

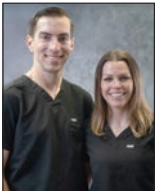


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Kenny Kuzdzal named Grand Marshal of Veterans Day Parade

WEBSTER/DUDLEY — Veterans Day — a day set aside for honoring Military Veterans and members of the US Armed Forces and to recognize patriotism, love of country and a willingness to sacrifice and serve for the common good. It is the day that children have no school, but do not know why.

Webster-Dudley Vets Council has scheduled a Parade and Ceremonies at both Town Halls, starting at 11 a.m. in Dudley. Seaman Kenneth Joseph Kuzdzal has been named Grand Marshal, not because he has two Z's in his surname, but because of his many years of service and membership in Veterans Organizations.

Kuzdzal is the vet that you see riding his scooter to the town cemeteries to attend military funerals. He is Flag Bearer and Acting Chaplain of the Military Funeral Honor Guard with a dedication seldom seen and never surpassed.

Kuzdzal was born in November of 1946, and has one brother and

two sisters (twins). He attended school at St. Ann's. After graduation, he worked in his father's

restaurant on Main Street (it was Mr. K's at the time). Unhappy with diner duty, peeling spuds

and washing dishes, the restless chef trainee took the advice of the local magistrate in 1964, and

joined the United States Navy. He attended boot camp at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center.

The young sailor was soon cooking on a Tin Can, Navy Destroyer DD805, Chevalier.

With a war raging in Vietnam, Kuzdzal was sent to Survival School and Constructionman classes before digging in at DaNang, Naval Support Facility. He worked in Graves Registration, the horror he witnessed never faded away.

Seaman Kuzzal received the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal and Navy Unit Commendation, and Citation. He was discharged from USN Training Center in Long Beach, Calif. in 1967. He returned home to cook at the Diner, did a stint at Cranston Print before settling in at Sears in the Auburn Mall. He also became the Pro Bono Custodian at the Holy Trinity Church. Kuzdzal holds membership in the American Legion, the VFW and the D.A.V., where he continues to serve his country and his comrades.



Kenneth Kuzdzal

Dudley-Charlton
School District
issues statement on
teacher arrest

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY/CHARLTON — The Dudley-Charlton Regional School District Superintendent has issued an official response following the arrest of a teacher for child endangerment.

Dudley and Taunton police confirmed the arrest of Shepherd Hill Regional High School music teacher Thomas Wilson on child endangerment charges on Oct. 3, including possession of child pornography. The incident stemmed from an interaction in September when, according to news reports from Wilson's court appearance, Wilson approached a 14-year-old Taunton woman at her home after meeting her online and believing she was 18. The school district had not issued any official written statement after the arrest, but on Oct. 8 Superintendent Steven Lamarche presented a statement to the School Committee seeking to ease any concerns regarding the incident and the

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Webster Water Ski Collective honors
Barbara Greene with 2025 Legacy Award

WEBSTER — The Webster Water Ski Collective is proud to announce Barbara Greene as the recipient of the 2025 Legacy Award, recognizing a lifetime of dedication, leadership, and passion for water skiing and the Webster Lake community.

Greene's journey on the water began in 1954, as one of the original water skiers in Webster. A life-long resident of Webster Lake, she quickly became a fixture in the early ski shows, performing in pyramids, doubles, and solo acts with grace, strength, and showmanship that would set the tone for generations of skiers to come.

In the early 1990s, Greene played a key role in reviving the Ski Club in Webster, inspiring a

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Courtesy

Barbara as the "dock mother" back in the 90s version of the club.

All Saints students choose kindness

WEBSTER — All Saints Academy seventh and eighth grade students participated in the "Choose Kind" movement presentation at St. Paul's Junior Senior High School last week. The movement was inspired by the book "Wonder" by R.J. Palacio. Students are encouraged to be kind over being right, to have compassion and empathy, to make kindness part of their daily life, to show respect, and to be helpful to others.

Students pledge to make kindness part of their daily life which will then turn into automatically being kind to people they know and to people they do not know. The 'Choose Kind Movement' hopes to prevent bullying, intolerance, and isolation that so many children face each day in school. When students choose to be kind, they make a positive impact on others' well-being.

Kara Jackman was the speaker. She is the Adult Programs Coordinator from the Children's Craniofacial Association based in Texas.

A graduate of the College of the Holy Cross, she often reminded students that "We are all human, having a human experience."

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Veterans Council announces Veterans Day parade route

WEBSTER/DUDLEY — The Webster-Dudley Veterans Council will be holding our 20th annual Veterans Day Parade on Tuesday, Nov. 11. We invite everyone to attend a brief ceremonial tribute at The Memorial Monument, honoring our local veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country in World War II. This monument is located at the Webster Lake entryway off Thompson Road, and the ceremony will begin promptly at 9:45 a.m. We will also place a wreath at the Women's Veterans' Monument during this tribute.

After the memorial tribute, all marching veterans should meet with

their respective colors/ weapons in the St. Louis School Yard Parking Area, located next to the gymnasium at the bottom of the entryway by 10:15 a.m. Transportation by bus will depart at approximately 10:30 a.m. to the Municipal Complex in Dudley.

Upon arriving in Dudley, we will gather at the Veterans' Court of Honor. The ceremonies will begin promptly at 11 a.m. Our Chaplain will lead us in prayer, which will be followed by a three-shot volley performed by the weapon detail and the playing of Taps. After that, our guest speaker, Colonel Arvid Hill of the U.S. Army, will deliver a brief

ceremonial message.

After the conclusion of the Dudley ceremony, we will march in procession from the Dudley Municipal Complex to the Webster Veterans' Court of Honor for a similar presentation, including a Chaplain's prayer, a three-shot volley, and Taps. The ceremonies are expected to conclude at approximately 12:45 p.m.

All Scouting Organizations that plan to participate are asked to meet at the Dudley Municipal Complex (Town Hall) at 10:45 a.m.

This year's Grand Marshal for the Veterans Day Parade is Vietnam Veteran Kenneth Kuzdzal, United States Navy.

Marching order

- Honor Guard with colors/weapons
- Grand Marshal in Vehicle
- Webster/Dudley Veterans Council
- VFW
- American Legion
- PAV
- DAV
- All Ladies Auxiliary Units
- Sons of the American Legion
- Participating Scouting Organizations

Please note that all former military veterans are welcome to join us and are encouraged to march. Those planning to march should meet at the Dudley Municipal Complex at 10:45 a.m.

Please note: Three vehicles will be available for riding veterans. Those who will be riding must also meet at the Dudley Complex at 10:45 a.m.

Marchers behind vehicles should maintain a distance of 30 feet from cars, Ladies Auxiliary Units, and all participating Scouting Organizations. One vehicle will be available at the end of the parade for anyone who may have difficulty marching.

Our host for refreshments this year will be the Polish

American Veterans (PAV) on Ray Street in Webster. All participants are invited to attend immediately following the event.

Let us remember that we are honoring all those who are serving and those who have served this great nation. We appreciate everyone's involvement in making this day memorable.

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\$427,302, 10 Dale Ave, Simitis, Richard P, and Lutynski, Shirley A, to Carlos, Chuck, and Carlos, Maryann.

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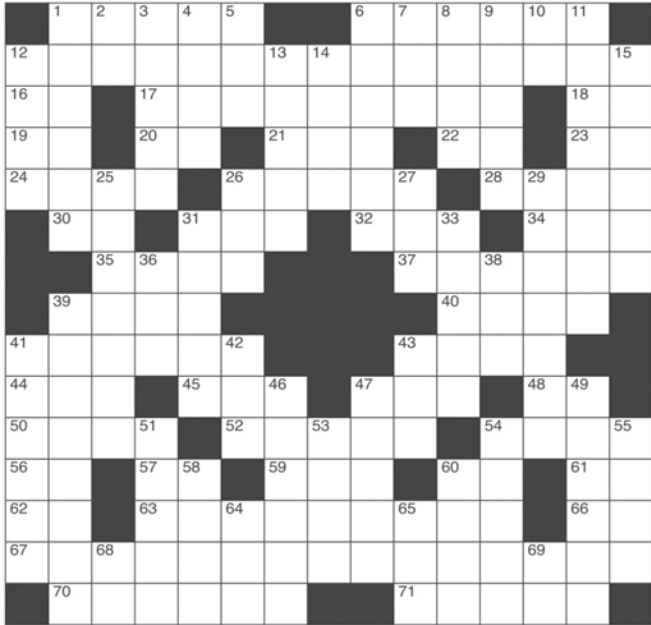
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1. Martial arts in China

6. The butt of jokes

12. Nevertheless

16. Sportscaster Michaels

17. A firm believer

18. Atomic #18

19. One's bestie

20. Of I

21. Hamburger accessory

22. Thus

23. Partner to Pa

24. Scottish tax

26. Cuts away

28. Require

30. Government lawyer

31. Own (Scottish)

32. Body cavity

34. Brew

35. Young woman (French)

37. Platforms

39. Pair of points in mathematics
40. Attack suddenly

41. Aviators

43. Make perfect

44. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)

45. Neither

47. The center of a city

48. Sacrifice hit in baseball

50. Singer Redding

52. Dragged forcibly

54. Puncture with a knife

56. Belonging to me

57. Expresses surprise

59. Haul

60. The Golden State

61. Biblical Sumerian city

62. Integrated circuit

63. Opposed to certain principles

66. Sodium

67. Qualities

70. Walk

71. It awaits us all

CLUES DOWN

1. Ate quickly

2. Peyton Manning's alma mater

3. Moves through water

4. Run away from

5. Utah resident

6. Natural objects

7. Children's game

8. Obligation to prove

9. Ancient Greek building for performances

10. Soldier

11. Decorated

12. Catches

13. Russell __, author

14. Speak indistinctly

15. Students get them

25. Japanese warrior

26. Dessert

27. Doleful

29. Most cushy

31. Moon crater
33. Small evergreen Arabian tree

36. Something fugitives are "on"

38. 007's creator

39. Paintings on hinged panels

41. Type of bomb

42. Japanese classical theater

43. U.S. gov't department

46. Flightless bird

47. One who cuts wood or stone

49. Buttock and thigh together

51. A way to gather

53. Body part

54. Argentinian city

55. Undergarments

58. Jai __, sport

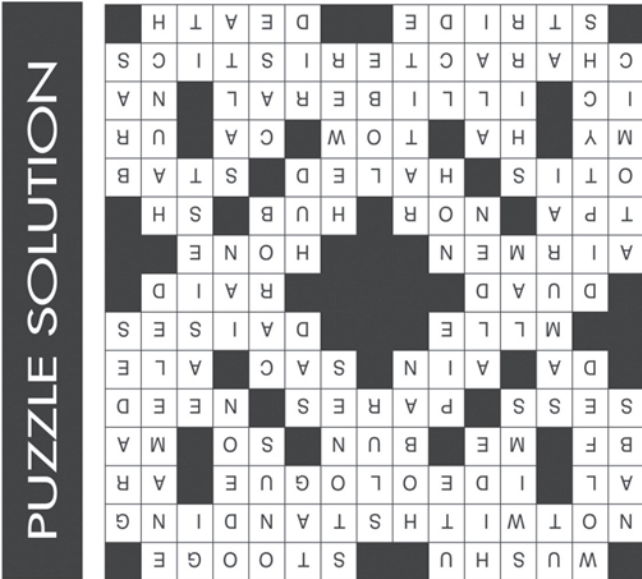
60. Container for shipping

64. Type of screen

65. Get free of

68. Indicates position

69. Business department



Celebrate grand finale of Oxford Farmers Market Oct. 17

OXFORD — Mark your calendars for Oct. 17 — the grand finale of this season's incredible Farmers Market! Don't miss your final opportunity to indulge in the freshest local produce, artisanal goods, and vibrant community spirit that has made our market the highlight of each month.

