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Dudley Cultural Council awards local community grants



DUDLEY — The Dudley Cultural Council (DCC) is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils (LCCs) serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the nation’s largest grassroots cultural funding network, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, humanities, and sciences every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to Mass Cultural Council (MCC), a state agency, which then allocates funds to each

community. A board of municipally appointed volunteers makes decisions about which activities to support at the community level. The DCC members pictured above are, from left to right: Front row — Annette Gion, Louise Williams; Second row — Ginni DiDonato, Jo Ann Brinker, Peggy Macuga, Bernice Albetski, and Ron Stachelek. Statewide, more than \$5 million will be distributed by LCCs in 2026. Grants will support many grassroots activities: concerts, exhibitions, radio and video

productions, field trips for school-children, after school youth programs, writing workshops, historical preservation efforts, lectures, nature and science education programs for families, and town festivals. Nearly half of LCC funds support educational activities for young people. The DCC will seek applications again in the fall. Additional information about DCC, the LCC Program, grant application process, and guidelines may be found at <https://massculturalcouncil.org/communities/local-cultural-council-program/application-process/>.

This year, \$11,400 was awarded to the following 20 grant recipients:

- Holiday Spectacular at Shepherd Regional High School
- Traveling Makerspace: Chain Reactions at Pearle L. Crawford Library, Jay Mankita
- Live Music Making History Live – “Popular Music & Veterans” at Pearle L. Crawford Library, Jon Waterman

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Digitizing the past: an update on the process

AUBURN — The Auburn Historical Society & Museum has a mission to preserve the history of the town and has been doing that in several ways. Volunteers have been working diligently to put the historic documents and photographs that are in the museum into an archival digital format. This includes creating databases for the tax records from 1863 to 1967. Birth, deaths, and marriages that were found in some of the early town annual reports, and those who were in town government offices throughout the years are being recorded. This will make it easier for genealogists to find family information. The tax records will help get a history of a house’s previous owners. All this information helps to tell the story of this town. As the information is being entered, unusual and unique facts have emerged that have helped to create articles that have been published locally. The Auburn Historical Society & Museum has created different series like, “The Family Behind the Exhibit, The Name behind the Street, and Who’s behind the Business.” Currently being worked on are the businesses along Southbridge Street past and present, and aviation in Auburn’s past. Turn To DIGITIZING page A9

Saint Joseph School seventh graders win MLK poetry honors at Worcester State University

WEBSTER — Two Saint Joseph School seventh graders were recognized as winners in Worcester State University’s 32nd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Poetry Contest, centered on this year’s theme: “Voices of the Future: Bold Roots, Brave

Leaders.” Abby Rubin (daughter of Mark and Agnes Rubin of Webster) and James Miranda (son of Thiago and Alyssa Miranda of Douglas) were selected as two of only 25 winners from hundreds of entries submitted by students in Grades

7–12 from Worcester Public Schools and schools in the Diocese of Worcester. The poetry contest invited students to reflect on Dr. King’s enduring legacy of equality, justice, and nonviolence, asking how young people will use their voices to continue his dream. Entries were reviewed by the MLK Jr. Poetry Committee, a panel of educators, university students, and community members. Judging criteria included creativity, originality, style, and connection to the theme. Saint Joseph School’s Grades 6–8 Language Arts teacher, Mrs. Karen Lefebvre, encouraged students to participate. In mid-December, the school was notified that Abby’s winning poem, “Dr. King’s Words,” and James’ winning poem, “Equality for All,” were selected. James writes, “We show his dream matters by speaking up, even when our voices shake a little.” Abby emphasizes peaceful courage, writing, “He taught us how to use love



Oxford Woman’s Club meets Feb.3

OXFORD — The Oxford Woman’s Club meets Feb. 3. Winter has hit us pretty hard. This will give us all a choice to meet and catch up with our group. Come join us for an entertaining evening. Besides our usual business meeting we plan on having a Game Night. We’ll be playing Right Center Left so bring your quarters to take part in the fun! This is an opportunity to come and see what we are all about. The club works to provide help to our community. Contributing money to the police department for fuel assistance, passes at the library, our local food shelf, collect supplies for the schools, many others including our pride in presenting resident Seniors Scholarships to help with their expenses. The applications will go out shortly to all schools that our Senior’s attend. Our meetings are held in the Senior Center which is behind the Town Hall starting at 7 p.m. For further information about the Woman’s Club, meet new friends, come together for a common cause and help our community contact Paula at 508-612-8274 or email Pharker1951@gmail.com.

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Courtesy Saint Joseph School seventh grade students Abby Rubin and James Miranda proudly display their winner certificates after being honored in Worcester State University’s 32nd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Poetry Contest on Jan. 17.

PEARLE L. CRAWFORD LIBRARY

40 Schofield Ave., Dudley
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To register for events or sign up for the newsletter go to www.crawfordlibrary.org or call 508-949-8021.

The Children’s Room will be opening at 11:00 on Friday, January 30th. The 2nd graders from Dudley Elementary will be taking a tour that day.

Please join us in the month of January to celebrate local artist, Jim Wilton. A variety of paintings & photography are on display for you to enjoy in the Fels Room whenever the Library is open.
ADULT EVENTS

Gentle Yoga
Mondays in January-NO SESSION
Monday January 19th
10:00-11:00

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 January
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 January.
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

Communication Exchange Series with Jessica
Thursday, January 29th 6:00-7:00
Would you like to improve the way you communicate with the people in your life? This program is for you! Jessica will explore effective, thoughtful communication skills you can use with anyone—family members, friends, or colleagues. At a time when listening across differences can feel harder than ever, you’ll learn how to truly listen, share your perspective, and build understanding—even when you don’t agree.

Crawford Library Book Group
Thursday, January 22nd
6:00-7:30
Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger
Books are available at the circulation desk for checkout one month prior to discussion.
No Registration Required.

“Cook the Book” Book Club
January 26th
6:00-7:00
Book: Every Day with Babs: 101 Family Friendly Dinners for Every Day of the Week by Barbara Costello
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.

Ginger & Spice
Saturday, January 31st
10:00-12:00
When it comes to herbal kitchen medicine, ginger has a versatility that runs a close second to garlic. Come explore this powerful root (or rhizome), see why

it helps issues from arthritis, nausea, helps fight colds and flu, and so much more! Taste some warm ginger-aide, help prepare a group batch of ginger-syrup, and even try your hand at making a simple ginger poultice that eases cramps or stomach tension!

Presented by Christine Leo, M. Ed.
This program is sponsored by the Dudley Agricultural Commission & the Town of Dudley. Registration required.

KIDS EVENTS

Baby Open Play
Fridays in January-NO SESSION Friday, January 30th
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
Guest Reader-Dudley Elementary Special Ed. Teacher-Mrs.Sgariglia
Monday, January 5th
6:00-7:00
Join us for a story and a craft!

Pre-K Power
Tuesdays in January-NO SESSION
January 20th
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 January-NO SESSION
January 21st
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.

Local 4 Life-Beneficial Bugs

Saturday, January 24th
10:30-11:30
“LESSONS AT THE LIBRARY” with Local 4 Life
Check out live earthworms, dress up like a ladybug, dance like a bee, and build a spider web with yarn, all while learning why these bugs are so helpful to us!
Hands-on educational programs for families with children ages 4-11 years old. Registration Required.

How to Draw Cute Animals for Tweens
Thursday, January 29th
6:00-6:45
Learn to draw animals using easy to follow, step-by-step instructions - then use your creativity to give them unique and funny personalities! We’ll be using Heegyum Kim’s book “Draw 62 Animals and Make Them Cute” so you’ll have lots of choices! Then take what you’ve learned to take your doodling to a whole new level!
This program is for children ages 6-12 only - no registration needed. This is not a drop-off program.
TEEN EVENTS

Dungeons & Dragons Game
Thursdays in January-NO SESSION
Thursday, January 1st
6:00-7:30
Ages 14-19 only
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\$465,000, 22 Lesley Ave, Dolan, Patrick, and Dolan, Elizabeth, to Habib, George, and Habib, Stephanie.
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\$411,250, 34 Rockland Rd, Brown, Patrick P, and Brown, Ellen L, to Mai, Hao V, and Du, Tracy T.
\$330,000, 2 Sherman Ave, Atchue, Kenneth D, to Blakeslee, Noah, and Hayward, Peyton.

