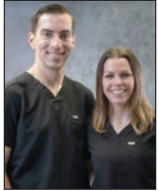




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Saint Joseph School students experience the beauty of music and language



After their inspiring performance, Maria Helena Czarnecka-Cieślak and Fr. Prof. Zbigniew Stępnik sit on the floor surrounded by Saint Joseph School students who were eager to take a photo with them. The presentation, titled “The Memory and Glory of God in Nature,” celebrated faith, music, and the beauty of God’s creation—an experience the students thoroughly enjoyed and will long remember.

WEBSTER — On Wednesday, Oct. 1, students from the PreK 3-year-old program through Grade 8 at Saint Joseph School were treated to a truly inspiring musical presentation titled “The Memory and Glory of God in Nature.” The program was performed by Fr. Prof. Zbigniew Stępnik, Ph.D. Hab. and Maria Helena Czarnecka-Cieślak, M.A., two exceptionally talented musicians whose artistry brought together faith, music, and language in a way that captivated every listener.

Ms. Czarnecka-Cieślak, a musicologist, organist,

and conductor, is a graduate of the Institute of Church Musicology at the Catholic University of Lublin and currently serves as organist at Saint Joseph Basilica in Webster. Fr. Stępnik, a professor at the University of Warmia and Mazury, is a classically trained bass and musicologist who has performed in numerous countries and in over a dozen languages. Together, they offered a program that celebrated both the universality of music and the glory of God reflected through His creation.

The concert opened with the Gregorian hymn “Ave Maria” performed in

Latin—a gentle and prayerful beginning that invited students to listen closely and reflect. As the program continued, students were encouraged to guess the language in which each piece was sung. This interactive format delighted the children, who eagerly raised their hands to identify languages such as German, French, Polish, Russian, and English.

Among the featured works were Beethoven’s “Die Ehre Gottes aus der Natur” (“The Glory of God in Nature”), which set the tone for the concert’s spiritual theme, and Franz Schubert’s “Ständchen”

(“Serenade”), a romantic German art song that filled the room with warmth and lyric beauty. Fr. Stępnik also performed Riccardo Cocciantè’s “Ave Maria Païen” from Notre Dame de Paris, Andrew Lloyd Webber’s “Memory” from Cats, and Jerry Bock’s “If I Were a Rich Man” from Fiddler on the Roof—demonstrating an impressive vocal range and expressive depth.

The concert concluded with a moving encore of Schubert’s “Ave

Maria,” again sung in Latin, leaving students and staff alike in quiet awe.

Beyond its artistic merit, the presentation served as a valuable learning experience. Exposure to various languages through song helps children develop cultural awareness, listening skills, and an appreciation for the diversity of human expression. It also reinforces the school’s commitment to nurturing the whole child—mind, heart, and spirit—through experiences that connect faith and the arts.

As one teacher noted afterward, the students’ enthusiasm was contagious: “They were so excited every time they guessed the language correctly—it was like watching them unlock a new world.”

Through the gift of music, Fr. Stępnik and Ms. Czarnecka-Cieślak reminded everyone that the language of beauty and praise is truly universal—a reflection of God’s presence in every culture and every heart.

Dudley voters reject proposal to re-name board of selectmen

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — While many communities in the Commonwealth have embraced the modern shift to more gender-neutral labels for their executive boards, Dudley will remain with a Board of Selectmen after rejecting a proposal to change the name to “Select Board” at the fall special

town meeting on Oct. 20.

The article sparked brief debate over the potential change including cost and the value of tradition. The item was brought to the voters to allow Dudley to address an issue that has gained national attention with other local towns like Charlton and Sturbridge making the change to Select Boards in recent years and even the statewide Massachusetts Selectmen

Association changing its name to the Massachusetts Select Board Association in 2020. Dudley voters, however, chose overwhelmingly to maintain the historical label of the executive board.

While the conversation was brief, the exchange was, at times, heated. Resident John Briare kicked off the debate, noting many women have served the town of Dudley, including leading

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Dudley Conservation Land Trust awarded major grant for land acquisition

DUDLEY — Earlier this week, the Massachusetts Department of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) announced its decision to award \$271,500 to the Dudley Conservation Land Trust (DCLT) for acquisition of the rural and scenic Tierney land, a critical component of Dudley’s northeast wildlife corridor.

In the Oct. 27 EEA press release, Gov. Maura Healey remarked on the \$12 million in grants for projects across Massachusetts, stating,

“Protecting open spaces is about investing in the health, safety, and wellbeing of our communities. These projects support local economies, improve public health, and make our neighborhoods better places to live. This funding helps ensure that every resident has access to the benefits of nature.”

DCLT is grateful to the Commonwealth for this award, which validates the conservation importance of the property.

To date, DCLT has

received critical support from the Cecelia J. Smolenski-Millette Charitable Trust, the Fields Pond Foundation, and various quiet personal donations from community members. With these contributions, DCLT has raised over half of the funds needed for the purchase of 21 acres of pristine woodland and fields straddling Dudley, Oxford, and Charlton from the Tierney family. This property marks the northern-most boundary

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Atkins, Smith power Bartlett past Narragansett

WEBSTER — Sophomore standout Jaesean Atkins did a little bit of everything last Friday night, scoring twice on the ground and picking off three passes as Bartlett held off a furious Narragansett rally to earn a 34-31 victory on Senior Night at Memorial Athletic Field.

The win improves the Indians to 6-2 and punched their ticket to the postseason, while the Warriors fall to 5-3.

Bartlett built a commanding 34-7 halftime lead, powered by its ground game. Lawrence Smith opened the scoring with a 7-yard touchdown run before Atkins followed with a 1-yard plunge and a spectacular 53-yard burst to make it 20-7 after one quarter.

Xavier Butler added a three-yard touchdown run in the second quarter, which

was set up by a 77 yard run by Atkins, and Smith later connected with Kenny Arpin on a conversion pass after his 34-yard touchdown run, giving Bartlett a four-score advantage at the break.

Narragansett refused to quit, storming back behind touchdown runs from Jordan Baumann, Tazerian Tigs, and Mason MacDonald, trimming the deficit to just three points in the fourth quarter.

But as the Warriors threatened late, Atkins sealed the win with his third interception of the night, halting Narragansett’s comeback bid.

Atkins finished with 278 rushing yards on 22 carries and eight tackles on defense, while Smith added 96 yards and two touchdowns on the ground. Butler and Arpin each contributed key plays

in short-yardage and defensive situations.

Defensively, Luigi Villegas and Kenny Arpin each tallied over seven total tackles, while Aiden Turner and Xavier Butler helped limit Narragansett’s rushing attack early.

Bartlett totaled 417 rushing yards as a team, continuing its identity as one of Central Massachusetts’ most physical rushing units.

The Indians will travel to #3 West Boylston Friday, November 7th for the MIAA Division 8 First Round matchup as they look to extend their postseason run.

Scoring Summary
First Quarter
Bartlett – Lawrence Smith 7-yard run (rush failed)
Narragansett – Victor Padilha 25-yard run (Jordan Baumann kick)
Bartlett – Jaesean Atkins



1-yard run (Atkins run) Bartlett – Jaesean Atkins 53-yard run (rush failed)	34-yard run (Kenny Arpin pass from Lawrence Smith)	Tigs 55-yard run (Mason MacDonald run)
Second Quarter Bartlett – Xavier Butler 3-yard run (pass failed) Bartlett – Lawrence Smith	Third Quarter Narragansett – Jordan Baumann 1-yard run (Mason MacDonald run) Narragansett – Tazerian	Fourth Quarter Narragansett – Mason MacDonald 3-yard run (MacDonald run)

A legacy of leadership, a heart for nursing

BAY PATH HONORS RETIRING ACADEMY DIRECTOR



Superintendent Kyle Brenner with Dr. Gretheline Bolandrina.