This season has been nothing short of spectacular, with record-breaking attendance and an amazing lineup of local farmers, bakers, craftspeople, and food artisans. Our market has become more than just a place to shop - it's where neighbors become friends and communities grow stronger.

Join us for this special closing day celebration featuring:

- Peak-season autumn harvest with pumpkins, and colorful fall vegetables
- Artisanal breads and pastries fresh from local ovens
- Handcrafted goods perfect for early holiday shopping
- Live music from a local musician

"This year's market has exceeded all expectations," says Market Manager Debi Ammenheuser. "We're planning an unforgettable closing day to thank our wonderful community for their incredible support throughout the season."

Our vendors have been working hard to ensure their stands are stocked with the season's best offerings. From farm-fresh eggs to locally-sourced honey and maple syrup, from organic vegetables to handmade soaps - you'll find everything you need to stock up before winter.

The market will run from 2 to 6 p.m. at Oxford Common/Joslin Park, rain or shine.

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of our customers and vendors who have made this season truly special. Your support of local agriculture and small businesses has made a real difference in our community.

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Dudley officials provide insight into water line proposal

BY JASON BLEAU
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DUDLEY — As another public vote approaches to decide the fate of funding for a water line extension in the Eagle Drive neighborhood, Dudley officials hosted possibly the most extensive discussion on the issue yet with a public presentation and Q&A session in advance of the upcoming fall town meeting.

The project has been a major talking point for the past two years, considered the “final solution” to resolving PFAS contamination issues in the Eagle Drive neighborhood and allowing the town to alleviate annual mandated costs of PFAS mitigation in the area. While voters approved the water line extension, the funding mechanism for the project barely missed the two thirds majority mark at the annual town meeting in May putting the project at a standstill. If the water line is not funded it cannot proceed, and the town will be required to continue to pay for current remediation and mitigation costs including maintaining point of entry treatment (POET) systems.

The question on the Oct. 20 annual town meeting warrant seeks to appropriate \$14.2 mil-

lion for the construction phase of the extension into Eagle Drive, a private roadway. Fifteen homes along Eagle Drive and Fairview Avenue are currently affected by PFAS contamination for which the town and local company Gentex have accepted joint blame and have agreed to split the cost of remediation and mitigation. These homes are being provided bottled water and have POET systems installed which the town must pay to maintain until a final resolution has been administered, which would be the water line.

The project has proven to be divisive and the failed vote in May caused Dudley to lose out on State Revolving Fund (SRF) money for which the town is currently reapplying. The goal of the public presentation on Oct. 6 was to provide as much information as possible for voters to better make their decision on Oct. 20.

Speakers at the presentation broke down the cost analysis explaining that while the full project budget is \$14.2 million, the town needs to approve that full expenditure in order for cost saving measures to take hold. This would include \$10.25 million of the cost being SRF eligible with the potential for zero per-

cent interest funding for the loan portion and the anticipated minimum principal forgiveness is 9.9 percent. A portion of the project on private properties would not be SRF eligible and would have its own separate loan at an assumed 4.5 percent interest rate, subject to change based on market rates. What this means is the town will see a more realistic projected cost of \$16.44 million, but there is a 50/50 cost share agreement with Gentex meaning that when the SRF funding is taken into consideration the actual estimated total responsibility of the town of Dudley is \$8.22 million.

Speakers also addressed the potential fallout of failing to approve funding the project. Jeff Falkner of Tighe & Bond, the project designers, said future projections posit that another 25 homes are likely to require POET systems over the next ten years as both the state and federal governments are expected to lower their thresholds for PFAS contamination.

“EPA and DEP have the same end goal, to have safe drinking water. The state regulations have to at least equal the EPA regulations or be more stringent. The EPA regulations or the state regulations both have to

be looked at for compliance,” said Falkner.

If Dudley refuses to fund the waterline, it will essentially require the town to continue to maintain the POET system and finance any future mitigation requirements in perpetuity. Speakers and town officials indicated that the cost will only go up and that Dudley would eventually spend more on maintaining those systems than the entire cost of the water line project. Presented estimates to continue to maintain POET systems are \$248,000 annually for the 15 existing homes. If the current estimates come to fruition, adding 25 POETs could see that annual cost increase by another \$414,000 not including installation and additional program management from the contracted Licensed Site Professional.

Falkner said the water line is not only the best solution in terms of resolving the PFAS issue altogether, but also the most cost effective for Dudley which town officials agreed.

“The end game for the water main is that it’s a large cost up front, but (the solution)

lasts a long time, 75-plus years,” said Falkner. “The POET systems cost less on an annual basis in year one, but cumulatively over the life cycle of the water main, 75 years, what’s shown is \$366 million in system costs. That’s hypothetical, but the story is that the POET systems over time are tremendously more expensive versus a \$14 million capital investment for a water line extension now.”

When it came time for citizen comments two of the most pressing issues were the exclusion of Circle Drive, where residents fear they too will face PFAS contamination hurdles in the future, and the lack of any data regarding estimated tax impact. While the Circle Drive discussion was eventually resolved, the

tax impact remained a sticking point with voters asking for that data to be included in the fall town meeting discussion.

If the funding is approved, the timeline for construction estimated a completed design in June of August of 2026 and a bid award by March 2027 with a potential construction phase of two years to be completed in 2029.

The proposal will be addressed in Article 7 of the fall town meeting on Oct. 20 in the Connie Vanco-Galli Auditorium at the Shepherd Hill Regional High School. A full agenda has been posted on the Town of Dudley website and a recording of the presentation from Oct. 6 has been made available on the Town of Dudley Massachusetts YouTube channel.

Equestrian Living in Webster at 57 Upper Gore Rd.

WEBSTER — Set along a peaceful country road in Webster, 57 Upper Gore Rd. is the kind of property that instantly feels like home. Steeped in New England history and surrounded by open land, this restored 1790 colonial offers more than just a place to live — it offers a lifestyle built around space, connection, and the beauty of the outdoors.

Sited on just over seven acres, the property features a horse barn with stalls, a fenced paddock, and sweeping grounds that invite long days spent outside. The oversized two-car garage with a full second story offers endless possibilities — from a workshop or studio to a future guest suite. From the home’s second floor, you’ll even catch distant views of Webster Lake, a tranquil reminder of the landscape’s natural beauty.

For the equestrian buyer, it’s a dream setup — with land that abuts the Douglas State Forest, providing direct access to miles of riding trails from your own property, you can connect to the Southern New England Trunkline Trail, or follow portions of the Midstate Trail that wind deep into the forest.

One of the home’s most unforgettable features is its wrap-around porch — an extension of the living space that captures the soul of the property. Step through the French doors from the kitchen or dining room, or out the front door, and you’re surrounded by open air, quiet countryside, and the kind of peaceful beauty that feels almost magical. It’s the perfect spot for morning coffee, slow afternoons, or evenings that stretch long after sunset.

Inside, the home’s wide-plank floors, original fireplaces, and coffered ceilings tell the story of its centuries-old craftsmanship, while thoughtful restoration brings warmth and comfort to today’s standards. The kitchen and baths have been beautifully updated, blending timeless charm with modern function. Every detail has been completed with care, allowing the next owner to simply move in and enjoy.

At \$699,900, 57 Upper Gore Rd. represents exceptional value for its rare combination of history, acreage, and equestrian amenities. Properties like this — where timeless architecture meets functional land and direct access to trail riding — are few and far between.

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Gentle Yoga
Mondays in October-NO YOGA OCT 13ST-Library is closed for Columbus Day
10:00-11:00 AM
Join yoga instructor, Patricia, for a traditional “on the mat” yoga class with chair yoga modifications. This truly is a one size fits all class.
Bring your own mat. Wear layers, do not eat heavily 1.5-2 hours before class. **Registration is Required.**

Mahjong at the Pearle
Every Wednesday in October
10:00-12:30 Fels Community Room
The game consists of players competing to form distinct sets or pairs of tiles, similar to gin rummy. Everyone welcome, registration not required.

Quilting Group
Every Wednesday in October 1:30- 3:30
All quilters and would-be quilters are invited to join our new group. Bring your projects!

Knit & Crochet Group
Every Thursday 5:30-7:45 and Friday 10:00-12:00
All stitchers are welcome for this informal group. Bring your project, enjoy the company

Talk Saves Lives: An Introduction to Suicide Prevention
Thursday, October 16th
6:00-8:00
Parent/Professional Advocacy League staff will present the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention’s program Talk Saves Lives to teach participants about the second leading cause of death among youth, the most up-to-date research on suicide prevention, and what to do in their communities to save lives. Adults and youths 14+ welcome. (Due to the mature program content, ages 14-16 should be accompanied by an adult). *Light refreshments will be provided.*

The Herbal Baths, Poultices and Compresses
Saturday, October 18th
6:00-7:00
Explore some simple skills and tips to enhance how medicinal herbs work. These ‘old-fashioned’ methods have been used by home healers for generations

to soothe, uplift, break up congestion, and quicken healing. Common herbs of lemon balm, sage, comfrey, broadleaf plantain, and mint will all be explored. Attendees will try an herbal compress, make a simple poultice, and go home with a ready-to-go healing bath sachet. Presented by Christine Leo, M. Ed. Certified Traditional Herbalist and Dudley resident. This program is sponsored by the Dudley Agricultural Commission & the Town of Dudley. **Space is limited. Registration is required.**

“Cook the Book” Book Club
Monday, October 27th
6:00-7:00
Book: Smitten Kitchen by Deb Perelman
Pick one recipe from the book selected for the month; the dishes don’t have to be complicated or fancy. Any recipe from the book is fair game, except alcoholic beverages-sorry! Prepare the recipe at home and share it at the library. We cannot reheat or keep food warm, so consider this when choosing your recipe.
You are responsible for bringing serving utensils. We will provide paper goods and utensils for eating.
There will be a place to include your recipe selection in the reservation form. **Registration Required.**

Crawford Library Book Group - Two books for October!
The One by John Mars & Never Let Me Go by Kazuo Ishiguro
Thursday, October 23rd
6:00-7:30
Books are available at the circulation desk for checkout one month prior to discussion.
No Registration Required.

Baby Open Play
Fridays in October
10:00- 12:00
Open play for babies! Parents and caregivers can let babies play while getting to know others in the community. Come anytime between 10-12 or stay the whole time! **No Registration Required**

Pre-K Power
Tuesdays in October-There will be no session on October 14th
10:00-10:45
For ages 3-5 and their caregiver (siblings always welcome!). Join us for stories, songs, fingerplays, scarves, shaker eggs, moving our bodies to music, activities, bubbles, a craft, and free play!
No Registration needed.

