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## Voters say no to Bartlett project

CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER — Voters shot down the proposed Bartlett High School renovation at the ballot box last week, 306-383, but as of our deadline Monday, the issue still had not been decided by Town Meeting.

That prompted Superintendent Ruthann Goguen to say by email last week, "I do not think there were enough voters at the Town's ballot vote to say that the voters rejected the project. I remain optimistic that the community will come to the Special Town Meeting on Monday. If this passes then, we will work with the Town to offer another ballot vote.'

She didn't indicate how the district might change their plan if it doesn't pass, but noted the state gave Webster "the maximum amount of reimbursement at 80%," which included "extra points for maintenance."

In general, turnout was pretty low because the question was the only contested item on the ballot. All of the candidates ran unopposed, meaning the town re-elected Selectmen Earl Gabor and Lisa Kontoes, Sheila Blythe to the School Committee and Al Beland to Bay Path's board, Rena Klebart and Mary Chabot as Library Trustees, Ted Avlas as Moderator, and Redevelopment Authority member Mark Becker. They returned Donald Bourque to the selectmen for a one-year stint. Two write-ins also won seats: Pete Carboneau on the Board of Health and Mike Finamore on the Finance Committee.

The ballot question did open the door to voter concerns that sometimes went beyond the schools themselves. (All of them, pro- or anti-, declined to provide last names.)

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#### STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following students who were selected as April Students of the Month at St. Joseph School: Pre-K 3-year-old: Kennedy Nowicki; Pre-K 4-year-old: Leila Doktor; Kindergarten: Oliver Smith; Grade 1: Julian Gibbons; Grade 2: Marina Szydlik; Grade 3: Jacob Manzi; Grade 4: Ivonka Warnajtys; Grade 5: Jacob Parafinowicz; Grade 6: Alissa Perron; Grade 7: Emerson Bernard; Grade 8: Juliana Rudnicki. Students are awarded Student of the Month for their outstanding exemplification of Religion, Respect, and Responsibility. Keep up the great work!

## Oxford residents urge rejection of huge 'logistics center'

BY GUS STEEVES **CORRESPONDENT** 

OXFORD — After lots of rumors, a couple months, and withdrawal of the original plans, the Planning Board's public hearing for a controversial "logistics center" off Depot Road began late last month. It will continue May 23 at 7:05 p.m.

The public response was almost entirely negative, with person after person objecting to its impact on the environment, traffic, noise, and safety in various ways.

"It's sad that people who have lived on this road for so long are being booted to the side just for money," said Stephanie

Merrill. She said she works for a real estate appraiser and predicted "property values will go down because of how busy the roads will get," noting the road already "gets flooded with cars" when Route 20 backs up.

Dennis Natoli, former Auburn Zoning Board even is, since it's not the Dudley Board of should be skeptical of the proponents' claims from traffic and related studies because they're "boilerplate pretty much" and "never come out the way they tell you."

He urged the board to reject the plans specifically based on sections 4.4 and 4.5 of the town's zoning bylaws. The former specifically calls for plans that "won't adversely affect the neighborhood" and the latter requires plans that aren't a "serious hazard" to vehicle or pedestrians, he said.

"That is something you can hang your hat on, should you choose a denial of this project because there's a big impact," he said.

For some residents, there was confusion over what a "logistics center" and proponents' engi- some clearer perspective neer Kevin Solli agreed that was an issue. That where most of the rumors have come from, with one letter specifically alleging the site will be an

Amazon facility. "This is not an application for an Amazon facility," Solli said. "...There is no tenant specified, and the site is designed to accommodate potentially more than one tenant if the market so demands."

He did note later that it won't be built without a tenant, which prompted the town's peer reviewer Kevin Dandrade of TEC, Inc, to urge the board to meet with whomever the tenant is to "understand the traffic-related operations."

450,000 square foot (one land trusts and the varcitizen observed it's "8.5 ious sections of Chapter acres under roof")

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## Study examines open space statistics in Dudley

**BY JASON BLEAU CORRESPONDENT** 

DUDLEY - A recent presentation before Selectmen provided on the amount of open space in the community. The study was designed to give a clearer picture to residents as town officials examine opportunities to unload or utilize town-owned properties to increase business in the

town. The study was per-Olivia formed by Antonson, an intern for the town who has performed numerous other studies over the last year. She presented her findings on April 25, indicating the purpose was to provide a clearer picture for those who fear adding more businesses could impede Dudley's rural character.

Her data examined The project calls for a land designated under 61. She concluded that 81.60 acres, or 0.58 percent, of Dudley's land has

been designated forestry under Chapter 61. The largest sample of Dudley's open space was designated under Chapter 61A as agricultural at over 3,793 Another 233.61 acres, or 1.65 percent, is designated under Chapter 61B as open space and recreation. The Dudley Conservation Land Trust and Opacum Land Trust consist of 301.69 acres and 35.2 acres of Dudley land respectively, a total of 2.38 percent of open space. Smaller portions or land include Mass Audubon, playgrounds and athletic fields, and the rail trail. The data provided a total of 4,848.97, or 34.38 percent, of the town as open space, protected, or conserved land under these

categories. 'After taking into consideration the comparisons of other towns, as well as analyzing the various categories of open spaces that Dudley has, it is clear that Dudley is considered to have a large amount of open space and protected land," Antonson read from her

report. "Because Dudlev is known for its rural charm, concerns have been raised that economic development could distract from this charthan one-third of Dudley designated as open space or protected lands, these claims are unfounded and fail to recognize the reality of Dudley's land

inventories." After the presentation, Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda expanded on the purpose of the report. He stated that in recent years efforts to promote economic growth and seek funding for feasibility studies for town-owned land had been criticized as contrary to Dudley's rural aesthetic. He hopes that the numbers provided give the public a new perspective as he believes the town can continue to grow without betraying its trademark small-town feel.

"The point of this report is to give the Board of Selectmen, Economic

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#### STELLAR SENDOFF PLANNED FOR LONGTIME LOCAL HAIRSTYLIST

After a 54-year career as a hair stylist, Peter Sherifi is setting down his shears for retirement. Peter's Salon in West Main Street has been a Dudley business resident for 32 years. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. this Saturday, May 14, the salon will be celebrating his retirement and invites his decades of customers to join in what promises to be a fun sendoff.

## Dudley upgrading security for network access

**BY JASON BLEAU** CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — Dudley continues to take steps to increase security within the town hall and the community's electronic records, an effort that partially dates back to 2019, when the town took preemptive measures in the wake of a cyberattack on neighboring Charlton.

Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda provided some minor updates during an April 25 Board of Selectmen meeting, and while he didn't go into specifics, he did confirm that software updates and other mea-

bolster the town's cybersecurity measures that will change how access to the town system is handled.

"As part of our ongoing effort to increase security on the town network, all staff and officials with access to the network, including anyone with an email address, can expect to be contacted by our Help Desk staff to complete a security update in order to continue to have access," Ruda said. "These updates, while sometimes inconvenient, are very necessary to protect the community and the users started doing it internally already. It's a ten-minute, easy process but it's not that much of a hassle. It adds a great level of

security to our network." Security improvements are also ongoing beyond the scope of the town's electronic network. Ruda hinted that physical security updates and testing are also on the way and that town departments can expect to see security system tests throughout the month.

"In the coming weeks, the police department will be working to conduct some additional test-

ing in each office of the building of some existing alarm equipment. That really needs to be done and updated," said Ruda.

While on the topic of the town's digital network, Ruda also spoke about Dudley's town website which will see cosmetic changes in the near future. Dudley will be working with Civic Plus to revamp the existing website and make it more user friendly. A demo of the new website is expected to be presented during an upcoming Board of Selectmen meet-

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Left to right: DDGM RW. Anselme Maxime presented a Letter of Commendation to Wor. Larry Burbridge for serving a 2nd term as Master of Quinebaug Lodge and is also a Vietnam veteran.

SOUTHBRIDGE On Monday night, May 2, family and friends gathered at Quinebaug Masonic Lodge Southbridge to honor their veterans and first responders. The lodge was packed with Brethren in all kinds of past and present uniforms to represent their service. There were individuals from the Army, Marines, Navy, Airforce, National Guard, along Firefighters, with Paramedics, Emergency Response personnel, and State Police. Wow what a site to see all these brethren showing their pride in some type of uniform or article of clothing to represent their service.

The best part of the evening was watching the Color Guards march into

the room to a standing ovation holding the flag of their branch of service. What was impressive was Navy Master Chief Brother Larry Olsen from Joel H. Prouty Lodge of Auburn in his Class A uniform displaying numerous medals and hash markings on his sleeve to signifying his years of service. Master Chief bro. Olsen was at attention, and he gave me goose bumps when he blew his naval Boatswain pipe call, to get the attention of the audience. He recited a touching poem in tribute of our veterans and first responders. For those of you who do not know what a Boatswain Pipe call is, the navy uses this long whistle type object to get the attention of the

sailors to pass commands to the crew on a ship when voices could not be heard due to the sounds of the sea. Other branches of the service use a bugle. Also, Wor. Larry Burbridge, is a Vietnam Veteran and a past master of Quinebaug Lodge. He received a Letter of Commendation our 24th District Deputy Grand Master (DDGM) RW. Anselme Maxime for serving a second term as Master of Quinebaug Lodge. The members of Quinebaug Lodge hope to continue this tradition for many years to come. If you would like more information about Freemasonry, go to www. massfreemasonary.org and find a lodge nearest



Left to right: Brother Firefighters in their Class A uniforms are Bro. Bob Perrin. Wor. Bill Belanger, Bro. Bill Anderson, and Bro. Gordon Holstrom.

## Cornerstone Bank pledges \$34,500 for sponsorship of Worcester State University's Bridge to Excellence: Summer STEM Retention Program W O R C E S T E R plete their degree. This is the be successful." Ship, our contribution helped ty-based banking mod worder State support 60 anables a unique ability of the support of anables a unique ability of the support of anables a unique ability.

- Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with 12 locations throughout Central Massachusetts, is proud to announce its renewed sponsorship of the Worcester State University Bridge to Excellence: Summer STEM Retention Program. The bank is providing \$11,500 per year over the next three years for a total of \$34,500 by 2024 to help the program's incoming science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) majors. The goals of the program are to strengthen the school's retention in these important fields and help more students com-

second three-year sponsorship pledge Cornerstone Bank has made in support of this pro-

back in 2018 to sponsor the pilot program, which was a great success," said Cornerstone Bank CEO Todd Tallman. "We are happy to extend our commitment to give students some much-needed support toward obtaining their degrees in vital STEM fields. The transition to the first year of college is a big one, and the extra support students receive through this program helps ensure they can

Retention Program is composed of three main elements. The first allows students to "We had the opportunity take their first-year seminar course over the summer to lighten their first fall semester course load. Second, students are offered extra support with their math courses through exclusive tutoring services. And third, students participate in a service project to give back to the community that supports them while gaining valuable skills and experience.

"During our initial sponsor-

Worcester State support 60 students," continued Tallman. "We are excited to see this program grow, helping more stu-

About Cornerstone Bank Cornerstone Bank was formed in 2017, born of a long history of supporting the community, and

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## Central MA Regional Planning Commission launches Imagine 2050 survey

WORCESTER — The Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) is excited to announce the launch of our first survey for Imagine 2050: A Vision for Central Massachusetts. Imagine 2050 is a region-wide comprehensive planning initiative that will establish long-range strategies for the 40- community region. Survey link: http://www.cmrpcregionalser-

Working with residents, business owners, governments, and institutional partners, CMRPC will facilitate development of the community-driven plan. The project aims to identify the resources, problems, possibilities, and needs of the region; these findings will inform a plan to improve the welfare and prosperity of those who live, work, and visit Central Massachusetts.

Imagine 2050 is intended to help local, regional, and state actors make informed public policy and investment decisions. Community needs and preferences will be identified through robust community engagement processes. Recommendations will derive from community surveys, listening and visioning sessions, data and trend analysis, and scenario planning. This represents the region's first comprehensive planning effort in more than 20 years.

At CMRPC's September Quarterly Commission Meeting, Executive Director Janet A. Pierce called on residents and other stakeholders to get involved: "Imagine 2050 is an opportunity to help define the future of Central Massachusetts. If you love where you live, you should participate. If there are things you would like to see changed about the region, you should participate. Whether you live in the heart of Worcester or the heart of New Braintree, we are asking for your insight and your preferences. Please join us in charting a path for all of Central Massachusetts.'

This preliminary survey covers a wide array of topics under the themes of economy, environment, and equity. The survey's goal is to create a vision statement for Imagine 2050. Look out for CMRPC staff, who will be on the road this summer through 'Imagine on the Go", promoting surveys at your favorite summer events & facilitating visioning sessions to hear from as many Central Massachusetts residents as possible. Paper surveys will also be available in each community. Box locations are posted at http://www.cmrpcregionalservices.org/survey.