DUDLEY

\$715,000, 72 Flaxfield Rd, Carlson, David, and Carlson, Karen, to Southard Ft, and Southard, Thomas P.
\$375,000, 18 Fairview Ave, Lebel, Deborah, to Rivera, Isabel.

OXFORD

\$1,500,000, 23 Dana Rd, Leggett & Platt Inc, to 23 Dana Road LLC.
\$722,000, 252 Main St, Andrew S Kotin T, and Kotin, Andrew S, to Ofd Real Estate LLC.
\$699,900, 11 History Dr, Cor Group LLC, to Amadei, Jeffrey D, and Amadei, Andrea J.
\$500,000, 434 Main St, Leggett & Platt Inc, to 434 Main St Oxford LLC.
\$370,000, 13 Maid Marion St, Scales, Elizabeth, to Christainsen, Wendy C.
\$330,000, 23 Thayer Pond Dr #1, Forsman, Ashley, and Forsman, Jeffrey, to Demeule, Allison P, and Demeule, Matthew R.

WEBSTER

\$620,000, 110 Chase Ave, Wetherbee, Matthew H, to Breezy Enterprises LLC.
\$470,000, 1 Ernest St, Wblegere Properties LLC, to Roy, Trudi.

PET of the WEEK



MEET Siren

Meet Siren — a gentle soul who’s finding her confidence more each day She was one of nearly 50 dogs rescued from an alleged dogfighting operation in South Carolina.Thanks to our partners at HumaneWorld for Animals, she’s now safe at Baypath and beginning a new chapter: Siren can be shy at first and will do best in a patient, understanding home that allows her to settle in at her own pace.With time and kindness, she blossoms and shows just how sweet she truly is.
Treats are the key to Siren’s heart. She warms up quickly when snacks are involved, and once she does, her soft, loving personality shines through.She’s making steady progress and gaining confidence with each new experience.
Siren may enjoy the company of a calm, friendly dog, but she could also thrive as the only dog in a quiet, supportive home where she can continue building confidence one step at a time. If you have a loving home and the patience to let Siren grow at her own pace, she may be the perfect match for you.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR
JAN. 30 TO FEB. 6

Thursday, Jan. 30
Webster Board of Selectmen Meeting
6:30 p.m., Webster Town Hall, 350 Main St.
Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen.
Auburn Public Library Evening Book Group
6:30 p.m., Auburn Public Library, 369 Southbridge St.
Monthly discussion group. Check library listings for the selected title.
Friday, Jan. 31
Webster Senior Center Bingo
1 p.m., Webster Senior Center, 53 School St.
Open to local seniors. Small fee may apply.
Saturday, Feb. 1
Oxford Public Library Children’s Story Time
10:30 a.m., Oxford Public Library, 339 Main St.
Stories and activities for young children with a caregiver.
Auburn Historical Commission Open Hours
9 a.m. to noon, Auburn Town Hall, 104 Central St.
Residents may stop in with questions about local history and preservation.
Monday, Feb. 3
Dudley Board of Selectmen Meeting
7 p.m., Dudley Town Hall, 71 West Main St.
Regularly scheduled meeting.
Webster Planning Board Meeting
7 p.m., Webster Town Hall, 350 Main St.
Public hearings and planning matters as posted on the agenda.
Tuesday, Feb. 4
Auburn Council on Aging Coffee Hour
9:30 a.m., Auburn Senior Center, 128 Maple St.
Informal gathering for local seniors.
Oxford Board of Health Meeting
6:30 p.m., Oxford Town Hall, 325 Main St.
Public health matters and department updates.
Wednesday, Feb. 5
Webster Public Library Craft Night
6 p.m., Webster Public Library, 40 South Main St.
Adult craft program. Pre-registration recommended.
Dudley Free Public Library Afternoon Knitters
1 p.m., Dudley Library, 8 School St.
Open knitting and conversation group.
Thursday, Feb. 6
Auburn School Committee Meeting
6 p.m., Auburn High School Library, 5 West Swanson Road.
Agenda items include district updates and committee business.

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Married duo to perform at Booklovers' Gourmet



WEBSTER — Booklovers' Gourmet invites you to join us for an evening of music with Mark Mandeville & Raianne Richards on Saturday, Feb. 21st at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person, and may be purchased on Eventbrite or in store. Seating is limited and general admission.

Booklovers' Gourmet is located at 72 East Main St., Webster. Call 508-949-6232 or email deb@bookloversgourmet.com for more information. Mandeville and Richards are a married couple who entertain with unmistakable vocal harmonies, poetic lyrics and down-to-earth personae. These musically tal-

ented artists have contributed over seventeen albums within their first decade and toured consistently throughout the US and Canada. These artists blend distinctive voices with rich tantalizing harmonies and a wide range of accompaniment (guitar, mandolin, banjo, harmonica, ukulele, clarinet and penny whistle) featuring original and traditional acoustic Folk/Americana songwriting. Their live performances are both musically captivating and spiritually uplifting as audiences are carefully balanced between serious songs and humorous commentary. In addition to writing and performing, the duo have founded the Massachusetts Walking Tour. Since 2010, the annual tour raises awareness of local green-space throughout their home state, organizing daily public hikes and free community concerts each June. For more information, visit www.masswalkingtour.org. In 2024, Mandeville and Richards established a board and helped form a 501(c)3 non-profit entity Blackstone Valley Music and Performing Arts Collaborative (BVMPAC) where they also serve as music educators for local community music school Blackstone Valley Music located in Uxbridge

Massachusetts, leading one-on-one private lessons, yearly rock band camps for teens, a monthly community coffeehouse and open mic, a new student orchestra and community ukulele groups. For more information on Mark and Raianne, concert dates, music, and video, please visit www.markandraianne.com. Follow them on social media at @markandraianne.

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WEBSTER — The Bartlett High School Guidance Department is once again offering the Rita Gelinas Scholarship for the study of math or science. Students from the BHS Class of 2022 who will be immediately entering a graduate program in a math or natural science field are encouraged to apply. Funds are available up to \$5,000 per semester with a minimum award of 1,000 per semester for one year. Please pick up an application in the Guidance Department or contact Kim Granger at (508) 943-8552, ext. 34017. Complete applications are due to the Guidance Department by Friday, April 10.

Bartlett Class of 2026 invited to apply for Gelinas Scholarship

WEBSTER — The Rita Gelinas Scholarship is also available to students in the Class of 2026. Two seniors will be chosen to receive up to \$10,000 a year for all four years of an undergraduate program. Applicants must have over a 3.0 (B average) and be pursuing a major in either a math or natural science field. The application process is very extensive so all applicants should start the process early. In addition to other materials, students must supply their SAR (Student Aid Report through the FAFSA process) as well as the financial aid award letter from the college that the student WILL attend if given the award. Applications are due to the BHS Guidance Department by Friday, April 10. If you have any questions about either of these scholarships please contact Kim Granger in the Guidance Department at Bartlett at (508) 943-8552, ext. 34017 or via email at kgranger@webster-schools.org.

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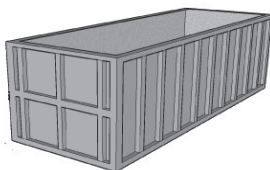


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The process to adopt a child from foster care includes training, interviews, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you. These steps will help match you with a child or sibling group that your family will fit well with. To learn more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





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EDITORIAL

Keeping the middle in mind

It is easy, especially during the long stretch between the holidays and spring, to feel as though life in our towns moves in fits and starts. One week feels crowded with meetings, school events and obligations. The next can feel strangely quiet, with fewer reasons to venture out once darkness falls early and winter settles in. But taken together, these weeks reveal something steady and reassuring about the communities we call home.

