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Town to consider override for schools

BY KIMBERLY MASCHI
TIMES CORRESPONDENT

A town meeting is scheduled May 2 at 7 p.m. at the Oxford High School auditorium to discuss and vote on several items, including a Proposition 2 ½ override for the schools.

The school committee wants to reiterate citizens do indeed have to be present for votes to count and be a registered voter in Oxford. Proposition 2 ½ override main feature, from the oxps.org site is that it “relates to the total amount of property taxes a city or town can raise each year. Prior to

the passage of Proposition 2 ½, municipalities created their budgets by determining how much it would cost to provide programs and services, and then raising the necessary funds through the tax levy” (oxps.org). As members of the committee put it, it is a “miniscule raise in property taxes to keep what we have and not have to cut resources like teachers.”

From the fiscal year 2018 override request, “A successful override would allow the district to maintain level services during the 2018-19 school year”

(oxps.org).

If the override passes the district could keep the staff and programs in place and reestablish those positions intending to be removed that was discussed at the public hearing on March 26. The negative connotations of this override not happening are many, including, larger class room populations, fewer programs, less individualized attention, less mentors, fewer resources and less overall pride in Oxford schools as “valued places of learning” (oxps.org).

The cost to taxpayers is one

of the lowest costs of the fiscal year annual increase to property tax bill as low as \$46.

“For the average \$214,500 residential home, the annual tax increase is \$98.67” (oxps.org).

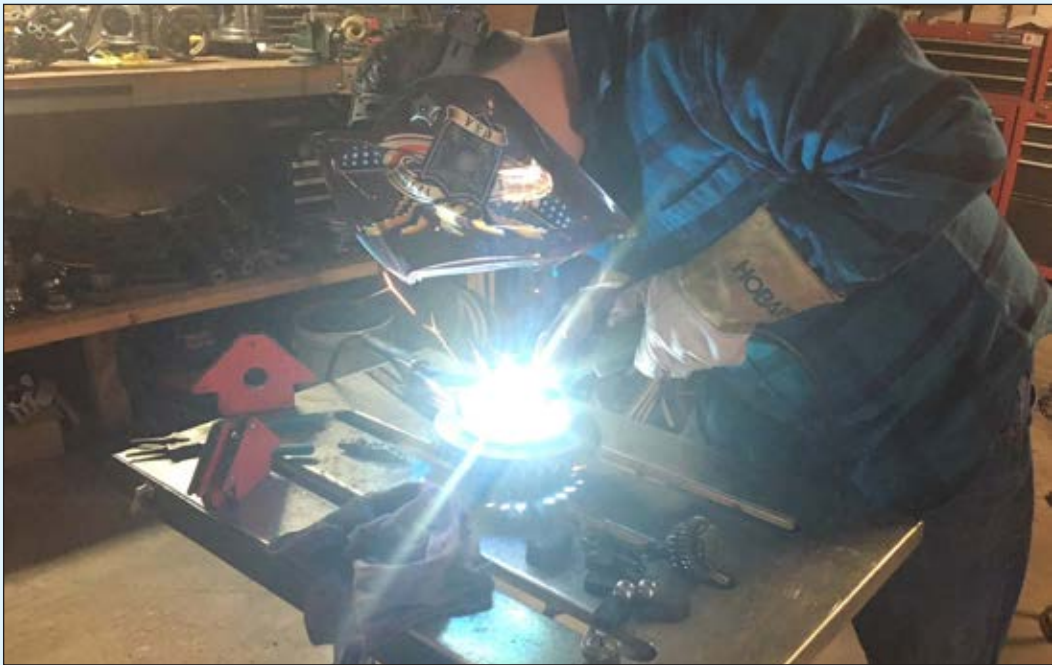
For more information visit oxps.org, left hand side under District Links to understand more. All the facts provided along with a Q&A and fiscal reports.

The committee implores all of the residents here in Oxford to come to the town meeting and vote.

Oxford School Committee meeting was privy to an array

of topics. The committee heard from Project COFFEE (Co-Operative Federation for Educational Experiences), which operates within the Oxford school district. It is a half vocational and half academic school with currently 32 students and can accommodate 35 in total at this time, according to David Nugent the director of the program. In COFFEE, students study three main vocational trainings, carpentry, horticulture and automotive. The students help

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Kim Maschi photo

Corey Mitchell welding in his workshop

He has all the angles... and a way to fasten them together with style

KIMBERLY MASCHI
TIMES CORRESPONDENT

Some people see a pile of odd wheels and bolts and see junk. Others see stars in the making.

“There is nothing like having the power of the sun in your hands,” says Corey Mitchell of Corey’s Creative Steel.

In a small garage in Dudley, a man is making beauty from automotive parts. What was once discarded pistons, springs, and valves; are being transformed into grand sculptures of intricate and intriguing design.

Mitchell straps his welding cap on and pours his heart and molten metal into each sculpture he creates. Every piece is handmade, the metals are twisted and turned by hand and handheld tools. The bow of a giraffe’s neck folded with strength and care. The handle bars of a chopper are contorted and curled. A table is erected with strength of gears and bolts glued together with the power of heat and precision.

Mitchell sees exquisiteness from rejected engines. He digs into parts and fragments to find just the right

fit for his next project.

Corey has been a mechanic for 22 years and for the past two years he has found his calling. He creates art from steel, and rust and discarded motor parts. Utilizing all the inner workings of motors, that an unaccustomed person would not recognize, he creates magnificent and complex sculptures.

He first started with a small metal frog for those close to him to enjoy. His family asked him to keep creating and now he is making

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Dudley and Charlton voters say yes to override

BY JASON BLEAU
STONEBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

After over a year of planning and discussion voters finally took to the polls in both Dudley and Charlton on Tuesday, April 3 to decide on the fate of a proposed Proposition 2 ½ override to cover the next few years of education spending in the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District.

Voters in both towns approved the override by relatively wide margins in the day long elections. Dudley approved the override by a vote of 724 to 533 while Charlton’s margin was even bigger with a vote of 1,217 to 719 in favor of the proposal.

Both towns voted to add \$1.5 million to their respective shares of the dual-town budget.

Superintendent of Schools Gregg Desto thanked both communities profusely for their support as officials from all areas of both communities had a hand in putting the numbers

together and bringing an effective budget to the towns.

“It basically was an 18-month process. We go back a year and a half working with the town officials to study the numbers and the projections and everybody realizing that we’ve got to do something, and we have to do it quick. The support from the town leaders and the school committee and the school leaders all paid off and it’s all greatly appreciated,” Desto said. “We just tried to the best we could to put honest information out there and continuously keep people as informed as we could. Hopefully, we did that. At the end of the day we’re just so unbelievably grateful to the citizens for supporting us. It’s a really positive turning point moment for our schools and our communities.”

The overrides went to the polls with the seal of approval from the boards of selectmen in both communities. The Dudley-

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Courtesy photo

Sen. Ryan Fattman with Town Manager Doug Willardson and Rep. Joseph McKenna

State funding for water line repairs on its way

BOSTON — State Senator Ryan C. Fattman (R-Sutton) and State Representative Joseph D. McKenna (R-Webster) announced \$50,000 in the state’s budget, which had been designated for water line repairs in Webster, is being dispersed.

“Making sure the citizens of Webster and our fellow communities have access to clean water continues to be a priority for Representative McKenna and I. We understand every dollar matters in projects like this, and worked closely with local officials on getting this

done,” said Fattman.

The amendment was successfully passed in the fiscal year 2018 budget, and was designated for the design and construction of a drinking water mainline in the town.

“The need for clean water has long been a priority of mine and of all the people in Webster,” said McKenna. “I’m proud that in conjunction with the state, Senator Fattman and I were able to secure some assistance for the ongoing projects to provide and deliver clean water to every home in town.”

Library exploring options for housekeeping contract

BY JASON BLEAU
TIMES CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – After utilizing a private contractor in recent years, the Pearl L. Crawford Library may turn to employees of the town of Dudley for maintenance and housekeeping going forward.

During a recent meeting of the Library Board of trustees Library Director Karen Wall revealed the contractor the library has utilized will not renew his contract, leaving the library to seek a new deal for cleaning and maintenance within the building. Wall said she has been in contact with another potential contractor for the library’s needs.

“That’s just recent and I’ve contacted an outside service that I’d been talking to (years ago) to give me an estimate of

what they would charge,” Wall told the Board of Trustees.

However, the trustees discussed whether or not signing a new contract with a third party would even be necessary. In the past the library had used town employees for housekeeping needs. Town Administrator Greg Balukonis was on hand to explain the town and library had a previous partnership that could be utilized again.

“It could (include the library),” Balukonis said, noting municipal employees manage and maintain all of the town-owned buildings other than the library.

“We can change our staffing configuration, but there was a decision made a while back that the library wanted to go with a contract service.”

Wall explained changing from a contracted service to town service wouldn’t actually save the library money or cost it any more money. This is because the library pays for the service regardless of who takes care of the building.

“The way it worked before was we were using the town custodians, but we were still paying them separately,” Wall said. “When we hired a contractor, there was no new line item. It was the same line item - I have actually been wondering if I could have somebody for more than two hours a day because it’s a big place to clean.”

No decision was made by the trustees at the meeting, however it was stated the contract with the current service was to expire on April 6.

TIME CAPSULES

BLACK TAVERN PROGRAM
The Black Tavern Historical Society of Dudley's monthly program for April is The Creation of Quabbin Reservoir, presented by J.R. Greene. The program includes a narrated slide presentation on the creation of Quabbin Reservoir and many details about what

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life was like in the former towns that were abandoned to create the reservoir. Mr. Greene is the author of 16 books on the subject. Books will be available for sale that evening. The program will take place on Thursday, April 19, at 7:00 PM. in the meeting room of the Black Tavern, 138 Center Road, Dudley. The presentation is free and open to the public.
McGOVERN TO VISIT
Democrats in the towns of Webster, Dudley, and Oxford are invited to attend a Meet and Greet with Congressman Jim McGovern and local Democratic candidates on Sunday, April 29, 2-4 p.m. at the Point Breeze Restaurant, 114 Point Breeze Road, Webster. Those planning to attend include McGovern, local and state Democratic candidates (not all confirmed), the Webster Democratic Town Committee and the Dudley Democratic Town Committee. Join Democratic friends and neighbors for informal conversation, hear from Democratic candidates running for public office, and learn how to get involved locally. For more information, contact Seth Nadeau at rsvp@jimmcgovern.com or (508) 795-1998.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER
All you can eat! At the Webster Lodge of Masons on Brandes Street, 5-7 p.m. Saturday, April 21. Tickets are adults: \$10; children aged 5-12 \$5 and younger than five: free. Drinks and dessert are included with the meal.
SUTTON LIBRARY PLANS EVENT
The Friends of the Sutton Free Public Library are pleased to announce the fourth annual Arts & Crafts Festival on June 9. The fun takes place on Sutton Common, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Rain location is in First Congregational Church. There will be big Book Sale at the Library, and Whittier Farms will provide lunch and goodies. You can purchase chances to win items donated by the artisans at the Raffle. Folks who would like to donate books to the sale may do so starting May 21. Artisans (no resellers) may obtain a registration form at the Library, 4 Uxbridge Road, Sutton or online through the Library's website or The Friends page on Facebook.

ANNUAL PLANT SALE
Plans for the 10th annual Dudley Conservation Land Trust Plant Sale to be held at Marty's Liquors, 119 West Main St., on May 19-20, 9 am to 3 pm, are well under way. Annuals, perennials (sun and shade), house plants, geraniums, hanging baskets, cemetery planters, herbs, vegetables (including the quintessential Heirloom tomato) small trees and shrubs will be available for sale. Again this year, the "Collector's Corner" will feature unusual perennials. We will also be selling local wildflower honey and handcrafted Dream Catchers! The "Garden Shed" will offer gently used tools, garden accessories, and yard items at bargain prices! As usual, an assortment of colorful planters will be raffled, as well as a handsome garden bench and exquisite "Around the World" quilt (both handcrafted by local artisans). New this year, a drop in gardening "Klass for Kids", where kids can experience some hands-on gardening! On Saturday only, Massachusetts Master Gardeners will be available to answer all your gardening questions. Please save the date: May 19-20, 9 am - 3 pm for the 10th annual DCLT Plant Sale! Come, get your garden growing! We look forward to seeing you!!!!

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The Webster Lions Club is currently accepting applications for the George Sellig Memorial Scholarship. The winner will be selected based on the student's academic performance, community service and financial need. The \$1000.00 award is presented each year to a graduating high school senior, who is a resident of Webster, and will be continuing his or her education in an accredited college program.

The scholarship is named in honor of former Webster Lions Club president, George Sellig. Mr. Sellig was once a teacher and coach at Tourtellotte High School, a Webster selectman and a superintendent of the former Webster-Dudley School Union.

Applications are available at the Bartlett High School Guidance Department or by contacting Dr. John Kalinowski at 508-943-7434. Applications are due by May 1

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
BOSTON — Emmanuel College student Darcy Anderson of Webster was inducted into Sigma Beta Delta, the international honor society in business, management and administration March 27. Sigma Beta Delta, founded in 1994, was established to honor students who have attained superior records in business programs in schools and colleges with regional accreditation. Membership in Sigma Beta Delta is the highest national recognition a business student can receive at a college or university with a Sigma Beta Delta chapter. To be eligible for membership, a business student must rank in the top 10 percent of the junior class or the top 20 percent senior of the senior class, and be invited to membership by the faculty officers.

ANNUAL YARD SALE
The Black Tavern Historical Society of Dudley announces their annual YARD SALE event. Saturday, May 5 from 8am to 2pm at the Tavern Barn on Center Road, Dudley. To donate items (no electronics, clothes or upholstered furniture) call Linda at 508-943-5509 or Bob at 508-943-8782.

SEEKING DONATIONS
When your spring cleaning is done and just when you are wondering what to do with all that useable, but unwanted 'stuff', St. Andrew's has the solution for you! On Saturday, June 9 from 8 am-2 pm, St., Andrew Bobola Church, 54 West Main St. Dudley, will hold its annual Yard Sale. At this time, we are asking for donations of household items in good condition for this all important local fundraiser. (Please, NO large electronics or appliances!) DROP OFF DATES for your donations at the rectory are: April 21, May 5, and May 19 from 9am-noon. For more information, please call the rectory at 508-943-5633.

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Barking up the right tree



Three event participants toss around ideas when asked to identify what a sample photo of bark, right, might come to look like when it gets older, left.

BY GUS STEEVES
TIMES CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — To Michael Wojtech, early spring is the best time of year. It's also one of the more challenging for the field he's in.

Some time ago, Wojtech, a conservation biologist, came to the realization that standard tree identification field guides were at best cumbersome and confusing, and most of them identify plants by their leaves or flowers. You can't do that at this time of year, so Wojtech decided to use the one thing you can see – bark.

“How do you get so hooked on bark you're willing to spend a decade studying the bark of

trees?” he rhetorically asked about 25 people at the Dudley Grange Saturday. The idea seemed contrary to everything he'd learned, with various sources telling him, “Unless you're a forester, don't try to use bark. It's too complicated.”

But he'd taken a class on mosses, which “make bark look simplistic,” so that didn't deter him. Wojtech wanted to understand bark “at a different level of perception.”

That didn't make the project easy, though. Many New England trees, like many people, see their surface texture change during their lives. Although almost all start smooth, very few (certain

birches and beeches among them) stay that way; most wrinkle, crack, peel, and shed strips in ways Wojtech thought he could categorize in usable ways.

“For months and months, I had all of these photos spread out on the floor of my office,” as he tried to identify similarities. That process led to the book “Bark,” which breaks bark into 10 categories that overlap somewhat, usually depending on the tree's age.

“We can kinda do time travel by looking up a tree,” Wojtech noted, because the upper limbs are younger. “It's really hard to put blinders on and not look up.”

When he took his seminar participants out into Weiloch Woods to show them firsthand what he'd just spoken about, he encouraged just that, although not many people actually did so. That was really less important, though, than an underlying goal he mentioned while on the trail: “One thing I love about tree identification is getting to know a place,” seeing the diversity of its lifeforms and discovering things you don't expect, he said.

Several participants noted how much variety Weiloch Woods contains. Some of them had prior experience with plant identification, while others admitted they could bare-



DCLT President Paul Weiloch, whose family once owned Weiloch Woods, shows participants historical photos of the Grand Trunk Railroad while they walk that part of the property.

ly tell one tree from another. Some were alert to what was native and what wasn't, noting the property is generally pretty clean of invasive plants except along the stretch of the old Grand Trunk Railroad line, which has lots of barberry and some multi-flora rose.

For those who don't have Wojtech's book, several websites offer some version of a bark-ID system. One, www.treebarkid.com, includes this simple mnemonic to help the process: “Remember the acronym MAD-Buck-Cap. It stands for Maple-Ash-Dogwood-Buckeye-Caprifoliaceae,” with

the latter being “woody shrubs and flowering plants,” so not useful for trees. That mnemonic refers not to bark per se, but to the various species that have opposite branches, particularly on the smaller ends. That site focuses on the upper Midwest, but many of its trees are also common here.

Sunday's event was sponsored by the Dudley Conservation Land Trust, but drew people from as far away as Easthampton.

Art exhibit features mindful contemplation

A Journey Within Every Step: Images for a More Mindful Life, photography by Christian Leatham will be on display and for sale April 3-28 at Booklovers' Gourmet, 55 East Main St. in Webster. Free and open the public. Gallery hours: Tuesday-Friday 10-6:30, Saturday 10-5. For more information call 508-949-6232.

Artist's statement: A Journey Within Every Step was born of a love of living in the moment and experiencing life mindfully. Armed with just a cell phone and an admiration for nature around me, I quickly found that if I stopped for just a moment and allowed the environment to wrap itself around me, colors popped, skies became alive with fiery brilliance, and typically ignored things such as leaves, branches, clouds, and streams became miracles dancing on earth's stage. Many of my pieces are macro views of bright flowering petals or of blades of grass. Look closer and see the life, the veins, the morning dew gently traveling its path back down to nourish the earth. Feel each image's character; and become enveloped in the evening's sunset, with golds, oranges, and bright pinks.

The philosopher Lao Tzu stated that “The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.” I personally believe that if we take that thought a bit further, and live more mindfully in each moment, then within each step we can experience life's journey. It is my hopes that my images will remind you to slow down and become one with nature and all that surrounds you.

Christian is a local work-from-home dad, born and raised



Courtesy photo
An example of the contemplative work of Christian Leatham.

here in Webster. After a long term stint in Boston, then Virginia Beach followed by the hustle and excitement of New York City, he returned to his hometown to raise his children. You will often find him running the streets far too early before sunrise, enjoying the peace of the waterfall down at Perryville Trace, or exploring nature's paths breathing in the fresh forest air.



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larger figures. His most popular constructs are motorcycles, that actually roll and steer the moving parts an added sense of wonder.

He has created many animals including a seahorse, anglerfish and flamingo. One of his largest creations is a truck that weighs over 70 pounds and rolls, has seats, and a motor. The truck is visually stunning as with all of his other designs.

Mitchell's original sculptures have caught the attention of many in the community. Three of his constructs are currently in the Schiltkamp Gallery in Worcester. Having his art in a gallery has made all the difference to this artist who continues to work in his home garage in Dudley.

“I have been on cloud nine for weeks,” says Mitchell. “I got such a great response from the opening and it has inspired me to try and do more.”

Currently Mitchell is creating many different designs from animals to mail box posts, tables, and lamps.



Corey at The Schiltkamp Gallery in Worcester with anglerfish

made pet replicas for people,” states Mitchell.

The designs created are meant for everyone to enjoy. Each piece is clear coated and built to last. They can be set outside or inside the home. Each piece is jaw dropping and inspiring. He is always discovering something new and creating it with his welding gloves on and the power of the sun in his hands.

On what's to come for Mitchell; he is attending the Watch City Steampunk Festival on May 12 in Waltham. Many of his pieces will be on display and available for sale. Mitchell accepts orders and inquiries on his Facebook pages, Corey's Creative Steel.

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Webster’s big teapot on Main Street

BACK IN TIME

SUBMITTED BY LINDA BRANNIFF

Dudley has the Black Tavern and its “Wandering Teapot.” Webster, too, had a “wandering” teapot of note.

My husband and I have collected postcards of Dudley and Webster for a long time. Years ago, one more postcard of Webster’s Main Street was purchased; but this 1913-era card was different. When examined, there appeared to be a huge teapot atop a post standing on the North side of Main Street. Curiosity was piqued and a quest ensued. After speaking to several other folks interested in the area’s history, no one could answer the question, “Why was there a large teapot on Main Street and who had put it there?”

Finally, Ed Patenaude was consulted and sure enough, he pointed me in the right direction.

Arthur Henry Racicot and his brother, Alexander Nelson Racicot emigrated to the United States from French Canada (Quebec) as children. As young men, each returned to Canada to attend college and then settled again in the U.S.A.

circa 1895. Alexander N. settled in Webster working as a clerk in the small coffee and tea business of his brother-in-law, Exodias J. Benoit, at the lower end of Main Street near Merino Bridge. Arthur H. settled in Norwich CT working for a large tea concern there.

About 1-1/2 years later, the brothers got together and bought the business from Exodias Benoit and Arthur H. Racicot moved to Webster.

Both brothers went out in the business’ horse-drawn wagons to deliver their coffee and tea to local Dudley and Webster housewives. The little business grew; it was advertised in a souvenir booklet printed by the Webster Fire Department in 1899. Called “Racicot Bros.,” they were the purveyors of teas, coffees, spices, and extracts with a store at 3 and 5 Main Street in Webster.

The brothers had started giving housewares to their customers who purchased coffee and tea from their store and by 1899 they were advertising crockery, glassware, rugs, oil cloths and linoleum, to be given away with purchases or sold for cash. The ad ended with “Look for The Sign of The Big Teapot.” The “big teapot” had become the icon of the business.

In the meantime, Alexander had decided to expand his business interests, and two years

later sold his share of the coffee and tea business to his brother, and bought into a business with Alfred Brassard, 26 and 30 Main Street. The business, called Brassard and Racicot, sold furniture, carpets and house furnishings as well as hardware and stoves. Oh...and they were also undertakers and embalmers.

Mr. Brassard handled the undertaking end of the business. Your need for a couch or a casket both could be accommodated.

But by 1901 Alexander bought out Mr. Brassard’s part of the business and again joined his furniture business with his brother’s tea and coffee business.

With continued growth of the brothers’ businesses, they bought the Susan Clarke estate on Main Street in 1905. The brothers then erected what was to be known as the Racicot Block on the property. (It stood where Mapfre/Commerce Insurance now stands next to the old Woolworth’s.) It was four stories high and the brothers’ businesses occupied almost three floors of the building...and the “big teapot” came along and stood at the curb in front of the store, where it was caught by a photographer in 1913 and made into a post card, complete with several jaunty jallopies of the time.

In 1915 Alexander took over the business and Arthur retired, turning his attention to other interests.



Historic photo

Yes, there was once a wandering teapot on Webster’s Main Street.

The sign of the big teapot stood for years on the north side of Main Street. I have not found anyone who knows of the big teapot’s fate.

Alexander died in 1942 and Arthur passed away in 1937. The Racicot name was well known in Webster and beyond during the 20th century and the

firm at one time had stores in Worcester, Rhode Island, and Connecticut and had a stable of 22 horses with wagons making deliveries. After the brothers’ deaths, the Racicot family ran the business for a time. The firm is no longer in business.

CMS Chamber and partners to offer spring job fair

The Chamber of Central Mass South will partner with Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School in Charlton to present a spring Job Fair at the school on Wednesday, April 25. Sponsored by some of the largest manufacturing employers in the region, Karl Storz Endovision of Charlton, Schott North America of Southbridge, and OFS of Sturbridge, the job fair will be held in two parts and both employers and local job seekers are invited.

Local businesses seeking to fill summer jobs, internships and full-time positions are encouraged to contact the Chamber to reserve a table. In its first year, the Job Fair will welcome up to 30 businesses to be represented on a first-come, first-served basis with the hope that this will be an annual event and expand over time.

“We canvassed our members on the merits of offering a job fair and the response was overwhelming,” says Chamber Executive Director Alexandra McNitt, “there are many job opportunities locally across several types of businesses. We are excited to work with our partners in presenting this job fair and expect a great turn out.”

Part one of the fair is scheduled from 1-2:30pm. This portion of the fair will welcome Juniors and Seniors currently attending Bay Path RVTHS, Shepherd Hill Regional High School, and Southbridge High School.

The second part, from 3-6 pm, will be a full-on job fair open to all adult job seekers throughout the region. Concurrent with the job fair, two adjacent classrooms will offer resume building workshops and a panel discussion titled “Reality Check: What Employers Expect from Entry-Level Employees.”

