert to points as Luke Miller scored the only offensive touchdown of the game with a 2-yard run giving Shepherd Hill the early lead they would never relinquish.

Ball control continued to be an issue for the Warriors, who nearly lost a blocked punt to the Rams early in the second quarter before recovering the ball themselves. However, Tantasqua squandered its chance to get back into the game when they fumbled the ball away again, allowing William Sirleaf to score a defensive touchdown to put the Rams up 14-0. Shepherd Hill would carry that lead into the second half and double down on defense to hold the Warriors scoreless despite Tantasqua showing plenty of grit and recovering a Rams' fumble. That 14-0 would be the final score of the game.

Warriors' head coach Nate Orzech

was blunt when talking about his team's performance acknowledging that Tantasqua is a capable team that needs to reduce their errors if they want to win games.

"We just have to play better and we need to take care of the ball. We're a good team when we can take care of the ball and we don't take penalties. We obviously didn't do that in the first half today, so we need to take care of those mistakes," said Orzech. "It always hurts to lose. The kids worked hard the last week and a half to win. We didn't come out here to lose, so of course it hurts."

Shepherd Hill head coach Dave Buchanan said he was proud of his team's performance, particularly on defense where they struggled all year until the final game where it mattered most.

"I can't say enough for how hard the kids worked to get ready for this game. Thanksgiving football is this really neat tradition we have in Massachusetts. It means so much no matter how your season goes, and the kids will always compete and battle. It's the most well attended game every year and these kids worked their butts off. We executed our defensive gameplay well. Even when they were misaligned they found a way to fix themselves and play out of position. I'm so proud of what they did defensively because that's been kind of our bugaboo all year. Today was our best defensive performance of the season," said Buchanan.

Miller was named Offensive Player of the Game while Cameron Murphy of Tantasqua was awarded Defensive Player of the Game. As a result of the Thanksgiving matchup, both teams finished the season with the same record of 4-7. Shepherd Hill's win continues their dominance in the annual holiday matchup, which now sits at 38-9-1 in favor of the Rams.

Shepherd Hill earns multiple Mid-Wach All-Star bids

The following are the Shepherd Hill Regional student-athletes who were named fall season Midland-Wachusett League All-Stars:

- Football
 - Brady Gelineau (Offensive)
 - Lucas Welton (Offensive)
 - Josh Harrison (Defensive)
 - Devin Rowden (Defensive)
 - Luke Miller (Academic)
- Boys' Soccer
 - Jack Barrows (First Team)
 - Shawn Maple (First Team)
 - Dan Gronck (Second Team)
 - Adrien Roach (Second Team and Academic)
- Girls' Soccer
 - Katherine Alicea (First Team)
 - Arianna Watson (First Team)
 - Victoria Cravedi (Second Team)
 - Colleen Cummings (Second Team and Academic)
- Field Hockey
 - Madeleine Johnson (Second Team and Academic)
- Volleyball
 - Lissett Cruz (Second Team)
 - Ashley Wojcicki (Academic)
- Golf
 - Ashtyn Bennet
- Boys' Cross-Country
 - Andrew Trudel
- Girls' Cross-Country
 - Grace Bateman
 - Emily Hultgren
 - Emery Mullen
 - Meghan Stevens
 - Karlee White
 - Lily Bateman (Academic)

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