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Dudley employees, board members recognized for efforts during COVID

DUDLEY — Town employees, board, commission and committee members were recognized at the Jan. 9 Board of Selectmen's meeting for going above and beyond to keep town services operating during the dark days of the COVID-19 pandemic.

State Sen. Ryan C. Fattman and state Rep. Peter J. Durant presented statehouse citations to the Dudley Fire Department, Board of Health, Police Department, Town Hall staff, the Highway Department and the Water and Sewer Department.

The citations read "In recognition of your tireless work and selfless sacrifice to put the needs of your community about your own during the COVID-19 pandemic."

Unit citations and uniform bars were presented by Fire Chief Dean Kochanowski to Deputy Fire Chief Paul Konieczny and the entire fire/EMS staff; and by Police Chief Steven J. Wojnar to the police officers.

Both chiefs were also presented with a commendation citation, letter and uniform bar for their "honorable leadership and faithful service through the COVID-19 pandemic."

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State Sen. Ryan C. Fattman (center) and state Rep. Peter J. Durant (to his right) presented statehouse citations to the Dudley Fire Department, Board of Health, Police Department, Town Hall staff, the Highway Department and the Water and Sewer Department. Accepting on behalf of the departments from left are Water-Sewer Superintendent George Patrinos, Fire Chief Dean Kochanowski, Michelle Jervis representing town hall staff; Board of Health members Jennifer Cournoyer, and since retired Police Chief Steven Wojnar.

Cannabis microbusiness gets nod in Oxford

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD — Yet another kind of cannabis facility received the selectmen's green light last week, as the board voted unanimously to have the manager negotiate a host community agreement with Finest Trees LLC.

The firm run by Dan and Rebecca Yarney is seeking to make and distribute cannabis cigarettes ("prerolls") out of a former bank building they recently purchased on Route 20. Town Manager Jen Callahan welcomed it as "quite a unique business proposal" that will occupy a long "underutilized property" and noted she spoke to two other similar business proponents.

According to their advisor XX, who did not actually identify himself during the meeting, they're doing this under a "microbusiness" designation of the Cannabis Control Commission. That would allow them to cultivate and manufacture cannabis, although they don't plan to grow it now. Instead, they'll buy up to 2000 pounds of flower per year, roll joints (or fill them mechanically), and deliver them to retailers, couriers or customers who have delivery endorsements. The latter cannot visit the site to buy under the law.

XX said the site has an old safe the CCC considers acceptable for storage, noting, "I don't think anybody could have reinforced walls more reinforced than a bank safe." It would make expansion difficult, however; if the company does well and decides to go into cultivation or to seek an expanded CCC

license, it would probably have to find a new site.

The pre-rolled market comprises about 15 percent of what's currently being sold, and is "the easiest piece to get into," he said. Unlike vapes and some other products, it cannot contain additives.

Rebecca Yarney said they intend to start with five employees and might expand to 10 or 15. She said her background is in occupational therapy and real estate, and the Yarneys have been property developers for the last 11 years.

The board also finalized a successor agreement with Auburn to continue sending wastewater to that town for processing. DPW Director Jared Duval said most of the terms are unchanged. Oxford will still pay fixed and variable quarterly fees set by Auburn annually based on "a very complex spreadsheet" of costs, but it allows Oxford to use Auburn's wet vacuum truck during the day. He didn't expect daily flow to change from the current 50-60,000 gallons.

He noted this agreement will be three years instead of five because the town is also working on a comprehensive wastewater management plan and an inter-basin transfer plan with the state and federal governments.

In her report, Callahan noted the senior tax workoff program has draw so many applicants there will be a lottery on Feb. 2 to choose participants. The deadline to apply is Jan. 30; at present, the town has received 45 applications for 15 posts where seniors can work part-

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Memorial planned for longtime conservation official

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — The Dudley community suffered the loss of a longtime public servant late last year with the passing of Nancy Jane A. Vajcovec in November. Vajcovec was well known as a member of several local conservation groups including the board of the Dudley Conservation Land Trust, the Dudley Conservation Commission, and the Hayden Pond Association as a resident of Hayden Pond. Now a new project is in the works teaming all three organizations to create a tribute to Vajcovec's commitment to her community.

Paul Wieloch, the current President of the board of the Dudley Conservation Land Trust, appeared before the town's Conservation Commission on Jan. 11 to propose a memorial for Vajcovec seeking both the Hayden Pond Association and Conservation Commission to co-sponsor the effort.

"Nancy was on our board for many years, and she worked tirelessly on land conservation and land acquisition issues. She was a very valued member," Wieloch said, later commenting on the project itself, "I had a thought that us three organizations could work together a collaborate on some sort of memorial for Nancy."

The Conservation Commission received the idea warmly asking if Wieloch had a concept in mind. While Wieloch made it clear he was open to



Courtesy

Longtime Dudley conservation volunteer Nancy Vajcovec passed away in November. A plan is in place to create a memorial to her legacy.

other ideas, his concept was a simple one, a memorial along Hayden Pond.

"I thought it would be kind of cool to name the causeway over there on Hayden Pond after Nancy," he said. "We could put up a sign or something - Get a rock with a brass plaque on it. That was my idea, but I'm willing to listen to other ideas if someone has

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Evangelidis presents Face2Face Program to Auburn students



Courtesy

Sheriff Evangelidis poses with eighth graders from Auburn Middle School after his Face2Face Presentation.

AUBURN — Since 2013, overdoses involving the drug fentanyl have skyrocketed in the United States. In 2020, more than 60,000 citizens died due to an overdose involving the drug. Sheriff Evangelidis' longstanding Face2Face program aims to divert today's youth through advocacy and education on today's latest drug trends. Face2Face is an enthusiastic and modern-day approach to connect with students through the use of videos, pop music, and real-life examples of the before and after effects of substances on the human body.

The Sheriff's presentation focuses on the dangers of illicit substances and their extreme potency in the unregulated market. Evangelidis also focuses on the myths and facts of popular trends among today's youth, such as vaping, consumption of

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KNIGHTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the All Saints Academy students who exhibited excellent character through compassion, honesty, trustworthiness, optimism, respect, initiative and responsibility which earned them Knight of the Month. The November Knight of the Month award recipients were: Caleb Latino, Raul Santiago, Samuel Rose, Callum Bergman, Kaylie Bageris, Keon Yelu-Attigah, Thomas Burren, Jack Campbell, Bennett Drew, Gianna Monticelli, Francesca Zicaro. The December Knight of the Month award recipients are: (front row:) Lydia Vienneau, Charlotte Zawada, Harrison Tipple, Josie Brooks, Stella Andreotta (back row:) Nolan Nadeau, Caleb Latino, Georgeanne Gajewski, Oliver Andreotta, Jackson Boria. (Not pictured: Alina Turner and Norah Healy.)

Investigation into fatal crash continues

AUBURN – Police continue to investigate last week’s fatal wreck on the Massachusetts Turnpike. On Jan. 19, State Police troopers from the Charlton Barracks responded to the wreck at approximately 7:25 a.m.

Officials from Auburn Fire and EMS also responded to the three-vehicle crash on Route 90 east. A preliminary State Police investigation indicates that a 2013 Mazda VST operated by a 23-year-

old man from Columbus, Ohio, was traveling east-bound on the three-lane highway in Auburn. The Mazda VST sideswiped a 2020 Mazda CX5 operated by a 60-year-old man from Sturbridge, forcing it through the guardrail

and down an embankment, police said. The Mazda VST then rear-ended a 2017 Jeep Grand Cherokee driven by a 41-year-old woman from Rhode Island. The Mazda VST driver was transported to UMass Memorial Hospital-Lakeside, where he was pronounced dead. As of press time, the victim’s name had not been

released by police. Three passengers in the Mazda VST were also transported to UMass Memorial-Lakeside with minor injuries. The Mazda CX5 operator was transported to Saint Vincent Hospital. The driver of the Jeep was uninjured. The right and middle lanes of the highway were closed for three

hours as investigators worked to clear the scene. The crash remains under investigation by Troop C of the Massachusetts State Police, with assistance from the State Police Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Section and the State Police Crime Scene Services Section.

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Library provides update on ADA compliance

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — The Dudley Library Board of Trustees heard a small update regarding a recent townwide ADA compliance audit that saw numerous recommended alterations passed down to the Pearle Crawford Memorial Library.

During their first meeting of 2023 on Jan. 17, trustees asked Library Director J. Drusilla Carter for an update regarding the ADA audit which occurred during COVID. The review examined several buildings in town to ensure compliance with both state and federal handicap accessibility regulations. In September Carter revealed several notes from that review and that the town, led by Town Planner Bill Scanlon, is seeking federal grant funding to help resolve any issues resulting from the audit.

Not a lot has transpired since that September meeting as Carter told trustees that she had received few updates regarding the audit. She confirmed that the town is applying for a federal grant to help cover ADA projects throughout the community but that the library won't know how much they will receive and for what projects until Dudley receives money, which would likely be this spring or summer.

However, Carter said the library has examined some of the minor changes requested through the audit explaining that many of the requests are miniscule, but a couple would indeed require significant investment.

"There are things that if we had someone that was in need of that accommodation we would obviously make it," said Carter. "The book drop was the big one and then the fact that all of the grab bars in all of the bathrooms are an inch too high and then there were one or two other things related to signage which should be minor fixes."

The book drop

was the biggest item from the audit and one that has trustees taken aback as the library, which is among the newest buildings in Dudley, passed ADA compliance when it was built.

Current regulations require the book drop to be lowered by inches to accommodate handicap individuals and library officials have been surprised that it wasn't grandfathered in when

regulations were updated. While the initial inspection quoted a small price in the hundreds to lower the book drop, Carter has spoken with town officials explaining that the change is

not that simple. "The estimate from the ADA folks who came in and did the audit was it'll cost about \$300 to \$400 to move it and I had to take pictures and show that it's an inte-

grated unit with a shoot that comes into the book bins and if you drop the outside piece the amount that they're calling for, the books won't go into the books bins. So, we have to replace

the whole unit and it is wired in because it has the light on it," said Carter.

For now, the library and the town remain in waiting to see if Dudley receives the federal grant.

The money would be utilized to assess the ADA audit further on a town wide scare and prioritize funding where necessary to meet the new ADA compliance.



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SAINT JOSEPH STUDENTS GET A LESSON IN FINANCIAL LITERACY

Recently, students at Saint Joseph School had a special guest in their Social Skills classes. The guest, Mrs. Nicole DiGregorio, is the Community Relations Manager at Cornerstone Bank, and spent several days working with Kindergarten through Grade 8 students on financial literacy. Younger students had the opportunity to learn the difference between needs and wants, while students in grades 5-8 discussed budgeting. The budgeting workshop allowed older students to choose a career, identify a potential income, and make lifestyle and spending choices based on those decisions. It was an eye-opening experience. Financial literacy is one aspect of Social Skills classes at Saint Joseph School. The classes meet once a week and teach the importance of positive interactions and meaningful relationships. Middle school students also focus on interview skills, high school applications, and the essential skills and insights the students need to succeed as independent and productive members of society. Mrs. Scarlett Acheampong directs the Social Skills classes at Saint Joseph School.

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- \$780,000, 2 Robertson Rd, Desousa, Cheryl L, to Tsitsos, Tomi.
- \$735,000, 259 Prospect St, Koza, Walter, to Lisanti, Maria F, and Harney, Anne D.
- \$640,000, 2 Amherst Dr, Amy O Vandekop Lt, and Vandekop, Amy O, to Desousa, Cheryl.
- \$560,000, 166 Hampton St, Anastasi, Robert, and Anastasi, Jennifer, to Shomphe, Lindsay, and Shomphe, Stephen.
- \$500,000, 6 Fox Run Cir, Lussier Irt, and Lussier, Thomas R, to Gosselin, Shawn, and Hutchins, Lorraine M.
- \$445,000, 74 Bryn Mawr Ave, Blanchette, Lindsay M, and Shomphe, Stephen D, to Alcantara, Wilfredo, and Acevedo, Jessica.
- \$289,900, 403 Heritage Ln #403, Amoi LLC, to Desantis, Maria.
- \$260,000, 7 Field St, Sherblom, Stephen D, to Szeredy, Jacob, and Powers, Lauren.
- \$241,100, 48 Central St, Dvareckas, Ann T, and Malinowski, Joseph, to Dryden, Jeffrey.

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- \$394,000, 10 Bates Rd, Omeara Robert A Est, and Omeara, Jonathan B, to Minor, Joshua M, and Minor, Laura K.
- \$150,000, 15 Wysocki Dr #39, Assist Realty Group LLC, to Capuano, Mark P.

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- \$185,000, 12 Thayer Pond Dr #4, Lynn M Harris RET, and Harris, Lynn M, to Kamani, Michel.
- \$115,000, 52 Harwood St, Trac, Vinh, to Trustee Of Eb Rt, and Elkinson, David.

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- \$475,000, 95 Birch Island Rd, Kasierski Dorothy Est, and Sullivan, Kevin W, to Raps Realty LLC.
- \$426,000, 11 Community Rd, Sullivan, Joseph T, and Sullivan, Nancy A, to Roland, Paul.
- \$400,000, 142 Killdeer Rd, Westall, Mark A, and Westall, Kimberly J, to Robles, Christian.
- \$345,000, 3 Stephen Dr, Izbicki Thomas W Est, and Asselin, Melissa, to Mota, David.
- \$315,000, 50 Myrtle Ave, Malden Group LLC, to Rheault Properties Llp.
- \$269,000, 10 Hill St, Macdonald Lawrence P Est, and Coutu, Janet M, to Titus, Deborah E.
- \$250,000, 23 Lakeview Rd, Webster Ventures LLC, to Miller, Mary, and Cabana, Jason.

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School Committee recognizes standout seniors

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY/CHARLTON — The Dudley Charlton Regional School Committee recognized a pair of senior students for their academic achievement during their four-and-a-half years at Shepherd Hill Regional High School presenting the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents Certificate of Academic Excellence and the Principal's Award during a special ceremony in their first meeting of 2023 on Jan. 11.