Toddler Storytime
Wednesdays in October-There will be no session on October 15th

10:00-10:45
Best for children 6 months - 36 months and their caregiver (siblings always welcome!). We’ll have fun with songs, fingerplays, a story, moving our bodies to music, shaker eggs, scarves, and bubbles! There will be time for free play and socialization, too.
No Registration needed.

Wiggles & Giggles for Littles
Thursdays in October-no session on October 30th
10:00-10:30
YFCP is pleased to offer a FREE 7-week music series for children, ages 6-24 months, with a parent/caregiver. Ms. Laine will introduce music, movement, musical instruments and stories to your little ones. Registration is required. Please note: you are registering for a 7-week series.
Registration Required.

Wiggles & Giggles
Thursdays in October-no session on October 30th
10:45-11:45
Join YFCP and Ms. Laine for a FREE 7-week music series held here at the Pearle L. Crawford Library. Children (ages 2-5) with a parent/caregiver, will sing, move, play musical instruments, learn rhythm and listen to stories. Siblings are welcome. Registration is required. Please note: you are registering for a 7-week series.
Registration Required.

Pokemon Club
Thursday, October 16th
6:00-6:45
Do you love everything Pokemon? Join us for Pokemon club! Each month we will have exciting crafts and activities! Best for ages 6 and up. **No Registration Required. This is not a drop off program.**

New! Yoga for Children
Friday, October 17th
10:00-10:45
Join certified Yoga instructor, Patricia (also known as Buffy), for a 45-minute yoga class for children ages 3-5 and their caregivers! Caregivers are encouraged to participate in the class, but it is not required. If you will be participating, please bring your own mat. (Yoga mats will be provided for the children.) **Registration is required as space is limited.**

Town of Dudley Halloween Spooktacular Parade
Thursday, October 23rd
5:00 – 6:30
Join us for the annual TOD Halloween Parade. Do not forget to dress up! Pre-parade festivities at the Library start at 4:30!!

Nature’s Real Vampires with Hands on Nature
Thursday, October 30th
6:00-6:45
Just in time for Halloween! Join Hands on Nature to learn about real animals that scare and spook us! You will learn about creatures that don’t just come out on Halloween, but are here all year round. You’ll also be able to make a fun glow-in-the-dark bat to bring home! The recommended age for this program is 5 and up. No registration is required - it will be a first-come, first-served basis until the room reaches capacity.
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Thursdays in October
6:00-7:30
Ages 14-19
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This year, United Way Worldwide was ranked first on the list. As a member of United Way Worldwide, United Way of South Central MA carries the vision of communities working together forward, creating pathways to better health, education, and job opportunities for all. We connected more than 19,000 people to resources and opportunities this past year alone. We are inviting you to take action because United is the Way to a better tomorrow. It’s the way we support our neighbors facing challenges today. It’s the way we create lasting change for all the residents of Charlton, Dudley, Southbridge, Sturbridge, and Webster. When people like you come together, your generosity is multiplied by the power of community. Together, we can improve access to quality health insurance, education and care, support youth success from childhood through college and career, open pathways to financial freedom for individuals and families, and connect people to urgent resources, from social services to disaster relief.
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attend and is open to all adults.
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info@lvscm.org.

Yoga Nidra – Wednesday
Mornings at 8:15am
Join Adult Services
Librarian Jess for a relaxing yoga
nidrapractice to start your day on
Wednesdays. Jess will guide partic-
ipants through a few simple yoga
asanas to release physical tension.
Participants will then settle into
a reclined position for a guided
relaxation (yoga nidra). If you have
your own yoga mat, please bring it
and be sure to dress in comfortable
clothing. This program takes place
before the library officially opens.
Registration is required and Jess
will meet you at the program door.

Library for All – First Two
Mondays; Last Two Fridays 10AM
(Chair Yoga or Craft)
This program includes
one chair yoga class and one craft
project that will be held on first two
Mondays and the last two Fridays
of the month. Either join Jess for a
one-hour relaxing Chair Yoga class
or join us for our craft program.
Check the online calendar to see
which event is scheduled. No expe-
rience necessary. This program is
for teens and adults of all abilities
and their caregivers. Please call
ahead if special accommodations
or requirements are needed.

Yoga – Saturdays at 9:30am
Join Julie or Lauren at the
Gladys E. Kelly Library for a vin-
yasa yoga class for all levels. A
typical class involves centering
the mind with the breath, aroma-
therapy, movement of the body to
release energetic blockages, and,
finally, rest and relaxation. Classes
are free. Funded by the Friends of
the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

VIRTUAL: Taylor Swift Style
– Fashion Through the Eras –
Monday, October 20th at 7:00pm
Author [Sarah Chapelle](#) will
deliver a fascinating presentation
based on her recent bestselling
book, *Taylor Swift Style: Fashion
Through the Eras*. For Taylor
Swift, fashion and music go hand-
in-hand – each playing a powerful
role in shaping the narrative of
this generation’s most prolific
storyteller. From cowboy boots to
teetering heels, fairytale dresses to
bleach-tinged tresses, and the many
memorable moments in between,
learn the fashion story behind
every single Taylor Swift album,
tracing Swift’s musical evolution
along with her ever-changing
personal style. Chapelle, creator
of the successful [Instagram](#)
and blog Taylor Swift Style, has spent
more than a decade documenting
Swift’s fashion choices and
the intention behind each
ensemble. Registration required to
receive the link to view from home,
but we will also be showing it in
the Community Room.

Computer Basics for Beginners
– Tuesday, October 21st at 12:00pm
Come learn some comput-
er basics with Assistant Director
Evan Hale and Adult Services
Librarian Jess Fontaine.

Crafts with Kate: Flower

Pounding Bandanas – Tuesday,
October 21st at 5:00pm
Adults and Teens: Join
Kate in creating your own flow-
er-dyed bandana. We will provide
all the materials you need: flowers,
hammers, and bandanas. Have fun
hammering flowers onto the band-
anas and revealing your beauti-
ful design! Kate plans to host this
workshop outside, but if there’s
inclement weather, it will take
place in the community room.
This program will be loud

Computer Basics: Hoopla and
Kanopy – Thursday, October 23rd
at 3:00pm

Interested in learning how
to borrow eBooks and Audiobooks
through Hoopla or watching mov-
ies on Kanopy? Join Assistant
Director, Evan Hale, and Adult
Services Librarian, Jess Fontaine,
to learn how to use the apps with
your Gladys E. Kelly Library Card.
Bring your phone or tablet! *Please
note that these services are only
available to Webster residents*

“Beneath the Sheets” with
Dustin Pari – Thursday, October
23rd at 6:30pm

Not everything people
think is ghostly activity is truly
paranormal. In this lecture, Dustin
pulls back the curtain... or sheet
in this case- in order to explain
why some strange encounters can
be rationally explained. Citing evi-
dence from historic cases of para-
normal fraud, coupled with rati-
onal scientific explanation, Dustin
debunks some interesting para-
normal occurrences and shines a
light into the darkness. But- does
this mean that ghosts don’t exist?
Well... you will have to take a look
and see for yourself.

Programming for All Ages
Pet Portraits – Friday, October
17th at 3:30pm

Join Jess and Paige for
a Pet Portrait painting program!
Come with a 5x7 or 8x10 picture of
your pet and leave with a framed
abstract of your beloved ani-
mal. **Registration Required.**

Historical Walking Tour of
Downtown Webster – Saturday,
October 18th at 10:00am

Join us for an historic
walking tour of downtown Webster.
Whether you’re a lifelong resident,
new to the area, or just visiting for
the day, you’re sure to learn some-
thing new! This event is for all ages
and participants will meet in the
lobby before their guided tour.

Children’s and Young Adult
Programming
Creators Club – Mondays from
4:00-5:30 PM

We will have a variety of craft
materials available to put your cre-
ativity to the test! Come explore
our newly rebrand-
ed Monday night
program: *Creators
Club!* Each month
features a new theme
highlighting a different
art supply for kids
to experiment with
and turn into their
own masterpieces.
October’s theme is
Watercolors. Kids can
experiment with blend-
ing, textures, and col-
ors to make unique
works of art. Artwork
left behind will be dis-
played in the children’s
program room for the
rest of the month!

Tiny Groovers -
Tuesdays at 10:30 AM
Join Miss Paige
for a new storytime!
Toddlers ages 2-5 and
their caregivers will
dance to popular kids’
tunes using instru-
ments and playful
props, and enjoy an
interactive story each
week.

Mini Block Party –
Tuesdays at 3:30pm

Play with magnets, marble
mazes, and LEGO.

Busy Baby Storytime – Fridays
at 10:00am

Join us for Busy Baby
Storytime! Babies and caregivers
will enjoy songs, movement, and
simple stories that build early liter-
acy skills in a fun and playful way.

STEM Beginnings: Young
Scientists at 10:00am

Children, ages 3-6, with a
parent/caregiver will learn STEM
(Science, Technology, Engineering
and Math) concepts through hands-
on activities, story time, challeng-
es and simple experiments in this
weekly STEM series. Caregivers
please register as a registrant
only and not as attendees. Please
add as attendees only children
between ages 3 and 6. Please
answer all questions to receive
approval. “*Young Scientists*” is
sponsored by the *YMCA Family &
Community Partnership (YFCP), a
Massachusetts Coordinated Family
and Community Engagement
(CFCE) Grant program funded by
the Department of Early Education
& Care and awarded to the YMCA
of Central Massachusetts.*

Me and My Mini – October 16th,
and 30th (special Halloween edi-
tion on the 30th)

Me and My Mini: A 45
minute creative movement group
for ages 0 through 2.5 with a grown-
up. Group is focused on adult and
baby spending quality time togeth-
er, fostering attachment, and baby
interacting with others their age.
Get groovy to upbeat music with
fun props, instruments, and a story.
Adult participation is required and
1-2 children per adult is recom-
mended.

Kim the LEGO Lady – Oct. 21st
at 4:00pm

Do you love building, cre-
ating, and having fun with LEGO?
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Lady is here and we want YOU to
be part of our LEGO CLUB adven-
ture. Join us for interactive build-
ing challenges, new skills
and create fabulous imagi-
native builds. For ages 5 to
11.

Annual Pumpkin Glow –
2 Sessions on October 23rd
at 4:00pm and 5:00pm

It’s that time of
the year again! Join us for
our Annual Pumpkin Glow
program where kids are
invited to carve or paint
their very own pump-
kin to be put on display
for Main Street Trick-or-
Treat. In case of rain, this
program will be moved
indoors. Registration is
required, please only regis-
ter for one session.