About the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission: CMRPC is the designated planning entity for Central Massachusetts. Founded by the Legislature in 1963, CMRPC provides a variety of planning services to our constituencies and bring a regional perspective to planning and development. One of 13 Regional Planning Agencies in Massachusetts, CMRPC serves the City of Worcester and 39 surrounding communities in the southern two-thirds of Worcester County. CMRPC's programs include Regional Collaboration and Community Planning, Transportation, Homeland Security, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), and

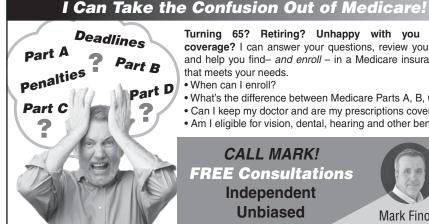
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Amounts of time

10 Point a finger at

14. Raises the stakes

19. One who is staid

22. Military missions

25. Selling at specially

reduced prices

23. Wet with rain

28. Blood relation

30. Make into leather

31. One billionth of a

second (abbr.)

33. Containing salt

**CLUES DOWN** 

1. Old EU money

Sign language

7. Arguments

2. Some put it on steak

4. Sowed on the ground

6. Everyone has one

8. N. African capital

9. Midgame (abbr.)

10. Change as needed

15. Carpenter's tool

18. Ghosts say it

27. Arms of the sea

23. Having ten

Criticize

17. Small football player

21. Explain through logic

11. Functioning as a consonant

35. A seat

5. Tags

18. Cast out

5. A ship's place at a wharf

12 Large, burrowing rodent

16. Measure of illumination

20. A word used for emphasis

26. Word element meaning ear

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Saturday, May 14 10:00AM-1:00PM Participants in this workshop will create their own needle felted owl with instructor Nicol Wander. No experience is necessary and all materials are pro-

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#### YOGA WITH JULIE

Saturday, May 14 Noon-1:00PM Monthly beginner-friendly yoga class,

led by Julie St Francis. Free; children under 12 must be accom-

panied by an adult. Sponsored by the Friends of the

TOMMY JAMES MAGIC SHOW Monday, May 16

6:00PM-7:45PM Massachusetts magician Tommy James is a high-energy magic shows for all events and all ages. Laugh WILL with you

A type of fine pottery

40. "Heat" director Michael

41. Expression of creative skill

50. Famed consumer advocate

53. Fitzgerald and Baker are two

56. Decorate a cake with frosting

57. The seventh note of a major scale

52. Indigenous Thai person

58. Transfer from private to

state ownership

67. Lower parts of a wall

32. Caesar, comedian

39. Loud, unpleasant noise

64. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)

35. Swiss cottage

36. Cleft lip

40. Disfigure

61. Chap

62. Equal

29. Belonging to a bottom layer

34. Licensed health care pro (abbr.)

38. You're caught red-

42. Title of respect

45. Payroll experts

48. Actress Remini

55. Cooking tool

63. A set of five

66. Foolish persons

65. Removes

44. Crony

Tommy's unique, hysterical style of comedy magic for the entire family. Live bunny included!

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RELEASING PAIN NATURALLY Thursday, May 19 6:00PM-7:45PM

Do you find yourself thinking "when will this pain end?" "why do I still have this pain?" or "how can I get rid of this pain?" Brad and Pamela Thompson will introduce some of the most recent breakthroughs in our understanding of pain and introduce a powerful and natural pain-reducing technique.

Registration is recommended for this free program.

#### CRAFT SWAP

Saturday, May 21 10:00AM-1:00PM

Spring clean your craft closet and bring your new or gently used craft supplies, tools, books, and materials and swap them with other crafters - or stop by and pick up some ideas and supplies for a new craft project!

Free; ages 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

#### BAY STATE BONANZA: FOUR CENTURIES OF MASSACHUSETTS VITAL RECORDS

Thursday, June 2 6:00PM-7:45PM

Certified genealogist Margaret Fortier will present everything you need to know to start tracing your own family tree in Massachusetts with a review of the types of records available and how to access them.

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YOĞA WITH JULIE

Saturday, June 11 Noon-1:00PM Monthly beginner-friendly yoga class,

led by Julie St Francis. Free; children under 12 must be accom-

panied by an adult. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library

#### MUSIC AND MOVEMENT WITH DEB

**HUDGINS** Thursday, June 16 10:30AM-11:00AM

This is a 30 minute interactive program featuring singing, guitar music, dancing, rhythm instruments, stories and variety of fun props, including a parachute, beanbags, scarves, and pom poms. These programs are theme-based, and cover everything from holidays and seasons to dinosaurs and bugs!

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#### SUMMER READING KICKOFF **EVENT: ANIMAL ADVENTURES**

Saturday, June 18 11:00AM-Noon

We will have Animal Adventures here with eight to ten animals presented in a one-hour session. Meet the animals, hear interesting stories and information about them and get close. Controlled petting and touching is allowed at the discretion of the Animal Adventure Guide. A fun and unique learning experience to be enjoyed by all! We will have a Skink, Porcupine, and Coati!

Sign up for Summer Reading while vou are here!

All children must be accompanied by

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## GLADYS E. KELLY LIBRARY

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Adult Programming

SEED LIBRARY - Spring 2022

Do you have a green thumb, or are you looking to develop one? We are offering a selection of seeds for anyone to take home and plant! This selection changes weekly, this week we have mustard greens, carrots, amaranth, and cockscomb. All of the seeds were generously donated by Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds.

FRIENDS' **FEATURED** AUTHOR BOOK SALE - Ongoing

spring! Welcome Friends' featured author book sale this month will feature: David Baldacci, Mary Higgins Clark, and Stuart Woods. Buy one get one free!

SPRING CONCERT SERIES – BEN COSGROVE - May 12th at 6:30PM

Ben Cosgrove is a traveling composer-performer whose music explores themes of landscape, place, and environment. Ben has performed in every U.S. state except Delaware and Hawaii, and collaborated with artists ranging from Palaver Strings to Ghost of Paul Revere. Sponsored by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

ONE BOOK ONE COMMUNITY – May 19th at 4:00PM for youth,

and teens, at the Boys and Girls Club of Webster - Dudley, and 7:00PM for adults at the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

Christina Baker Kline is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of eight novels. Join us for two discussions with the author about her novel, Orphan Train. The first, at 4:00PM, is geared towards youth, and will take place at the Boys and Girls Club of Webster-Dudley. The second, at 7:00PM is geared towards adults, and will take place at the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library. This event has been generously sponsored by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library, the Janet Malser Humanities Trust, and the Webster Cultural Council.

#### YOGA WITH JULIE Saturdays 10AM-11:15AM

Join Julie at the Gladys E. Kelly Library for a vinyasa yoga class for all levels. In Sanskrit, Vinyasa yoga translates to the "uniting of movement with breath". A typical class involves a centering of the mind with the breath, aromatherapy, movement of the body to release energetic blockages and, finally, a rest and relaxation. Classes are free. Sponsored by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

#### BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP -May 16th at 6:00PM

The Gladys E. Kelly Public Library Adult Book Discussion Group will be meeting in person this month! The group meets at 6:30 pm and the meeting will take place in the Library's Local History Room. New members are always welcome! Next month's book discussion will be on Monday, May 16th. The group will be discussing I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai, Stop by the library, or reach out by phone to 508-949-3880, or by email to ehale@cwmars.org for inqui-

#### CAMPFIRE UKULELE SONGS

May 26th at 6:30PM

Want to try an instrument that is fun and easy to play? Join Julie Stepanek as she shows the fundamentals of ukulele playing. You'll learn how to tune, strum and read chords. After a short lesson, you'll be able to play songs. No experience necessary. Bring your own ukulele or borrow one of hers. Sponsored by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

Children's and Young Adult Programming

MAKER MONDAYS - Mondays from 3:30-4:30PM

Feeling artistic? We will have a variety of craft materials available to put your creativity to the test! Every month we will rotate our craft material, stop in to see what we're making this month!

BUILD NIGHT - Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30PM

Put your creative caps on and come build with LEGOs, magnatiles, or other neat building materials! Materials will change monthly. For children of all ages and their caregivers.

WIGGLES AND GIGGLES -Every Friday from May 6th to June 3rd at 9:30AM

Children ages 2-5 will sing, move, play musical instruments, learn rhythm and listen to stories in this weekly music and movement series with Ms. Laine. Registration is required, follow the link on our website calendar. Sponsored by the YMCA Family&CommunityPartnership (YFCP), Massachusetts Coordinated Family Community Engagement (CFCE) grant funded by the Department of Early Education & Care and awarded to the YMCA of Central Massachusetts.

TOUCH A TRUCK - May 15th at 10:00AM at the Town Hall Parking Lot

Our second annual Town of Webster Touch A Truck event will be held on May 14th at 10AM in the Town Hall parking lot. Vehicles from the Fire, Police, and EMS departments will be there in addition to others! Kids can climb in and explore the vehicles. Parking is available at the Library.

#### FOLKTALES FROM ASIA -May 21st at 10:30-11:30AM

Parents' Choice Awardwinning storyteller Motoko enchants families (ages 5 and up) with fun folktales from Asia, combined with songs, mime, and origami. Every child receives Motoko's original paper sumo game! This program will take place in the Children's Storytime Room upstairs. This program is funded by a grant from the Webster Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

SENSORY BIN STORYTIME Wednesdays in June 10:30-11:30AM

Join us for stories and play time in a new sensory bin each week.

#### ANIMAL ADVENTURES -June 27th 10-11AM

This outdoor program will feature live animals of all shapes and sizes! Learn all kinds of facts about how different animals live in a fun and safe (socially distanced) outdoor setting. Program for all ages! No sign-ups required.

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## Get your 2022 vessel safety check

REGION — The United States Coast Guard urges area residents to obtain boat safety checks for the 2022 season at one of the following locations: Memorial Beach Boat Ramp, Saturday, June 11, Nipmuc Cove, Webster Lake; and Wallum Lake Boat Ramp, Saturday, June 18, Douglas State Forest.

Bring any type of watercraft from kayaks, canoes, PWCs, sailboats, cabin cruisers, to ski & pontoon boats for a stem to stern check of equipment for compliance to federal and state safety regulations. Vessels can be inspected on a trailer as well as afloat.

Trailered vessels, not having Webster access sticker and not launching, can be examined at the entrance gate to Memorial Ramp. Personal Watercraft, not allowed to launch at the Wallum Lake Ramp on weekends, can also be examined at the gate. Both locations can accommodate boats arriving by water. The stations will be active from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at both these locations.

Vessel Examiners are qualified and experienced to answer any boating related questions or concerns along with being trained to spot any potential problems. They will award your vessel with

a 2022 VSC decal if it meets Auxiliary standards on items such as: registration & hull numbering, life jackets, fire extinguishers, expiration dates on flares (if required), working navigation lights, overall vessel condition, etc. A VSC is conducted only with your consent; no reports are filed with any law enforcement agency. There are no citations, legal obligations, or penalties on violations or potential problems found. A VSC decal might result in a boat insurance discount and will indicate to law enforcement on the water that your vessel complies with safety regulations. The Examiner will give the vessel owner options and information on correcting any issues. Often a quick trip to the nearest boating supply vendor is all that is necessary to obtain missing safety items and easily pass a re-inspection, sometimes on the same day.

Coast Guard Auxiliary Examiners will be around the local lakes at various, un-scheduled times during the boating season; they are few in number and not readily available inland. Can't make it to the station...schedule a VSC online at the link below.

Best to take advantage of this scheduled opportunity and start your boating season with a visit to our station and a free 2022 VSC Decal on your craft.

http://www.vesselsafetycheck.org/ CGAux1002@aol.com

## One book, one community

WEBSTER – On Thursday, May 19, the Gladys E. Kelly library, with the support of the Friends of the library, the Malser Foundation and the Webster Cultural Council, will sponsor an evening with the nationally known author, Christina Baker Kline.

The One Book One Community selection is "The Orphan Train," set in the late 1800's this historical novel tells the true story of the trains carrying orphan children from the cities of the East to farmlands of the Midwest. "The Orphan Train Girl," the young adult companion for ages eight to 12, tells the story from the perspective of a 12 year old foster girl who forms an unlikely bond with a ninety year old woman.

The One Book One Community project comes to Webster at a time when townspeople have been separated from

friends and community for over two years. The Friends of the Gladys E Kelly library are hoping that Christina Baker Kline's presentation will bring us together once again through a shared story and experience. It will be an experience that we will long remember as a source of pride for our

Join us for the May 19 young adult presentation at the Boys and Girls Club May 19, 4-5 p.m.; program for the general public in the Community Room at the Gladys E Kelly library, May 197-8 p.m. Both presentations are free and open to the public, thanks to the generous contributions of the Malser Foundation, the Webster Cultural Council and the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly library.