First, President Steven Lamarche presented the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents Certificate of Academic Excellence to Abbigael Hill touting her academic achievement and her ability and willingness to challenge social norms and expectations as a member of her school community.

"Abbi Hill is a dynamic young woman who I'm convinced will be a welcome addition to college campuses of her choice," Lamarche said. "Abbi is an established Shepherd Hill student who consistently and continuously exhibits her potential for everything she wants to be. Abbi sets goals for herself and is determined to succeed. She has mature work ethic and is committed to meet all levels of achievement - Abbi is the top ranked student in the Class of 2023, but uniquely she is empowered to challenge life norms her aptitude."

Lamarche called Hill as "capable academic scholar" complimenting her achievements in Advanced Placement studies in numerous subjects as well as recognition for her accomplishments as a Spanish language and mathematics student and a member of the National Honor Society. He concluded by noting that Hill has gone above and beyond as a cheerleading captain to help challenge the stereotypes of the sports and received recognition beyond the school as an all-star.

The Shepherd Hill Principals award was presented by Principal Darren C. Elwell, his first time honoring a student since he joined the district last summer. Elwell named Jacob Brodeur as the 2023 recipient commenting on his astounding 4.38 GPA and Brodeur's commitment to his community beyond the walls of Shepherd Hill.

"In addition to an impressive list of honors classes, Jacob has availed himself of a variety of rigorous Advanced Placement courses at Shepherd Hill - Jacob is not averse to challenge," said Elwell later commenting of Brodeur's accomplishments beyond academics. "In the community, Jacob's work ethic and character are on full display through his involvement in the National Honor Society. As the current president of the Shepherd Hill

Chapter, most recently Jacob spearheaded efforts to raise more than \$3,000 as part of the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive providing more than 50 meals for local families and organizations. In addition, Jacob worked with his National Honor Society peers to collect toys for children in need in the local communities prior to the holidays and yet, somehow, Jacob still has some time left in his schedule to work toward the completion of his Eagle Scout project at the local YMCA."

Brodeur was also noted as a participant in model United Nations earning the Gavel Award and a participant in the Academic Decathlon. He serves as Class Treasurer as well as President of the NHS chapter at Shepherd Hill.



Courtesy

MODEL RAILROADERS ANNUAL SHOW SET FOR FEB. 26

Worcester Model Railroaders, Inc. will hold its Annual Show & Sale Feb. 26 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Auburn Elks Club, 754 Southbridge St., Auburn. Adm: \$6, children under 12 free. For more information, visit Ralph Kimball, 508-868-5189, ralphkimball@charter.net and www.wmrr.org. The show has approximately 25 model railroad dealers offering items for sale as well as HO&N scale operating layouts available for viewing. Raffle tickets for a complete four-foot-by-eight-foot model railroad layout (on display) will be available at the show. The 60-by-40-foot Worcester Model Railroad Club layout will be open and operating using Digital Command Control, and is only 15 minutes from the show in Webster. For directions go to www.wmrr.org.

Dudley Woman's Club meets Feb. 9

DUDLEY — The Dudley Woman's Club's February meeting will be held at the Dudley Municipal Complex on Thursday, Feb. 9. Social time begins at 6:30 p.m., and the meeting starts at 7 p.m. "Stew and the Story of Giving" is a very special evening as we welcome several agents from the charities we support to listen to their stories and share savory stews that have inspired their charitable work and giving in the community.

Our voluntary giving project this month will be new socks and gently used shoes for Webster-Dudley Food Share. Please join us for a warm and fulfilling evening! DWC is open to all women from Dudley and surrounding towns; we welcome your presence. For more information, please visit: www.dudleywomansclub.org.

Library fundraiser kicks off April 27

WEBSTER — Even though winter is still upon us, it is not too early to look forward to celebrating spring, Earth Day, and community. Mark your calendar —Thursday, April 27—for the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Library fundraiser— Bites, Books, and Blooms: A Celebration of Spring in Webster. This event will provide funds for children, teen, and adult programming at the library. The kickoff event will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on April 27 at the Webster library, but festivities will extend through April 29.

Bites, Books, and Blooms will feature local restaurants for the bites—similar to the successful Taste of Webster held by the Friends in 2019. This year there will be something new—books in bloom. The Kelly Library will supplement the bites with an exhibit of floral arrangements based on a theme, scene, character, or event in favorite books chosen by participants. The concept has been used by art muse-

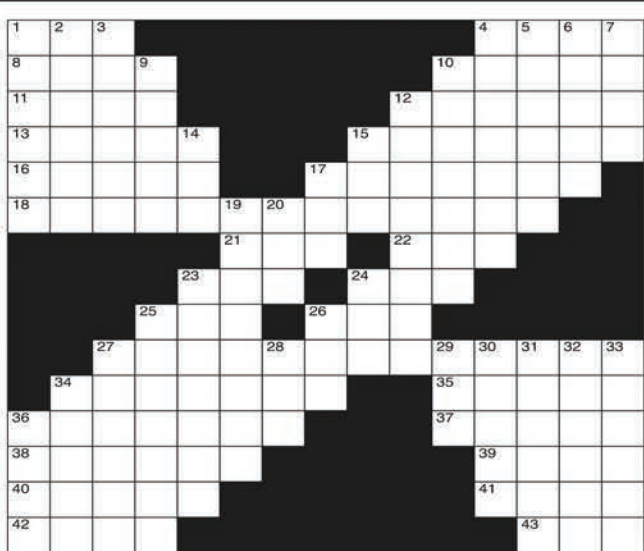
ums around the country that have sponsored exhibits of floral arrangements interpreting a painting or sculpture. Exhibiting books in bloom will demonstrate the importance of reading and the library's central role in promoting this. The Friends were fortunate to partner with Nichols College last fall to flesh out the idea for the library. The Nichols' Event Planning and Marketing course focused on how the library could develop and market the Books in Bloom concept. The students enthusiastically supported the event and provided valuable advice.

If you are a local restaurant, the Friends are asking you to consider providing your signature bite at the event. They are in the process of contacting local restaurateurs. If you are a florist, garden club member, church floral designer, business, or creative home decorator, they ask you to consider interpreting a book in flowers. Library patrons soon will be invit-

ed to name their favorite book. There will be a drawing in March by library staff to select the book they will design in flowers for the event.

Tickets for Bites, Books, and Blooms are \$50 and will be on sale shortly at the library. For more information or to express interest in participating, contact the Friends at friendsofthegladyskellylibrary@gmail.com.

Watch for additional events that are being planned around Bites, Books, and Blooms. While the fundraiser is on Thursday, April 27, the floral exhibits will be available for viewing by the community through April 29.

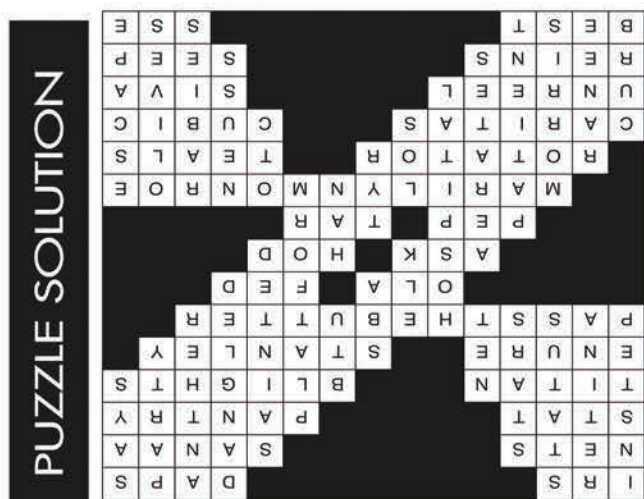


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Tax collector
- 4. Fishes without the line touching water
- 8. Brooklyn hoopsters
- 10. Actress Lathan
- 11. A metric for athletes
- 12. Food storage location
- 13. Colossus
- 15. Desolations
- 16. Accustom to something unpleasant
- 17. ___ Kubrick, filmmaker
- 18. You might ask this at Thanksgiving
- 21. Arkansas city
- 22. Gave food to
- 23. Request
- 24. V-shaped open trough
- 25. Make lively
- 26. It accompanies feather
- 27. Blonde bombshell
- 34. One who revolves
- 35. Bluish greens
- 36. Charity
- 37. Having the shape of a cube
- 38. Unwind
- 39. Believed by some to be the supreme being
- 40. Checks or guides
- 41. Leak slowly through
- 42. Top-quality
- 43. Midway between south and southeast

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Part of your foot
- 2. It's at the back of the eyeball
- 3. Where things stand
- 4. Offered
- 5. Contains pollen
- 6. Boisterous get-together
- 7. Asserts out loud
- 9. They're in the sky
- 10. Canonized
- 12. A politician's official stances
- 14. It can catch fish
- 15. British thermal unit
- 17. Helps little firms
- 19. Where patients go for treatment
- 20. Large red deer
- 23. Pokes holes in
- 24. "Star Wars" hero Solo
- 25. One in a hospital
- 26. Scandinavian god of battle
- 27. Famous cat
- 28. ___ Angeles: City of Angels
- 29. Type of drug (abbr.)
- 30. City along the Rhine
- 31. Animal disease
- 32. Martini ingredients
- 33. Get away
- 34. Rare species of rodent
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Gladys E. Kelly Library awarded Malser grant in support of One Book One Community program

WEBSTER — The Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library have been awarded two grants in support of the One Book One Community program. The grants from the Janet Malser Humanities Trust and the

Webster Cultural Council will allow the Friends to bring nationally known author Peter Heller to Webster to speak about his work.

The Malser and the Cultural Council grant awards support the mis-

sion of the One Book One Community program, which is to bring the community together around a common reading and in person discussion. During this time of isolation and fragmentation, the library is a

place where all are welcome and all opinions are respected.

An award winning author and veteran outdoorsman, Heller is a longtime contributor to NPR, Men's Journal and National Geographic.

He is an accomplished adventure writer of fiction and the author of four books of literary nonfiction. His works often reflect his love of nature and his commitment to preserving the environment. Heller will

be at the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library to speak about his novel The Dog Stars, a novel about survival and what it means to be fully human, on Thursday, May 18.

Raegan Peck named to President's List at Plymouth State University

PLYMOUTH, New Hampshire — Raegan Peck of Dudley has been named to the Plymouth State University President's List for the Fall 2022 semester. To be named to the President's List, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.7 or better for the Fall 2022 semester and must have attempted at least 12 credit hours during the semester. Peck is a Allied Health Sciences major at Plymouth State.

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Trinity Semo of Dudley named to Provost's List at Hofstra University

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — Trinity Semo of Dudley achieved a perfect 4.0 GPA during the Fall 2022 semester, earning a spot on the Provost's List at Hofstra University. Trinity's major is Dance.

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WEBSTER POLICE LOG

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests from Jan. 8-21.

Quinn Schuler, age 20, of Woodstock, Conn. was arrested on Jan. 8 for Use of an Electronic Device While Operating a Motor Vehicle and in connection with a warrant.

Micah A. Parker, age 29, of Moosup, Conn. was arrested on Jan. 9 for Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended Registration and in connection with a warrant.

Kaleb Ryan O'Donnell, age 22, of Dayville, Conn. was arrested on Jan. 10 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, Carrying a Dangerous Weapon, a Marked Lanes violation, and Possession of a Class B Drug.

Jessica D. Cullum, age 38, current address unknown, was arrested on Jan. 11 for Possession of a Class A Drug (subsequent offense) and in connection with multiple warrants.

Ross Thomas Peterson, age 48, of Pontiac, Mich. was arrested on Jan. 12 for Identity Fraud, Attempted Larceny from a person aged 60 or older and/or Disabled, Possession and/or Use of a False or Stolen RMV Document, and multiple counts of Receiving Stolen Property valued at more than \$1,200.

Charlie A. Kaiser, age 35, of Webster was arrested on Jan. 13 for Assault & Battery.

A 31-year-old male from Charlton whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Jan. 13 for Assault with a Dangerous Weapon, Carrying a Dangerous Weapon, and Assault on a Family or Household Member.

A 29-year-old male from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication on Jan. 13 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member and Assault & Battery on a Pregnant Victim.

Porfirio Cuba, Jr., age 29; Porfirio Cuba Mercado, age 46; and Denissa M. Diaz, age 35, all of Worcester, were arrested

on Jan. 14 for Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon, Assault & Battery causing Serious Injury, Disorderly Conduct, and Disturbing the Peace.


Michael Pantoja, age 54, of Killingly, Conn. was arrested on Jan. 15 in connection with a warrant.

Mary Wheeler, age 22, of West Boylston was arrested on Jan. 18 for Assault & Battery on a Police Officer, Disorderly Conduct, Disturbing the Peace, and multiple counts of Assault.


A 37-year-old male from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Jan. 18 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member and Intimidation of a Witness, Juror, Police Officer, or Court Official.

Tomasz Libuda, age 45, of Webster was arrested on Jan. 21 in connection with multiple warrants.

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DWC to host resin art event

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Wednesdays @ 11:00AM
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Thursday 5:30PM - 7:30PM and Friday 10:00AM-12:00PM
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LEGO CLUB
Mondays @ 4:00PM
Come join us each week for a different Lego challenge, from writing your name in Legos to making a Lego zipline. Ages 5+

POKEMON CARD TRADING
Tuesdays @ 4:00PM
Children are invited to bring their Pokemon cards for informal card trading and discussion.

ARTHROPOD PETTING ZOO
Saturday, January 21 11:00AM-Noon
Come and see Professor Bugman and his arthropod petting zoo! You will be able to see and touch different arthropods. This is geared for children ages 5-11. There is a limit of 30 children, please register!

Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

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ADULT BOOK GROUP
Monday, January 23 6:00PM-7:00PM
All are welcome to join our adult book group for a discussion of this month's title, *The Chancellor: The Remarkable Odyssey of Angela Merkel*. Copies of this month's title are available at the circulation desk one month prior to the meeting.