CHARLTON — Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy and Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School bid a heartfelt farewell to its longtime leader, Dr. Gretheline Ramos Bolandrina, Academy Director, who retired on Thursday, Oct. 30. The event marked the end of a remarkable 12-year tenure defined by leadership, compassion, and dedicated service to the nursing community.

Under Dr. Bolandrina’s direction, the Practical

Nursing program flourished, earning recognition for its academic rigor and the signature human touch she infused into every aspect of the curriculum. Her influence shaped generations of nurses, inspiring them to lead with professionalism, excellence, and heart.

A heartfelt celebration of service Colleagues, faculty, and administrators from Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School gathered to honor Dr. Bolandrina’s contributions.

The celebration featured a special presentation by Superintendent Kyle Brenner, who unveiled the gift to Dr. Bolandrina an engraved Standard Chair of Gardner. This handcrafted piece from a renowned local family-owned company symbolized the respect and enduring legacy she leaves behind. Dr. Bolandrina was visibly moved by the thoughtful gesture.

A festive luncheon accompanied a beautifully designed cake that read: “Keep on Doing Amazing Things — Bay Path Will Miss You!” The atmosphere was filled with shared memories, laughter, and warm wishes, underscoring the deep affection colleagues hold for her. As the event concluded, Dr. Bolandrina’s husband, Joseph, assisted in carefully packing her office belongings, including the commemorative chair, marking a poignant close to her time at Bay Path.

A nurse’s final reflection In her farewell message via email, Dr. Bolandrina reflected on the essence of her nursing journey, emphasizing the importance of compassion over confrontation: “Not every battle in nursing is meant to be fought with words. Some are won through silence, grace, and steadfast professionalism... Because in the end, nursing is not just about clinical skill or knowledge — it is about the heart.”

She encouraged future nurses to embody this spirit: “We are not defined by how others treat us, but by how we continue to care, especially when it’s hardest. Choose empathy. Choose growth. Keep moving forward.”

Dr. Bolandrina expressed deep gratitude for her twelve years, calling Bay Path “a place where ordinary people became nurses and perseverance bloomed into purpose.”

New adventures await

While her chapter at the Academy closes, Dr. Bolandrina looks forward to exciting new adventures. She plans to spend time with her grandson, Tidus, visit her son Chef Gino’s Worcester restaurant, KuruKuru Ramen, and tend to her extensive tropical and rare plant collection (@Gretheline_plants).

“Dr. Bolandrina’s impact on the Academy and the nursing community will endure,” said a PN faculty member. “Her leadership, kindness, and dedication leave a lasting legacy. The momentum she helped build will carry forward in every graduate who serves the community and the greater good. The best is yet to come.”

Correction

DUDLEY — The Webster Times would like to print the following correction and clarification to our story “Dudley Town Meeting approves borrowing for waterline” in our Oct. 31 issue.

In the article, it was stated that “the town and local company Gentex have agreed to share the blame” for the PFAS contamination in the Eagle Drive neighborhood and that in regard to the water line project approved at the fall town meeting in October “the two entities have agreed to split the remaining cost evenly with each party paying an estimated \$8.22 million toward the project.” These statements are incorrect, and have been clarified by the Town Manager’s office. We would like to apologize for any misunderstanding or confusion that may have occurred from this oversight.

The State DEP has named the town and Gentex as “potential responsible parties” so there is no agreement to “share blame,” but instead actually an agreement is to cost share the mitigation. There is also no agreement at this time to share the cost of the water line project. The town would not have been able to negotiate an agreement with Gentex until town meeting approved borrowing for the waterline, which it now has.

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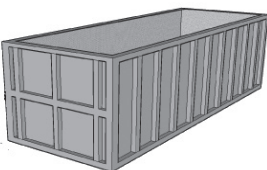
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Bay Path students receive InvenTeam grant to create technological solution to real-world problem



CHARLTON — Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School (BPRVTHS) was recently awarded a Lemelson-MIT InvenTeam® grant in the amount of \$7,500 to create an invention geared towards helping people that are wheelchair-bound. This invention will allow them to visit areas that are otherwise inaccessible. BPRVTHS is one of only eight high schools nationwide to be selected as an InvenTeam this year. The BPRVTHS InvenTeam is inventing a solution to the inefficiency, compromised safety, and lack of comfort present in wheelchairs used to access sandy beaches. Through our invention, we seek to improve the beach-going experience, promote accessibility and independence for wheelchair-bound people with an efficient, safe, and comfortable wheelchair design. Kristine Wade, science teacher, at BPRVTHS initiated the InvenTeam application process during the summer and worked with the students to prepare the final proposal. A respected panel of university professors, inventors, entrepreneurs, industry professionals, and college students including former InvenTeam members now working in industry selected the grantees.

Over the next eight months, our BPRVTHS InvenTeam will develop a solution to the problem. Our team will build a working prototype that will be showcased at a technical review here locally in February, and then again as a final prototype during EurekaFest®, an invention celebration taking

place in June.

“The InvenTeams initiative has been a grand MIT experiment and proven that all youth can invent when given the opportunity,” says Leigh Estabrooks, Lemelson-MIT’s Invention Education Officer. “Our 22 years of working with high school teams in their communities shows the extraordinary power of invention education. Teams will work extremely hard throughout this entire school year becoming experts in their self-selected problems as well as the technological solutions. It’s an honor to work with such empathetic young people who care about making our lives safer, healthier, and more accessible.”

The InvenTeams grants initiative has enabled 214 students to be awarded U.S. patents for their high school inventions. Hundreds more students have patent pending designations for their inventions. Intellectual property education is combined with our invention education offerings as part of the Lemelson-MIT Program’s deliberate efforts to remedy historic inequities among those who develop inventions, protect their intellectual property, and commercialize their creations.

The ongoing efforts empower students from all backgrounds, equipping them with invaluable problem-solving skills that will serve them well throughout their academic journeys, professional pursuits, and personal lives. The program has worked with over 4,000 students across 312 InvenTeams nationwide and

has included:

- Partnering with intellectual property law firms to provide pro bono legal support
- Collaborating with industry-leading companies that

- provide technical guidance and mentoring
- Providing professional development for teachers on invention and IP education
- Assisting teams with iden-

tifying resources within their communities’ innovation ecosystems to support ongoing invention efforts

Publishing case studies and research to inform the work of invention educators and policy makers and build support for engaging students in efforts to invent solutions to real-world problems thus fueling the innovation economy in the U.S.

The Lemelson-MIT Program (LMIT) is a national leader in efforts to prepare the next generation of inventors and entrepreneurs. Their work focuses on the expansion of opportunities for people to learn ways inventors find and solve problems that matter to improve

lives. Their commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion aims to remedy historic inequities among those who develop inventions, protect their intellectual property and commercialize their creations.

Jerome H. Lemelson, one of U.S. history’s most prolific inventors, and his wife Dorothy founded the Lemelson-MIT Program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1994. It is funded by The Lemelson Foundation and administered by the School of Engineering at MIT, an institution with a strong ongoing commitment to creating meaningful opportunities for K-14 STEM education.