## Shepherd Hill Drama Club presents "Choose Your Own Shakespeare"

DUDLEY — The Shepherd Hill Regional High School Drama Club will be presenting "Choose Your Own Shakespeare" on Friday, May 13 and Saturday, April 14 at 7 p.m. in the school's Connie Vanco Galli Auditorium. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and senior citizens. Children five and under get in for free. Tickets may be purchased in advance at https://our.show/cyos or at the door.

'Choose Your Own Shakespeare" is a play that combines a choose-yourown-adventure format, in which the audience gets to choose how the story progresses, with Shakespearean characters that we all know and love from "Macbeth," "Romeo and Juliet," and "Hamlet." The play follows the main character, Holly, as she ventures through "Shakespeare Land," trying to find her way, and figure out why everyone talks so weirdly and has such complex drama in their life.

The SHRHS Drama Club is well known in the community for their past

performances of "Alice: Wonderland and Glass," "The Westing Game," and our night of one-acts featuring "A Mad Breakfast" and "The Real Inspector Hound." Ashley Harvey (Class of '22) is very excited to be putting on her first full-length play. She has written two other plays before, one of them being "The Ultimate Betrayal," which was part of "The Show Must Go On... Over Zoom!" a collection of three student-written short plays performed in the spring of 2021. Harvey co-directs alongside Performing Arts Director Kristin Griffiths and Assistant Director James Foley. For more information, please contact Kristin Griffiths via

email at kgriffiths@dcrsd.org.

## POLICE LOG

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of May 1-7.

Jeannette I. Roman, age 46, of Northbridge was arrested on May 3 in connection with a warrant. A 62-yearold male from Northbridge was issued a summons during the same incident for operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle, a Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID, and Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended Registration.

Pria E. Nesta, age 28, of Webster was arrested on May 3 in connection with a

Justin M. Bell, age 38, of Dudley was arrested on May 4 in connection with a warrant. Ryan T. Christian, age 33, of Dudley was arrested during the same incident for Trafficking in 18 Grams or More But Less than 36 Grams of Cocaine, Possession of a Class A Drug with Intent to Distribute (subsequent offense), and in connection with a war-

Ramon S. Negron, age 51, of Webster was issued a summons on May 5 for Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle and a Municipal Bylaw or Ordinance Violation, and was subsequently arrested in connection with a warrant.

Thelma Dennis, age 38, of Pawtucket, R.I. was arrested on May 5 for Disorderly Conduct, Trespassing, and Resisting

#### "Blooming 2022" by Dudley Woman's Club continues

DUDLEY — The smiles continue! Bring them to participants and passersby alike and support the charitable giving projects of the DWC! We have been blooming since early May and will continue until all requested bloomings have been com-

The DWC will "Bloom" your friends, family or anyone you choose in Southern Worcester County or Northeastern Connecticut. Twenty vibrant Sunflower pinwheels will be placed by DWC members on the lawn of the chosen for \$20. Bloom as often or as many people as you'd like—more lawns>>>more smiles!!. An optional extra \$5 gets you a personal message delivered with the blooms. You can also remain anonymous. Placement of the flowers will be done by 7 p.m. (unless otherwise specified), remain on the lawns for two full days then be automatically removed. Placement of the flowers may be on a date and time of day you specify or we will place them on the first available date. Purchasing the DWC 'insurance policy' for \$25 guarantees your yard will NOT be bloomed! To set up a Bloom or buy the insurance, go to https://www.dudleywomansclub.org/blooming. Have some fun this spring, bring smiles to the faces of those you love and help the DWC continue with our charitable giving projects!

#### Lakeside kids' event planned at Memorial Beach

WEBSTER — The United States Coast Guard will take part in a lakeside event for kids at Memorial Beach on Webster Lake Thursday, June 9 from 4 – 7 p.m.

Sponsored by Lakeview Marine, this event has been planned to introduce the kids of our community to the fun that can be had on and around the water! Learn the many ways to enjoy our beautiful lakes - sign up for swim lessons, try out a kayak, learn fishing casting techniques, "Touch a Boat" get up close to recreational & public safety boats from the police and fire departments. The Coast Guard Auxiliary Tri-State Flotilla will have a boating safety tent with information, handouts, and CG coloring books for kids. VSC examiners will also be available there for boat owners wanting a 2022 decal.

The posted activities are subject to change based on weather conditions and



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## Growing tomatoes in pots

Keep garden-fresh tomatoes close at hand this season. Grow one or more in containers on your patio, balcony, or front steps.

Any tomato can be grown in a pot, but determinate varieties are smaller and more

compact, so they are a bit easier to manage in a container. They produce fruit in a relatively short period of time, making them great choices for preserving as well as using fresh. Look for a D or determinate on the plant tag, seed packet or in the catalog description.

Indeterminate tomatoes, often identified with an I, are large, sprawling plants. These are usually staked or grown in wire cages to save space, reduce pest problems and make harvesting easier. They continue to grow, flower, and produce fruit until the frost kills the plant. Indeterminate tomatoes usually produce more tomatoes, but the harvest is later in the season than determinate varieties. New containers with built-in trellises or creative gardeners crafting their own makes growing indeterminate tomatoes in pots an easier possibility.

Grow one tomato per container for maximum productivity. Use a 5-gallon or bigger container for large varieties and at least a two to three gallon or similar size pot for smaller varieties. Some research suggests growing tomatoes in a pot that is at least 14 inches but preferably 20 inches wide will yield greater results. Adding flowers and herbs to the container boosts the beauty and diversity of your container garden but will reduce the number of tomatoes produced.

Growing tomatoes in containers also allows you to extend the season. Start earlier by moving the planter inside when the weather is harsh and back out-

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side when the weather is warm and sunny. As the weather turns cold at the end of the growing season, cover the planter or move it into a frost-free location as needed. Some gardeners even move a pot or two inside to finish off the tomato season.

Grow tomatoes in a container with drainage holes or a self-watering pot that has a reservoir to hold water and extend the time between watering. Further reduce the need to water by adding an organic, sustainable soil amendment like Wild Valley Farms' wool pellets (wildvalleyfarms.com) to the potting mix. Made from wool waste, this product reduces watering by up to 25 percent. Adding a low nitrogen, slow-release fertilizer at planting will eliminate the need to fertilize weekly. Just make a second application, if needed, midseason.

Plant tall tomato transplants a few inches deeper than they were growing in their container. Remove the lowest leaves that would otherwise be buried in the soil. Cover with soil and water. This is also a good time to install any stakes, trellises, or cages to support taller varieties.

Initially, check tomatoes growing in containers every day and water often enough to keep the developing root system moist. Reduce watering frequency as plants become established. Feel the top few inches of soil and water the established plants thoroughly whenever this is dry. Mulch the soil with evergreen needles, shredded leaves, or other organic mulch to keep the soil consistently moist and suppress weeds. Consistent soil moisture encourages more flowering and fruiting, while reducing the risk of blossom end rot, cracking, and misshapen fruit.

Harvest tomatoes when fully colored



Courtesy — All-America Selections

Terenzo is a productive red cherry determinate tumbler tomato excellent for hanging baskets.

or leave them on the plant a few more days for an even sweeter flavor. You'll enjoy the convenience of harvesting fresh tomatoes right outside your door for use in salads, sauces, and other favorite recipes.

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

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Yesterday's mistakes don't define you

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The Irish dramatist George Bernard Shaw coined, "Youth is wasted on the young." He later went on to say, "they're brainless and don't know what they have; they squander every opportunity of being young, on being young."

I read that today, and immediately wondered why he said this. I interpreted that he was a little bitter about his own life, and possibly felt regretful that he had squandered the opportunities of his youth. I don't know if he did or did not; although I learned about him in school, I am certainly not a George Bernard Shaw historian.

We've all made mistakes; we've all done things we wish we wouldn't have. Some of us have failed to recognize an opportunity and squandered our resources, but life happens, and we aren't perfect.

I've indeed spent many an hour wishing I would have done things differently when I was younger. I know many people wish they could go back and do it over. We think that if we could go back and do it again, we'd be much further along in life. We believe if we could've had a second chance, the relationship wouldn't have ended; the business would've succeeded; we would've graduated from school, or we wouldn't have said that hateful comment.

We've heard it said that we should live a life without regret, that's a good maxim to live by, but I suspect every one of us has regrets. The problem with regret is that if we don't process it the right way, we can allow ourselves to become defined by our failures.

Regret can be helpful if it causes you to make a positive change so that it doesn't happen again, allowing you to become a better person in the process. It's good if the regret forces you to go back and make something right that went wrong.

Maybe it will cause you to go back and finish what you started.

It could cause you to apologize, ask forgiveness, or stop making unhealthy lifestyle choices that you became addicted to long ago.

If you can go back and finish what you started, that's a huge blessing. Get started, and don't waste time!

Sometimes it's been too long; it's too late, and the opportunity has passed. If positive change isn't going to come from your regret, you're just beating yourself up. Is that helping you or harming you? If you beat yourself up for too long, you're in danger of letting your mistakes define who you are.

"I messed up in my last relationship; I'm just bad at relationships," "I failed in business; I guess I'm a terrible businessperson," or "I've made such bad choices in life, and I guess that's how I'll always be."

There comes the point when living in regret becomes unhealthy, and can lead us down the road of bitterness and resentment. The guilt and the shame that comes with regret can morph into depression and anger. If you allow yourself to feel that way for too long, you'll start to believe that's who you are, and there is no hope for change.

Living in bitterness causes low self-confidence, and leaves you unable to have a healthy relationship. You won't be able to see the good in others. You'll only see the bad, and you might blame everyone for genuine or imagined grievances

Another option is acceptance. Maybe it's time to apologize for beating yourself up for so long. Forgive yourself for making the wrong decisions; stop being so hard on yourself. Just 'cause you messed up in the past doesn't mean that's who you are. You're only human, and your decisions yesterday don't have to be your decisions today. Let it go, think about the future life you'd like to have, and make decisions that will lead you to that life. When you live like that, the darkness of the past will begin to recede, and the future will shine brighter and brighter.

## Dudley Woman's Club announces Diaper Drive

DUDLEY — Throughout the month of May 2022, the Dudley Womans Club is sponsoring a 'Diaper Drive' to benefit the Webster-Dudley Food Share, which helps to meet the needs of more than 100 local families each week! The general public is invited to join the DWC in donating any size disposable diapers. Diapers can be dropped off to the porch of Empire Travel, 98 West Main St., Dudley anytime during the month of May! Our membership includes ladies from Dudley, Webster, Charlton and surrounding towns.

For more information on our activities or how to join, please visit www.dudleywomansclub.org! So join us in our drive to help fulfill the needs of our local babies!

## \* \* Friday's Child \* \* \*



Kealan - 05/08 Age 8

#### Hi! My name is Kealan and I like bubbles!

Kealan is a curious boy of Caucasian descent who loves to babble and smile when he is happy. Kealan also loves music and lights up when he hears his favorite songs!

Kealan is on the Autism spectrum and is currently in preschool. Kealan can say a few words, but mainly uses noises and movement to make his needs known. Kealan has a g-tube for feeding and has made tremendous progress with gaining weight. Having decreased vision cases Kealan to only see about 3-4 feet away without his glasses.

Legally freed for adoption, Kealan's social worker is looking to place him with a family that is able to meet his

needs and help him thrive. A family would need to be able to keep up with Kealan's many medical and developmental appointments and help advocate for him in school.

https://www.mareinc.org/waiting-child-profiles#gallery/chil

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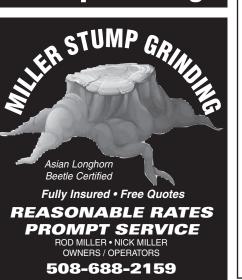
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#### **EDITORIAL**

## Spring cleaning can improve your health

It's been a week mixed with sunshine and rain, which means that spending time inside organizing and cleaning (along with watching the Red Sox) has been top on our list. Spring cleaning, a chore that happens every year feels great when complete. Why is it that something so tedious and boring could be so good for us?

Did you know that cleaning actually supports your immune system? Cleaning is of huge benefit, especially to those with allergies. Getting rid of dust, pet dander, mildew and mold can trigger the immune system causing unnecessary illness. Those with cluttered homes tend to suffer the worst. To avoid indoor allergies, vacuum regularly, this to include your furniture.

Cleaning reduces stress. While cleaning, your brain is able to relax. This mindless activity can give you a chance to de-stress. Experts say that cleaning for as little as twenty minutes can reduce anxiety by up to 20 percent. It's a win/win. Sure, it's no day at the spa, but constructive relaxation is always good. Using products with scents said to induce relaxation such as lavender is also an expert tip.

Heart health can be improved by cleaning by way of exercise. Just a half an hour of vacuuming can burn up to 100 calories. It's a known fact that people who like to keep their homes clean tend to take more interest in their overall health and well being.

