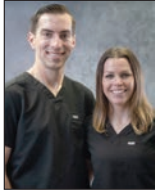




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Saint Joseph School students experience the beauty of music and language



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

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

Ms. Czarnecka-Cieślak, a musicologist, organist,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dudley voters reject proposal to re-name board of selectmen

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

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

town meeting on Oct. 20.

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

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

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

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Dudley Conservation Land Trust awarded major grant for land acquisition

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

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

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

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

To date, DCLT has

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

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Atkins, Smith power Bartlett past Narragansett

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

in short-yardage and defensive situations.

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

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

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

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



1-yard run (Atkins run)
Bartlett – Jaesean Atkins
53-yard run (rush failed)

Second Quarter
Bartlett – Xavier Butler 3-yard run (pass failed)
Bartlett – Lawrence Smith

34-yard run (Kenny Arpin pass from Lawrence Smith)

Third Quarter
Narragansett – Jordan Baumann 1-yard run (Mason MacDonald run)
Narragansett – Tazerian

Tigs 55-yard run (Mason MacDonald run)

Fourth Quarter
Narragansett – Mason MacDonald 3-yard run (MacDonald run)



Gretheline Bolandrina at the Sturbridge Big Y.

Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy continues longstanding partnership with Big Y

CHARLTON — For more than a decade, Big Y Supermarkets has been a steadfast supporter of the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, contributing to the growth and success of future nurses through generous donations, scholarships, and community partnerships.

The partnership between Big Y and Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy reflects a shared commitment to education, community health, and service — values that have shaped both institutions for years.

In 2013, Big Y supported then Professor Gretheline Bolandrina’s clinical group, as the nursing students gain real-world experience and complete the hands-on training essential for their license, at the end of term and last clinical night, Big Y provided snacks.

By 2016, their generosity extended to holiday cheer, with the Practical Nursing Academy receiving \$25 Big Y gift card and packaged in a festive mug — a thoughtful gesture recognizing the hard work and dedication of a lucky student during a rigorous academic year.

The collaboration continued in 2019 when Big Y proudly awarded the Big Y Scholarship to Deanna Scaramangos, of Paxton, acknowledging her excellence and potential in the nursing field. Deanna completed the program, passed her NCLEX-PN on her first attempt, and was gainfully employed.

Big Y’s involvement has not been limited to student recognition.

In 2020, with Shrewsbury Youth and Family Services providing Mental Health First Aid Training, promoting awareness and resilience among healthcare students and professionals — a vital focus amid the growing need for mental health support in healthcare, again, Big Y provided snacks.

Throughout 2021, Big Y continued to show its support for Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy’s mission and the broader community. Most recently, in 2023, Big Y once again demonstrated its commitment to humanitarian efforts by encouraging customers to donate to the American Red Cross Hawaii Wildfires Relief, matching community compassion with corporate leadership, a project that the practical nursing students fully embraced.

From scholarships and student support to community outreach and disaster relief, Big Y’s contributions exemplify what it means to invest in people — especially those preparing to serve others in nursing and healthcare.

Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy extends heartfelt thanks to Big Y for its partnership and for nurturing a spirit of compassion, education, and community care that continues to inspire students year after year.

Tri-Valley launches new program to help older adults remain safely at home

DUDLEY — Tri-Valley, Inc., a local Aging Service Access Point, announced the launch of the Older Adult Home Modification Program (OAHMP), funded through a new grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This initiative is specifically designed to help adults age 62 and older make necessary modifications and improvements that enable them to age in place safely, whether they own or rent, by increasing the functionality of their homes.

“Through this program, older adults will have their homes assessed by licensed occupational therapists and have approved work completed by licensed contractors,” said Joe Vaudreuil, program manager. “There is no cost for the OT assessment or for projects completed within HUD guidelines.”

Examples of eligible modifications and accessibility devices include:

- Grab bars and interior/exterior railings and handrails.
- Ground-graded, modular metal ramps.
- Bathroom modifications such as tub cuts, installing handheld showerheads and grab bars, and providing shower chairs and raised toilet seats.
- Repairing safety hazards like uneven floor transitions and stair treads/balusters.
- Improving lighting and installing other accessibility devices around the home.

OAHMP is not intended for major structural renovations like kitchen or bathroom remodels, new staircase risers, or wired electrical work. All modifications must meet programmatic and budgetary guidelines.

OAHMP is open to residents who meet the following criteria:

- Age 62 and older.
- Meet income guidelines.
- Reside in the home or apartment being modified (rent or own).
- Must live within Tri-Valley’s 25-town service area.

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12. Uttered with passion

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17. Veteran actor Harris

18. Casserole with game

19. Reprehensible acts

24. They precede C

25. Says under one's breath

26. Taxis

27. It transfers genetic info

28. NFL great Randy

29. Where college students sleep

30. Major European river

31. Taco condiment

33. -frutti

34. Polish city

38. Astronomy unit

39. Khoikhoi peoples

40. Bears QB Williams

43. Scrambled, fried, boiled

44. Price indicators

45. One-time world power

49. When you hope to get somewhere

50. Farm building

51. Choose carefully

53. Magnum was one

54. One who combines

56. Nursemaids

58. Partner to Pa

59. Notable river

60. Officially honors

63. Colorless compound

64. A fancy chair

65. Email function

CLUES DOWN

1. The central area in a building

2. Religion of Japan

3. Leggings

4. Officially distributes

5. Arabian Sea seaport

6. Spanish doctors

7. It cools your house

8. Currency of Poland

9. Slowly moves into

10. Days (Spanish)

13. Unit of volume

14. Emit

15. With two replaceable hydrogens

20. Title for a man

21. Equally

22. Scarlet's home

23. One-time tech titan

27. Subway dwellers

29. One-tenth of a liter

30. Central European river

31. Distress signal

32. Expression of sympathy

33. The bill in a restaurant

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35. Dance music

36. Russian river

37. Cosmetics giant Mary ___

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41. Roman honorific

42. Losses in sports

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45. Distant planet

46. Critical humor

47. Illegally obtained

48. Go back over

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51. Unit of radioactivity

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A legacy of leadership, a heart for nursing

BAY PATH HONORS RETIRING ACADEMY DIRECTOR



Superintendent Kyle Brenner with Dr. Gretheline Bolandrina.