Holy Cross football team visits Park Ave Elementary



The Holy Cross Football Team takes a group photo with Mr. Aronian.

WEBSTER — On Oct. 27, Holy Cross’s football team visited Park Avenue Elementary to play flag football with the school’s third graders.

“I watched Destin Simmons, Holy Cross defensive lineman, sling a pass to one of our third graders, who then celebrated in the end zone – it doesn’t get much better than that,” said Matthew Aronian, Dean of Students.

This special event is a highlight for the Park

Avenue Elementary community, as players not only take the time to connect with students and answer questions, but also engage them by asking questions back – creating an interactive and genuine experience. Cameroon Borges and Aaron Dashiell are the driving forces behind the event.

“It’s great to see our players interacting with their local community,” said Borges. “It probably means as much to them as it does to the students here.”

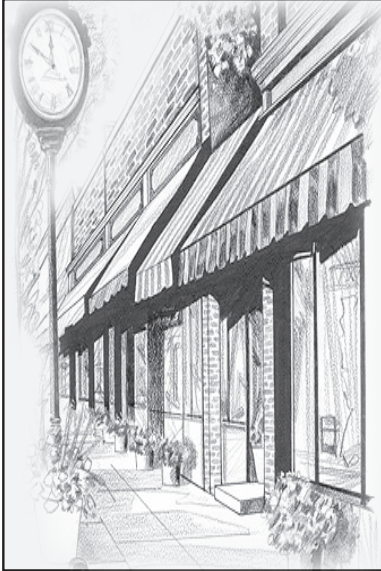
One enthusiastic third grader shouted, “I want to play football at Holy Cross!” before the entire grade gave the team a heartfelt round of thanks.

“You can’t beat that,” said Ms. Kajano, one of the third grade teachers. “Being inspired is important.”

Park Avenue Elementary extends a special thank you to Webster Public Schools Business Manager Lisa Kontoes, Bartlett High School Athletic Director Tony Paranto, and Webster

Recreation Director Carol Marchand for helping make the event possible.

The school continues to prioritize its PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) program, which includes community events like this. Principal Amy Puliafico, Assistant Principals Jess Ochocki and Keith Goodier, along with the faculty, work hard to ensure PBIS initiatives remain strong and meaningful for all students.



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By 1933, unemployment had soared to nearly fifteen million—more than one in five workers. Families who once counted on a paycheck now counted pennies, or borrowed bread from neighbors who were just as poor.

In city after city, long lines snaked around corners, men in threadbare coats clutching tin cups and children holding out chipped bowls. Hunger had no party, no region, no mercy. And then came the dust.

As if economic ruin weren't enough, the early 1930s brought a second catastrophe. The Great

Plains—once called the nation's breadbasket—became a wasteland. Years of drought and over-farming tore the topsoil loose, and winds carried it east in storms so dense they turned day into night.

By 1934, one hundred million acres of farmland lay barren. Crops withered. Livestock suffocated. Entire families packed what they could onto rattling trucks and fled west, their lives reduced to dust and memory.

But out of that dust, compassion took root.

Ordinary citizens—neighbors, church groups, and volunteers—refused to wait for government relief that was still tangled in red tape. In living rooms and church basements, they poured kettles of soup, handed out

bread loaves, and opened their doors to strangers. These homegrown soup kitchens ran on donations, not directives.

In Detroit, Capuchin friars opened a humble kitchen that would serve thousands each day, surviving on faith and flour. Even Chicago's most unlikely philanthropist, Al Capone, set up a soup line—not out of sainthood, of course.

Across the nation, gymnasiums became dining halls, union halls became food depots, and women's auxiliaries became engines of mercy. The system was imperfect and chaotic, but it worked.

No one knows exactly how many Americans were starving, but by 1932, a quarter of all families had no wage earner at all. Hunger was not a number—it was a cold morning, an empty pot, a mother whispering to her

child, "We'll find something tomorrow."

Out on the plains, where the dust blotted out the sun, the same story unfolded. Farm wives gathered wild berries. Neighbors shared seed and sugar. Churches turned barns into relief depots. At train stations, small-town committees left buckets of milk and bread for migrants heading west. And in California's orchards, locals organized food drives for the endless wave of families who had lost everything but their will to survive.

By the late 1930s, those collective acts of kindness—migrant relief kitchens, church pantries, and conservation efforts—had begun to turn the tide. Fields were reseeded. Families found work. The wind still blew, but hope had returned to the soil.

Things may change by the

time you read this, but as of now, the federal government shutdown has halted the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program—known to most as food stamps or EBT. More than 42 million Americans rely on that card to buy groceries and feed their families. A judge has ordered the administration to make the payments, but delays mean refrigerators are empty.

Wherever you stand on the issue, I hope we can all agree that when the system pauses, the people must not.

Throughout our history, when hardship struck—whether in the breadlines of the Great Depression or the barren fields of the Dust Bowl—it wasn't bureaucracy that saved us. It was we, neighbors, who refused to look away. Church volunteers stirring soup at dawn. Farmers who shared seed they could barely spare. Americans have always

filled the gap with compassion and courage, long before any program or policy could.

That's the tradition we inherit. That's what makes this country strong.

So go to the store. Pick up some rice, beans, noodles, pasta sauce, peanut butter, honey, and bread—whatever lasts and nourishes. Drop it off at your local food pantry. Share this with your friends and encourage them to do the same.

Please don't wait for permission or for Washington to solve it. The United States is swimming in food; no one should go hungry.

America's greatness has never come from government checks—it has come from human hands, and from hearts that move.

That's the American way.

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For the indoor gardener, paint a pot, preferably one with drainage holes, that they can use to display their favorite plant. If your budget allows, add potting mix and a plant or gift certificate so they can select a new or favorite plant from the garden center. Include a pair of snips to help them trim, groom and keep their indoor plants looking their best.

Purchase a fun watering can or decorate one with decoupage. This is a fun gift for kids and adults to make

for family and teachers. Just select a plastic or metal watering can, gather pictures, and secure and seal them to the watering can with a suitable material found at craft stores.

Dress up your favorite gardener's gear with colorful tools like the British Meadow Pruner & Holster Set endorsed by the Royal Horticultural Society. The pruners have a comfort grip and are perfect for cutting small branches and stems and the floral holster will keep them handy when gardening. This makes a great gift for gardeners that appreciate aesthetics as well as quality tools.

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Don't forget the youngsters on your list. Research shows children exposed to the outdoors and gardening are more focused, do better in school, and have less severe ADHD symptoms. Girls raised in a landscaped environment are more confident and less subject to peer pressure. By encouraging them to garden you might be helping them acquire a lifelong skill and get help planning, planting and tending the garden.

Giving them their own kid-sized garden gear (coronatools.com) can make gardening more fun and easier as they garden by your side or in their own

garden plot or container. Look for tools designed to fit children's hands like Corona's kids 3-piece garden tool set that has everything a young gardener needs to dig, explore, plant and tend their garden. A kid-sized wheelbarrow is just the right size for hauling plants, soil and mulch.

Don't let the hustle of the holiday season put a damper on your gift giving. Keep in mind this act of kindness generates happiness in ourselves and others.