A tidy bedroom is said to help you sleep better. Individuals who make their beds are roughly 20 percent more likely to get a more restful night sleep. Seventy-five percent of people polled sleep better on clean sheets, in a room with less clutter.

When you are in a tidy area, your production increases. Less clutter, means less distraction which is said to clear up mental space. A study from 2011, from the Journal of Neuroscience, used MRI's to track the brain's response to cleanliness. More clutter, was found to significantly limit the brain's processing capability.

Checking off the cleaning to do list can make you feel more satisfied and can boost your mood. A clean, fresh house is said to naturally boost endorphins and boost energy levels which leads to a decrease in depression.

Cleaning and organization can have a domino effect in that it can lead to sprucing up other areas of your life. Interesting, was the one finding that stated when individuals were placed in a clean, well organized space they were more likely to choose healthier menu

In the wise words of William Morris, "Have nothing in your house that you do not know to be useful, or believe to be beautiful."

## **VIEWPOINT**

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

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Not in the Top 25

To the Editor:

For those of us who still subscribe to what used to be the Worcester Telegram, there was a story of local interest on the front page of the May 3 edition. The article was entitled "UPCS rated best school in district." UPCS is the University Park Campus School, and according to U.S. News and World Report, it is the top ranked school in the Worcester Metro area. Kudos to the staff, students, and parents associated with the UPCS.

The interesting information for those of us in the Dudley-Charlton School district is found on page 5A of the article. In truth, one might say the interesting information is what is not found on page 5A. Page 5A has a listing of the top 25 high schools in the Worcester Metro area. What is most shocking to me is that Shepherd Hill, the Dudley-Charlton Regional High School, is not among the top 25. For years, the belief has been that the Dudley-Charlton schools were among the best in the area. Now we learn, according to the rating criteria used by U.S. News and World Report, that we are trailing such local schools as Tantasqua, Quaboag, Hopedale, Sutton, Grafton, Auburn, and Douglas. To enlarge the picture a bit, Douglas High School rounds out the Top 25, but is only, "... No. 182 in Massachusetts and No. 5,267 in the overall National Rankings." Sadly, not a whole lot there in bragging rights when there are better than 5,000 ahead of you.

Can you imagine what consternation that news must have caused in local real estate offices? What they have been touting as one of their biggest sales pitches is now out the window. Yes. the district may still be better than Webster and Southbridge (recently reported to be among the 40 lowest ranked in the Commonwealth) but, is that the league in which we want to be playing?

If you have been following the school district's budget presentations at the Dudley Selectman/FAA meetings, you would have reason to truly be dismayed. The current Superintendent, Steven Lamarche's, word to remember was "reductions" — that is, reductions in staff. Staff means teachers, the professionals who deliver the goods in the classroom. A School Committee member from Charlton, in a subsequent meeting, made numerous references to "cuts," which apparently equates to the same thing.

sighted by reason the Superintendent for the "reductions" was declining enrollment. There are, as he described, other options for parents and students. He added that the district finds itself competing with charter schools, private schools, home schooling and Bay Path, which is at capacity. In other words, education has become a competitive business, and the Dudley-Charlton district is no longer the first choice it once might have been.

Not listed in the top 25 can only make the job of attracting and retaining students more difficult. With "cuts" looming on the horizon that job will certainly not get any easier.

With town elections upcoming I would urge all voters to listen carefully to the candidates for School Committee. The future of the district and the children it serves requires that you to choose

Thank you and Be Well,

RICHARD CLARK DUDLEY

#### Keep Dudley's wetlands protected

To the Editor:

The purpose of the letter is to alert Dudley town citizens of a request for the subject zoning change for land in the hydrological basin upstream of Pierpoint Meadow Pond. The conservation district designation and the commensurate zoning restrictions for the subject land was voted on and passed unanimously at Dudley Town meeting in February 1969. This, I believe, was a rational decision by town voters to protect a vital natural resource in the town.

During the upcoming 2022 town meeting voters will be asked to change the Conservation District designation to allow for residential development on the subject land. As a resident of

Dudley, and a practicing civil engineer, I strongly encourage voters to vote no on the subject meeting warrant article. Maintaining the watershed protection benefits all citizens, current and future. Allowing development immediately adjacent to streams and wet land threatens the ecosystem therein and seeks to benefit a very few at an environmental risk for many. Voting no will maintain the rational decisions voters exercised in 1969 for the future of our town.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM G. MAY

DUDLEY

#### Honored to serve as your Postmaster

To the Editor:

It is a great honor to serve the towns of Webster and Dudley as your new Postmaster. In my six years with the United States Postal Service, I have seen firsthand the role the Postal Service plays connecting neighbors and our community to the nation. Our Post Offices serve as a lifeline for our small businesses to reach customers no matter where they are.

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holiday mail and shipping season to our current role delivering COVID-19 test kits, the Postal Service continues to provide a vital service for our nation and our community in both Webster and Dudley.

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Yours in service,

BRITTANY LEGASEY Postmaster Webster Post Office & Dudley Branch

#### **Re-elect Mike Daniels-Demers for** Selectman

To the Editor:

As I compare the candidates running for the Oxford Board of Selectmen positions, the one candidate that stands out as a true leader is Mike Daniels-Demers. He is a proud public servant, having served well over 15 years as a firefighter/paramedic and in the military. He has also served our town for the last 3 years. As the current Chairman of the BOS, I have seen him grow into his leadership role and provide a steady, positive presence on the board.

Mike is passionate about bringing stability to our community and ensuring fiscal responsibility for our town. He has already begun updating and creating policies for better transparency and accountability. One of his goals is to work with others to revisit the Master

Plan to ensure it is current to what the town still needs. He also plans on developing the Town Manager by providing her with goals aligned to what is best for the residents and the town.

His calm and collaborative approach combined with experience and knowledge is not just what the Board of Selectman needs, but what our town needs now as well. Mike is the caliber of person we need to continue to have on the board. He has no agenda. He just wants what will help move our town in a positive direction.

I encourage Oxford residents to vote for Mike Daniels-Demers on May 17.

Respectfully,

MARC WALKER OXFORD

## Think twice before flashing a false ID



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With a college in town, we often deal with instances where individuals possess false identifications. common use is to purchase alcohol and/or enter establishments limited to those over age 21. With the advances in computer tech-

nology, there are some high-quality fake ID's being produced. Their use is a concern for public safety as well as the businesses who sell alcoholic beverages. I was asked to provide some information on false identifications.

Modern technology, primarily via internet, allows many people to obtain these cards. Their illegal use can impact the user, the public, and the establishments. Businesses can face serious sanctions, including the suspension of their liquor licenses, if they serve alcohol to minors. Several sections in the law cover falsified identifications. The most serious falls und MGL Chapter 90 Section 24B. This prohibits altering or falsifying several registry documents, including licenses and state issued identification cards. A violation of this law is a felony, carrying a maximum of a state prison term and a one-year license suspension. Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 138 Section 34B is the law which outlines identification for alcohol purchases. This applies to a anyone who alters, defaces, uses, transfers, etc. a false identification. Anyone found with one of these items can face a jail term for at least three months and a suspension of their driver's license for at least six months.

Chapter 138 Section 34B lists acceptable forms of identification for employees and people having control of liquor establishments to rely upon. They are a Massachusetts Driver's License Massachusetts Registry issued Liquor Identification Card, a passport issued by the US or country recognized by the US, and/or a valid US Military Identification. Any other forms of identification (example out of state driver's license) are to be taken by licensees. agents, or employees at their own risk. Should there be a violation for service to a minor, only these four types will provide a valid defense for the proprietor of the establishment.

The goal of the law is to insure underage people are not served alcoholic beverages. It can be challenging in our area, with a college and proximity to Connecticut and Rhode Island. People from out of the area may be here purchasing these items. Businesses are trying to do the right thing and verify the age of customers. They can face legal trouble for violations. For the establishments, the best rule to live by is when in doubt, do not serve. It is better to be cautious and lose a sale, rather than losing a liquor license for a period. The false ID users also face some significant penalties. If you are of age and get "carded," take it as a compliment. The people asking are only doing their jobs to keep alcohol from minors and protect their livelihood.

For those still seeking COVID-19 vaccination or other information, it can be found at www.dudleyma.gov or by calling 508-949-8036. We encourage everyone to continue to be safe. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. These times continue to be challenging and we, at the Dudley Police Department, greatly appreciate the support we receive from our community.

Thanks again for your questions and comments. Please send them to me at the Dudley Police Department, 71 West Main St., Dudley, MA 01571 or email at swojnar@dudleypolice.com. Opinions expressed in this weekly column are those of Chief Wojnar only and unless clearly noted, do not reflect the ideas or opinions of any other organization or citizen.

## From trout to turkey



THE GREAT **OUTDOORS** RALPH **TRUE** 

Hope all of the moms out there had a great day with family and friends last weekend. Many moms were having a great day fishing with their children and grandchildren this past Saturday. Fishing at a few of the fishing derby's last weekend was great, and were well attended. This week's two pictures show some of the attendees with their prize-winning fish. It did not matter if they were trout or not for some youngsters, as long as they were catching fish. I was impressed with the turnout of fishing men, women and children, and the cold wind did not deter them from enjoying the day.

Local lakes and ponds continue to be stocked with some impressive trout from Massachusetts hatcheries. The large brown trout that are being stocked weekly are extremely impressive this year, with numerous trout fishing anglers giving high marks for the state's efforts to raise the impressive trout. They have come a long way from



Courtesy

One of this week's pictures shows three-yearold Elise Bangma and her dad Mike with a trout she caught this past weekend at the kids' fishing derby last Saturday! Pout Pond fishing derby in Uxbridge.

This week's picture shows Elianor & Dexter Weed, along with their parents & dog fishing & relaxing at the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club

the '50's and '60's, when fish were raised at the Sutton hatchery, which usually measured six to 10 inches. A 12-inch trout was considered a "Whopper" back

Striper fishing is heating up, with many slot limit size fish being caught and retained for the table fare. The Providence River is producing a lot of legal-size fish and it should be red hot by the time you read this column. The

windy conditions should have also slowed making fishing for stripers a lot more enjoyable. Snagging a few menhaden before fishing should help in catching a few stripers. Remember that only circle hooks are allowed when using bait for striper fishing.

Two major changes in the amount of summer flounder and seabass being caught by commercial fishermen for 2022 have been increased 35 percent for summer flounder and 28 percent for seabass, by Marine fisheries. No increases have been made for the recreational angler? We lose again!

Turkey hunting has been slow for some hunters, while others have already limited out. My brother Ken harvested two birds on the same day this past Thursday and was happy with his accomplishment. Although the birds were both jakes the meat on both birds was impressive, and will provide him with some great eating for the summer outings. Some people are trophy hunters, but he and I are happy to harvest a bird that provides some great eating. Like I always said, you cannot eat the beard.

Now that Covid is infecting less people, our lives are getting back to normal, whatever that is. It has motivated numerous Rod & Gun Clubs to start planning outdoor events like the annual clambake at the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club. The club has planned to hold their clambake on June 11 this year, with ticket prices to hold at \$55 each, which will be sold on a first come first serve basis. Do not miss this great event that has not been held for a few years. More meals are being planned in the coming months.

Take a Kid Fishing & Keep them Rods Bending!

#### ETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Daniels-Demers and Frick – professionalism, partnership, and patriotism

To the Editor:

I am writing to encourage the residents of Oxford to re-elect Mike Daniels-Demers and elect Amy Frick for the two three-year seats on the Board of Selectmen.

As current Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Mike continues to exhibit consistent leadership presence, while Amy brings new ideas and ways of looking at things. Amy's finance and management background is the perfect blend to help move this town forward. They both look at the facts objectively and make sound decisions based on what is right for the town and residents. They are open to respectful discussions and collaborating with other town officials and residents. This combination

of the two candidates is what this town needs: professionalism, partnership, and patriotism.

It is a great privilege and honor to serve the town of Oxford and its people. In order to serve our town, our selectmen need to do so in their fullest capacity. Mike and Amy are the two candidates who can fully serve and participate in the two three-year selectman

Please join me in electing both Mike Daniels-Demers and Amy Frick as our three-year Board of Selectmen on May

Thank you,

## Oxford can't afford to lose Daniels-Demers' experience

I have had the opportunity to observe and evaluate the perspectives, experiences, and agendas of the candidates running for Board of Selectmen.

Michael Daniels-Demers has demonstrated honest, pragmatic, and positive insight on the problems and needs fac ing our town. He has displayed a willingness to examine the issues and listen closely to the public's questions and concerns and this sets him far apart from the other candidates. He has been on the Board for the past three years and has conducted himself with dignity and respect. Oxford cannot afford to

lose the experience and knowledge he has gained while serving on the board for the past three years.

I find it very interesting that a former board member is endorsing Mr. King, who is suing the town. I am writing to express my support for Michael Daniel-Demers for his re-election to the Board and ask for other voters to vote on ver? Before you dish out Tuesday, May 17 to re-elect Michael Daniels-Demers!