Even when the calendar looks sparse, the work of keeping a town running never truly slows. Municipal boards continue their discussions. Budgets are reviewed line by line. School committees and administrators plan not only for the end of the school year but for the next one already waiting around the corner. Libraries unlock their doors each morning. Senior centers put out coffee and chairs. These are not headline-grabbing moments, but they are the foundation of local life.

What often goes unnoticed is how much of this depends on people who live in the middle. Not the loudest voices in the room, and not those who have checked out entirely, but residents who show up regularly, ask reasonable questions and give their time without expecting recognition. They may attend meetings quietly, serve on committees year after year, or simply stay informed enough to vote thoughtfully when the time comes.

In small towns, progress rarely comes from grand gestures. It comes from patience and persistence. It comes from residents who read agendas ahead of time, from parents who juggle work schedules to attend school events, and from neighbors who check in on one another during icy stretches and long nights. It is steady work, and it is rarely glamorous.

This middle ground matters more than ever. Public conversations, even at the local level, can sometimes feel sharper than they need to be. It can seem as though every issue demands a side, and that compromise is a weakness rather than a strength. That atmosphere can discourage people who care deeply about their towns but prefer thoughtful discussion over confrontation.

Most residents live comfortably in that middle space. They want schools to succeed, roads to be safe, taxes to be fair and services to be reliable. They understand that not every decision will please everyone, and that local government, like any other, involves trade-offs. Their expectations are reasonable, and so is their engagement.

As February approaches, there is no need for sweeping resolutions or dramatic declarations about the future. What serves communities best is consistency. Attend a meeting when you can. Read the minutes if you cannot. Visit the library. Support a local program or fundraiser. Speak up when something truly matters to you, and listen carefully when others do the same.

Winter will pass, as it always does. Budgets will be finalized, school years will move ahead and spring calendars will fill quickly. What will remain, if we are fortunate, is the steady presence of people who keep these towns functioning quietly and effectively, week after week and season after season.

That middle ground, built on reliability and respect, is worth recognizing and protecting. It is where most of us live, and it is where strong communities are sustained.



Heart of New England, Scouting America Class of 2025 Eagle Scouts.

Courtesy

Annual Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner celebrates achievements of young leaders

WORCESTER — Heart of New England Council, Scouting America proudly hosted the Annual Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner at the Hogan Campus Center at Holy Cross College. This prestigious event honored the remarkable achievements of the newest class of Eagle Scouts, the highest rank attainable.

The evening was filled with inspiring stories of dedication, leadership, and community service. Distinguished guests, including local dignitaries, community leaders, and proud family members, gathered to celebrate the hard work and commitment of these exceptional young individuals.

What it means to be an Eagle Scout

Becoming an Eagle Scout is a significant milestone that represents years of dedication, perseverance, and personal growth. To earn this rank, a Scout must demonstrate proficiency in various skills, complete a series of merit badges, and lead a community service project that benefits their local area. The journey to Eagle Scout fosters leadership, responsibility, and a strong sense of community.

Eagle Scouts are recognized for their ability to set and achieve goals, their commitment to ethical and moral values, and their readiness to take on challenges. This rank is not only a testament to their past achievements but also a foundation for future success in their personal and professional lives.

Among the local Scouts who attended this year’s ceremony were:

Troop 53, Auburn
Trevor Brooks, Patrick Finan, Ryan Minor

Troop 101, Auburn
Ames Alvarado

Troop 1, Groton
James Esten, Timothy Yafrate

Troop 3, Groton
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Seniors have no less love to give to adopted pets

To the Editor:

I would like to offer the following viewpoints for the dog shelter advertiser who refuses to allow senior citizens to adopt rescue dogs.

My heart may be faltering, but I still have abundant love to give. I may not be computer savvy, but I have a lifetime of experience dealing with canine issues. I may not have a fulltime job, but I have plenty of time to devote to a canine companion.

It is true that I don’t know how many years, months or days I have left to care for a pet, but neither do you.

LINDA KUCZINSKI
DUDLEY

Letter submission policy

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

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

Lanterns Along Main Street

There is a certain sound that tells you winter is finally losing its grip: the slow, steady drip from the edge of a roof. It is not dramatic. It does not announce itself loudly. But once you hear it, you know something important is happening.

Around here, late winter has its own personality. The snowbanks shrink one cautious inch at a time. Mud season starts knocking on the door. The sun hangs around a little longer in the evenings, giving us just enough light to feel hopeful without quite letting us relax yet. It is an in-between season, and I have come to appreciate it more as the years go by.

When I was younger, I wanted winter gone the moment it arrived. I counted down the days until spring with the impatience of someone waiting for a bus that never seems to come. Now, I find myself paying closer attention to the small signs of change. A patch of grass reappearing along the edge of the driveway. A bird returning to the feeder that I have not seen in months. The first time I leave the house without my heaviest coat and realize, halfway down the steps, that I do not actually need it.

These small moments do not make the weather report, but they shape our moods more than we realize. They remind us that no season lasts forever. Not the cold ones, and not the easy ones either.

Living in small Massachusetts towns, we are used to adapting. We shovel, salt, scrape, and repeat. Then, without much ceremony, we switch gears. Out come the rakes and the garden gloves. The snow brush gets tossed in the back of the closet, and the lawn chairs quietly reappear on porches. We do this every year, almost automatically, yet it always feels a little new.

There is something comforting about that rhythm. It gives structure to time. It teaches patience. It also teaches humility, because no matter how many winters we survive, the next one still has the final say.

My wife likes to open the windows on the first mild day, even when the air is still a little sharp. She says the house needs to “remember what fresh air feels like.” I usually grumble about the cold breeze, but I secretly enjoy it. It smells like change. It sounds like the start of something better.

We talk a lot about big goals and fresh starts this time of year. But I think the real reset happens quietly. It happens when we take that first walk without worrying about ice. When we linger outside a little longer after work. When we notice ourselves breathing easier, not just because the air is warmer, but because the season is shifting in our favor.

Late winter teaches a useful lesson. You do not need everything to be perfect to move forward. You just need enough light to see the next step.

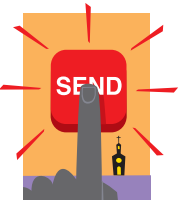
So if you find yourself listening to that drip from the roof or watching the snow retreat from the corners of your yard, take a moment to appreciate it. It is not just water falling to the ground. It is time moving on, slowly and steadily, the way it always has.

And that steady movement, even when it is subtle, is often exactly what we need most.

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Like the Webster Senior Center Facebook page to view our photographs, news and announcements. Please stop by to pick up our monthly newsletter for a complete list of activities, upcoming events, and our monthly lunch menu. You may also join our email list to view our newsletter online. You do not have to be a resident of Webster to participate in our activities and programs. ALL Seniors are welcome!

Tri-Valley Lunches are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 11:30 am. Please call (508) 949-3845 at least three business days in advance to reserve or cancel your meal. A \$3.00 donation for 65 and up, and \$5 for 55- 64 is appreciated. All meals include milk, bread, and dessert. This week's menu: Tuesday, 1/27: Buttermilk chicken, herbed stuffing, roasted California vegetables. Wednesday, 1/28: Baked potato with chili and cheese, roasted broccoli. Thursday, 1/29: Hot dog, baked beans, coleslaw. Friday, 1/30: Soup du jour, sliced turkey sandwiches, macaroni salad.

Need Transportation? Contact SCM Elderbus at 1-800-321-0243 at least two business days in advance to schedule transportation. Elderbus is available Mondays- Fridays 8:30 am- 3:00 pm.