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



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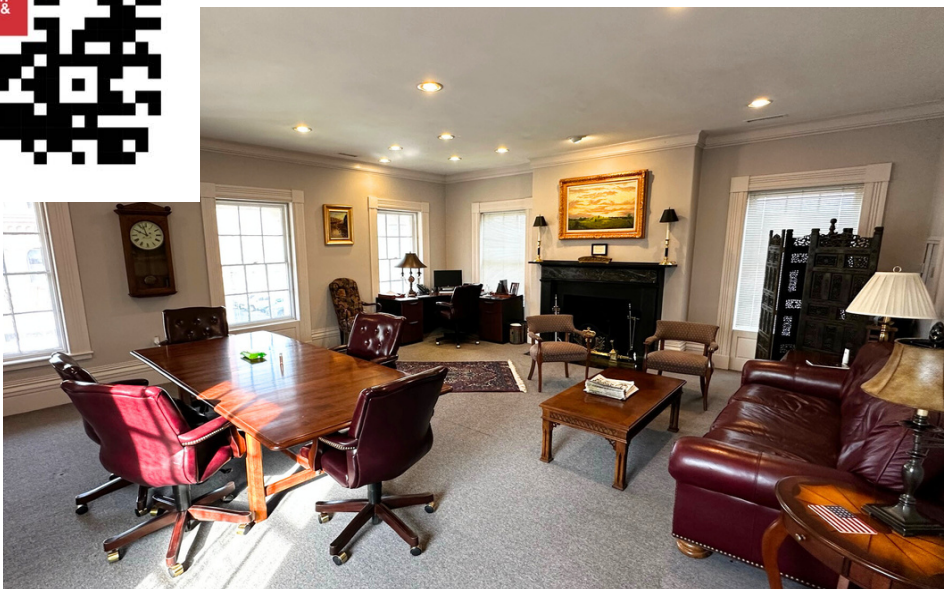
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Monarch Orchard celebrates grand opening

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — It's been quite a few years now since the previous owners of Charlton Orchard sought to sell the property, resulting in a controversy that divided the town of Charlton. However, years after the dust settled, the orchard now officially has new life, but this time serving as a uniting force for the community. Like a butterfly emerging from its slow transformation in a cocoon, Charlton Orchard is now officially reborn as Monarch Orchard.

The venue held its official grand opening on Oct. 25, with new owners Alanna and Justin Tomer welcoming guests to a special celebration including music, vendors, games, and more. Speaking about his new business venture, Justin Tomer said he fell in love with the property from the start and eventually he and Alanna decided to take a chance and purchased the property to continue its legacy as an orchard producing numerous different kinds of produce.

"We've been just putting in as much work as we can to open it up and clear a lot more land and make it available for people to come in and enjoy," Justin Tomer said. "It's amazing to see the people and it gives you goosebumps. You see how happy everybody is, and it brings another life to the orchard. It feels like something that's been needed."

Alanna Tomer spoke about how special the grand opening was as she greeted guests during a ceremony which included appearances by elected officials from the state and Charlton's Select Board.

"It's been a long road to get here and a lot of hard work, but today we have so much to celebrate," said Alanna. "Monarch Orchards was once just a scribble on a piece of paper, an idea, a dream, and now we are here standing proudly on this land seeing it all come to life."

Before the Tomer's came along, the fate of Charlton Orchard proved divisive among the people of Charlton. Prior to 2020, the potential sale of the property for use as what would have been one of the largest cannabis growth sites in the country resulted in lawsuits and heated debates, although many simply wanted to see the property remain as an orchard.

This controversy was referenced by state and local lawmakers, who kept their statements vague enough to recall the struggle, but focused more on the positive and what the orchard has since become.

"We know in this community some years ago this might have been used for something else and that caused a bit of a stir to say the least," said State Rep. Paul Frost, whose territory includes part of Charlton, including Monarch Orchard. "To have this go back to what it was originally here for and have them nurture this land and make it a jewel of the community is a great endeavor."

Charlton Selectman Steven Koronis agreed noting that while he wasn't on the Select Board during the years of the controversy, he was keenly aware of how important preserving the property was to the townsfolk.

"There were so many people that were saying why can't someone buy up the orchard and keep it an orchard. That was the common thread. Regardless of which side of the argument you were on, everybody wanted that and this is proof that sometimes it takes just a matter of time before someone is brave enough to do it," said Koronis.

Now the future looks bright for Monarch Orchard. Even as the fall and winter months approach, the family is hard at work preparing for exciting springs and summers ahead in 2026 and beyond steeped in local tradition and a desire to preserve and build upon the small town, pick-your-own-food aesthetic that many loved about the orchard for so many years.



Members of the Charlton Select Board welcome Monarch Orchards to the community.



Alanna and Justin Tomer, the new owners of Monarch Orchard, formerly Charlton Orchard



Congratulations to the following students who were selected as September Students of the Month at St. Joseph School — Pre-K 3-year-old: Wilhelmina Nowicki; Pre-K 4-year-old: Henry Surowaniec; Kindergarten: Sophia Dowd; Grade 1: Elena Salem; Grade 2: Maya Denert; Grade 3: Rebecca Vezeau; Grade 4: Maya Jackson; Grade 5: Stella Andreotta; Grade 6: Armani Cedeno; Grade 7: Abigail Rubin; Grade 8: Kalleia Agosto. Students are awarded Student of the Month for their outstanding exemplification of Religion, Respect, and Responsibility. Keep up the great work!

Upcoming Meat Raffle to benefit Bartlett High School PBIS

WEBSTER — The Bartlett High School PBIS program will host a Meat Raffle fundraiser Saturday, Nov. 22 at 1 p.m. (with early birds welcome beginning at 12:30 p.m.) at the Webster Fish & Game Club, 91 Gore Rd.

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OBITUARIES

Barbara T. Nowak, 97



WEBSTER – Barbara T. (Piasta) Nowak, 97, died Wednesday, October 29, 2025 in Webster Manor with family at her side. Her husband of 42 years, William B. Nowak, died in 1988. She leaves her son, Thomas Nowak of Webster; 4 grandchildren, Thomas Nowak, Jr., Scott Nowak, Nicholas Nowak and his wife Sheri, all of Webster, and Christopher and Melissa Nowak of Oxford; 5 great-grandchildren, Samantha, Jason, Damien, Shawn, MacKenzie and

Matthew; 2 great great-grandchildren, Madelyn and Raegan Herr; nieces and nephews. Her son Robert died in 2016. She was born on October 6, 1928, in Webster, a daughter of Joseph and Anna (Papierski) Piasta and lived here most of her life. Mrs. Nowak worked as a housekeeper at Saint Vincent Hospital and then as a hostess at Webster Manor for many years before she retired. She enjoyed crocheting. Funeral services will be held privately. There are no calling hours. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street. www.websterfunerals.com

Elizabeth A. Shier, 86



WEBSTER – Elizabeth Anna Shier, 86, died Wednesday, October 29, 2025 in Christopher House, Worcester, peacefully in her sleep. She leaves 4 children, Anthony Barnardo and his wife Sheryl, Timothy Barnardo and his wife Tammy, Elizabeth O'Connor and her wife Lisa, and James D. O'Connor, Jr.; 6 grandchildren, Anthony, Amanda, Jennifer, James III, Victoria and Dalton; 9 great-grandchildren, Lilianna, Brayden, Isabella, Gavin, James IV, Quinn, Aurora, Harper, and Isabella; nephews and nieces. Liz, known to her family as mom, gram, gram-mama, and Aunt Minnie was loved and cherished by them all. She was preceded in death by her former husband and companion of over 50 years, James D. O'Connor Sr. of Webster, by her brother Henry Shier and by her sisters Dorothy Edwards and Edna Stanley. She was born on January 7, 1939 in Queens, NY and raised there, the daughter of Henry and Edna (Rupp) Shier. She moved here in 1979. She was a former member of the Church of the Reconciliation

and enjoyed attending church, swimming and shopping. Liz overcame many obstacles in her earlier years that created the strong and independent mother and grandmother that we all knew and loved. She never missed sending cards and phone calls for everyone's birthday, anniversary, and other special event. She was the life of the party and never said no to an invitation. She loved to laugh and enjoy a cold beer. Liz was the "Dancing Queen" at all family gatherings. Before transitioning to living at Christopher House, she created a beautiful home and garden at Golden Heights in Webster that she took great pride in. Liz loved being outdoors, especially spending time by the ocean and in the water. If you knew Liz, you knew the top 3 things that defined her outside her family and friends were the color purple, seafood (lobster specifically) and strawberries. She will be deeply missed by so many. Visitation will be held from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. on Saturday, November 15 in the Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, with words of remembrance beginning at 2:30 P.M. www.websterfunerals.com