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

Under Dr. Bolandrina’s direction, the Practical

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

New adventures await

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

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

Correction

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

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

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

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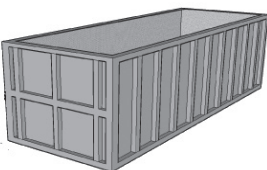
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Last Two Fridays 10AM (Chair Yoga or
Craft)
This program includes one
chair yoga class and one craft project
that will be held on first two Mondays
and the last two Fridays of the month.
Either join Jess for a 45 minute relaxing
Chair Yoga class or join us for our craft
program. Check the online calendar to
see which event is scheduled. No expe-
rience necessary. This program is for
teens and adults of all abilities and their
caregivers. Please call ahead if special
accommodations or requirements are
needed.

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

Friends' Fall Concert Series: Miss
Maybell & Her Ragtime Romeos –
Thursday, November 13th at 6:30pm
Miss Maybell and Her
Ragtime Romeos are known for their
large repertoire of Prohibition-Era Jazz,
Ragtime and early Blues. Sourcing their
tunes directly from dusty old records
and antique sheet music, they bring new
life to songs created over 100 years ago.
With this unique sound and dedication
they were recently featured on The
NPR Show "Person, Place, Thing" With
Randy Cohen. Building a sizable local
following in their hometown of New
York City from sold out residencies
at legendary venues such as Birdland
Theater, this group has also performed
across the country at countless Jazz
and Ragtime festivals and even abroad,
recently headlining Sevilla Swing in
Seville, Spain and selling out a week of
shows at Marian's Jazz Room in Bern,
Switzerland.

Armchair Travel for Seniors: Virtual
Golden Gate Bridge Walking Tour –
Friday, November 14th at 2:00pm
Seniors: Join us for a vir-
tual walking tour of San Francisco!
We're working with a tour guide in San
Francisco who will join us via zoom
for this interactive program, so you
can ask questions and get answers in
real-time. This is a VIRTUAL tour via
Zoom that will be hosted in the Library
Community Room (after hours) and at
Christopher Heights in Webster.

Cookbook Club – Wednesday,
November 12th at 6:00pm
Join our cookbook club this
month as we cook recipes from Dinner
in One by Melissa Clark. Extra copies
are available at the circulation desk. To
be added to the list, please email jfon-
taine@cwmars.org

Adult Book Group – Monday,
November 17th at 6:30pm
Join our Adult Book Group to
discuss Tell Me Everything by Elizabeth
Strout.

Cozy Wednesdays: Sticker Scenes –
Wednesday, November 19th at 6:00pm
Looking to unwind? Join us in
creating your own cozy sticker scenes.
We'll provide everything you need for a
peaceful, creative evening. Registration
is required.

Book Release Talk Featuring Michael
E. Neagle – Thursday, November 20th
at 6:30pm
Join us in welcoming Dr.
Michael E. Neagle to celebrate the
release of his book, Chasing Bandits:
America's Long War on Terror. He will
speak about the book and do a Q and A.

Programming for All Ages

Tiny Art Show Canvas Pickup ALL
DAY November 3rd-21st
Calling all art lovers! The
Gladys E. Kelly Public Library is
hosting a Tiny Art Show, showcas-
ing miniature pieces of art from our
community. All creators are invited to
participate -- no matter their age or
skill level! Pick up your 3 in. x 3 in.
canvas from the main Circulation Desk
or the Children's Desk. All mediums
are strongly encouraged! For example,
if you want to submit a 3 in. x 3 in.
photograph or a 3 in. sculpture that
is welcome. Art Submission Deadline:
Monday, November 24th! Please be
sure to complete the submission form
with your artwork.
Tiny Art Show: Mini Bookcases –
Thursday, November 20th (2 sessions)
5pm and 6pm
Join Paige and Jess in creating
a miniature bookshelf. You tell us some
of your favorite books in advance, and
we'll have them ready for you to create
your own mini library. This project will
be small enough to enter into our Tiny
Art Show!

Children's and Young Adult
Programming
Get Ready for Kindergarten –
Mondays in November, 10:00-10:30am
Through various fun activities,
kids ages 4-6 can get a head start on kin-
dergarten skills, becoming familiar with
letters, and learning to follow directions.

Creators Club – Mondays from 4:00-
5:30 PM
We will have a variety of craft
materials available to put your crea-
tivity to the test! Come explore our
newly rebranded Monday night pro-
gram: Creators Club! November's
theme is Leaf Rubbing - use the fallen
leaves of Autumn for Art! Place a leaf
under a piece of paper and rub the paper
with a crayon to make the leaf appear
on the paper. Artwork left behind will
be displayed in the children's program
room for the rest of the month.

Mini Block Party – Tuesdays at
3:30pm
Play with magnets, marble
mazes, and LEGO.

Busy Baby Storytime – Fridays at
10:00am
Join us for Busy Baby
Storytime! Babies and caregivers will
enjoy songs, movement, and simple
stories that build early literacy skills in
a fun and playful way.