WORKING WITH CENSUS REPORTS TO FIND YOUR FAMILY
Thursday, January 26 6:00PM-7:45PM
Genealogist Seema Kenney will present useful information on the purpose of the census, the instructions and methods for the enumerators, and the hidden gems you find when reading the entire page and putting your ancestors' information into historical context. Each leads to additional sources to be researched for verification and added information.

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WINTER AFTERNOON STORYTIME
Monday, January 30 5:00PM-6:00PM
Join Ms. Lida for a special afternoon storytime! Geared for ages 3-6.

Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

ALL THINGS CHOCOLATE WITH MARIA BRANDRIFF
Thursday, February 2 6:30PM-7:45PM
Chocolatier Maria Brandriff of Pure 'n' Sinful Chocolates will present this program on all things chocolate, including chocolate varieties and a demonstration of chocolate making, just in time for Valentine's Day. Generous samples will be provided! Space is limited, so registration is required for this free program.
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ANIMAL ADVENTURES
Saturday, February 4 11:00AM-Noon
Learn about the 8-10 live animals that will visit the Pearle for this program and even have the chance to touch them! Open to all ages - children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

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CHAIR YOGA WITH JULIE
Saturday, February 4 12:30PM-1:30PM
Instructor Julie St. Francis will lead a chair yoga class for all ages. Chair yoga is a gentle practice in

which poses are performed while seated or with the aid of the chair, and is perfect for seniors or those with mobility issues.

Free; sponsored by the Friends of the Library.
Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL
Monday, February 6 5:00PM-6:00PM
All tweens and teens in grades 6-12 are invited to join.

Why join? You will gain valuable leadership skills. You can meet new people. You can earn volunteer hours (please bring your form).

Pizza and drinks will be served!
All children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

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BAD MOVIE OF THE MONTH: THE BLACK SCORPION

Thursday, February 9 6:00PM-7:30PM
There are thousands of wonderful movies in the world. Movies that will make you cry, lift your spirits, and inspire you. These are not those movies.

Join us for a showing of "The Black Scorpion" (1957). A volcano releases giant insects, including the eponymous scorpions, which terrorize the populace.

Free. Popcorn and bottled water provided.
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VALENTINE'S PAINT CLASS
Saturday, February 11 11:00-1:00PM
Returning favorite Jean Walker will lead a Valentine's themed paint class.

This class is intended for those 16 years of age and older.

Space is limited, so registration is required.
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VALENTINE'S DROP-IN CRAFT FOR KIDS
Monday, February 13 5:00PM-7:00PM
Drop in and make a Valentine craft that you can give to your Valentine (or your family).

Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

DEB'S SING AND SWING
Thursday, February 16 10:30AM-11:15AM

This is an 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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Adult Programming
SPICE CLUB – Beginning in January
A five-month series, each month will feature a new spice, recipes, and cookbooks. Stop by the lobby to grab a sample of that month's spice, then take it home and cook! January's spice is Cardamom.

FRIENDS FEATURED AUTHOR BOOK SALE – Ongoing
Need a thriller over the holidays? Featured authors Tom Clancy, Stephen Fry, and Eric Lustbader. Fill a grocery bag for \$3.00!

YOGA WITH JULIE – January 28th
February 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th at 9:30 AM

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, rest and relaxation. Classes are free. Sponsored by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

HISTORY OF NINTENDO—ADULT PROGRAM—February 9th at 5PM

Players will be able to learn about how Nintendo started and see how the iconic console evolved to where it is today. All Nintendo systems from NES to Switch are available to play throughout the exhibit on old-school CRT TVs. There is also a relic table of rare Nintendo equipment on display (non-playable). At the end of the exhibit, players will have the chance to play all the OG Nintendo games on Switch emulators. Drop in any time between 5 and 8 PM!

FUN FUSED GLASS WORKSHOP

Join us in welcoming Deenie a glass artist! She will be bringing supplies to create dichroic fused glass pendants, magnets, or a combination of both. 30 participants total. This is an inter-generational program. Ages 9 and up. Ages 9 through 12 must be accompanied by an adult. For safety reasons! The pendant will be brought back to Deenie's house to be kiln-fired. The projects will then be brought back 8 days later. Registration opens January 25th. Please visit our website to register!

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP—February 27th at 6:30 PM

This month's book discussion

will be on Monday, February 27th at 6:30 PM in the Library's Community Room. The Group will be discussing This Tender Land by William Kent Krueger. Stop by the library, or reach out by phone at 508-949-3880, or by email to rcox@cwmar.org for inquiries.

COOKBOOK CLUB—February 28th at 6:00 PM

A book club for people who like to cook- and eat! Each month will feature a new cookbook. Take home this month's pick, choose a recipe and bring what you make to the next meeting! We welcome all cooking abilities! This month's cookbook is Dessert Person! Swing by the front desk to pick one up!

Children's and Young Adult Programming

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

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!

MINI STEM-CHALLENGE – Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30 PM

Join us every Tuesday for a self-guided STEM-based building challenge, appropriate for all ages. Younger kids should bring a parent. Instruction sheets will be provided. Contact Andrew at 508-949-3880, or

atai@cwmar.org for more details.

STEM BEGINNINGS PRE-K CLASS – January 25th and February 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd at 10AM

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How do we pray?

EDITORIAL

Winter travel through the years

The first big storm of the season has come and gone, leaving us with anywhere from three to 12 inches of snow, depending on where you are. As with most things, we like to think about how our ancestors handled certain situations. It was during a snowy drive last winter that this writer became grateful for studded snow tires and heat. That experience prompted thoughts about how those who came before us dealt with travel during snowstorms.

During the winter of 1717, a storm dumped four feet of snow, creating snowdrifts of up to 25 feet. Passing through the snow-covered roads was too much for a postman who traded his horse for a pair of snowshoes. Objects similar to skis were attached to carriages as a means of winter transportation.

Streets had to be passable for wood and food deliveries. When the roads were not passable townspeople would gather together in large groups and dig out a path. The snow was placed into the back of a horse-drawn cart by gangs of men and driven to the closest river to be dumped. Salt was also used on streets, but many people complained because it ruined their shoes and clothes.

Fast forward to 1840, when the first snowplow patent came to be. It wasn't until 1862 that the first snowplow was put into use. The plow was attached to a cart and pulled by a team of horses. Soon after, many cities began to use the horse-drawn snowplow.

Typically, the use of the horse-drawn plow was only used to clear main streets, leaving side streets and sidewalks snowed in by large piles often blocking entrances to businesses. Many business owners actually brought lawsuits against the plowing companies as a result because their customers could not gain access to the storefronts.

The solution to that conundrum, was the hiring of snow shovelers to accompany the plow. The blizzard of 1888, however, was too much for the "modernized" plow, leaving many people trapped inside their homes. This emergency was the catalyst cities needed to begin coming up with a better plan for snow removal. One idea was to stay on top of the storm as it started, instead of waiting for it to end. Different men driving the plows were assigned to certain neighborhoods as well.

The invention of the automobile brought with it a crutch and a new possibility as far as snow removal went. The crutch being that an entirely new method needed to be engineered and put into use. In New York, in 1913 a dump truck could be seen on city streets. Seven years later the first snow loader, came on to the scene. It had a big scoop with a conveyor belt. The snow would go into the scoop via the belt, then dumped into the back of the truck. From there, off to the river it went.

It wasn't until 1959 when the weather was able to be predicted more accurately, allowing towns and cities to better prepare for any incoming storms.

Reading old diaries of our New England ancestors gives the perfect window as to what it was like to experience a bitter cold winter, prior to modern practices. A shining example is the quote below from literary critic Van Wyck Brooks.

"All praise to winter, then, was Henry's feeling. Let others have their sultry luxuries. How full of creative genius was the air in which these snow-crystals were generated. He could hardly have marveled more if real stars had fallen and lodged on his coat. What a world to live in, where myriads of these little discs, so beautiful to the most prying eye, were whirled down on every traveler's coat, on the restless squirrel's fur and on the far-stretching fields and forests, the wooded dells and mountain-tops, -these glorious spangles, the sweepings of heaven's floor."

— The Flowering of New England, 1815-1865

"Teach me to pray."
 It seems like a simple request, since everyone says they pray. And yet, the disciples of our Lord knew that prayer wasn't so easy. They watched Jesus pray all night long. Certain illnesses they couldn't cure because Jesus said to them they needed to "pray and fast" more. John the Baptist taught his disciples how to pray, and Jesus' disciples wanted to learn as well. Of course, as Jews, the disciples knew about prayer. All Jews prayed to God. They went to their local synagogues and prayed. When they had the opportunity, they went to the temple in Jerusalem and offered prayers. They have a rich historical tradition with many magnificent prayers – the psalms of King David being among the most beautiful prayers ever written.

And yet, the disciples watched Jesus pray, and wanted to learn more. "Teach me to pray." The disciples understood that prayer, as simple as it may seem, was in fact a difficult spiritual exercise, and they wanted to learn how more about it.

Once, some desert monks asked Abba Agathon, "Among all our different activities, which is the virtue that requires the greatest effort?" To which he answered quite clearly, "There is no labor greater than praying to God. For every time a person wants to pray, the demons try to prevent him; for they know that nothing obstructs them so much as prayer to God. In everything else that a person undertakes, if he perseveres, he will attain rest. But in order to pray, a person must struggle to his last breath."

Sincere prayer is a moment when we commune with God, and the last thing the devil wants us to do is connect with our Creator. Prayer is the most intimate, personal contact we can have with our Lord. In pure and sincere prayer, we connect with God in the most dynamic and authentic way. And not only do we connect and commune with Him, but we open up our hearts to receive His Spirit and become one with Him in eternity. This is why St. Gregory the Theologian wrote, "We need to pray even more than we need to breathe." Prayer is the very air we breathe when we walk with God.

Now, prayer may seem simple as we teach our children to pray. Prayer, however, is also a science and art that we need to practice and practice more as we mature and grow in our spiritual lives. No one can ever say they've reached perfection in the art of prayer. The more we pray, and the more pure we pray, the more we open up our hearts to the infinite grace of our eternal Creator. Thus, the deeper and more pure our prayer can become.

So then, how do we pray? Jesus tells the story of the Pharisee and the Tax-Collector. A Pharisee was a well respected religious leader who supposedly knew all about prayer. He went every day to the Temple to pray. He followed every detail of the Law of Moses. He generously gave 10% of his wealth to the Temple. He fasted twice a week. He tried to stay away from any evil acts and to obey God's law. From an external perspective, the Pharisee was a model of a faithful Jew during the time of Jesus.

Yet in this story, when the



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Pharisee goes up to the temple to pray, he stands in the front of the temple with hands lifted high, offering a prayer filled with pride. "I thank you that I am not like other men," he prays. "Not like extortioners, the unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax-collector." The arrogance and self-righteous attitude of the Pharisee poisons and corrupts any effort of sincere prayer. He forgets that he stands before His Creator who already knows everything, and before whom no one can stand as righteous.

Who are we and what is anything we do compared to God Himself? Yet, so

often in our prayers, whether our private prayers at home or in our communal prayers here at Church, we forget that we actually stand in the presence of the Almighty One, the Creator of heaven and earth. We forget the deep reverence, awe and respect we must have when we stand before our Maker. Any sense of pride or self-righteousness is a cancer to our prayers.

The Tax-Collector, on the other hand, doesn't simply speak to himself, as the Pharisee does. The tax-collector understands that he is a sinful man, one who has stolen from others, and someone who has acted in a dishonest and dishonorable way. He wasn't someone who fasted and gave to the poor. He rarely, if ever, went to the temple to pray. On this particular day, however, the Spirit of God moved this tax collector to go into the temple and offer a simple prayer. He falls on the ground and offers the humble prayer "God, be merciful to me a sinner."

Jesus says that God received the humility of his prayer and the sincerity of his offering.

Authentic prayer is all about humbly understanding that we stand before our Creator, and we have nothing to offer Him but our own broken, sinful self. What can we offer to God that He hasn't already given us? How have we lived up to the potential God that has given us? Others may look at us and think that we are something special, but God knows exactly who we are, what He has given us, and what our potential is. No one should dare think that they have fully lived up to the potential that God has given them, and thus no one should stand with pride and self assurance before the throne of God.

The tax collector understood that when we enter the presence of our Lord and come before Him in prayer, the most powerful prayer we can offer Him is one with utter humility, one which simply says, "God, be merciful to me a sinner. Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me a sinner."

Saint Kosmas Aitolos understood this when he advised that "the two wings needed to fly to paradise are humility and love." Without such humility and sincere love, our prayers end up as empty words.

There are many lessons that we may learn about prayer. It is a spiritual discipline we must struggle to learn and master over our lifetime. Let us begin with the most basic and fundamental prayer, which we can humbly repeat throughout the day: "O God, be merciful to me a sinner."

A heartfelt thank you



CHIEF'S CORNER

STEVE WOJNAR

This is one column I never anticipated I would be writing. After 34 years with the Dudley Police Department, including 20 of them as the Chief, my time has come to retire and move on to new adventures in life. Change is never easy; however, I have the good fortune of being surrounded by great people, both personally and professionally, and I am looking forward to what lies ahead. Since this is my last official "Chief's Corner," I wanted to take the time to simply say thank you.

In the spring of 2003, a new Police Chief approached two local newspapers, The Webster Times and The Patriot, and presented an idea of a weekly question and answer column. Both papers took a chance on a young police chief and embraced this new idea. Social media and on-line services were in their infancy. Most people got their news from the print media. Articles were faxed in each week and the staff members did a great job re-typing them and putting the entire paper together. When my first column appeared in the Patriot, a typo got the article off to a hilarious start. When my opening line said, "Hello to citizens of Dudley," one missing letter wished them "Hell" by mistake. This certainly got everyone's attention and got the column off to a flying start. Early on, getting questions, finding the time to research the answers, and putting it together each week was a bit of a challenge. It quickly became popular and part of my weekly routine. Twenty years later, it is still hard for me to believe the impact this column had on so many people. I hear from many, and I truly appreciate the positive feedback I have received over the years. I am approached at places such as the grocery store, with comments from many who look forward to reading this column. Probably most satisfying was providing people who were not comfortable speaking to a police officer, the opportunity to do so without being a "bother." Many have wondered about a particular issue, and they were pleased to receive some information that was helpful. It gives me great satisfaction knowing they saw me as someone approachable to speak with.