Thank you,

by taping pieces of aluminum foil to the backs Oxford

### Pray for strength and stay the course

On Jan. 4, I lost my wife Judith of 63 years to Covid-19. Thirteen days later, my 54-vear-old son Joseph died of the same terrible damn yet to be explained deadly plague.

At 86 years old, which I am, no one expects to lead the way to our final reward. However, fate has the bigger say, and we must brace ourselves for any problems or losses.

Needless to say, I am not the only one to suffer these heartbreaking situations, but that doesn't make it any easier. However, the support of my family

and friends, also my former old and new blade. Have a new mirror friends on the Oxford police force, gave cut to fit the size of your much welcomed and grateful support at this sad and heartwrenching time.

such unexpected devastating losses is the look of the old glass to pray for the strength and stay the with a nice clear view! course. Time helps to lessen the pain and belief your loved ones are not suf- Perfect Polish: To save fering anymore, and are in a better serious cash on commerplace and look forward to joining them cial wax wood restorers, as Jesus has promised.

God bless and thank you all,

#### Short-term betterments often come at long-term cost

To the Editor:

I read with interest the Times' recent article on Dudley Subdivision Road Betterments. Savvy developers working with politically connected planning, zoning and Conservation Board members often work to get municipalities to approve private roads that many times have substandard drainage, width, sub base, base, profile and pavement sections. Often, the roads are built on the abutter's property without easements.

Who wins — the developers; who loses — the buyers and the town. Every few years, after boards and commissions change-out, private road residents understandably try to get the town to accept past and forward liability for these situations in exchange for limited betterment payments.

Like Popeye's friend J Wellington Wimpy's catchphrase, "Cook me up a hamburger. I'll pay you Tuesday.'

Before these schemes are approved by the municipalities, a full accounting of the current and future liabilities and

who will be paying for the betterments, the taxpayers and boards and commissions that approved the substandard ways and roads in the first place.

We had a case in another municipality years ago when the 1,100 foot finish on the aged metal, road was built on clay. Core samples were taken every 100 feet and analyzed. num with silver polish to It would cost hundreds of thousands of dollars to rip out the clay base or hammermill the entire roadway and add stone and rebuild the road. No one es such as canister sets. wanted to pay for that fix, so that road is still private.

Years ago, the Town of Webster fund-retro find, but not if ed the rehab of Klebart Avenue from they're warped. Try this Bartlett High School to Brandes Street. trick to put them on the The road was built on clay and was straight and narrow: Put hammermilled, stone added, drainage records on a flat surface installed, sub base, base, cross section, profile and pavement sections fixed. Today, that work may cost \$285-\$300/ foot, conservatively.

> Brett Rekola Orange, Calif.



column will review some of my favorite tricks to transform your tarnished treasures into fabulous Foil Folly: Was that antique mirror a deal because of its peeling silbig bucks to resilver the

glass, try "foiling" the eye

of the offending spots. Clearer Choice: Or, if you can't live with a tinfoil patch, completely remove silver from the back of the old mirror with a razor frame and attach it to the frame behind the old My advice to those who experience glass. Voila! You have

> check your shoe shine kit. Lackluster wood finishes Anthony E. Sgariglia, Jr. on mahogany or cherry OXFORD furniture or frames can be instantly renewed with a coat of cordovan color wax shoe polish.

Renew Wrought Iron: Black and brown spongecosts should be provided to the folks on shoe polish are also great touch up tools for old wrought iron pieces.

> Shine On: If you are a fan of hammered aluminum, but hate the dull try polishing the alumiadd a high gloss shine. This works especially well on large showy piec-

De-Warp DoWops: Vinyl records can be a great under a heavy piece of flat glass (such as a cutting board). Put a weight on top if necessary. Then place in direct sunlight. The warmth from the sun will relax the vinyl and it should eventually



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lie flat. (Test this method before you use it on a valuable record). type or any other you can find, and place it over the record in direct sunlight.

Marble Fix: Marble repairs can break the budget, but this do-it-yourself tip does the trick for a lot less! Small cracks in marble can be hidden with a mixture of wax and chalk dust. Melt a candle the color of the marble, blend in chalk dust to give it body and apply to the crack carefully with a paintbrush.

Scratch Cover: Retro plastic furniture and accessories are hot collectibles. But many of the vintage pieces on the market are well used - and scratched up! The good news is, you can sometimes hide surface scratches on plastic simply by applying a good coat of car wax.

Repair Veneer: If the veneer is bubbled up, place a piece of stiff cardboard on the wood and press with an iron set at medium heat. Press until you the heat softens the glue and you can feel the wood give a bit. Then press down and weight the area until the glue has redried.

Got Milk? If you have a decorative plate with a crack - don't fret! If it's for display only, try this tried and true tip to disguise the imperfection: Gently boil the plate in skim milk. Believe it or not, the proteins in the milk oftentimes seals the crack invisibly!

Trunk Trick: Vintage trunks are affordable finds, but they often come with a musty odor from basement storage. Here's a quick fix: Simply sprinkle some powdered cat litter box deodorizer generously in the trunk. Close it up and let it sit for a week. Better yet, after you've mowed the lawn, toss some grass clippings inside and close the lid. Stir the grass each day

for a week. The chlorophyll from the grass will absorb the smell!

**KAREN** 

Weld Wicker: Old wicker is gorgeous, but it isn't always without its splits and breaks. Here is the easiest way to repair old wicker: For breaks that require the two pieces to be fused: Coat each half of the break with Elmer's glue, applying glue to area around break points. . Cover wicker on both sides with wax paper and clamp the broken piece between boards overnight. If the break requires further strength, it can be further reinforced by weaving wire through the surrounding wicker to secure. Wicker splits can be repaired in the same manner.

No Ink Spots: Old games and boxes sometimes still wear their original price tags written in permanent marker. Try wetting a Mr. Clean Eraser and carefully rubbing away the ink. This works well on glossy finishes. Be careful, if you start wearing away the paper, stop. Or try removing marker on washable surfaces with hair spray. Spray on and immediately wipe off. Repeat as necessary.

Dolly Makeover: Vinyl baby dolls and Barbie dolls are hot collectibles, but vinyl is prone to staining, so dark spots are a common dolly blemish. Doll restorers claim Clearasil or OXY-10 acne creams and sunlight can fade such stains. To try: apply the cream to the stain only and set it in direct sun for as long as it takes to fade. This could take several days weeks depending upon how dark the stain is. According to experts "green ear syndrome," which can develop from the chemical reaction of earrings on early Barbie dolls can also be treated with the method above.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House – Contest has resumed!

Your tips can win you a great three course dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner

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#### **STUDY**

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Development Committee, the Planning Board, every relevant board in town, and the community itself the correct information which is when we talk about protecting land and providing for the rural charm and character, at 34 percent of our total land area being protected and conserving the rural character, we've done that. Now we have to find a way to pay for that because it doesn't pay for itself to keep one-third of the town open space," said Ruda. "We think it's important, but it doesn't pay for itself. It doesn't generate any revenue or income to pay the bills, so we should certainly continue to conserve and protect those spaces, but we also have to find a way to pay for stuff and that doesn't do it.'

Selectmen were open to the idea of selling unused town land to help increase business in the community. Selectman Steve Sullivan felt Ruda had the right idea and that the reports show that Dudley can afford to sell off some open space to help increase the tax base.

"I think Mr. Ruda hit on one area where we're looking at maybe getting some use out of town-owned land. We certainly have the forum for people to come in with questions. We say it all the time, we're a very accommodating board and people can reach out to our office and get a copy of this report which very clearly delineates what Mr. Ruda and Ms. Antonson emphasized. Over a third of our area is in some form of protection which is a great percentage to have, but it's a delicate balance in the long run," said Sullivan.

Selectman Jason Johnson added that if the town is holding on to unused property that can be better utilized to benefit the community, then it should start to examine the future for these lands.

"We have a number of very large headwinds coming our way with water and the school budgets. It feels like we're holding on to something that will not appreciate much in value, so why wouldn't we get some value today?" Johnson stated.

Town Administrator Ruda specifically mentioned property behind the Dudley courthouse as a potential plot of interest. It was made clear that the purpose of the study was mainly to provide perspective to the public and set the stage for future considerations of unused town property to bolster economic development.

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per month will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press newspapers? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint!, C/o the Southbridge Evening News, PO Box 90; Southbridge, MA 01550. Or email KDRR@aol. com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

## The final words of Jesus

with us and He is the Source

and Giver and Prince of Peace.

peace, He reminds His follow-

ers of what He expects. "As

the Father has sent me, so now

I send you." Jesus came with

the peace of the Father into the

world on a divine mission. He

now passes on this mission to

each of us. We have a responsi-

bility to fulfill His divine mis-

sion. We have the privilege to

go into society, into the darkest

places of humanity and bring

"I do not bless you," Jesus

Yet, right after Christ offers

When one is dying, typically the final words of a dying person are among the most cherished. They often express a unique perspective into what the dying person values, and what he most wants to pass on as his/her legacy. I know that if I was dying, I would think carefully about what I wanted to say and how I would want my children and friends to remem-

We can read about Jesus sharing His final words to His closest friends and disciples after His Resurrection from the dead and before His Ascension into heaven according to the Gospel of John. What did Jesus think most important to transmit to His followers during His last days on earth? He had limited time, 40 days to be precise, between His resurrection and His ascension and He wanted to ensure that His sacred mission continued even after He left His disciples. So, what did He tell them?

We can see six things that Jesus told His followers. He included several blessings and then several commandments. He wanted His followers to understand that they had His blessing, yet He expected them to continue His work in the world. Blessings come with responsibility. Blessings come with expectations. God doesn't want us to receive His blessings and simply sit on them. Interestingly enough, intermixed with His blessing and commands, comes a warning.

Christ's first post-resurrection words to His disciples are "Peace be with you." In fact, three times Jesus blesses His disciples with peace. They were afraid. They were uncertain. They had seen terrifying events. Thus, our Lord's first words comfort and strengthen them. "Peace be with you."

The peace of God is something He always promised His followers. Right before His arrest he comforted His disciples, "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives, do



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By Fr. Luke A. VERONIS

SAINTS CONSTANTINE AND HELEN **G**REEK

ORTHODOX CHURCH, Webster

> basically says, "so that you can simply keep My blessing for yourself to enjoy. I want you to enjoy my blessing but the more you seek to share it with others and bring others into my peace and love, the greater you will experience my own blessing. Remember, to whom much is given, much is required. I give to each of you, my followers, much. Yet now I expect you to go into the world, into every part of the world, and share my peace, my love, the good news of my resurrection and victory over death, and my blessing with oth-

His light and peace.

So, we have the blessing of peace and the expectation to be sent out into the world.

Next Jesus offers another blessing. "Receive the Holy Spirit." He promises the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth who will guide us, strengthen us, and empower us. Christ told His followers, "I won't leave you alone but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you."

Yet, right after He tells them that they will be empowered by the Holy

Spirit, He commands His followers to take care of His flock, to guide others on the straight and narrow path that leads into the kingdom of heaven. He even gives them a grave responsibility: "If you forgive the sins of any, I will also forgive them. If you retain the sins of Shalom. Eirini. Peace. This others, I will retain them." That's a very heavy burden to place on someone - if you forgive others, I will also forgive

them, but if you retain the sins of others, I also will retain them. Of course, no authentic follower of Jesus would carelessly follow this command. It is not a commandment to use as a punishment but to use wisely and sparingly, for the salvation of another. In the middle of these blessings and commandments, Jesus then warns His

followers, "Do not be unbelieving, but be believing." Doubts, skepticism and temptations will arise. The world we live in will not nourish our faith but will try to extinguish it. Our secular society downplays faith and minimizes any faith commitment. Take care to act counter-cultural, nourishing and growing in faith. Be on guard against all that will lead us to unbelief.

The final blessing that Jesus offers is this: "Blessed are those who have not seen and vet who believe." We may not see the miracles of Jesus. We have not walked during the time that Christ walked here on earth. For many of us, we inherited our faith from our parents and have heard the stories of Jesus through the Church and Holy Scriptures. Have we embraced this faith as our own? Do we believe without seeing? Can we commit our lives and

follow Jesus Christ simply trusting in

what the Church, Holy Scripture and Holy Tradition tells us?

These final words of Jesus are the way the Evangelist John ends his Gospel. He says that he wrote all these words for one purpose: for us to believe and have life in the name Jesus. St. John the Evangelist and Jesus Christ Himself want each of us to accept these blessings, follow His commandments, and then "To believe and to have life!"

### **LEGALS**

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts** The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family** Court

225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. WO22P1452EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

William J Phillips, Jr. Also known as: William J Phillips Date of Death: 01/28/2022

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Joshua D. Phillips of Phoenix AZ requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree

and Order for such other relief as re-

quested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that Joshua D. Phillips of Phoenix AZ be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administra-

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

tion.