The job fair will be promoted with ads and inserts in a half-dozen local papers with a reach of over 40,000 homes locally and supported by posters in high-traffic business locations throughout the region. Area businesses wishing to participate can contact the Chamber of Central Mass South to receive an application for a table as well as a list of tips about what to bring and what to expect. Job seekers will be able to view a list of participating companies as they come on by visiting the home page of the Chamber website, www.cmschamber.org.

The cost for businesses to purchase a table at the spring fair is \$50. There is no charge for current member businesses of the Chamber of Central Mass South. A terrific response is expected so if you are looking to hire, you are urged to call 508-347-2761 or email info@cmschamber.org to apply for a table today or request more information. The Job Fair is, of course, free to attend for job seekers. Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School is located at 57 Old Muggett Hill Road in Charlton.

Blessed Backpack Brigade accepting donations for yard sale

Thinking about spring cleaning? Time to downsize? Want to help the less fortunate in your community? The Blessed Backpack Brigade, a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to helping the homeless and less fortunate in the local community, is currently seeking donations for their yard sale to be held on May 26.

We will happily accept your new and gently used items; however due to limited storage we cannot take large appliances or furniture such as entertainment centers, mattresses, old TVs and monitors.

Items can be dropped off at the Dudley Police Station Lobby, Luminosity Hair Salon, or the Webster Town Hall just outside the library doors. Should you have questions, please contact us @ blessedbackpackbrigade@gmail.com, or call Lauri at 774-230-8988 or Kate at 774-230-8987.

All proceeds will directly benefit the elderly, veterans, homeless, disabled and less fortunate right here in our own community.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Upon

4. Roman Statesman

8. A protective covering worn over the face

10. Perfected

11. British school

12. Colored with red powder

13. Tivoli

15. What bowlers hope to knock down

16. Finnish lake

17. Damaged regions of tissue

18. World-renowned guitarist

21. Political action committee

22. Oxygen reduction system

23. Part of a circle

24. Italian monk’s title

25. Kidney problem (abbr.)

26. One point east (clockwise) of due north

27. Home to a world famous bay

34. Mollusk

35. Large nest of a bird of prey

36. Predict

37. Reconnaissance

38. Move in a particular direction

39. Cut with a tool

40. True fir

41. Heaven’s opposite

42. Employed

43. “Partridge Family” actress Susan

CLUES DOWN

1. Induces vomiting

2. Gloss or sheen on wood furniture

3. Meteorological line

4. Help shoppers save money

5. Heart condition

6. What tweens become

7. ___ and ends

9. Small knob

10. Island capital

12. Refinisher

14. Brazilian city

15. Pearl Jam’s debut

17. Resinous substance of an insect

19. Stretched out

20. Bag-like structure in a plant or animal

23. Reference works

24. Hoover’s office

25. Confused

26. The Science Guy

27. A young woman

28. Used to express good wishes

29. Body part

30. Draw blood

31. Curved

32. ___ Kidman, actress

33. Profoundly

34. Fools

36. Wife (German)

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What a packed day for Park Avenue

Courtesy photos

Fourth Graders at Park Avenue Elementary School in Webster had a wonderful time Wednesday, April 4, as they listened to the New Haven Symphony Orchestra perform a Young People’s Concert at the Center for the Arts at The Woodstock Academy in Woodstock, CT. The field trip was made possible by a collaboration between the New Haven Symphony Orchestra and the Performing Arts of Northeast Connecticut.

After a picnic lunch at Roseland Park in Woodstock, three buses of students, teachers and chaperones headed over to the Center for the Arts for the noon performance. With guest musician Chris Brubeck, world-renowned trombonist and composer, students heard American rhythms in pieces from Copland to Ellington to Brubeck to Bernstein. A wonderful time was had by all, and Park Ave. students showed their pride in themselves and their school by being excellent concert attendees.



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Dudley PTO sponsors Someone Special dance



An attempt to do a group dance.

Photos courtesy Mary Norton



Rebecca and Vinnny Menzone get ready to take to the dance floor at the annual Someone Special Dance for grades K-4.



Olivia Vivenzio, Victoria Norton, and Caroline Fuentes take a pose.



Shawn and Calleigh O'Grady know how do the moves.



Scott and Molly Mead give one another a bit of father daughter time.

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TAI CHI CLASSES
Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30
Open to teens and adults regardless of experience level. Wear loose, comfortable clothing, flat shoes with a back, and bring a bottle of water. Refrain from eating a large meal beforehand. Held in the Fels Community Room. Drop-in; no registration but space is limited. Funded by the Hugh W. and Harriet K. Crawford Endowment.

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Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30, April 11 through May 16
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GLASS PAINTING WORKSHOP with Caryl Savard
Saturday, April 21, 10:30-12:00
We are pleased to welcome back Caryl Savard, of Caryl's Studio & Creative Design, to conduct a glass painting workshop. Participants will paint either a wine glass or a vase with a design of their choice. Sign up is required; size is limited to 25 participants. This event is free; however, participants wishing to paint a second item may do so for \$5.00 (cash). Sign up is required; size is limited to 25 participants. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

CHILDREN'S AUTHOR VISIT/STORYTIME
Wednesday, April 18, 11:00
Meet children's author Donna Mae as she reads one of her titles "THE WOOLY ADVENTURES of PURL". Books will be available for purchase after the event. For children ages 2-6. Children must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required. This program is sponsored by Friends of the Library.

MUSIC & MOVEMENT EARTH DAY CELEBRATION WITH DEB HUDGINS
Thursday, April 19, 11:00
Nothing gets kids on their feet and having fun quite like songs, dance and silly stories. Join Deb for an Earth Day Celebration!! No registration. Children under 12 must be accompanied by parent/guardian.

ALL ABOUT BEEKEEPING WITH JOHN HEDLY
Thursday, April 19, 6:00-7:00
Join John Hedly, local beekeeper member of the Worcester County Beekeepers Association, for a presentation about honey bees, beekeeping, and the importance of honeybees our environment. No registration required. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

MAGIC SHOW WITH SCOTT JAMESON
Friday, April 20, 2:00
Join magician & juggler Scott Jameson for an extraordinary performance that will have you laughing out loud and perched on the very edge of your seat. No registration required. All ages welcome. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

GLASS PAINTING WORKSHOP with Caryl Savard
Saturday, April 21, 10:30-12:00
Participants will paint either a wine glass or a vase with a design template provided by Caryl. Sign up is required; size is limited to 20 participants. This event is free; however, participants wishing to paint a second item may do so for \$5.00 (cash). Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

BLACKOUT POETRY WORKSHOP WITH MIKE LEO
Saturday, April 28, 11:00-12:30
Have you ever wanted to write poetry but had a hard time putting the words together? Join local artist Mike Leo for a unique writing workshop fit for both first time writers and the experienced poet wanting to explore new ways of expression. This program will explore Blackout Poetry, Ransom Note Poetry and unique word-play activities. For mature teens & adults. Signup required. Space limited to 15. Bring examples of your blackout poetry to share. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

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United Way’s Fill a Ford with Food ‘fabulous’



Courtesy photos

“Wow, this is incredible” was the first comment made by Janet Scheffler, executive director of the United Way of Webster Dudley about the Fill-A- Ford with Food event held March 17 & 18. The local food drive hosted by the United Way was sponsored by Place Motor in Webster. Two Ford F150 trucks were parked outside of Dudley Park N Shop and Price Chopper in Webster both Saturday and Sunday and were filled to capacity both days with food items.

Customers of both local grocery stores were extremely generous and kind when asked to purchase an extra item or two while shopping benefit our two local food pantries St. Vincent DePaul at Sacred Heart Parish in Webster and Webster Dudley Food Share noted Place Motor CEO Steven Place.

“This event has significant meaning to us because it gave us a chance to give back to our community. Providing food to those who are in real need is a heart-

warming experience” he said.

United Way President Bill Keefe wishes to thank United Way Directors Tami Germain and Joyce Mezzoni for all their help in addition to all the volunteers from St. Vincent DePaul, Webster Dudley Food Share and students from the National Honor Society at Bartlett High School, as well as Price Chopper and Park N Shop.

“It was a collective community effort that made the event so successful” acknowledged Mr. Keefe.

It took volunteers several hours to organize, divide and deliver the food to the pantries late Sunday afternoon when the event had wrapped up at the stores. AJ Alkire at Webster Dudley Food Share and Ed Wentland at St.Vincent DePaul both expressed their thanks to the community as well for their generosity. Wentland commented that “we will be able to help many families with this donation. We truly appreciate all those who made this possible.”



Colon to receive Dudley Woman’s Club scholarship

Nicole Colon worked part time and graduated from Oxford High School in 2001.

“I wanted to further my education but also had to meet my home and financial responsibilities, so I attended The Salter School and received my legal office administrative certificate,” said Colon.

She worked full time at a law office and attended Quinsigamond Community College part time as a double major in human sciences and nursing.

“I always knew that helping people was my true calling but after obtaining

the prerequisite classes for nursing I was told there was a three-year waiting list,” stated the Dudley resident. “Luckily a friend suggested Bay Path RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy!”

Colon was accepted into the program within two weeks.

As a practical nursing student, Colon has represented Bay Path at Northeastern University’s Nursing Innovation and Entrepreneurship Summit, participated in mobile health screening for District 33-A Lions Club in Paxton, is a member of the UNICEF Club, is a registered volunteer for

Worcester Medical Reserve Corps and recently became District Champion earning a Gold Medal for Health Knowledge Bowl post-secondary category for SkillsUSA.

Of all her extra-curricular activities, Colon finds her involvement with MRC the most rewarding. She completed MRC’s deployment overview training and assist communities throughout Massachusetts with cold weather requests, shelter staff volunteers, fire safety, emergency placement of pets, water supply, and other trainings such as ALICE active shooter.

Upon her completion of practical nursing, Colon plans on pursuing her BSN at Worcester State University. Her long-term goal is to become a certified registered nurse anesthetist.

The Dudley Woman’s Club was formed in 2008 as a volunteer organization committed to the support and betterment of Dudley, Charlton and Webster communities. It gives a \$1,000 scholarship annually to a deserving area student. For more information visit <http://www.dudleywomansclub.org/>

VERRIDE

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around the community and often help build accessibility for senior citizens.

These classes are designed to be career building and create future independence for the students. Nugent states the project also teaches its students socialization skills through holiday interactions where they can practice manners and supporting each other. The students attend various field trips provided by grants, such as to the Boston Museum of Science and Old Sturbridge Village. This program is utilized for students who may have difficulties in a conventional type of high school and can either be used by the student to graduate from or return eventually to the regular high school. Nugent thanks everyone involved and is proud of the success the project is showing and how it is helping our children in the community and from surrounding towns.


VOTERS

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Charlton Regional School district totals \$53.1 million for the upcoming fiscal year starting on July 1 and the override sets in motion and multi-year initiative to balance the budget to avoid overrides in the future.

While the district was successful in its bid for increased funding from both towns, Desto said the fight doesn’t end here. The district and its representatives as well as the selectmen in both towns are going to continue their work to advocate for change to the funding formula on the state level. Over the course of the past year local leaders have been very vocal that dual-town districts like the Dudley-Charlton district lose out because of the current formulas which played a part in the need for the override.

“There’s a broken funding system in the state and I think most reasonable people know that,” Desto said. “We’ve got to continue to advocate. We understand you can’t rely on overrides forever. We appreciate the support of our townspeople, but we also realize we can’t expect it all the time. There needs to be something done at the state level and we’re just going to continue to do the best we can to help advocate for reforming the funding formula.”



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EDITORIAL

Another look at a freedom



We are fast approaching a unique process in Americana.

Open town meetings are rapidly becoming an anachronism. It is more and more difficult for towns to encourage enough people to take time to actually show up and be part of the political process.

Norman Rockwell, famous for his Saturday Evening Post covers and slices of life; using his own neighbors as models to create his realistic paintings of what now seem idealistic ways to be; is famous for one of those called Freedom of Speech.

It was part of a series of four, Freedom of Religion, Freedom from Want and Freedom from Fear were the other three. They were used as part of a campaign to encourage the purchase of bonds to help pay for World War II.

Freedom of Speech shows a middle aged man standing before his fellow townsmen (there is one woman, but she is nearly hidden by all those men); speaking his piece. He is surrounded by rapt listeners. Whether they are agreeing or not is hard to tell, but they are listening.

In a day when actually listening to someone else without shouting them down if you don't agree with them, this is refreshing.

The ideal of free speech, which many often forget, is that everyone has the right to do it, and you don't have to agree with what you hear. You have the right to what you wish to believe, but they have the right to what they wish to say.

The political correctness people have it wrong.

It isn't that our delicate ears can't deal with the possibility of hearing something that strains our egos or casts aspersions on our beliefs; it's how we respond.

No, we don't want people running around screaming horrible "nicknames" for other people, we would hope good manners would enter in there somewhere. But how people respond to such language is much, much more important than if someone says it.

Which is why the removal of any monuments or statues or plaques or commemorative information worries us.

Because where does it end?

See, we understand that the interpretation of a statue can be in the intent of the person who placed it there, or in the resulting impact it has on those who view it many, many years later.

Was the statue placed because the people wanted to commemorate a person whose values they also valued? Most likely; and they also wanted others to remember that person for those things, and perhaps others were not as enamored of them. But it was most likely the person with the money to pay for the statue that got it erected; and over the years, different values may have been attributed to both the original guy AND his statue.

It happens.

Flags represent many things; statues represent many things. Are we going to, as an old saying points out, cut off our nose to spite our face? Will we give in to the haters who point out in spite that even our founding fathers owned slaves? Yes, they did. It was common

VIEWPOINT

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Clark: streets paved with gold?

To the Editor:

The 22ND annual Highway Report of the Performance of State Highway Systems, Reason Foundation Policy Study No. 448, dated September, 2016, is available on line. Statistics there had me falling out of my chair. What It reports for Massachusetts are some of the most disturbing examples of mismanagement that I have ever seen. Let me share with you just a few of the absolutely crazy numbers cited.

Total Disbursement Per State Controlled Mile for Massachusetts is a paltry \$675,939. I know one of the first things DOT employees will offer as an explanation is the weather we have here in the Bay State. Yes, our winters are bad. But, are they any worse than neighboring states that have disbursements per mile as follows?

Maine: \$78,973
Connecticut: \$477,875
New Hampshire: \$186,194
Vermont: \$149,249
Rhode Island: \$425,646

Another set of figures that I found equally odious was Administrative Disbursements Per State Controlled Mile. Massachusetts comes in with the second highest regional cost at \$74,924.

The other New England states are:
Maine: \$2,409
Rhode Island: \$39,685
Vermont: \$21,815
New Hampshire: \$23,607
Connecticut is \$83,282. We did beat those guys in the Constitution State on that one, but before we get too giddy, the national average is merely \$10,057.

Oh, I almost forgot to mention that even with this obscene spending, more than one-third of our bridges are deemed deficient.

The drum is beating on Beacon Hill and in

Washington to raise the gas tax. Yet another money grab being considered is to charge you for the miles you drive. Either or both of these acts of (pardon the pun) highway robbery would result in still more tax money going to fund our roadways. If what we are already spending gets us roads of the quality we now have, before we commit any more funding, we as taxpayers and the driving public MUST take a long and painful look at what we are getting at the obscene spending levels we now have.

We have a State Auditor, Suzanne Bump (617-727-2075). According to her website: The Office of State Auditor Suzanne M. Bump (OSA) conducts audits, investigations, and studies to promote accountability and transparency, improve performance, and make government work better. Isn't this something that MS. Bump should be looking into?

Unfortunately, if we use the sort of logic that prevails on Beacon Hill, just throw more money at it, the one-party club that is our state legislature will look to fix our roads with still more tax money. In the past, immigrants came to this country thinking that the streets were paved with "gold." Well, in Massachusetts they aren't paved with gold, but we're paying almost enough that they could be.

If this makes you angry or has you looking for answers, please call or email our State Auditor, your State Representative, State Senator, or even the Governor's Office. You could call the State Attorney General, if she isn't too busy suing the Federal Government. But, DO SOMETHING before more tax money is thrown into this growing pothole.

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Partaking in The Resurrection

For 250 million Orthodox Christians (Greeks, Russians, Albanians, Romanians, Copts, Armenians and others), we are just past the joy of our Holy Week and celebrated Easter. And for 40 days following Easter, we are in the Paschal season and keep celebrating the joy of Christ's Resurrection. So here is a reflection on the greatest event in the history of the world, Jesus' Resurrection from the dead.

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Risen and thus light shall prevail over darkness. Christ is Risen and thus joy shall prevail over sadness. Christ is Risen and thus life shall prevail over death!

This is why, if we choose to participate in this resurrection, we enter into a new beginning and a victorious life!

Think of a few examples from the Bible of people entering into the new life that resurrection brings. Among the apostles of Christ, Judas betrayed Jesus, and because he didn't stay around to see the resurrection, he fell into despair and committed suicide. In contrast, although the other apostles all abandoned Christ and felt shame and despair, they did not give up. Even Peter, the head of the apostles, denied knowing Christ three times, yet after he witnessed the Resurrection, he became a new person. From a fearful coward into a bold preacher, living a life in Christ and ultimately dying for His Master! Peter and the apostles became new creations in Christ!

Think of the thieves crucified on either side of our Lord. One rejected any possibility of resurrection, and died in anger, bitterness and hatred. The other, although he accepted that he was receiving a just punishment for his crime, still looked at Christ with hope, crying out, "Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Even though this condemned man lived an evil life, in his last moment he longed to participate in our Lord's Resurrection and with the cry, "Remember me in your kingdom," discovers paradise.

Mary Magdalene was a broken, defeated woman who the Gospel of Luke describes as being possessed with seven demons. Her love and faithfulness for our Lord, however, transformed her life from one of wretchedness into one of meaning. She was the first to see the Risen Lord, and thus became an apostle to the apostles, sharing the joy of resurrection with others!

Even the Roman Centurion who actually participated in Christ's crucifixion came to believe and partake of the Resurrection, thus ending his life not as an anonymous Roman soldier in history, but as St. Longinos, a saint of the Church!

Here lies the central message of Easter and Christ's Resurrection! No matter who we are or what we have done in life, no matter how many times we've denied Christ or even rejected Him, no matter how many times we've fallen into our common sins or even serious transgressions, Pascha Sunday commands us never to despair, for our Lord's Resurrection gives us hope for a new life and a fresh start!!!

We can't stay hopeless when we know that we have a God who loves us so much that He willingly dies in our place for us! We have a God who not only endured betrayal, denial, humiliation, rejection, and the most cruel form of death on the Cross, but a God who willingly descended into the deepest darkness of Hades to wrestle with the Evil One and break His bonds over us, destroying his power of sin, evil and death!

For those of us who choose to participate in this restoration of life, in this resurrection from the dead, than joy and peace and hope will be ours. We will live abundant lives in the power of Christ and in the victory of His Resurrection!

Christ is Risen!

Do not pass stop...it's the law

I received a question regarding the proper procedures to follow at a stop sign. The person raising this issue was concerned about drivers failing to stop at the proper location when at



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these intersections. In particular, they were concerned with vehicles that either do not make a complete stop or do so too far into the intersection. If a car is in the wrong position, it can force others traveling in the area to take evasive measures. I was asked to provide some information to people on proper stopping procedures.

Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 89 Section 9 addressees the proper driver expectations while at an intersection with a stop sign. It reads in part, "Every driver of a vehicle approaching a stop sign or a flashing red signal indication shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, but if none, before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection, or, if none, then at the point nearest the intersecting roadway where the driver has a view of approaching traffic on the intersecting roadway before entering it."

According to the law, the stop line is the primary location to stop at one of these intersections. If there is no line or crosswalk, the driver must stop in an area with a clear view of traffic before proceeding into the intersection. It is the obligation of the driver with the stop sign to yield the right of way to the other traffic in the intersection. For this reason, it is important to stay within your travel lane and not impede the path of other drivers. It is also important to remember these rules apply to each vehicle in line at a stop sign. If a car is second or third in line and stops behind others, the driver still has the obligation to stop when it reaches the stop line or other proper area. Particular attention must be paid in thickly settled areas where the streets may be narrow or lack markings. The penalty for a stop sign violation is a \$50 civil fine.

Intersections with stop signs are areas where accidents may occur if drivers do not exercise the proper precautions. Most stop lines are usually in a predetermined place where stopping vehicles should have a clear view of the other traffic before proceeding. Remember to always stop in the appropriate location and maintain an awareness of both vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

Thanks again for your questions and comments. Please send them to me at the Dudley Police Department, 71 West Main St., Dudley, MA 01571 or email at swojnar@dudleypolice.com.

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Fashions forward at 10th annual event

The Dudley Woman’s Club 10th annual Fashionista Fashion Show was recently held at Point Breeze Restaurant. As always, an amazing job by everyone from the organizers to those who attended; the restaurant and the willing volunteer models.



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“And the prize goes to” Claudette Eaglelton, Kristen Marengo, Pat Korch, Gregg Desto



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Getting to know the Governor’s Council

I ask you, “Who among us has the power to take away your child, your home and even your freedom with a single decision?”

The lifetime appointed judges in Massachusetts, that’s who. The seriousness of the Governor’s Council business is best understood when one asks themselves these life changing questions. The Governor’s Council is the final approval of all lifetime appointed judges and clerk magistrates in Massachusetts. The Council consists of eight members, all elected throughout the state. I am your Governor’s Councilor for the 7th District, which includes 65 cities and towns and is primarily made up of all Worcester County.

In addition, the Council approves members of the Massachusetts’ Parole Board, Administrative Law Judges for the Department of Industrial Accidents, the Appellate Tax Board and all notary publics and justices of the peace.



LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL

JEN CAISSIE
GOVERNOR’S COUNCILLOR,
7TH DISTRICT

These are all important roles. But by far, the most crucial job of the Council is to vote on the lifetime appointed judges and clerk magistrates. Nobody becomes a judge, or a clerk magistrate in Massachusetts without a majority vote of the Governor’s Council. This applies to every judicial position from the local District and Probate Courts right on up to the highest court in our state, the Massachusetts Supreme Court (SJC). All of the confirmation hearings are open to the public and anyone is welcome to come in and testify either for or against a nominee. No other entity can override the Governor’s Council’s vote on nominees and this is as it should be because the Governor’s Council is effectively the Peoples’ only voice in the final confirmation of all lifetime appointed judges and clerk magistrates in Massachusetts.

Prior to conducting confirmation hearings, receive substantial personal and professional background information on each nominee. As a practicing

attorney who is in court daily on criminal and civil matters, due diligence to me means conducting an exhaustive review of nominees’ qualifications, courtroom experience, their cases and legal writings. For myself, vetting nominees properly at their confirmation hearings requires intense preparation and the ability to formulate tough questions on issues of public safety, victims’ rights, and judicial philosophy. The taxpayers of Massachusetts deserve judges who understand that public safety is paramount and that victims need to be heard. Every nominee must demonstrate to me that they understand judges are to apply the law, not make the law.

Our Founding Fathers established the Governor’s Council as a Constitutional body in the Massachusetts’ Constitution because they understood the awesome power judges wield over our lives. This is an historical principle that compelled me to first run and one that I have always taken to heart in carrying out my duties.

It has been and continues to be my pleasure representing the good people of Worcester County as their voice on the Governor’s Council.

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practice, in many countries. Including Great Britain until laws were passed abolishing it.

Vikings held slaves so we can count Norway and Sweden in there too.

Even some Native Indians had a bound servant system for their captured enemies.

Are we going to tear down buildings built with slave labor? Harvard University buildings? The White House? The Capitol building?

Societal systems change. We can understand we were wrong. We can apologize and make amends but we can’t “undo.” It happened.

We can only hope that somehow, the rant to tear down statues, abolish the flying of flags and otherwise destroy artifacts of what happened whether we like it or not will stop, as people realize the reminders won’t erase the history.

And it shouldn’t. Because we shouldn’t forget the history.