Come down to the Bomba Beauty Salon at the Webster Senior Center! Call 508-341-8724 for an appointment. Bomba Beauty Salon is open for walk in appointments on Wednesdays from 10:00 am- 1:00 pm, and Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays by appointment only from 10:00 am- 3:00 pm. Please call (508) 341-8724 to schedule an appointment.

Chair Dancing 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.

Now introducing Line Dancing with Forty Arroyo! Classes will start on January 26th, and will be held from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm on every 4th Monday of the month.

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 official Bridge group! We will be meeting every Friday from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in the upstairs activity room. All that are interested are welcome to join!

The Worcester County Sheriff's Office House Numbering Program will create a custom wooden sign with your house number free of charge. One sign per senior household. Please contact the Webster Senior Center at (508) 949-3845. if you are interested in having a house number sign made for you.

Senior SAFE is a program 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 properly. This is at no cost to you! All you have to do is give them a call at (508) 949-3875.

Open Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Email: seniorcenter@oxfordma.us
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The Senior Center will be closed on Monday, Feb. 16 in observance of President's Day.

Lunches are served on Tuesdays and Fridays at 11:45 a.m. Meals are prepared by our in-house cook. Please call at least 48 hours in advance to reserve a lunch or come in and sign up. DINE IN for \$5.00 and TAKE OUT for \$6. (suggested donation)

Weekly Activities:
Mondays and Fridays @ 10:00 am – Cribbage
Tuesdays @ 9:15am – Strength & Balance w/ Donna Freeland – Cost \$3.00 per class
Wednesdays @ 9:15am – Chair Yoga w/ Heidi Gambaccini – Cost \$3.00 per class
Tuesdays and Wednesday @ 10:15 am - Needleworkers (Knitting, Crocheting, Needlepoint)
Bring your favorite project and come join the group for conversation and laughs.
Wednesdays @ 1:00 pm – Chair Volleyball – Lots of laughs and only two rules (1) stay seated (2) have fun!
Thursdays @ 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Dominoes

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.
Book Club – 1st Friday of each month @ 12:45pm – reserve your book from the Oxford Public Library
Movie Matinee – 2nd Friday of each month @12:45pm
Senior Safety with Oxford Fire/EMS - 3rd Friday of the month @ 12:30pm
BEANO – 4th Friday of each month @ 12:45pm – arrive by 12:30pm to purchase your BEANO sheets.

Other:

Senior Tax Work -Off Program: Paper applications can be picked up at the Town Manager's Office
2026 Census forms will be arriving soon. Please don't forget to sign and return to the Town Clerk's Office.
Don't forget Your 2026 Dog License(s). Oxford Residents aged 70 or older are FREE!

Nomination papers available for Webster town election

WEBSTER — The Annual Town Election will be held in Webster on Monday, May 4. Nomination papers are now available in the Town Clerk's Office for those that wish to run for local office. The offices with positions available are as follows:

- *Board of Selectmen - Two Seats - Three Years
- *School Committee - Two Seats - Three Years
- *Board of Health - One Seat - Three Years
- One Seat - Two Years
- *Finance Committee - Two Seats - Three Years
- *Board of Library Trustees - Two Seats - Three Years
- *Housing Authority - One Seat - Three Years
- *Redevelopment Authority - One Seat - Five Years

Nomination papers require 50 Webster registered voter signatures for all town-wide offices. The last day to take out nomination papers is Thursday, March 12. Nomination papers must be returned to the Town Clerk's Office for certification of signatures by Monday, March 16 at 5 p.m.

Dudley Senior Center holds Valentine's Tea, other events in February

Feb. 5: the Dudley Senior Center will be celebrating February birthdays with cake and ice cream following the Tri Valley lunch.

Feb. 26: Memory Café and Potluck Lunch will include our annual Valentine's Tea from noon until

2 p.m. High Tea Hats are highly encouraged. We will be serving assorted teas and sandwiches, desserts and much more. The cost for this event is \$5 per person. Please RSVP by calling 508-949-8015 or sign up in the Dudley Senior Center.

Due to increased food costs for Memory Café and Potluck lunch, you must sign up and give 24-hour notice if unable to make it. No shows will be charged \$5. Monthly activities at Dudley Senior Center:

Tuesdays at 1 p.m. – Pitch League
Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. – The Dudley Senior Center Knitters

Tri Valley lunches served Monday and Thursday
Ask about our Book Club!

The Senior Center will be closed on Monday, Feb. 16 for President's Day.

Janet Malser Humanities Trust issues call for 2026 grant applications

REGION — The Janet Malser Humanities Trust is currently accepting applications for the 2026 grant cycle.

Ms. Malser set up the charitable Trust in order to support the arts and humanities, community service and conservation in the towns of Dudley, Oxford, and Webster. Trustees make awards annually to verified tax-exempt organizations meeting the charitable purposes of the Trust. Prior recipients are encouraged to apply and are eligible as long as proper follow up status reports have been filed.

The causes for which funding will be considered include: “the restoration and preservation of historic sites; the furtherance of art and music in the schools, both public and private; public concerts with an emphasis on classical music; the improvement and growth of public libraries; the support of church work aiding the indigent, homeless, aging citizens and needy children; beautification through planting and the preservation of park areas and cemeteries; the improvement of service and equipment at the Hubbard Regional Hospital (now UMASS Memorial Health), and the environmental protection of Webster Lake.”

Any questions should be addressed to janetmalsertrust@gmail.com.

Applications and additional instructions including filing final reports are available at www.janetmalsertrust.org. All applications must be postmarked by Wednesday, April 1.



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EcoTarium hosts Second Annual Free Community Day, bringing USA Luge Team to Worcester



WORCESTER — The EcoTarium welcomed more than 1,100 excited visitors on Saturday, January 24, 2026, for a Free Admission Community Day, made possible through the generous support of Norton | Saint-Gobain. Families and guests of all ages took advantage of a full day of hands-on science, nature exploration, and a special luge experience with the USA Luge Team, making it a highlight of the weekend.

“The luge is a high-speed physics lesson on gravity, acceleration, and aerodynamics”, said EcoTarium President and CEO Noreen Smith. “With the help of the USA Olympic Luge Team and Norton | Saint-Gobain, visitors were able to experience the excitement of the sport and meet some of the athletes who inspire us all.”

“Partnerships like ours with Norton | Saint-Gobain help us expand how young people see science, technology, engineering, and math,” said Katie Chappell, Deputy Director of Museum Operations at the EcoTarium. “Working together with the USA Luge team allows us to highlight the many ways STEM connects to real-world experiences like winter sports and the Olympics, while also introducing youth and families to career paths they may not have previously considered.”

“We’re incredibly excited to sponsor the Norton Luge Challenge with our partners at the EcoTarium and the USA Luge team. This event captures the creativity, teamwork, and engineering spirit behind winter sports, and it’s a fun

way to share our enthusiasm as we look ahead to the upcoming Winter Games,” said Melanie Bonsu, Community Relations Manager, Saint-Gobain Abrasives.

The Norton Luge Challenge gave visitors the opportunity to try out the sport of luge under the expert guidance of the USA Luge Team international medalists and coaches. Participants used easy-to-manuever plastic sleds in a safe, slope-side setting. Helmets were provided to ensure a fun and safe experience for all. Adding to the high-energy atmosphere, the USA Luge DJ kept the excitement going with upbeat music throughout the event.

During the Free Admission Day sponsored by Norton | Saint-Gobain,

visitors also enjoyed full access to the museum’s interactive science exhibits, educational programming, and planetarium shows, making for an unforgettable day of learning about science, nature, and outer space.