Me and My Mini – Thursday,
November 6th and November 20th at
10:00am
Me and My Mini: A 45 minute
creative movement group for ages 0
through 2.5 with a grown-up. Group
is focused on adult and baby spending
quality time together, fostering attach-
ment, and baby interacting with others
their age. Get groovy to upbeat music
with fun props, instruments, and a story.
Adult participation is required and 1-2
children per adult is recommended.
Tiny Art Show: Crayon Creations
with Esteban the Magnificent and Red
Crayon – Saturday, November 8th at
12:00pm

Join Esteban the Magnificent
and Red Crayon for a colorful afternoon
of fun! Create crayon art inspired The
Day the Crayons Came Home on a 3
in. x 3 in. canvas, and submit your mas-
terpiece to be featured in our Tiny Art
Show.

Mini Chefs Club: Smoothies –
Wednesday, November 12th; Baked
Potatoes – Wednesday, November 19th
at 5:30pm
Welcome to Mini Chefs Club!
This new food focused program offers
kids 7-12 the opportunity to learn how
to create easy, tasty meals right at home
using simple ingredients and step-by-
step guidance. Each class will require
kids to use different kitchen tools.
Due to limited supplies, registration is
required.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover – Thursday,
November 13th at 6:00pm
It's that time of year again!
Bring your favorite stuffed animal
and join us a for an craft event in
the Children's Program Room. Enjoy
some tasty snacks while decorating
your very own 3 in. x 3 in. canvas
to be featured in our Tiny Art Show.
Then, say goodnight to your stuffed
friend as they spend the night at the
library! Pick up will be the following
morning, and you can see your friends'
adventures on our Facebook page.

The BaNannies – Saturday, November
15th at 10:30am
Join this fun mother-daughter
duo as they bring playful, interactive
music to the Webster community!

DA hosts event highlighting holistic approaches to recovery



WORCESTER — On Oct.
23, Worcester County District
Attorney Joseph D. Early, Jr.
welcomed community mem-
bers, including recovery
advocates, health and well-
ness professionals, and law
enforcement personnel to
Veterans Inc. in Shrewsbury
for a half-day event organized
by the Prevention and Support
Network. This event focused
on supporting individuals and
families affected by substance
use disorders (SUD) through
holistic, mind-body approaches
to recovery.

Keynote speaker Linda
Geraghty, a trauma-informed
yoga instructor and family
recovery specialist featured in
the award-winning documen-
tary Our American Family,
spoke about the deep connec-
tion between trauma and sub-
stance use. Drawing from both
professional expertise and her
own experience, she empha-
sized how recovery requires
attention to one's entire system
– body, mind, and family – not
just the symptoms of addiction.
“Addiction is relentless. We
often try to hide it while our
families get sicker. Engaging
in open conversations is crucial
to truly understanding this dis-
ease, and that understanding is
vital for the family's healing,”

said Linda Geraghty.
Geraghty highlighted the
ways in which stress and trauma
can live in the body, and
how practices like yoga, breath-
work, and mindfulness can help
release those patterns, restore
regulation, and rebuild trust in
oneself and others. Geraghty
underscored the importance of
supporting families, empha-
sizing that addiction affects
loved ones as profoundly as
those experiencing it firsthand,
and that breaking generational
cycles of trauma and addic-
tion begins with compassion,
communication, and consistent
support. Her work integrates
trauma-informed principles to
help families navigate recovery
with understanding, boundar-
ies, and resilience – key themes
that resonated with many in
attendance.
A panel of local wellness
professionals expanded on
these ideas, offering practical
insights into how holistic meth-
ods can complement traditional
treatment and recovery path-
ways.
Panelists included Kellie
Hamilton, founder of A Better
Path to Wellness; Phil George,
clinical biochemist; Jacqueline
Monteiro, wellness prac-
titioner and recovery coach;
Anthony Bizzotto, president

and co-founder of Revive of
the U.S.A., Inc.; and Heidi
Moody, personal trainer and
L3 CrossFit coach. Each spoke
about the ways nutrition,
movement, mindfulness, and
community engagement con-
tribute to sustainable recovery
and overall wellbeing.
Throughout the event,
attendees also took part in
guided mindfulness exercises
and movement breaks, offer-
ing moments to practice the
very mind-body techniques
discussed during the program.
These activities encouraged
participants to experience first-
hand how mindfulness and
movement can support focus,
stress relief, and emotional bal-
ance.
District Attorney Early
commended the speakers and
attendees for their shared com-
mitment to exploring new,
compassionate approaches to
supporting recovery through-
out Worcester County. He
noted that addressing addiction
requires collaboration across
every part of the community
– treatment and health care
providers, families, schools,
clergy, law enforcement, and
local organizations – working
together to reduce stigma and
create lasting change.

Sheriff's Office announces annual Winter Coat Drive distributions



REGION — With winter
fast approaching, the Worcester
County Sheriff's Office and
Worcester County Reserve
Deputy Sheriff's Association
are preparing for their Annual
Winter Coat Drive. Their goal
is to distribute 4,000 brand-
new warm winter coats to
those in Worcester County who
need them, helping them stay
comfortable during the winter
months.
Distributions are planned
on Nov. 4 at 10 a.m. at the
Webster Dudley Food Share, 4
Church St., Webster, and Nov.
6 at 10:30 a.m. at the El Buen
Samaritano Food Pantry, 39
Piedmont St., Worcester.