Never hesitate as a citizen to reach out to your local police department. We have all taken an oath to protect and serve. The job is certainly more challenging than ever with outside factors and the demands placed upon the profession. Good people have stepped up to take on this difficult job and I have the greatest respect for those who choose the profession that has been so good to me. Knowing we have the support of the community is crucial. Dudley is very fortunate to have some great men and women working for the department and I know the community is in good hands moving forward with Chief Marek Karłowicz. He is a great person and police officer, and I have full confidence he will do well moving the department into the future. He will be introducing his own style of community awareness soon.

Thank you to the many people who have contributed to my career and the success of this column. I have been very fortunate. First and foremost is my wife Christine, who has been a tremendous supporter and asset in my life. My children, the rest of my family, friends, and community members have constantly been there to help whenever needed. The community has always been supportive of the department and me. Whether it was early on in my tenure as chief, when certain individuals were trying to fire me for their own personal gain, or when I faced the challenge of cancer, the outpouring of support that I received was beyond anything I could have possibly imagined. You will never know the impact this had on my life and career. Everyone from the children, schools, community groups, seniors, and people from all walks of life have in some way made my job easier. I thank you all for being there for these many years. It has been quite a ride and certainly has been a privilege and honor to have served as the Dudley Police Chief.

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Watch out for tax season scams

It's that time of year when we do our taxes — but it's also the same time that tax scammers go to work. What scams should you watch for — and how can you avoid being victimized?

Sadly, the list of scams is pretty long, including demands for payment or requests for "additional information" pertaining to your tax refund, in which the sender asks for your Social Security number and other personal information. These scam emails can look quite official, often incorporating the IRS logo. You might also receive scam text messages containing bogus links claiming to be the IRS Web site or an online "tool" that can help process your refund faster.

But keep these points in mind:

The IRS generally won't contact you by phone and won't contact you by email, text messages or social media channels to ask for personal or financial information. The IRS begins most correspondence to taxpayers through regular mail delivered by the U.S. Postal Service.

The IRS won't call to



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demand you make an immediate payment through a pre-paid debit card or wire transfer. If you owe taxes, the IRS generally will mail you a bill. And the IRS won't threaten to bring in the police or another law enforcement group to arrest you for not paying your taxes.

In general, be extremely skeptical about any type of communication purporting to be from the IRS that sounds bullying or over-inquisitive — and certainly don't give out any personal or financial information. But these fake messages aren't the only tax-season scams out there.

You might even receive a direct deposit from what appears to be the U.S. Treasury Department — but if you weren't expecting it, something's likely not right. This payment could be a sign

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Appreciate your rod & gun club



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Many people are happy with this winter's almost snowless season, but Ice fishing anglers are not happy about the absence of safe ice to fish on. The long range forecast is not looking good for ice fishing locally, but a couple of anglers packed their gear and traveled to the Northern part of Maine, and found six to eight inches of ice to fish on, and had a great time fishing. You've got to do what you've got to do!

The Mass. bear season ended with 223 bear being harvested during the three season hunt. Most bear were harvested in the western part of the state. It seems a bit low from the previous few years. The results of the 2021 deer season in Mass. pertaining to the Covid testing done at local stations, showed that 28 percent of the deer tested positive. The results of the 2022 deer harvest in Mass. has not been released as of this writing, but should be available any day now. There sure was a lot of big bucks taken this year.

Local clubs are planning their wild game suppers. A few clubs will not be having a game supper this year, but



Courtesy

This week's picture shows a dad and his daughter ice fishing at a fishing derby at the Whitinsville fish & Game Club a couple of years ago! She was Jig Fishing & landed an impressive rainbow trout. She would love to fish again this year, but there is no ice!

the Whitinsville Fish & Game club announced Feb. 18 for this year's big day. The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club will also have their game supper this year. Tickets are now available and can be purchased at the club. These events are sold out quickly every year. Do not be left out!

Upcoming fishing shows include Tried & True fishing show on Feb. 4 & 5 in Westport Mass.! Location of the show is at Whites of Westport, Sportsmen's show at the Big E on Feb. 24-26, and the Fishing show on Jan. 28 & 29 in Boxborough, Mass. this weekend!

The Whitinsville Fish & Game Club held their annual Founders Day prime roast beef dinner this past Saturday, which was well attended. More than 80 members and guests enjoyed a prime Roast Beef dinner, put on by numerous club members. Only a few club founders remain, as most have passed on, but are remembered by the new members every day they hunt & fish on the property, or they trap shoot, use the pistol range, archery range etc.! The founders of most Rod & Gun clubs had the vision to acquire open space and develop it by building Club houses, trout ponds, ranges, that in today's world would almost be impossible. Back in the '50's and '60's, numerous opportunities to buy open space for back taxes, and could be bought for \$1,000 per 100 acres or more. The Whitinsville Fish & Game club

and the Blackstone valley Beagle Club land were a couple of clubs that purchased acreage for back taxes. Today, these two clubs are enjoying their property and all of the hunting and fishing activities that were left for future generations. Every time new members join one of these clubs, they should remember all of the hard work that was done by previous members.

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club also had members that had the foresight to buy land and build a clubhouse and all of the things that sportsmen need to have. There is little or no land that is affordable to build these special places for sportsmen and women today. The next time you visit your club to shoot fish, you should take a moment to appreciate all of the work that past members did to make it possible.

Marine fisheries are looking to cut more species of fish like Haddock, Cod, Mackerel, from the daily limits of recreational anglers and there is little that can be done to stop it. They have managed to cut recreational angler limits every year, but still allow commercial fishing boats to take more fish and longer fishing seasons. They have managed to separate charter boat anglers from the recreational boat anglers, allowing charter boats to have larger limits than the private boats. It is never going to stop.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Grow a beautiful indoor succulent garden



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Succulents are low-maintenance houseplants that add interest and beauty to indoor décor.

It's no surprise that succulents, including cacti, are popular. These easy-care houseplants come in a variety of colors, shapes, and sizes making them perfect for any home.

All you need is a lot of light and benign neglect to raise healthy and beautiful succulents. Place the plants near an unobstructed south-, west- or east-facing window.

Don't let a lack of light stop you from enjoying these beautiful plants in your home. You'll find many attractive options for displaying your plants while providing the light they need. A single desktop LED plant light, attractive plant light shelves and carts, and furniture-grade light gardens allow you to grow these sun-lovers anywhere in your home.

Grow these plants in cacti and succulent potting mix. These fast-draining mixes help reduce the risk of overwatering which can lead to root rot. Further reduce this risk by

using containers with drainage holes that are only slightly larger than the succulents' root system. Growing them in too large of a container that retains moisture longer can result in root rot, decline, and even the death of your plants.

Water thoroughly whenever the top inch or two of soil is dry. Some gardeners check the soil moisture at the drain hole to ensure it is dry and the plants need to be watered. Always pour off any excess water that collects in the saucer.

Avoid water collecting in the rosette of leaves or the cluster of prickly stems that can lead to crown rot. Use a watering can like the Haws

Indoor Watering Can which has a long narrow spout that allows you to reach under the plants to water just the soil.

Make slight adjustments in your watering regime and growing environment as the seasons change. Adapting to changing conditions will keep your plants healthy and looking their best year-round.

Find a cool, sunny, draft-free location for your cacti and succulents in the fall and winter. Maximize the amount of light the plants receive by moving them to the sunniest, usually south-facing, window in your home. Water thoroughly but only when the top few inches of soil are dry and just often enough to keep the

Annual Cold/Flu Review

It's flu season and time for the annual cold/flu facts column. Read on to review symptom checkers to ID your ailment, along with some natural and proactive methods you can employ to increase your odds of staying healthy this season.

Cold or Flu? You know you're sick, but not sure how sick. Is it a common cold or the dreaded flu? Symptoms can be similar at the beginning of the infection. Since colds and flu are often treated differently, it's important to identify the illness.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), a cold is a milder respiratory ailment that has symptoms that last a few days; the flu can last weeks and result in such serious health problems as pneumonia. While a stuffy nose and aches and pains are symptoms typically present in both colds and flu, a temperature reading can often differentiate the two. A common cold rarely causes a temperature to reach over 101 degrees. Also, body aches are much more common with the flu virus.

Cold Symptoms: Symptoms usually begin with sore throat, runny nose followed by congestion and cough. Mucus may become thicker and darker. A slight fever is possible.



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Cold symptoms usually last for about a week. During the first three days that you have cold symptoms, you are contagious.

Flu Symptoms: Flu symptoms usually come on quicker than cold symptoms are typically more severe. They can include a sore throat, (sometimes hacking) cough, congestion, accompanied by headache, fatigue, chills and fever 102 to 104 degrees. Most symptoms improve in about five days, but fatigue can linger on for a week or more. The flu virus can be contagious from the day before the onset of the virus up to a week after.

How Colds & Flu are spread: Cold and flu viruses are spread when an infected person releases germs in the air via coughing, sneezing and close contact. Cold and flu viruses can live for hours on surfaces such as telephones, desks, door knobs, etc.

The flu is highly contagious as an infected person

can spread flu germs a day before symptoms appear and can remain contagious for up to a week later. Studies show children with the flu virus can be contagious for over a week after onset. A person with a cold or flu is most contagious the first three days of infection, when the virus is most concentrated in nasal secretions. To prevent spreading the flu virus to co-workers and the public in general, the CDC recommends that people with flu stay home for 24 hours after their fever breaks.

Home Remedies: The following remedies are effective "first step" treatments to cold and flu. Symptoms that last more than a few days or become severe should be checked by a physician.

*A hot bath can be a powerful cold chaser and in Chinese medicine very hot baths are used to "sweat" out a cold at its earliest stages. To kick up the detox power of a bath, add a few drops of eucalyptus, rosemary or thyme essential oils to the water.

Note: Check with your doctor before taking a hot bath if you are pregnant, diabetic, have heart disease or other complications.

*Giving colds a two step punch with a double dose of ginger and lemon can relieve cold and flu symptoms.

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From slave to hero

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In 1748, James Armistead was born into the world, and his life was far from ordinary. James was born into slavery, belonging to the Armistead family, a well-established and prominent family in Virginia who owned a vast plantation and many different businesses. Little did they know, this enslaved man would become one of the greatest American heroes

ever.

Amidst the darkness of slavery, James learned to read and write, unlike many of his fellow enslaved people. James's ability to read and write was invaluable as the Revolutionary War was heating up and would prove to be the key that unlocked his path to freedom.

By 1781, the colonies were amid a fierce war for independence against England.

The British, led by the infamous Lord Cornwallis and his army of redcoats, were making devastating raids and attacks on the Continental Army and their cities. Under the command of General George Washington, the colonies fought bravely alongside their French allies, but it seemed as though victory was slipping from their grasp.

To turn the tide of the war, Washington sent the Marquis De Lafayette from France to reinforce the Continental Army's position in Virginia. Lafayette, a seasoned military leader, knew that the Continental Army alone was no match for British forces; he had to think outside the box.

Although enslaved people weren't allowed to fight, Lafayette recruited James; he was determined to utilize every advantage and was eager to learn more about the enemy's plans.

Together they devised a plan to infiltrate the British camp and gather vital information from within. James knew the stakes were high and was willing to take the risk.

James posed as a runaway slave and offered his services to Cornwallis, desperate for a chance to serve the British army, and Cornwallis believed him.

Day after day, as he served dinner to Lord Cornwallis and his generals, he gained their trust and listened in on their secret plans. With every word, he memorized their strategies, studied their maps, and learned their procedures. He was like a fly on the wall, unnoticed but always present, always listening.

Cornwallis and his generals had no idea that the servant before them was not just an enslaved man but a spy working for the Continental army.

As the war was getting closer to the climax, The Battle of Yorktown, every piece of information James gathered was crucial for the Patriots to win. He was determined to help win the war and secure his freedom.

He provided the Marquis with detailed information about the location and strength of British troops, their supply lines, and plans for escape or reinforcement.

Armed with this information, The Marquis launched a bloody siege against the British army in Yorktown. The siege lasted for several weeks, as the Continental Army and the French allies bombarded the British positions with artillery.

The Patriots could anticipate the British's every move and turn the tide of the battle. Defeated, Cornwallis surrendered, and the Battle of Yorktown was over.

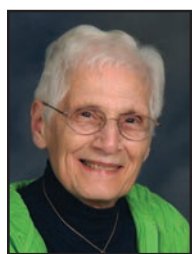
James's bravery and dedication to the cause of freedom for himself and our nation played a vital role in the defeat of the British.

This victory may have never been possible without James's bravery and dedication as a double agent. His actions as a spy during

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OBITUARIES

Virginia A. Iacobucci, 98



Southbridge-Virginia A. (Osimo) Iacobucci, 98, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 17th, in the Southbridge Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center, after an illness.

Virginia was predeceased by her husband, Ralph Roland Iacobucci, on Jan. 28, 1963, and her son, Joseph Ralph Iacobucci, on Nov. 14, 2009. She leaves her daughter, Judith Farland and her husband, Lionel "Nel" Farland of Webster; her daughter in law, Janet Iacobucci of Dover, NH; her sister-in-law, Viola Osimo of Southbridge; her grandchildren, Jason Iacobucci and his wife Kate, Justin Iacobucci and his wife Christine, Jena Sinkewich and Tina Farland; nine great grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, godchildren, cousins and many friends. She was also predeceased by her two sisters, Mary Lapriore and her husband James, Josephine Battista and her husband Albert and her brother William Osimo. Virginia was born in Southbridge the daughter of the later Sabatino and Assunta (Canosa) Osimo.