Auburn resident named to James Madison University Dean’s List

HARRISONBURG, Va. — Nicholas O’Toole of
Auburn has been named to the Dean’s List at James
Madison University for the summer 2025 semester.
Students who earn Dean’s List honors must carry
at least 12 graded credit hours and earn a GPA of
between 3.5 and 3.899. O’Toole is majoring in Business
Management - BBA.
Founded in 1908, James Madison University is a
public university located in Virginia’s Shenandoah
Valley. JMU is one of the nation’s leading lights in
higher education, where students enjoy engaging rela-
tionships with world-class faculty who drive education
innovation and support advanced research. With state-
of-the-art amenities and facilities, students have access
to NCAA Division 1 athletics. JMU also has the highest
post-graduation job levels of all Virginia colleges.

WEBSTER POLICE LOG

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department
reported the following arrests during the week of Sept.
28 to Oct. 4.
A 43-year-old male whose identity has been withheld
from publication was arrested on Sept. 30 for Violation
of an Abuse Prevention Order and Disorderly Conduct.
Rachel A. Moore-McNeill, age 30, of Webster was
arrested on Sept. 30 in connection with a warrant.
A 36-year-old male from Webster whose identity has
been withheld from publication was arrested on Sept.
30 for Assault & Battery and Assault & Battery with a
Dangerous Weapon.
A 29-year-old male from Webster whose identity has
been withheld from publication was arrested on Oct. 1
for Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon.
A juvenile, age 17, was arrested on Oct. 2 for Unarmed
Robbery and multiple counts of Assault.
Thomas Richard Wilson, age 37, of Southbridge was
arrested on Oct. 2 in connection with a warrant.
Kristin E. Dobruck, age 35, of Webster was arrested
on Oct. 2 in connection with a warrant.
A juvenile male, age 17, of Webster was arrested on
Oct. 4 for Assault & Battery.

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EDITORIAL

*A time to
reconnect with
place and purpose*

It's been a long, hurried year already, hasn't it? You can feel it on the roads, in the checkout lines, in the clipped conversations between people who used to have time to talk. The world spins faster now—too fast for many of us to notice what's right in front of us. Yet autumn, with its insistence on slowing everything down, has a way of reminding us what actually matters.

October in Webster, Dudley, and Oxford doesn't ask for much. It simply invites us outside again—into the season of bonfires, school concerts, and cider doughnuts—to notice the things that make a town a town. These weeks between the rush of summer and the onset of winter are when the local fabric shows itself most clearly: the high school cheerleaders collecting donations for charity, the veterans setting up for their fall breakfast, the teachers working late to plan a concert that will make their students shine. None of it makes national news, but all of it makes community.

That sense of connection is easy to take for granted. It fades quietly, replaced by screens and schedules and the endless hum of distant voices telling us what to care about. But look closer, and you'll see the antidote to that noise is still here—at the library on a Tuesday night, in the chatter of volunteers arranging chairs at the town hall, or in the laughter spilling from Point Breeze on a Friday when the music starts.

This week's local calendar isn't filled with grand spectacles. There's a haunted-mill presentation, a fundraiser, some live music, a couple of dances. On paper, it's routine. But each of those gatherings represents something much larger than the event itself: people showing up. When you show up for your town, even for an hour, you become part of its rhythm. You help sustain a living thing.

That's worth remembering as communities like ours wrestle with how to stay vibrant. Budgets are tight, housing costs climb, and new families sometimes move in without knowing the history that came before them. Meanwhile, long-time residents can feel like the character of their hometown is slipping away. The challenge is not to stop time but to meet it halfway—to keep the traditions that define us while welcoming the energy that keeps us growing.

That balance starts with paying attention. When residents attend select board meetings, write letters, or volunteer for school committees, they're doing more than "getting involved." They're shaping the story of the place where they live. When businesses sponsor youth teams or donate to local charities, they're investing in neighbors, not customers. When retirees read to children at the library or tend a public garden, they're passing on something no grant or state program can replicate: pride of place.

You see it every day if you look. The firefighter who still waves at kids during a parade. The teacher who buys extra notebooks for students who forgot theirs. The family that sweeps the sidewalk in front of their store instead of waiting for the town to do it. These are small acts, but they're the invisible scaffolding that keeps a community standing.

So, here's a modest proposal for the coming week: take one evening off from the national noise. Put down the phone, turn off the newsfeed, and walk out your front door. Go where other people are. Sit through a town meeting, a concert, or a book talk. Visit the Samuel Slater Experience and remember how this town was built by people who worked hard and stayed put. Go sing badly at karaoke if that's what it takes. The point isn't perfection—it's presence.

The irony of our time is that connection has never been easier, and belonging has never felt rarer. Yet the solution isn't complicated. It's the same one that built our local communities in the first place: show up, care, repeat.

If we do that—if we choose, even once a week, to belong on purpose—then the noise of the wider world fades just a bit. The lights in the local hall burn a little brighter. And this small cluster of towns along the French and the Quinebaug keeps being what it's always been at its best: not a place you happen to live, but a community you help keep alive.

VIEWPOINT

Caring for elderly parents

Several weeks ago, I was at a memorial dinner talking with two of my parishioners about their mothers who passed. I was deeply touched by the love these women expressed for their mothers and the special care they offered during the last stages of their lives. In both cases, the mothers ended up in a nursing homes, but they would go every day, three times a day, to feed their mothers and tenderly care for them. It's hard and demanding work to care for elderly parents, and yet I was so moved to see how these women didn't consider the demands as a burden but offered them as acts of simple love for someone they deeply cared for.

This past week, my dear 93 year old mother-in-law, Dora, fell as she got out of bed and fractured her hip, wrist and elbow. It was an extremely unfortunate and painful accident. Not only is she dealing with dementia and other health issues but now the pain of broken bones and recovery from hip surgery with her right arm is in a cast. Every day, I marvel at the patient and unlimited love and care my wife offers to her mom. Of course, I've seen this care and love over the past years as her mother has declined in health and is in need of 24/7 care.

I admire the strong fortitude, deep love and unlimited compassion my wife offers her mother. But then, I look around at our church community, and I see this same spirit among numerous other people. I'm inspired to see such beautiful witnesses of people who offer such love and care to the elderly. One of the most beautiful, yet challenging blessings in life is caring for one's elderly parents. It's a sacred, yet extremely demanding responsibility to care for an elderly parent who can no longer care for themselves. It's a mixture of exhaustion and grace, frustration and holy joy, a loss of one's freedom and yet an embracing of self-sacrificial love.

Caring for loved ones with dementia, mobility issues, and aging is hard. Doing the simple tasks — helping one to eat, repeating the same conversation over and over again, patiently guiding one through the simplest daily routines, toileting and cleaning up messes — in truth is something profoundly sacred. It is a living icon of love.

Yes, adult children must rearrange their lives, sacrifice their personal time, and put aside their own desires to serve aging parents. They do it not because it's easy or convenient, but because it's right. It's honorable. It's a reflection of divine love.

And isn't this a paradigm of what life is truly all about!

Our society highlights the importance of personal fulfillment, freedom and comfort, doing what makes us happy. We can become very self-centered. The Gospel message, however, offers a very different paradigm. Jesus Christ shows us that the deepest meaning of life is found not in being served, but in serving others; not in grasping for more, but in giving ourselves away in love.

"Greater love has no one than this," our Lord said, "than to lay down one's life for one's friends." (John 15:13) And how much more does this apply to our parents and family members — those who gave us life, who sacrificed for us when we were helpless, who now need us at the vulnerable stage of old age.

"Honor your father and mother," we hear in the Ten Commandments. To honor means much more than to speak respectfully or remember them in our



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in that moment, sharing in the blessed way of the Cross. It may not feel glorious. It often feels unseen and sometimes painfully lonely. Yet precisely here, in the hidden places of service and sacrifice, God's grace works within us.

Saint Paisios taught, "When you accept the difficulties of life with love, you receive the grace of God. When you endure your trials for the sake of love, God Himself dwells within your heart."

Beware of the world's spirit of selfishness, self-centeredness, of running away from what brings discomfort in order to preserve our freedom. The spirit of Christ contradicts this by inspiring us to embrace the Cross, for through the Cross joy comes to the world!

I've often seen that those who freely give of themselves in caring for others — whether for aging parents or family members as well as for strangers and others in need — reflect the most Christ-like spirit that one can see. Their faces shine with a quiet peace. Compassion fills their hearts. Yes, they may be exhausted but there's a deep inner beauty that only love can create.

This is the love that God calls all of us to adopt. We may not all be caring for elderly parents at this moment, but the Lord calls all of us to live lives of self-sacrificial and self-giving love — in our marriages, our families, our workplaces, and our communities.

Every day, we are given countless opportunities to die to ourselves and to serve others, to listen with compassion instead of reacting with annoyance, to forgive with mercy instead of holding on to resentment, to give freely and generously instead of clinging to what we have in a selfish manner.

Act as a disciple of Jesus Christ. Live the Good News He proclaims. Cultivate with yourself the spirit of selfless love, a spirit that begins with everyday small acts that prepare us for greater acts of sacrificially caring and loving for the most defenseless of people.

My challenge for each of us is to embrace divine love by asking yourself where God is calling you to love more deeply and to serve and sacrifice more freely. Perhaps it's caring for aging parents. Perhaps it's through loving service to a spouse or friend in need. Perhaps it's reaching out to someone you don't know well who is lonely or lost.

Whatever form it takes, love that costs us something is love that transforms us into the likeness of Christ. May we each find the courage to live this love — faithfully, humbly, quietly, yet with joy — knowing that through these hidden acts of mercy heaven itself is revealed.

Auburn and the American Revolutionary War, Part 7: The Wiser/ Printer family of the South Parish of Worcester

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James Wiser, also known as Artimus James Wiser, was a Native American who lived in the South Parish of Worcester and answered the alarm to Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1775. He was a private in Captain Timothy Bigelow's Company of minutemen and militia in the Colonel Artemas Ward regiment. He was also listed in Captain Jonas Hubbard's Company, of Colonel Jonathan Ward's regiment as a private. According to the muster roll dated August 1, 1775, James enlisted April 27, 1775, and served for three months and 15 days. After the Battle of Lexington, the militia under the direction of Colonel Ward, held the British in Boston until additional British forces arrived in May and June.

James was the son of Benjamin and Sarah [Printer] Wiser. He was born Nov. 1, 1752, in Grafton. He was named after his grandfather, James [1685-1713] who was credited with building the house at what is now 13 Bancroft St. in 1797 as noted in the "Historic Houses of Auburn" book. The only position recorded in town records that James held was fence viewer 1781. His job was to make sure fences in the town were properly maintained to cut down on neighbors arguing and other difficulties with uncontained animals getting into gardens.

James's great grandfather was James Quanohpohkit Rumney Marsh Wiser. According to the Native Northeast Portal, he was a member of a leading Natick family tribe at Medfield. He and his brother, Thomas, were scouts for the English during King Philip's War. In 1675. He and his brother were used as guides for troops from Mass Bay Colony. James helped the English to recruit the Praying Indians interned on Deer Island to spy on the Narragansett and Wampanoag to gain information on attacks to Lancaster. After the war, James returned to Natick.

James Rumney Marsh Wiser's father was John Awassamog, aka Sagamore John. He married Yawata [Abigail] and were living in Medford when Awassamog converted to Christianity and followed Reverend John Eliot who was overseer of the "Praying Towns" where Natives lived together. James was well educated and a family leader.