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 05/31/2022. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First

Justice of this Court.

Date: May 02, 2022

Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate

May 13, 2022

#### **DUDLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION Public Hearing Notice**

A Public Hearing will be held at the Dudley Municipal Complex, 71 West Main Street in Dudley, MA at 6:00 PM on May 25th 2022 to consider a Notice of Intent of Ronald Thunberg for the property located at 17 Cottage Road for approval to build a 390 sq.ft. 1 story family room addition to the existing

This is a Public Hearing under the requirements of G.L. CH. 131 §40, as amended. Plans are available at the Dudley Conservation office on Mondays and Tuesdays from 10:30-4:30 PM.

For more information, call 508-949-8011.

May 13, 2022

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court** 

**Worcester Probate and Family** 

Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 Docket No. WO18P4082GD CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR REMOVAL OF A GUARDIAN OF AN **INCAPACITATED PERSON** 

> In the matter of: **Diane Morrow** Of: Webster, MA RESPONDENT (Incapacitated Person/ Protected Person)

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Diane Morrow of Webster, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Remove the Guardian of the Respondent

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the Guardian and/ or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do

so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **05/24/2022.** This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date. IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The abovenamed person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the abovenamed person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court. Date: April 22, 2022

Stephanie K. Fattman Register of Probate

May 13, 2022

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Division** Docket No. WO22P1252EA **Estate of:** Thomas Gordon Strenk

**Also Known As:** Thomas G. Strenk Date Of Death: March 8, 2022 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE** 

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner Cynthia Strenk of Uxbridge MA

a Will has been admitted to informal

Cynthia Strenk of Uxbridge MA has been informally appointed as the

Personal Representative of the 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. May 13, 2022

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We'd Love To Hear From You!

### **LEGALS**

COMMONWEALTH
OF MASSACHUSETTS
Trial Court of Massachusetts
Worcester County
Juvenile Court Department
279 West Main Street
Dudley, MA 01571
Docket No.21CP0042DU
CARE AND PROTECTION,
TERMINATION OF
PARENTAL RIGHTS

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION, TO: Jaron Kasey Kaiser and/or father of Bryce Malohky Kaiser, Callen Ezra Kaiser, Castiel Abel Kaiser and Ezekiel Damon Kaiser: A petition has been presented to this court by DCF, seeking, as to the following children, Bryce M Kaiser, Callen E Kaiser, Castiel A Kaiser, Ezekiel D Kaiser, that said children be found in need of care and protection and committed to the Department of Children and Families. The court may dispense the rights of the person(s) named herein to receive notice of or to consent to any legal proceeding affecting the adoption, custody, or guardianship or any other disposition of the children named herein, if it finds that the children are in need of care and protection and that the best interests of the children would be served by said disposition.

You are hereby ORDERED to appear in this court, at the court address set forth above, on the following date and time: 07/15/2022 at 09:30 AM Pre Trial Conference (CR/CV)

You may bring an attorney with you. If you have a right to an attorney and if the court determines that you are indigent, the court will appoint an attorney to represent you.

If you fail to appear, the court may proceed on that date and any date thereafter with a trial on the merits of the petition and an adjudication of this matter.

For further information call the Office of the Clerk-Magistrate at 508-949-3070. WITNESS: Hon. Carol A. Erskine, FIRST JUSTICE, Brendan J. Moran, Clerk-Magistrate, DATE ISSUED: 04/15/2022

April 29, 2022 May 6, 2022 May 13, 2022

#### NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 167 Dudley Road, Oxford, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Edward R. Gendron to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for Mortgage Research Center, LLC dba Veterans United Home Loans and now held by Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, said mortgage dated December 22, 2017, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds. in Book 58236 at Page 33, as affected by an Assignment of Mortgage dated September 28, 2018, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 59543 at Page 48, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on May 27, 2022 at 10:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land in the Town of Oxford, County of Worcester, State of Massachusetts, on the easterly side of Dudley Road, bounded and described as follows:

See Plan Book 444, Plan 25 PARCEL I

BEGINNING at a point at the most westerly corner of the premises described herein at the end of a stone wall on the easterly line of said Dudley Road, said point being the southwesterly corner of Lot #114 as shown on a plan of land in Oxford owned by Nelson and Jeannette Cournoyer, dated June 22, 1970, Walter Brown surveyor, and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 337, Plan 8;

THENCE along a stone wall by land now or formerly of Lacki, S. 88 deg. 29` E., a distance of thirty nine and twenty hundredths (39.20) feet;

THENCE N. 89 deg. 20` E., a distance of ninety (90) feet;

THENCE N. 81 deg. E., a distance of twenty six and five tenths (26.5) feet;

THENCE S. 88 deg. 38` E., a distance of three hundred seventy four (374) feet to a corner of stone walls and all being along said land of Lacki;

THENCE in a southerly direction along a stone wall and continuing by said land of Lacki, a distance of three hundred fifty and sixty two hundredth (350.62) feet to a corner of stone walls;

THENCE in an easterly direction along a stone wall along said land of Lacki, a distance of seven hundred fifty nine (759) feet to a corner of stone walls;

(759) feet to a corner of stone walls; THENCE Northerly along a stone wall by land of Lacki, a distance of one

hundred eighty five and sixty two hundredths (185.62 feet to a corner of stone walls:

THENCE in an easterly direction along a stone wall by land of Lacki, a distance of ninety nine (99) feet more or less to the westerly line of Larned Road;

THENCE N. 0 deg. 15` E., along the westerly line of said Larned Road, a distance of ten (10) feet to a point in a stone wall on the westerly line of said Larned Road;

THENCE S. 85 deg. 15` W., three hundred and thirty hundredths (300.30) feet along Lot #16 as shown on a plan of land entitled Subdivision of Land on Larned Road for Nelson Cournoyer, Paul Pytko, C.E. as revised July 15, 1967 and recorded in Plan Book 310, Plan 113 to a point:

THENCE N. 4 deg. 5`E., a distance of eight hundred forty six (846) feet to a point;

THENCE S. 85 deg. 15 W., a distance of fifty (50) feet;

THENCE N. 4 deg. 5` E., three hundred three (303) feet all being along said land now or formerly of Alberts to a point at land now or formerly of LeFrancois;

THENCE S. 85 deg. 15` W., one hundred fifty (150) feet;

THENCE N. 4 deg. 45 W., four hundred (400) feet along said land of LeFrancois to a point, being the southeast corner of Lot No. 102 as shown on the aforementioned plan in Plan Book 310, Plan 113. THENCE S. 31 deg. 10 W., one hundred twenty nine (129) feet to an iron pipe;

THENCE S. 27 deg. 05` W., one hundred thirty five (135) feet to an iron pipe; THENCE S. 22 deg. 30` W., seven hundred fifty six and forty hundredths (756.40) feet to an iron pipe;

THENCE S. 23 deg. 30` W., one hundred forty and seventy hundredths (140.70) feet to an iron pipe;

THENCE S. 25 deg. 43' W., one hundred twenty seven and ninety hundredths (127.90) feet to an iron pipe; THENCE S. 30 deg. 28' W., one hundred twenty five (125) feet to an iron pipe and Lots 103-113, inclusive and all being shown on the aforementioned plan recorded in Plan Book 337, Plan 8; THENCE N. 63 deg. 35' W., three hundred (300) feet along said Lot 113 to an iron pipe on the easterly line of said Dudley Road;

THENCE Southerly along the easterly line of said Dudley Road in a curve to the right with a radius of one thousand nine hundred seventy (1,970) feet a distance of two hundred eighty three (283) feet to the point of beginning;

As affected by an Affidavit for true and accurate measures of various bounds recorded September 13, 1982 in Book 7553, Page 269.

EXCEPTING therefrom the land located easterly of Lot 100 as shown on a plan recorded in said Deeds in Plan Book 337, Plan 8, in which the excluded piece does not abut the herein conveyed premises.

EXCEPTING therefrom those parcels of land conveyed to the following deeds:

1. Robert L. Choiniere and Barbara O. Choiniere to Richard D.Zack et al dated September 13, 1982 and recorded in Book 7553, Page 270;

2. Robert L. Choiniere and Barbara O. Choiniere to Robert J. Fiels et ux dated November 30, 1984 and recorded in Book 8508, Page 245.

3. Robert L. Choiniere and Barbara O. Choiniere to Mark A. Heroux et ux dated April 11, 1985 and recorded in Book 8650, Page 61.

PARCEL II

Also conveying another tract of land in said Oxford on the easterly side of Dudley Road adjoining Parcel I and bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pipe at the northwest corner of the tract herein described on the easterly side of the 1958 Worcester County Highway layout of Dudley Road;

THENCE S. 88 deg. 29` E., mostly along a stone wall by said Parcel I herein, 39.20 feet to an iron pipe;

THENCE N. 89 deg. 20` E., along a stone wall by said Parcel I, 90 feet to an iron pipe;

THENCE N. 81 deg. 00` E., along said stone wall by Parcel I, 26.50 feet to an iron pipe;

THENCE N. 89 deg. 29` 56" E., along said stone wall by Parcel I, 342.11 feet to a drill hole in intersection with another stone wall;

THENCE S. 11 deg. 24` 34" W., along said stone wall by Parcel I, 351.53 feet to an iron pipe at the intersection with another stone wall;

THENCE N. 54 deg. 53` 28" W., by said stone wall by land now or formerly of Richard D. Zack, 545.86 feet to an iron pipe on the easterly side of Dudley Road;

THENCE running northerly along the easterly side of said Dudley Road on a curve to the left, having a radius of 2,030 feet and a length of 30 feet to the point of beginning.

CONTAINING an area of 2.153 acres shown as Parcel A on a plan recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 499, Plan 85.

EXCEPTING therefrom that portion of land conveyed by Robert L. Choiniere and Barbara O. Choiniere to Mark A. Heroux et ux dated April 11, 1985 and recorded in Book 8650, Page 61.

For title see deed recorded in said Registry of Deeds in Book 32294, Page 20. 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 December 11, 2017, and recorded in Book 58236 at Page 26 with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds.

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, including but not limited to the lien recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds on February 20, 2014 in Book 52050 at Page 41, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a 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 by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within forty-five (45) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale. Marinosci Law Group, P.C. 275 West Natick Road, Suite 500 Warwick, RI 02886 Attorney for Lakeview Loan Servicing,

Present Holder of the Mortgage Telephone: (401) 234-9200 MLG File No.: 19-01734

May 6, 2022 May 13, 2022 May 20, 2022

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family

Court

225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO22P1508EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Matthew David D'Agustino
Date of Death: 03/01/2022
To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Stephanie Siefert of Dudley MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Stephanie Seifert 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 05/31/2022. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS

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

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 03, 2022

Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate May 13, 2022

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family
Court
225 Main Street

225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO22P0917EA

#### CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

James Lynn
Also known as:
James Edward Lynn
Date of Death: 02/08/2022

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Donna L. Lynn of Dudley MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that

Donna L. Lynn of Dudley MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve With Corporate Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

Date: April 25, 2022

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate

Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO20P1572EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Richard E. Megaw, Sr.
Also known as:

Also known as:
Richard Megaw, Richard E. Megaw
Date of Death: 06/02/2019

Date of Death: 06/02/2019

To all interested persons:

A Petition for S/A Formal Probate of
Will with Appointment of Person-

Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Thomas A Gremo, Jr. of Webster MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Thomas

A Gremo, Jr. of Webster 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 05/31/2022. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets

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

Date: April 28, 2022 Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate May 13, 2022

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## **OBITUARIES**

#### Anna G Nutt,84



Webster -Anna G. Nutt (Price) passed away on Saturday, April 02,2022. at Webster Manor after a short illness she was born August 14,1937 in Somerville Ma.she

was the daughter of the late Edward and Viola Price she was predeceased by a daughter Janet L. Reid she was a beloved Mother, Grandmother, and Great Grandmother and was survived by her daughter Laurie Herra and her husband Bill of Webster. daughter Theresa McDonald of San Diego CA. Sons James Anusevitch and fiancé Karen of Dover NH.Thomas Reid of Watertown Ma. Her siblings brothers William J Price and wife Cheryl of Dawsonville Georgia.James Price and wife Donna of Lakeland Florida. She was predeceased by her five siblings two sisters Isabell Leonard, Viola Poplawski Three brothers Clinton, John, and Edward Price. She was a devoted and loving Nana to William J Herra and wife Gillian Hohne, Michelle Marsh

and husband Shawn, Christine Bozza and husband Brian, Eric Sullivan and wife Ann. Kristina (Recher) Latorre and husband Abraham. Kayleen, Cassidy, Courtney, Cameron Anusevitch. Great grandchildren Michael Sullivan, Shawn, Justin Marsh. Tyler Ford. Trinity Bozza. Jenna Sullivan.Great great grandchildren Mason Sullivan. Sebastian, Bash, Rae Latorre and many nieces and nephews and her many friends. She was a stay at home mom and raised her children and was a loving nana. She was an avid New England Patriot Fan loved playing cards with her family and was a fierce Cribbage Player and was the biggest Fan of Elvis Presley. Loved her telephone calls and watching her favorite shows on tv and loved her Hallmark Movies there were no calling hours there will be a celebration of Anna's life and will be announced at a later date. Donations in her memory can be made to St Jude Children Hospital or Saint Joseph Indian School or to ones choice. Funeral Arrangements by Casper Funeral & Cremation Services South Boston Mass 1-800-314-1890 www. casperfuneralsservices.com

#### Irvin F. Piehler, 78



Irvin F. Piehler, age 78 of Webster, Ma, passed away peacefully on May 1, 2022. He is preceded by his parents, Raymond E. Piehler and Doris K. (Dostoler) Piehler who ran the Snug Harbor restaurant for

Harbor restaurant for many years on the shores of Webster Lake.

