

bankHometown promotes four, names Branch Manager

OXFORD — bankHometown recently promoted four of its officers and named a new branch manager for its Main Street, Lancaster office.

Tina M. Puzo, of Dudley, was promoted to vice president, branch officer, of bankHometown's Southbridge St., Auburn, office and has assumed additional responsibility as retail sales coordinator for several of the bank's central Massachusetts offices. Puzo joined bankHometown in 2009 as branch manager of the Webster office and has more than 30 years of banking experience, including having previously served as vice president, business development and sales manager at TD Bank. She completed finance coursework at Quinsigamond Community College and earned a certificate from the New England

College of Business and Finance. Puzo is active in the community, currently serving as secretary of the Auburn Chamber of Commerce, chair of its Programs Committee, and co-chair of its town-wide Clean-up Committee. Additionally, she is manager of bankHometown's United Way campaign and a member of the town of Webster's Business Roundtable Committee. She previously received the Girl Scouts of Montachusett Council's Women of Distinction award and was previously named one of Worcester Business Journal's 40 Under Forty honorees.

Donna M. Daigle, of Lunenburg, was promoted to vice president, branch officer, of bankHometown's Sack Blvd., Leominster, office, and has assumed additional responsibility as retail sales coordinator for the

bank's two Worcester offices and three northern Worcester County locations. Daigle has more than 40 years of banking experience, joining bankHometown in 2014 as branch manager and later promoted to assistant vice president, branch officer. Before that, she was assistant vice president, store manager, with TD Bank. Daigle is also the secretary and treasurer for the Leominster chapter of Business Network International.

Joel Laureano, of Paxton, was promoted to assistant vice president, branch officer, of bankHometown's Grove St., Worcester, office. He joined Millbury Savings Bank in 2015, which merged into bankHometown in 2019, and managed the bank's Millbury Street, Worcester, office before moving over to the Grove Street loca-

tion when it opened in 2020. He has more than 20 years of banking experience, having also been a branch manager at both Bay State Savings Bank and Citizens Bank and an assistant branch manager at the former Bank of Boston/Fleet Bank. Laureano is a volunteer with the Friends of the Worcester Seniors.

Susan Collins, of Webster, was promoted to assistant vice president, cash management sales officer, and is based in bankHometown's Elm St., Millbury, office. She joined bankHometown in 2000 as a teller and over the years has been promoted to assistant branch manager, branch manager, cash management sales officer, and now assistant vice president. Collins will earn her associate degree in business from Bay Path University this spring and previously

received a certificate in management, leadership, and building high performance teams from Quinebaug Community College. She is active in the community, having served as treasurer of Friends of All Saints Academy and as the academy's cheer coach as well as secretary and treasurer of the Sturbridge chapter of Business Network International.

Erika Heredia, of Worcester, was named branch manager of the bank's Main Street, Lancaster office. She joined bankHometown in 2017 as a teller and was later promoted to teller supervisor and most recently to assistant branch manager of the bank's Grove Street, Worcester, office. Heredia holds an associate degree from Quinsigamond Community College and is a worship director and youth leader and

mentor with the Revival International Center.

About bankHometown Founded in 1889, bankHometown is headquartered in Oxford, Massachusetts, and has \$1.2 billion in assets and 16 branches located throughout central Massachusetts and northeastern Connecticut. Through its sponsorship and charitable giving program, bankHometown and the Hometown Bank Community Foundation support non-profit organizations and causes throughout Worcester and Windham Counties. In 2020, the bank and foundation donated approximately \$310,000 to nearly 170 organizations. Over the last five years, the program has donated more than \$1.4 million. For more information, visit bankhometown.com.

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SUMMER READING KICKOFF EVENT: TAILS AND TALES WITH JUNGLE JIM
Monday June 21 3:00PM

Join us on Zoom for our Summer Reading kickoff event with returning favorite magician Jungle Jim! Free, but registration is required. Registered participants will receive a link for the Zoom program 24 hours before the event. Sponsored by Hugh W. and Harriet K. Crawford Endowment.

LUNCH TIME STORY TIMES
Wednesdays at noon throughout the summer

Story time will be held outside in the lot near the children's wing. There will be a take home craft each week that goes with what we read.

These are geared for

ages 0-5. Sessions are limited to 15 families. Be advised we will be in a wooded lot so bug spray and sunscreen is recommended.

6/23 Fish
6/30 Unicorns
7/7 Mermaids
7/14 Dragons
7/21 Animal Safari
7/28 Bubble Party

Free; registration required.

MAKE A BUG HOTEL
Friday June 25 - multiple sessions

A backyard habitat series for birds and pollinators! This program teaches participants the basics of backyard habitats. We will be making a bug hotel to hang in your yard!

This is for ages 6+. Limited to five participants per session.

Sponsored by the Hugh and Harriet Crawford Endowment. Free; registration required.

MAKE A MAGIC WAND
Tuesday June 29 - multiple sessions

Come join us to make a magic wand!

This is geared for ages

8-12. Limited to five participants per session.

Sponsored by the Hugh and Harriet Crawford Endowment! Free; registration required.

ROCK PAINTING
Thursday July 1 - multiple sessions

Join us to paint your own rock! We will have some sample ideas you can copy or make your own idea!

Ages 8-14. Limited to five participants per session.

Sponsored by the Hugh and Harriet Crawford Endowment. Free; registration required.