Virginia Mae Cioppa



SHREWSBURY – Virginia Mae (Lilly) Cioppa passed peacefully in her sleep on October 30, 2025, at Holy Trinity Nursing Center in Worcester. She was born at her grandparents' home in Bethlehem, PA, to Elmer L. and Mae J.C. (Martin) Lilly on February 2nd, 1931. She leaves behind her brother, William F. Lilly in Texas; her sister Charlotte L. Bickford in Massachusetts; three children, Brandy L. Harris of Shrewsbury, Theodore M. Cioppa and his partner Cheray Kaddoura of Oxford, and Ralph V. Cioppa and his husband Jerry A. Cioppa; her grandchildren, Gillian E. Carlyle and her husband Thomas of Swanzey, NH, Hillary M. McAlice of Westboro, and Savannah M. Cioppa of Oxford; and her great-grandchildren, Thomas R. Carlyle, Amelia E. Carlyle, and Lilly M. McAlice; and several nieces and nephews. Virginia served in the US Navy W.A.V.E.S from 1951 to 1955 as an Airport Control Operator. She was quiet but determined, and often worked several jobs at a time

to support herself and her children. She retired from AstraZeneca to care for her mother, whom she brought from Pennsylvania to live with her. She loved making crafts for every occasion. She was a loving and generous person, helping out where and when she could. She is predeceased by her parents; two brothers, Martin Lilly and Bruce A. Lilly; a sister Myrtle J. Olson; and her children, Theodore J. Cioppa and Sherry L. Cioppa. The family would like to thank the staff at Holy Trinity and Brookhaven Hospice for the gentle care and attention they gave her, and her roommate, Joyce Mantalvanos, for being a great friend. There are no calling hours, and interment will be at the family's convenience at Center Cemetery in Goshen, CT. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Holy Trinity Nursing Center, 300 Barber Ave., Worcester, MA 01606. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements.



Clare F. Cahill, 94



OXFORD – Clare F. (O'Connell) Cahill, 94, formerly of Oxford and a resident of Notre Dame du Lac for the past 4 years, died Sunday, October 26, 2025, at UMass Memorial Medical Center – University Campus in Worcester. She was predeceased by her husband of 55 years, Daniel W. Cahill of Oxford, who died in 2009. She is survived by seven children, Daniel J. Cahill and his wife Cheryl of Oxford, Maureen C. Barry and her husband Richard C. Barry Jr. Esq. of Boylston, Paul T. Cahill and his wife Eileen of Miami, FL, David W. Cahill of Douglas, Kathleen H. Maitland of Vernon, CT, Anne M. Cahill and her fiancé John Scirpoli of Shrewsbury, and Patricia C. Talbot and her husband Anthony of Worcester; a brother, Rev. Paul T. O'Connell of Shrewsbury; a sister, Patricia R. Wickstrom of Northbridge; 14 grandchildren: Ryan Cahill, Sean Cahill and Erin Rose; Katelyn Ahern, Christopher Barry and Courtney Barry; Adam Cahill; Andrew Cahill, Brett Cahill, and Sarah Stafinski; Ashley Cerri and Jessica Rosa; and Olivia Talbot and Lindsay Talbot; fourteen great-grandchildren, Hailey Cahill, Grace Cahill, Luke Cahill, and Mark Cahill, Molly Rose, James Rose, Rowan Ahern, Colette Ahern, Madilyn Cahill, Maila Cahill, Parker Stafinski, Peyton Stafinski,

Maddox Cerri and Delilah Cerri; and many nephews and nieces. She was born in Northbridge, daughter of the late Thomas P. and Helen M. (Cove) O'Connell, and lived in Grafton and Northbridge before moving to Oxford in 1961. She graduated from Northbridge High School in 1948, and St. Vincent School of Nursing in 1952. Mrs. Cahill was a registered nurse at Sandalwood Nursing Home in Oxford for 30 years, retiring in 2001. Previously, she worked at St. Vincent Hospital and Fairlawn Hospital, both in Worcester, and was a member of the St. Vincent Hospital Alumni. Mrs. Cahill was a devout Catholic throughout her life and was a longtime communicant of St. Roch's Church. She traveled throughout the United States and abroad, and spent countless years on Cape Cod. She was proud of her Irish heritage. She was a wonderful mother and grandmother. She loved family gatherings and always prepared wonderful meals for the whole tribe. A funeral was held on Monday, November 3, 2025, from Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford, followed by a Mass at 11 a.m. at St. Roch's Church, 332 Main St., Oxford. Burial followed at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Northbridge. Calling hours were Sunday, November 2, 2025, from 3-6 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Roch's Church, 334 Main St., Oxford, MA 01540, or to Notre Dame du Lac Assisted Living, 555 Plantation St., Worcester, MA 01605.

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the Board of Selectmen, and argued the town has no reason to change the name. "This is our history. This is a part of who we are. You're wasting my time, and I am tired of history and our forefathers being chipped away a little bit at a time," said Briere. In a rebuttal to Briere's comments, Selectman Steven Sullivan argued that the change is simply just about a name, and he felt it was hypocritical to bring historical preservation into the discussion, especially

when America has made several changes to tradition, even to the Constitution itself, that benefitted women over the decades. "It's a simple title change, that's all it is. If you go to Select Board, what's the big deal?" asked Sullivan. Another element of the debate was the potential cost. Earlier in the discussion Selectman Kerry Cyganiewicz had indicated that any potential change would not cost Dudley money, however Town Clerk Lori Smith contradicted that as she asked citizens to vote against the change due to the expense. "We have general code

that updates our bylaws. They have to go through all of them, they have to go through and change that word in every single bylaw that we have - They said it would be up to \$2,985 to do this, and I know we don't have money to waste right now. And to me this would be wasting it," said Smith. While there were other citizens interested in being part of the debate, a request to move the question sent it to a vote after only minutes of discussion. The outcome has likely put a pause on any further consideration to change the Board of Selectmen name for the foreseeable future.

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of the extensive wildlife corridor that DCLT is working to protect, along with the newly acquired Antos Farm on Marsh Road and the existing sanctuaries of Slater Woods, Pierpont Meadow, and Oxford Woodlands. The Tierney property includes an old farm field, a 19th century cemetery, and a tri-town marker at the northern end of a 1.5-mile-long farm landscape that lies within BioMap Critical Natural Landscape and abuts National Heritage

and Endangered Species Program (NHESP) designated Forest Core. DCLT extends a huge thank you to all those who have generously contributed to this acquisition project. "We are honored to have so much support from our state and local partners on this land acquisition project," said DCLT President Liza Moran. "The Tierney property and the abutting conservation properties are truly special places that provide a strong sense of place in our scenic and rural natural community. We are reaching out to others--to

you--to help us meet our goal and purchase this property to conserve it for current and future generations." To complete this land purchase, DCLT continues to pursue additional grant opportunities and community support. Tax-deductible donations may be made by check payable to "Dudley Conservation Land Trust" and mailed to DCLT, PO Box 14, Dudley, MA 01571. Every donation, big or small, helps. If you have any questions, or want to discuss ways to help, please contact us at deltrust@aol.com.