Artimus James Wiser's mother was Sarah Printer who was born in 1717 in Grafton, and was the daughter of Ammi Printer, of Natick, Massachusetts. In 1747, while living in Southborough, she married Benjamin Wiser. The couple lived on Wiser's farm in Worcester and raised five children, James, Benjamin, Hannah, Sarah, and Abigail. Sarah died in Auburn in the winter of 1794 at age 77.

Her grandfather was James [Wawaus] Printer and was a Nipmuc leader from Hassanamesit, [Grafton]. He is known for his work at the first printing press in the colonies. He helped produce the first Indian Bible in the Algonquin language. He also set the type for books like "Narrative of the Captivity and Restoration of Mrs. Mary Rowlandson." He also served as an interpreter for Rev. Eliot especially in translating the Bible. He worked on Indian Primers, book of Psalms, and typeset Puritan missionary works to be used to Christianize Native Americans. James Printer worked as a typesetter for 16 years before the King Philip's War. Sara's grandmother's name was never recorded.

Sara's great grandfather was Naoas who was a convert of Rev. Eliot and one of the leaders of the Christian Native church in Hassanamesit.

Artimus James never married and died April 24, 1811 and is buried in the Auburn Center Burial Ground with many of his family members.

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Thrift shop finds



Many readers of this column enjoy attending estate sales or stopping when they see a “yard sale” sign. Some of you also like hunting for bargains at estate sales. In today’s column, I’ll share some exciting thrift shop, estate sale, and yard sale finds that took place this year, along with some shipwreck treasures that were recently discovered.

Some thrift shop buyers post their finds online on Reddit, and Yahoo! News recently shared a few. One buyer paid \$40 for a gold ring that was estimated to be worth \$162. Elsewhere, a Canadian woman found a diamond and pearl ring in a “store grab bag” from a Canadian thrift store which could also sell in the low hundreds of dol-

lars. Another thrift store buyer found a diamond ring in a “bulk trash pile.” The diamond ring could sell in the low to mid-hundreds.

An estate sale buyer recently found the sale of their dreams, according to a “Newsweek” article. The estate sale buyer/dealer posted live on social media when they were allowed inside the garage door at an estate sale. They said they were the third person to enter the sale and there were about 200 people waiting to come in. The dealer posted images of a statue which was titled “Dying Gaul” priced at \$8. There



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was what looks to be a Victorian era figural incense burner marked for \$5. The buyer said that they bought a Chinese vase for \$1 and had already been offered \$2,500 for it. The dealer estimated that their \$3,000 in purchases would yield \$30,000.

An Ohio couple had a great unexpected find when they decided to stop at a thrift shop while driving home. As they were leaving the shop, a gold frame caught the woman’s eye, according to the “U.S. Sun.” She purchased it for \$2.90. When she got in the car, she noticed a label that said “Johann Berthelsen.” She at first thought Berthelsen was

a local painter, but her research later showed he was a well-known artist. She consigned it to a local auction house, and it brought \$2,267.

Switching gears to the seas, coins from a 1715 Spanish shipwreck were just discovered in Florida, according to NBC News. Over 1,000 gold and silver coins were aboard the ship when a hurricane sank it off “Florida’s Treasure Coast.” The coins include pieces of eight, which could be broken into eight pieces and then spent individually. The coins are estimated to be worth \$1 million. Other items like a gemstone and gold necklace were also pulled from the wreck. Whether you’re diving 100 feet down into the ocean or diving into a thrift store jewelry box, you may be lucky enough to find some treasures

too. Our single-collector Civil War memorabilia auction will be online later this month. There is still time to consign for our major auction that will follow. We are accepting consignments of gold, platinum, diamonds, and other fine jewelry, sterling silver flatware and holloware, paintings, statues, gold and silver coins, and other valuable antiques and collectibles. Please visit our Web site, <https://centralmassauctions.com>, for links to upcoming events. Contact us to consign items or for auction information at: Wayne Tuiskula Auctioneer/Appraiser Central Mass Auctions for Antique, Collectibles Auctions and Appraisal Services info@centralmassauctions.com or (508-612-6111)

Collect and save some heirloom vegetable seeds

Be a part of history and save money when planting next year’s garden. Collect and save the seeds from your favorite heirloom tomatoes, peppers, beans and peas this fall.

Seeds of heirloom plants have been collected and passed along for generations, producing offspring identical to the parent plant. Hybrids on the other hand involve crossing different plants to create a unique or improved variety. Saved seeds from hybrid plants do not grow into plants with all the same characteristics as the parent plant.

Heirloom peas and beans are generally self-pollinated, so they form seeds that will grow into plants like the parent plant. Allow the peas and beans you plan on saving to dry on the plant. Once the pods turn brown and

the seeds rattle inside, they are ready to harvest. This is about six weeks after you harvest snap beans for eating and about four weeks after the normal picking stage for peas.

Protect plants from frost or pull them out of the ground and hang them in a cool dry location, so the pods can finish drying if needed. Remove the pods from the plants, spread them out and allow them to further dry indoors for about two weeks.

Remove the seeds from the dried pods, store in an airtight opaque container in a cool dark location. You may want to store different varieties separately in paper packets and all the packets in one large airtight container. Label the seeds with the varietal name and date they were collected. Store in a cool location.



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Saving seeds from tomatoes requires a bit different preparation. Once the fruit is fully ripe scoop out the gelatinous center. Place this in a container of water set in a warm location to ferment. Swirl or stir the contents twice a day. After about a week the good seeds will sink to the bottom of the container.

Remove and compost the layer of fermented tomato waste and the inferior seeds floating on the surface. Pour the remaining water and the good seeds sitting on the bottom of the container

through a fine mesh strainer. Rinse the seeds, removing any of the gelatinous material that may remain. Spread the seeds on a piece of paper to dry.

Once dry, place the seeds in an envelope labeled with the date and variety and set in a sealed jar or plastic container. Store in the refrigerator or other consistently cool location until it’s time to start them for next season.

Use your saved seeds the following year for the best results. Then repeat each season.

Start with these and then consider trying other open-pollinated vegetables, flowers and even tree and shrub seeds. You’ll find helpful information in books, online and on the Seed Savers Exchange website. Saving your own seeds



Melinda Myers

The disease-resistant Abe Lincoln heirloom tomato was introduced in Illinois in 1923.

can help you save money while preserving and planting a bit of gardening history.

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” streaming courses and the nationally syndicated Melinda’s Garden Moment radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

Idea in the mind!

Andrew Carnegie was born on Nov. 25, 1835, in Dunfermline, Scotland. In 1848, his family crossed the Atlantic and squeezed into a single rented room near Pittsburgh. Machines had wiped out his father’s weaving trade. His mother took in mending and sold bread to keep them alive.

No money. No connections. Schooling cut short. Odds of success? Near zero. At 13—before child labor laws or safety nets—he was expected to earn a living. He worked from dusk till dawn for \$1.20 a week. Just enough to keep the rent paid.

He clawed his way to a telegraph office—first as a messenger, then as an operator, sending messages across the wire faster than any train.

It opened a door to the Pennsylvania Railroad. There, for the first time, he saw the inner workings of power: He watched the men at the top. He took notes. And somewhere along those tracks, he made a quiet decision: He wouldn’t just ride the rails—he’d own them.

He moved forward with that idea, built a steel empire, and became the wealthiest man alive.

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Carnegie then turned to a bigger question: What creates success?

In 1908, he met a young reporter named Napoleon Hill and dared him to find the answer. He opened doors to tycoons and inventors, told Hill to study them, and to write the playbook.

Years later, Hill delivered it—first in “The Law of Success,” then in “Think and Grow Rich.” That book went on to sell over 70 million copies—and it’s still reprinted and read around the world.

Of all the ideas Carnegie gave Hill, one grips me most. He reportedly said: “Any idea that is held in the mind—emphasized, feared, or revered—begins at once to clothe itself in the most convenient and appropriate form.”

Burn that into your mind!

Let’s break it down.

“Any idea held in the mind...”

What does it mean to hold an idea? It means you keep it alive. You see it in your mind every day. You write it down. You say it out loud. You paste it on your fridge. You carve time for it. You take small, doable steps now—not later.

“...Emphasized, feared, or revered...”

To emphasize means to want it deeply. You think about it often. You’re willing to give up comforts and distractions to chase it.

To fear it means the right kind of fear—the voice that whispers, “If I don’t act, this dream will die.” It gets you out of bed. It drives you to do the hard thing first.

To revere it means to honor it. You treat it like a calling. You protect it from doubt, from cynics, from your own excuses.

“...begins at once to clothe itself in the most convenient, appropriate form.”

What happened to Carnegie when his dream began to clothe itself? The world began to respond. A skill put him near railroad men. A boom in demand met him on the tracks. A new way to make steel found him. Partners appeared.

Doors opened. Setbacks drove him forward.

The idea became motion, then matter: It put on names, places, timing, and tools—until it wasn’t an idea anymore. It was his life.

Now you ask: When will my dream happen?

When farmers plant seeds, they don’t demand a harvest tomorrow. They water. They weed. They walk the rows before sunrise. They fight off the pests, mend broken fences, pray for rain, and rise again.

When a child is conceived, no mother asks, “Why isn’t the baby born yet?” She nourishes it for nine months, knowing its time will come.

So it is with your dream.

One of the great teachers of human potential, Bob Proctor, taught that you may not know a dream’s gestation time, but you can shorten it through focus and concentration.

Show up when it’s boring. Work when it’s hard. Believe when no one sees. Be patient like a farmer. Fierce like a parent. Steady like the sun.

If you hold the picture in your mind, and you move your feet—

If you believe through the silence, Work through the doubt, Stay lit by a desire that doesn’t dim—Then one day, your dream, dressed in real life, will walk out to meet you.

Webster Waterski Collective hosting Annual Banquet Oct. 17

WEBSTER — At its annual banquet this year, Webster Waterski Collective is honoring Barbara Greene of Union Point Road, Webster, for her contributions to waterskiing on Webster Lake. If you or someone you know would like to help us celebrate her, please join us. The event is open to all Friday, Oct. 17 at 6 p.m. at the Point Breeze Pinnacle Room, with a buffet style dinner served at 7 p.m. There will be raffles and a door prize!

Tickets are \$40 each – all profits go to the club’s programs Ticket can be purchased on our website “Websterwaterski.org or by texting Linda Candela at (508) 769-6132 to reserve– and sending a check made payable to Webster Waterski Collective to Linda Candela, 76 Union Point Rd., Webster, Ma 01570.

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Saint Joseph students celebrate Feast of Saint Francis with annual Blessing of the Animals



WEBSTER — On Friday, Oct. 3, Saint Joseph School students and families gathered to celebrate the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi — a beloved tradition that honors the patron saint of animals and the environment.

Due to the large turnout this year, the event was held in the school parking lot instead of in front of the Basilica. Associate Pastor Rev. Anthony Kazarnowicz led the blessing, welcoming an array of animals that filled the schoolyard with excitement and wagging tails. Among the guests were baby chickens, ferrets, cats, and many dogs, each receiving a special blessing for health and protection.