During the first weeks of
November, Sheriff Lew
Evangelidis and his team will

distribute thousands of coats
directly to local service organi-
zations and community mem-
bers. These coats will help
keep people warm during the
colder months and represent
the support and care from local
law enforcement.
The annual coat drive
attracts many community spon-
sors, including Saint Francis
Community Health Care, The
Gun Parlor, Mercadante Funeral
Home, Cliff & Susan Rucker
Foundation, The Krock Family
& Commerce Associates,
CareOne at Millbury, The
Overlook, Diamond Auto
Group, KAL Construction
& Remodeling, Chop Chop
Convenience, Falcone
Enterprises, NEPBA Local 550
Worcester County Correction
Officers, Pat's Service Center,

Quality Companies, Rockland
Trust Bank, and Pam Massad,
in Memory of "Duddie" and
Bette Massad. Many other
community organizations and
businesses have also stepped
up to support the initiative.
“The Worcester County
Sheriff's Office Winter Coat
Drive aims to strengthen con-
nections with law enforcement
across different communities
in Worcester County,” Sheriff
Lew Evangelidis commen-
ted. “When we distribute these
jackets, the recipients express a
tremendous sense of gratitude.
This time of the year is special
for the Sheriff's Department,
and we are excited to connect
with the community members
we serve.”

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



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

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

place in June.

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

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

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

has included:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Holy Cross football team visits Park Ave Elementary



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

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

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

This special event is a highlight for the Park

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

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

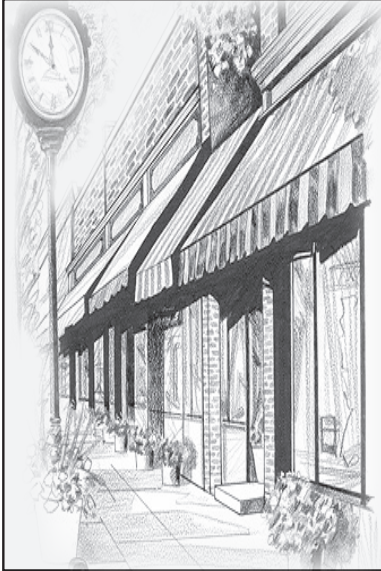
One enthusiastic third grader shouted, “I want to play football at Holy Cross!” before the entire grade gave the team a heartfelt round of thanks.

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

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

Recreation Director Carol Marchand for helping make the event possible.

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



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EDITORIAL

A town’s quiet salute to servic

Every November, when the mornings turn sharp and the last of the maples fade to bronze, our towns slow their rhythm. Veterans Day comes without fireworks or fanfare, asking something quieter from us — remembrance. It’s a day that invites reflection more than celebration, gratitude more than glory.

Here in Webster, Dudley, and Oxford, that reflection takes on a deeply local shape. These communities have sent generations of sons and daughters to battlefields around the world — from the trenches of France to the mountains of Afghanistan. Some came home to start families and businesses; others rest now beneath small flags that flutter in our cemeteries each November. Their names appear on plaques at town halls and granite memorials along our greens, but their real legacy is carried in the everyday freedom they defended.

Veterans Day reminds us that freedom is not a static thing. It is built and maintained by the steady courage of ordinary people who chose to serve. The sailor on the destroyer deck, the nurse tending to the wounded, the soldier standing watch in the rain — each gave a measure of their life so that ours could unfold in peace.

It is easy to say “thank you for your service,” but harder to live those words. True gratitude looks like funding veteran services in our budgets and supporting the Webster-Dudley Veterans Council as they assist families in need. It looks like businesses hiring veterans not out of sentiment but respect for their skills. It looks like students in local classrooms hearing veterans tell their stories firsthand, realizing that courage has a local address.

In every parade along Main Street, we see that history continues. The veterans who march are joined now by younger faces — men and women who served in Iraq, Afghanistan, and peacekeeping missions across the globe. They march beside the older generation, the ones who remember Korea and Vietnam, bound together by duty that transcends time or politics.

When the rifles fire their salute and the sound rolls over Lake Chargoggagoggmanchauggagoggchaubunagungamaugg, there’s a stillness that says more than any speech could. It is the stillness of a town remembering its own — those who stood guard so we might live freely, argue freely, and dream freely.

So this Veterans Day, as flags rise over the cemeteries and bells toll at town centers, let us answer that quiet call to remember. Let us make sure the promises made to our veterans are promises kept — in care, in opportunity, and in the simple human act of gratitude.

Because honoring their service isn’t something we do once a year. It’s the way we choose to live every day — as citizens of a country built by their sacrifice, and as neighbors determined to keep faith with those who gave so much for us all.

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VIEWPOINT

A bridge to God

You can’t find a sharper contrast. Two men, living side by side, and yet their hearts and destinies could not be more different. One is a rich man, clothed in purple and fine linen, living each day in comfort, luxury, and self-indulgence. At his gate lies a man, poor, covered in sores, hungry, forgotten. His name is Lazarus, the only character in all of Jesus’ parables given a name, which means “God is my help.”

Every day, the rich man lives his luxurious life, yet whenever he leaves his house he passes by Lazarus. Does he pretend not to see him? Does he ever feel a twinge of pity? Or has his heart been hardened and numbed by his wealth and comfort that he doesn’t even notice the pathetic man outside his gate? In a worldly sense, society would envy the rich man and his lifestyle. Yet, from the perspective of eternity, Lazarus is the one who enters paradise, not the rich man. Why?

Jesus does not tell us that Lazarus went to heaven because he was poor, nor that the rich man went to hell because he was rich. Wealth and poverty are not moral categories; they are spiritual tests. Our comfort or discomfort are not moral barometers, but spiritual trials!

Lazarus’ poverty and suffering became the context in which he met God. Elder Aimilianos of Simonopetra, one of the contemporary spiritual elders we are studying in our Wednesday night class, notes that suffering is but “a bridge that carries us from this earthly and mortal existence to God.”