P.E.O. Chapter R to host informational meeting on educational funding for women



W O R C E S T E R — Women seeking financial assistance for their educational goals are encouraged to attend an upcoming informational meeting hosted by P.E.O. Chapter R of Worcester. The event will focus on the variety of low-interest loans, grants, scholarships, and awards available through the Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.). The P.E.O. Sisterhood is a U.S.-based international women's organization that was founded in 1869 by seven young women at Iowa Wesleyan College. Dedicated to its mission: "where women educate, motivate, and celebrate women," P.E.O. has grown to nearly a quarter of a million members across the U.S. and Canada, passionately committed to advancing women's education. The organization's philanthropic work is extensive. P.E.O. proudly sponsors six international philanthropies that provide financial assistance to women at various stages of their academic journey. These programs include: P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education

(PCE): Provides need-based grants to women whose education has been interrupted and who must return to school to improve their marketable skills. P.E.O. STAR Scholarship (STAR): A competitive scholarship for exceptional high school senior women entering post-secondary education. P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund (ELF): A low-interest loan program to assist qualified women students in securing a higher education. P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship (IPS): A scholarship for international women students to pursue graduate study in the U.S. and Canada. P.E.O. Scholar Awards (PSA): Merit-based awards for women pursuing doctoral-level degrees. In addition, P.E.O. owns and supports Cottey College, an independent, baccalaureate-granting liberal arts and sciences institution for women in Nevada, Missouri. Chapter R, led by Christine White (paws@townisp.com) invites the public to learn how these resources can provide opportunities for women pursuing various educational paths, including

those returning to school, seeking career development, or continuing their academic studies. Event Details Attendees will receive details on eligibility requirements and the application processes for the organization's various financial programs. All P.E.O. financial projects require a recommendation from a local chapter, making this local information session a crucial first step. What: Informational Meeting on P.E.O. Educational Funding Who: P.E.O. Chapter R, Worcester Where: Shrewsbury Public Library, Meeting Room A When: Tuesday, Dec. 2, from 1 to 3 p.m. Join the mission Chapter R is also actively seeking new members who share their commitment to empowering women through education. The meeting offers a great opportunity for women interested in philanthropy and fellowship to learn more about the organization's work and how to join the local chapter in their mission to motivate, educate, and celebrate women.

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Dudley Woman’s Club honors veterans with handmade poppy pins

DUDLEY — On Oct. 30, several members of the Dudley Woman’s Club (DWC) gathered at the Dudley Municipal Complex to create more than 60 handmade poppy pins in honor of veterans participating in the upcoming Webster-Dudley Veteran’s Day Parade on Nov. 11.

The poppy pin, a symbol of remembrance and honor for those who have served, will be presented to veterans during the parade as a heartfelt gesture of gratitude for their sacrifices and dedication to our country.

The Dudley Woman’s Club is committed to community service and fostering connections among residents, and this project exemplifies their dedication to honoring local heroes.

Thank you to all veterans for your service, and to our members for their hard work and commitment to this initiative. We invite the community to join us in celebrating our veterans at the Webster-Dudley Veteran’s Day Parade.

For more information about the Dudley Woman’s Club and their community initiatives, please visit www.dudleywomanclub.org.





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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 15, 2025 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the grounds of noncompliance with the Act.
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By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Stella J. Derderian, David W. Lovitt to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., dated April 28, 2009 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 44188, Page 154, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. to Specialized Loan Servicing LLC, recorded on August 2, 2022, in Book No. 68010, at Page 250
for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 PM on December 8, 2025, on the mortgaged premises located at 21 Central Avenue, Dudley, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,
TO WIT:
THE LAND IN DUDLEY, SAID WORCESTER COUNTY, WITH THE BUILDINGS THEREON BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT:
A CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND WITH THE BUILDINGS THEREON STANDING SITUATED IN THE EASTERLY PART OF SAID DUDLBY IN THE MERINO VILLAGE, SO-CALLED. AND IS BOUNDED AND DESCRIBBD AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER THEREOF;
THENCE EASTERLY FORTY-TWO (42) FEET BY LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF JOHN P. DZIURGOT TO A STONE POST;
THENCE NORTHERLY FIFTY (50) FEET BY LAND OP SAID DZIURGOTTO A STONE POST;
THENCE WESTERLY FIFTY-EIGHT (58) FEET TO A STONE POST BY THE ROAD BY LAND OF SAID DZIURGOT;
THENCE ON SAID ROAD FIFTY (50) FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.
A CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN SAID DUDLEY IN THE MERINO VILLAGE, SO-CALLED, AND IS BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT; BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID KEATING PREMISES AND AT LAND OF SAID DZIURGOT;
THENCE RUNNING EASTERLY THIRTY-ONE (31) FEET TO A STONE POST AT LAND OF SAID DZIURGOT; THENCE SOUTHERLY BY LAND OP SAID DZIURGOT EIGHTY-ONE (81) FEET TO A STONE POST;
THENCE WESTERLY BY LAND OF SAID DZUIRGOT ABOUT SEVENTY-THREE (73) FEET TO THE ROAD;
THENCE BY SAID ROAD THIRTY-ONE (31) FEET TO LAND OF SAID KEATING;
THENCE BY SAID KEATING LAND

EASTERLY ABOUT FORTY-TWO (42) FEET;
THENCE BY SAID KEATING LAND ABOUT FIFTY (50) FEET NORTHERLY TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.
For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 31910, Page 204.
These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.
TERMS OF SALE:
Adeposit of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars 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 certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.
Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.
NEWREZ LLC, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING LLC, D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California St.
Newton, MA 02458
(617)558-0500
24557
November 7, 2025
November 14, 2025
November 21, 2025

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. WO25P3761 EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate Of:
Elizabeth M Bell
Date of Death:08/04/2025

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Francis J Riordan of Oxford 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:
Robin S Bell of Oxford MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/02/2025.**
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 29, 2025
Stephanie Fattman,
Register of Probate
November 7, 2025

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. WO25P3556EA
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE
Estate Of: **Stephen Paul Miller**
Also Known As:
Stephen P. Miller
Date of Death: **June 23, 2025**

To All persons who have or may have some interest in the above-captioned estate and if interested to the Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Veterans Affairs, notice is hereby given that the petitioner **Rebecca M. Miller of Webster, MA** has been informally appointed as Personal Representative of said estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
November 7, 2025

(SEAL)
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
Docket 22 SM 003838
ORDER OF NOTICE
To:
Jeffrey P. Lougie; Stephanie Lougie
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (*et seq*): U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST, claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Dudley, numbered 29 Camelot Circle, given by Jeffrey P. Lougie and Stephanie Lougie to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Lehman Brothers Bank, FSB, a Federal Savings Bank, its successors and assigns, dated March 21, 2007, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 40957, Page 233, as affected by a Loan Modification dated April 1, 2009, and recorded in Said Registry of Deeds in Book 44316, Page 45, as affected by a Loan Modification dated August 27, 2012, and recorded in Said Registry of Deeds in Book 52268, Page 358, 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 December 8, 2025, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of non-compliance with the Act.
Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of this Court on October 23, 2025.
Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
22-002739
November 7, 2025