About The EcoTarium
The EcoTarium is New England’s leading museum of science and nature, an indoor-outdoor experience dedicated to inspiring a passion for science and nature in visitors of all ages. Founded in 1825 as one of the oldest natural history museums in the country, the EcoTarium has been a leader in informal science and nature education for 200 years. Highlights of the 45-acre Worcester campus include the science center with three floors of interactive exhibits; Alden

Planetarium; Science Discovery programs; extensive outdoor nature trails, wildlife zoo, and habitats; a seasonal railroad with the Worcester Railers Explorer Express Train; and an extensive outdoor play exhibit, Nature Explore®. The EcoTarium is located at 222 Harrington Way, Worcester, MA 01604. Parking is free, and Museum admission tickets may be purchased online. The EcoTarium is open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Springfield College recognizes Dean’s List students

SPRINGFIELD — Springfield College Recognizes Dean’s List Students for the 2025 Fall Semester.

Springfield College has named Jennifer Brzostek from Webster, MA to the dean’s list for academic excellence for the 2025 fall semester.

Brzostek has a primary major of Mathematics.

Springfield College has named Carly Cornacchioli from Oxford to the dean’s list for academic excellence for the 2025 fall semester.

Cornacchioli has a primary major of Health Science / Pre-PT.

Springfield College has named Liam Gravel from Dudley to the dean’s list for academic excellence for the 2025 fall semester.

Gravel has a primary major of Criminal Justice.

Springfield College has named Katelyn Hakala from Dudley to the dean’s list for academic excellence for the 2025 fall semester.

Hakala has a primary major of Health Science / Pre-PT.

Springfield College has named Anais Ortiz from Oxford to the dean’s list for academic excellence for the 2025 fall semester.

Ortiz has a primary major of Social Work.

Springfield College has named Jillian LaBonte from Auburn to the dean’s list for academic excellence for the 2025 fall semester.

LaBonte has a primary major of Exercise Science / Applied ES.

The criteria for selection to the Dean’s List are as follows: The student must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded coursework for the term, exclusive of “P” grades. The student must not have any incompletes or missing grades in the designated term. The student must have a minimum semester grade average of 3.500 for the term. Student must not have been barred from Dean’s List due to disciplinary action.

Webster Fastpitch Softball accepting registrations

WEBSTER — Webster Fastpitch Softball, offering recreational softball for girls ages five to 14, is now accepting registrations.

We look forward to meeting new athletes as well as returning players. Join us at Slater Street softball fields to build skills, have fun and make new friends!

To register or for more information, visit websterfastpitchsoftball.com.

Merry Christmas to all from the Davis Family!



N O R T H GROSVENORDALE — On Dec. 13, the Davis Family proudly celebrated 50 years of a tradition that can be summed up in one word: amazing.

Van and Florence Davis raised 13 children, and each year, they made it a priority to gather and celebrate family. Santa always joined

the festivities, bringing a small gift for children under the age of 12, along with a special stocking from Van and Florence filled with a coloring book, crayons, and a candy cane. Each family also contributed a child's gift to be placed on the gift table, and tickets were sold at \$1 for 10 chances to help raise money to host

the party. Adult items are \$1 per chance if those are brought. All food is home-made. One family member from each family signs up for the main course meal items and all other generations bring a dessert. So much food and goodies all day long!

Fifty years later, this beautiful tradition continues just as it began.

Over the years, many siblings have sadly passed, leaving one sister, Bevy Chauvin, and one brother, Gerald Davis, Sr. This year's turnout was especially heartwarming, with so many family members coming together—filling the room with love, laughter, and cherished memories.

The celebration featured appearances by Santa and the Grinch, a photo booth, a DJ, and a professional photographer to help capture the magic of this milestone event. Family members traveled from near and far, including Switzerland, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, Massachusetts, and Connecticut, to be part of this incredible celebration.

Here's to 50 years of love, unity, and tradition—and many more to come. Cheers to family!



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University of Hartford students named to Dean’s List and President’s List

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. — The University of Hartford is pleased to announce that 2,327 students have been named to the Dean’s List and President’s List for the fall 2025 semester.

The Dean’s List recognizes students achieving superior academic standing. The requirement, with some exceptions, is a grade point average of at least 3.0 and no grade below C.

The President’s List recognizes a select group of students reaching the highest level of academic standing. To be placed on the President’s List, students must maintain a GPA of at least a 3.75 and receive grades of C or better.

Among those recognized are:

Grace Delisle of Dudley - Dean’s List and President’s List

Alek Popovich of Dudley - Dean’s List and President’s List

kendra Brooks of Dudley - Dean’s List

Max McPhee of Dudley - Dean’s List

Jared Degruttola of Auburn — Dean’s List

Congratulations to all our students on their hard work and academic success!

The University of Hartford blends raw passion with emerging talent, offering intentional preparation across six career-focused schools and colleges so every student can thrive. Located on a 350-acre campus neighboring Connecticut’s capital city-and positioned midway between New York City and Boston-the University is home to approximately 4,300 undergraduate and 1,700 graduate students from 42 states and 53 countries. Here, students are guided to discover their place, their people, and their purpose.

Students named to Dean’s List at University of Maryland Global Campus

ADELPHI, Md. — More than 18,700 University of Maryland Global Campus students were named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2025 term. To be eligible for the honor, a student must complete at least six credits during the term, earned a grade point average of at least 3.5 for the term, and maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.5 at UMGC.

Jordan Greenlaw of Auburn

Deirdre Legasey of Auburn

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Local student earns President’s List recognition at Norwich University

NORTHFIELD, Vt. — Norwich University is pleased to announce that Maria Piekarczyk, of Dudley, has earned President’s List honors for the Fall 2025 semester. Founded in 1819, Norwich University is recognized for its emphasis on experiential education and leadership development.

President’s List recognition is awarded to full-time undergraduate students who achieve a semester grade point average of 4.0, acknowledging sustained academic achievement and dedication to scholarly success.

About Norwich University

Norwich University is a diversified academic institution that educates traditional-age students and adults in a Corps of Cadets and as civilians. Norwich offers a broad selection of traditional and distance-learning programs culminating in baccalaureate and graduate degrees. Norwich University was founded in 1819 by Captain Alden Partridge of the U.S. Army and is the oldest private military college in the United States of America. Norwich is one of our nation’s six senior military colleges and the birthplace of the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC). www.norwich.edu

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LEGALS

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Town of Dudley Planning Board

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L., Chapter 40A, Sections 9 and 11, the Town of Dudley Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 7:15 p.m. in the Dudley Municipal Complex, Room 321-A (DMC, Veterans Memorial Hall), 71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA 01571, on the proposed bylaw changes regarding Accessory Dwelling Units.

A copy of the proposed bylaw changes may be viewed in the offices of the Planning Board or Town Clerk, located in the Dudley Municipal Complex, 71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA 01571, during regular office hours.

Any person interested or wishing to be heard should appear at the time and place designated.

Steve Watroba, Chairman
Dudley Planning Board
January 30, 2026
February 6, 2026

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

Worcester, ss
202626 SM 000112

ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:
DANIEL YARNIE

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c.50 § 3901 *et seq.*:

STEVEN A. ROSS, TRUSTEE OF QS LENDING THREE TRUST

Claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Oxford numbered 64 Leicester Street, given by DANIELYARNIE to Steven A. Ross, Trustee of QS LENDING THREE TRUST, dated November 10, 2022, recorded or filed with Worcester (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 68476, Page 194, has filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant’s 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 **03/02/2026** 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 01/13/ 2026.

Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson, Recorder
January 30, 2026

**Docket No. WO25E0146PP
Petition to Partition Citation
(A.C.92A)
Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

Worcester Probate & Family Court

To Linda Berisha of Oxford and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by Zenel Cazimi of Oxford in the County of Worcester representing that he hold as tenant in common an undivided 50% part or share of that certain land lying in Oxford in said County Worcester and described as follows: BEGINNING at the southeasterly corner of the lot to be conveyed at a point on Clarence Drive; THENCE along a curve to the left with a radius of 278.10 feet a distance of 8.88 feet; THENCE proceeding west along a curve to the left with a radius of 825.00 feet a distance of 116.12 feet to a point; THENCE N. 48° 34’ 32” W. a distance of 323.69 feet to a point; THENCE N. 6° 23’ 41” E. a distance of 57.11 feet to a point; THENCE N. 86° 53’ 29” E. a distance of 171.49 feet to a point; THENCE S. 38° 40’ 51” E. a distance of 247.45 feet to the point of beginning. setting forth that he/ she desire that all the aforesaid described part of said land may be sold at private sale for not less than five hundred and fifty thousand (550,000) dollars, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Worcester before ten o’clock in the forenoon on the twenty fourth day of February 2026 the return day of this citation.