Irv leaves his soul mate of 30+ years Margaret M. Bond and daughter Kelly of Brooklyn, Ct, his son Jon O. Piehler (J.O.) of Dudley, Ma, his other son Todd A. Piehler of Webster, Ma, his daughter-in-law Jennifer A. Piehler and his two loving granddaughters Madison O. Piehler and Gabrielle R. Piehler. Irv also leaves his sister Gail A. Roe and brother-in-law Bruce Roe of Webster, his former wife Marlene J. Piehler, and many cousins, especially Gabriele R. Bergmann of Weimar, Germany.

Irv was a graduate of Bartlett High School in 1961. In 1962 he joined the US Marine Corp and served as a Corpsman in the 3rd Medical Battalion. Subsequently, he was stationed at Camp Pendleton, assigned to San Diego Naval Hospital, and tended to the wounded troops returning from Vietnam.

After discharge, he attended Nichols College and Clark University to pursue a career in banking and finance. He spent the majority of his banking career at Worcester County National & Shawmut Bank and Putnam Savings bank. He retired from banking in 1995.

Irv was an avid water skier and sailing enthusiast, holding numerous Eastern and North American water skiing titles including an Eastern Region water ski jumping record in his youth. He also participated in 12-meter America's Cup sailing trials and numerous Newport-Bermuda races. He was very proud of that.

He was also very involved in the community in his younger days. Irv served

as a president, treasurer, director & campaign chairman for the Webster-Dudley United Way; treasurer, director for Hubbard Regional Hospital; treasurer, and director for the Webster Lions Club; treasurer for the Webster Exchange Club; president and director for the Webster-Dudley-Oxford Chamber of Commerce; treasurer for the Heart Fund and American Cancer Society; and as secretary for the Sierra Club of Worcester Southern.

Irv will be best known for his time spent on Webster Lake, which was a big part of him. Whether it was as a boy swimming in the lake at Snug Harbor, water skiing morning, noon, and night as a teenager, or captaining the helm of a pontoon boat in his later years. Irv enjoyed life and lived it to the fullest. If you knew him, you probably remember one of his sayings or limericks that he would recite often.

A Celebration Of Life will be scheduled Thursday, June 23rd at Point Breeze at 12 PM

to commemorate Irv and his 78 years on this earth.

The Robert J. Miller Funeral Home and Lake Chapel, 366 School St,

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#### Ernest J. Wilk, 71



DUDLEY – Ernest J. Wilk, 71, died Friday, April 5, 2020 in Saint Vincent Hospital, Worcester after a long illness with family at his side.

He leaves his wife of 42 years, Jane E. (Ryan) Wilk; 2 daugh-

ters, Laura M. Soldani and her husband Kevin of Norwalk, CT and Sara A. Miedema and her husband Christopher of Webster; 2 grandchildren, Logan and Sawyer Miedema; a sister, Joan E. Cormier of Gardner; nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his nephew Keith Nivala in 1989 and by his brother, Stanley J. Wilk, Jr. in 2021.

He was born in Webster on April 25, 1948, the son of Stanley J. Wilk, Sr. and Helen (Augustynski) Wilk and lived in Dudley all his life. He graduated from Bartlett High School in 1966 and earned an Associate Degree from the New England School of Accounting.

He was a United States Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam Era.

Mr. Wilk worked at Kenyon Oil

Company in North Grosvenordale, CT for 37 years, retiring as the corporate treasurer in 2007

surer in 2007.

He was a communicant of Saint Andrew
Bobola Church and
a member of the
Saint Joseph Basilica

Knights of Columbus. He loved watching the Boston Red Sox and the New England Patriots. His family was his treasure.

A memorial Mass will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, May 21, in Saint Joseph Basilica, 53 Whitcomb Street, Webster. The family will receive relatives and friends in the church that morning from 9:30 until the Mass. Military honors provided by the Webster-Dudley Veterans Council will follow in Saint Joseph Garden of Peace, Webster. Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster.

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#### Christopher Gagliastre, 53



Christopher Gagliastre was born in Worcester, Massachusetts on January 12, 1969 and died April 4, 2022 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina at age 53 of natural causes. He leaves behind

his mother Cynthia Plitnick, father Anthony Gagliastre, step-father Alfred Plitnick, many aunts, uncles, cousins, friends and his dog, Buncini.

Chris grew up in Worcester and Oxford, Massachusetts. He worked for a time in Las Vegas and eventually settled in Myrtle Beach. Chris visited Worcester often to visit his father, relatives and friends. He was an only child and made the time to be around those he loved. With a big heart, a winning smile, Italian hugs, and a great boyish laugh, he could be found in his numerous circles of friends. Chris was always happy, no matter the circumstances.

As a confirmed bachelor, he loved to travel, relax, and make people laugh. He was a funny man. Chris made a

living working in the food industry, but work was not as important as his family and friends. He lived near his mother, Cynthia (her maiden name was Van Batenburg) and Al in S.C. and stopped by to visit them often. Chris stayed in touch with his aunts and uncles, of which he has many and was close to the Oxford friends he grew up with. His friends in Myrtle Beach held a gathering to honor Chris's life a week after his body left this earth. His spirt will live in us forever. For those that knew Chris, he always made you feel good in his presence.

A graveside service will be held on Sunday, May 22nd at 2pm. Chris will be laid to rest at the Worcester County Memorial Park located at 217 Richards Ave, Paxton, MA. A celebration of Christopher's life will be held following the service at the Oxford VFW located at 20 Federal Hill Rd, Oxford, MA. All are welcome. Bring a dish fit for king to share. Donations can be made to the Worcester Animal Rescue League 139 Holden St, Worcester, MA 01606 in Chris's name. May he rest in peace.

#### Louise Tremblay Cole, 78



Louise Tremblay Cole, 78, of South Y a r m o u t h, Massachusetts unexpectedly passed away in April 2021, at Cape Cod Hospital in Hyannis, MA. She was born on January 18, 1943,

in Southbridge, MA, the daughter of Charles "Red" Tremblay and Margaret Earls Tremblay, with whom she is reunited. She grew up in Dudley and Southbridge, MA and later, Stamford and Fairfield, CT. On November 17, 1973, she was married to Michael Steven Cole, who predeceased her November 5, 2009. Louise was a graduate of Acadamie Maria Assumpta and Stamford Catholic High School, and received a baccalaureate degree with honors from University of Bridgeport, and a Master's Degree in Special Education from Fitchburg State University, furthering her education at Boston College with a focus on Blind studies. While living in Montreal, Canada, Louise was an educator, in French and English. She was later

employed by the State of Connecticut, providing Braille education and services for the blind throughout the state. After moving to California in 1990, she was a much appreciated and committed special needs educator. Louise returned to New England in 2010, choosing Cape Cod as her final home, where she volunteered for Meals on Wheels and teaching English as a second language. During her lifetime, she was a dedicated wife and attentive, loving "mom" to several animals. Her interests included operas, music, and Apple computers, she was an avid reader and passionate supporter of civic equality and wildlife conservation. She is survived by several maternal cousins including Mary Jane Cole of South Yarmouth, a paternal second cousin, Janice Dobson Fleming of Quincy, a sister-in-law, Nancy St. Laurent, niece, Michelle Paredes, nephews; Matthew St. Laurent and Mark St. Laurent, of Nipomo, CA; and their spouses and children. She is also survived by the daughter her heart, Renée DiNardi of Columbia, CT and her children Ethan and Michaela.

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#### Shirley I. Reichenberg, 97



Shirley I. Reichenberg, 97, of North Smithfield, RI, died on Saturday, April 23, 2022 in the HomeHealth Hulitar Hospice Center, Providence, RI. She was the wife of

the late Robert S. Reichenberg, whom she married on March 29, 1948. Born in Milford, MA, and raised in Woonsocket, she was the daughter of the late Charles D. and Minnie D. (Roberts) Mowry. She was also a longtime summer resident of Webster Lake, Webster, MA.

 $Shirley\,was\,a\,graduate\,of\,Woonsocket$ High School (1941), Colby Jr. College (1943), and the Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester (1945). She also attended Katherine Gibbs School and worked for the American Red Cross in Woonsocket before getting married. She went on to become secretary of the family businesses, Woonsocket Brush Company and Rhode Island Brush Machinery Corporation. She was a parishioner/ choral member as well as musical director and senior warden of St. John's Episcopal Church, Millville, MA. She was an active member on the board of trustees of North Smithfield Public Library for 58 years. She was a charter member of both the North Smithfield Historic District Commission and the North Smithfield Heritage Association. She was the last president of the Union Village-Bushee Schools PTA, and a longtime member of the former PTA past-presidents club. She was a 58 year Friend and Overseer of Old Sturbridge Village. She was also a summer parishioner of the Church of Reconciliation,

Webster, MA.

She is survived by three sons, Scott M. Reichenberg of North Smithfield, RI, Lee R. Reichenberg of Webster, MA, and Blair S. Reichenberg of Waitsfield, VT, a sister, Joan P. Richter of Nacka, Sweden, and a step-daughter, Gail Lombardi of Granby, MA. She was the step-mother of the late Dennis A. Reichenberg. She loved her many nieces and nephews in Sweden, and her husband's many, many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Shirley had the very unique talent and ability to befriend virtually anyone she met in any situation. She was always ready to volunteer her help or lend a hand for any local worthy cause.

Shirley loved rabbits, summer sunsets, coffee ice cream, lobster rolls, the Red Sox, and Moxie! She also loved to travel with her husband to England, Germany, and the Carribbean. She and her husband loved to dine out no matter whether it was at an old-fashioned American diner, a quaint English pub, or discovering the latest gourmet restaurant. More than anything else, Shirley loved her family most of all. May God bless her!

May God bless her!

Her funeral service will be held
Friday, May 13, 2022 at 10:30 AM in St.
John's Episcopal Church, 49 Central
Street, Millville, MA. Calling hours are
omitted. Arrangements are under the
direction of the Holt Funeral Home, 510
South Main Street, Woonsocket. In lieu
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To Sharon, for example, the underlying issue is long-term mismanagement, and she questions state motives in being willing to fund work now, seeing it as a way to require education of illegal immigrants.

"It's been going on for

years and years: the total neglect of the high school building," she said. "...It shows really poor management to allow this state of affairs."

Brian agreed in general, but points the finger at "who is running the teachers" and the deterioration of English and math skills, which he blamed on state curriculum.

"The whole system is dragging [the kids] down," he asserted.

By contrast, one woman who didn't even give a first name, supported the plan, saying, "All I know is we do need a new school that functions well for our kids, so they can be competitive for the future."

Another supporter, Karen, said the proposal is "definitely needed" and "well overdue." But she added she feels "it's going to be hard for people to afford it."

Karen said she was particularly concerned the state wasn't willing to let the planners design it to address any potential increase in the student population years from now. That's not an immediate issue; in

recent years, Webster and many other school districts have seen some decline in numbers, partly due to parents pulling kids over Covid issues and partly due to smaller age cohorts. Back in January, district data showed a drop of 100 students going to Park Avenue, but the School Committee was looking at adding modular class-

rooms there to address space needs partly driven by state requirements for special education and other programs.

The roughly \$100 million Bartlett renovation includes significant space for those needs as well.

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#### **CENTER**

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warehouse facility to be built on 120 acres between Depot and Millbury roads and I-395, with its access road going around Chimney Pond. Building the place will require clearing a large swath of woods, blasting a hill, and creating 114 loading docks, 344 car parking spaces and 134 tractor-trailer spaces. The site's being planned for 24-hour operation, but not as a "last-mile" facility; that means it won't include delivery trucks, just tractor-trailers. Although the number of spaces has fallen since its first version, the total size of the building has grown.