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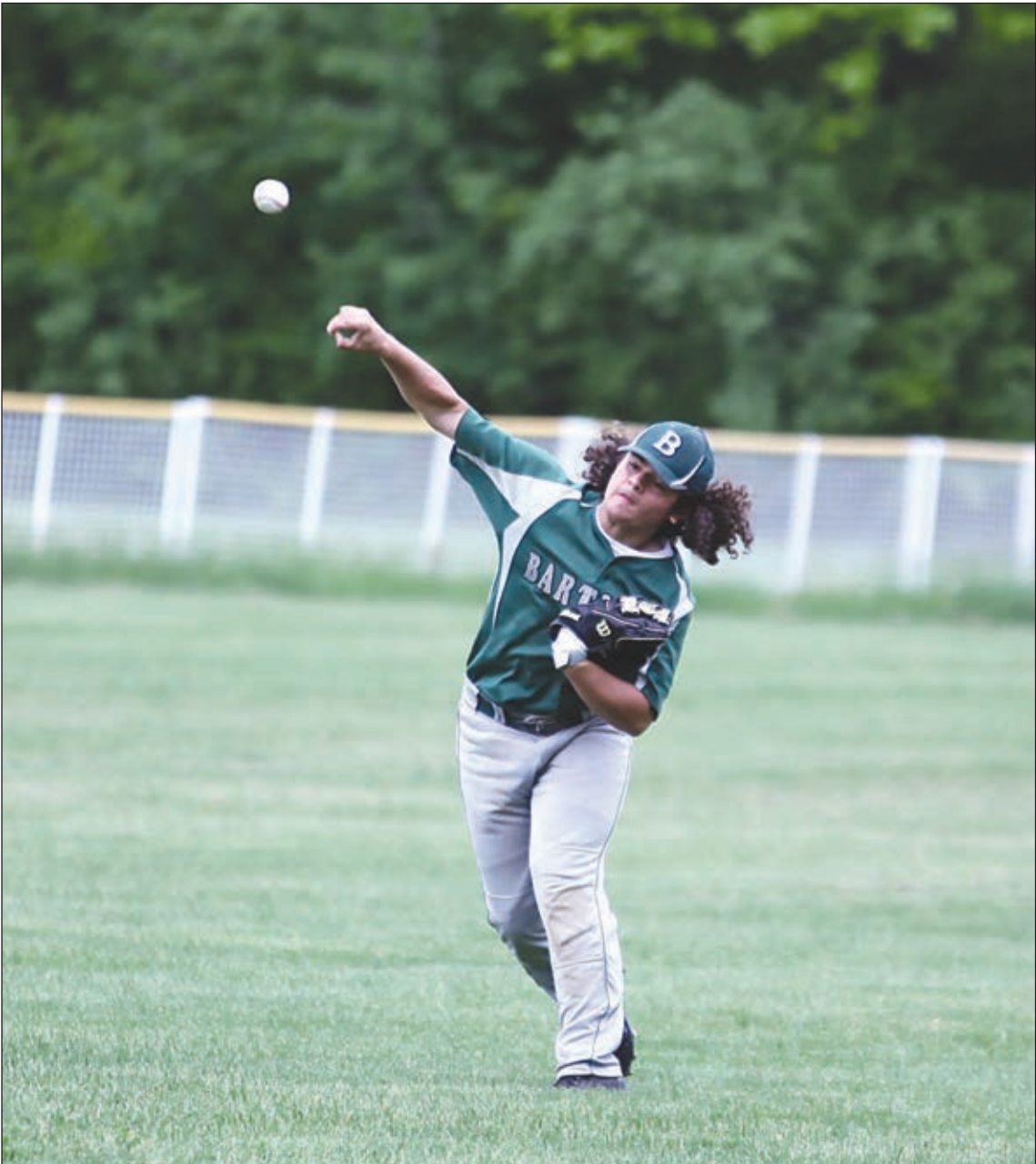
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SPORTS

Bartlett baseball anticipating a promising turnaround



Bartlett’s Eric Vazquez will be called upon in a bigger role for the Indians this spring.

File photos



Jonathan Truscott of Bartlett is a returning senior and will lead the way for the Indians this year.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

All it takes is a spot in the Central Mass. postseason tournament and anything can happen. Just ask Bartlett High’s varsity baseball team.

Back in 2014 the Indians endured an 8-12 season but squeaked out a spot in the Central Mass. Division 4 tournament. Bartlett, seeded 16th, defeated No. 17 Parker Charter in the preliminary round before upsetting No. 1 Littleton High in the first round and No. 9 Lunenburg in the quarterfinals before falling a run short to No. 4 Sutton High in the semifinals.

After failing to reach the postseason in each of the last three years, Bartlett head coach Jon Way said that getting to districts (this year the Indians have jumped up to Division 3) is attainable this spring.

“That’s the goal,” he said. “These guys were around in the program down in eighth grade when we made that run. They’re looking to continue that and get back. There’s high hopes and all you’ve got to do is get in.”

The Indians also had good chances to get into the playoffs in 2015 and 2017, but they didn’t win their games down the stretch.

“We were down in 2016, but

’15 with five games to go we had a shot and last year was disappointing in the sense that our goal was districts and we were disappointed when we went 8-10,” said the seventh-year head coach.

Way believes that this year’s personnel is hungry to make a return trip to districts, though.

“This is the first time in seven years that I have a roster of baseball players, and it’s not taking away anything from the guys from the past. We’ve been heavy with athletes — very, very good athletes — so this is the first time, top to bottom, we have baseball players. It makes a huge difference, especially in the spring,” said Way, as some three-sport athletes can burn out by the end of the school year.

A trio of ballplayers will lead Bartlett, including returning seniors Jonathan Truscott and Corey Harrington. Truscott is the team’s ace and pitched 40-plus innings last spring and held a remarkable ERA of 1.21.

“He was our workhorse on the mound last year,” said Way. “He’s the guy. He’s our only true returning starting pitcher.”

Harrington played right field a season ago and will move to center this spring. He can also hit anywhere in the lineup, but Way predicts that he’ll be near the top of the order.

“He has the ability to hit for power but also puts the ball in play,” Way said of Harrington, who hit .300 with a homer in 2017.

The third Indians’ leader is Casper Sykes, who is only a sophomore. The diminutive second baseman — similar to Dustin Pedroia — plays the game hard at all times.

“He’s been with us since his eighth grade year. He hit second for us last year as a freshman,” Way said of Sykes, who batted a robust .382. “He’s the real deal. He has really good plate discipline and puts a good swing on the ball. He lives and breathes the game of baseball, and it shows.”

A trio of juniors in Joey Grundel (catcher), Eric Vazquez (third baseman and outfielder) and Zach Kraal (first baseman) will be called upon for more work this spring, and sophomores Logan Paranto (shortstop), Michael Toner (infielder and pitcher), William Robles (infielder), Sean Stockhaus (infielder and pitcher) and Nathan Blythe (outfielder) are getting

the call-up from the junior varsity program.

Junior outfielder Joe McGonagle, a first-year player, rounds out Bartlett’s Opening Day roster, with games set to take place after press time if the stubborn weather begins to cooperate.

With so many games postponed to open the year, Way’s main concern is that a number of players will have to step up on the mound following Truscott’s lead.

“We’re anticipating four, sometimes five games a week. It’s going to be Truscott leading the way, and at that point it’s going to be pitch by committee. We have some good, young arms who after a few games of experience I anticipate jumping into a starting role,” concluded Way.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Bartlett High Class of 1975 to hold golf outing/gathering

On June 23, Bartlett High’s Class of 1975 will hold a golf outing/gathering at 3 p.m. at Pine Ridge Country Club in Oxford.

Nine holes of golf with cart is \$30, followed by socializing in a private room in the clubhouse. Cash bar. Reasonable food selection if anyone wishes to eat. Non-golfers are welcome to join at 5:30. Spouses are welcome for golf and/or after. Golfers should make checks payable to Pine Ridge Country Club and mail prior to June 1 to Don Wayman, 226 Dresser Hill Road, Dudley, MA 01571. Contact donwayman@charter.net with any questions.

Bartlett Athletic Hall of Fame inductees announced

The Bartlett High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee is pleased to announce the Inductees of the Class of 2018:

David Dupont, Class of 1967
William Millette, Class of 1969
Brad Smith, Class of 1981
Michael Somers, Class of 1983
Richard Beckwith, Class of 1984
Katie Kaczmarek, Class of 2001
Kevin Stone, Class of 2006
Robert Daigle, Contributor
1968 Golf Team
1986 Softball Team

The Induction Ceremony will be held on Saturday, Oct. 27 at the Raceway Restaurant and Golf Club in Thompson, Conn. at 6 p.m. Further information regarding the ceremony will be announced at a later date. The Committee will be hosting a Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 16 at the Raceway Golf Club in Thompson at 1 p.m.

For more information regarding the induction or golf tournament, please contact Athletic Director Anthony Paranto at (508) 943-8552 Ext. 28 or visit our website at www.bhsathletichof.org.

Webster Little League parade and Opening Day set for April 22

Webster Little League would like to announce its Opening Day on Sunday, April 22. The annual parade will begin at the Train Museum/Joanne’s Coney Express parking lot on Main Street at 12:30 p.m. and will march down Main Street to Lake Street, ending at the fields on Little League Lane (off of West Ave.). A brief Opening Day ceremony will be had, followed by the first games of the 2018 season. Please come out to celebrate the “official” start of spring and line the parade route to show your support for the kids walking in the parade. We will also be joined by representatives from the Webster Police, Fire and Board of Selectmen, as well as the Bartlett High School band.



ALL SAINTS ACADEMY IMPRESSES ON THE COURT

The All Saints Academy girls’ varsity basketball team placed second in the 395 League Tournament on Sunday, March 18, and placed third overall in the 395 League for 2018. Here, they receive their trophy for their accomplishment.

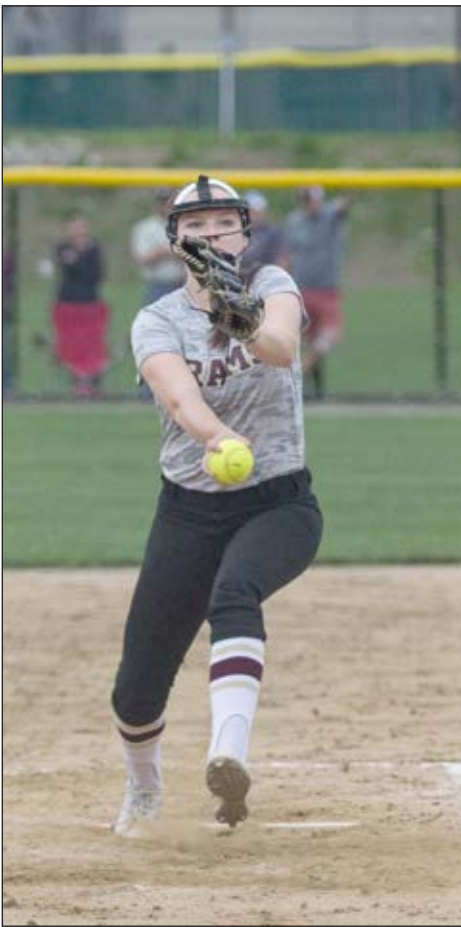
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SPORTS

With eight starters returning, Rams' softball team may be bullish on opposition



Carly Snyder of Shepherd Hill, seen crossing home plate in action last year, is one of eight returning starters for the Rams.



Shepherd Hill's Cayley Fagan will be the team's ace for the third straight season.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

It is an offensive juggernaut with a top-notch pitcher. That's the one-sentence synopsis of the Shepherd Hill Regional varsity softball team heading into the 2018 season.

The Rams lost just one starter off of last year's team — senior and team captain Dani Donnelly — which finished 14-9 overall and advanced to the semifinal round of the Central Mass. Division 1 Tournament.

Shepherd Hill's top seven returning hitters recorded a combined total of 176 hits, 152 RBI and 19 home runs last year.

"We're fortunate; we lost only our starting shortstop from last year," said Rams' head coach Donny Loos about Donnelly, who batted .377 and drove in eight runs. "That is really the only change in our lineup. Everyone else who contributed meaningful time for us last year is back this year."

Three players hit for a better than .400 average for Shepherd Hill last season — catcher Sophia Sciarappa, pitcher Cayley Fagan and second baseman Parker Filo-Loos. Sciarappa, a senior,

hit .483 (29 of 60) with five home runs and 25 RBI. Fagan, a junior, hit .429 (30 of 70) driving in 29 and belting a pair of round-trippers. Filo-Loos, a sophomore, hit .406 (28 of 69) with a homer and 17 RBI. She also scored 36 runs and stole 36 bases.

Another player who impressed last year as a freshman for the Rams was Kiley Wong-Li. The first baseman finished with a .392 average (31 of 79) to go along with team highs in home runs (eight) and RBI (36).

"Kiley had a phenomenal season offensively last year and she does a great job playing first base," Loos said.

Filo-Loos and Wong-Li were both named Mid-Wach All-Stars after last season.

"We were really fortunate to have such a contribution from two freshmen last year," Loos said. "We're looking forward to both of them building on those seasons during their sophomore campaigns."

Other Shepherd Hill players who finished with batting averages better than .300 last year included senior right fielder Hailey Delphia who hit .375 (27

of 72, 3 HR, 28 RBI), sophomore Kelly Cournoyer, .313, (10 of 32, 9 RBI) and junior shortstop Carly Snyder, .309 (21 of 68, 8 RBI).

Rounding out the roster is left fielder Keely Scotia, a junior, seniors Abby Morin and Karina Provost, sophomore Alaina Plourde and freshmen Sam Zannotti and Emma Lanpher.

Much of the Rams' power at the plate came from Sciarappa and Delphia, who combined to drive in 53 runs.

"Sophia is our senior captain and she hits for power and average and is a tremendous leader for our team. She is six hits away from 100 in her high school career, so we're looking forward to sharing that milestone with her," Loos said. "Hailey has really come into her own. She has really stepped up big. She really improved on her sophomore season last year as a junior, and what we've seen from her so far this season it looks like she ready to take another leap up. She's been hitting the ball great."

When Fagan wasn't opening eyes at the plate she was doing so from the pitching circle, recording a 3.49 earned-run average in 110.1 innings pitched.

She finished 10-7 and struck out 97 while walking 33.

"I've definitely seen improvement in Cayley since last year," Loos said. "Her strength and command have improved and her overall confidence is at a higher level than what I've seen from her in her first two seasons. We're expecting her to have another great year."

Filo-Loos also pitched in four games for the Rams (26 innings), finishing 4-0 with 10 strikeouts, a walk and a 2.15 ERA. Filo-Loos is expected to play full-time at second this year with the spot-starting duties being handed over to Plourde.

Loos is looking forward to watching the upcoming season unfold for the Rams.

"To make it to the district semifinals and lose just one player off that team, we're excited about what we can accomplish this year," Loos said. "This team is offensively strong. We score a lot of runs and we hit for power. We have a lot of versatile athletes who can do a lot of things."

MOHEGAN BOWL WINTER LEAGUES, WEEK ENDING APRIL 8

Tuesday Chet's Social
Single — Ryan Pelletier 140, David Blake 130, Ben Allaire 119, Brenda Mayer 105, Diane Levesque 104, Marsha Kallgren 103
Series — Ryan Pelletier 381, David Blake 345, Ben Allaire 317, Cherie Borski 279, Erin Van Dam 274, Brenda Mayer and Marsha Kallgren 273
Series over average — David Blake +42, Joan Wentworth +25

Wednesday Women's Industrial
Single — Sharon Labay (Gail's Gals) 112, Joanne Grzembski (Nikki's Doghouse) 112, Dianne Hosegood (Bushel 'N Peck) 111
Series — Sharon Labay 314, Joanne Grzembski 311, Monique Pierangeli (Nikki's Doghouse) 288

Thursday Coffee
Single — Carol Montpelier 118, Ruth Defoe 116, Lorraine Brezniak and Barbara Penkala 107
Series — Ruth Defoe 303, Marsha Kallgren 291, Lorraine Brezniak 290



Series over average — Carol Montpelier and Carole Marshall +35

Saturday Youth
Single — Ivan Swabby 88, Robert Gordon 77, Ben Gervais and Matthew Ezzell 73, Amelia Peterson 103, Savannah St. John 83
Series — Ivan Swabby 261, Robert Gordon 218, Tyler Owens 192, Amelia Peterson 299, Savannah St. John 204
Series over average — Ivan Swabby +51, Amelia Peterson +50

Sunday Mixed
Single — Angel Claudio 128, Rick O'Connor and Dave Phelps 124, Briana Baillargeon 120, Leigh Farrar 119, Carol Turner 114
Series — Dave Phelps 334, Earl Ratcliffe 330, Rick O'Connor 328, Leigh Farrar 308, Briana Baillargeon 302, Carol Turner 287
Series over average — Dave Phelps +28, Aline Robidoux +49

SPORTS BRIEFS

Operation Graduation in Oxford set to host Golf Tournament

OXFORD — Operation Graduation 2018 is at it again! Join us at Pine Ridge Country Club in North Oxford on Saturday, May 12 for our Operation Graduation Golf Tournament. The shotgun start goes off at 1:30 p.m. and is a Florida Style Scramble, which includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, and dinner and prizes to follow. Golfer pay \$100 per player or \$400 per team, and dinner-only guests pay \$25 per person.

Hole Sponsorships and donations of raffle items/baskets are greatly appreciated and accepted. To register a team or to make a donation, please contact Scott Walker at scottwalker71@aol.com or Bob Grady at rwgrady@gmail.com or complete an online registra-

tion/sponsorship at www.ohsopgrad.com.

This is part of the fundraising efforts of OpGrad for the Oxford High School Class of 2018. Parents of the graduating class band together to raise funds for a safe, fun, alcohol and drug-free lock-in event held the night of graduation. Class of 2018 Parents: Graduation is rapidly approaching and we need you! Contact Mwalker0775@aol.com for information on how you can help.

Sturbridge American Legion holding baseball signups

Baseball players interested in playing Sturbridge American Legion Baseball that are born on Jan. 1, 1999 or later are eligible to play. Signup dates will be held April 14 and 21 between 10 a.m. and noon on both days at the Champeau-Vilandre Sturbridge Legion Post, Main Street in Fiskdale. Players should bring a photocopy

of their birth certificate when they register at signups to insure their eligibility. All players that live in Sturbridge and/or attend Tantasqua Regional High School are eligible for the Sturbridge team, also players from other surrounding towns may also be eligible to play. Team will conduct tryouts May 19, 20 and 26, times will be 10 a.m. to noon on all three try-out dates at Tantasqua Regional High School. For more information contact team manager Jim Rosseel (774) 230-1784 email jimrosseel@hotmail.com or Coach Ray Sullivan (508) 736-7770 email raysull_2@yahoo.com.

Dudley/Charlton women's basketball looking for available players

There will be women's pick-up basketball happening at the Heritage School gym from 7-9 p.m. We play Monday evenings based on school schedule until June. There are no set teams and no fees, so no weekly

commitment. Come when you can for some friendly competition and exercise. Must be 18 years of age or older. Please contact Deb at (508) 248-3600 or for more information.

Oxford-Webster Youth Football and Cheer to hold 2018 registration

The Oxford-Webster Youth Football and Cheer program will be holding 2018 registration on April 14 from 9 a.m. to noon. Register at the Oxford Community Center, located at 4 Maple Road in Oxford. Cheer ranges in age from 5 to 14, flex football is for kindergartners and first graders, and tackle football is for ages 7-13. Online registration is also available at www.OxfordWebsterPirates.com. If you have any questions, please email OWPiratesRegistrar@gmail.com and also "Like" the Oxford Webster Pirates page on Facebook.



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BAY PATH ANNOUNCE HONOR ROLL

CHARLTON — *The following students have earned a place on the honor roll for the third quarter at Bay Path Vocational Regional Technical High School*

GRADE 12
High Honors: Shane Clardy, Andrew Ferrecchia, Joshua MacIntosh, Jacob Morin, Dylon Sandstrom, Christian Shadis
Honors: Conner Allen, Karcherise Andrews, Ecko-Luv Beaver, Adriana Bennett, Kyle Bouvier, Cheyenne Boyle, Tyler Brindle, Ashley Burlingame, Jamie Butkiewicz, Tyler Cahill, Christopher Carmody, Mina Carrabba, Angela Chapman, Brian Choiniere Jr., Bradley Cook, Erica Czechowski, Dylan Delaney, Robin Duff, Patrick Dyer, Nicholas Fletcher, Robert Gallagher, Orianna Gendron, Madison Gosselin, Kristin Hadley, Andrew Hafferty, Joseph Hallihan, Corrina Hamilton, Briana Johnson, Payton Kallanian, Christian Keeler, Margaret Lacaire, Salah LaTulippe, Simone LeBlanc, Taylor Lemoine, Dahlia Lovendale, Cameron Maher, Jiliana Marrero, Alessandra Martocci, Ariana Melendez, Tariyaha Morris, Kayla Morrison, Fintan Neff, Hailey Overholser, Shivani Patel, Katelynn Peterson, Julia Resener, Courtney Rousseau, Antonio Sanelli, Claudia Schlegel, Michael Shedd, Camden Sinkewich, Mason Smith, Sarah Sputo, Jonathan Sterczala, Rhianna Sweeney, Karlee Therrien, Noah Thompson, Savannah Vangel, Andrew Vidot, Thomas Willette, Emily Woodruff
Principal's List: Alexis Albin, Iliana Ayala, Joshua Banach, Kylie Bankowski, Sean Burke, Katelyn Chalupka, Kyle Cloutier, Vianca Cordero Arroyo, Caiden Ellis, Jason Fagan, Alexander Fengler, Zachary Horne, Althea Houston, Jacob Johnson, Azalynn Kopytko, Benjamin Leach, Melissa Lees, Erin McMenemy, Alexander Nelson, Kayla Nystrom, John O'Loughlin, Charles Paquette, Drew Paulhus, Hector Perez, Stephanie Redmond, Shawn Rheume, Marisabel Rivera, Robert Ruiz , Kody Sandgren, Jacob Seymour, Amber St. Marie, Erika Wharton, Jeremy Wheeler, Brianna White, Alexander Whitney, Bennett Wisniewski, Brandon Zarzecki
GRADE 11
High Honors: Mikaylee Dickinson, Emily Downer, Hayden Smith, Emily

Wong Kam
Honors: Hannah Abubakar, Lauryn Alicea, Karisa Allen, Joshua Beauchemin, Dominick Berthiaume, Timothy Bordeaux, Margaret Borowski, Hannah Brody, Devon Bruyere, Jacob Burgos, Kaitlyn Chabot, Brendan Coomey, Cory Cotton, Adrienne Courchaine, Jonathan Dalbec, Joslynn Daniels, Demetrios Davila, Adrian DeMichele, Colin Donovan, Codey Drummond, Lily Eccleston, Hunter Emond, Dominic Esposito, Macy Fongeallaz, Loriauna Graika, Ryan Hassett, Noah Huehls, Hannah Iozzo, Catherine Jones, Montana Josey, Kyle Kallgren, Ryan Langlois, Karissa Lugo, Mackenzie Martin, Marissa Martocci, Mariah Mason, Alejandro Medina, Danisa Melendez, Mathieu Mitchell, Neftali Morales, Michael Moran, Charles Morse, Kailyn Murphy, Jayden Pantalone, Zachary Perry, Ashlin Peters, Heather Poirier, Jamie Rodriguez, Jalen Rojas, Michael Russo, Isabelle Sargent, Marrisona Scopa, Melody Serrano, Evelyn Sheehan, Scott Singer, Theodore Stauffer, Vincent Strzelecki, Steele Sturgis, Paul Thomas, Natasha Vargas Taft, Jacob Veber
Principal's List: Jessmarie Aviles: Zachary Bankowski, Mikayla Battaglia, William Bedford, Johnny Berthiaume, Kayla Brodeur, Alec Casasanta, Christopher Chute, Ian Augusto DaSilva, Kayla Davis, Melissa De Paz, Mason Deane, Justin Dwyer, Mason Faraday, Connor Fausek, Andrew Flanagan, Jake Grampetro, Michael Grant, Kacie Grenier, Timothy Hansen, Ian Inangelo, Patricia King, Ryan Lachapelle, Kolby Lamoureux, Isaiah LeBoeuf, Emily Margoupis, Jessica McNulty, Kristopher Mekal, Samuel O'Brien, Joey Perez, Jeremiah Prunier, Emily Rodriguez, Genesis Rodriguez, Joseph Rosario, Kathryn Ryan, Juan Sanchez, Jordan Santiago, Jack Santon, Abraham Santos-Ramos, Izabelle Somicu, Emma St. Laurent, Lillie Torteson, Eliza Wandelear, Gabriella Wondolowski
GRADE 10
High Honors: Jared Aucoin, Mia Bohanan, Sydney Cardinal, Lauryn Dawson, Anna Israelian, Andrew Makowiecki, Cody Prince, Carla Rodriguez, Alexandar Vesovski, Kaylyn Violette
Honors: Riane Anderson, Julia Antocci, Tiffany Arnold, Kendra Aucoin, Alicia Ayala, Osaías Ayala, McKayla Baldwin, Laura Banach,