Witness, Kathryn M. Bailey, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-ninth day of December 2025.

Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
January 16, 2026
January 23, 2026
January 30, 2026

**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. WO22P2984PM
CITATION ON PETITION
FOR ORDER OF
COMPLETE SETTLEMENT
Estate Of:
Allen Scott Everitt
Date of Death: 07/10/2022**

A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Christopher S. Everitt of Oxford MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, a determination of heirs at law, the allowance of a proposed distribution , 1st, Temporary and Permanent

and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/10/2026.** 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.

WITNESS, Hon. Kathryn M. Bailey, First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 12, 2026
Stephanie Fattman,
Register of Probate
January 30, 2026

(SEAL)
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
Docket Number: 26 SM 000217
ORDER OF NOTICE

To:
Kristy Fiorillo

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq): PennyMac Loan Services, LLC claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Webster, numbered 3 Dominique Drive, given by Kristy Fiorillo to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Novus Home Mortgage, a division of Ixonia Bank, dated July 13, 2021, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 65611, Page 288, 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 March 9, 2026, 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 January 21, 2026.

Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
28878
January 30, 2026

**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. WO26P0157EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate Of:
Stanislaw Janusz
Date of Death: 09/22/2025**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Piotr Janusz 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: **Piotr Janusz of Dudley MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/17/2026.**

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. Kathryn M. Bailey, First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 16, 2026
Stephanie Fattman,
Register of Probate
January 30, 2026

The Attorney General Office has approved Article 11 from the October 20, 2025, Dudley Special Town Meeting. The entire text of this by-law is posted in the following five places in accordance with G.L c. 40 § 32: Dudley Municipal Complex, Pearl Crawford Memorial Library, Mason Road School, Dudley District Court House and Shepherd Hill High School.

Attest: Lori A. Smith,
Dudley Town Clerk
January 29, 2026
February 6, 2026

GRANTS
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Community Concert at Nichols College featuring the Wind Ensemble of Worcester Youth Orchestras

- The Science of Sound at Mason Road School
- From Ireland to America at the Dudley Senior Center, Roger Tincknell
- The Music of McCartney at Pearle L. Crawford Library, Daniel Kirouac
- Local Weather Workshop Series for Kids:

Be a Junior Meteorologist at Pearle L. Crawford Library, Local 4 Life

- Our Bright Future’s STEAM Programs at Webster Dudley Boys & Girls Club
- Learning About Animals from A-Z at the Dudley Grange #163, Dudley Conservation Land Trust
- Floral Arrangement at the Dudley Senior Center
- Samuel Slater Experience, Dudley Middle School
- Treasure Journal Workshop Series at Pearle

L. Crawford Library, Happy Arts Events

- Strawberry Festival, Dudley Grange #163
- The Connie Francis Story at the Dudley Senior Center, Donna Lee Honeywell
- Premier Swing Band at the Black Tavern Historical Society
- Apple Festival, Dudley Grange #163
- Jumpin’ Juba at the Dudley Senior Center, Steven Hurlbut
- A Christmas Carol – Hanover Theatre Production, Dudley Middle School

Area residents named to dean’s list for the Fall 2025 semester at Quinnipiac University

HAMDEN, Conn. — The following area students were named to the dean’s list for the Fall 2025 semester at Quinnipiac University:

Auburn
Annika Berg
Morganne Lucier

Oxford
Caitlin Diaz
Katelyn Marshall
Nicole Moore

Webster
Maya Podskarbi

About Quinnipiac University
Quinnipiac is a private, coeducational institution located 90 minutes north of New York City and two hours from Boston. The university enrolls 9,700 students in more than 100 degree programs through its Schools of Business, Communications, Education, Computing and Engineering, Health Sciences, Law, Medicine, Nursing and the College of Arts & Sciences. Quinnipiac is ranked 51st in The Wall Street Journal/College Pulse “2026 Best Colleges in the U.S.” and is also recognized by U.S. News & World Report and The Princeton Review’s “The Best 391 Colleges.” The university is expanding innovative programs for both traditional and adult learners and developing dynamic corporate partnerships. Quinnipiac recently completed a significant capital expansion on its main campus, including a state-of-the-art new School of Business and an interdisciplinary science and innovation hub. For more information, please visit qu.edu. Connect with Quinnipiac on Facebook and Instagram and follow Quinnipiac on X @QuinnipiacU.?

To qualify for the dean’s list, students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 with no grade lower than C. Full-time students must complete at least 14 credits in a semester, with at least 12 credits that have been graded on a letter grade basis to be eligible. Part-time students must complete at least six credits during a semester. Names followed by an asterisk denotes with honors.

OBITUARY

Janet M. Lavigne, 84

WEBSTER- Janet M. (Sitko) Lavigne, 84, died Tuesday, December 30, 2025 in UMass/Memorial University Campus after being stricken ill at home.

She leaves her husband of 57 years, Richard P. Lavigne; 2 sons, Todd C. Lavigne and his wife Tracie Barnes of Dudley and Chris D. Lavigne of Boynton Beach, FL; 2 grandsons, Tyler and Jared Lavigne; nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brother Kenneth Sitko.

She was born on June 23, 1941 in Southbridge, a daughter of John C. and Madeline E. (Casavant) Sitko and raised in West Dudley. She graduated from Bartlett High School in 1959 and then earned an associates degree from New England School of Accounting where she was the class valedictorian.

She first worked as a tape librarian at Paul Revere Insurance in Worcester and then was a buyer at The Record Shop on Hamilton Street in Southbridge and also assisted her husband at the Vac Clinic there before retiring in 2010.

Services will be held at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours. Donations in her memory may be made to a charity of one’s choice. Arrangements are under the direction of Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main Street.
www.websterfunerals.com

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The Veterans’ Project, which is being built to honor and remember those who were in the military has allowed articles to highlight different aspects of military service that readers may not know of such as those early town founders who were in the Revolutionary War and those in the Navy during the Civil War. Veterans who didn’t see any action are also welcomed as this is an ongoing project for the society.

If you have any documents, photos, stories, memorabilia, artifacts or just want to talk about Auburn History, the Auburn Historical Society & Museum would welcome the chance to enhance the history of Auburn. Donations are welcome.

The museum has the ability to scan information if donating is not possible. Bring the items to the museum and discover how they may tell a story. The museum is open Tuesday and Saturday mornings 9:30-12:30 and may be reached at auburnmuseum@verizon.net or 508-832-6856, www.auburnhistoricalmuseum.org or follow us on Facebook at Auburn Historical.

POETRY
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Lefebvre on Saturday, Jan. 17 at Worcester State University, where each student received a certificate from Congressman James McGovern and a \$50 Amazon gift card.

“Abby and James captured Dr. King’s message in a way that feels both hopeful and urgent,” said Boudreau. “Their words reflect what we encourage every day at

Saint Joseph School: to live with faith, treat others with respect, and take responsibility for making the world more just.”

Saint Joseph School congratulates both students on the honor and applauds the many student participants who used poetry to share their voices and leadership.