Before the blessing, students joined Father Tony in praying, “Saint Francis of Assisi, patron of all animals, we ask for your blessing on our pets today and to keep them safe from harm and sickness. Protect our pets who provide us with daily companionship and joy. Heavenly Father, Creator of all creatures, big and small, wild and tame, allow us to show respect to all Your animals and be a true friend to our pets. Thank you for allowing our pets to enrich our lives with their friendship and loving ways. Amen.”

Each student received a Saint Francis medal and a bookmark with the same beautiful prayer to take home as a reminder of the day’s blessing and the joy our pets bring to our lives. The annual celebration remains a heartwarming reminder of the special connection between God’s creatures and the Saint Joseph School community.

Courtesy
Rev. Anthony Kazarnowicz blesses Reksiu, the Kuznecki family’s beloved Shih Tzu, during Saint Joseph School’s annual Blessing of the Animals. Looking on are proud owners Grzegorz and Anna Kuznecki with their children, Neli (Grade 8) and Severyn (Grade 6).

All Saints students spend time with Webster FD

WEBSTER — On Oct. 8, All Saints Academy students from preschool through Grade 4 had a special opportunity to spend time with the Webster Fire Department. The firefighters shared important lessons about fire safety, prevention, and how to respond in an emergency.

Students learned how to safely escape a fire, why it’s important not to hide, and the value of having a designated family meeting place. They were also encouraged to create a fire escape plan at home with their families.

After asking many thoughtful questions, students watched as a firefighter put on the full set of firefighting gear. They then had the exciting chance to get up close and touch the equipment, helping them become more comfortable and familiar with it.

The Webster Fire Department’s service extends far beyond responding to emergencies—they are committed to educating the community and helping prevent emergencies before they happen.

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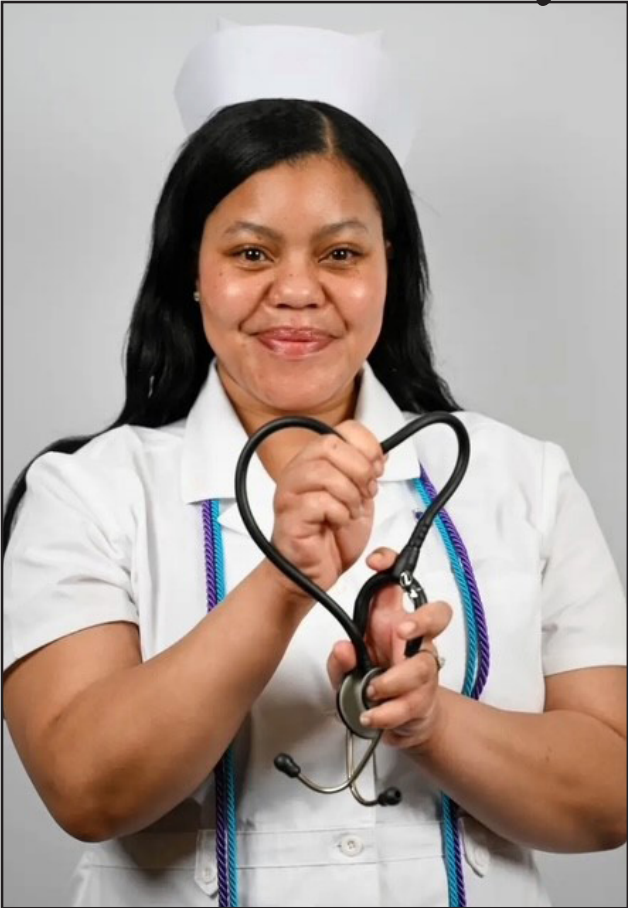
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Bay Path LPN launches new chapter after 17 years of compassionate care



Delene Sarsfield

CHARLTON — For longtime Charlton resident Delene Sarsfield, the journey to becoming a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) has been one of perseverance, passion, and purpose. A 2025 graduate of Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, Sarsfield brings 17 years of hands-on experience as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) into this next chapter of her professional life—one defined by dedication to both her patients and her family.

Sarsfield recently passed the NCLEX-PN on her first attempt—a milestone she describes as “the greatest reward for all the hard work throughout nursing school.” Her success comes after completing Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy’s intensive ten-month program, all while navigating the challenges of being a first-time mother. “My biggest challenge

besides the rigorous curriculum... was ‘mom guilt,’” she shared. “As a new mother to a very young baby, I felt so guilty leaving her behind... but I had to do this for her, as well as for myself.” Sarsfield says her daughter remains her strongest motivation: “She is fiercely my driving force behind anything that I do—to set an example that any goal is achievable with honesty, diligence, and never giving up on your dreams.”

Before entering the practical nursing program, Sarsfield built a solid foundation in patient care, working at local facilities including CareOne at Millbury and Sterling Village. Her nearly two decades as a CNA deepened her empathy and commitment to providing the highest standard of care.

At Bay Path, Sarsfield stood out as a student leader and academic achiever. She was inducted into the National Technical Honor Society,

elected as Student Representative and Commencement Speaker, and nominated for the prestigious Dr. Adelina Healy Clinical Excellence Award. She also held a leadership role in the UNICEF Club and served on the school’s Mock Code Team, demonstrating her commitment to both global and clinical health initiatives.

Sarsfield credits her success to a strong support system. Her mother, a nurse with nearly 30 years of experience, has been a guiding light. She also expresses deep gratitude to her in-laws and her husband, Daniel.

“I’m especially thankful for my wonderful, faith-filled husband, Daniel,” she said. “He’s always shown me integrity, kindness, patience, and love. He believed in me even when I struggled to believe in myself, and we’ve walked this journey hand in hand.”

As she prepares to begin her nursing

career at The Overlook, Sarsfield brings clinical expertise in medication administration, wound care, and tracheostomy care—along with a deep sense of humility and an eagerness to continue learning. Her faith remains central to her path forward: “I enter this new profession with utmost humility, eagerness to learn, and always trusting in God and my faith.”

Sarsfield isn’t stopping here. She’s already planning her next step: enrolling in an LPN-to-BSN bridge program, reflecting her commitment to lifelong learning and professional growth.

Her message to others is simple but powerful: “It’s never too late to go back to school or learn something new. As long as you put in the effort, dedication, and hard work—you can achieve anything.”

Dudley Conservation Land Trust closes on scenic Marsh Road farmland

DUDLEY — The Dudley Conservation Land Trust (DCLT) has completed the purchase of 23 acres of historic and scenic farmland at 90 and 0 Marsh Rd. The property had been in the Antos family as designated (Chapter 61A) agricultural land for decades, with hay and cropland surrounding an 1830s front-gabled, one-and-a-half-story, slate-roofed farmhouse. Tall, well-maintained stone walls with prestigious old trees line this section of Marsh Road with its large open fields. The Antos farm is an important contribution to the east Dudley wildlife corridor, as it expands and enhances the impact of existing sanctuaries including Slater

Woods, Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, and Mass Audubon’s Pierpont Meadow and newly established Oxford Woodlands. DCLT’s purchase of this property required an extensive investment of \$700,000 in order to conserve this land—and its 1,447 feet of frontage—forever.

“Saving this beautiful land from nine additional lots on this scenic road was a necessary spend for DCLT. We heard what our members and our community wanted, and we worked hard to make it happen,” said Liza Moran, president of the DCLT.

“I am forever grateful to DCLT for their com-

mitment to protecting my family’s home on the east side of Marsh Road,” said Larry Antos, who worked much of his life maintaining the pastures, gardens, woods, and fields on both sides of the designated scenic road that remains close to his heart. “I look forward to working with DCLT to ensure the remaining unprotected land on Marsh and Whiting Roads is also conserved for future generations.”

DCLT has established as a priority the expansion and further connection of the northeast Dudley-Oxford wildlife corridor which currently includes, in addition to the newly acquired Marsh Road land, Slater Woods, Pierpont Meadows and

Oxford Woodlands. There are several other land acquisition opportunities in this area which we are aggressively pursuing. DCLT continues to fundraise to raise the necessary \$540,000 to acquire 21 acres of pristine woodland and fields straddling Dudley,

Oxford, and Charlton from the Tierney family. This property marks the northern most boundary of this extensive wildlife corridor that we are working to protect.

DCLT has been awarded grants from multiple local charities and continues to pursue addition-

al grant opportunities. In addition, a generous, anonymous local donor has pledged to contribute \$50 toward our land acquisition campaign for every new member DCLT gains. Join now and help us conserve land for future generations!

DA to host upcoming event on holistic approaches to substance use disorder treatment and recovery

SHREWSBURY — Worcester County District Attorney Joseph D. Early, Jr, is hosting a free event for the public focused on holistic approaches to substance use disorder (SUD) treatment and recovery on Thursday, Oct. 23, from 8 a.m. to noon at Veterans Inc., 59 South St., Shrewsbury.

This event, presented by the Prevention and Support Network, will feature keynote speaker Linda Geraghty, a trauma-informed yoga instructor and dedicated family recovery specialist prominently featured in the award-winning documentary “Our American Family.”

Ms. Geraghty will share insights into the role of mindfulness, movement, and self-compassion when exploring generational addiction and trauma. Her work emphasizes the importance of integrating mind-body practices into traditional recovery pathways to promote long-term healing for individuals and families impacted by substance use disorder.

The event will also include a panel discussion featuring professionals in wellness, nutrition, and fitness, further exploring how holistic strategies can complement traditional recovery supports. Refreshments, networking, and resource tables will take place from 8 – 9 a.m. The program will begin promptly at 9 a.m.

District Attorney Early is dedicated to addressing the root causes and impacts of the polysubstance use crisis, as well as the effects of trauma, especially on children. In 2015, he formed the Central Massachusetts Opioid Task Force, now known as the Prevention and Support Network, which has more than 800 members in the network. Additionally, Mr. Early launched the Critical Incident Management Systems (CIMS) software in 2020, which allows police throughout Worcester County to track overdose incidents as they occur and promptly follow up with survivors to assist them in obtaining treatment. In 2021, Mr. Early also established the Worcester County Drug Endangered Children’s Alliance to identify and support children who have experienced a traumatic event. Federal grant funding was awarded in 2022 to support the expansion of the Alliance and the implementation of the Handle With Care programs in schools throughout the county, through which schools are notified by local police when a student has experienced a trauma such as viewing a drug overdose, enabling the school to reach out to the affected child.