She worked at the American Optical, Co. in Southbridge as a shipper for many years. A devoted member of St. Mary Church now St. John Paul II Parish. Volunteered teaching the English Language at Jacobs Edwards Library to Laotian families. After teaching these families, Virginia and her Laotian families, became good friends. She was President, Vice President and a very active member of the Society of St. Rita of St. Mary's Parish, a member of the Southbridge Woman's Club and

Chapter 501 SB AARP. She volunteered for many years at St. Mary, now St. John Paul II Parish, Bazaars. She was a Harrington Hospital Volunteer. Family was always a big part of Virginia's life! She loved to get together with family and friends. Enjoyed cooking and entertaining.

Virginia was an avid reader and enjoyed sharing books with family and friends.

Her faith and love for God was primary throughout her life, next to her love for her family.

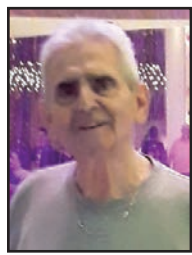
Throughout her life she always had a positive attitude and a big heart to share with everyone. Her favorite saying was "I'm fine".

Virginia's family would like to thank all the wonderful employees and residents at Christopher Heights of Webster. Opening your arms and hearts to her always made Virginia feel a big part of the Christopher Heights family. Also, Southbridge Rehab & Healthcare Center always being there for Virginia and caring so much for her. She loved all of you!

Her funeral was held on Friday, Jan. 20th, from the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, with Mass at 12:00pm in St. Mary's Church of the St. John Paul II Parish, 247 Hamilton St., Southbridge. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Southbridge. A calling hour in the funeral home was held on Friday, Jan. 20th, from 10:30 to 11:30 am, prior to the Mass.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in memory of Virginia Iacobucci to St. John Paul II Parish, 279 Hamilton St., Southbridge, MA 01550 or to Trinity Catholic Academy, 11 Pine St., Southbridge, MA 01550. www.morrillfuneralhome.com

Victor Naum, 82



Victor Naum, 82 of Webster died Saturday Jan. 21 at Southbridge nursing and rehabilitation Victor was born March 5, 1940 in Webster, MA. He is the son of the late Anastasios and the late Blaga (Kuzmanovic) Naum. He lived all his life in Webster and enjoyed several years on Webster lake.

He is survived by his children two daughters Rebecca Naum, Kristina Naum Mejia, both of Ft. Lauderdale and Nicholas Naum of Worcester.

His life long friend and caregiver at his side for the past 18 years, Dorothy Whitney of West Warwick, RI; 5 grandchildren Symphony,

Miranda, Hailey, Fallon and Corey. Several nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his brother, James Naum, and brother, John Naum.

Victor was an industrial cleaner of carpets and rugs in Worcester for twenty years before retiring due to illness. He enjoyed a day at the races. He was a member of Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church.

The funeral will be held Friday Jan. 27, at 11 AM Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel, 33 Schofield Ave., Dudley, MA with Rev. Luke A. Veronis officiating burial will follow in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Webster, MA. A calling hour Friday morning from 10 to 11 AM.

In lieu of flowers donations to Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church 35 Lake parkway Webster, MA 01570

Stacy Kim (Bryan) Baton 54

Webster- Stacy Kim (Bryan) Baton 54, passed away January 7, 2023 at UMass/Memorial Hospital, University Campus in Worcester.

He leaves his wife of 23 years Xiomara Baton, his mother Linda, sons; Christopher, Phillip and Don, a grandson Jeremiah

Step-brothers; Bruce, Brent, Bryan, Blake, Brett and Lance and a sister Dianne.

He was born in Norwich, Ct. on May 31, 1968.

Stacy worked construction for Fowler's Construction and enjoyed 4 Wheelers, cars, Star Wars and helping others.

There were Calling Hours on Sunday, January 23, 2023 from 10 AM until 12(Noon) at the ROBERT J. MILLER FUNERAL HOME and LAKE CHAPEL, 366 School St. Webster.

William T. Herbst, Jr., "Bill"



Webster-William T. Herbst, Jr., "Bill", died at home, Sunday January 15, following a lengthy illness. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Janice (Menard) Herbst; a daughter, Jennifer Herbst, and

his grandson, Kyle Wronski-Herbst, all of Webster, with whom he lived, and his twin sister, Kathleen Lange and her son Gregory.

Bill was born in Worcester, March 28, 1949, the son of William T. and Margaret (Hall) Herbst, Sr. He grew up in Sutton and graduated from Sutton High School. Following graduation, Bill enlisted in the United States Navy, and served four years with the Seabees in Vietnam. Following his tour of duty, he began work at UPS in Shrewsbury where he spent 35 years, retiring as a district manager in 2004.

Bill greatly enjoyed golfing with

friends at area courses. He loved fishing, boating, and woodworking, making model boats and clocks. Most important to him, however, was his family, and the time he spent with them.

Bill was a man with two homes, the water and his family. Each action he took in life was for the sake of his family, and his love and commitment was as bountiful as the sea. His deeds will be held close to his surviving family, and his memory will be cherished always- through love and his sense of humor... along with his stubbornness.

Services will be held at a later date, at the convenience of the family. Carr Funeral Home, 24 Hill St., Whitinsville, is assisting the family with arrangements. To share a memory or condolence, please visit www.carrfuneralhome.com



Shirley A. Kunkel 88

Shirley A. (Sizer) Kunkel 88, passed away January 12, 2023 at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester.

She leaves her husband of 69 years Bernard C. "Buzz" Kunkel, two daughters, Penny and her husband Joe Krawczyk of Dudley and Debbie and her husband Ron DiProffio of Shrewsbury.

A brother George I. Sizer of Webster. She was predeceased by a grandson Todd C. Laskowski and a brother Robert "Buddy" Sizer.

She was born in Oxford, April 26, 1934, daughter of the late Henry R. and Alma Anna (Irwin) Sizer.

Shirley was a full time homemaker, wife and mother and enjoyed gardening, cooking, crocheting and reading.



She was a member of St. Joseph Basilica and attended Bartlett High School.

Calling Hours were Thursday, January 19, 2023 from 6-8 PM at the ROBERT J. MILLER FUNERAL HOME and LAKE CHAPEL, 366 School St., Webster.

The Funeral Mass was held on Friday, January 20, 2023 at 10AM in St. Joseph Basilica, 53 Whitcomb St. followed by burial in St. Joseph Garden of Peace Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to: The American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA. 01701 or The American

Diabetes Association, 1 Bromfield St., Boston, MA. 02108.

Pauline V. Talisman



Southbridge: Pauline V. (Bail) Talisman, 93, passed away on Friday, Jan. 20th in the Lutheran Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center, Worcester after an illness.

Her husband, Michael R. Talisman, died in 2001. She leaves a son, Russell M. Talisman and his wife Deborah of Auburn; a daughter, Michelle G. Talisman and her husband Carleton Waters of Costa Mesa, CA; a nephew, Laurent (Larry) Coutu and his wife Pauline of Mapleville, RI; and a great niece, Michelle Coutu of Pawtucket, RI. She was predeceased by her two sisters, Lorraine Coutu and Theresa Bail. She was born in Southbridge to Hermas and Lillian (Girard) Bail. She was a graduate of the former Mary E. Wells High School.

Pauline served the town of Southbridge as its Assistant Town Clerk for many years until her retirement in 1997. After her retirement she dedicated much of her time as a member of the Harrington Auxiliary of Harrington Memorial Hospital in Southbridge and received the President's Volunteer Service Award in recognition of her commitment. She was also a member

of the Community Organ Club, the Southbridge Women's Club, the Red Hat Society, and the Tuesday Club on Webster Lake. When her children were young Pauline was a Cub Scout Den Mother, a Brownie Leader and a Girl Scout Leader.

The family wishes to offer heartfelt thanks to the organizations and their teams who cared for Pauline in her last years. The Lutheran Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center has been her home for the last three years and they have consistently offered understanding and compassionate care throughout her time there. In the final days of her life, Notre Dame Hospice provided support to her and the family as she slipped away, never wavering in the exceptional care provided by all members of the team.

Her funeral service will be held on Friday, Jan. 27th, at 11:00am in the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge. Burial will follow in New Notre Dame Cemetery, Southbridge. A calling hour in the funeral home will be held on Friday, Jan. 27th, from 10:00 to 11:00 am, prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Harrington Auxiliary, 100 South Street, Southbridge, MA 01550. www.morrillfuneralhome.com

Cynthia H. (Marean) Young, 76



OXFORD - Cynthia H. (Marean) Young, 76, of Sibley Circle, died Tuesday, December 6, 2022, in her home after a long and courageous battle with cancer. She was predeceased by her husband of 28 years,

Roland "Butch" W. Young Jr. who died in 2014. She is survived by her sister, Evelyn L. Ferraro of Worcester; her special sister-in-law, Paulette E. Masse of Millbury; two brothers-in-law, Robert Young of Florida and John Young of Douglas, special nephews and nieces, James Ferraro and his wife Scarlett, Robyn Ferraro, Scott Masse, and Monique Boulette; her stepson, Roland W. Young III of Virginia; many great nephews and nieces; and her beloved dog, Lily. She was born in Worcester, daughter of the late Frank C. and Catherine V. (Hamilton) Marean Jr., and lived in Worcester, Webster, and Dudley, before moving to Oxford in 1991. She graduated from North High School in Worcester in 1967.

Mrs. Young worked at N.G.M. Insurance Company in Auburn for

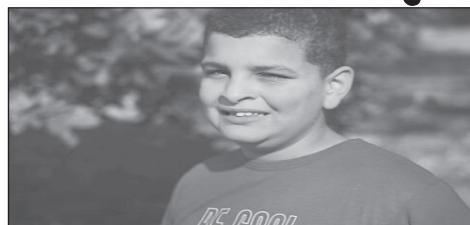
28 years, retiring in 2012. She worked in the banking industry throughout her life. She enjoyed vacationing in Maine and spending time in Branchport, NY. Mrs. Young and her husband Butch enjoyed many activities together, including traveling, riding motorcycles, and boating. Most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her family and her dogs.

The family would like to thank Notre Dame Hospice for the exceptional care they gave Cindy over the past several months.

A memorial calling hour will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2023, from 10-11 a.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. A prayer service will be held at 11:00 a.m. at the conclusion of the calling hour. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 3 Speen St., Suite 250, Framingham, MA 01701, or to Second Chance Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 136, 111 Young Rd., East Brookfield, MA 01515.



Friday's Child



Xavier
Age 12

Hi! My name is Xavier and I love being active!

Xavier is a charming young boy of Caucasian, African American and Native American descent. People who know him best describe him as very caring and a hard worker who is eager to succeed with a great sense of humor. When you first meet Xavier, there is a good chance he will share a smile and make you

laugh. Xavier has many interests including art, electronics, LEGO's or anything having to do with building, SpongeBob and Disney movies.

He also loves spending time outdoors, especially if that means shooting hoops at a local basketball court, swimming, building sandcastles, riding his bike, or playing "Dr. Dodge." His dream job is to be a construction worker.

Xavier loves learning, especially if it's interactive! He's a very inquisitive child who is very happy to have conversations with others and ask questions about how different things work. Xavier is described as very bright academically.

Legally freed for adoption, Xavier would thrive in a home where he is the only child or the youngest by many years as he responds well to individualized attention and nurturing. Xavier holds great hopes and dreams about growing up in a loving family with similar interests. He has remained very patient and open-minded about the kind of home he will live in one day. Xavier would love to help care for a dog or other pets and have his own bedroom. A family that is willing to maintain connections with Xavier's biological parents and siblings is important to him as well.

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SPORTS



Nick Ethier

Oxford's Kofi Owusu leaps in the air to catch an inbound pass.



Nick Ethier

Pharell Assizo of Bartlett pushes a chest pass further down the court.



Nick Ethier

Evan Remington of Oxford attempts a hook shot from inside the paint.



Nick Ethier

Bartlett's Colby Williams-Phelan drives the ball down the end line as Oxford's Cam Lavallee defends tightly.

Strong defensive play helps Oxford outlast Indians in overtime

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

OXFORD — The first time the Oxford High and Bartlett High boys' varsity basketball teams met — which was on Monday, Dec. 19 in Webster — the Pirates were able to win a high-scoring affair, 75-68. Oxford head coach Dave Aldrich wanted to make sure, to be able to win this time around, that defense would be a prevalent factor.

"The whole key was to shut down Minarik," Aldrich said of the Indians' Ethan Minarik. "He's averaging 30-something (points per game) and we held him to 22. We went box-and-one and then whichever side he came up on, that top of the box we turned into a triangle and doubled him until he gave it up."

Minarik's 22 points weren't quite enough for Bartlett, as the Pirates won a game that went to overtime, 49-46.

"We're playing great defense, we really are," said Aldrich.

Offensively for Oxford, sharpshooter Brady Margoupis got his fair share of points, finishing with 18, but the interior play of Evan Remington and Cam Lavallee was what got it done.

"Remington had 11 points with 13 rebounds, and Cam Lavallee had 11 points with 10 rebounds," said Aldrich. "We were trying to get the ball inside



Nick Ethier

Bartlett's Mason Sebastyski holds the ball away from harm while looking to make a pass.

Knights of Columbus No. 228 Free Throw Competition Local Winners

Webster Knights of Columbus Council No. 228 held its annual free-throw competition Saturday, Jan. 21 at the All Saints Academy gymnasium. Winners in these age groups will now compete in the District 11 Competition in February. Council No. 228 would like to thank All Saints Academy principal Joan Matys for the use of their gym. Winning competitors were 10-year-old boy, Camden Melendez of Dudley; 11-year-old boy Jordan Ashton of Charlton; and 12-year-old boy Rydyr Finlay of Dudley.



Courtesy photo

Free throw competitors and Knights of Columbus volunteers pose for a photo.

to the bigs because we knew they were going to double-team Brady."