Send all obituary notices to Stonebridge Press, PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550, or by e-mail to obits@stonebridgepress.news



LEGALS

MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
NOTICE OF TAX TAKING
(G.L. c. 60, § 53)
THIS NOTICE AFFECTS IMPORTANT LEGAL RIGHTS AND SHOULD BE TRANSLATED IMMEDIATELY

本通知对于重要法律权利产生影响。请立即翻译

本通知對於重要法律權利產生影響。請立即翻譯

ESTE AVISO AFECTA IMPORTANTES DERECHOS LEGALES Y DEBERÍA SER TRADUCIDO INMEDIATAMENTE

CET AVIS AFFECTE DES DROITS JURIDIQUES IMPORTANTS ET DOIT ÊTRE TRADUIT IMMÉDIATEMENT

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THÔNG BÁO NÀY CÓ ẢNH HƯỞNG ĐẾN CÁC QUYỀN PHÁP LÝ QUAN TRỌNG, DO ĐÓ CẦN ĐƯỢC DỊCH THUẬT NGAY

ESTE AVISO DIZ RESPEITO A DIREITOS LEGAIS IMPORTANTES E DEVE SER TRADUZIDO IMEDIATAMENTE

You are receiving this notice because:
1. You own property in Massachusetts.
2. You still owe some local taxes on your property.
3. You’ve received a letter asking you to pay these past due taxes (a demand), but you haven’t done so yet.
4. The city or town’s tax collector plans to take your property on the date, time, and place noted below.
5. They won’t take your property if you pay what you owe before that date.

TO THE OWNERS OF THE DESCRIBED PROPERTY BELOW, AND TO ALL OTHERS CONCERNED, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT ON **Thursday, February 12th, 2026 , at 9:00 AM, at Town of Dudley Tax Collector’s Office,** pursuant to General Laws Chapter 60, Section 53, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Collector of Taxes, IT IS MY INTENTION TO TAKE FOR THE **Town of Dudley** the following parcels of land for non-payment of the taxes due, with interest and all incidental expenses and costs to the date of taking, unless the same is paid before that date.

LIST OF PARCELS TO BE TAKEN
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION MUST BE GIVEN IN THE CASE OF EACH PARCEL:

. Names of all owners known to the collector. In the taking of undivided real estate of deceased persons, the names of all the heirs or devisees interested as appearing in the probate records.
. The year for which the tax was assessed.
. Amount of tax assessed on each parcel to be taken.
. The unpaid balance of the tax assessed.
. Description of the several rights, lots, or divisions, sufficiently accurate to identify the premises.
. In the case of registered land, Certificate of Title No. must be given.

Kenneth P. Canty and Theresa Righi Canty
Land in said Dudley with the buildings thereon, at 3 Lyons Rd., shown as Lot 1, on Assessor’s Map 125, described in Worc. Dist. Deeds, B. 52397, P. 241.
2024 taxes assessed: \$1,748.06
2024 tax due: \$947.96

Mojarr Enterprise, LLC
Land in said Dudley with the buildings thereon, at 9 Mill St., shown as Lot 83, on Assessor’s Map 117, described in Worc. Dist. Deeds, B. 44408, P. 394.
2024 taxes assessed: \$7,962.70 2025 taxes assessed: \$8,044.83
2024 tax due \$531.52 2025 Tax due \$2,067.17

Gary W. Benard
Land in said Dudley, with the buildings thereon, at 3 West Main St., shown as Lot 129, on Assessor’s Map 117, described in Worc. Dist. Deeds, B. 23674, P. 93.
2025 taxes assessed: \$3,926.76
2025 Tax due : \$1,040.61

Erik E. Jacobson
Land in said Dudley on 54 Dudley Oxford Rd., shown as Lot 109, on Assessor’s Map 222, described in Worc.Dist.Deeds, B. 51851, P. 65.
2025 taxes assessed: \$11.63
2025 Tax due: \$11.63

Erik E. Jacobson
Land in said Dudley on Corbin Rd., shown as Lot 95, on Assessor’s Map 222, described in Worc. Dist. Deeds, B. 51851, P. 65.
2025 taxes assessed: \$16.91
2025 Tax due: \$16.91

Susan D. Mannion
Land in said Dudley on Fish Rd., shown as Lot 14, on Assessor’s Map 220 ,described in Worc. Dist. Deeds, B. 65143, P. 192.
2025 taxes assessed: \$361.49
2025 Tax due: \$91.14

Susan D. Mannion
Land in said Dudley on West Dudley Rd., shown as Lot 18, on Assessor’s Map 220, described in Worc. Dist. Deeds, B. 65143, P. 192.
2025 taxes assessed: \$364.67
2025 tax due: \$93.51

Martin L. Nieski, Trustee of Martin L. Nieski Living Trust
Land in said Dudley, with the buildings thereon, at 121 West Main St , shown as Lot 136, on Assessor’s Map 119,described in Worc. Dist. Deeds, B. 67459, P. 125.
2025 taxes assessed: \$1,448.09
2025 Tax due: \$1,110.63

Research Associates, LLC
Land in said Dudley, with the buildings thereon, at 26 West Main St , shown as Lot 115 , on Assessor’s Map 117 , described in Worc.Dist. Deeds, B. 46411, P. 85.
2025 taxes assessed: \$1,731.37
2025 Tax due: \$30.00

Michael Smith
Land in said Dudley, with the buildings thereon, at 5 Ellis St. , shown as Lot 11, on Assessor’s Map 119 ,described in Worc. Dist. Deeds, B. 63572, P. 95.
2025 taxes assessed: \$936.50
2025 Tax due: \$712.22

Richard A. Carmignani, Jr.
Collector of Taxes
Town of Dudley
January 29, 2026
January 30, 2026

Bay Path announces second quarter honor roll

CHARLTON — Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical School congratulates the following students who were named to the honor roll for the second quarter of the 2025-2026 school year.

Grade 12
High Honors: Addison Emily Aho, Adriana Nataly Alicea, Vincent Paul Bedard, Isabella Aria Bitar, Edward Stephen Blash, Dominic Dewayne Boyd, Aleah Claire Brink, Brianna Livia Brink, Emily Rose Casault, Lily Sabina Chartier, Frederick James Cierpich, Hunter Matthew Coombs, Emily Ann Corey, Valentina Ashley Culberson, Brody Lawrence Cunningham, Basil Oliver Doud, Jocelyn Elizabeth Evans, Jordan Mariah Ferreira, Jayla Marie Fowler, Nicholas Edward Jalbert, Samuel Arjun Kttredge, Nia Mya Laforest, Phoebe Alyson Lawendowski, Cullen Gregory MacLeod, Alexis Paige Moody, Liam Macrae Nicoll, Sebastian Alexander Nieuwenhoff, Matthew Thomas Obrycki, Mariah Lynn Pereira, Jacob Paul Pratt, Kayleigh Jean Ramm, Samantha Jeanne Raseigh, Jaxon Russell Sitko, Luke William Smolski, Anne Louise Turcotte