Meghan Barry, Trinity Battista, Lauren Bigelow, Ayva Borelli, Rachel Bourgault, William Carlson, Evan Clockedile, Anthony Colacchio, Elizabeth Cormier, Colton Cowher, Alec Dalton, Braden Doney, ThadiusDubsky, Kelsey Durant, Gavyn Floury, Nathan Fontaine, Luke Girard, Dylan Greamo, Jacob Hinman, Edward Knopf, Adam LaFleche, Mathew Langlois, Benjamin LaPointe, Jared Lavigne, Samantha LePage, Thomas Lombardi, Jonathan Lussier, Erica MacGrory, Julianna Marcoux, Madison Marois, Nicholas Marshall, Kiyiana Minton, Benjamin Morin, Shiloh Murphy, Kimberly Ngo, Mackenzie O'Neill, Kevin O'Rourke, Kyle Paquette, Addison Paradis, Maeve Perreault, Joseph Postale , Cameron Quinn, Austin Rebello, Shawn Reniere, Janeli Rivera, Karen Rocha, Mary Rutter, Kalyn Saez, Todd Sauter Jr., Benjamin Schultz, Matthew Shedd, Sadie Smith, Conner St. Cyr, Cady Stevens, Ciera Sweeney, Rachael Taylor, Jamie Vigeant, Rachel Watson, Georgi Weagle, Sarah Wisniewski, Isabella Yaede
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GRADE 9
High Honors: Nathaniel Beauchesne, Dylan Bellerive, Kaitlyn Brindle, Kayla Canty, Gabriella Caron, Emma Christian, Cheyenne Courtney, Lexia Demers, Evan Duffey, Alexis Gosselin, Juliannah Kolofsky, Samantha Labelle, Eliana Lasell, Ulysses Logan, Zachary Messina, Michael Mullaly, Owen Ostromecki, Michael Pulsifer, McKenzie Robinson, Kyleigh

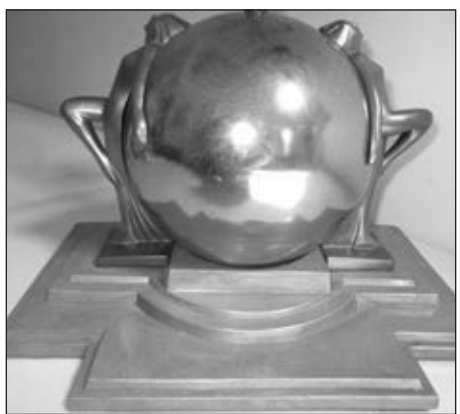
Sutherland, Christopher Towns Jr., Derek Varnum, Ashley Wilson, Caitlin Young
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Art deco style


ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES & ESTATES
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Art deco, or style moderne, originated in the 1920s and developed into a major style in Western Europe and the United States during the 1930s, according to Britannica. It was first exhibited in Paris at the Exposition Internationale des Arts Décoratifs et Industriels Modernes in 1925. Art deco architecture and decorative arts represented modernism. Some pieces were individually crafted, but most were mass produced. According to Britannica, “the intention was to create a sleek and antitraditional elegance that symbolized wealth and sophistication. The Art Encyclopedia (visual-arts-cork.com) lists the major forms found in art deco pieces: “trapezoidal, zigzagged, and triangular shapes, chevron patterns, stepped forms, sweeping curves and sunburst motifs.” Some of the materials used during

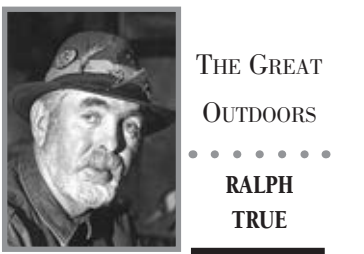
manufacturing were bakelite plastic, molded glass, chrome, stainless steel, spelter and bronze. Two buildings in New York exemplify art deco design. The Chrysler Building opened in 1930. The New World Encyclopedia describes the Chrysler Building’s “highly decorative style known for its sharp angular or zigzag surface forms and varied ornamentation.” The corners of the 61st floor were designed in the shape of 1929 Chrysler hood ornaments. It was the world’s largest building for 11 months, before the completion of the Empire State Building. Rockefeller Center is also illustrative of art deco design. The round art deco mezzanine and rotunda along with the building’s sign lettering made from multiple lines are just some of the art deco features of the building. The statue of Prometheus is believed to be the most photographed sculpture in New York City. A statue of Atlas stands at the front entrance. On another historical note, John D. Rockefeller’s employed over 40,000 to construct the building during the Great Depression. Of course, there are more smaller scale art deco items produced. Art deco furniture turns up fairly regularly

in New England homes and typically doesn’t bring the strong prices associated with other art deco pieces. Posters appeal to collectors. A 1929 Monte Carlo poster sold for \$8,500 and one from 1930 brought \$10,000. A German poster titled “Odeon Casino” realized \$26,000. Some art deco radios are also very desirable. A Fada bakelite radio in blue and orange brought \$9,400 in 2014. A Sparton Peachbird mirrored radio sold for nearly that amount in a recent online auction. Georg Jensen sterling silver is always popular in any pattern. A 64 piece art deco set recently sold for \$7,700. Auction prices for important art deco pieces have been particularly strong. A bronze sculpture titled “The Aristocrat” depicts an elegantly dressed woman walking 2 dogs. It realized \$71,000. A Cartier 18 karat solid gold desk set sold for \$76,000 last year. Rare art deco jewelry pieces are highly desirable. An art deco platinum, onyx and natural pearl necklace reached \$320,000 at auction in 2012. An art deco platinum, emerald and diamond bracelet brought \$370,000 in a 2011 auction. An art deco natural fancy blue marquise-shaped 3.5 karat diamond certainly shined when it sold for \$1.4 million at a 2013 auction. We will be offering an art deco lamp, prints and other items in our May 31st auction. Bidding is currently taking place for our online auction of a Sterling,



MA estate full of antiques. The preview takes place at the estate on April 21st. Our online auction of a Weymouth, MA estate will be coming soon. This estate contains a Harley Davidson, 2 SUVs, many remote control helicopters and drones, along with home furnishings. We also have an estate sale planned for early May in Southbridge with many pieces of yellow ware, other pottery and antiques. Our next live auction takes place in Worcester on May 31st. See www.centralmassauctions.com for details on these and other upcoming events. *Contact us at: Wayne Tuiskula Auctioneer/Appraiser Central Mass Auctions for Antique Auctions, Estate Sales and Appraisal Services www.centralmassauctions.com (508-612- 6111) info@centralmassauctions.com*

A lot of ‘firsts’ as reservoirs and lakes open for fishing



THE GREAT OUTDOORS
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This past Saturday the Wachusett Reservoir opened to shore fishing only, but anglers had little problems catching their limit of three lake trout each. Most fish were caught on shiners with a few catching them on hardware. After catching their limit of lake trout, a few of the anglers decided to filet the trout after they had arrived home. They were surprised to find a lot of crayfish and numerous other baitfish like small sunfish and even a small largemouth bass, inside of one of their lakers. It even had a rubber worm in it which had to be there from last year’s fishing season. Controversy over rubber worms being used as fishing

baits has been discussed for a long time, and the makers of the rubber worm and other soft plastics discussed making them biodegradable. It is time to make all soft plastics biodegradable for both fresh and salt-water fishing. They are killing a lot of fish, as they are unable to digest them. The Quabbin Reservoir will open to fishing on April 21, but the crowds of the ‘70s are no longer there. The regulations on washing boats before each fishing trip to the Quabbin has driven most anglers away from the once popular fishing site. The steep price to wash a boat is now around \$50 and must be done at a registered garage chosen by the Metropolitan police. A tag is affixed to your boat and trailer. If the tag is broken you will need to pay another fee before launching your boat at the Quabbin. The idea is to stop the transfer of weeds and zebra mussels into the lake, that can be catching a ride on your boat from other bodies of water. If you have a boat that can be

used just to fish the Quabbin, it works out just great. Fishing at the Quabbin has been very good for those anglers that still fish there. Last year local angler Bob Czupryna of Uxbridge caught numerous lake trout and salmon on most of his fishing trips to the Quabbin. Czupryna is a regular at the Quabbin Res.! Wallum Lake in Douglas will open to fishing this Saturday. Anglers should enjoy a day of fishing catching brown, rainbow, tiger, and brook trout. Bass fishing anglers also catch smallmouth bass and largemouth bass at Wallum Lake, with smallmouth bass providing some great fishing. Remember that Wallum Lake is governed by Rhode Island regulations, and allows anglers to retain five trout daily. Brood stock salmon are no longer available from federal hatcheries, and are missed by anglers that fish this pristine body of water. Be sure to have all of the necessary safety equipment on board your boat, and anglers fishing from a canoe must wear life preservers

at all times, at this time of year. The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club will hold their annual fishing derby at the club grounds this Saturday April 14, for members only. The derby will start at 7:00 am. The club will also serve breakfast to members and guests. This week’s picture shows a very happy young lady with her catch last year. The West Hill Dam will hold their vernal pool walks on April 14 & 21 from 7:30 to 9:30. Contact Viola for more information. Call 978-318-8417 Wild turkey hunting opens April 30 this year, and by the looks of it, harvesting a wild turkey in Massachusetts should not be too hard if you can shoot straight! More next week. The New England Outdoor Writers will hold their annual banquet at the Singletary Rod & Gun Club this Saturday April 14. The day will start at Carl’s Diner for breakfast in Oxford, and then proceed to the Singletary Rod & Gun Club for a business meeting and banquet. More on the event next week.



Courtesy photo
A catch from last year's Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club fishing derby is shown off. This year's derby is this Saturday.
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OBITUARIES

Cynthia M. Harrison, 60



W O R C E S T E R - Cynthia M. (Gaucher) Harrison, 60, died peacefully on Sunday, April 1, 2018, at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester after a short illness. She is survived by two children, Lisa A. Harrison of Worcester, and Joseph R. Brennan and his fiancée Samantha Scanlon of Wheatley Heights, NY; her brother, Charles K. Gaucher of Pawtucket, RI; and two sisters, Cheryl A. Cicero of Barrington, NH, and Cathleen E. Gaucher-Senecal of Stockton Springs, ME. She was predeceased by her brother Gregory A.

Gaucher. She was born in Worcester, daughter of the late Kenneth Charles and Joan Ann (Spain) Gaucher, was raised in Shrewsbury, and lived most of her life in Worcester. Ms. Harrison worked at several local businesses as a retail clerk. In addition, she was a medical aid at the Glavin Center in Shrewsbury. A graveside service will be private at Mountain View Cemetery in Shrewsbury. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the MSPCA-Angell, 350 South Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02130. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is assisting with arrangements. paradisfuneralhome.com

Henry L. Harvard, Jr., 76



W E B S T E R - Henry L. Harvard, Jr., 76, passed away Wednesday, April 4, 2018 with his wife at his side after a courageous 6 year battle with cancer. He leaves his wife of 11 years, Carol A. (Zackiewicz) Merchant Harvard; 2 children; 2 stepsons and their families; 4 sisters, a brother and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by 2 brothers and a sister. He was born in Dudley on November 15, 1941, a son of Henry L. Harvard, Sr. and Agnes (Nierodzinski) Harvard and was a lifelong resident of Webster, Dudley and Thompson. Mr. Harvard worked for 29 years at Anchor Glass in Dayville, CT and then retired from Flexcon Corp. in Spencer as a machine operator. He was a life member of the Thompson Rod and Gun Club in which he served as President and on the

Board of Directors for many years. He was also a past member of the Singletary Road & Gun Club in Sutton. He was a member of Saint Louis Church. He enjoyed lake fishing and trips to the casino. In his retirement he and his wife traveled to Florida and Las Vegas. As he wished, there are no calling hours or services. Burial will be private in Saint Anthony Cemetery. Masses will be offered for Mr. Harvard in Saint Louis Church at a later time. The family wishes to sincerely thank the Cancer Care Center of UMass Hospital on Lake Avenue in Worcester, especially Dr. William Walsh, for their compassionate and most competent treatment these past 6 years. Donations in his memory may be made to Saint Louis Church, 15 Lake Street, or to Webster-Dudley Food Share, 4 Church Street, both in Webster, MA 01570. Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School Street. www.sitkowski-malboeuf.com

Margaret R. Gauthier, 97



U X B R I D G E - Margaret R. (McClure) Gauthier, 97, a Linwood resident for much of her life, died Thurs. April 5, 2018 in St. Camillus Health Center. Margaret was the wife of the late Laurent L. Gauthier who died in 1998. They were married for 58 years and spent 17 years of their retirement together in Florida before his passing. Margaret had been employed as an administrative assistant for Hodgeman Rubber Co. in Framingham for 15 years as well as Thom McCann in Worcester for 15 years prior to her retirement. She was born in Uxbridge, June 26, 1920, the daughter of the late Paul and Minnie (St. Peter) McClure and attended Uxbridge High School. Margaret enjoyed crafting and spent her extra time making jewelry, knitting, and crocheting. She was a member of Good Shepherd Parish in Linwood Mrs. Gauthier is survived by her daughter, Nancy M. Kiwak and her

husband Louis of Webster; her sons, Paul A. Gauthier and his wife Deborah of Linwood, Allen Gauthier and his wife Linda of North Grosvenordale, CT and Wayne Gauthier of Crestview, FL. She is also survived by five grandsons and 12 granddaughters; eight great grandsons and 12 great granddaughters; 1 great-great granddaughter and 1 great-great grandson and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by 4 sisters and 2 brothers, Loretta Vallee, Lewis McClure, Eloise Vincent, Jeanette Yargeau, Rosella LeClaire, Ernest McClure. Visiting hours were Tuesday, April 10, 2018 from 9:30-10:30 AM in the BUMA FUNERAL HOME, 101 N. Main St., Rte. 122, Uxbridge followed by a Mass of Christian burial at 11 AM in Good Shepherd Church, 121 Linwood St., Linwood. Interment followed in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Providence Rd, Rte. 122, Northbridge. In lieu flowers, donations may be made in Margaret's memory to St. Camillus Health Center, 447 Hill Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588. www.bumafuneralhome.com

Michael J. Williams, 77

S P E N C E R - Michael J. Williams, 77 died Monday at Harrington Memorial Hospital, Southbridge. He was the husband of the late Bette J. (Christy) Williams who died Dec. of 2016. He leaves two sons, Michael Williams and his wife Mary of Woodstock, CT , Scott Williams and his companion Lori Derosier of Warren, MA., two grandchildren, Tyler and Stephanie. He also leaves two brothers Joseph and Allen Porter. He was born in Washburn, Maine son of the late Arnold Williams and Edna (Lavine) Williams and lived in

Spencer since 1975, prior to that living in Worcester. He was a Mechanic and specialized in truck repair. He enjoyed old movies, fishing and reading. There are no calling hours, all services and burial are private. Family requests that donations be made in his memory to the Second Chance Animal Shelter, East Brookfield, MA. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle

Sheila M. McDowell, 75

W E B S T E R - Sheila M. (Ciabaszewski) McDowell, 75, passed away on Wednesday, April 4, 2018. She leaves a son, Keith McDowell of Woodstock CT.; two daughters, Cheryl A. McDowell and Lisa McDowell of CA; her mother, Dorothy (Volker) Ciabaszewski; two brothers, Bobby Ciabaszewski of Dudley, Wayne Ciabaszewski of Webster; two sisters, Linda Gabler of Brimfield, Wendy Ciabaszewski of Charlton; eight grandchildren and one great granddaughter. She was born in Webster, the daughter of Dorothy (Volker) Ciabaszewski or Charlton and the late William

Ciabaszewski. She lived in Webster for her whole life. Sheila was very devoted to her faith. She attended High Pointe Church in Thompson, CT. Calling hours will be held on Sunday, April 8, 2018 from 1 pm-3 pm. Burial will be private. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street, Webster MA has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle. Donations may be made in her memory the Cancer charity of donors choice.

Emily A. Desaulniers, 94



S O U T H B R I D G E - Emily A. (Manzi) Desaulniers, 94, passed away on Saturday, April 7th, in St. Patrick's Manor in Framingham, after a brief illness. Her husband of 62 years, Roland W. Desaulniers, died in 2009. She leaves her son, Robert R. Desaulniers and his wife Lois of Framingham; her daughter, Denise A. Desaulniers of Southbridge; three grandchildren, Lauren A. Horan and her husband Alexander of Boston, Lesley A. Desaulniers and her husband Dug Winningham of Fairfax, CA and Robert A. Desaulniers and his wife Jennifer of Sudbury; six great grandchildren, Preston Horan, Nicholas Horan, Junko Winningham, Olive Winningham, Benny Desaulniers and Johnny Desaulniers; and nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by ten brothers and 6 sisters. She was born in Webster the daughter of Antonio and Benvenuta (Borassi) Manzi. She was a 1940 graduate of Bartlett High School in Webster and was the top student in business education. Emily worked in payroll for the

Russell Harrington Cutlery Co. in Southbridge for 53 years, retiring in 1993. For her service to the company in 2013 she was enshrined on the Russell Harrington Wall of Fame. Emily enjoyed family gatherings which were enhanced by her Italian cooking and singing. She also loved walking and being outside to admire nature's beauty. She enjoyed traveling to Italy, Spain and throughout the States. Most of all she enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren. Her family would like to thank the staff at St. Patrick's Manor for the loving care that Emily received there. Her funeral was held on Wednesday, April 11th, from the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, with a Mass at 11:00am in St. Mary's Church of the St. John Paul II Parish, 263 Hamilton St., Southbridge. Burial was in New Notre Dame Cemetery, Southbridge. A calling hour in the funeral home was held on Wednesday, April 11th, from 9:30 to 10:30am, prior to the Mass. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Patrick's Manor, 863 Central St., Framingham, MA 01701. www.morrillfuneralhome.com

Kerry L. Field, 60

P U T N A M , C T - Kerry L. Field age 60 died Wed. April 4, 2018 with his loving family at his side. He leaves his loving wife of 30 years, Lisa J. (Shields) Field. He also leaves three sons, Justin Field, Jaime Field of Putnam and Shane Field of Attaugan, a daughter Katie Field of Putnam. He also leaves a brother Michael Field of Putnam, a sister Debra Alarie of Ontario, Canada and five grandchildren. He was born in Putnam son of Jeanne Carter Springfield Burlingham of Putnam and the late Charles P. Field.

He was a heavy equipment mechanic. He enjoyed quality time with his family. Kerry's family always came first. He enjoyed to tinker with anything mechanical. There are no calling hours , all services will be private. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle. Donations may be made in his memory to charity of donors choice.

Michael “Carl” Bissonnette,Sr. , 56



O X F O R D - Michael “Carl” Bissonnette, Sr., 56, passed away peacefully on March 31, 2018 surrounded by his loving family at home. He leaves his wife of 28 years Deborah (Kularski) Bissonnette; 2 sons Michael Jr and Joey; a daughter Amy & her husband Ivan; 5 granddaughters; 2 great granddaughters; 2 brothers Buddy & his wife Fran, Paul & his wife Monica; a sister Dale & her husband Alan; a sister in law Laurie; nephews;nieces; cousins

and many good friends. He was predeceased by 4 brothers Daniel, John, James and Peter. Michael was born in Worcester the son of the late George and Pearl Bissonnette and he attended South High School. He worked as a roof-er,plumber and in construction most life. Michael enjoyed the outdoors,fishing, the Red Sox and the Patriots. The funeral was held on Friday, April 6 at 11:00AM in the funeral home. Burial will followed in Worcester County Memorial Park in Paxton. For an online tribute please visit: Pillsburyfuneralhome.com


Rocco R. Defilippo, 66



W E B S T E R - Rocco R. Defilippo, 66, passed away Saturday, March 31, 2018 at the Rose Monahan Hospice Residence in Worcester. He leaves his wife of 26 years, Lori A. (Wetherbee) Defilippo, 3 children, Anthony, Juliana and Andrea Defilippo all of Webster, a sister, Dianne L. Hosgood and her husband Rick of Dudley and a grandson, Xander Hill as well as several nieces and nephews. Rocco was born in Webster, son of the late Joseph and Alice (Mayette) Defilippo and lived here most of his life. He was predeceased by 2 sisters; Helen Defilippo in 2005, and Nancy Wetherbee in 2015. Rocco was a New England sports fan especially the Red Sox and Patriots. He was a kind man, an amazing father and amazing soul. Rocco always

brought laughter upon everyone he encountered. He was a family man, always looked forward to Super Bowl Sunday with his obnoxiously loud family that he loved unconditionally. Every morning he would wake up early, make his cup of coffee, and sit at the table doing his daily word search puzzle. Rocco will be missed greatly. Calling hours were held on Sunday, April 8, 2018 from 5-7 pm at the ROBERT J. MILLER FUNERAL HOME and LAKE CHAPEL, 366 School St, Webster. Burial took place on Monday, April 9, 2018 in Calvary Cemetery in Dudley. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Rose Monahan Hospice Residence, 10 Judith Rd., Worcester, MA. 01602. To leave a condolence for Rocco's family, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net

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OBITUARIES

Paul J. Lonergan, 79



WEBSTER – Paul J. “Lefty” Lonergan, 79, formerly of Thompson, CT, died Friday, March 30, 2018 in Saint Vincent Hospital, Worcester, with his family at his side. His wife of 10 years, Pauline T. (Wilkesman) Lonergan, died in 1985. He leaves 2 sisters, Mary H. Lonergan and Ann N. Stochaj, both of Dudley; a brother, Gary & his wife Carole Lonergan of Alexandria, VA; a brother-in-law, Lucien Olmstead; a stepson, Edward Kasierski; his godson, James J. Stochaj; his lifelong friend, Jerry Canty; his roommate at Webster Manor, Herbie Sward; nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his brothers L. James Lonergan and Rev. Richard V. Lonergan and by his sisters Joyce S. Brezniak, Lee Ellen Olmstead, and V. June Butcher. He was born in Webster, a son of Leo V. and Helen E. (Smykowski) Lonergan.

He was a graduate of Bartlett High School, class of 1957. He played varsity baseball and basketball and was an excellent athlete. Mr. Lonergan worked as a supervisor at Cranston Print Works in Webster, retiring in 1998. He was an avid sports fan. The family would like to thank Dr. V. Menon of Saint Vincent Hospital for outstanding care of Paul. The family would like to express their gratitude to the entire staff of Webster Manor especially floor 1. The funeral will be held Thursday, April 19, from Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main St., with a Mass at 11:00 AM in Saint Louis Church, 14 Lake Street. Burial will be in Saint Anthony’s Cemetery. A calling period will take place in the funeral home from 9:00 to 10:30 AM before the Mass. Donations in his memory may be made to Saint Louis Endowment Fund, 15 Lake Street, Webster, MA 01570. www.scanlonfs.com

Vangel D. ‘Van’ Thomas, 81



FABYAN, CT- Vangel D. ‘Van’ Thomas, 81, passed away Sunday, April 8, 2018 at University of Mass. Hospital in Worcester His wife of 41 years, Rose M. (Nedzweckas) Thomas died December 14, 2010. He leaves behind 2 brothers, Peter Thomas and his wife Jeanne, Philip D. Thomas and his wife Barbara, 3 sisters, Alexandria and Marion Thomas, all of Fabyan and Irene Stefani and her husband Joseph of New Jersey. He also leaves several nieces and nephews. Van was born in Fabyan, son of the late Demetri and Afroditi (Daniels) Thomas and was also predeceased by 2 brothers, Michael D. and William D. ‘Bill’ Thomas and a sister, Sophie Bendo. He was a graduate of Tourtelotte

Memorial High School, and received his B.A. from U. Conn and earned his Master’s degree from Nichols College. Van was a principle of the former Thomas Garden Center and later Thomas Realty. There are No calling hours. The Funeral was Thursday, April 12, 2018 with a Service at 10 AM in Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 37 Lake Parkway, Webster (Kindly Meet at the Church)Burial will be Private for family only at Fabyan Cemetery, next to his beloved Rose.(As per his wishes) In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, P.O. Box 713, Webster, MA. 01570. The ROBERT J. MILLER FUNERAL HOME and LAKE CHAPEL, 366 School St., Webster is directing arrangements. To leave a condolence for Van’s family, please visit:RJMillerfunerals.net

CALENDAR

Saturday, April 14

MEAT RAFFLE: the TSKK holds its monthly meat raffle beginning at 2 p.m. at the club, 21 Harris St., Webster. Come join the fun!

Thursday, April 19

BLACK TAVERN PROGRAM: The Black Tavern Historical Society of Dudley’s monthly program for April is The Creation of Quabbin Reservoir, presented by J.R. Greene. The program includes a narrated slide presentation on the creation of Quabbin Reservoir and many details about what life was like in the former towns that were abandoned to create the resevoir. Mr. Greene is the author of 16 books on the subject. Books will be available for sale that evening. The program will take place on Thursday, April 19, at 7:00 PM. in the meeting room of the Black Tavern, 138 Center Road, Dudley. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Friday, April 20

TOOTH FAIRY COMETH: Kids Zone Dental presents: The Tooth Fairy at the Webster Public Library! Children ages 3 to 6 will learn about dental care as the Tooth Fairy reads picture books and practices brushing and flossing with the help of her puppet friends. Kids can take home pictures, activity sheets, and maybe even prizes! Come join us Friday, April 20 from 3:00 to 4:00 at the Webster Public Library, 350 Main Street. This program is 100% free, and is an educational community outreach program sponsored by Kids Zone Dental.