The Pirates have now played 10 games with three ending in overtime. This was Oxford's first OT victory, as they lost to Douglas High in triple overtime (77-74) to open the season and then recently fell to Grafton High (62-54). The Pirates are 7-3, though, and are in good shape halfway through the schedule to qualify for the Clark Tournament and Division 4 State Tournament, which are team goals.

Bartlett, meanwhile, dropped to 4-4 as the Indians have won a game and then lost a game on four consecutive occasions.

"We've got to dig in and keep getting better," said Bartlett head coach Alex Hetherman.

Hetherman added that the team showed something as they trailed at all the stops (11-3 after one quarter, 20-16 at halftime and 31-27) before forcing over-

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Mohegan Bowl winter leagues, week ending Jan. 22

Monday Men's Business
Single — Jon Dufield 142, Jeff Therrien 140, John Grande 137
Series — Ryan Pelletier 357, Tim Labay 352, PJ Janton 345
Series over average — PJ Janton +36

Ten Pin City
Single — Division 1: Joanne LaBonte and Pam McCabe 168
Division 2: Carol Harvard 181
Series — Division 1: Natalie Wood 546
Division 2: Marissa Mink 523

Tuesday Chet's Social
Single — Ryan Pelletier 142, Matt Bergeron 139, Angel Claudio 134, Kathryn Ward 109, Dawn Gleason and Diane Levesque 107, Courtney Boulay 101
Series — Ryan Pelletier 370, Angel Claudio 367, Matt Bergeron 363, Diane Levesque 294, Kathryn Ward 283, Dawn Gleason 280
Series over average — Angel Claudio +67, Kathryn Ward +40

Wednesday Women's Industrial
Single — Tiffany Jarmolowicz 122, Annie Boulos 103, Marie McNally 102
Series — Tiffany Jarmolowicz 289, Annie Boulos 284, Roberta Zacek



279
Series over average — Danielle Weiss +27

Summit Tenpin
Single — Division 1: Bob Hanville 299
Division 2: Donald Altiery 170

Series — Division 1: Bob Hanville 702
Division 2: Carol Harvard 458

Thursday Morning Coffee
Single — Pat Blake 100, Priscilla Piekarczyk 99,

Denise Oles 98
Series — Flo Jedrzyński 268, Priscilla Piekarczyk 267, Barbara Penniman 256
Series over average — Denise Oles +46

Thursday Men's Industrial
Single — Ryan Pelletier 144, Todd MacGrath 131, Bob Parker 124
Series — Ryan Pelletier 418, Dan Mungovan 349, Bo Gauvin 323

Series over average — Dan Mungovan +67

Thursday Mixed Tenpin
Single — Frank Bosma 188, Cary Gay 177, Chris Wong Kam 167
Series — Frank Bosma 534, Chris Wong Kam 492, Cary Gay 457



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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. A \$3.00 donation is appreciated. All meals include milk, bread and fruit or dessert. This week's menu: Tues. 1/31 Buttermilk Chicken, seasoned potatoes, mixed veges. Wed. 2/1 Baked Potato, chili & cheese, broccoli. Thurs. 2/2 Hot Dog, baked beans, coleslaw. Friday, 2/3 Cranberry Chicken Salad, pasta salad, three bean salad.

New Covid-19 Treatment Hotline: Have you tested positive for Covid-19? Telehealth is a quick and free way to see if you're eligible for Covid-19 treatment. Just call 1-833-273-6330. Clinicians are available every day from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm EST.

A SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone) counselor is available at the Senior Center to assist you. Please call (508) 949-3845 for more information.

The Regional Environmental Council has scheduled their Winter Mobile Fresh Produce Markets for Thursdays at the Webster Senior Center, starting Thursday, January 19th from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. Markets will be held every Thursday from January 19th through May 11, 2023.

Join us for a Soup Social on Monday, February 6th at 11:30 am at the Webster Senior Center. Sponsored by Christopher Heights. Please sign up in advance at the Senior Center front desk.

Bomba Beauty is celebrating its one year anniversary on Tuesday, February 7th by holding an Open House from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Come meet Aggie, enjoy coffee & pastry and enter to win a gift certificate!

The Webster Senior Center will be celebrating February birthdays on Wednesday, February 8th at 12:00 pm. Sign up at the Senior Center front desk.

Friends of the Webster Senior Center are sponsoring a Valentine's Day Ice Cream Social on Monday, February 13th from 1:00 – 2:30 pm. Enjoy a karaoke sing along and enter the Feed Your

Heart drawing to win gift cards/certificates for restaurants & groceries. Reservations required – you must sign up at the Senior Center front desk by Friday, February 6th.

Starting Friday, February 3rd you can come kick up your heels at a progressive line dancing class led by Instructor Forty Arroyo! Classes will run for 6 weeks on Fridays from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm. Cost per each class is \$3.00. Please sign up in advance at the Senior Center front desk. All ages are welcome!

Are you interested in playing chess? We now have an informal chess club meeting on Wednesdays at 12:00 pm. All skill levels are welcomed!

The Bomba Beauty Salon at the Webster Senior Center is closed on Mondays. Open Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays 10:00 am – 3:00 pm BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Walk-ins Are Welcome on Wednesdays 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Please call (508) 341-8724 to schedule your appointment!

Mondays and Wednesdays: Exercise Classes with Forty Arroyo – Chair Dancing – the perfect workout for any fitness ability! 9:30-10:30 am. Cost: \$3.00 per class.

Mondays: Knitting/Crochet Social 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

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. Better yet, sign up for lunch, come early and spend the day!

Do you like to play cribbage? Our weekly cribbage group now meets every Thursday at 1:00 pm – feel free to join us!

Calling card players or interested persons to the Webster Senior Center – come join us for 6-card or 13-card pitch! Six card pitch meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm. Thirteen-card pitch meets on Thursdays at 1:00 pm.

Mahjongg group meets every Friday at 1:00 pm – beginners welcome!

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Emmet Cahill, star of PBS Celtic Thunder on Wednesday, March 8th. Trip price of \$119.00 includes transportation, luncheon, meal tax, meal gratuity and show ticket. Our trips sell out quickly so don't wait to reserve your seat! Trip prices do not include bus driver gratuity. Please call the Senior Center at (508) 949-3845 for more information.

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

Senior SAFE is a program that supports fire and life safety education for seniors. The Webster Fire Dept. will do a home visit to ensure that you have the

correct smoke and CO2 alarms and that they are working properly, at no cost to you! All you have to do is give them a call at (508) 949-3875.

Please call the Senior Center at (508) 949-3845 or stop in to pick up our monthly newsletter for a complete list of additional activities and upcoming events.

Assumption students named to University's Dean's List

WORCESTER — Assumption University has announced those who have been named to the University's Dean's List for the fall 2022 semester. Students named to the Dean's List must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 for a minimum of a five-class, 15-credit semester to be included on the prestigious list. The Dean's List is announced at the completion of each fall and spring semester.

Bailey Brescia, Class of 2023, of Oxford
Elizabeth Cormier, Class of 2024, of Webster
Julie Dwyer, Class of 2023, of Webster
Michael Gevry, Class of 2024, of Oxford
Eric Giarnese, Class of

2025, of Dudley
Adam Ide, Class of 2024, of Dudley
Rebecca Jalbert, Class of 2023, of Oxford
Kelly Knutelski, Class of 2023, of Oxford
Brooke Leblanc, Class of 2026, of Dudley
Madison Piehler, Class of 2025, of Webster
Cassandra Pryor, Class of 2024, of Dudley

Assumption University, founded in 1904 by the Augustinians of the Assumption, is New England's premier university for high-quality education, integrating career preparation and education of the whole person, drawing upon the best in the rich and centuries-long tradi-

tion of Catholic higher education. Assumption, located in Worcester, Massachusetts, seeks to provide students with a transformative education that forms graduates who possess critical intelligence, thoughtful citizenship, and compassionate service. The University offers 38 majors and 50 minors in the liberal arts, sciences, business, nursing and professional studies; as well as master's and continuing education degrees and professional certificate programs. For more information about Assumption University, please visit www.assumption.edu.

Isabel Go achieves Dean's List at Belmont University

Dean's List, Isabel Go of Dudley was listed.

Belmont Provost Dr. David Gregory said, "The Dean's List achievement among a majority of Belmont's student body exemplifies our campus commitment to exemplary education and the successful matriculation of our students. It is a privilege to recognize the accomplishments of our students in the academic space, and the University looks forward to the continued support, education and growth of those who have entrusted Belmont to equip them with the necessary tools to thrive at the local, national and global level."

Dean's List eligibility is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours and a quality grade point average of 3.5 with

no grade below a C.

About Belmont University

Located two miles from downtown Nashville, Tennessee, Belmont University comprises nearly 9,000 students from every state and 33 countries. Nationally ranked and consistently recognized by U.S. News & World Report for innovation in higher education, the University offers more than 115 areas of undergraduate study, 41 Master's programs and five doctoral degrees. With a focus on whole person formation and data-informed social innovation, Belmont is committed to forming diverse leaders of character equipped to solve the world's complex problems. For more information, visit www.belmont.edu.

Juliette Dubey named to Dean's List at Plymouth State University

PLYMOUTH, New Hampshire — Juliette Dubey of Dudley has been named to the Plymouth State University Dean's List for the Fall 2022 semester. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must achieve a grade point average between 3.5 and 3.69 during the Fall 2022 semester and must have attempted at least 12 credit hours during the semester. Dubey is a Psychology major at Plymouth State.

About Plymouth State University

Established in 1871, Plymouth State University serves the state of New Hampshire and the world beyond by transforming our students through advanced practices where engaged learning produces well-educated undergraduates and by providing graduate education that deepens and advances knowledge and enhances professional development. With distinction, we connect with community and business partners for economic development, technological advances, healthier living, and cultural enrichment with a special commitment of service to the North Country and Lakes Region of New Hampshire.

Molly Starczewski named to Dean's List at Hofstra University

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — Molly Starczewski of Dudley excelled during the Fall 2022 semester at Hofstra, achieving a GPA of at least 3.5 to earn a spot on the Dean's List. Molly's major is Dance.

Hofstra University is an internationally ranked and recognized private university in Hempstead, N.Y. Hofstra is a dynamic community of nearly 11,000 students dedicated to civic engagement, academic excellence and becoming leaders in their communities and their careers. Our campus is a leafy oasis just a quick train ride away from New York City and all its cultural, recreational and professional opportunities. We offer small classes and personal attention, with the resources, technology and facilities of a large university. Students can choose from more than 165 undergraduate program options and 175 graduate program options in the liberal arts and sciences, education, health professions and human services, the Peter S. Kalikow School of Government, Public Policy and International Affairs, the Fred DeMatteis School of Engineering and Applied Science, the Frank G. Zarb School of Business, the Lawrence Herbert School of Communication, the

Maurice A. Deane School of Law, the Hofstra Northwell School of Nursing and Physician Assistant Studies, and the Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell.

University of New Hampshire announces Dean's List

DURHAM, New Hampshire — The following students have been named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire for the fall 2022 semester.

Sara Forcina of Oxford, earning Honors

Vivian Poplawski of Webster, earning High Honors

Elzbieta Gronek of Webster, earning Highest Honors

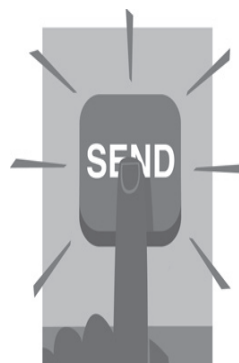
Sydney FitzGerald of Dudley, earning High Honors

Kaylee Galvin of Dudley, earning High Honors

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Ricardo Navedo to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Crescent Mortgage Company, dated May 30, 2013 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 50967, Page 168, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Crescent Mortgage Company, its successors and assigns to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., recorded on December 30, 2020, in Book No. 64108, at Page 387 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 PM on February 10, 2023, on the mortgaged premises located at 87 Shore Drive, Auburn, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT: The land in Auburn on the easterly side of Shore Drive, being lot #75 as shown on Plan of Woodland Park, made by R. J. Donovan, CE., recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Plan Book 45 Plan 13 and bounded and described as follows: On the northwest about seventy (70) feet by said Shore Drive; on the northeast one hundred thirty two (132) feet by lot #74 on said plan; on the southeast about thirty and six tenths (30.6) feet by lot #80 on said plan; and on the southwest about eighty six (86) feet by lots #81 and #82 on said plan. Containing by estimation an area of 3990 square feet of land. Also Lot #74 as shown on the above mentioned plan bounded and described as follows: Northeasterly by lot #73 on said plan about one hundred fifty (150) feet; southeasterly by lot #79 on said plan about thirty and six tenths (30.6) feet; southwesterly by lot #75 on said plan about one hundred thirty two (132) feet northwesterly by said Shore Drive about forty-five (45) feet. Containing by estimation an area of 4230 square feet. Also the land in Auburn in said Worcester County, being the northwesterly part of Lots 79 and 80 on "Plan of Woodland Park, Auburn, Massachusetts 1925" by K. I. Donovan C.E. and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 45, Plan 13 and further bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the most northerly corner of lot 79 on said plan, said point being the most easterly corner of lot 74 on said plan at land now or formerly of the Scandinavian Workers Educations Society, Incorporated; Thence running Southeasterly by the northeasterly line of Lot 79, fifty (50) feet to a point in said northeasterly line of lot 79 on said plan; Thence southwesterly by the remaining portions of lots 79 and 80 on said plan to a point in the southwesterly line of lot 80, which point is fifty (50) feet southeasterly, measured on the southwesterly line of lot 80, from the most westerly corner of said lot 80; Thence northwesterly by said southwesterly line of lot 80, fifty (50) feet to a point at lot 75 on said plan, being land now or formerly of the Scandinavian Workers Educational Society, Incorporated; Thence northeasterly by lots 75 and 74, by land now or formerly of the Scandinavian Workers Educational Society, Incorporated, sixty and 12/100 (60.12) feet to the point of beginning. For mortgagor's(s)' title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 50967, Page 165. These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