In contrast to the trial of suffering, the rich man’s wealth and comfort is another form of test. In response to this trial, the rich man allows his prosperity to make him numb, creating a wall that isolates him from God, from compassion, and from the suffering brother right at his doorstep.

Elder Aimilianos goes on to explain: “For the person of faith, an illness or some other life challenge is not simply an opportunity or gift from God, but it is the very presence of God Himself. Illness and suffering can be a blessing, but it all depends on how we respond. The spiritual life is not the avoidance of suffering, but its joyful acceptance. The question is whether we will accept or reject our suffering, which is another way of saying whether we will accept or turn away from God.”

Elder Aimlianos offers a beautiful story to highlight this situation. Fr. Arsenios was a monk in his monastery who had a problem with his eyes. One doctor told him he would need cataract surgery, but that he should not do it right away, but instead wait for the condition to progress in order for the surgery to be done properly. Fr. Arsenios waited. And then suddenly he lost his eyesight completely. He went to another doctor who told him that the first doctor made a mistake and that he should have gotten his surgery right away. Now, it was too late. The monk would remain blind for the rest of his life. Fr. Arsenios didn’t get angry or complain. He didn’t blame the first doctor for his misdiagnosis. Instead, he simply said, “May it be blessed. God knows what’s best for me. It was God who “blinded” the first doctor when he made his mistaken diagnosis.” And until the day that he died, Fr. Arsenios never complained and never said a word against the first doctor, nor were his thoughts troubled by his predicament.

“May it be blessed!” Fr. Arsenios allowed his unfortunate circumstance to act as a bridge to a deeper communion with God. He trusted in God’s loving providence even to the point of becoming blind and believed that his situation was not something to complain about and live with regret, but it was an opportunity to draw closer to his Lord.

This must have been Lazarus’ response to his desperate situation. In his poverty and suffering, he remembered his name, that “God is my help.” He trusted in the Lord and didn’t despair, nor did he didn’t condemn his rich neighbor.

But what about the rich man. His problem wasn’t that he was wealthy but that his wealth numbed his spirit of love. His comfort dulled his spiritual senses. His luxurious lifestyle led



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him to forget what life is truly about - it is not measured in our comfort, pleasure, or success, but in the divine and sacrificial love we offer to one another. The rich man did not see the divine image shining in the poor man Lazarus. And by refusing to see the image of God in Lazarus, he turned away from seeing God Himself.

Elder Aimilianos warns us that “The greatest tragedy is life is not to suffer, but to live comfortably without ever meeting God. To suffer with faith is to see God face to face; to live without love is to be blind, even if you possess everything.”

The rich man’s limitless feasting blinded him. His extreme comfort deceived him with its false illusion. Even after death, the rich man still treats Lazarus like a servant when he asks “Father Abraham, send Lazarus to bring me a drop of water.” He doesn’t repent; he doesn’t love; he doesn’t know himself. The loneliness of a closed heart on earth gave him a foretaste of the loneliness of a closed heart in Hell itself.

Every trial in life, whether an unexpected sickness or tragedy, poverty or suffering, grief or misfortune, as well as the testing of wealth and riches and comfort, can act as a bridge or a barrier to God according to Elder Aimilianos. When we accept suffering with faith and humility, it becomes the bridge that carries us into the arms of God. When we curse our suffering as a punishment from God, or question His sovereignty in the midst of our challenges, it becomes the wall that keeps us far from the Lord.

Lazarus’ sores and suffering became his bridge. The rich man’s banquets and feasts became his wall.

The same can be true for us. An unexpected illness, a financial struggle, a disappointment or even a tragedy are not meaningless accidents. Each one is an opportunity for us to draw closer to God. Elder Aimilianos emphasizes, “God hides Himself in the circumstances of our life, so that by accepting them, we may find Him.”

The parable also reveals that heaven and hell are not future destinations but realities that we begin experiencing here through the choices we make and how we handle the trials and challenges of life. When our hearts harden toward others, we begin tasting the isolation of hell. When our hearts soften with love and compassion, we begin to experience the peace of heaven.

Lazarus lay right outside the rich man’s gate, trusting and hoping in God. In his poverty he experienced God’s Presence. The rich man, in all his luxury and comfort, became numb to the Presence of God right outside his doorstep.

May we take care and notice the Lazaruses that are around us. Maybe someone in our family is lonely or sick. Maybe a friend struggles with depression or anxiety. Maybe a neighbor, someone we pass by every day, faces financial challenges. Do we notice them and how will we respond to them?

The parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus is not a story about two men long ago but is a mirror held up to each of us. Every illness and any hardship we face can become a bridge toward God if we walk across it in faith. When suffering comes, let us not see it as God’s absence but as His mysterious presence.

Yet also take care to remain vigilant in the midst of our comfort and prosperity. Don’t allow our pleasant circumstances to numb us and blind us to the needs of others. The Lazarus outside our doorstep is Christ Himself. In the end, our salvation is not determined by what we have or what we lack but by how we respond to whatever our circumstances are as a means to draw closer to God.

“If you accept your suffering with faith,” says Elder Aimilianos, “you will find that your illness, your weakness, your trial — it is the very hand of Christ, stretching out to lift you to Himself.”

May we walk across that bridge, and find ourselves, like Lazarus, resting in the embrace of Abraham — in the eternal comfort and love of our God.

Remember the Ladies: Genevieve V. Kusian

BY HELEN POIRIER
AUBURN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This series will look at the women who served our country and the town of Auburn.

Genevieve V. Kusian was born Aug. 26, 1916, in Worcester. Her parents were John Louis and Claire M. [Decatur] Kusian. Her father was born in Canterbury, Connecticut and worked for the New York, New Haven, & Hartford Railroad for over 30 years. Her mother was Valrie M. Decatur of Putnam, Connecticut.

