

OBITUARIES

James J. Nodwell, Sr., 69

James J. Nodwell, Sr., 69, passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 23, 2023 at Baystate Medical Center surrounded by his family. James was born in Hartford, Connecticut to the late Ralph and Frances (Warren) Nodwell.

James proudly served his country in the United States Air Force from 1972-1973 during Vietnam and continued to serve in the Air National Guard for 36 years, completing tours in Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

After he retired, he enjoyed working on small engines and helping his neighbors. He also served his community as the Assistant Chief of the Russell Fire Department for over 20 years. He loved helping others as a member of the National Ski Patrol at the Blandford Ski Area. Jim was an avid outdoorsman with a love of fishing, hunting and snowmobiling.



Jim is survived by his beloved wife of 45 years, Rita M. (Kozon) Nodwell; his two loving children, Joanna Nodwell of Russell and James J. Nodwell, Jr. and his wife Breanna of Chester, his brother Richard Nodwell of Burlington, Connecticut and his cherished grandsons, Nathan and Joshua.

Visiting hours for Jim were held on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 from 9-10:30 a.m. in the Firtion Adams Funeral Service, 76 Broad St., Westfield followed by a Mass at 11 a.m. in Holy Family Catholic Church, 5 Main St. Russell. Burial with Military Honors was held on Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 10 a.m. in the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1390 Main St., Agawam.

In lieu of flowers, donations in James' name may be directed to the charity of one's choice. www.firtion-adams.com

Geoffrey Lee Shedd, 66

CHESTER – It is with Great Sadness to announce the passing of Geoffrey L. Shedd, 66.

He passed on Sunday March 12, 2023 after a long battle with various health conditions.

Born March 2, 1957 to Wilbur and Eunice (Coon) Shedd, Geoff was a lifetime resident of Chester.

He graduated from Gateway Regional and throughout his years held various jobs.

Geoff was a huge fan of the New England Patriots and Boston Red Sox.

Although separated Geoff has been married for



40 years to Irene Shedd also from Chester.

Left to cherish his memory are his daughters, Jennifer and Linda Shedd; sister, Wilma Sudyka; seven grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Geoffrey was predeceased by his parents; his daughter, Victoria Shedd and his sister, Pamela Wheeler.

Services will be private at the convenience of the family.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Geoffrey Lee Shedd, please visit hilltownfuneralhome.com floral store.

DEATH NOTICES

NODWELL SR., JAMES J.

Died March 23, 2023
Funeral March 29, 2023

SHEDD, GEOFFREY L.

Died March 12, 2023
Services are private

Country Journal 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 \$100, 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.

LEEDS

Attorney Karen Jackson to lead Estate Planning Workshop

LEEDS – Attorney Karen G. Jackson of Jackson Law in Holyoke will lead an estate planning workshop at Linda Manor Assisted Living, 349 Haydenville Road on Wednesday, April 5 at 1 p.m.

She will highlight the latest developments in elder law and estate planning.

An elder law and estate planning attorney, Jackson will present “The Big Five: Core Estate Plan,” explaining the

importance of each document in a solid estate plan: the will, health care proxy, advance directive, HIPAA release, durable power of attorney and homestead.

“I’ll offer an overview of the basic building blocks of an estate plan,” Jackson said.

The talk is free and open to the public, but an RSVP is required as space is limited. People should call Crystal at 413-588-3316 or visit RSVPLindaManor.org to register.

HAYDENVILLE

Church hosts Easter soup, bake sale

HAYDENVILLE – The Haydenville Congregational Church, 143 Main St., will host its annual Easter Soup and Bake sale on Saturday, April 8 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

This is an opportunity to stock up on delicious homemade soups and

baked goods for Easter. Frozen soups are sold in pint and quart containers to be reheated at people’s convenience.

In addition to the frozen soup, there will be baked pies, cakes, cookies and more and don’t leave without some of those famous Hot Cross Buns.

WORTHINGTON

Summer program slots filling up

WORTHINGTON – The Outdoor Adventure and Exploration Summer Program is for enrolled R.H. Conwell students in this year’s grades kindergarten to sixth.

The program will run from Monday, July 10 to Thursday, Aug. 3, Monday through Thursday from 8:45 a.m.-2:45 p.m.

The program is free due to Department of Elementary and Secondary 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant. If parents or guardians would like to register their child in the school year or the summer program they may email Shannon Madden at smadden@hr-k12.org.

Worthington Parks and Recreational Committee to hold egg hunt

WORTHINGTON – The Worthington Parks and Recreational Committee will hold an egg hunt

Saturday, April 8 at 11 a.m. in the woods at Town Park. There will be candy stuffed eggs for all ages to find.

RUSSELL

Recreation Committee to hold egg hunt

RUSSELL – The town of Russell Recreation Committee will be holding their annual Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, April 8 at 10 a.m.

The hunt will be held at the Russell

Elementary school, rain or shine. This event is open to all Russell children ages 12 and under and their families. Mr. Easter Bunny is looking forward to seeing the children.

PUBLIC NOTICES

TOWN OF WORTHINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to MGL 71 section 38N, the Worthington School Committee will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 6:30 PM** at R.H. Conwell Elementary School, 147 Huntington Road, Worthington and via Zoom to consider the proposed school district bud-

get for fiscal year 2024. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86538182694?pwd=NDJ4Y1U5dnRiREhseHFDbHIHNVVUUT09> Meeting ID: 865 3818 2694 Passcode: 088178 Dial by your location +1 646 876 9923 US (New York) Meeting ID: 865 3818 2694 Passcode: 088178 Find your local num-

ber: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86538182694> Copies of the proposed budget are available in the main office of the R. H. Conwell Elementary School and will be available below on **April 7, 2023:** <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1-27Gq-lhDQPxx-RnRWwOh66gOH80yOaGj> 03/30/2023

ADVERTISEMENT: REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS Town of Huntington Stanton Avenue Improvement Project

The Town of Huntington has been awarded funds from the FY 2021 Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development Block Grant Program. Professional engineering design services are needed for the infrastructure improve-

ment project on Stanton Avenue.

A more detailed Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is available at the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, 60 Congress Street, Springfield, MA 01104, (413) 781-6045, from 9 AM to 5 PM. The RFQ will be available from the time of this notice until the due date specified below in digital format by request from the receptionist, Sue Ortiz at sortiz@pvpc.org. The Town

of Huntington, awarding and contracting authority, reserves the right to reject any and all proposals if it is deemed in the best interests of the Town to do so.

Completed proposals are to be submitted no later than 3:00 PM, Thursday, April 27, 2023 at the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, 60 Congress Street – 1st Floor, Springfield, MA 01104-3419. 03/30/2023