Honors: Bayleigh Alexis Abdella, Helena Rowan Adkins, Jacob John Archambault, Alexander Tyr Audunsson, Emma Theresa Baldyga, Rhianna Anne Balliet, Arianna Rose Belanger, Nathan Paul Bernard, David Betancur, Roger Joseph Bishop, Domnic Raymond Brodeur, Lucien Stephen Brodeur, Alissa Lynn Burlingame, Dimitri Anthony Burt, Mecheanise Monic Calo Resto, Liam Michael Carlson, Samuel Elia Ceppetelli, Charles Michael Congdon, Jacob William Creeron, Lorelie May Curbooy, Connor Anthony Czechowski, Joseph Michael Daige, Samuel Richard Davis, Myiah Kiara DeLaRosa, Treyton Joseph Dery, Cody Daniel Dombroski, Max Andrew Domineck, Zenovi Irene Dupont, Yandel Feliciano, Yeleana Adelis Feliciano, Aliyah Marie Gonyea, Jocelynn Rose Gordon, Molly Elizabeth Grant, Isaiah Terrence Harris-Harrington, Sadie Lynn Hawley, Luke Robert Heller, Kolton Trevor Hemenway, Liam Wayne Hesselton, Hannah Jean Ingalls, Natalie Rose Ingles, Joshua William Irons, Christian Michael Johnson, Tabbian Marschall Keegan, Ayden Matthew Kennedy, Cassie Lee Kotomski, Kristine Marie LaFlash, Marshall Thomas Lafond, Joel Carlos Landor, Jomar De Jesus Landor, Zachary Raymond Landry, Miranda Kate Linde, Nicolas Sebastian Londono, Matthew James Lopez, Michael Anthony Lulu, Philipos Anastasio Makrodimitras, Ava Rose Mastrototar, Emily Jean McDonald, Madeline Beverly McDonald-Trimby, Felix Casey Menard, Alexis McGee Messina, Sebasian Luke Moniz, Chase Patrick Newman, Benjamin Francis Nocchi, Jeremiah Betsaleel Noel, Connor James O'Brien, Kelsey Lynn Olson, Cole Henry Paradis, Amari Audrey Pereira, Aiden Charles Perzanoski, Adam Jason Phaneuf, Jae Mia Prochnow, Taylor Lynn Richard, Nathan Alexander Rouille Montoya, Jordan Joyce Russell, Jorge Santiago, Sawyer Lyke Schultz, Brianne Marie Sentence, Alexander Charles Skladzien, Alexxis Lynne Spenard, Nathan Adam Steen, Gaige Charles Thompson, Ashley Mikayla Tingle, Yandel Omar Torres, Thadaeus Boadi Tweneboa, Sebastian Paul Vargas, Ezekiel Velazquez, Natalie Helen Vigeant, Harley Ann Wilson Wadden, Ava Quiyn Wall, Hunter Earl White, Trey Stephen Wilkin, Noah Williamson, Harrison Riley Wilson, Adrianna Marie Young

Principal's List: Gianna Marie Albano, Violet Renee Aucella, Victoria Rose Bachand, Ryan Michael Berthiaume, Cameron James Cabana, Aiden Matthew Coleman, Brandon Anthony Donnell,

Nathan Robert Dube, Heidi Lynne Ebbeling, Paige Cynthia Eddy, Jayson Caleb Everitt, Matthew Aaron Facigno, Leia Marie Foster, Zya Frechette, Aiden Mark Giroux-Provencher, Isaías D'Jesus Henriquez Baez, Lillian Elaine Horner, Gabrielle Ruth LaPan, Michael Wayne LaPointe, Alyssa Ivellisse Lopez, Julianna Rose Lovejoy, Mystic Leigh Marion, Bradley Anthony McCarthy, Kyle Joseph Mondor, Izaiah Timothy Monette, Angelina Marie Petro, Samuel Joseph Prefontaine, Grace Elizabeth Retallic, Brent Michael Robidoux, Kiarelis Ester Rodriguez, Marcus Joseph Rodriguez, Jared Robert Senosk, Wyatt Glenn Snay, Keagan Robert Standing, Aiden James Toohil, Josiah Felix Torres, Reece Verderber, Londyn Nancy Walker, Marcanthony Justin Weld

Grade 11
High Honors: Anais Annette Alamo-Abad, Lillian Lauren Araujo, Brett Julius Beltzer, Sagesse Mpolo Budimbu, Olivia Raychal Burgos, Clara Mae Burlingame, Michaela Sarah Carter, Jenna Lynne Cianci, Naomi Natania Cooper, Trinity Chevelle Crompton, Hunter William Defosse, Madisson Clara Drewry, Aria Faith Fournier, Brooke Nicole Fuller, Adrian Dariusz Golemo, Liam Reed Greenwood, Emma Grace Harrington, Kelsey Rose Karlowicz, Finnian John Keefe, Owen David Lemansky, Aaron Robert Mazur, Nicholas Isaac Meneguzzo, Miles Joseph Moriarty, Johnny Ly Nghan, Anastasia Marie Nieuwenhoff, Jordyn Alexandra Sabotka, Owen Wajer Sanford, Kayla Lynn Schroeder, Isabella Christina Sepulveda, Zachary Stephen Sirard, Travis Jacob Tong, Nichoals Aiden Tremblay, Timothy Nicholas Tripp, Brady Matthew Weeks, Lucy Vivian Zaleski

Honors: Trevory Riley Amaral, Kennadie Taylor Balcunas, Boden Richard Barrell, Samantha Mackenzie Belanger, Kayleigh Rose Bissell, Alexandria Helene Blanchard, Alyssa Rose Bonneville, Alexia Rose Brown, Bella Kristina Calnan, Dominic Francis Carofaniello, Evalynn Rose Cedillo, Dominic William Cincotta, Liam Zachary Colon, Madelyn Lily Creelman, Benjamin Jackson Cryan, Eric Murphy Day, Livia Cassandra Deluca, Nathan Stephen Donnelly, Brianna Nyarkoa Dwomoah, Molly Elizabeth Dwyer, Jordan Christopher Edwards, Ava Lila Erkoc, Dylan Michael Filipkowski, Samantha Lynn Fleck, Ely Eric Gemboski, Emma Lynn Grensavitch, Julia Abigail Holton, Dominik Ignatovich, Vikram Kanchan Jha, Brady Nicholas Johnson, Owen John Kennedy, Alexander James Kowalski, Filip Tadeusz Kulma, Abena Kwartema Kwarteng, Benjamin Mitchell Labbe, Sangey Dawa Lama, Maximilian Thomas Lapriere, Evan Anthony Latuga, Bret Robert Leonardi, Andrew Tadeusz Levitzky, Damon James Libby, Perry Khai Lima, James Dean Mack, Jared Thomas Magnusson, Emily Arlene Malia, Julie-Anna Marie Marchetti, Christopher Warren Martin, Finn McDaniel, Ava June McKellick, Jayden Anthony Minardi, Samantha Jean Morley, Miguel Angel Mosqueda, Nathaniel Thomas Munson, Kaiya Rowan Murphy, Thomas Andrew Nault, Daniel Anthony Nowlan, Elijah Ziarre Ofori, Jacey Okyere-Tawiah, Izabella Grace Paquin, Kiley Marie Paronto, Aylah Mae Patraw, Katie Ann Putnam, Sophia Morrigan Ramirez-Murphy, Ava Marie Rennie, Isabella Lynn Richard, Devin Matthew Robinson, Danie Roemer, Leilani Marie Rohena Torres, Trevor Anthony Rose, Isaiah Omar Santiago, Anthony Mark Savasta, Logan James Schoff, Ella Lamise Schofield, Michael Ryan Scott, Allison Marie Smith, Duane Caden Stephens, Eskil John Tranes, Kara Marie Trevarthan, Kyle Dennis Towmbly, Connor Patrick Welsh, Dashiell Robert Williams, Jazelle Gia

Wolverson, Nico Anthony Yacavace, Payto Cailee Ziemski

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Lily Durda, of Dudley
Claire Farrar, of Webster
Diana Pickett, of Oxford

Area residents named to Dean's List at University of New England

BIDDEFORD/PORTLAND, Maine — Taya Lawrence of Dudley and Tori Granato of Webster have been named to the University of New England's Dean's List for the fall semester 2025. Dean's List students have attained a grade point average of 3.3 or better out of a possible 4.0 at the end of the semester.

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Oxford Community Center hosting Fun, Frost & Family Festival Jan. 31

OXFORD — The Oxford Community Center will be having its Fifth Annual Fun, Frost & Family Festival on Saturday, Jan. 31.

The event will kick-off with the Polar Plunge at 10:30 a.m. at Carbuncle Pond. This will be followed by a Pancake Breakfast at the First Congregational Church, 355 Main St., from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. The main events will be held at the Oxford Community Center from noon to 3 p.m., and will feature something for everyone including food trucks, fire pits, s'mores, music, games and more! Also starting at noon, the Oxford Library will be hosting Kids' Crafts and Storytime.

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