Solli cited various changes he's made

since that first iteration to address resident concerns (some of them raised during Conservation Commission hearings; that board granted the project approval with conditions last month.) Those included moving the access road to the other side of the pond, reducing the number of parking spaces on one side, and a state Department of Transportation request to redesign the intersection (which still awaits MDOT and Mass DEP approval), and he said he's willing to add signs and other things to direct employee and truck traffic to use I-395 rather than nearby surface roads.

"We do not believe there will be material impact to really any of the residents on Millbury Road," he said, also noting, "We would not see any reason for any

tractor-trailers to go anywhere other than on or off 395."

Some residents, however, noted they already see such trucks using the back roads, typically when cutting across from Route 146, and predicted more to come if the site's built. One of those was a letter from Auburn Town Manager Julie Jacobson, who was particularly concerned about the effects on South and Barnes streets in her town, which are not designed "to support heavy vehicle use." She urged a list of conditions regarding facility staff and trucker training directing them to I-395 and Route 12.

Dandrade said his firm is still awaiting changes to the parking and traffic concerns, noting traffic studies don't include the nearby roads' current phys-

ical conditions (just traffic numbers and projections). He was particularly concerned about the intersection itself, which includes an ungated railroad crossing, describing it as "the geometry there is just extremely unique – meaning horrendous." He suggested Oxford, Auburn and Millbury could collaborate on imposing a truck ban on the back roads if they start seeing "abuse" of any restrictions, but noted that would require MDOT approval. He noted, however, that the location does not meet state requirements for installing a traffic light.

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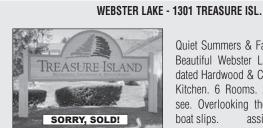
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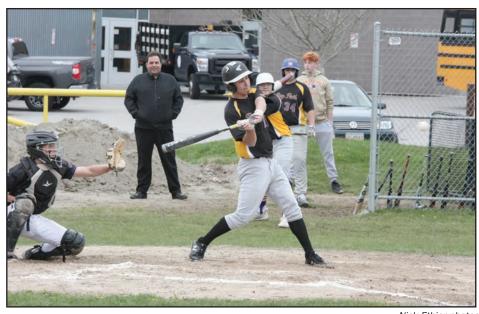
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## **SPORTS**

## One-run game again goes Bay Path's way in win over Beavers, 6-5



Nick Ethier photos

into the outfield.

That ended the outing

on the hill for Rousakos,

Bay Path's starter, who

went 4-plus innings. Dale

Nussey took over from

Bay Path's Brandon Martocci rips a second inning single against Blackstone Valley Tech. error saw the ball bound

BY NICK ETHIER SPORTS EDITOR

CHARLTON — When the Bay Path Regional and Blackstone Valley Tech varsity baseball teams are set to meet one another, Mark Sansoucy

head coach of the Minutemen — described just how big of a game it can be.

"Those are the games you circle at the beginning of the year...it's always BVT, AMSA, Worcester [Tech]," Sansoucy said when every beth plant the part of the pa er Bay Path plays the Beavers, the Advanced Math and Science Academy or the Eagles, all important tilts in the Colonial Athletic League.

And the Minutemen and BVT certainly provided close contests during this 2022 season. Bay Path edged Valley Tech in the season opener, played on April 4, 10-9. And, in the most recent outing, the Minutemen again emerged victorious, also by a single run,

"That was a big one. They're always tough, always a good team. They hit the ball hard and have good pitching, and they're well-coached. To beat them twice in a season is big," Sansoucy said of the Beavers.

"That's the second one to them," Valley Tech head coach John Burke said of losing to Bay Path, and the Beavers' third one-run loss of the season. "It's just executing a few of the small things along the way. It's all very little stuff and it's been biting us."

Minutemen improved to 9-1 and automatically have clinched a berth into the upcoming Division 4 State Tournament.

Valley Tech, meanwhile, dropped to 4-6.

"They've got a good team," Burke said of Bay Path. "They've been rattling off wins and it would have been nice to get one back on them."

The Beavers struck first for one run in the top of the first inning when Evan Charron roped an RBI double into right-center field. But the Minutemen countered with three runs in the home half of the first. With the bases loaded John Schramm was clipped by a pitch to send a run in and then Matt Rousakos grounded into a fielder's choice. But, instead of the at-bat resulting in a double play, a throwing error allowed two more runs to cross home plate.

Valley Tech tied the game in the second inning when Sean Sage hit an RBI groundout and Jake Rinaldi (2-for-3) followed with an RBI single to left field, but Bay Path again regained the lead in the home half. There, Schramm had his second RBI on a fielder's choice.

The Minutemen kept the 4-3 advantage through the third and fourth innings until BVT grabbed their first lead in the top of the fifth. Corey Magill (2-for-3) tied the game with an RBI single up the middle. Magill there and finished the fifth frame, and pitched the sixth, allowing no runs on one hit with four strikeouts and no walks.

But the Beavers had the lead, and the momentum, as play shifted to the bottom of the fifth. With Adam Pratt on the mound — Pratt relieved Sage, who pitched the first three innings and pitching well, BVT's defense spun a double play to open the inning.

"We had the momen-tum, we rolled the double play ball, and then the inning got a little slop-py," explained Burke. With Kaiden Brochu

(single) and Jon Nussey (walk) on base, pinch hitter Joe Fritze tied the game with an opposite field RBI single into right field. With the game tied, Bay Path retook the lead when Pratt tried to pick off a base runner. But his coinciding throwing

error plated the go-ahead

After both teams failed to score in the sixth inning, the Minutemen's Zach Fritze (2-for-3 at the plate) closed the door with a seventh inning save. An error, hit by pitch and sacrifice bunt had two runners in scoring position, but when BVT's Nick Laflamme sent a hard shot down the first base line that was snagged by Rousakos, the game came to its dramatic close.

"He's tough, he's nails. He's hard-nosed. He thrives on stuff like that — feeds off that," Sansoucy said of Zach Fritze, noting that he never thought about intentionally walking a Valley Tech player to load the bases and have force outs across the diamond

Sansoucy is thrilled with his young squad's start to the season.

"I knew that we had a lot of really good young kids, but were they varsity ready was the question, and they're all stepping up," he said.

Sansoucy added that four players — Brochu (.611), Schramm (.536), Dale Nussy (.400) and Dylan McDonald (.400) — are all near the top of the league in batting average.

The Beavers, meanwhile, are hopeful to turn their season around before it becomes too late.

"We've been hitting well, but some days we throw it well and don't field it well. Some days we field it well and don't throw it well. It's just getting everything clicking at the right time," Burke explained. "At some point you've got to start winning games. It's there. It's just a matter of closing games out."



Coach Gregg "Sully" Szalay's brother, Glen, receives a token of appreciation from Bay Path head coach Mark Sansoucy during Sully's recognition on April 25.

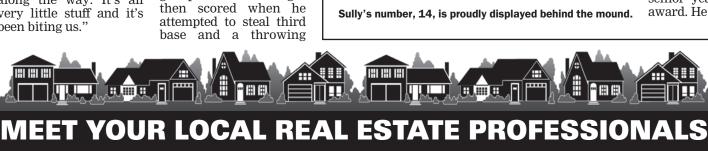


## Minutemen to honor season for Bay Path alum Coach 'Sully'

CHARLTON — On Monday, April 25, following the Bay Path Regional varsity baseball team's home opener — where the Minutemen defeated Monty Tech, 9-3 — the program recognized Coach Gregg "Sully" Szalay.

Sully had coached fall baseball for about six years and had been associated with the Bay Path baseball team since head coach Mark Sansoucy started coaching back in 1997. His support and dedication was above and beyond. Sully was the first one there to help or do whatever the Minutemen were planning or just trying to get something done without ever asking for anything in return. He loved being around anything that involved Bay Path sports.

Sully passed away unexpectedly after the last fall ball game a couple of weeks before his 50th birthday. Bay Path is dedicating the season to Sully. The Number 14 behind the mound was his high school number and his name "SULLY" will be on the sleeve of the Minutemen's home jerseys. Sully graduated from Bay Path in 1989. He was a fouryear varsity baseball player for coach Jim Gomes and Mike Hubbard. He also played basketball. His senior year he was awarded the sportsmanship award. He will be dearly missed.



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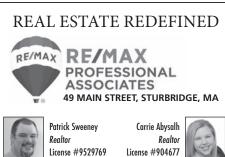
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## **SPORTS**



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Bartlett High's Ethan Minarik returns the ball over the net during play in the Southern Worcester County League Tennis Tournament.

## Minarik, Sohacki shine for Indians in SWCL Tennis Tournament

UXBRIDGE — A pair of Bartlett High student-athletes reached Day 2 of the annual Southern Worcester County League Tennis Tournament, which took place on Friday and Saturday, April 29-30.

Ethan Minarik, the tournament's No. 6 seed, advanced to the semifinal at Uxbridge High and defeated No. 7 Xavier Hicks of Uxbridge High; 6-4, 6-1. Artur Sohacki was seeded fourth and then dropped a 6-0, 6-0 matchup to the tournament's top seed, Wilson Fetig, of Grafton High.

Fetig then defeated Minarik for the championship; 6-0, 6-1, but the accomplishments of Minarik and Sohacki were impressive.

#### SPORTS BRIEF

#### Sturbridge Legion tryout dates

Any baseball players interested in playing Sturbridge Legion Baseball that are born on Jan. 1, 2003 or later are eligible to pay. All players that live in Sturbridge or attend Tantasqua Regional High School are all eligible to play for the Sturbridge team, also players from surrounding towns may also be eligible to play. Team will conduct tryouts Saturday, May 21 from 10 a.m. to noon and Sunday, May 22 from 1 to 3 p.m., both tryout dates will be held at Tantasqua Regional High School varsity baseball field. For more information you can contact team manager Jim Rosseel (774) 230-1784, email: jimrosseel@hotmail.com or coach Rich Wetherbee (508) 981-0897, email: qcards@aol.com.

## Historical Society to host yard sale Saturday

DUDLEY — The Black Tavern Historical Society will be holding a yard sale as part of a larger Dudley Hill event on Saturday, May 14 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Tavern Barn, 138 Center Road. Additional activities on the Hill will include the Dudley Conservation Land Trust Plant Sale at the Grange and the Plant Hop, an opportunity to experience various Dudley farms. Come join us on "The Hill."

## Historical Society to present program on Harriet Tubman

DUDLEY — The Black Tavern Historical Society is pleased to present the program "I Can't Die But Once: The Story of Harriet Tubman," on May 19 at 7 p.m.

This is the first program of this year scheduled for the society's barn at 138 Center Rd. on Dudley Hill. The presenter, Gwendolyn Quezaire Persutti , will enact the story of the important work Tubman accomplished to free slaves through the "underground railroad". The program is free and open to all. The program is sponsored by Webster First Federal Credit Union, Cornerstone Bank, and the Dudley Cultural Council.

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Tri-Valley Lunches are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 11:30 am. Please call (508) 949-3845 at least 48-hours in advance to reserve or cancel your meal.

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Bingo: Every Tuesday, starts promptly at 1:00 pm. Please plan to arrive by 12:30 pm to allow time to buy your bingo sheets.

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Mahjongg group meets every Friday at 1:00 pm A SHINE counselor will be available at the Senior Center beginning on Wednesday, May 4th. Please call (508) 949-3845 to schedule an appointment.

Come create a Patriotic Wreath just in time for Memorial Day! Mona Kerrigan will lead this craft class on Thursday, May 26th at 10:00 am. Cost of \$20.00 per person. Class is limited to ten (10) people so sign up as soon as possible!

o sign up as soon as possible! A representative from State Representative Joseph McKenna's Office will be at the Webster Senior Center on Thursday, May 19th from 10:00-11:00 am should you wish to speak with them.

Are you concerned about your hearing? Dr. Darcy Repucci from Hopkinton Audiology will be here on Wednesday, May 18th at 10:00 am to answer your questions and to also explain how we hear, types of hearing loss, and signs of hearing

Friends of the Webster Senior Center will be celebrating Mother's Day with a Coffee & Tea Party on Monday, May 16th from 1:00-3:00 pm. Live music and refreshments. Please sign up at front desk by Friday, May 13th.

Trip 1: Webster Senior Center and Best of Times are offering a trip to the Danversport Yacht Club for a Patsy Cline Tribute Show on Wednesday, June 22nd. Trip price of \$99.00 per person includes show ticket, transportation, luncheon, meal tax & gratuity. Trip 2: Lake Winnipesaukee Cruise & Castle in the Clouds. Trip price of \$149.00 transportation, 2-hour Lake Cruise, visit to Castle in the Clouds, luncheon, meal taxes and gratuities. Our trips are quickly selling out so don't wait to reserve your seat! Please call the Senior Center at (508) 949-3845 for more information.

Summer Porch Pot Workshop with Bemis Nursery will be held on Monday, June 13th at 10:00 am. Cost of \$25.00 includes all supplies. Sign up at Senior Center front desk, payment due at time of sign up.

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