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at the sale. WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Present holder of said mortgage By its Attorneys, HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C. 150 California St. Newton, MA 02458 (617)558-0500 22396 January 13, 2023 January 20, 2023 January 27, 2023

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 2C John William Drive #2C, Pond View II Condominium, Auburn, MA 01501

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Nancy Nichols to RBS Citizens, N.A., and now held by Citizens Bank, N.A. f/k/a RBS Citizens, N.A., said mortgage dated May 23, 2013 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 50961, Page 326, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction** on March 1, 2023 at 10:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, **directly in front of the building in which the unit is located**, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The unit ("Unit") known as Unit 2-C John William Drive, Auburn, Massachusetts in the POND VIEW II CONDOMINIUM, a condominium "Condominium" established pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 183A, by Master Deed dated September 17, 1985, and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds at Book 8937, Page 84 (the "Master Deed") which Unit is shown on the floor plans ("Plans") recorded in Plan Book 541, Plan 34 with the Master Deed. The Unit is conveyed together with:

1. An undivided interest of .04762% of the common areas and facilities ("Common Elements") of the Condominium described in the Master Deed, attributable to the Unit. 2. An exclusive right and easement to use any shed, steps, bulkhead or chimney extending from the exterior the Unit as provided in the Master Deed. 3. An exclusive right to use two parking spaces. 4. The exclusive right and easement to use the deck or patio adjacent to such Unit, if any, and to which there is direct access from the interior of such Unit. 5. The exclusive right and easement to use the attic space, if any, above and accessible from such unit. 6. An easement for the continuances of all encroachments by the Unit of any adjoining Units or Common Elements existing as a result of construction of the Condominium, or which may come into existence hereafter as result of settling or shifting of the buildings or of the Unit after damage or destruction by fire or other casualty, or after a taking in condemnation or eminent domain proceedings, or by reason of an alteration or repair to the Common Elements made by or with the consent of the Trustees of Pond View Condominium Trust (the "Trustees") 7. The easement in common with the owners of other Units to use any pipes, wires, ducts flues, cables, conduits, public utility lines, and other common elements located in any of the other Units or elsewhere in the condominium serving the Unit. 8. Rights and easements in common with other Unit Owners as described in the Master Deed.*

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 October 28, 1998 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 20656, Page 359.

Said Unit will be conveyed together with an undivided percentage interest in the Common Elements of said Condominium appurtenant to said Unit and together with all rights, easements, covenants and agreements as contained and referred to in the Declaration of Condominium, as amended.

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

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

Brock & Scott, PLLC

1080 Main Street, Suite 200 Pawtucket, RI 02860 Attorney for Citizens Bank, N.A. f/k/a RBS Citizens, N.A. Present Holder of the Mortgage (401) 217-8701

January 27, 2023
February 3, 2023
February 10, 2023

(SEAL)
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
23 SM 000169
ORDER OF NOTICE

To: Keith M. Paquette and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq): Freedom Mortgage Corporation claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Auburn, numbered 8 Hillside Street, given by Keith M. Paquette, Viki S. Paquette to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Freedom Mortgage Corporation, dated May 4, 2016, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 55380, Page 239, and now held by plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before February 27, 2023 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on January 12, 2023.

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder

22948
January 27, 2023

AUBURN WATER DISTRICT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: DEVELOPMENT OF A SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT AT MUNICIPALLY OWNED WELLFIELD

The Auburn Water District (AWD) is seeking RFP's from qualified and experienced renewable energy Developers interested in implementing one renewable energy system which will guarantee electricity generation to supply renewable electricity to AWD. The Developer will lease AWD land, to develop, own and operate solar energy array and enter into a long-term Alternative On-Bill Credit Purchase Agreement selling the energy output to the AWD.

Copies of the RFP will be available beginning on 1/25/2023 on the AWD website at <https://www.auburnwater.com/forms-and-applications/> and at the District office 9am-2pm M-F. Proposals can be mailed to AWD PO Box 187, 75 Church Street, Auburn MA 01501 and are due March 3, 2023 by 11:00AM. January 27, 2023

TOWN OF DUDLEY Notice to Bidders

The Town of Dudley is requesting bids for the following construction material items for various departments for the period of **January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023.**

ITEM #1 All grades of medium curing asphalt and emulsion type asphalt
ITEM #2 Bituminous concrete, at plant
ITEM #2A Bituminous concrete, in place
ITEM #3 Gravel and Washed screened sand at owner's pit and delivered
ITEM #4 Screened stone at owner's pit and delivered
ITEM #5 Manhole frames & covers, catch basin frames and grates
ITEM #6 Corrugated pipe, steel and aluminum, delivered to highway garage
ITEM #7 Corrugated pipe, polyethylene delivered to highway garage
ITEM #8 Cold Planing
ITEM #9 Stone Sealing
ITEM #10 Pavement Stripping
Bidders of items # 2A & # 9 must be pre-qualified and a Certificate of Approval from Mass Highway.
All materials must conform to Mass Highway Specifications.
Bids will be received by the Chief Procurement Officer in the Dudley Town Hall, 71 West Main St. MA 01571 until 11:00AM on **February 01, 2023**, and at that time they will be opened and read. All envelopes must be sealed and marked **"BID" and appropriate "ITEM #"** indicated.

The Town of Dudley brings to the attention of bidders, Chapter 149, sections 26D & 27D of the Mass. General Laws concerning minimum wage rates where applicable. All bids must be in compliance with all Mass. General Laws. Specifications available at the Selectmen's Office, 71 West Main St, Dudley MA 01571, Monday – Thursday between 9:00a.m. and 4:00p.m., Friday from 9:00a.m. – noon. Specific questions may be addressed to Jeffrey Murray, Highway Superintendent at (508) 949-8020.

The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids/proposals if deemed in the best interest of the Town.

Town of Dudley
Jonathan Ruda
Town Administrator
Chief Procurement Officer
January 20, 2023
January 27, 2023

**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. WO22C03908CA
CITATION ON PETITION TO
CHANGE NAME
In the matter of:
Logan M Cook**

A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by **Logan m Cook of Dudley MA**

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

Jivya Forscythe

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/06/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

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

Date: January 11, 2023

Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate

January 27, 2023

**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. WO23P0085EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

Estate of:

Muriel Cecile Schmidt

**Also known as: Muriel C. Schmidt
Date of Death: 10/31/2022**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Ann L. Schmidt of Dudley MA and Jane E. Neslusan of Webster MA Walter DeAdder of Millbury MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that:

Ann L. Schmidt of Dudley MA and Jane E. Neslusan of Webster MA Walter DeAdder of Millbury 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 02/07/2023.** 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: January 17, 2023

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate

January 27, 2023

LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Brian Lalone and Cheryl A. Lalone** to Beneficial Massachusetts, Inc. dated June 23, 2006, recorded at the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 39256, Page 121; said mortgage was then assigned to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF8 Master Participation Trust by virtue of an assignment dated July 15, 2014, and recorded in Book 52785, Page 37; and further assigned to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for Legacy Mortgage Asset Trust 2018-RPL4 by virtue of an assignment dated March 17, 2021, and recorded in Book 65213, Page 386 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at PUBLIC AUCTION at 12:00 PM on **February 23, 2023**, on the mortgaged premises. This property has the address of 19 Rawson Avenue, Oxford, MA 01540. The entire mortgaged premises, all and singular, the premises as described in said mortgage:

The Land with the buildings thereon situated in said Oxford on the northwesterly side of Rawson Avenue and being shown as Lot #16 on Plan of Lots laid out by Marble and Allen, C.E. in 1897 and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 9, Page 14, and bounded and described according to said plan as follows: Beginning at the most southerly corner of the premises at the most easterly corner of Lot #14 on said plan; thence Northwesterly, one hundred (100) feet by said Lot #14 to land formerly of one Lamson; thence Northeasterly, seventy-five (75) feet by said Lamson land to Lot #18 on said plan; thence Southeasterly, one hundred (100) feet by said Lot #18 to said Rawson Avenue; thence Southwesterly, seventy-five (75) feet by said Rawson Avenue to the point of beginning. Being the same property conveyed from Grayce A. Waddington and Cheryl A. Lalone, no tenancy stated, to Brian Lalone and Cheryl Lalone, husband and wife as T/B/E, by deed recorded 03/28/02, in Book 26262, at Page 394, in the register's office of Worcester County, Massachusetts. Tax Map or Parcel ID No.: 33B-A42

Subject to and with the benefit of easements, reservation, restrictions, and taking of record, if any, insofar as the same are now in force and applicable. In the event of any typographical error set forth herein in the legal description of the premises, the description as set forth and contained in the mortgage shall control by reference. Together with all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property and all easements, rights, appurtenances, rents, royalties, mineral, oil and gas rights and profits, water rights and stock and all fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property. All replacements and additions shall also be covered by this sale.

Terms of Sale: Said premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and assessments, tax sales, tax titles and other municipal liens and water or sewer liens and State or County transfer fees, if any there are, and TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) in cashier's or certified check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of the sale as a deposit and the balance in cashier's or certified check will be due in thirty (30) days, at the offices of Doonan, Graves & Longoria, LLC ("DG&L"), time being of the essence. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

Dated: December 16, 2022 U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for Legacy Mortgage Asset Trust 2018-RPL4

By its Attorney DOONAN, GRAVES & LONGORIA, LLC, 100 Cummings Center, Suite 303C, Beverly, MA 01915 (978) 921-2670 www.dgandl.com 56521 (LALONE)

January 27, 2023
February 3, 2023
February 10, 2023

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 26 Perryville Road, Webster, MA 01570

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Virginia D. Gogolinski to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Genworth Financial Home Equity Access, Inc., and now held by **Reverse Mortgage Funding LLC**, said mortgage dated September 28, 2011 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 47914, Page 339, said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage

Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Genworth Financial Home Equity Access, Inc. to Reverse Mortgage Solutions, Inc. by assignment dated January 25, 2016 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 54873, Page 209; said mortgage was assigned from Reverse Mortgage Solutions, Inc. to Broad Street Funding Trust I by assignment dated August 16, 2018 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 59398, Page 330; said mortgage was assigned from Broad Street Funding Trust I to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee of RMF Buyout Acquisition Trust 2018-1 by assignment dated June 4, 2019 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 60582, Page 143; said mortgage was assigned from Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee of RMF Buyout Acquisition Trust 2018-1 to Reverse Mortgage Funding, LLC by assignment dated November 19, 2021 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 66665, Page 378; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction** on March 1, 2023 at 11:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon of every nature and description and all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, situated in the Town of Webster, County of Worcester, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at an iron pin at the northerly line of Perryville Road fifty three and twenty one hundredths (53.21) feet westerly from a proposed a proposed W. C. H. bound point and at land of William H. Sherwood; Thence N. 18° 16' 28" W. by land of said William H. Sherwood one hundred fifty seven and fifty eight hundredths (157.58) feet to an iron pin; Thence S. 67° 44' 20" W. seventy nine and forty nine hundredths (79.49) feet to an iron pipe; Thence southwesterly one hundred seventy and forty one hundredths (170.41) feet on Goodwin Street, so called, to the northerly line of said Perryville Road; Thence easterly by the northerly line of said Perryville Road one hundred eighty one and sixty five hundredths (181.65) feet to an iron pin and the point of beginning. Less and excepting that parcel that was conveyed to William H. Sherwood in Book 4402 at Page 478 of the Worcester County Registry of Deeds. For Title reference see deed as set forth in Book 6071 at Page 304 of the Worcester County Registry of Deeds.

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 November 18, 1976 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 6071, Page 304.

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

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

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Brock & Scott, PLLC
1080 Main Street, Suite 200
Pawtucket, RI 02860

Attorney for Reverse Mortgage Funding LLC
Present Holder of the Mortgage
(401) 217-8701
January 27, 2023
February 3, 2023
February 10, 2023

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 5 Homestead Avenue, Oxford, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Richard D. Fitzgerald and Jean M. Fitzgerald to Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a Subsidiary of IndyMac Bank, F.S.B., said mortgage dated April 27, 2006, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester) Registry of Deeds, in Book 38906 at Page 1 and now held by Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust by virtue of an assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., A Delaware Corporation,

as mortgagee, as nominee for Financial Freedom Acquisition, LLC, its successors and assigns to Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust dated August 17, 2021 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 65904, Page 133, [for additional AOM's, "previously assigned by Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Financial Freedom Acquisition LLC, its successors and assigns by virtue of an assignment dated September 25, 2009 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 44929, page 138 for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at **Public Auction on February 27, 2023 at 11:00 AM Local Time** upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

OXFORD, WORCESTER COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS, ON THE WESTERLY SIDE OF HOMESTEAD AVENUE, SHOWN AS LOT 5 ON A PLAN ENTITLED "PLAN OF HOMESTEAD ESTATES, OXFORD, MASSACHUSETTS OWNED AND DEVELOPED BY LESLIE J. CHAFFEE", RECORDED WITH THE WORCESTER DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS, PLAN BOOK 255, PLAN 95, AND BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE WESTERLY SIDE OF HOMESTEAD AVENUE AT THE SOUTHEASTERLY CORNER OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED PREMISES AND AT A POINT ON LOT 3 AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAN.

THENCE NORTH 75° 55' WEST BY SAID LOT 3, A DISTANCE OF 130 FEET TO A POINT AT LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF FAIRLAWN REALTY COMPANY;

THENCE NORTH 14° 05' EAST BY LOT 22 AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAN, 100 FEET TO A POINT AT LOT 7;

THENCE SOUTH 75° 55' EAST BY LOT 7, A DISTANCE OF 130 FEET TO THE POINT ON THE WESTERLY SIDE OF HOMESTEAD AVENUE; THENCE SOUTH 14° 05' WEST BY SAID HOMESTEAD AVENUE, 100 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 13,000 SQUARE FEET OF LAND, ACCORDING TO SAID PLAN.