Genevieve graduated from South High School in Worcester, then attended Becker Business College. Genevieve was listed in an article of patrons for a prom at N.E. Institute, N.E. School of Accounting Seniors party on May 28, 1837. In 1941 the Worcester city Directory listed her as a cashier at F. W. Woolworth Co. and living with her parents on Kingsbury St. in Worcester.

According to her headstone application, Genevieve enlisted in the Navy Feb 12, 1945. She went to WAVE Recruits Training School in Bronx NY March 31, 1945. In Nov. 1945 she was at the US Navy Receiving Station at Fort McHenry in Baltimore MD. Her rank was RM1 which is a Radioman responsible for transmitting, receiving radio signals, processing all forms of telecommunication, aboard ships, aircraft and shore facilities. Duties could also include message systems for generalized broadcasts and unit specific messages, proper handling & destruction of classified material. along with periodic maintenance of equipment to include transmitters, receivers & antennas.

The Muster Rolls for that time also showed that Genevieve was Senior Officer Present a Shore many times. According to the Naval Military Regulations; the Senior Officer present, unless some other officer has been so designated by competent authority, the “senior officer present” is the senior line officer of The Navy on active duty, eligible for command at sea, who is present and in command of any part of the Department of the Navy in the locality or within an area prescribed by competent authority, except where personnel of both If the Navy and the Marine Corps are present on shore and the officer of the Marine Corps who is in command is senior to the senior line officer or the Navy. In such cases, the officer of the Marine Corps shall be the senior officer present on shore.

In March of 1954 Genevieve was part of the military delegation that attended the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. This was confirmed by the passenger list landing in New York coming back from Southampton England. In her 25 years in the Navy, Genevieve served at the Pentagon in Washington, England, and Hawaii. Genevieve was an instructor at Quonset Point R.I., Newport R.I, Norfolk VA, and Baltimore MD in the junior officer boot camps.

It was unfortunate that two months after her discharge, on Nov. 14, 1970, at age 54, Genevieve died of cancer. She is buried in Hillside Cemetery with her parents.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What defines a veteran?

To the Editor:
On behalf of the members of the Webster/Dudley Veterans Council under Commander Victor Jankowski, we offer the following comments regarding Veterans Day.

What is a veteran? How can we describe a veteran? What binds them together? Are they all courageous, fearless patriots? Veterans have been glorified for dying to make men free by putting themselves in harm’s way because honor, courage, discipline and virtue are demonstrated by our military every day because they mean everything and are ideals worth believing and fighting for. Those ideals bind all veterans together, and they would tell you that we only have the rights we are willing to fight for!

Veterans Day reminds us of past wars and present day conflicts around the world, but others would tell us that we must always be on guard to protect our precious liberties, that we will always be at war. Poland’s most famous poet Adam Mickiewicz stated that freedom is an ongoing struggle. Once it begins the struggle must pass from “father to son and father to daughter.”

That reality of fighting for freedom in actual warfare or between wars must be talked about, especially by father to children and by older generations to younger generations. Veterans Day is very appropriate for doing just that. We must continue to promote the

idea to the young that freedom is a constant struggle. That the struggle between good and evil is never ending. It should reinforce our patriotism, our loyalty to our country and recall the sacrifices of our veterans.

President Jefferson stated it more bluntly when he said, “The tree of Liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants.” President Reagan said it in simple terms when he stated that the only strategy for freedom is “We win, they lose.”

The message we give to the next group of veterans is that soon, it will be your turn, just as it was once your father or Mother’s turn. It should speak of duty and devotion to the ideals that freedom must not be taken for granted, but must be acquired and maintained by might. And so, I say to our younger citizens, be prepared to protect what past and present veterans have accomplished. Be prepared to step forward when it is your turn to serve our country. Then when you come home as a veteran, you must then pass the struggle on to the next generation of freedom fighters so that we may always be able to honor veterans. May our armed forces protect our freedoms forever.

JOSEPH E. SENDROWSKI
DUDLEY

Food security

When the stock market crashed in 1929, it didn't just erase fortunes—it erased certainty. Factories went dark. Payrolls vanished. The hum of American industry fell to silence, replaced by the hollow echo of empty stomachs.

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

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

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

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

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

But out of that dust, compassion took root.

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

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

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

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

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

child, "We'll find something tomorrow."

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

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

Things may change by the

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

That's the American way.

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Help gardeners track the weather and rainfall in their backyard. You can find decorative and functional low- and high-tech thermometers in a wide range of prices. Consider giving them a rain gauge to help monitor rainfall so they know when and how much to water.

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

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

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

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

And what gardener doesn't need a good bypass hand pruner with two sharp blades to make clean cuts. Look for one with a large three quarter inch cutting capacity if your gardener does extensive pruning. Select one with narrow, comfortable nonslip grips like those on the ClassicCUT® Bypass Pruner for those with small- to medium-sized hands. Stuff one in their



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stocking, combine it with a new garden book, or wrap it up as it makes a great gift on its own.