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. WO25P3755EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate Of:
Eleanor Olive Carter

Date of Death:05/17/2020
To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **Lori E Carter of Birchwood Village MN** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that:
Lori E Carter of Birchwood Village MN 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 11/25/2025.**
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 28, 2025
Stephanie Fattman,
Register of Probate
November 7, 2025

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. WO25C0542CA
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

In the matter of:
Deborah Ann Gingell
A **Petition to Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **Deborah Ann Gingell of Webster MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:
Deborah Ann Briggs
IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10 a.m. on the return day of 11/18/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 24, 2025
Stephanie Fattman,
Register of Probate
November 7, 2025

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. WO25C0496CA
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

In the matter of:
Katy Bryan Sanosi
A **Petition to Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **Katy Bryan Sanosi of Douglas MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:
Nevaeh Skye Rodriguez
IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10 a.m. on the return day of 11/18/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 23, 2025
Stephanie Fattman,
Register of Probate
November 7, 2025



Math Blocks
Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-20.
The numbers in each row add up to the totals on the right.
The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.

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6	1	9
21	8	10
3	11	4

Solution

THIS DAY IN HISTORY



1834: The Free University of Brussels is founded by Pierre-Théodore Verhaegen.

1872: Susan B. Anthony votes for the first time in defiance of the law.

1996: Bill Clinton is reelected President of the United States.



This is one of the first medical professionals who assists patients.

Answer: Nurse

Get Scrambled
Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.
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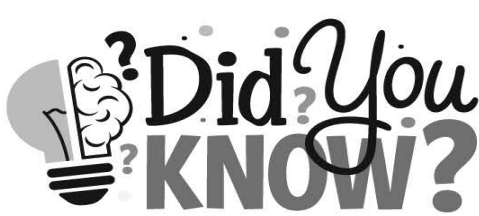
Answer: Registered nurse



TRIAGE
sorting and enabling treatment for patients



English: Nurse
Spanish: Enfermera
Italian: Infermiera
French: Infirmière
German: Krankenschwester



Nurses work in many different settings, including in hospital emergency rooms and in doctors' offices.



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Nurse near ambulance

LEGALS

(SEAL)
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
25 SM 003321
ORDER OF NOTICE
TO:
Marielly Gonzalez Reyes; Julian Vazquez Gonzalez
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (*et seq*): Freedom Mortgage Corporation claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Webster, numbered 4 Meringo Avenue, given by Julian Vazquez Gonzalez and Marielly Gonzalez Reyes to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for OCMBC, Inc., dated February 11, 2022, and recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 67115, Page 32, 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 15, 2025** 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 said Court on **October 29, 2025**.
Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
November 7, 2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Worcester Probate & Family Court
CITATION ON PETITION FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR
Docket Number: WO25P3654EA
Estate of: Elizabeth A. Shannon Date of Death: April 22, 2025
A Petition for Public Administrator has been filed by:
Vincent Vilkas of Shrewsbury, MA

Requesting that the Court enter a Decree and Order and for such relief as requested by the Petition.
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: 10:00AM on the return day of 11/18/2025
Massachusetts Public Administrators (Chapter 194)
Public Administrators shall, except as hereinafter provided, take out letters of administration and faithfully administer upon the estates of persons who die intestate within his/her county or elsewhere, leaving property. Administration shall not be granted to a Public Administrator until after the expiration of ten days from the date of death.
WITNESS, Hon. Leliah A. Kearny, First Justice of this Court
10/20/2025
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Registry of Probate
November 7, 2025

(SEAL)
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
25 SM 003257
ORDER OF NOTICE
TO:
Nicole Magnusson
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (*et seq*): Freedom Mortgage Corporation claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Oxford, numbered 17 Bacon Street, given by Nicole Magnusson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Homebridge Financial Services, Inc., dated February 23, 2022, and recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 67170, Page 187, 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 8, 2025** 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 said Court on **October 24, 2025**.
Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
November 7, 2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Bialy Docket No. WO25P3770EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of: Joseph P. Bialy, Date of Death: October 4, 2025
To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Joseph Bialy, III of Charlton, 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: Joseph Bialy, III of Charlton, MA be appointed as Personal Representative of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. 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 11/25/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed

under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court. Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate Date: October 29, 2025
November 7, 2025
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
Docket No. 25 SM 003269
ORDER OF NOTICE
TO: Mark J. Julien
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (*et seq*): Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Oxford, numbered 145 Main Street, given by Mark J. Julien to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Shamrock Financial Corporation, its successors and assigns, dated May 28, 2014, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 52363, Page 359, 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 **12/08/2025** 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 10/24/2025.
Attest: Deborah J. Patterson, Recorder
November 7, 2025

QCC receives \$106,000 TRAIN grant for PCA workforce program

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College was recently awarded a \$106,183 state grant for its Personal Care Assistant (PCA) workforce development program. The funding is part of approximately \$1.5 million in Training Resources and Internships Network (TRAIN) grants awarded by the Healey-Driscoll Administration. QCC has received over \$1.4 million in TRAIN grants since 2016.

QCC’s PCA program will train 30 individuals as PCAs, providing an entry point to a career in healthcare. After successfully completing the PCA program, students will be prepared to work in entry-level positions in private residences, group homes and assisted living facilities, supervising and assisting elderly, ill or disabled clients.

“This grant allows us to expand access to meaningful healthcare careers and meet a growing need in our community,” said Director of Workforce Development Operations Kathleen O’Connor. “Personal Care Aides play a vital role in supporting older adults and individuals with disabilities, and demand for qualified caregivers continues to rise. Our PCA program not only prepares students for immediate employment but also opens doors to long-term career growth.”

The PCA program is designed to equip students with the essential knowledge, skills and competencies required to provide high-quality care in various settings. The curriculum emphasizes hands-on training, real-world scenarios and foundational healthcare knowledge to ensure students are well prepared for their roles.

All students will receive 80 hours of classroom training, including Basic Life Support (BLS) Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification training and workforce readiness training, as well as 16 experiential learning hours through an internship with employer partners. Students also have access to support services such as financial literacy assistance, family support services and transportation.

For more information on QCC’s workforce development programs, visit QCC.edu/wfd.

Gladys E. Kelly Library launches oral history project

WEBSTER — The Gladys E. Kelly Public Library is spearheading an oral history project this Fall. In order to capture stories of Webster as a booming industrial town, the Library is looking for interviewees to share their experiences of working in the mills from the 1950’s through the 1970’s.

Beyond mill experience, they are also looking for children of millworkers or folks that remember Main Street Webster and the night life or social scene. Please help spread the word and reach out to those you know who have memories from this era!

The Library is collaborating with Nichols College, the Webster Senior Center, and Samuel Slater Experience to produce a video compilation of the recorded interviews, to be showcased at several locations in April 2026. Dates of the screenings will be announced at a later date.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Evan Hale at 508-949-3880, ext. 1056 or ehale@cwmars.org.

Have breakfast with Santa and the Grinch!

WEBSTER — The Bartlett High School PBIS program invites the community to a special breakfast with Santa and The Grinch Saturday, Dec. 13 from 8-10 a.m. in the school cafeteria, 52 Lake Parkway, Webster.

