

Sports

Hall presenters named

SPRINGFIELD – The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame announced the list of Hall of Famers scheduled to present the Class of 2023 at the Enshrinement Ceremony to be held Saturday, Aug. 12, at Symphony Hall in Springfield, Massachusetts, the “Birthplace of Basketball.” 45 Hall of Famers are expected to be in attendance for the ceremony, including all presenters.

Members of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame Class of 2023 were asked to select previous inductees to accompany and present them to their peers. The choice is solely the decision of the incoming Hall of Famers or their family members if recognized posthumously.

The 2023 Hall of Fame Inductees and Presenters:

1976 Women’s Olympic Basketball Team, presented by Ann Meyers (Class of 1993), Nancy Lieberman (’96)

Becky Hammon, presented by Sheryl Swoopes (’16), Teresa Weatherspoon (’19)
David Hixon, presented by Jim Cal-

houn (’05), John Calipari (’15)

Dirk Nowitzki, presented by Jason Kidd (’18), Steve Nash (’18)

Dwyane Wade, presented by Allen Iverson (’16)

Gary Blair, presented by Teresa Weatherspoon (’19), Van Chancellor (’07)

Gene Bess, presented by Chris Bosh (’21), John Calipari (’15), Roy Williams (’07)

Gene Keady, presented by Jerry Colangelo (’04), Tom Izzo (’16)

Gregg Popovich, presented by David Robinson (’09), Manu Ginobili (’22), Tim Duncan (’20), Tony Parker (’23)

Jim Valvano, presented by John Calipari (’15)

Pau Gasol, presented by Toni Kuko (’21)

Tony Parker, presented by Manu Ginobili (’22), Tim Duncan (’20)

For more information and the latest updates, visit hoophall.com/Enshrinement or follow @hoophall on Twitter and Instagram.

Obituary

Matthew “Babe” Blackak

AGAWAM – Matthew “Babe” Blackak, 94, passed away peacefully July 10, 2023 surrounded by his loving family. Born June 20, 1929 in Springfield, MA, he was the son of the late Matthew George and Marion (Rosenstein) Blackak. Matt grew up in Agawam where he attended Agawam public schools. He was predeceased by his wife of 62 years, Lucille (Johnson) Blackak and together they spent many wonderful years raising a family, and vacationing in Old Saybrook, CT and Lake Winnepesaukee, NH. Matt loved his country and served a brief time with the US Army. He was a technician for National Scale and worked for Strathmore Paper. He also retired from the Agawam Fire Department in 1971. Matt was a faithful member of the Agawam Congregational Church since 1953 and served in many capacities including serving as Deacon for many years, church Trustee and Head Usher and was on both the Flower and Missionary committees. Matt was truly dedicated to serving others and devoted countless hours throughout a 25-year span with the Springfield Loaves and Fishes ministry of the church, along with many years as volunteer and recruiter, on behalf of the church, for the Parish Cupboard in West Springfield. He was also a 10 Gallon Donor with the Blood Program. Matt loved and cherished his family, his church and his country. In faithfulness to this great nation, Matt insisted on pledging allegiance to the flag of the United States at appropriate times. He also enjoyed his quiet time tending to his vegetable and rose gardens.



Matt is survived by his 4 children Sheryl Longhi and her husband, Nick, Matthew David Blackak and his wife, Deborah, Brian W. Blackak and his wife, Melissa and William G. Blackak and his wife, Susan; 11 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren. He is further survived by his nieces Ada Cameron and her husband, John and their son, Matthew and Ginny Harnois and her husband, Rusty and their children; and numerous other loving relatives and friends. He sincerely appreciated his many long-time friendships he had nurtured over the years; his special friend and companion since 2013, Gail Demers; and his two wonderful neighbors Leo and Laura Gagnier and the Tom Cascio Company. In addition to his parents Matthew and Marion and wife, Lucille, he was predeceased by his grandson Chad Blackak. Calling hours for Matt will be held on Monday, July 17, 2023 from 10AM-12PM at Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home, 985 Main St., Agawam, MA 01001 with a funeral service beginning at the funeral home at 12PM followed by a church service, to be celebrated at 1PM, at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., Agawam, MA. A private burial will be held at the convenience of his family. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Matt’s name to the Parish Cupboard, 738 Main St., West Springfield, MA 01089, Shriners Hospital for Children, 516 Carew St., Springfield, MA 01104, Agawam Lions Club (Sight and Hearing) PO Box 52, Agawam, MA 01001 or to the Agawam Congregational Church. For online condolences please visit www.forastiere.com.

Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL

The Agawam City Council will hold a public hearing on **Monday, August 7, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.** in Veterans Hall located at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Michael Dipon for a zone change request for 314, 318 & Rear Silver Street, Agawam from Business A & Agriculture to entirely Residence A-3 (ZC-2023-1).

This public hearing will be live-streamed on the Town of Agawam’s website at www.agawam.ma.us and will also be televised on Cable Access Channel 15. ZC-2023-1 is available for public inspection by emailing the office of the City Clerk for an electronic copy at vgioscia@agawam.ma.us

BY ORDER OF:
Christopher C. Johnson
City Council President
07/20, 07/27/2023

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

50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No.
HD23P0572EA

Estate of:
David E Haskell
Date of Death: 10/24/2022
CITATION ON
PETITION FOR SALE
OF REAL ESTATE
BY A PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Sale of Real Estate has been filed by: **John J Ferriter of Holyoke, MA** requesting that the court authorize the Personal Representative to sell the decedent’s real estate at a private sale.

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 08/18/2023.

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

WITNESS, Hon.
Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 13, 2023
Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate
07/20/2023

Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103

(413)748-8600 Docket No. HD23P1303EA

Estate of:
Mary Kozak
Also Known As:
Mary A. Kozak
Date of Death:
October 18, 2022

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Catherine A. Moretti** of Bourne, MA

a Will has been admitted to informal probate. **Catherine A. Moretti** of Bourne, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without** surety on the bond.

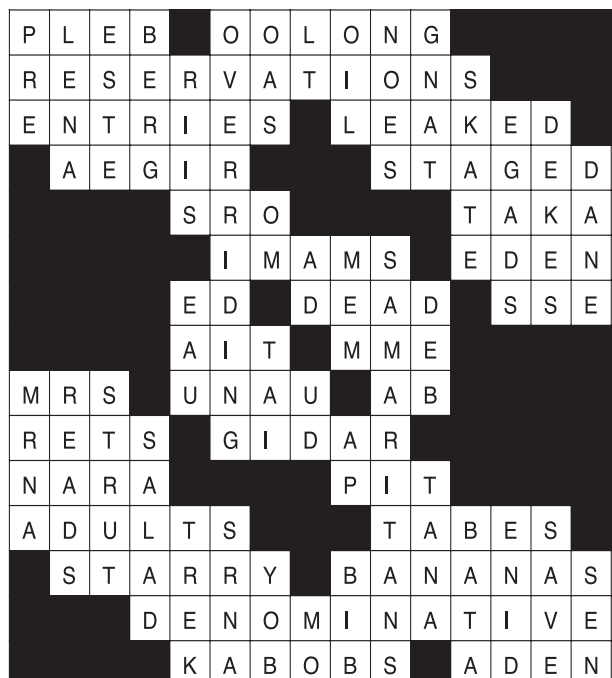
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
07/20/2023

Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.

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versity women’s soccer team in the fall. She gave the Mutiny a 2-0 advantage by converting a rebound goal during the 23rd minute. The Mutiny other local players, who saw action in the regular season finale, were Hope Santaniello (Agawam), Laura Gouvin (Monson), Ela Kopec (Ludlow), Brooke Samborski (Chicopee), and Alexis Legowski (South Hadley). Julia Robak (Chicopee) was the back-up goalkeeper. The Rush (1-6-1) cut the deficit in half a couple of minutes later following Ellery Winkler’s first goal of the contest. A little more than five minutes into the second half, the Mutiny had another scoring chance on a header in the box by Rachel Marchini following a corner kick, but it just sailed wide. The Mutiny managed to hold onto the one goal lead until the 74th minute when Winkler fired a low shot into the right corner of the net past Kopac tying the score at 2-2. Marchini missed another header and the Mutiny had to settle for the draw.

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DEATH NOTICE
Blackak, Matthew
Died July 10, 2023
Services July 17, 2023

Agawam Advertiser News
OBITUARY POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.

One is a free, brief **Death Notice** listing the name of deceased, date of death and funeral date and place.

The other is a **Paid Obituary**, costing \$225, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice and may include a photograph.

Death Notices & Paid Obituaries should be submitted through a funeral home to: obits@turley.com.

Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.