P L A Y F U L ENGINEERS
Tuesday July 6 11:00AM

Jay Mankita leads a Rube Goldberg-inspired romp into the world of building complicated chain reactions to accomplish simple tasks, from our own ordinary stuff.

Free, but registration is required. Registered participants will receive a link for the Zoom program 24 hours before the event. Sponsored by the Dudley Cultural Council.

M E R M A I D

KEYCHAINS

Friday July 9 - multiple sessions

Join us to make your own mermaid keychain using yarn and beads!

Ages 8-14. Limited to five participants per session.

Sponsored by the Hugh and Harriet Crawford Endowment. Free; registration required.

DISSECT AN OWL PELLET
Monday July 12 - multiple sessions

Join us to dissect an owl pellet and see what bones we find and identify them.

Ages 5-12. Limited to five participants per session.

Sponsored by the Hugh and Harriet Crawford Endowment. Free; registration required.

PAINT A BIRDHOUSE
Friday July 16 - multiple sessions

Join us to paint and decorate a pre-built birdhouse to attract birds to your yard.

Ages 5-12. Limited to five participants per session.

Sponsored by the Hugh and Harriet Crawford Endowment. Free; registration required.

BURPEE AND

RECORDS PETTING ZOO

Monday July 19 - multiple sessions

Register for a 25-minute session to meet and pet a variety of real animals.

You will have the ability to purchase small amounts of feed for the animals. The money from the feed machines will go to help the Friends of the Library!

Come meet animals like a llama, alpaca, tortoise, squirrel monkey, goats, and others!

Sponsored by the Hugh and Harriet Crawford Endowment. Free; registration required.

ANIMAL MAGNETS/PENDANTS

Thursday July 22 (first half) & Monday July 26 (second half) - multiple sessions

We will be creating animal magnets or pendants. This is a 2 part activity. Part one is creating the animal and part two is painting it. (If you cannot come to the second session you can take your creation home to dry.) This is for ages 8-12.

Sponsored by the Hugh and Harriet Crawford Endowment. Free; registration required.

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STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER

Thursday July 29 2:00PM-4:00PM

We are letting your stuffed animals take over the library! Drop in and create a bed for your stuffed animal to sleep in, and then leave them to sleep overnight. We will then make sure they have a fun night at the Library. (We will post their adventures on Facebook and Instagram.)

Please register your animal! You can drop them off anytime between 2-4PM.

Sponsored by the Hugh and Harriet Crawford Endowment. Free; registration required.

SUMMER READING ENDS

Friday, July 30 1:00PM-3:00PM

Drop in and get an ice cream sandwich or popcorn for participating in summer reading! Ms. Lida will be outside for your last minute reading tracking to put your tickets in the raffle baskets.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

K's Ambulance recognized for patient care



Courtesy

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During a May 27 ceremony, staff members with K's Ambulance were on hand to receive

the award. This was the first time St. Vincent's Hospital presented an award in the category of EMS providers.

"K's Ambulance was presented with this award because of their excellent patient care,"

read a statement released by the company after the presentation. "They consistently take pride in going above and beyond for all patients. It was very appreciated to be recognized and awarded for all the hard work."

Dudley Democrats to elect delegates to state convention

DUDLEY — Registered Democrats in the town of Dudley will hold a caucus on Tuesday, July 6 in Room 321A at the Dudley Municipal Center. Delegates and Alternates to the 2021 Massachusetts Democratic State Convention will be elected. Registration will be at 5:30 p.m. and the caucus will begin at 6 p.m. There is also an opportunity to attend the caucus on Zoom. Please contact the DDTC at Dudleydems@gmail.com if you would like to have the Zoom link.

This year's state convention will be held on Sept. 25 at the Tsongas Arena in Lowell. It will be a platform convention, the 1st since 2017. Thousands of Democrats from across the state will come together to discuss Party business and celebrate our successes as we prepare for upcoming elections.

The caucus is open to all registered and pre-registered Democrats in the town of Dudley. Pre-registered Democrats who were 16 by May 22 will be allowed to participate and run as a Delegate or Alternate. Dudley can elect four Delegates and four Alternates to the Convention.

Youth, minorities, people with disabilities and LGBTQ individuals who are not elected as a Delegate or Alternate may apply to be an Add-on Delegate at the caucus or at www.massdems.org.

New members to the Dudley Democratic Town Committee are welcome. If you are interested in getting involved, please e-mail us at Dudleydems@gmail.com and be sure to check out the DDTC Facebook page.

Dudley Cultural Council offers hip-hop dance exercise for seniors

DUDLEY — Please join us! MUSIC Dance.edu is offering a one hour senior exercise class in your community, "Hip Hop Dance Chair Exercise for Seniors!" Friday, June 18 at 12:30 p.m. at the Dudley Senior Center.

Travel through time and space on the Soul Train and chair dance to clean hip hop music. "All Aboard the Hip Hop Soul Train Express."

There is some evidence that physical activity can slow down the decline of cognitive disabilities and may improve the quality of life.

This program is brought to you by a generous grant provided by your local cultural council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Gladys E. Kelly Library hosting book sale

WEBSTER — It is summertime, and the reading is easy!

Come to the Book Sale at the Gladys E. Kelly Library, 2 Lake St., Webster, on Wednesday, June 23 from noon until 5 p.m. (Friends members only — a great time to join!); Thursday, June 24 from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m.; Friday, June 25 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.; and Saturday, June 26 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m., and pick up your summer read! Hard copy books \$1, paperbacks 50 cents, a bag of books \$5.