For \$5, children ages three and up will have an opportunity to take pictures with their favorite holiday characters while enjoying a delicious breakfast of eggs, bacon, pancakes and sausage. There will also be raffles for fabulous prizes, and visitors are encouraged to visit the Holiday Craft Fair in the gymnasium from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission to the craft fair is free.

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<https://www.mareinc.org/child/21179006879>

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 visit www.mareinc.org . Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) can give you guidance and information on the adoption process. Reach out today to find out all the ways you can help children and teens in foster care.

The month of November has been home to many historical events over the years. Here’s a look at some that helped to shape the world in November 1925.

- The western comedy “Go West” opens on November 1. Silent film legend Buster Keaton stars as “Friendless” and Fatty Arbuckle appears in an uncredited role.
- Sixteen people lose their lives in a small village in Wales when a dam bursts on November 2. The burst comes after five days of heavy rains.
- The Victrola Talking Machine Company introduces its new electrically-recorded phonograph records on November 2. The records can be played on the Victor Orthophonic Victrola, which cost around \$95 in 1925, or the equivalent of nearly \$1,700 in 2025.
- The film “The Pleasure Garden” is released on November 3. The release marks the directorial debut of English filmmaker Alfred Hitchcock.
- Italian Socialist Tito Zaniboni is arrested in a room at the Dragoni Hotel on November 4. The hotel is located across the street from the Chigi Palace in Rome, and Zaniboni is accused of renting a room with the intent of shooting Italian Prime Minister Benito Mussolini, who was scheduled to deliver a speech from the palace balcony.
- The National Hockey League awards a franchise to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on November 7. The club is named the Pirates, which is also the name of the city’s baseball team. The franchise moved to Philadelphia for the 1930-31 season before ceasing operations at the end of that campaign.
- The divorce trial of socialite Leonard “Kip” Rhinelander and Alice Jones begins in White Plains, New York, on November 9. At the urging of his family, Rhinelander sought an annulment of the marriage upon finding out that Jones was biracial. An annulment was never granted, but the marriage ultimately ended in divorce, and neither Rhinelander or Jones ever remarried.
- On November 10, the Archbishop of Canterbury appoints a 12-person committee of six doctors and six clergymen to investigate the veracity of faith healing.
- Louis Armstrong and His Hot Five record their first songs together on November 12. The recordings are considered highly influential for the development of jazz music.
- Polish Prime Minister Wladyslaw Grabski and his cabinet ministers resign on November 13. The mass resignations occur over a difference of opinion with the Bank Polski SA regarding economic issues plaguing the country.
- The American Basketball League opens its inaugural season on November 15. The league is the first national professional basketball league in the United States.
- General Motors purchases British auto manufacturer Vauxhall Motors for \$2.5 million on November 16.
- The autopsy of Tutankhamun concludes on November 19. Limited forensic science available at the time, coupled with significant deterioration of the body, limits the findings of the autopsy.
- The luxury train the Orange Blossom Special begins operations on November 21. The train transports travelers from New York City to Miami, Florida.
- The “Hat Law” goes into effect in Turkey on November 25. The law forbids the wearing of non-western headgear, including the fez or the turban.
- A state funeral is held for Queen mother Alexandra at Westminster Abbey in London on November 27. The procession marching behind the casket includes the kings of England, Denmark, Norway, and Belgium.
- The Grand Ole Opry debuts as a radio show on November 28. Fiddler Uncle Jimmy Thompson is the first to perform on the show.
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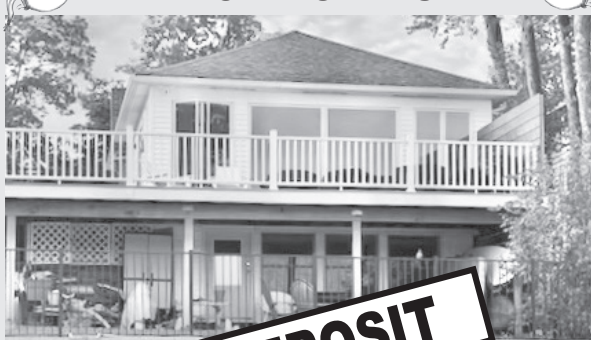
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Portrait of Major General Salem Towne donated to new Lodge

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Left to right: Master of the Lodge Brother Paul Davidson, center portrait gifted is Major General Salem Towne and Bro. Jimmy Falzone who presenting this portrait to the Lodge on behalf of the Masonic artist Brother Travis Simpkins. Also Bro. John Shaw in the background.



BY BRO. JIMMY FALZONE
MAJOR GENERAL SALEM TOWNE LODGE

SOUTHBRIDGE — Monday, Oct. 20, was the first official meeting of the newly formed Major General Salem Towne Masonic Lodge in Southbridge. The meeting lodge room was filled with new faces of Master Masons we normally do not see. Wow what a site to see the room filled with all these brethren. During the meeting when new business was discussed Brother Jimmy Falzone asked permission to speak. Brethren on behalf of Masonic freelance artist Brother Travis Simpkins, who could not be in attendance this evening, asked me to present this generous gift of the portrait to the newly formed Major General Salem Towne Lodge.

This portrait was from the time era of 1746-1825 and was

gifted to the new lodge, in honor of Janet Simpkins great-grandfather Brother Robert A. Gard who became a member of the Quinebaug Masonic Lodge back on Jan. 5, 1931. This charcoal portrait was created from a photo hanging in one of the rooms at the Salem Towne House at the Old Sturbridge Village. He has created historical charcoal portraits in the past from that era, and they were published in our Massachusetts Masonic Trowel Magazine. Brother Travis Simpkins is well known among the Master Masons here in Massachusetts and North America for his extraordinary and beautiful life like Masonic portraits. Brother Simpkins is also a 33rd Degree dual member of the Scottish Rite Northern Masonic Jurisdiction and Southern Jurisdiction.

Brother Simpkins artistic work has attracted international attention with his Masonic work being requested in Grand lodge Jurisdictions throughout North America as well as Europe and Australia. Brother Simpkins is a staff member of the Worcester art Museum and has worked on projects for the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. He also served as an advisor for the art programs at the Massachusetts State House. We members of Major General Salem Towne Lodge are extremely grateful to the Simpkins family for the generous gift. If you would like more information about Freemasonry and to find a lodge nearest you, visit our website at www.massfreemasonry.org

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Barton Elementary hosts Fourth Grade Math Game Night



OXFORD — Barton Elementary School was buzzing with excitement on Wednesday evening, Oct. 22, as families gathered for the school's annual Fourth Grade Math Game Night. The cafeteria and classrooms were transformed into a lively game fair where students proudly showcased math games they had designed themselves. Each game challenged players to put their math skills to the test — from solving tricky multiplication problems to thinking through creative division challenges. While multiplication and

division were the stars of the night, many games also wove in fractions, place value, and problem-solving to keep everyone on their toes. Parents, siblings, and students moved from table to table, playing a variety of student-created games that combined learning with laughter. The energy in the room was contagious as students explained their game rules, tallied points, and cheered on their families. "This event really shows how learning can be fun," said Ms. Hill, Barton's Principal. "Our students

worked hard to create games that make math come alive. I'm so proud to have such an amazing team of teachers!" A huge thank you goes out to all of Barton's fourth grade teachers for their creativity, guidance, and dedication in helping students design such imaginative and educational games. Their effort and enthusiasm made the evening a tremendous success. The night ended with smiles all around — proof that at Barton Elementary, math truly adds up to fun!