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

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

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

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

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



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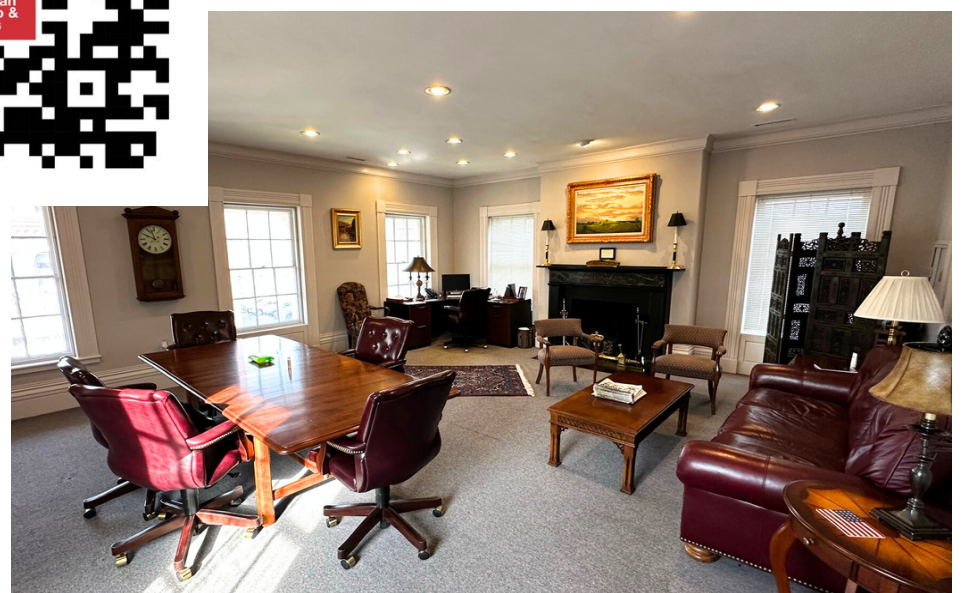


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Monarch Orchard celebrates grand opening

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



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



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

Upcoming Meat Raffle to benefit Bartlett High School PBIS

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

Proceeds from the raffle will benefit PBIS student activities at the high school. Tickets will be available at \$15 for five, \$10 for 30, or \$20 for 60.

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Barbara T. Nowak, 97



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

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

Elizabeth A. Shier, 86



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

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

Virginia Mae Cioppa



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

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



Clare F. Cahill, 94



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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news

Dudley Woman’s Club honors veterans with handmade poppy pins

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

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

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

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

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





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LEGALS

(SEAL)
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
25 SM 003339
ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:
Marco Pacheco; Renee Pacheco a/k/a Renee N. Pacheco
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (*et seq*): Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Oxford, numbered 10 Sutton Avenue, given by Marco Pacheco and Renee Pacheco to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for First Eastern Mortgage Corporation, dated October 8, 2010, and recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 46452, Page 308, and now held by the plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.
If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before December 15, 2025 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the grounds of noncompliance with the Act.
Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on October 30, 2025.
Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
November 7, 2025

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

EASTERLY ABOUT FORTY-TWO (42) FEET;
THENCE BY SAID KEATING LAND ABOUT FIFTY (50) FEET NORTHERLY TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.
For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 31910, Page 204.
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TERMS OF SALE:
Adeposit of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.
Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
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225 Main Street
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(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO25P3761 EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate Of:
Elizabeth M Bell
Date of Death:08/04/2025

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Francis J Riordan of Oxford MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that:
Robin S Bell of Oxford MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/02/2025.**
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 29, 2025
Stephanie Fattman,
Register of Probate
November 7, 2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
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(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO25P3556EA
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE
Estate Of: **Stephen Paul Miller**
Also Known As:
Stephen P. Miller
Date of Death: June 23, 2025

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

(SEAL)
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
Docket 22 SM 003838
ORDER OF NOTICE
To:
Jeffrey P. Lougie; Stephanie Lougie
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (*et seq*): U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST, claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Dudley, numbered 29 Camelot Circle, given by Jeffrey P. Lougie and Stephanie Lougie to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Lehman Brothers Bank, FSB, a Federal Savings Bank, its successors and assigns, dated March 21, 2007, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 40957, Page 233, as affected by a Loan Modification dated April 1, 2009, and recorded in Said Registry of Deeds in Book 44316, Page 45, as affected by a Loan Modification dated August 27, 2012, and recorded in Said Registry of Deeds in Book 52268, Page 358, and now held by plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemembers status.
If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before December 8, 2025, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of non-compliance with the Act.
Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of this Court on October 23, 2025.
Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
22-002739
November 7, 2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO25P3755EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate Of:
Eleanor Olive Carter

Date of Death:05/17/2020
To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **Lori E Carter of Birchwood Village MN** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that:
Lori E Carter of Birchwood Village MN be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**
IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/25/2025.**
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 28, 2025
Stephanie Fattman,
Register of Probate
November 7, 2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
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Docket No. WO25C0542CA
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

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

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
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Docket No. WO25C0496CA
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

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



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Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-20.
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Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Nurse near ambulance

LEGALS

(SEAL)
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
25 SM 003321 ORDER OF NOTICE
TO:
Marielly Gonzalez Reyes; Julian Vazquez Gonzalez
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (*et seq*): Freedom Mortgage Corporation claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Webster, numbered 4 Meringo Avenue, given by Julian Vazquez Gonzalez and Marielly Gonzalez Reyes to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for OCMBC, Inc., dated February 11, 2022, and recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 67115, Page 32, and now held by the plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **December 15, 2025** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the grounds of noncompliance with the Act.
Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on **October 29, 2025**.
Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
November 7, 2025

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

Requesting that the Court enter a Decree and Order and for such relief as requested by the Petition.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00AM on the return day of 11/18/2025
Massachusetts Public Administrators (Chapter 194)
Public Administrators shall, except as hereinafter provided, take out letters of administration and faithfully administer upon the estates of persons who die intestate within his/her county or elsewhere, leaving property. Administration shall not be granted to a Public Administrator until after the expiration of ten days from the date of death.
WITNESS, Hon. Leliah A. Kearny, First Justice of this Court
10/20/2025
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Registry of Probate
November 7, 2025

