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Local career pathways students submit projects to SIC program



Courtesy

Webster Middle School students Madisyn Derie, Angela Sarfo, Ava Reed, and AJ Perron, whose projects were selected by industry professionals in the One8 Applied Learning Hub's Student Industry Connects (SIC) program.

WEBSTER — Students in Bartlett High School's Innovation Career Pathways (ICP) Programs of Advanced Manufacturing and Healthcare & Social Assistance programs, along with Webster Middle School PLTW Gateway STEM class-

es, submitted 29 projects to the One8 Applied Learning Hub's Student Industry Connects (SIC) program. Later this spring, all student teams will receive personalized written feedback from industry professionals along with a virtual classroom visit from an

engineer, data scientist, biomedical engineer or a product designer.

Eryk and Michael, HS Engineering award winners, submitted their Automatic Guided Vehicle (AGV) project and the industry volunteers were impressed by their hard work, creative

solutions, and polished presentation.

Here's what one volunteer said: "Great job on your project! The report was well organized, easy to read, and contained a good description of the engineering process."

They both won summer internships with Work-

Based Learning Alliance.

Madisyn, Angela, Ava, and AJ were PLTW Gateway award winners for the exceptional "AR Helping Hand" project they submitted. Here is what one volunteer said: "You all did an amazing job planning and drafting the car. I was amazed at

the finished car and the decorations are so cute. Your team did a great job. The creativity and ingenuity of the design is unmatched." In recognition of their achievement, Medtronic will host their class for a visit to their robotics R&D center in Boston this spring.

Dudley appoints Gatzke as Interim Highway Superintendent

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — The Dudley Board of Selectmen have installed a new interim leader for the highway department as the hiring process for a permanent Superintendent continues.

With the departure of the most recent Superintendent Jeffrey Murray earlier this year the town set up a screening committee led by Police Chief Marek Karłowicz to find a worthy candidate to fill the vacancy. However, at a Board of Selectmen meeting on Feb. 26 Karłowicz admitted they had yet to find

someone to fill the position and the committee recommended promoting a temporary replacement in the meantime.

"We talked about the candidates that we received. Unfortunately, there was nobody who qualified and met the criteria," said Karłowicz. "We recommended that the Board of Selectmen appoint an active superintendent, and we'll review the current job description. We'll present that description to the Board of Selectmen when it's ready."

The committee recommended Melvin "MJ" Gatzke Jr. to fill the position with the Board of

Selectmen approving his temporary appointment at another meeting on Feb. 29. Gatzke has been with the Dudley Highway Department for fourteen years most recently serving as Foreman. Selectmen complemented Gatzke on his work ethic and thanked him for stepping up to lead.

"I'm very pleased with his performance so far. I've had no complaints through the storms, the wind, the rain, the snow. Great job," Selectman Mark Landry said.

"We lost a key employee and MJ stepped up to be the foreman but is also

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Dudley begins work on Rail Trail paving project

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — The town of Dudley has begun work on a paving project that will improve accessibility at the town's portion of the Quinebaug Rail Trail.

The town received a MassTrails Grant of \$500,000 in 2023 with the intention of making the trail more user friendly for the whole community. Dudley's proposal was one of 68 projects supported through the grant program, each receiving a share of \$11.2 million in total funding. Now, as spring 2024 arrives, Dudley has announced it has begun to prepare the trail for paving later this spring.

Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda said this project has been a long time coming and will bring significant improvements to one of the town's most cherished recreational treasures.

"Town leaders are committed to the betterment of our community. Having the lowest tax rate in Worcester County means our limited revenues must be directed to maintaining adequate public safety and meeting public school funding obligations. But the work doesn't stop there. We put in the time and effort to pursue other sources of funding, such as the MassTrails Grant, to enhance recreational experiences and the quality of life for all our

residents," Ruda said. "The rail trail is one of the most heavily used of Dudley's recreational facilities. Paving the trail will open it up for children to ride their bikes, for wheelchair users to have a smooth surface and to improve first responder access to those who may require it while using the trail."

The MassTrails Grant requires a \$125,000 match on Dudley's part which Ruda said will be paid for with Chapter 90 Funds and utilizing Highway Department personnel paid by the town. Dudley's section of the rail trail will be part of a larger regional trail improvement extending from Webster

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Good Citizens Awards announced

OXFORD — The General Ebenezer Learned Oxford Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is proud to announce the school winners of the Good Citizens Award from the schools that the chapter sponsors.

A recognition reception was held on Saturday, March 9, for the winners. Reese Ann Reynolds is the Oxford High School representative and she also is representing the General Ebenezer Learned DAR Chapter at the Massachusetts DAR District IV level. Winners at the district level go on to the state DAR Good Citizen contest.