Saturday, April 21

10th ANNUAL DAFFODIL TEA: United Church of Christ, Federated, located at 4 Church St. in Webster (across from Town Hall) is hosting their 10th annual Daffodil Tea on Saturday, April 21 at 12:30 pm. Tickets are \$15for adults and \$8 for children under the age of 9. Children 4 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased at the church office from Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. There will be door prizes and a gift basket raffle. Enjoy the experience of an English High Tea in an English garden ambiance which will include scones, delicious tea sandwiches and an assortment of mouthwatering desserts. SPAGHETTI SUPPER: All you can eat! At the Webster Lodge of Masons on Brandes Street, 5-7 p.m. Saturday, April 21. Tickets are adults: \$10; children aged 5-12 \$5 and younger than five: free. Drinks and dessert are included with the meal.

Saturday May 19 & Sunday May 20

ANNUAL PLANT SALE 10th annual Dudley Conservation Land Trust Plant Sale at Marty’s Liquors, 119 West Main St., May 19-20, 9 am to 3 pm. Annuals, perennials (sun and shade), house plants, geraniums, hanging baskets, cemetery planters, herbs, vegetables, small trees and shrubs available for sale. Collector’s Corner features unusual perennials. Selling local wild-flower honey and handcrafted Dream Catchers; “Garden Shed” offering gently used tools, garden accessories, and yard items. An assortment of colorful planters, a handsome bench and hand-crafted quilt will be raffled. Drop in gardening “Klass for Kids.” Saturday only, Massachusetts Master Gardeners available to answer gardening questions.

Saturday June 9

SEEKING DONATIONS FOR YARD SALE: When your spring cleaning is done and just when you are wondering what to do with all that useable, but unwanted ‘stuff’, St. Andrew’s has the solution for you! On Saturday, June 9 from 8 am-2 pm, St., Andrew Bobola Church, 54 West Main St. Dudley, will hold its annual Yard Sale. At this time, we are asking for donations of household items in good condition for this all important local fundraiser. (Please, NO large electronics or appliances!) DROP OFF DATES for your donations at the St/ Andrew Bobola rectory are: April 21, May 5, and May 19 from 9am-noon. For more information, please call the rectory at 508-943-5633.

Saturday, June 16

A HOOK IN: The Association of Traditional Hooking Artists Quiet Corner Chapter is hosting a Rug Hook In gathering on June 16 at the Woodstock Fairgrounds in Woodstock, CT. Registration fee of \$15 is required for this event and must be paid in advance by June 1. Registration forms for this event may be received by contacting treasurer Gretchen Gray at gretchg@verizon.net, or call Whispering Hill at (860) 928-0162 for more information. To learn more about rug hooking and become a member of Atha Quiet Corner, individuals can contact Whispering Hill regarding membership. All are welcome.

Saturday, April 28

Open mic poetry share at Booklovers’ Gourmet, 55 East Main Street, Webster. Bring original or favorite poetry to share. Free and open to the public. To sign up to read call 508-949-6232.

Saturday, May 5

ANNUAL YARD SALE: The Black Tavern Historical Society of Dudley announces their annual YARD SALE event. Saturday, May 5 from 8am to 2pm at the Tavern Barn on Center Road, Dudley. To donate items (no electronics, clothes or upholstered furniture) call Linda at 508-943-5509 or Bob at 508-943-8782.

ONGOING EVENTS

COMMUNITY MEALS: Blessed Backpack Brigade Community Fellowship Meal served from 5-6 p.m. American Legion Hall, 9 Houghton St, Webster. Please note that there is no handicapped access, but we will have volunteers to provide you with assistance. Free hot meals to anyone in need. Everyone is welcome. Join us for great food, fellowship, and fun! For more information, or to donate or sponsor a meal, please call Lisa Berg at 508-330-7242 or Lauri Joseph 774-230-8988. Blessed Backpack Brigade Community Fellowship Meals are served the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at the American Legion on Houghton Street, Webster.

TECH HELP @ THE CRAWFORD LIBRARY: On Mondays and Tuesdays the Library will offer 30-minute one-on-one technology help sessions with a staff member. The sessions are by appointment; stop in or call the Library at 508-949-8021 to schedule an appointment. Examples of topics we can help with include setting up an email account, searching the Internet, navigating social media websites and apps, downloading ebooks or audiobooks to a portable device, filling out online job applications, creating a basic resume with Microsoft Word. We cannot repair

equipment or troubleshoot hardware or software issues, assist with non-standard software, or conduct credit/debit card transactions. Appointments are available on: Mondays at 1:00 or 1:45 Tuesdays at 2:00 or 2:45

ALZHEIMER’S SUPPORT: The Webster Alzheimer’s Support Group meets the second Monday of each month at Webster Manor, 745 School St., from 6-8 p.m. Anyone in the area who feels they are in need of help, doesn’t know what to do, or is a caregiver for someone with Alzheimer’s, is invited to attend and express their concerns regarding the care for their loved one. The members of the group will discuss the ways, means, and the help you will need as your loved one progresses in this disease. Please come join with us at each meeting and you’ll be glad that you did. Each person has a different story to tell and you will be given tips to help you work through this agonizing and dreadful disease.

NUMISMATICS: Looking for a new hobby? Come learn about the hobby of Coin Collecting. Or maybe you are an old time collector. Our club, the Nipmuc Coin Club, has both. We learn from each other through our monthly guest speakers, show and tell presentations, monthly coin auctions and free attendance prizes. Our group loves to share their knowledge with each other. About half of our members also like to eat. Each month we have a simple dinner with dessert and refreshments just prior to our meeting, which allows us time to socialize too. We meet the fourth Wednesday of each month starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Oxford Senior Center located at 323 Main St. in Oxford. It is the building directly behind the Oxford Town Hall building. For more information, please contact Dick Lisi at (508) 410-1332 or lisirichard15@yahoo.com.

SUICIDE PREVENTION: Attempted Suicide Prevention Group. Held each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at St Bernard’s Church, 236 Lincoln St., Worcester Gym Entrance Side, second floor meeting room. Parking & T services. Weekly facilitator, inspirational speaker, founder Dan Pelly, two time attempted suicide survivor. Your life matters, never give up. No charge. More info at (617) 592-5081.

LEAGUE OF CATHOLIC WOMEN: The St. Louis League of Catholic Women is holding its annual membership drive. The purpose of the league is to bring together women to further their cultural, social, and religious interests. The league meets every first Wednesday of the month, with the exception of January, February, July, August, and September. Programs this year will include cupcake decorating, Christmas sing-a-long, flowers in the Bible, movie night, crowning of Mary, and other interesting topics. If you are interested, please call Financial Secretary Louise Duval at 508-943-7695 or club President Carolyn Smith at 508-943-4732.

MEDITATION & YOGA: Guided Meditation on the second and fourth Wednesday every month, 6:30 p.m. at Generations Healing Center, Oxford. Please visit Pinkhippy.org for more information. Restorative Yoga Wednesdays, Noon to 1 p.m., St. Vincent Cancer & Wellness Center, 1 Eaton Place Worcester. Please visit Pinkhippy.org for more information. Restorative Yoga Saturdays, 8:15-9 a.m., Oxford Community Center, 4 Maple Road, Oxford. Please visit Pinkhippy.org for more information. Restorative Yoga Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Boucher School of Dance, 3 Millbury Boulevard, Oxford. Please visit Pinkhippy.org for more information.

Free Yoga Classes for Cancer Patients — Restorative yoga classes for cancer patients are offered weekly and are open to patients, survivors, and their families or caregivers. Classes are held every Saturday morning from 8:15 to 9 a.m. at the Oxford Community Center, 4 Maple Road, Oxford, and on Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m. at Saint Vincent Cancer & Wellness Center, One Eaton Place, Worcester. The Restorative Yoga program is a complementary therapy that is designed to help reduce lymphedema, increase range of motion, and soothe neuropathies that may occur during all stages of treatment and recovery. This program also promotes relaxation, which is a vital element in healing, as it brings emotional and physical relief from stress through moving meditation and gentle yoga stretches. These programs have been made possible through PinkHippy.Org, a 501(c)(3) non-profit holistic service and support organization that serves breast cancer patients, survivors and their families throughout Central MA, Northeastern CT, and Northwestern RI. Classes are free for those undergoing treatments or in recovery from breast cancer. For more information please visit www.pinkhippy.org, call (508) 987-3310, or send an email to info@pinkhippy.org.

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HOLISTIC HEALTH: Chair Yoga and so much more every Tuesday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at The First Congregational Church, 135 Center Road, Dudley (please park and enter through the right side basement entrance). Class Fee: \$5/ class voluntary contribution (Cancer patients always free). Proceeds donated to the First Congregational Church of Dudley. Instructor: Joanne LaLiberte, Holistic Health practitioner. This class of chair yoga is to expand the lungs and strengthen all the body’s major muscle groups, for stability and mobility, balance, increasing flexibility, muscularity of hip and legs and increasing range of motion with our “rear view mirror” twists. We work through the entire body, quieting the nerves, relieving stress, realigning posture and we leave renewed. Chair yoga is open to adults of all ages. It is kept light-hearted with respect for every member of the class. We honor the body as it is right now and work to improve its overall health. We come to class as individuals and leave as family. Get to know yourself through the eyes of chair yoga and build a body that serves you better. Wear comfortable clothing. As with any exercise program, check with your healthcare professional before starting.

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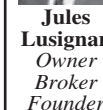
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LEGALS

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Conrad R. Farland to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for GMAC Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns, dated September 13, 2002 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 27503, Page 317 subsequently assigned to MidFirst Bank, A Federally Chartered Savings Association by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for GMAC Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 57542, Page 363; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 9:00 AM on April 20, 2018 at 8 Buffum Dam Road, Oxford, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit: Parcel #1 The land on the northerly side of Charlton Road in Oxford, Worcester County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows: A certain tract or parcel of land, together with the buildings thereon of every nature and description, and all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, situated in the westerly part of Oxford, County of Worcester, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, containing two acres, more or less, and being bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at the southwesterly corner of the premises on the northerly side of the road leading from Oxford to Charlton at the corner of land now or formerly of Thomas Nichols; Thence due North and by the same land now or formerly of Nichols, thirty-four and one-half rods to land now or formerly of the heirs of Leonardo Craig; Thence easterly by land now or formerly of said Craig heirs, one hundred seventy-one (171') feet to road leading from said Oxford and Charlton Road to land now or formerly of Freeman Prince; Thence southerly to the road leading from Oxford to Charlton; Thence westerly by said road one hundred fifteen (115') feet to the first mentioned bound at the point of beginning. Excepting from the above described premises that part taken by the County of Worcester or the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for highway purposes. Excepting parcel conveyed to Beatrice Blondell, by Deed recorded February 21, 1969 in Book 4927, Page 495. Parcel #2 The land situated on the southerly side of the premises taken by the County of Worcester of Commonwealth of Massachusetts for highway purposes leading to Charlton situated in the westerly part of Oxford, County of Worcester, containing one acre, more or less, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the southeasterly corner of the premises herein described on the northerly line of the old Charlton Street also being the southwesterly corner of land now or formerly of Beatrice Blondell as described in a deed to Beatrice Blondell dated September 30, 1959 and reocrded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 4060, Page 351; Thence westerly one hundred forty-three (143') feet along the northerly line of said old Charlton Street to a point at land now or formerly of said Blondell; Thence northerly two hundred eighty (280') feet, more or less, to the northerly line of the new Charlton Street and premises taken by the County of Worcester for highway purposes; Thence easterly one hundred forty-three (143') feet by the said northerly line of the new Charlton Street and taking to land now or formerly of Beatrice Blondell; Thence southerly two hundred eighty(280'') feet, more or less, by other land now or formerly of Beatrice Blondell to the point of beginning. Containing one acre, more or less. Being the same premises conveyed to the Mortgagor by Deed recorded February 1, 2002 in Book 23499, Page 367. The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, building and zoning laws, liens, attorney's fees and costs pursuant to M.G.L.Ch.183A, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession.

TERMS OF SALE:
A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to

Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. **TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.**
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March 30, 2018
April 6, 2018
April 13, 2018

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 Michael A. Medeiros and Jacqueline L. Fraser to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated March 13, 2007 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 40837, Page 54, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP FKA Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP dated August 4, 2011 and recorded with said Registry on August 19, 2011 at Book 47731, Page 309 and by assignment from Bank of America, N.A., Successor by Merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP, FKA Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP to The Secretary OF Housing and Urban Development dated February 13, 2014 and recorded with said Registry on August 8, 2014 at Book 52652, Page 184 and by assignment from Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC dated March 25, 2014 and recorded with said registry on August 8, 2014 at Book 52655 Page 84 and by assignment from Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC to WestVue NPL Trust II dated January 15, 2016 and recorded with said Registry on June 19, 2017 at Book 57279, Page 213 and by assignment from WestVue NPL Trust II to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Trustee of WestVue NPL Trust II dated December 15, 2016 and recorded with said Registry on May 9, 2017 at Book 57090, Page 339 and by assignment from WestVue NPL Trust II to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Trustee of WestVue NPL Trust II dated June 6, 2017 and recorded with said Registry on June 19, 2017 at Book 57279, Page 216, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 a.m. on May 1, 2018, on the mortgaged premises located at 8 Windy Ridge Road, Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,
TO WIT:
Tract I:

A certain parcel of land, together with the buildings thereon, situated in Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts and being shown as Lot 18 on Plan entitled Brian Acres in Webster, Mass., George Asselin & Sons, Inc., dated March 3, 1973, and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 401, Plan 99. Lot18 Contains 25,973 square feet according to said plan. Reference is also made to Plan Book 515, Plan 22.
There is specifically excluded any fee in the proposed road as shown on said plan.
Tract II:
A certain parcel of land, together with the buildings thereon, situated in Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts and being shown as Parcel A on Plan entitled Plan of Land in Webster, Mass., being conveyed by Robert & Barbara Shead, Robert F. Para, Land Surveyor, dated December 31, 1983, and recorded in the Worcester Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 515, Plan 22. Parcel A contains 1,872 square feet according to said plan.
Being the same presmises conveyed to the mortgagors by deed recorded in Book 28185, Page 031.
For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 28185, Page 31.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.
TERMS OF SALE:
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April 13, 2018
April 20, 2018

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 Mary J. Young and Scott J. Young to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated August 4, 2003 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 31153, Page 256, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for GN Mortgage, limited Liability Company to Wells Fargo Bank N.A. dated April 19, 2016 and recorded with said registry on April 19, 2016 at Book 55210 Page 198 and by assignment from Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee for RMAC Trust, Series 2016-CTT dated October 4, 2017 and recorded with said registry on October 13, 2017 at Book 57875 Page 344, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 9:00 a.m. on May 7, 2018, on the mortgaged premises located at 11 LITTLE LEAGUE LANE, WEBSTER, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,
TO WIT:

The land with the buildings thereon of every nature and description and all the privileges and appurtenances there to at Stefaniak Avenue, Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts and being shown on plan entitled "Plan of land in Webster, Mass., surveyed for John P. Kubicki" dated February 10, 1976, Robert F. Para, Land Surveyor, Southbridge, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows;
PARCEL I
The land on Stefaniak Avenue, Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts, and being shown as Lot 43 on said plan, bounded and described and follows:
BEGINNING at the southeasterly corner of said Lot 43 at an iron pin in the westerly line Stefaniak: Avenue and the northerly line of Allen Street, as shown on said plan;
THENCE N. 86° 24' 04" W, by the northerly line of Allen Street One Hundred Twenty Six and 50/100 (126.50) feet to an iron pin in the easterly line of Laurel Street as shown on Said plan;
THENCE N. 1° 53' 34" W. by the easterly line of Laurel Street Fifty- two and 9/10 (52.9) feet to a drill hole;
THENCE S. 84° 46' 28" E. by Lot 44 as shown on said plan One Hundred Twenty-Six and 74/100 (126.74) feet to a point in the westerly line of Stefaniak Avenue;
THENCE S. 2° 04' E. by the westerly line Stefaniak Avenue forty-nine and 3/10 (49.3) feet to a place of beginning. Containing 6,492 Square feet of land according to said plan.
PARCEL II
The land on Stefaniak Avenue, Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts, and being shown as lot 44 on said

plan, bound and described as follows; BEGINNING at the southerly corner of said Lot 44 at a point in the westerly line of Stefaniak Avenue and at the northeasterly corner of Lot 43:as Shown on said plan;
THENCE N. 84° 46' 28" W. by said Lot 43 One Hundred Twenty- Sixty and 74/100 (126.74) feet to a drill hole in the easterly line of Laurel Street as shown on said plan;
THENCE N. 1° 53' 34" .W. by the easterly line of Laurel Street Sixty and 00/100 (60.00) feet to point at a stone wall, and at land now or formerly of Cecilia Budzinski as Shown on said plan;
THENCE S. 73° 56' 37" E. by said Budzinski land and a stone wall one hundred Thirty-two and 09/100 (132.09) feet to an iron pin in the westerly line of Stefaniak Avenue;
THENCE S. 2° 04' E. by the westerly line of Stefaniak Avenue Thirty-five and 00/100 (35.00) feet to the place of beginning.
Containing 5969 square feet of land according to said plan.
Subject to all rights, restrictions, reservations and easements of record insofar as the same are in force and applicable.
For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 27088, Page 322.
These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.
TERMS OF SALE:
A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) 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 Street, 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.
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE RMAC TRUST, SERIES 2016-CTT
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California Street
Newton, MA 02458
(617) 558-0500
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April 13, 2018
April 20, 2018
April 27, 2018

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Docket No. WO18P0621EA
Estate of:
Kenneth Hughes
Date of Death: February 1, 2018
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner
Ewa Gnoinska of Dudley MA
A Will has been admitted to informal probate.
Ewa Gnoinska of Dudley 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.
April 13, 2018

LEGALS

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Melville P. Summers and Lucille A. Summers to Sherwood Mortgage Group, Inc., dated August 31, 2004 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 34511, Page 38 subsequently assigned to Option One Mortgage Corporation by Sherwood Mortgage Group, Inc. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 36154, Page 294 and subsequently assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as trustee for GSAMP Trust 2004-OPT, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-OPT by Sand Canyon Corporation fka Option One Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 50493, Page 106; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 AM on May 4, 2018 at 66 Pleasant Street, Unit B12, aka Unit 6 Building B, North Oxford, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The following premises in the Fairway Woods Condominiums in Oxford, County of Worcester, Massachusetts, created by Master Deed dated August 1, 1986 and recorded on December 1, 1986 with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 10010, Page 111, as amended, Unit (town home) No. 6 in Building B the mailing address of which is: 66 Pleasant Street, Unit B-12 a/k/a Unit 6 Building B, North Oxford, Massachusetts 01537 Together with garage designated GB6, together with an undivided 1.52nd or 1.923076923% interest appertaining to said unit in the common areas of said condominium, and together with the rights and easements appurtenant to said unit as set forth in said Master Deed, as amended. Attached to the unit Deed in Book 10631, Page 219 are copies of portions of the plans attached to said Master Deed, bearing the verified statement of a registered professional engineer certifying that they show the unit designation of the unit hereby conveyed and of immediately adjoining units, and that they fully and accurately depict the layout of the unit hereby conveyed, its location, dimensions, approximate area, main entrance and immediate common areas to which it has access, as built. Said unit is intended to be used solely for residential purposes as set forth in Section XII of said Master Deed, and is subject to the restrictions as set forth in Section XIII of said Master Deed that, (a) no such unit shall be used for any purpose other than as a dwelling (b) no business activities of any nature shall be conducted in any such unit, except (i) as provided in Paragraph (c) of Section XII, thereof and (ii) that a person residing in any such unit may, if permitted by and duly authorized in accordance with applicable law and governmental regulation, maintain therein an office for his or her personal and professional use, but no employees or persons other than a resident of such unit shall engage therein in any such activities and no such office shall be advertised, held out or used as a place for services to clients or patients; (c) units may be leased for use by other than the owners thereof provided: (i) the lease is in writing (ii) the lease is for no less than the entire unit (iii) the lease is not for transient or hotel purposes (iv) the terms of any such lease is no less than thirty (30) days (v) such leasing is specifically made subject to the provisions of the Master Deed, the Condominium Trust, and by-laws and all rules and regulations issues thereunder and provides that any failure to comply with the terms of such documents shall be a default thereunder; and (vi) such lossee executes a written agreement directly with the Trustees of the Condominium Trust under which he specially agrees to observe and be bound by the same; (d) dogs, cats or other pet animals or birds shall not be kept in any such town home or otherwise on the premises; (e) the architectural integrity of the buildings and the units shall be preserved without modification and to that end, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, without the prior written approval of the Trustees of the Condominium Trust, no awning, screen, antenna, sign, banner, or other device and no exterior change, addition or change or replacement of any exterior light, door knocker, or other exterior hardware shall be made, and no painting, attaching or decalcomania, or other decoration shall be done on any exterior part or surface of any unit nor on the interior surface of any window, provided, however, that the foregoing shall not restrict the right of the unit owner to decorate the interior of his or her unit as he or she may desire; (f) all

maintenance and use by unit owners of all facilities shall be done so as to preserve the appearance and character of the same and of the grounds and buildings without modifications; (g) all use and maintenance of such units shall be conducted in a manner consistent with the comfort and convenience of the occupants or other units and in accordance with the provisions with respect thereto from time to time promulgated by the Trustees of the Condominium Trust in accordance with the provisions of the by-laws of said Condominium Trust; and (h) no improper, offensive or unlawful use shall be made of the unit or any part thereof, and all applicable laws, zoning ordinances, and regulations of all governmental bodies having jurisdiction thereof shall be strictly observed by all unit owners. Said premises are conveyed subject to and with the benefit of: (a) the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 183A (b) the terms and provisions of said Master Deed, the Declaration of Trust of the Fairway Woods Condominium Trust, dated August 1, 1986, recorded with said Worcester District Registry of Deeds in book 10010, Page 132, the by laws set forth in said Declaration of Trust and any rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, and the obligation thereunder to pay the proportionate share attributable to said Unit of the common expenses duly established (c) such taxes attributable to said Unit for the current fiscal year as are not now due and payable, all of which the Grantee, by acceptance hereof, agrees to comply with, perform, assume and pay; and (d) all rights, reservations, easements, including utility easements, restrictions, and other matters of record contained or referenced in said Master Deed. Together with the right to use the streets and ways as shown on said plan for all purposes for which streets and ways are used in the City of Gardner, reserving to the Granter herein for itself and its successors and assigns the fee in all streets and ways shown on the plan. Subject to Declaration of Protective Covenants recorded in Book 11565, Page 204. Subject to Construction Easement as shown on said plan. Being the same premises conveyed to Melville P. Summers and Lucille A. Summers by deed of Exult Relocation Services, Inc. dated August 1, 2004 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 34511, Page 34.

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, building and zoning laws, liens, attorney's fees and costs pursuant to M.G.L.Ch.183A, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession.

TERMS OF SALE:
A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. **TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.**

Other terms if any, to be announced at the sale.

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee for GSAMP Trust 2004-OPT, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2004-OPT Present Holder of said Mortgage, By Its Attorneys, ORLANS PC PO Box 540540 Waltham, MA 02454 Phone: (781) 790-7800 16-011020 April 13, 2018 April 20, 2018 April 27, 2018

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Philip Petrello and Karen Petrello to "MERS" Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. a separate corporation that is acting solely as nominee for "Lender", Decision One Mortgage Company, LLC and its successors and assigns dated February 2, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 38352, Page 232, as assigned by Assignment of Mortgage dated June 10, 2015 and recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, Book 53918, Page 214, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction at 11:00 AM, on May 7, 2018**, on the premises known as **21 Intervale Road, Dudley, Massachusetts**, the premises described in said mortgage, together with all the rights, easements, and appurtenances thereto, to wit:

The land in Dudley, Massachusetts, more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Lot #2 BEGINNING at a point at the southeast corner of tract herein described on the westerly sideline of Blackmer Road, also called Intervale Road at the northeast corner of Lot #1;

THENCE S. 47° 58' 52" W. along said Lot 1 a distance of one hundred twenty-two and thirty-one hundredths (122.31) feet to a point;

THENCE S. 33° 38' 32" W. along said Lot 1 a distance of two hundred forty-nine and sixty-two hundredths (249.62) feet to a point in a stonewall;

THENCE N. 52° 28' 54" W. along a stonewall and land of Boise Cascade, now or formerly, a distance of forty-seven and seventy-nine hundredths (47.79) feet to a point in said stonewall;

THENCE N. 27° 27' 04" W. a long a stonewall and said Boise Cascade land a distance of forty-one and no hundredths (41.00) feet to a point in said stonewall;

THENCE N. 26° 06' 32" E. along lot #3 a distance of two hundred thirty-three and ninety-three hundredths (233.93) feet to a point;

THENCE N. 36° 03' 57" E. along said Lot #3 a distance of on hundred sixty and no hundredths (160.00) feet to a point on the westerly sideline of said Blackmer Road;

THENCE running South along the westerly sideline of said Blackmer Road on a curve to the right having a radius of 175.00 feet and a length of 150.00 feet to the point of beginning. The above described tract contains 1.000 acres.