(SEAL)
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
25 SM 003257 ORDER OF NOTICE
TO:
Nicole Magnusson
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (*et seq*): Freedom Mortgage Corporation claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Oxford, numbered 17 Bacon Street, given by Nicole Magnusson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Homebridge Financial Services, Inc., dated February 23, 2022, and recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 67170, Page 187, and now held by the plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you

may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **December 8, 2025** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the grounds of noncompliance with the Act.
Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on **October 24, 2025**.
Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
November 7, 2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
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(508) 831-2200
Bialy Docket No. WO25P3770EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of: Joseph P. Bialy, Date of Death: October 4, 2025
To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Joseph Bialy, III of Charlton, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Joseph Bialy, III of Charlton, MA be appointed as Personal Representative of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/25/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed

under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court. Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate Date: October 29, 2025
November 7, 2025
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
Docket No. 25 SM 003269
ORDER OF NOTICE
TO: Mark J. Julien
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (*et seq*): Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Oxford, numbered 145 Main Street, given by Mark J. Julien to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Shamrock Financial Corporation, its successors and assigns, dated May 28, 2014, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 52363, Page 359, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **12/08/2025** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.
Witness, GORDON H. PIPER Chief Justice of this Court on 10/24/2025.
Attest: Deborah J. Patterson, Recorder
November 7, 2025

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Gladys E. Kelly Library launches oral history project

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

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

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

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

Have breakfast with Santa and the Grinch!

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

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

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The process to adopt a child from foster care includes training, interviews, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you. These steps will help match you with a child or sibling group that your family will fit well with. To learn more about adoption from foster care visit www.mareinc.org . Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) can give you guidance and information on the adoption process. Reach out today to find out all the ways you can help children and teens in foster care.

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

- The western comedy “Go West” opens on November 1. Silent film legend Buster Keaton stars as “Friendless” and Fatty Arbuckle appears in an uncredited role.
- Sixteen people lose their lives in a small village in Wales when a dam bursts on November 2. The burst comes after five days of heavy rains.
- The Victrola Talking Machine Company introduces its new electrically-recorded phonograph records on November 2. The records can be played on the Victor Orthophonic Victrola, which cost around \$95 in 1925, or the equivalent of nearly \$1,700 in 2025.
- The film “The Pleasure Garden” is released on November 3. The release marks the directorial debut of English filmmaker Alfred Hitchcock.
- Italian Socialist Tito Zaniboni is arrested in a room at the Dragoni Hotel on November 4. The hotel is located across the street from the Chigi Palace in Rome, and Zaniboni is accused of renting a room with the intent of shooting Italian Prime Minister Benito Mussolini, who was scheduled to deliver a speech from the palace balcony.
- The National Hockey League awards a franchise to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on November 7. The club is named the Pirates, which is also the name of the city’s baseball team. The franchise moved to Philadelphia for the 1930-31 season before ceasing operations at the end of that campaign.
- The divorce trial of socialite Leonard “Kip” Rhinelander and Alice Jones begins in White Plains, New York, on November 9. At the urging of his family, Rhinelander sought an annulment of the marriage upon finding out that Jones was biracial. An annulment was never granted, but the marriage ultimately ended in divorce, and neither Rhinelander or Jones ever remarried.
- On November 10, the Archbishop of Canterbury appoints a 12-person committee of six doctors and six clergymen to investigate the veracity of faith healing.
- Louis Armstrong and His Hot Five record their first songs together on November 12. The recordings are considered highly influential for the development of jazz music.
- Polish Prime Minister Wladyslaw Grabski and his cabinet ministers resign on November 13. The mass resignations occur over a difference of opinion with the Bank Polski SA regarding economic issues plaguing the country.
- The American Basketball League opens its inaugural season on November 15. The league is the first national professional basketball league in the United States.
- General Motors purchases British auto manufacturer Vauxhall Motors for \$2.5 million on November 16.
- The autopsy of Tutankhamun concludes on November 19. Limited forensic science available at the time, coupled with significant deterioration of the body, limits the findings of the autopsy.
- The luxury train the Orange Blossom Special begins operations on November 21. The train transports travelers from New York City to Miami, Florida.
- The “Hat Law” goes into effect in Turkey on November 25. The law forbids the wearing of non-western headgear, including the fez or the turban.
- A state funeral is held for Queen mother Alexandra at Westminster Abbey in London on November 27. The procession marching behind the casket includes the kings of England, Denmark, Norway, and Belgium.
- The Grand Ole Opry debuts as a radio show on November 28. Fiddler Uncle Jimmy Thompson is the first to perform on the show.
- The new Madison Square Garden on Eighth Avenue between 49th and 50th Streets in Manhattan hosts its first event on November 29. The event is a six-day bicycle race known as “Six Days of New York.”

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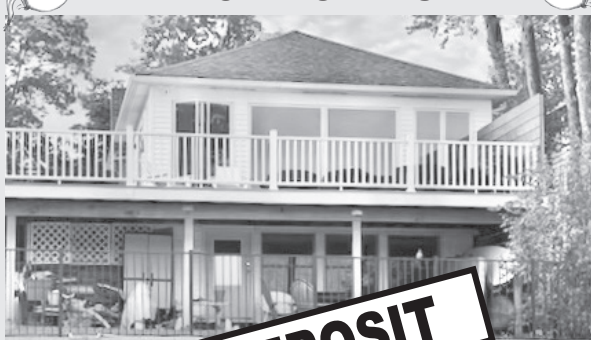
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Portrait of Major General Salem Towne donated to new Lodge

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



BY BRO. JIMMY FALZONE
MAJOR GENERAL SALEM TOWNE LODGE

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

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

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

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

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Barton Elementary hosts Fourth Grade Math Game Night



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

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

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