APN: 29A-C19

TS Order Number: 10-00082737

The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagors' Title see deed dated October 5, 1991, and recorded in Book 13700 at Page 313 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, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) 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 in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within sixty (60) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

BENDETT & MCHUGH, PC
270 Farmington Avenue
Farmington, CT 06032

Attorney for Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust

Present Holder of the Mortgage
January 27, 2023
February 3, 2023
February 10, 2023

Webster Legal Posting

Article 11 from the October 17, 2022 Annual Town Meeting received a positive vote at the October 17 Annual Town Meeting and an approval from the Attorney General's Office.

Article 11 - Rezoned 516 South Main Street (partial) and 15 Prospect Street from Multiple Family Residential to General Business 4.

A complete copy of the article is available in the Town Clerk's Office.

January 27, 2023

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL

COURT

Docket No.: 23 SM 000153

ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: Richard Dupuis

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq): Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc. claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Oxford, numbered 2 Hammond Street, given by Richard Dupuis to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for Quicken Loans Inc., dated December 21, 2015, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 54764, Page 276, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before 2/27/2023 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER Chief Justice of this Court on 1/11/2023

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson, Recorder January 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. WO23P0063EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

Estate of:

John Joseph Zagrocki

Also known as:

John Joseph Zagrocki, Jr

Date of Death: 03/03/2018

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment of** has been filed by

Chad Zagrocki of Webster MA

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

Chad Zagrocki 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 02/07/2023**. 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)

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Date: January 09, 2023

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate

January 27, 2023

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FACE2FACE

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alcohol, and sharing of prescription medications.

Earlier this month, Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis delivered the Sheriff's Department's Face2Face interactive presentation to the seventh and eighth graders at Auburn Middle School. Since the program's inception during the Sheriff's first term in office, Sheriff Evangelidis has brought the program to nearly every school district in Central Massachusetts and subsequently impacted more than 400,000 students.

"We are grateful to Sheriff Evangelidis for taking the time to talk to our kids about the dangers of drugs and alcohol," commented Gregg Desto, Principal of Auburn Middle School. "The thing is, for all the differences between us and today's kids, they will face pressures to engage in drug and alcohol abuse just like we did."

"With almost 90 percent of the inmates at the Worcester County Jail and House of Correction addicted to drugs and alcohol, the program focuses on education and prevention as the best way to keep our youth from starting on that direct path to prison," commented Evangelidis. "This program is tailored to send a powerful message to our students about the devastating effects of substance abuse and how one bad decision can change the course of your life."

The Face2Face presentation breaks

COLD/FLU

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Adding ginger and lemon to a hot cup of tea not only soothes the throat, but ginger's antimicrobial properties and lemon's vitamin C help fight the bug. To break up mucus, add a pinch of cayenne pepper to the hot tea.

Or try this recipe from Food Network to relieve cold and flu ailments: Combine in a mug: the juice of half a lemon, a quarter size piece of fresh ginger, two teaspoons of honey, and 3/4 cup of boiling water. Allow to steep for at least three minutes. Add dark rum if desired.

* It's true that chicken broth can offer cold and flu sufferers relief, but did you know it's the bone broth from the homemade brew that provides much of the healing power? Broth made from boiling bones (for about 12 hours for maximum benefit) offers magnesium, sulfur, phosphorus and other trace minerals that are easily absorbable not always readily available.

*Whether you like it hot or cold, a compress applied to sinuses can relieve congestion quickly. A freeze pack (or bag of frozen vegetables) works as a cold pack on the sinus area to decrease symptoms. Or, heat up a wet facecloth in the microwave (not to hot) and apply across the bridge of the nose for similar relief.

*While there's no cure for the common cold some foods appear to reduce susceptibility to catching colds, or at

down the dangers and consequences of using a wide array of substances, including alcohol, nicotine, prescription opioids, and many illegally produced substances. Evangelidis also presents first-hand examples of how a 'good time' can get out of hand quickly with the use of illegal substances.

The Sheriff also identified many celebrities, like Mac Miller, Marilyn Monroe, and Prince, who lost their lives to addiction or substance abuse, and famous personalities who have struggled with the condition for years. Evangelidis' presentation also includes a section that shows the negative impact of these substances on a person's appearance. Before and after photos reveal the visually apparent rapid decline in health when addicted to substances. In as short as a year, subjects develop acne, dull skin, hair loss, discolored teeth, and lose significant body mass.

Evangelidis ends his presentation with one final slide that reads, "IT'S UP 2 U." The Sheriff encouraged students to make the right decisions, ask questions, and decide what legacy they want to leave behind. He reminded students that they write their own futures.

"This program is not about "preaching" at them or talking down to them," commented Mr. Desto. "It's about giving them the right information so they know the possible consequences of the decisions they will make when the time comes. And it's done in a way that engages the students, not an easy thing to do with 13-14-year-olds."

"This unique drug and alcohol pre-

least reduce the severity of the symptoms. Foods containing beta-carotene, vitamin C, and zinc have shown to have immune repairing and boosting properties. Research suggests that zinc (which is in many over the counter products to prevent colds) can work to reduce the duration and severity of a cold. But it is only effective if it's started early, at the very first signs of illness.

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Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

LEGALS

LEGALS

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate
and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO22C0618CA
CITATION ON PETITION TO
CHANGE NAME
In the matter of:**

**Joanne Constance Szymczak
A Petition to Change Name of Minor
has been filed by Joanne Constance
Szymczak of Dudley**
requesting that the court enter a Decree changing his name to:

**Jo-Ann Constance Szymczak
IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**Any person may appear for purposes
of objecting to the petition by
filing an appearance at: Worcester
Probate and Family Court before
10:00 a.m. on the return day of
02/21/2023. This is NOT a hearing
date, but a deadline by which you
must file a written appearance if you
object to this proceeding.**

**WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy,
First Justice of this Court.**
Date: January 20, 2023

Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
January 27, 2023

**TOWN OF DUDLEY
Public Hearing –
Monday, February 6, 2023
6:35 PM Dudley Municipal Complex,
Room 321A
71 West Main Street, Dudley
FY 2022/2023 Town of Dudley
CDBG Application**
The Dudley Board of Selectmen will
conduct a Public Hearing on Monday,

February 6, 2023 at 6:35 PM at the
Dudley Municipal Complex, 71 West
Main Street, Room 321A. The public
is encouraged to attend this hearing
to discuss the Town's FY 2022/2023
application to the Massachusetts
Department of Housing and Community
Development for up to \$1.35 million in
Community Development Block Grant
(CDBG) funds.

The Town seeks public input on potential grant-funded projects. Potential projects under consideration for the application currently include 1) Dudley Town Beach design for removal of architectural barriers to access for disabled persons; 2) Merino Village/Jericho neighborhood property inventory and assessment; 3) First Avenue construction project phase 2 (paving); and 4) Design of ADA improvements in town buildings.

All persons with questions or comments regarding the grant application will have an opportunity to be heard. If awarded, the Town of Dudley will be responsible for administration of the grant program with assistance from the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC). Those unable to attend the hearing may mail written comments to the Dudley Board of Selectmen, 71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA 01571 or comments may be emailed to CMRPC at imcelwee@cmrpc.org. Comments must be received no later than February 13, 2023.

The Dudley Municipal Complex is accessible to disabled persons. Persons who require special accommodations to attend the public meeting should contact the Selectmen's office at (508) 949-8001 at least two business days prior to the hearing. For further information, contact Ian McElwee at CMRPC at (508) 459-3331 or at imcelwee@cmrpc.org.
Dudley Board of Selectmen
January 27, 2023

vention program is tailored to send a powerful message to our students about the devastating effects of substance abuse. As the only Sheriff in the country presenting this program, I am committed to bringing

BBALL

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time after regulation ended at 39-39.

"I'm obviously proud of our guys, they battled," said Hetherman. "We were down 11-3 at the end of the first and us scoring three points in a quarter is unheard of."

In overtime, Bartlett grabbed a 46-41 lead. But, with the game now at 46-44, Margoupis was able to drain a 3-pointer with 30 seconds to play in what turned into the game-winning basket.

"Margoupis came off that screen and hit the 3 at the top of the key, and if you give that kid a centimeter of space,

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one."

The Conservation Commission said they liked the idea. Wieloch stated the

CANNABIS

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time to get property tax breaks.

"We're seeing tremendous interest in it," she said. "It helps us bridge those smaller roles we can't find in our budget

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A community service award plaque was presented to the town's Public Health Nurse Roberta Johnson.

Selectmen also presented public service citations to Board of Health members Jennifer Cournoyer, Lorri Ducharme and Roberta Johnson; to Town Hall staff Michelle Jervis, Debi Thibaudeau, Nelson Burlingame, Amanda Johnson and Lisa Berg; to Town Clerk Lori Smith and Assistant Town Clerk Jackie Phelps; to Veterans

HERO

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the war were instrumental in securing freedom for the colonies and served as a powerful example of resistance against slavery and oppression.

He defied the notion that enslaved people were merely passive victims and showed that they, too, could actively fight for their liberation.

Some believe that James and the Marquis kept in touch. Fifty years later, when The Marquis was on a rockstar tour of American Cities, almost 100,000

GARDENING

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plants from shriveling. These changes in the growing conditions often encourage a spring display of colorful and unique flowers.

Boost your succulents' natural beauty by displaying them in unique containers or places in your home. Create a living wall display with a 3-tier vertical wall planter (gardeners.com) or Mini Magnetic Galvanized Planter Pockets.

Grow a succulent centerpiece that can be enjoyed year-round. Plant a variety of succulents in a long narrow planter like the Veradek GEO Series Planter boxes. Display it on the table, and if needed, move it back to its sunny location between dinner parties. Small containers like the heart-shaped concrete

FINANCIAL

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that a fraudulent tax return was filed in your name, and it might be followed by a communication from a supposed IRS agent requesting this overpayment be sent to them. If this happens to you, you'll want to contact the IRS right away, and you could also ask your bank to return the deposit to the government.

Other scams don't claim to originate directly from the IRS, as scammers pretend to be from real or imaginary tax organizations. For example, you could get a message from the Taxpayer Advocate Service, an independent organization within the IRS, but this agency won't contact you without a legitimate reason. Or you could receive a message from the nonexistent "Bureau of Tax Enforcement." Your best bet is to delete these messages immediately or send them to your spam folder.

Not all tax season scams originate

Face2Face to every school district in Worcester County," Evangelidis said.

For more information on the Face2Face program and scheduling, please contact Eric Eisner at EEisner@sdw.state.ma.us.

he's going to make you pay for it," said Hetherman.

On the other side of the court, Minarik (10 rebounds) drove to the basket and did not draw the foul as his shot rimmed out. Minarik also had two attempts at 3-pointers following two Margoupis free throws in the game's final seconds, looking to send the game to double overtime.

"Ethan got some good looks and at the end we got what we wanted. We wanted him getting downhill to the rim with the ball in his hands and the ball just didn't bounce our way," said Hetherman.

Mason Sebastyaniski helped Bartlett with 17 points and 9 rebounds, while Ayden Carlson pulled down 10 boards.

project still has a way to go as he has to bring the concept to his own board and the Hayden Pond Association as well as the Board of Selectmen. If all goes well the plan is to hold a special dedication in the spring.

and/or find permanency in a position."

She also announced receipt of a \$26,000 grant to help the Board of Health devise a foodborne illness response plan, receipt of two fire education grants, and the recent hiring of four firefighters.

Gus Steeves can be reached at gus.steeves2@gmail.com.

Service Agent Stephen P. Rogerson and clerk Pam Young, and to Town Moderator Christopher Starczewski.

The citations read, "for (your) honorable contribution toward the continuity of local government and service to the public throughout the COVID-19 global pandemic March 13, 2020 – June 15, 2021."

The board also presented certificates of recognition to the Highway Department; Water-Sewer Department; Pearle E. Crawford Library staff, the Council on Aging, and the Treasurer/Collector office staff.

showed up to see him; James was there and was embraced by the Marquis as a hero while the crowds roared with approval. James took the last name Lafayette in honor of his relationship with the Marquis de Lafayette.

James Armistead Lafayette's story remained largely unknown for many decades. It was in the 20th century that historians began to acknowledge his role in the war and his significance as a symbol of courage, determination, and resilience.

Although he's no longer here, I wish to say to James, "Thank you for your service."

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Melinda Myers is the author of 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 *Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program*. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by *Gardener's Supply* for her expertise to write this article. Her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

from fraudulent IRS representatives or fake agencies. You also need to be careful about whom you hire to prepare your taxes. If possible, get a recommendation from a trusted friend or family member. And keep in mind that a legitimate tax preparer must have a valid Preparer Tax Identification Number and must sign your tax return. If someone doesn't have this number or is reluctant to sign your return, it may well be a sign that this individual is a "ghost preparer" who only wants to pocket your fee.

Tax scammers are, unfortunately, here to stay — but remaining vigilant can help you keep them from causing problems for you in this tax season and all the ones in the future.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor. Please contact Dennis Antonopoulos, your local Edward Jones Advisor at 5 Albert St., Auburn, MA 01501 Tel: 508-832-5385 or dennis.antonopoulos@edwardjones.com.

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ON DEPOSIT

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Dudley Senior Center, Timothy Van Egmond
 "Celebrating the Season" at the Dudley Senior Center, Davis R. Bates III
 "Spring Art Show" at Conant Library, Nichols College, Carrie Grimshaw
 "Chinese Culture/Dragon King Marionettes" at Dudley Elementary School, Anne McElroy
 Positive Updated Playground at Dudley Elementary School, Kelly True
 Dudley Grange Summer Concerts, Strawberry and Apple Festivals, Karen Gillion



Members of the Dudley Cultural Council pictured from left to right are: Annette Gion, Patty Biron, Mary Kunkel, Ginni DiDonato, Jo Ann Brinker, Louise Williams, Peg Macuga, Marilyn Kramarz. Not pictured: Jane Champagne, Ron Stachelek.

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