Subject to a slope easement adjacent to street line for road construction purposes and rights to utility companies for the installation of underground wires, junction boxes, transformers, etc.

Lot 2 is shown on a plan of land entitled "Definitive Plan of Sayles Estate in Dudley, Mass. Owned by Dennis N. Brote Sr. and Nancy L. Brote" dated August 25, 1986 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 600, Plan 74.

Terms of Sale: These premises are being sold subject to any and all unpaid real estate taxes, water rates, municipal charges and assessments, condominium charges, expenses, costs, and assessments, if applicable, federal tax liens, partition wall rights, statutes, regulations, zoning, subdivision control, or other municipal ordinances or bylaws respecting land use, configuration, building or approval, or bylaws, statutes or ordinances regarding the presence of lead paint, asbestos or other toxic substances, sanitary codes, housing codes, tenancy, and , to the extent that they are recorded prior to the above mortgage, any easements, rights of way, restrictions, confirmation or other matters of record.

Purchaser shall also bear all state and county deeds excise tax. The deposit of \$5,000.00 is to be paid in cash or bank or certified check at the time and place of the sale, with the balance of the purchase price to be paid by bank or certified check within thirty (30) days after the date of the sale, to be deposited in escrow with Guaetta and Benson, LLC, at 73 Princeton Street, Suite 212, North Chelmsford, Massachusetts.

In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of the foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the property by foreclosure deed to the second highest bidder or, thereafter, to the next highest bidders, providing that said bidder shall deposit with said attorney, the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within five (5) business days after written notice

of the default of the previous highest bidder.

Other terms, if any, are to be announced at the sale.

Dated: April 5, 2018

Present holder of said mortgage

The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York as Trustee for the Certificateholders of CWALT, Inc. Alternative Loan Trust 2006-OC3, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-OC3

by its Attorneys

Guaetta and Benson, LLC

Peter V. Guaetta, Esquire

P.O. Box 519

Chelmsford, MA 01824

April 13, 2018

April 20, 2018

April 27, 2018

(SEAL)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

LAND COURT

DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

18 SM 001447

ORDER OF NOTICE

To:

Marjorie Abilhomme

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act., 50 U.S.C. App. § 3901 (et seq.):

Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Oxford, numbered 201 Main Street, given by Marjorie Abilhomme to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Prospect Mortgage, LLC, dated September 8, 2009, recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 44821, Page 94, as affected by Loan Modification Agreement, dated June 13, 2013, recorded in said registry in Book 51474 Page 55, 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 May 7, 2018

or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER, Chief Justice of said Court on March 22, 2018

Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson

Recorder

April 13, 2018

(SEAL)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

LAND COURT

DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

18SM001946

ORDER OF NOTICE

To:

Lisa A. Labelle

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C.c. 50 §3901 et seq.:

Home Point Financial Corporation claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Oxford, numbered 12 Buffum Dam Road, given by Lisa A. Labelle to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Home Point Financial Corporation, dated December 9, 2016, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 56440, Page 335, 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 May 14, 2018 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of said Court on March 29, 2018.

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson

Recorder

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April 13, 2018

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by William J. Chicoine to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated June 11, 2007 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 41315, Page 144, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Lendia, Inc., its successors and assigns to Suntrust Mortgage, Inc. dated January 18, 2012 and recorded with said registry on January 27, 2012 at Book 48456 Page 286 and by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Lendia, Inc., its successors and assigns to Suntrust Mortgage, Inc. dated October 28, 2013 and recorded with said registry on October 30, 2013 at Book 51683 Page 78 and by assignment from Suntrust Mortgage, Inc. to Federal National Mortgage Association dated October 28, 2013 and recorded with said registry on October 30, 2013 at Book 51683 Page 80, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 a.m. on May 8, 2018, on the mortgaged premises located at 11 Allen Avenue, Oxford, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT:

A certain tract or parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in Oxford, Worcester County, Massachusetts, situated on the easterly side of Allen Avenue, and being Lot No. 72 on plan of lots at Huguenot Tract, Oxford, Massachusetts, owned by Hall Realty Company, J. R. Kleindienst, Surveyor, recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 51, Plan 16, more particularly bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the northwesterly corner of the premises to be conveyed, said point being on the easterly side of Allen Avenue and running, Thence easterly by Lot No. 73 on said Plan one hundred twenty and nine and 9/10 (120.9) feet to a point at land of New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad; Thence southerly by said Railroad land, sixty and 5/10 (60.5) feet to a point; Thence westerly by Lot No. 71 on said Plan, one hundred twenty-eight and 3/10 (128.3) feet to a point in the easterly line of said Allen Avenue; Thence northerly by said easterly line of Allen Avenue, sixty (60) feet to the point of beginning. Being the same premises as deeded by Jane L. Smith, dated January 24, 2004 and recorded with the Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Book 32709, Page 156.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 32709, Page 156.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) 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 Street, 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.

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE") Present holder of said mortgage By its Attorneys, HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C. 150 California Street Newton, MA 02458 (617) 558-0500 201703-0190 - TEA April 13, 2018 April 20, 2018 April 27, 2018

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 George Holt and Elaine D. Norris to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., dated August 31, 2007 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 41765, Page 234, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for the RMAC Trust, Series 2016-CTT dated October 4, 2017 and recorded with said Registry on October 13, 2017 at Book 57875, Page 355, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 p.m. on May 7, 2018, on the mortgaged premises located at 25A Harris Street, Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated on the Easterly side of Harris Street, Webster, Massachusetts and being shown as Lot #4 on plan entitled "Land in Webster, Massachusetts, owned by Ramond P. Jankowski, dated October 11, 1975 and May 16, 1978, Henry A. Racicot, Land Surveyor" and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 452 Plan 114, further bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the Easterly side of Harris Street, said point being the Northwest corner of lot herein conveyed;

THENCE N. 82° 24' 30" E. a distance of eighty-three and sixty four hundredths (83.64) feet to an iron pin;

THENCE S. 17° 18' E. a distance of fifty and ninety-six hundredths (50.96) feet;

THENCE S. 80° 26' 30" W. by land now or formerly of Marcoux a distance of ninety and sixty-one hundredths (90.61) feet to the Easterly side of Harris Street;

THENCE N. 9° 55' 40" W. by Harris Street a distance of fifty-three and six hundredths (53.06) feet to the point of beginning; CONTAINING Four thousand four hundred seventy-six (4,476) square feet.

TOGETHER with the right to use the right of way on the portion within the bounds of Lots #1& #2 as shown on said plan.

Subject to any Restrictions, Conditions, Covenants, Rights, Rights of Way, and Easements now of record.

For title reference see deed in Book 41206, Page 386.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41206, Page 386.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) 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 Street, 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.

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE RMAC TRUST, SERIES 2016-CTT Present holder of said mortgage By its Attorneys, HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C. 150 California Street Newton, MA 02458 (617) 558-0500 201201-1570 - PRP April 13, 2018 April 20, 2018 April 27, 2018

(SEAL)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 18 SM 001631 ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:

Robert A. Gonzalez; Heather R. Gonzalez 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 National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for the RMAC Trust, Series 2016-CTT,** claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in **Oxford (North Oxford)**, numbered **9 Maple Avenue**, given by **Robert A. Gonzalez and Heather R. Gonzalez to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Access National Mortgage, its successors and assigns**, dated **January 10, 2013**, and recorded with the **Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds** in Book **50332**, Page **1**, 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 **May 7, 2018** or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of this Court on March 23, 2018 Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson Recorder (17-015682 Orlans) April 13, 2018

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. WO18P1005EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of: Charles J. Moninski, Sr. Date of Death: 06/07/2015

To all interested persons: A Petition for **Formal Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Annabelle D. Moninski of Harmony ME** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Annabelle D. Moninski of Harmony ME** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an 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 04/24/2018**. 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: March 28, 2018 Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate April 13, 2018

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS WORCESTER, SS. PROBATE COURT 18E0032QP

To Misty D. Faulkner of North Grosvenordale in the State of Connecticut A petition has been presented to said Court by Mathew Keough of Webster in the County of Worcester, praying said Court to adjudicate the Plaintiff to be the De-Facto parent of the child and for such other relief as the Court deems proper

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file in said Court at Worcester, a written appearance and answer or other legal pleading, within twenty-one days after the seventeenth day of April 2018, the return day of this citation

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixteenth day of March 2018..

Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate

April 6, 2018 April 13, 2018 April 20, 2018

TOWN OF WEBSTER BOARD OF SELECTMEN WEBSTER, MASSACHUSETTS ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the construction of the "Town of Webster, Thompson Road Water Main Replacement Project" will be received by the Town Administrator's Office at the Town Hall, 350 Main Street, Webster, MA 01570 until 2:00 p.m. local time on May 3, 2018 at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. Sealed Bids must have outer envelope marked as "Town of Webster, Thompson Road Water Main Replacement Project".

The work consists of the installation of approximately 1,600 feet of 16-inch ductile iron water main on Thompson Road from Memorial Beach Drive to the intersection of Park Road including side street connections and water services. Milling and Overlay of project limits to take place in Spring 2019. Bids shall be on a unit price basis, as indicated in the Bid Form.

All Bids for this project are subject to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30, Section 39M as amended.

Bidding Documents may be obtained electronically from the Tighe & Bond website at: http://www.tighebond.com/Projects_Out_to_Bid.php

Prospective bidders must complete a one-time registration process on the web site in order to receive log-in credentials. Bidders must log in to the web site to download bidding documents for the project. Bidders will be added to the "planholders" or prospective bidders list upon downloading the bidding documents for the project. Bidding documents may also be examined and/or obtained at the office of Tighe & Bond, Inc., 446 Main Street, Worcester, Massachusetts between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, legal holidays excluded. Bidding Documents may be examined and/or obtained at the office of Tighe & Bond, Inc., 446 Main Street, Worcester, Massachusetts between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, legal holidays excluded. The deposit for the documents is \$200.00 made payable to Tighe & Bond. Those who return documents in good condition within 10 days after opening Bids will receive a full refund. Bidder who is awarded the Contract will also receive a full refund.

Bidding Documents will be mailed upon request via UPS Ground Service delivery for a non-refundable handling and postage charge of \$25.00. Alternatively, plan holders can provide either a UPS or FedEx account number to handle shipping charges. All deposit, handling, and postage charges shall be prepaid. A bid deposit shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

This Contract contains price adjustments for hot mix asphalt mixes, diesel fuel, and gasoline. See Section 01270 for payment procedures and base prices for this Project.

Minimum Wage Rates as determined by the Commissioner of Department of Workforce Development under the provision of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27D, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the Contractor, before Bid opening, to request if necessary, any additional information on Minimum Wage Rates for those trades people who may be employed for the proposed Work under this Contract.

TOWN OF WEBSTER, MASSACHUSETTS Consulting Engineer: Tighe & Bond, Inc. 446 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 508-754-2201 April 13, 2018

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**LEGAL NOTICE
MORTGAGEE'S SALE
OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Susan B. Larose to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as nominee for Sherwood Mortgage Group, Inc., dated January 30, 2006 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 38334, Page 206 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association fka The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. as successor to JP Morgan Chase Bank, National Association, as Trustee for Residential Asset Mortgage Products, Inc., GMACM Home Equity Loan Trust 2006-HE1 is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS) solely as nominee for Sherwood Mortgage Group, Inc. its successors and/or assigns to The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association fka The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. as successor to JP Morgan Chase Bank, National Association, as Trustee for Residential Asset Mortgage Products, Inc., GMACM Home Equity Loan Trust 2006-HE1 dated November 5, 2015 recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 54567, Page 1, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 76 Old Douglas Road, Webster, MA 01570 will be sold at a Public Auction at 11:00 AM on May 10, 2018, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: The land with the buildings thereon in Webster, situated on the southerly side of Old Douglas Road, being shown as Lot #13 on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Webster, Massachusetts, surveyed for Finecamp K.O.A., Inc." dated September 4, 1986 by Para Land Surveying, Inc., recorded with Worcester Registry of Deeds in Book 565 Plan 19. Being the same premises conveyed to the herein named grantor(s) by deed recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 12386, Page 1. For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 10992, Page 115. The property will be sold subject to the redemption rights in favor of the Internal Revenue Service by virtue of the tax lien(s) recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 48145, Page 80 and Book 52264, Page 41. The property will be sold subject to a first mortgage in the principal sum of \$135,000.00 given to Medford Savings Bank dated February 7, 2002 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 25949, Page 211. The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession. Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. Other terms to be announced at the sale. The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association fka The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. as successor to JP Morgan Chase Bank, National Association, as Trustee for Residential Asset Mortgage Products, Inc., GMACM Home Equity Loan Trust 2006-HE1 Korde & Associates, P.C. 900 Chelmsford Street Suite 3102 Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 Larose, Susan B., 17-030004 April 6, 2018 April 13, 2018 April 20, 2018

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE Premises: 6 Granite Street, Webster, Massachusetts By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Marie Martin to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for Loandepot.com, LLC and now held by Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, said mortgage dated October 14, 2015, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 54447 at Page 228, as affected by an Assignment of Mortgage dated June 22, 2016, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 55528 at Page 5, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on May 4, 2018, at 3:00 PM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: Land in Webster Beginning at the northwesterly corner of the premises at a pont on the easterly line of Granite Street at land now or formerly of one Fournier; Thence S. 75 degrees E. by said Fournier land ninety and sixty-five hundredths (90.65) feet to a point; Thence southeasterly by land, now or formerly, of one Duquette, twenty-four and one tenth (24.1) feet to a point; Thence southwesterly by land, now or formerly, of one Cassidy sixty-eight and three tenths (68.3) feet to a point; Thence northwesterly by land, now or formerly of one Joslin fifty-four and nine tenths (54.9) feet to a point; Thence westerly by said Joslin land twenty-seven and nine tenths (27.9) feet to a point on the easterly line of Granite Street; Thence northerly by said easterly line of Granite Street sixty-five (65) feet to the point of beginning. The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated July 16, 2014, and recorded in Book 52808 at Page 103 with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds. TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described. TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within forty five (45) days after the date of sale. Other terms to be announced at the sale. Marinosci Law Group, P.C. 275 West Natick Road, Suite 500 Warwick, RI 02886 Attorney for Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC Present Holder of the Mortgage Telephone: (401) 234-9200 MLG File No.: 16-08391 April 13, 2018 April 20, 2018 April 27, 2018

**LEGAL NOTICE
MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL
ESTATE**

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by James E. Sundstrom to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as a nominee for Allied Home Mortgage Capital Corp Branch 571, dated August 9, 2005 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 37057, Page 234 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage Ditech Financial LLC f/k/a Green Tree Servicing LLC is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for Allied Home Mortgage Capital Corp. Branch 571, its Successors and Assigns to CitiMortgage, Inc. dated June 22, 2012 recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 49254, Page 301 and assignment from CitiMortgage, Inc. to Green Tree Servicing LLC dated April 9, 2014 recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 52227, Page 197, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 11 Lower Gore Road, Webster, MA 01570 will be sold at a Public Auction at 10:00 AM on May 10, 2018, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: A certain parcel of land situated on the easterly side of Lower Gore Road, Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts, shown on a Plan dated January 22, 1974 and recorded in Plan book 395, Plan 63, and further bounded and described as follows: Beginning at an iron pipe on the easterly side line of Lower Gore Road at the northwesterly corner of the lot to be

described; said iron pipe being S. 05 degrees 27' 49" E. and one hundred thirty-five and thirty-two hundredths (135.32) feet from an iron pipe at the southwesterly corner of land now or formerly of Eldridge; Thence N. 84 degrees 32' 11" E. along land of Sylvia M. Raymond for a distance of two hundred fifty and 00/100ths (250.00) feet to an iron pipe; Thence S. 05 degrees 27' 49" E. along land of Sylvia M. Raymond for a distance of one hundred and 00/100ths (100.00) feet to an iron pipe; Thence S. 84 degrees 32' 11" W. along land of Sylvia M. Raymond for a distance of two hundred fifty and 00/100ths (250.00) feet to an iron pipe; Thence N. 05 degrees 27' 49" W. along the easterly side line of Lower Gore Road for a distance of one hundred and 00/100ths (100.00) feet to the iron pipe at the point of beginning. The Above described lot contains 25,000 square feet. For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 37057, Page 232. The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession. Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. Other terms to be announced at the sale. Ditech Financial LLC f/k/a Green Tree Servicing LLC Korde & Associates, P.C. 900 Chelmsford Street Suite 3102 Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 Sundstrom, James E., 17-029422 April 13, 2018 April 20, 2018 April 27, 2018

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE
OF REAL ESTATE**

Premises: 9 Ridge Drive, Dudley, MA By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Melissa A. Iverson a/k/a Melissa Iverson and Dana R. Iverson a/k/a Dana Iverson to Mortgage Electronic Registration systems, Inc. as nominee for Prospect Mortgage, LLC and now held by U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee for the RMAC Trust Series 2016-CTT, said mortgage dated December 20, 2013, and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 51874, Page 370, said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Prospect Mortgage, LLC to Prospect Mortgage LLC by assignment dated November 2, 2015 and recorded with said Registry in Book 54647, Page 284 as affected by a corrective assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Prospect Mortgage, LLC to Prospect Mortgage, LLC dated December 10, 2015, and recorded with said Registry in Book 54709, Page 276; said mortgage was assigned from Prospect Mortgage, LLC to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment dated October 26, 2016, and recorded with said Registry in Book 56224, Page 345; said mortgage was assigned from Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development by assignment dated November 25, 2016, and recorded with said Registry in Book 56980, Page 233; said mortgage was assigned from Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee for the RMAC Trust Series 2016-CTT by assignment dated February 8, 2017 and recorded with said Registry in Book 57285, Page 273; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on April 26, 2018 at 11:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain lot of land together with buildings thereon and appurtenances thereto belonging, located on Ridge Drive, in Dudley, Massachusetts being shown as Lot #10 on plan entitled "Subdivision Plan of Morse Realty & Development, Inc., Dudley, Mass., July 14, 1967, A.R. Klebart Eng'r" recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 312, Plan 63, together with 25 feet of the southerly portion of Lot #11 as it borders Lot #10 on said plan, and to which plan reference may be had for a more particular description. The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated September 3, 2013, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 51874, Page 367. TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described. FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale. Other terms to be announced at the sale. Shechtman Halperin Savage, LLP 1080 Main Street Pawtucket, RI 02860 Attorney for U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee for the RMAC Trust Series 2016-CTT Present Holder of the Mortgage (401) 272-1400 March 30, 2018 April 6, 2018 April 13, 2018

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ORDER OF NOTICE**

TO: **Paul M. Mason and Virginia L. Mason fka Virginia L. Richardson** and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. §3901 *et seq.*: **Santander Bank, N.A.** claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Oxford, numbered 4 Toria Heights Road, #34, aka Unit No. 96B of Toria Heights Condominium, given by Paul M. Mason and Virginia L. Mason fka Virginia L. Richardson to Sovereign Bank, dated November 2, 2006, and recorded in Worcester County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 40248, Page 327, and now held by Plaintiff as successor by merger, have filed with this court a complaint for determination of 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 May 7, 2018 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act. Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER, Chief Justice of this Court on March 28, 2018 Deborah J. Patterson Recorder April 13, 2018

Public Announcement: The Webster School Committee has proposed an operating budget for FY2018. A Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Webster Public School Administration Office School Committee Room, 77 Poland Street, Webster, Massachusetts. Copies of the budget and supporting documentation can be found on the Webster Public Schools website at www.webster-schools.org: Office of Business and Finance. Hard copies may also be obtained at the Webster Public School Administration Offices, 77 Poland Street, Webster, MA 01570. April 6, 2018 April 13, 2018

Planning & prepping ‘Plants in a Pot’

There are many reasons to plant a vegetable garden, among them the security of knowing where the food you bring to the table comes from. A healthy eating revolution coupled with food safety issues, has contributed to a renewed interest in backyard gardening. Make that back porch, patio, and windowsill gardening!

For those who don’t have room to plant a sprawling plot, container gardens fit the bill. From whiskey barrels to plastic buckets, plants are sprouting up on back decks, front porches, and even on balconies. Many vegetables grow successfully when contained in pots. Benefits include the ability to position the pots to increase growing condition, and a reduced risk of pest invasions.

Read on for tips to plan to plant:

Crop Pickings: Luckily, some of the best loved vegetables are appropriate for container gardening. Crops that do well include tomatoes, lettuce, peppers, cucumbers, beans, as well as, carrots, cabbage, peas, beans, beets, cauliflower and broccoli. In addition, there are many varieties of dwarf vegetables that are specially bred to grow well in containers.

Container Choices: Once you’ve decided which plants to pot up, there are a few general rules to follow to ensure thriving container crops. The size of the container depends upon the crop that will be grown. Typically most vegetables can thrive as long as there is enough space for proper root development. Shallow rooted crops such as lettuce, peppers, radishes, and herbs require a space at least six inches in diameter with an eight inch soil depth. Tomatoes, cucumbers, squash and beans grow well in deeper buckets, such as five gallon buckets, half whiskey barrels, and deep patio pots.

Bushel baskets, half barrels, wooden

tubs, or large pressed paper containers are ideal for growing tomatoes, squash, pole beans, and cucumbers. Note that container plants do best when transplanted from seedlings into the container, allowing for a hardening off period.

Select Soil: The perfect planting material for containers should provide quick and steady drainage with enough water retention to keep the roots moist. Some gardeners suggest a traditional soil mix, others prefer a soil free potting mix that offers a lightweight medium that is free from soil borne diseases. A good rule of thumb is to mix equal parts of sand, garden soil and peat moss. This mixture may be heated in a low oven for an hour to kill any weeds, insects or bacteria.

Water Well: Proper watering is essential for a successful container garden, due to the fact their root system is restricted. Usually once a day is sufficient, but keep mind containers are much apt to dry out in hot weather, causing the plant to produce poorly or worse. Also, avoid soaking the leaves when watering, as wet foliage encourages disease. And make sure the pot is equipped with proper drainage. Inadequate drainage will cause the mix to become water logged, and the plants will be deprived of necessary oxygen.

Proper Placement: Placement is important, since growing vegetables need at least five hours of direct sunlight each day. Flowering and root vegetables need even more sun. Check the requirements of each variety you are growing. Since the container garden offers mobility, moving a pot to ensure it receives sufficient sunlight is a valuable advantage.



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window box of lettuce, radishes and peppers, not only offers lush greenery, but handy salad pickings at your fingertips.

Rx for Container Gardening: While container gardening is typically user friendly, with less risk of insect invasion or disease, the gardening method is not foolproof. The University of Maine Cooperative Extension offers the following suggestions for treating common container garden problems.

Symptoms: Plants tall, spindly, and unproductive.
Cause: Insufficient light.
Cure: Move container to area receiving more light. Reduce feeding intervals.

Symptoms: Plants yellowing from bottom, lack vigor, poor color
Cause: Excessive water.
Cure: Reduce watering intervals; Check for good drainage.

Symptoms: Plants wilt although sufficient water is present.
Cause: Poor drainage and aeration.
Cure: Use mix containing higher percent organic matter; increase number of holes for drainage.

Symptoms: Marginal burning of leaf edges.
Cause: High salts.
Cure: Leach container with tap water at regular intervals.

Pot Couture: Container plants encourage creativity. A handsome garden pot or two on the patio adds ambiance and beauty to an outdoor space. A row of trellised pole bean pots can serve as a decorative barrier along a deck or balcony. And a

Symptoms: Plants stunted in growth; sickly, purplish color.
Cause: Low temperature or low phosphate.
Cure: Relocate container to warmer area. Increase phosphate level in base solution.

Symptoms: Holes in leaves, leaves distorted in shape.
Cause: Insects
Cure: Hand pick or use insecticidal spray.

Symptoms: Plant leaves with spots; dead dried areas, or powdery or rusty areas.
Cause: Plant Diseases
Cure: Remove diseased areas where observed. Call your Extension Office or bring in a leaf for diagnosis.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

Your tips can win you a fabulous dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. Hints are entered into a drawing for a three course dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn! One winner per month will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I’m in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I’m counting on you readers out thee to share your best helpful hints!

Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press publications? Send questions and/or hint to: Take the Hint! c/o Stonebridge Press, PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550. Or email kdrr@aol.com.

Take it up a notch out back: adding appeal to a patio or deck

Summer means time spent gardening and relaxing with friends. And just like the kitchen in winter, the patio or deck tends to be the gathering spot when the weather turns warm.

Get the most from this space with a bit of preseason planning and decorating. Select functional and beautiful furnishings to create a special spot for you, family and friends to enjoy whenever the weather allows.

First, sketch out the space and measure the dimensions of all furnishings you are considering, making sure they will fit. Allow extra space for people to pull chairs in and out from the table and navigate around furnishings, preferably 3 to 4 feet.

Next, select a table that fits the space and provides ample serving space. An extension table allows you to expand your surface if a few more folks drop by. A round folding table provides space for guests, and it can be stashed against the wall when workspace is needed.

Small- and large-space gardeners will enjoy the benefits of elevated gardens with built-in trellises. These maximize growing space even on a small deck or patio and bring the garden to the party. Look for self-watering planters and especially those with wheels so you can easily move them out of the way of a family gathering or closer to the kitchen for easy harvesting.



Photo courtesy Gardener’s Supply Company

Raised beds and multipurpose potting benches can add both beauty and functionality to your patio or deck.

Include a multifunctional piece like a potting bench. Look for a versatile and well-built, furniture-quality piece like the CedarLast potting bench

(gardeners.com) that complements other furnishings and can be used as a serving surface when entertaining. Consider features like a faucet for washing

and watering that drains into a bucket or the ground, as well as hooks for hanging tools and baskets and space for storage.

Bring nature to your door and mask unwanted background noise with the soothing sound of water. Wall-mounted and container fountains add the sound and motion of water to even the smallest patios and decks. Watch for colorful winged visitors stopping by for a sip.

Extend your enjoyment into the evening with pleasing outdoor lighting. Make sure the light is deflected and not shining directly into visitors’ eyes. Downward facing overhead lights brighten large areas. Use them to illuminate key spaces such as those used for cooking. Strands of lights on structures, ribs of an umbrella or the underside of a bar provide a festive touch.

Use tabletop lighting to create a more intimate mood. Outdoor flameless candles add warmth to your space while a Columbine solar lantern adds charm. Look for a style that complements your outdoor décor.

Add pathway lighting to direct guests to the patio or on



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a stroll through the garden. Solar lighting allows flexibility and eliminates the need for trenching wires to a power source. Think beyond traditional pathway and railing lighting.

Strategically placed upward lighting of structures and plants or downward lighting hung from above can also provide needed illumination.

Whatever the size of your patio or deck you can create an inviting outdoor space for gardening and entertaining. Just invest a bit of time planning and shopping for attractive and functional furnishings. Then sit back and relax in your newly decorated space.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses “How to Grow Anything” DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda’s Garden Moment TV & radio segments. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Gardener’s Supply for her expertise to write this article. Myers’s web site is www.melindamyers.com.

Senate endorses civic education initiative

BOSTON – Senator Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) announced the Senate passed legislation to promote and enhance civic education. The legislation, which passed by a 32-4 vote, reflects an innovative approach to strengthening civic learning and participation in the Commonwealth.

“We are on the verge of enacting civic education curriculum that is critical to equipping our next generation with the tools and information needed to be active and engaged citizens,” said Senator Moore. “Civic education is an essential component for the survival

of our precious democracy and I was proud to work with my colleagues in the Senate to advance this measure.”

The legislation enacts a hands-on and experiential approach to fostering civic engagement. The bill incorporates project-based learning components, encourages the instruction of civic competencies, and provides extracurricular civic-participation opportunities. The curriculum is made possible by the Civics Project Trust Fund, which will provide funding for professional development and for the further development of curriculum frameworks.

The legislation also complements and enhances efforts currently undertaken by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to update the History Social Studies Framework. The last time these standards were revised was in 2003 and the proposed revisions include a strong focus on civic education, and to challenge students to deepen their understanding of history, geography, and economics.

Provisions of the bill passed by the Senate are the result of 18 months of collaboration amongst a bipartisan working group of legislators and stake-

holders. Initial efforts to implement civic education standards also date back to a 2012 report by the Special Commission on Civic Engagement and Learning. The Commission’s final recommendations included input from key leaders within the area of civic education including former Senator Richard T. Moore (D-Uxbridge) who served as chair of the Special Commission.

The bill, S.2375, has been referred to the House of Representatives for consideration. To continue tracking the legislation, visit the Legislature’s website, www.malegislature.gov.

A HOOK IN

The Association of Traditional Hooking Artists Quiet Corner Chapter is hosting a Rug Hook In gathering on June 16 at the Woodstock Fairgrounds in Woodstock, CT. Registration fee of \$15 is required for this event and must be paid in advance by June 1. Registration forms for this event may be received by contacting treasurer Gretchen Gray at gretchg@verizon.net, or call Whispering Hill at (860) 928-0162 for more information. To learn more about rug hooking and become a member of Atha Quiet Corner, individuals can contact Whispering Hill regarding membership. All are welcome.

Legislation mandates proper safeguards and insurance for tow companies

BOSTON — The Massachusetts State Senate took action to protect the motoring public by establishing a licensing mechanism for voluntary towing.

The bill, filed by Senator Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) who serves as Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, requires all companies, whether voluntary or involuntary, that perform towing services to hold a certificate from the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities. Presently in Massachusetts, anyone can purchase a tow truck and hold themselves out to be a tow company.

As it currently stands, only those companies that perform involuntary towing services, such as police-ordered tows after an accident or law enforcement related

incidents where there is no one to drive the car, are required to have a DPU certificate, which mandates proper safeguards and insurance. In addition, companies that provide involuntary towing services for the Massachusetts State Police are required to have a Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) background and minimum insurance standards.

By requiring DPU to establish minimum insurance requirements and CORI standards for all tow trucks, the motoring public will know that there are safety standards in place when a tow company arrives to tow their vehicle. In addition, by requiring tow companies to obtain a certificate, the Commonwealth will ensure tow companies are maintaining workers’ compensation insurance and other legally required documentation.

“This bill is about public safety and consumer protection,” stated Senator Moore. “By requiring the safeguard included in this legislation, we will ensure that when drivers are vulnerable and stranded on the side of the road, they can feel confident

that their safety is the primary concern of the towing industry.”

“The Massachusetts Senate is dedicated to ensuring consumer protections for residents of the Commonwealth,” said Senate President Harriette L. Chandler (D-Worcester). “This legislation safeguards the well-being of drivers and their vehicles. I am very pleased that the Senate passed this bill.”

“I thank the Massachusetts Senate for passing this important legislation that will ensure the safety of the motoring public,” stated William Johnson, president of the Statewide Towing Association of Massachusetts. “This legislation will bring a uniform standard of accountability to the towing industry thus increasing public safety.”

The legislation, which passed the Senate unanimously, has now been referred to the House of Representatives for consideration. To continue tracking the bill, S.2354, please visit the Legislature’s website, www.malegislature.gov.

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As I See It:

BY MICHELE MILLER, CO-FOUNDER
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Lyme disease is one of the most misunderstood and controversial diseases across our country. Getting proper diagnosis and treatment options are extremely difficult. I quickly found this out after losing my mom, Jeanne, to complications from untreated late-stage Lyme disease. Mom was full of life until she developed a rash on her upper back while spending the winter in Florida in early 2011. The non-blistering rash was quickly diagnosed as shingles and she was prescribed a steroid. Her health would never be the same after that.

If you had asked me a few years back what Lyme disease was, I would have thought that after a tick bite you would get a bull's-eye rash and your doctor would prescribe a dose of antibiotics. All would then be okay, as so many think. But I soon found out it wasn't.

In May 2011, Mom came back from Florida and had trouble with her speech. My brother and I feared that she had a mild stroke, so an MRI was performed, then reviewed by a chief neurologist. A month later, Mom received what she described as a death sentence: she was told she had ALS, otherwise known as Lou Gehrig's disease. Her quality of life with this diagnosis would diminish rather quickly. Mom questioned the diagnosis and heard that a local holistic physician, who fortunately was Lyme literate could possibly help. Her first appointment with this doctor reviewed her past medical records and he ordered both the Elisa and Western Blot tests to determine what my Mom had been battling. These tests would be sent to a Lyme specific laboratory in Palo Alto, California. This lab has the highest accuracy for testing. Our next appointment, four weeks later, he would diagnose her with late stage Lyme disease and several co-infections, such as Babesia and Bartonella. Aggressive antibiotic treatment was prescribed but we were not aware at that time that this treatment could either kill her or save her. The next 1-1/2 years I would have to watch my Mom lose her capacity to talk, walk and swallow. Months later, unable to eat, she needed a feeding tube that would cause her to succumb to complications from aspiration pneumonia. Seeing her in this debilitating state has not easily been erased from my memory. I was angry that the medical system had failed her and recognized that I needed to seek counseling for the pain that my mother had endured. Cleaning out my parents' home and recalling the many happy times we shared there, I discovered numerous journals written by Mom throughout her life. In her last several journals she wrote about the pain she was suffering and about her feeling of being so alone in this illness. She wrote of her fear to leave this Earth and the people she loved dearly. She so wanted to be a part of her grandchildren's lives, watch them grown into adults, graduate from college, get married and raise their own families. These were milestones she knew she would never witness nor cherish as a memory.

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CHRONIC PAIN

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If you suffer from chronic pain, you are not alone. Chronic pain is defined as pain that persists over time (longer than 3 to 6 months) and typically results from long-standing (chronic) medical conditions, injury, inflammation, or neurological disorders. (1) The National Institute of Health found that more than one out of every ten adults in the United States report having chronic pain. It has been suggested that the medical community's efforts to help patients manage pain along with false claims by pharmaceutical companies, led to the current opiod epidemic. (2,3) According to the 2015 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2.7 million people had a prescription drug use disorder. (4) It is plain from these statistics that chronic pain is a serious problem and that medication alone may not be the answer.

Pain is a complicated mechanism that involves the body's response to injury and neurological pathways in the brain. Sensory receptors in the body called nociceptors react to noxious mechanical, thermal, and chemical stimuli, sending information through the nerves in the spinal column to the brain for interpretation. In acute pain, the brain's reaction is incredibly fast, as when we quickly pull our hand away from a hot stove. When tissue



damage occurs, as in the example of a sprained ankle, the chemical inflammatory response is initiated as the body attempts to heal. In these circumstances, we feel pain with pressure or movement of the limb. In both of these examples, pain serves a purpose: to protect us from further injury and allow the body to heal. When pain persists longer than the protective response is required, chronic pain has set in.

So what can you do if you suffer from chronic debilitating pain? Since compensatory musculo-skeletal changes often contribute to persistent pain, a referral to physical therapy may provide the relief you seek. A physical therapist will perform an examination to identify the possible sources of your pain. Postural alignment, soft tissue restrictions, joint limitations, and muscle weakness

may all impact your condition. Physical therapy modalities such as heat/cold treatments and electric stimulation promote circulation for healing and muscle relaxation. Manual therapy including joint mobilization and soft tissue manipulation increase mobility and alignment. Therapeutic exercise increases flexibility, strength, and endurance for functional improvements. Most importantly, a physical therapist can teach you how to manage your chronic pain through self pain relieving techniques and instruction in a home exercise program.

In addition, complementary medicine offers alternatives to traditional medical management alone. An example of complementary treatment for chronic pain is Massage Therapy. Therapeutic massage can help to break the pain-muscle spasm cycle that often accompanies persistent chronic pain. Pain frequently results in muscle spasms as yet another protective response of the the body. Muscle spasms cause tightness essentially restricting movement, which encourages us to rest the area. This is helpful initially but quickly becomes detrimental, as lack of movement combined with the tight muscle causes even more pain. Massage techniques such as effleurage, petrissage, and deep tissue strokes increase circulation, decrease muscle spasm, and promote muscle relaxation, effectively breaking the pain/spasm circle.

Gone untreated, chronic pain can result in the inability to participate in everyday life. The physical, social, economic, and psychological impact can be devastating. Seeking non-pharmaceutical treatments may be the answer to gaining control of your pain.

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Brain-healthy habits to embrace

Cognitive decline is a condition that is often associated with aging, but even middle-aged people can experience memory loss or cognition issues.

The Alzheimer's Association says that more than five million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. By 2050, that number could rise to as high as 16 million people. More than 747,000 Canadians are living with Alzheimer's or another dementia, says the Canadian Alzheimer's Association.

Although there is no definitive way to prevent dementia, living a long, vibrant life may be possible by encouraging some healthy habits for the brain. It is never too late or too early to begin health and lifestyle changes.

EXERCISE

Becoming more active can improve brain volume, reduce risk for dementia and improve thinking and memory skills. The journal *Neurology* found that older people who vigorously exercise performed better on cognitive tests than others of the same age, placing them at the equivalent of 10 years younger. Increased blood flow that occurs with physical activity may help generate new neurons in the hippocampus, an area of the brain involved with learning and memory.

The Harvard Medical School says aerobic exercise may help improve brain tissue by improving blood flow and reducing the chances of injury to the brain from cholesterol buildup in blood vessels.

QUIT SMOKING

The Alzheimer's Association indicates that evidence shows smoking increases the risk of cognitive decline. Smoking can impair blood flow to the brain and cause small strokes that may damage blood vessels.

EAT HEALTHY FOODS

Foods that are good for the heart and blood vessels also are good for the brain. These include fresh fruits and vegetables, whole grains, fish-based proteins, unsaturated fats, and foods containing omega-3 fatty acids.

DID YOU KNOW?

According to the American Heart Association, half of the men who die suddenly of coronary heart disease do not exhibit symptoms. The AHA also says that between 70 and 89 percent of sudden cardiac events occur in men. Both of those factors only highlight the importance men must place on protecting themselves against heart disease. The AHA notes that the steps that can help men reduce their risk for heart disease vary depending on their ages. For example, men in their 20s can make sure they exercise regularly, avoid smoking and secondhand smoke, and schedule routine wellness visits with their physicians. Men in their 50s may need to be more diligent in their efforts to prevent heart disease, especially if they have already been diagnosed with conditions such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol or diabetes. While young men and older men may need to employ different strategies in their fights against heart disease, men of all ages can benefit from routine exercise, nutritious diets and healthy lifestyles. More information about combatting heart disease can be found at www.heart.org.



Seniors can include healthy lifestyle habits, such as exercise and balanced eating, to reduce the risk of dementia and other neurological issues.

Neurologists state that, while research on diet and cognitive function is limited, diets, such as Mediterranean and Mediterranean-DASH (Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension), may contribute to a lower risk of cognitive issues.

CONSUME CAFFEINE

Caffeine may help boost memory performance and brain health. A *Journal of Nutrition* study found people ages 70 and older who consumed more caffeine scored better on tests of mental function than those who consumed less caffeine. Caffeine may help improve attention span, cognitive function and feelings of well-being. Information from *Psychology Today* also indicates caffeine may help in the storage of dopamine, which can reduce feelings of depression and anxiety. In addition, compounds in cocoa and coffee beans may improve vascular health and help repair cellular damage due to high antioxidant levels.

WORK THE BRAIN

Engaging in mentally stimulating activities can create new brain connections and more backup circuits, states Dr. Joel Salinas, a neurologist at Harvard-affiliated Massachusetts General Hospital. Working the brain through puzzles, reading and participating in social situations can stimulate the release of brain-derived neurotrophic factor (BDNF), a molecule essential for repairing brain cells and creating connections between them.

A good way to combine these lifestyle factors is to take an exercise class with friends, mixing the social, stimulation and exercise recommendations together.

Cognitive decline can come with aging, but through healthy habits, people can reduce their risk of memory loss and dementia.

3 simple ways to a healthier heart

Heat disease is a formidable foe. According to the American Heart Association, heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States, accounting for approximately 800,000 deaths every year. The Government of Canada notes that heart disease is the second leading cause of death in that country, annually accounting for tens of thousands of deaths. (Note: Canada's population is slightly more than one-tenth the population of the United States.)

While heart disease exacts a devastating toll on the United States and Canada, its reach extends far beyond North America, as the American College of Cardiology notes that cardiovascular disease accounts for 31 percent of all deaths across the globe.

In spite of the prevalence of heart disease, men and women are not helpless against it. In fact, there are many ways for men and women to reduce their risk for heart disease.

1. Maintain a healthy weight.

The American Heart Association reports that between 60 and 70 percent of Americans are overweight or obese. Carrying around extra weight takes a toll on the body, increasing a person's risk for heart disease and stroke. Overweight or obese men and women can work with their physicians to develop a plan for effective, long-term weight loss, a plan that will likely include a combination of diet and routine exercise.

2. Understand and manage blood pressure.

The AHA notes that high blood pressure, a common condition affecting roughly one in three Americans, is often referred to as "the silent killer" because it does not necessarily produce symptoms. Blood pressure measures the force pushing outward on the walls of blood vessels as they carry blood oxygen to the body's organs, and the force created as the heart rests between beats. Over time, the arterial walls of people with high blood pressure may become stressed and develop weak spots or

scarring that makes them vulnerable to the buildup of plaque. Plaque buildup can increase the risk of blood clots and stroke. Blood pressure can rise as a person ages, so managing blood pressure involves routinely checking it and making certain changes, such as eating healthier foods and exercising more often, if it is high.

3. Control cholesterol levels.

High levels of low-density lipoprotein, often referred to as "bad" cholesterol, can increase a person's risk for heart disease. The AHA notes that excessive amounts of cholesterol can be deposited into the arteries as plaque. When that happens, it leads to a condition known as atherosclerosis, or a narrowing of the inside of the artery walls. That narrowing leads to an increased risk for heart attack and stroke. Men and women should get their cholesterol levels checked at least once every four to six years beginning at age 20. Men and women who have been diagnosed with high cholesterol should recognize that cholesterol is only found in animal products, so a diet that is rich in fruits, vegetables and whole grains and low in animal products can provide a simple way for men and women to lower their cholesterol. A more thorough and detailed plan to lower cholesterol levels should be discussed with a physician.

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Some lesser known allergy symptoms

Allergy symptoms are a result of a person's immune system overreacting to something that is harmless to most people but sparks a reaction in people sensitive to the trigger. Some symptoms of allergic reactions, such as sneezing, are widely known. But people may be surprised to discover some of the other common allergy symptoms.

According to the American College of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology, a host of physical symptoms are indicative of allergic reactions.

- Wheezing, shortness of breath: The ACAAI says that wheezing or shortness of breath are telltale signs of asthma, but notes that such symptoms also may be indicative of an allergic reaction. The ACAAI recommends people see an allergist if they develop unexplained wheezing that keeps returning or if the wheezing occurs alongside symptoms like rapid breathing or difficulty taking in air. Wheezing that appears after a person is stung by an insect, takes a medication or eats something he or she is allergic to is symptomatic of an allergic reaction and requires immediate medical attention.

- Cough: The appearance of a dry, persistent cough may indicate an allergy. Coughs are often a byproduct of a cold or flu, but such coughs tend to taper off after a few days. Chronic dry coughs that linger for more than three weeks may indicate the presence of an allergy. Allergy-related coughs may be more prevalent during certain times of year or in certain environments. The ACAAI notes that chronic dry cough has been linked to



allergies such as hay fever and may indicate an allergy to pet dander, dust, pollen, or mold.

- Headache: Though few people associate headaches with allergies, some headaches can be allergy-related. According to the ACAAI, sinus headaches and migraines have been linked to allergies. Sinus headaches may be characterized by localized pain over the sinus area and/or pain in the face that may or may not be accompanied by a headache. A throbbing pain on one side of the head indicates a migraine, the symptoms of which may worsen when exposed to light. Among the more painful allergy symptoms, headaches should be discussed with an allergist.

- Nausea and vomiting: Nausea and vomiting may be a byproduct of food allergies. Seasonal allergies rarely, if ever, lead to nausea or vomiting. However, when a person eats a food he or she is allergic to, the immune system reacts to this allergy in much the same way it does to allergies like hay fever, releasing a chemical called histamine. When a person is dealing

with seasonal allergies, the histamine his or her body releases can cause sneezing, runny nose or other symptoms commonly associated with such allergies. But when histamine is released to combat food allergies, it can cause nausea and vomiting.

Allergies affect people in every corner of the globe. Recognizing symptoms of allergies can help people combat them more effectively.

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As I saw it, my mother had suffered in silence, and I asked myself how many more were doing the same? In October, following her passing, I set up a table with information about Lyme disease at my local library. That evening, 23 people came to share their stories of the same isolation they experienced with this disease. I listened to them all and saw that these people had been misled down the same path as my mother. Even through my grief, this gave me the driving force to continue with the mission to raise awareness this terrible disease.

Our monthly meetings at the library continued, which led to my husband and I creating the Central Mass Lyme Foundation in memory of my mom. We are dedicated to increasing awareness about the seriousness of this disease as well as many other tick-borne illnesses.

On March 21, 2015, the foundation organized our first Lyme Disease Conference in New England. This conference drew hundreds of people

on a snowy morning to learn how to get help, but more importantly to connect with others who were hidden behind their doors like my mother, suffering in silence. That day, her voice would be heard loud and clear. It would be the fruition of battling this illness together with people who cared and understood, no questions asked. Since then, our foundation has organized 2 other conferences bringing the Lyme community together.

The mission of our 501c3 foundation is raising awareness about Lyme disease as well as other vector-borne diseases. We do not diagnose or treat. But we do raise awareness through our distribution of resources to our public libraries, presentations at local organizations and tables at public events. We also educate schools and provide materials for their parents and educators. This has been a grass roots effort with many volunteers who may be afflicted with Lyme or know someone who is.

As I see it, Lyme disease is easy to get, and very complex to treat. Our foundation will continue the fight for the many who don't have the strength to do it alone, and for their families who need the support. My Mom's mission has only just begun.

Side effects of snoring include higher risk for Alzheimer's

Snoring may seem like a pesky yet minor problem, but it can be much more serious than some people know. Although snoring is a common problem among all ages and genders, the National Sleep Foundation says that men are twice as likely to snore as women, and snoring can worsen with age.

The aging process can lead to a relaxation of the throat muscles, resulting in snoring. Furthermore, the NSF says anatomical abnormalities of the nose and throat, illness and other factors may also contribute to snoring. Drinking alcohol, which can have an effect similar to muscle relaxants, in the evening can make snoring worse.

While many people may think snoring is a mere nuisance, it actually may be a symptom of obstructive sleep apnea. Over time, apnea can be associated with high blood pressure and

increased risks of heart attack, stroke or death, advises WebMD.

Now there is new evidence that those with obstructive sleep apnea may be at a higher risk of developing Alzheimer's disease as well. A new study published in the journal *Neurology* found that people with sleep apnea tended to develop memory problems and other signs of cognitive impairment earlier than people without such sleep disorders. Richard Osorio, MD, a research assistant professor of psychiatry at the NYU Center for Brain Health, found that, among 2,000 people studied, those who reported having sleep apnea or snoring tended to develop signs of mild cognitive impairment, including memory lapses



and slower speed on cognitive skills, about 12 years earlier on average than those who didn't report any sleep-related breathing issues. Mild cognitive impairment often precedes dementia related to Alzheimer's disease.

Some researchers believe snoring and sleep apnea may contribute to a buildup of the toxic protein in the brain called beta-amyloid, which is a hallmark of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.

If snoring has become problematic, men are urged to visit a doctor or sleep specialist to see which therapies can be instituted to help improve sleep and overall health.

How to recognize signs of heat stroke in dogs



Summer is a great time of year for people and their pets to enjoy the great outdoors and soak up some sun. Just as men and women exercise caution by applying sunscreen and staying hydrated on hot summer days, dog owners must take steps to protect their four-legged friends when bringing them outdoors.

Heat stroke can pose a serious threat to dogs on hot days. Dog owners

who routinely take their pets outdoors in summer must learn how to protect canines from heat stroke and how to recognize its symptoms.

What is heat stroke?

Dogs suffer from heat stroke when their body temperatures exceed 104 F and the built-in mechanisms they rely on to cool themselves – including panting – cease to function properly. But any temperature 103 F or above is considered abnormal. According to PetMD, heat stroke is a form of non-fever hyperthermia that can lead to multiple organ dysfunction.

Is heat stroke immediately evident?

Heat stroke can overwhelm dogs quickly, so dog owners should be especially diligent and watch their dogs closely when they are spending time outside on hot days. Dogs may first suffer from mild heat-related stress or moderate exhaustion before they begin experiencing the more severe symptoms of heat stroke, so dog owners should look for signs of stress or fatigue and bring their dogs inside immediately after noticing such symptoms. The consequences of heat stroke are severe, so dog owners should always err on the side of caution.