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for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 PM on October 31, 2025, on the mortgaged premises located at 15 Glenview Road a/k/a 15 Glen View Road, Auburn, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

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A deposit of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) 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. MEGA CAPITAL FUNDING, INC. Present holder of said mortgage By its Attorneys, HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C. 150 California St. Newton, MA 02458 (617)558-0500 26353 October 10, 2025 October 17, 2025 October 24, 2025

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT DOCKET NUMBER 25 SM 003014 ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: Matthew James Taylor, Jennifer Ann Taylor and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq): Nationstar Mortgage LLC claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Oxford, numbered 377 Main Street, given by Matthew James Taylor and Jennifer Ann Taylor to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Radius Financial Group Inc., its successors and assigns, dated August 28, 2020, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 63131, Page 240, 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 11/17/2025 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 10/3/2025 Attest: Deborah J. Patterson, Recorder October 17, 2025

NOTICE OF TIER CLASSIFICATION Shield Packaging Co., Inc. 50 Oxford Avenue, Dudley, Massachusetts 0 Peter Street, Webster, Massachusetts RTN 2-50905

A release of oil and/or hazardous materials has occurred at this location, which is a disposal site as defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, § 2 and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, 310 CMR 40.0000. To evaluate the release, a Phase I Initial Site Investigation was performed pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0480. The site has been classified as TIER I pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0500. On October 7, 2025 Shield Packaging Co., Inc. filed a TIER I Classification Submittal with the Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). To obtain more information on this disposal site, please contact William C. Phelps, Tetra Tech, Inc., 100 Nickerson Road, Marlborough, MA 01752 at (508) 786-2389. The Tier Classification Submittal and the disposal site file can be viewed at MassDEP website using Release Tracking Number (RTN) 2-50905 at <http://public.dep.state.ma.us/SearchableSites2/Search.aspx> or at MassDEP Central Regional Office, 8 New Bond Street, Worcester, MA 01608. Additional public involvement opportunities are available under 310 CMR 40.1403(9) and 310 CMR 40.1404. October 17, 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. WO25P3460EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate Of: Paul Millett Joseph Date of Death: 05/19/2025

To all interested persons: A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Laura A Joseph of Dudley 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: **Laura A Joseph of Dudley 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 11/04/2025.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.

Date: October 07, 2025

Stephanie Fattman,

Register of Probate

October 17, 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. WO25C0501CA CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

In the matter of:

Arisa Lee Joubert

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by

Arisa Lee Joubert of Dudley MA

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

Arisa Lee Jackman

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 10/28/2025. 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: September 26, 2025

Stephanie Fattman,

Register of Probate

October 17, 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. WO25P3403EA INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE Estate Of: THOMAS P DULMAINE Date of Death: 08/20/2025

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner

JASONT DULMAINE of OXFORD MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

JASONT DULMAINE of OXFORD 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.

October 17, 2025

TOWN OF DUDLEY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Please take notice that: Norman Boilard Have applied to the Zoning Board of Appeals to vary the terms of the Zoning By-Laws Section: 2.03.02 Density Regulations Location: 21 Intervale Road In the following respect: Variance of side setbacks for chicken coop moved to the back yard per previous ZBA decision.

The Public Hearing will be held on Thursday November 6, 2025 @ 7:00pm at the Town Hall room

321A, at which time you may be hard relative to this Public Hearing.

Please contact Amanda Jacobson at 508-949-8012 or building@dudleyma.gov to attend the meeting.

George Slingo, Chairman Zoning Board of Appeals October 17, 2025

October 24, 2025

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 177 Gore Road, Webster, MA 01570

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by John B. Oliveira and Lillian Oliveira to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Envoy Mortgage, LTD, and now held by **Nationstar Mortgage LLC**, said mortgage dated March 6, 2020 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 62003, Page 233, said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Envoy Mortgage, LTD, its successors and assigns to Flagstar Bank, N.A. by assignment dated September 20, 2024 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 71061, Page 177; said mortgage was assigned from Flagstar Bank, N.A. to Nationstar Mortgage LLC by assignment dated March 13, 2025 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 71773, Page 151; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction on** November 13, 2025 at 11:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land in Webster, situated on Gore Road, Webster, MA shown as Lot 2, on a "Plan of land in Webster owned by John D. Casey Date: September 3, 1996, Scale 1"=50', B.C. Survey & Engineering, which plan is recorded with the Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 709 Plan 2, and to which plan reference may be made for a more particular description of said lot.

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

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated March 2, 2020 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 62003, Page 230.

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

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

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Brock & Scott, PLLC 23 Messenger Street

2nd Floor

Plainville, MA 02762

Attorney for Nationstar Mortgage LLC Present Holder of the Mortgage

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October 10, 2025

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OBITUARIES

Lawrence H. Ekey, 78



WEBSTER – Lawrence H. Ekey, 78, died Saturday, October 11, 2025 after being stricken ill at home. His wife of 25 years, Rita L. (Bomba) Ekey, died in 1995. He leaves 2 sons, Timothy J. Ekey and his wife Lindsay A. Ekey of North Yarmouth, ME, and Jonathan M. Ekey of North Palm Beach, FL; 2 grandchildren, Henry Parker Ekey and Cameron Jeffrey Ekey; 4 brothers-in-law, Rev. Paul M. Bomba, pastor of Saint Joseph Church in Auburn, David J. Bomba of Grafton, Joseph M. Bomba and his wife Debra of Windham, ME, and John P. Bomba and his wife Victoria of Boylston; a sister-in-law, Emily M. Bomba of Webster; several nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his sister Barbara Halpin and by his brothers Donald and Richard Ekey. He was born on November 18, 1946 in Buffalo, NY a son of Joseph P. and Irma (Habeney) Ekey and was raised there. He lived in Webster most of his adult life.

He was a Navy veteran of the Vietnam War. Mr. Ekey worked as a shipping and receiving clerk at the former Stevens Linen Associates in Dudley. He then was a custodian at Eisenberg Assisted Living in Worcester for over 10 years. He was a communicant of Saint Joseph Basilica. He enjoyed gardening and taking care of his yard. His funeral will be held on Saturday, October 18, from Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main Street, with a Mass at 11:00 AM in Saint Joseph Basilica, 53 Whitcomb Street, with his brother-in-law as the celebrant. Burial, with military honors provided by the Webster-Dudley Veterans Council, will be held at the convenience of the family. Visitation will be held from 9:00 to 10:30 AM Saturday morning in the funeral home, prior to the Mass. Donations in his name may be made to Saint Joseph Basilica, 53 Whitcomb Street, Webster, MA 01570. www.websterfunerals.com



Frederick H.B. Healy July 2, 1937 – October 10, 2025



Frederick H.B. Healy, age 88, of Webster, passed away peacefully on Friday, October 10, 2025, at the Oasis at Dodge Park. Frederick was born July 2, 1937, in Webster, the son of the late Maurice and the late Margaret (Berger) Healy. He is survived by his devoted wife of 60 years, Nancy (DiDonato) Healy; one daughter, Christina Lehman and her husband Donald of Hopkinton; and one son, Chad Healy of Sutton. He also leaves behind two brothers, Maurice Healy, Daniel Healy both of Dudley. He was predeceased by his sister, Joan Blid of Dudley. Fred was the proud grandfather of seven grandchildren: D. Jacob, Samuel, Caroline, Grace, Aria, Aiza, and Austin, as well as several beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins. Fred graduated from St. Louis High School and served honorably in the Army National Guard for six years. He worked hard throughout his life, beginning as a surveyor traveling to job sites on his Vesper scooter. He later founded the Dudley Fence Company and went on to co-found Citadel Company with his wife Nancy, where he worked

as property manager for many years. Fred was known for his strong work ethic and his love for family. He treasured time spent with his grandchildren, attending every football, baseball, soccer game and recital he could. He loved family time at the lake and boating on the water. Fred enjoyed the rhythm of New England life—spending summers on Cape Cod or in Boston, escaping to Florida in the winters, and traveling across the United States and Europe. Fred had a lifelong affection for his red vehicles, from his red Mustang to his red Foose truck, and was often seen around town in his red Jeep during his fence company days. Mass of Christian burial will be held on Saturday, October 18, at 10:00 AM at St. Louis Church, 14 Lake St., Webster, MA. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery, Dudley. Calling hours will be Friday, October 17, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at Bartel Funeral Home, 33 Schofield Avenue, Dudley, MA. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the St. Louis Endowment Fund, c/o St. Louis Church Office, 52 Negus St., Webster, MA 01570.



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CALENDAR

OCTOBER 17 – 24

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At Samuel Slater Experience, make
Your way to hear what ghosts confess—
Their haunted mills, their restlessness.
Then 7 p.m. down Point Breeze Way,
Live tunes drift soft across the bay.
Sip, sway, and stay awhile—
Music, lake, and autumn style.

Saturday, October 18
When laughter’s cure is what you seek,
Head to The Mill @ French River this week.
A comedy night with purpose clear,
Good hearts and humor fill the air—8 p.m. cheers ring
ear to ear.

Sunday, October 19
The Legion Lot on Houghton Street
Becomes a candy-laden treat.
The trunks pop open, costumes shine,
At 1 p.m., it’s trick-or-treat time!

Monday, October 20
The mic awaits, the lights are low—
At Point Breeze, the brave will show.
7 p.m., the karaoke starts,
With crooning souls and hopeful hearts.

Tuesday, October 21
Bring your banjo, rhyme, or song,
Open Mic Night’s where you belong.
At 7 p.m., the mics are free,
At Point Breeze, beside the sea.

Wednesday, October 22
At 6 p.m., the garden grows
With broomcorn blooms and herbal shows—
Growing Gaia Gatherings begin,
Where petals, scents, and smiles blend in.
At 7 p.m., the writers meet,
Pens tap in rhythm, quiet and sweet.
Then later still—because why not?—
Karaoke’s back at the Breeze’s spot.

Thursday, October 23
At 6 p.m., the Indian Princess sails,
A concert drifts through autumn gales.
Then 7 p.m., on Point Breeze Bay,
More music sends the gloom away.

Friday, October 24
Comedy lights the lakeside night—
At Samuel Slater’s, laughter bright!
Christine Hurley takes the floor
At 7 p.m.—you’ll beg for more.
Meanwhile in Auburn’s school café,
Two dances spin the ghosts away—
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– Chair Yoga w/ Heidi
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comfy shoes and meet at
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Monthly Activities:
Let’s Talk Oxford
History – 2nd Tuesday
of each month @ 1pm -
Sponsored by the Oxford
Historical Commission
Men’s Coffee Group –
2nd Wednesday of each
month @ 10:30am – coffee
and pastry are served.
Tri-Valley Inc. Options
Counseling - 3rd Tuesday
of each month from
12:30pm – 2:00pm. By
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beans, baked apples.

Wednesday, 10/22: Garlic
brown sugar chicken,
lemon seasoned potatoes,
mixed vegetables, Lorna
Doone cookies. Thursday,
10/23: Vegetarian chili
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10/24: Soup du Jour, roast
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Exercise classes with
Forty Arroyo are the
perfect workout for any
fitness ability! The cost
is a recommended \$3.00
donation per class. A new
video class will be offered
Thursday and Friday
mornings, free of charge.

Knitting/Crochet
group meets on Mondays
from 10:00 am- 12:00 pm.

Bingo is every Tuesday
and starts promptly at 1:00
pm. Please plan to arrive
by 12:30 pm to allow time
to buy your bingo sheets.
Bingo sheets are not sold
after 12:45 pm.

Do you like to play
Cribbage? Our weekly
Cribbage group meets
every Thursday at 1:00
pm. Feel free to join us!

Calling card players or
interested persons to the

Webster Senior Center!
Come join us for six-card
or thirteen-card pitch!
Six-card pitch meets on
Wednesdays at 1:00 pm.
Thirteen-card pitch
meets on Thursdays at
1:00 pm.