What are the symptoms of heat stroke?

Dogs that are overheating and potentially suffering from heat stroke may exhibit a number of symptoms. Such symptoms are typically easy to spot, but dog owners still must pay close attention to their four-legged friends during summertime walks or play sessions in the backyard.

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Understanding heartworm

Conscientious pet owners understand they must be on the lookout for a host of issues that can affect the health and well-being of their pets. One such issue is heartworm.

What is heartworm?

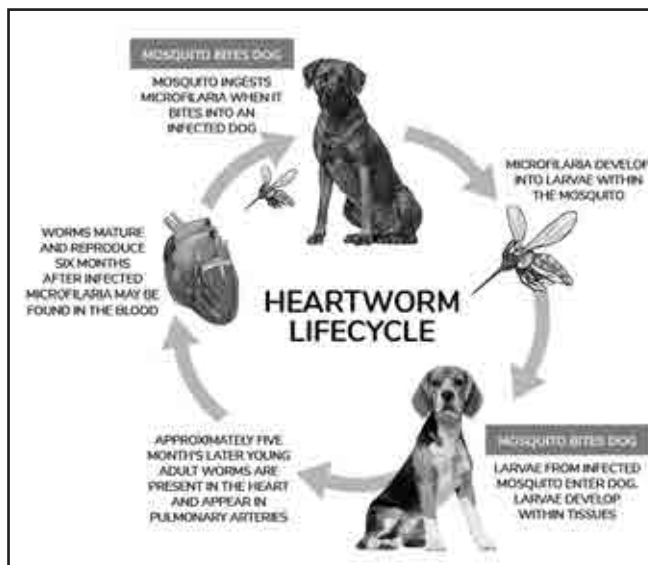
The American Heartworm Society notes that heartworm is a disease caused by foot-long worms that live in the heart, lungs and associated blood vessels of affected pets. Known as heartworms, these worms can cause severe lung disease, heart failure and organ damage. Some instances of heartworm may even prove fatal.

Who gets heartworm?

Heartworm disease affects dogs, cats and ferrets. Heartworms also live in wolves, coyotes, foxes, and sea lions. And while such instances are rare, heartworms have even been found in humans.

How is heartworm transmitted among pets?

Mosquitoes transmit many diseases, and they even play a role in the transmission of heartworm. The AHS notes that adult female heartworms living in infected dogs, foxes, coyotes, or wolves produce microfilaria, which are microscopic baby worms that circulate in the animals' bloodstreams. When mosquitoes feed on the blood of these infected animals, they pick up microfilaria. Within 10 to 14 days, these microfilaria mature and develop into infective stage larvae. When mosquitoes then bite another animal, these larvae are deposited onto the surface of the skin of those animals,



ultimately entering their new hosts through the wound created by the mosquito's bite. The larvae then spend the next six months maturing into adult heartworms.

How long do heartworms live?

Upon reaching maturity, heartworms can live for five to seven years in dogs and for two to three years in cats. According to Peteducation.com, heartworm in ferrets can be rapidly progressive and fatal.

What are the symptoms of heartworm?

Heartworm symptoms can vary depending on the type of animal that is infected. Dogs infected with heartworm may exhibit few or no symptoms in the early stages of the disease, only gradually exhibiting symptoms as the infection persists. Such symptoms include mild persistent cough,

reluctance to exercise, fatigue after moderate activity, decreased appetite, and weight loss. As heartworm progresses, dogs infected with the disease may develop swollen bellies due to excess fluid in their abdomens. Dogs infected with large numbers of heartworms may develop sudden blockages in their heart, which can lead to cardiovascular collapse, threatening the dog's life.

Cats may exhibit subtle or dramatic symptoms of heartworm. Coughing, asthma-like attacks, periodic vomiting, loss of appetite, and weight loss are some of the more subtle symptoms of heartworm in cats. But some cats may struggle to walk, experience fainting spells or have seizures as a result of heartworm. The AHS notes that the first sign of heartworm in cats is sometimes sudden collapse or sudden death.

Ferrets with heartworms may seem tired all the time and exhibit shortness of breath even after just a few minutes of activity. Ferrets may also experience fluid buildup in their abdomens due to heart failure and blocked blood vessels.

Can pet owners protect their pets from heartworm?

The AHA recommends that pet owners get their pets tested for heartworm every 12 months. In addition, the AHS advises pet owners to give their pet heartworm preventive 12 months a year.

More information about heartworm is available at www.heartwormsociety.org.

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According to the American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation, signs that a dog is overheating include:

- Panting followed by disorientation and fast, noisy breathing
- Collapsing or convulsing
- Bright red or blue gums
- Vomiting and diarrhea

Vomit and diarrhea connected to heat stroke may contain blood. In addition, the eyes of dogs suffering from heat stroke may be glazed-over and such dogs may be unresponsive to commands, or their replies to commands may be slower than usual.

Can heat stroke be prevented?

Though dogs can suffer heat stroke even on mild days, dog owners can

take precautionary measures.

- Alter routines. Walking can be great exercise for dogs, but on hot days dog owners can walk their dogs when temperatures tend to be at their most mild, such as in the early morning hours or evenings when the sun is setting or has already set.

- Limit play time. Dogs generate heat when playing and exercising, and their body temperatures may rise considerably on hot summer days. To reduce dogs' risk of heat stroke, limit play time on hot days.

- Don't travel with dogs. Temperatures can be unbearable inside vehicles, so dog owners should not take their dogs along when running errands on hot days.

Dog owners must be especially mindful of their dogs' behavior on hot days. Protecting dogs from extreme heat can safeguard them from heat stroke, which can be fatal.

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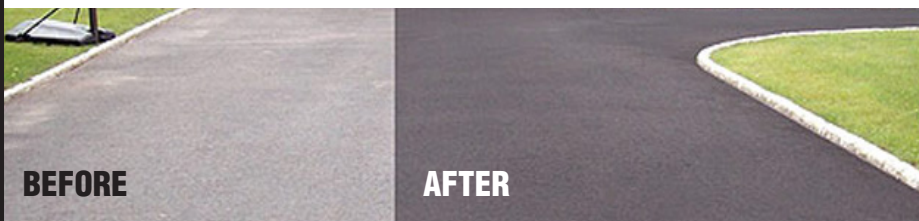
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Spring has now officially arrived, and with it the return of the harbingers of spring. Many of you may think that the American Robin is a true sign of spring but what you may not know is that the Robin along with the Eastern Bluebird is a winter resident here. Robins and Bluebirds tend to gather in swampy areas

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Environmental health hazards encountered each day

Environmental health risks can be found all over the world. Whether one resides in an urban or rural environment, it is difficult to avoid pollutants that can produce unfavorable effects on human health. For example, it's estimated that car emissions contribute to a staggering number of deaths in the United States alone, and many areas are deemed to have unsafe air that can contribute to long-term diseases such as lung cancer. So says the group Top Environmental Issues, which publishes information on an array of environmental topics and statistics. Other pollutants lurk in the soil or drinking water sources.

The process of addressing environmental hazards starts with individuals, who can educate themselves about various pollutants and how to reduce their impact on human health.

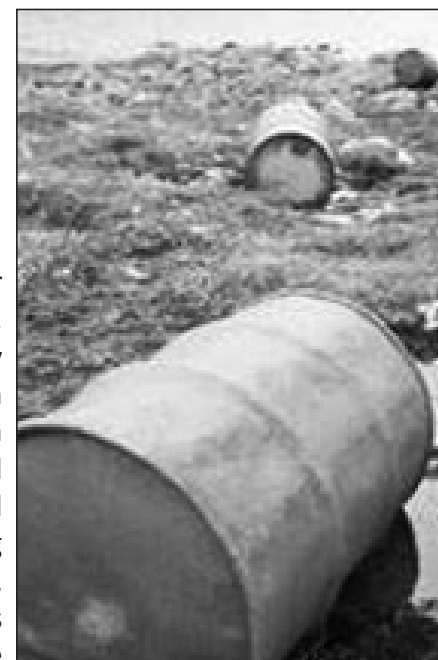
- **Lead:** Even though lead use has decreased, there remains some residual risk. The Occupational Safety & Health Administration says that lead enters the body primarily through inhalation and ingestion. Many people are exposed to lead by breathing in lead-containing dust at work or from hobbies that involve lead. Lead affects nearly every system in the body, but it can be particularly harmful to the brain and nervous system.

- **Mercury:** Mercury is another metal that has drastic health effects. People may be exposed to mercury through their occupations or even their diets. Mercury occurs naturally in Earth's crust but is primarily released from coal-fired power stations and other industrial processes. According to the World Health Organization, mercury's potentially toxic effects include digestive and immune system interruption, nervous system impairment and skin and eye problems.

- **Contaminated drinking water:** All tap water contains trace amounts of natural microorganisms. However, contaminants can end up in drinking water from run-off from residential and commercial areas. The Clean Air Council says drinking water may contain contaminants such as arsenic, radon, trihalomethanes (chloroform, bromodichloromethane, dibromochloromethane, and bromoform), and pesticides.

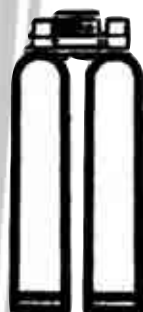
- **Pesticides:** Chemicals used to prevent the proliferation of lawn and garden pests may be effective, but they also can produce adverse health effects. Pesticides have been associated with increased risk of cancer and can affect the developing nervous system. The Pesticide Action Network says close to a billion pounds of toxic chemicals are intentionally introduced into the environment and the food supply each year.

Many contaminants can potentially be found in the air we breathe, the water we drink and the land upon which our homes are built. Learning about some of the more common environmental hazards can help people take action to avoid them.



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The benefits of water features in garden landscapes



Water features, such as ponds or waterfalls, can add a special touch to the landscape

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When planning gardens, homeowners may benefit by considering more than just flowers and shrubs while giving thought to other elements that can breathe vitality into their landscape designs. Water features can do just that, as such features provide more than just visual appeal.

- **Aesthetic appeal:** Water elements stand out against the greenery and foliage and can be used to create focal points around the garden or yard. A single fountain can draw the eye, while a trickling stream or waterfall can deliver water to various spots in the landscape.

- **Soothing sound:** Rain drops on a rooftop or waves lapping on a shoreline elicit feelings of harmony and relaxation. Water features can bring that gentle sound close to home, further enhancing the ambiance.

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The benefits of choosing solar energy

Home improvement trends come and go. What's popular among today's homeowners may feel dated to prospective buyers a decade from now. But solar energy is one home improvement trend that does not figure to go the way of sunken living rooms or popcorn ceilings.

According to the Solar Energy Industry Association®, solar energy experienced a compound annual growth rate of more than 60 percent between 2006 and 2016. Solar energy has also done wonders to improve the employment rate. According to the Solar Foundation's National Solar Jobs Census, in the United States there were more than 260,000 solar workers in 2016, an increase of 25 percent from the previous year. Things are equally rosy in Canada, where the Government of Canada reports installed capacity for solar thermal power has experienced a compound growth rate of nearly 14 percent since 2004.

The search for a renewable energy source has led many people to embrace solar energy, but there are many more reasons for homeowners to embrace going solar.

- Return on investment: Many people considering solar energy for the first time may experience some sticker shock when they learn the cost of installing solar panels on their homes. But data from the EnergySage Solar Marketplace indicated that, in the first half of 2015, solar shoppers who compared their options achieved payback on their solar investments

in 7.5 years. So in addition to the monthly savings on their utility bills, homeowners can expect to recoup their solar energy investments in a relatively short period of time.

- Property value: Whether they plan to do so in the near or distant future, homeowners with an eye on selling their homes may be interested to learn that a recent study from the Lawrence Berkeley National Lab found that solar panels can significantly increase property value. The study analyzed the sales of more than 20,000 homes in California, Connecticut, Florida, Massachusetts, Maryland, North Carolina, New York and Pennsylvania, suggesting the desire for solar energy among prospective buyers is not exclusive to a particular region of the country.

- Energy independence: According to the U.S. Energy Administration, most of the energy consumed in the United States comes from fossil fuels like petroleum. The EIA also notes that, in 2016, the United States imported about 10.1 million barrels of petroleum per day. By embracing solar energy, Americans and citizens of any country that relies heavily on foreign oil imports, can take a big step toward increasing their energy independence.

The use of solar energy is on the rise, and there are many reasons for homeowners to embrace this increasingly popular energy source.



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Examine the deck for surface wear, cracked boards, and popped nails.

Make any necessary repairs before you stain your deck.

Applying the Stain Decks are often subjected to extreme environmental conditions (direct sun, cool damp shade, etc.) as well as heavy foot traffic. Proper care of your deck will help ensure the longevity of the finish.

Step 1 After properly preparing the wood, select an inconspicuous place on the actual wood you will be staining and test the stain to be sure you will be pleased with the final color results.

Step 2 First stain the vertical sections of the deck, such as the rails and posts, so that drips will not land on previously finished areas.



Step 3 Once the vertical surfaces are completed, proceed to the deck surface. For deck boards, stain two to three boards at a time to avoid lap marks. Do not stop in the middle of a board, or you will risk developing lap marks. Make sure to wipe up any excess stain.

Deck-Staining Tips

The best way to apply deck stain is to use a roller or spray, followed by backbrushing to even out the stain.

Do not let stain puddle on the surface of the deck.

Stain does not stay mixed the same way paint does. You will need to stir the stain frequently during application.

To ensure proper stain penetration and even drying results, avoid applying stain in direct sunlight.

Soak the bottom of the deck posts in Benjamin Moore Alkyd Primer (366). This will give the posts added protection from the kind of ground moisture they are subjected to, and will help extend the life of the posts.

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How to control common spring pests



Ants are a nuisance that become more active as the weather warms.

Just when winter thaws out and people are anxious to enjoy the blooming flowers and luscious lawns of spring, pesky pests can appear and impact comfort levels and safety.

Many pests resume their levels of activity as spring draws closer and temperatures warm up. The presence of these insects and rodents may cause problems in and around a home, which makes it essential to recognize them and avoid issues. The following are some of the more common spring pests and how to remedy infestations.

PAVEMENT ANTS

Pavement ants are some of the most common pests residents encounter inside and outside of their homes. These ants are light brown to black with appendages that are lighter than the rest of their bodies. Small in stature, pavement ants have parallel lines on their heads and thorax, according to pest extermination company Orkin.

Although pavement ants nest outdoors, they can enter homes through small crevices in search of food scraps. Their large colonies may not disappear until treatment is introduced. Keep foods in tightly sealed containers, clear counters and floors of crumbs, and address water sources, such as leaks. Pesticides may be needed in extreme conditions.

FLEAS

Fleas are tiny, jumping, biting pests that must find a host upon which to live. As ectoparasites, they feed on blood while living on the body of living hosts. Pets can bring fleas inside the yard and home in warm weather. According to the University of California Statewide Integrated Pest Management Program, flea larvae develop more quickly at higher

temperatures. At normal room temperatures, the entire life cycle of a flea is about 18 days.

Several flea control products are available to control fleas on cats and dogs. There also may be powders and sprays to alleviate flea infestations in the home. Vacuuming is also very effective in killing larvae in the carpet and at picking up adults.

WASPS

An errant wasp, hornet or yellow jacket may have survived winter and ridden out the colder temperatures within a home. Once the weather warms, queens will begin to look for places to lay eggs and establish colonies. Treating areas where wasps are seen entering and leaving the home is key. Seal holes as soon as possible.

Although wasps help control other insect populations, their painful stings and potentially aggressive nature can make them challenging to have around a home. If a nest is found, hire a professional to remove it.

SPIDERS

Many spiders are not harmful enough to humans and pets to be much of a problem. In fact, spiders can be helpful to have around to control the populations of other insects. Still, many homeowners would prefer these web-slinging friends remain outdoors. Therefore, sealing cracks in a home's foundation and repairing small openings around windows and doors can help keep spiders out. Also, alleviating moisture issues in basements, garages or attics may keep out other bugs that would be prey to spiders.

Homeowners can take the steps necessary to cut down on pests in and around their homes.

DID YOU KNOW?

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency notes that there is no practical way to eliminate all mold and mold spores in an indoor environment, including a home. But by controlling moisture in their homes or apartments, men and women can control indoor mold growth. One way to do just that is to prevent condensation in a home by adding insulation. In addition, clean building materials or furnishings that become wet as promptly as possible, and no more than 48 hours after the items have become wet. Mold produces allergens and irritants, and inhaling or touching mold or mold spores can trigger allergic responses such as sneezing, runny nose, red eyes, rashes on the skin, and even fever-like symptoms.

Use renovations to create healthier homes

Home renovation projects are done for several different reasons, whether to update styles, repair damaged or broken items or to achieve more living space. More than ever before, homeowners are choosing improvement projects geared toward making their homes healthier.

Establishing a healthy home means different things to different people. For example, to an environmentalist, a healthy home may incorporate eco-friendly or green products. To those with young children or mobility-impaired seniors, a healthy home may be one free from potential hazards. Others may view a healthy home as one that alleviates allergies.

The World Health Organizations says inadequate housing conditions, such as poor ventilation, radon, urban pollution, and moisture issues, can contribute to many preventable diseases and injuries — especially respiratory problems, nervous system disorders, cardiovascular diseases, and cancer. Furthermore, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ranks indoor air quality as a top five environmental risk to public health. EPA studies have found that indoor air pollution levels were roughly two to five times greater than outdoor pollution levels.

People interested in making their homes healthier can embrace these renovations and lifestyle changes.

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- Brings texture: Water has its own unique and fluid texture that can provide stark contrast to blades of grass or the hard lines of architectural elements, such as pergolas or retaining walls. A pond or fountain can soften lines.

- Enhance the natural ecosystem: Water features can attract wildlife to a property. Birds may visit to take a quick sip, and dragonflies are sure to dart and hover over the shimmering ripples. Inviting natural wildlife to the yard can add hours of entertainment by enjoying the animals and insects.

- Remedy problem areas: Rather than fighting with the landscape, homeowners can adapt it. An area of the yard prone to soggy conditions or flooding can be transformed into a pond or waterfall to work with natural surroundings.

- Foster a passion: Many people turn to water features so they can explore the hobby of nurturing an outdoor aquarium. Koi ponds are relatively easy to install and maintain, and the vibrant fish add visual appeal.

- Add a personal touch: Water features are as unique as the homeowners who create them. To set landscaping apart from neighbors' homes, homeowners can add fountains, ponds or flowing water elements to their properties. Decorative water features also can be melded with pools and spas to help these manmade recreational areas seem like they were carved right out of the natural landscape.

Water features can take landscapes to the next level with sounds, texture, movement, and beauty.



- Be aware of furniture materials. Toxic PBDEs, which are chemicals used as flame retardants on furniture fabrics produced prior to 2006, can send toxins into the air. Some manufacturers may still use these flame retardants in new forms, but with similar risks. Before purchasing furniture, ask if a product is treated, and select naturally fire-resistant materials like wool and cotton.

- Lighten up. Lighting is often underappreciated but can have a dramatic impact on whether a home feels inviting, warm and/or uplifting. Experiment with different types of bulbs and lighting fixtures to turn drab and dreary environments into brighter places. Lighting may improve mood and productivity.

- Let the sun shine in. Modify window treatments to let more sunlight into the house. There is evidence that the sun, particularly UV light, is a potent bactericide. The Sunlight Institute advises that there's no harm in letting natural sunlight do its work, as bacteria within eight feet of low-intensity UV light can be killed in 10 minutes.

- Inspect and service wood-burning appliances. A study published in the American Journal of Respiratory Cell and Molecular Biology has found regular inhalation of wood smoke limits immune activity and function, and anyone who burns wood indoors should be aware of these potential health risks. Ensuring proper ventilation of smoke and routinely cleaning the chimney can help cut down on particulate matter.

- Turn to nontoxic cleaning products, pesticides and insecticides. Always opt for nontoxic, natural products when cleaning in and around the house.

- Declutter the home. A cluttered, hectic space can affect emotions and mental state, never mind attracting dust and making a home harder to clean. Spending time in spaces that do not elicit stressful feelings is healthier and can help residents to rest and recharge.

Making a home healthier can be on the list of this year's renovation plans.

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during the winter, as there is a more plentiful food source in those areas. When the food source becomes scarce Robins will show up on your lawn and you may see Bluebirds at your suet feeder. This usually happens more toward spring, but in a severe winter you may see them under your bird feeders all winter.

If you truly want to know that spring is in the air watch for the return of the Turkey Vulture. It's easy to identify these large birds. In flight they have a V shape to their wing called dihedral, they also appear to be a large bird with a very small head. The Turkey Vulture is one of the earliest spring arrivals to our area. Another early spring arrival is the massive flocks of grackles and red winged blackbirds. If you have had the opportunity to witness one of these flocks it may give you flashbacks to the movie *The Birds*.

We have been seeing more activity at the bird feeders lately as the natural food crop has diminished. That said, it's a good time to do some springtime maintenance on your bird feeders and birdhouses. Bird feeders get dirty, and dirty feeders transmit disease. Birds can transmit diseases such as conjunctivitis by touching the edge of the seed port while feeding. Conjunctivitis is highly contagious and can cause blindness in the birds. Spoiled seed or rancid suet can cause beak rot, which softens the bird's beak causing it not to be able to eat. As they say, the best defense is a good offense. Take the feeders down and thoroughly wash them with a bleach solution. If the feeders are particularly dirty wash with mild soap and then bleach. Thoroughly dry the feeder before replenishing the seed. Birdhouses also need to be cleaned out and readied for the spring nesting season. Mice will use the birdhouses in winter. Make sure mouse nests are cleaned out prior to the mice breeding in them.

Take a step outside in the morning and you will hear the bird song chorus beginning. Our resident migrants are setting up their territories and will soon be looking for a mate. By the end of April and into early May our neotropical migrants will be returning. Neotropical Songbirds are species of birds that breed in the summer in the U.S. and Canada and migrate to the Neotropics (Mexico, Central America, S. America) during winter; they often return to the same areas during each migratory stop. Many of these birds do not frequent our feeders, but they do breed in our area. One must look to see them. Going out on a bird walk in May will introduce you to birds you may have never seen before. However some of our favorites such as Ruby throated Hummingbird, and Baltimore Oriole will grace our feeders.

The Ruby throated Hummingbird is already on its way back north. A quick look at the 2018 hummingbird migration map (<http://www.hummingbirds.net/map.html>) will show you where they have been seen. At last look they have been spotted in North Carolina. Our recommendation is to put your hummingbird feeders out on tax day. The hummingbirds will be returning to our area toward the end of April. Hummingbirds will readily



Ruby throated Hummingbird

use the hummingbird feeders but the trick is to keep the nectar fresh and the feeder clean. Only use clear hummingbird nectar. Red dye is not good for the hummingbirds and can shorten their lifespan. Change your nectar every 2 -3 days, it's not necessary to completely fill your hummingbird feeder, just use the amount that is needed for a couple of days. Nectar will spoil very quickly in the heat and the hummingbirds will not use the feeder if the nectar is spoiled.

Baltimore Orioles will return within the first few days of May so it is best to have your oranges and grape jelly out for them around the 28th of April. Returning Orioles will look for food in the place they found it in the previous year. If the food

is available when they arrive you will have a much better chance of them staying around your yard.

Migrating Indigo Buntings will be showing up around this time also. They will come to your seed feeder on occasion and this brilliant blue bird is always a treat to see.

One of the more unwanted visitors to the bird feeders is the black bear. The bear have been destructive to the bird feeders but we have a solution to feed your birds and save your bird feeders. The Bird Store and More has a Bear Proof Bird Feeder Pole that the bear can not topple or destroy. It has saved multitudes of feeders around the country, and enables you to enjoy the birds and not worry about the bear. When the food is not readily available the bear will not return.

Until then enjoy the songbird chorus around your yard.

DID YOU KNOW?

Spring cleaning is a ritual that many people participate in as the last vestiges of winter disappear. Spring cleaning is a time to open windows, deep clean rooms and closets and take down and launder window treatments and linens. Others use spring cleaning as a time to sort and donate or discard clutter that might have accumulated over the winter. Even though spring cleaning seems like a modern invention, the act of spring cleaning is believed to have originated centuries ago. Some say that the ancient Chinese cleaned in preparation for their New Year as they hoped to wipe away any bad luck and misfortune from the previous year. Similarly, the ancient Hebrew practice of thoroughly cleansing a home before the springtime feast of Passover may have evolved into the spring cleaning we know today. Another possible connection is the tradition of "shaking the house clean" in Iran. Iranians celebrate Now Ruz (Persian New Year) with many different rituals, one of which involves buying new clothes and cleaning every corner of the family home to signify renewal.

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