Mahjongg group meets
every Friday at 1:00 pm.
Beginners welcome!

We now have an offi-
cial Bridge group! We will
be meeting every Friday
from 10 am to 12 pm in the
upstairs activity room.
All that are interested are
welcome to join!

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en sign with your house
number free of charge.
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household. Please con-
tact the Webster Senior
Center at (508) 949-3845.
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having a house number
sign made for you.

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gram that supports fire
and life safety education
for seniors. The Webster
Fire Dept. will do a home
visit to ensure that you
have the correct smoke
and CO2 alarms, and that
they are working prop-
erly. This is at no cost to
you! All you have to do is
give them a call at (508)
949-3875.

Boo-tiful Halloween craft ideas

Halloween is a high-
light of fall, as children
and even adults anx-
iously await October 31.
Similar to the holiday
season, people often de-
corate their homes for
Halloween, and even do
so well in advance of late
October to maximize the
amount of time they get
to enjoy the trinkets and
other items.

Many people enjoy
getting hands-on for
Halloween. It’s possible
to craft decorations, per-
sonalized treats and fes-
tive costumes. Consider
these ideas for Halloween
craft projects.

3D Pumpkins
Carving pumpkins is a
popular Halloween tradi-
tion. But there are many
people who feel the job
is too messy. Instead, a
fun way to add person-
ality to pumpkins comes
by way of some hot glue
and paint. Use a hot glue
gun to create a pattern on
the outside of the pump-
kin. It can be designs,
a jack-o’-lantern face
or just about anything.
Once dry and hardened,
use craft paint to go over
the entire pumpkin. The
raised design will be evi-
dent and add dimension.

Spooktacular Wreath
Adorn the front door
with something creative.
It can be utterly fright-
ening or something
more festive. Start with
a premade spring green-
ery wreath or a wreath
frame that you cover
with your own green-
ery. Purchase a round,
unfinished wooden sign
panel, and paint with
black chalkboard paint.



Add your own message
with chalk or chalk paint.
“Keep Away” or “Enter
at Your Own Risk” are
great Halloween phrases
to consider. Attach the
sign in the middle of the
wreath. You also can add
some embellishments to
the wreath, including
black moss and floral
stems and leaves. A glit-
tery black and green rib-

bon or bow is the finish-
ing touch before hanging.

Boo Treasure Box
Purchase a wooden
treasure chest or box
from the hobby store.
Paint it all black or your
favorite Halloween col-
ors. Then add additional
designs like spider webs,
bats or pumpkins. Fill the
box with treats or small

toys. Kids can have fun
picking out their treas-
ures.

Halloween Gnomes
Gnomes have been pop-
ular for years, and they
keep turning up in dif-
ferent iterations. You can
craft your own gnomes
for Halloween with a
few supplies. Start with
a 9-inch-tall foam cone.

Cut the bottom off the
toe part of a solid colored
ankle sock just past the
heel, and pull it up so
it covers the lower few
inches of the cone. Add
some hot glue to secure,
draw a beard shape on
the back of the faux fur
and cut it out. Attach the
beard to the lower part
of the cone over the sock.
Use a crew length pat-

terned sock to create a
hat for the gnome, and
glue to the top part of
the cone. Glue on a large
wood bead for the nose.
Decorate the gnome any
way you’d like, such as
adding felt patches to the
sock hat.

Halloween can be even
more fun with some cre-
ative crafts the entire
family can enjoy.

STATEMENT
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district’s hiring process. In the statement Lamarche acknowledged the arrest and assured parents and students that the district has processes in place to properly vet and hire. He also stated that the minor involved in the incident is not believed to be a Dudley or Charlton student.

“To our knowledge, based on our direct and

ongoing collaboration with law enforcement, there is no indication of any connection between the current, ongoing investigation and our students or staff,” said Lamarche. “As a parent of teenagers myself, I relate to the fear, the worry, and the questions that moments like this bring. I carry the same profound weight of concern that many of you feel tonight. Please know that I approach these responsibilities not only

as a Superintendent, but also as a father who wants every child in this community to be safe, supported, and able to thrive. I understand the public’s concern. I share that concern and I want to reassure you that our protocols are in place, that they worked as designed.”

The district puts all employees through background checks, including fingerprinting, CORI (Criminal Offender Record Information)

checks, and SORI (Sex Offender Registry Information) checks, in accordance with Massachusetts law. There has been no report that Wilson had any prior criminal arrests or had any violations on records at his time of hire. The district also provides oversight, training, and monitoring regarding potential incidents. When situations do arise, the district has its protocols and Lamarche said they responded accord-

ingly putting Wilson on administrative leave.

“When a personnel matter arises, particularly one that involves the safety or well-being of students, the district acts swiftly, methodically, and in accordance with both state law and School Committee policy,” said Lamarche. “We immediately collaborate with law enforcement, take steps to remove staff from active duty when appropriate, and implement continuity measures so

that student learning is not disrupted. These are not decisions taken lightly, but they are taken firmly and decisively.”

Police have confirmed that the investigation into the incident is ongoing. During his court appearance, Wilson was ordered held on \$10,000 bail and, if released, must wear a GPS monitoring device in public, and is not to interact with anyone below the age of 18 unsupervised.

AWARD
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resurgence of organized skiing on the lake. She served as the longtime show director and board member throughout the 1990s and 2000s, shaping the club’s identity and leading with unmatched energy and enthusiasm.

Greene is also the proud matriarch of the Greene family legacy in skiing, the first three-generation family associated with the ski club. Her son Robbie, and grandchildren Randy and Chelsea, are all standout skiers who continue to embody the passion Barbara sparked so many years ago. Through them, Barbara’s love of the sport and community continues to ripple outward.

Even after stepping

back from active skiing, Barbara remained ever-present—cheering from the dock, spotting from the boat, offering tips as an instructor, or simply being the club’s beloved “dock mom.” Her smile, her stories, and her deep knowledge of the lake made her a treasured presence. “Barbara knew everyone, and everyone knew Barbara,” recalls a fellow club member.

A local historian and storyteller, Barbara Greene also maintains a mini ski museum at her home on Union Point, filled with vintage skis and memorabilia from the sport’s earliest days on Webster Lake. Each piece in her collection tells a story, and Barbara shares those tales with joy and pride.

Today, you can still spot her cruising the lake she

loves—boating, swimming, or even jet skiing with her grandkids. Her connection to Webster Lake and the skiing community is timeless.

“Barbara’s legacy is woven into the very fabric of our club,” said the Collective’s leadership. “This award honors not only her historic contributions but the love and family spirit she has shared with us all.”

The 2025 Legacy Award will be officially presented at the Webster Water Ski Collective’s Annual Banquet on Friday, Oct. 17, at Point Breeze in Webster. All members, friends, and supporters of the club are invited to attend and celebrate Barbara’s remarkable contributions.

KINDNESS
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Jackman shared a very personal timeline with the gathering of students of her own journey, including the 22 surgeries she has had, beginning when she was only 3 months old to repair a double cleft palate.

She remembered feeling that no one understood what she was going through, and that

no one, especially classmates, ever asked her why she was out of school so often. She was heartened when the book Wonder was released, stating that someone was finally telling her story.

Her presentation culminated with her posing questions to the students in attendance, “How can I be kind today? How can I practice being a friend to someone in need?”

Upon returning to school, the ASA students

reflected on the presentation by writing a personal reflection on what they learned and how they felt. They also researched other inspirational quotes about kindness and shared their insights with one another. A group of these students will now present their reflections to the entire student body, with the ultimate goal of fostering a culture where everyone is kind, caring, and supportive of others.

DWC’s beloved fundraiser returns with heartfelt thanks to our sponsors!

DUDLEY — The Dudley Woman’s Club is excited to announce the return of Pocketbook Bingo at the PACC, located at 37 Harris St., Webster, on Nov. 2 at 2 p.m., with doors opening at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$35 in advance (\$40 at the door) for a chance to win up to 10 fabulous designer handbags along with an entry for our door prize raffle! Enjoy the thrill of a 50/50 raffle and a variety of exciting activities throughout the afternoon.

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As part of our community initiative, we invite all attendees to bring non-perishable hot drink donations, such as coffee, teas, and hot cocoa, for the Dudley Webster Food Share. Each donation will earn you an entry for the door prize!

For more information, please visit: www.dudley-womansclub.org/pocketbookbingo. We look forward to seeing you there!

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Kamren loves spending time outside, especially swinging and playing active games with others. He also enjoys building with Legos and exploring activities that engage his senses, such as sand, water, and playdough. These experiences allow him to be creative and adventurous in his own way.

When it comes to food, Kamren’s favorites include waffles, pasta, and ice cream—and he’ll never turn down a Sprite!

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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.

Webster Middle School football triumphs in electrifying victory over Leicester

WEBSTER — In a thrilling back-and-forth showdown, the Webster Middle School football team claimed a hard-fought 38-32 win over Leicester Middle School this week. Both teams came out strong, setting the tone for a game full of energy, determination, and big plays on both sides of the ball.

Webster’s offense wasted no time establishing control early. The offensive line delivered a dominant performance, marching down the field and creating openings for the backfield to make game-changing plays. Their early momentum

gave Webster the lead heading into halftime.

The second half opened with Webster striking again, adding a touchdown to extend their lead and fire up the crowd. But Leicester refused to back down, matching Webster’s intensity with a series of strong drives that kept the score close.

Coach John Bsoumai reflected, “This week we really worked on putting the work in and ‘fueling the tank’ in order to come out strong and be a winning football team. The kids really bought in and were able to execute what they had practiced all week long.”

As the clock wound down, Webster’s defense held firm, chiseling away at Leicester’s offense and securing the victory with key stops in the final minutes.

Coach Stawiecki noted, “Defensively, we played strong against an explosive Leicester offense. We made two key stops which led to the offense being able to keep the lead.”

The win marks another highlight in Webster’s season, showcasing teamwork, resilience, and the relentless spirit of the Wildcats.

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Webster Lake Waterfront - 31 Bayview!!



ON DEPOSIT

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Dudley Women's
Club recaps
October meeting



DUDLEY — The Dudley Women's Club (DWC) held a delightful meeting on Thursday, Oct. 9, at the Dudley Municipal Complex, where members enjoyed a fun-filled evening. The social hour began at 6:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 7 p.m., creating a warm and engaging atmosphere for all.

This month, we were pleased to welcome Debi Kennedy from Psychic Fair with a Touch of Magick. Debi shared fascinating insights into the history of the psychic community, and Kim Landini provided three mini readings to our members, adding an enchanting touch to the evening.

In a show of generosity, our voluntary giving project raised an impressive \$796 worth of supplies for Together We Blossom. Additionally, the club made a \$200 donation to Dog Orphans of Douglas on behalf of Touch of Magick, further supporting our community initiatives.

Members embraced the festive spirit of the season by donning delightful Halloween attire, contributing to the evening's joyful atmosphere.

DWC remains a welcoming space for all women in Dudley and surrounding towns. We look forward to our next gathering! For more information, please visit our Web site at www.dudleywomansclub.org.

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