Bartlett High School, in Webster, is represented by Reece LeBeau. Bay

Path Regional Vocational Technical High School in Charlton, is represented by Sophia Balestracci. Courtney Wilbur represents Millbury Jr./Sr. High School, and Luke Poirier is Shepherd Hill Regional High School Good Citizen representative. Also joining the Good Citizen group was past recipient, Sylvia Buck, who received her pin 68 years ago. Congratulations to all school representatives.

The DAR Good Citizens Award and Scholarship Contest, created in 1934, is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship.

This award recognizes and rewards individuals who possess the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patri-

otism in their homes, schools, and communities. These students are selected by their teachers and peers because they demonstrate these qualities to an outstanding degree.

This program is only open to high-school seniors whose schools are accredited by their state board of education.

Only one student per year may be honored as a school's DAR Good Citizen.

United States citizenship is not required.

Additional rules and guidelines can be acquired by contacting your local DAR chapter.

The Daughters of the American Revolution is a non-profit, non-political volunteer women's ser-

vice organization. DAR members are dedicated to promoting historic preservation, education and

patriotism in communities across the nation. All students are invited to participate and learn

more about the educational programs the DAR offers.



Courtesy

Left to right: Sophia Balestracci, Reece LeBeau, Helen Poirier, Sylvia Buck, Courtney Wilbur, Luke Poirier, Reese Ann Reynolds.

Poets At Large hosts Worcester poets March 23

POMFRET, Conn. — The Vanilla Bean Café, 450 Deerfield Road in Pomfret, and Poets at Large will host a special reading by three awarded Worcester poets on Saturday night, March 23. This spoken word and poetry performance will be from 7-9 p.m. Admission is \$15, and includes a giveaway. Poets at Large is a regional group of poets who read in Connecticut and Massachusetts, now in its fifth year. Featured poets will be Tony Brown, John Hodgen and Karen Elizabeth Sharpe.

Poet Tony Brown has been writing for well over 50 years, and publishing and performing his work for over 40. A seven-time Pushcart Prize and two-time Best Of The Net nominee, he has traveled the country, slammed for the Worcester Poets' Asylum, and organized and hosted many readings and reading series. He is the winner of the 2022 Stanley Kunitz Medal, endowed by the late US Poet Laureate and Worcester native and awarded annually to a poet for life achievement and service to the

Central Massachusetts poetry community. His most recent publications can be found through his Patreon site (<https://www.patreon.com/TonyBrown>).

John Hodgen is the Writer-in-Residence at Assumption University in Worcester, Mass., and Advisory Editor for New Letters at the University of Missouri in Kansas City. Hodgen won the AWP Donald Hall Prize in Poetry for Grace (University of Pittsburgh Press, 2005). His fifth book, "The Lord of Everywhere," is out from Lynx House/University of Washington Press, and his new book, "What We May Be," is forthcoming also from Lynx House. He has won the Grolier Prize for Poetry, an Arvon Foundation Award, the Yankee Magazine Award for Poetry, the Bluestem Award, the Balcones Prize, the Foley Prize, the Chad Walsh Prize from Beloit Poetry Journal, the Collins Prize from Birmingham Poetry Review, and a Massachusetts Cultural Council Award in Poetry.

Karen Elizabeth Sharpe is a poetry editor at The Worcester Review and the author of "Prayer Can Be Anything" (Finishing Line Press, 2023) and "This Late Afternoon" (Dunn & Co. 2004). Her work appears in numerous anthologies and literary magazines and she has been nominated for a Pushcart Prize and Best of the Net. Sharpe has been a member of Marge Piercy's juried poets' group and a member of the PoemWorks community in the greater Boston area.

Contact Poets at Large coordinator Karen Warinsky if you are interested in reading in the open mic at karen.warinsky@gmail.com. There is a five-minute limit for open mic readers and these events are recommended for ages 14 and up.

Remaining spring dates are April 27 and May 25. Admission for those shows will be \$15. Poets at Large is a project of Windham Arts. This series is sponsored in part by Charter Oak Federal Credit Union.



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HONORING FALLEN COMRADES

The Webster/Dudley Veterans Council recently provided graveside Military Honors for Gerald Czechowski (Army), Joseph Brody (Army), and Ellis Bateman (Army Reserves).

Dudley Democratic Town Committee to host Let's Dish on Democracy event

DUDLEY — Come on down to Andy's Neighborhood Canteen, 9 Frederick St. in Webster on Thursday, March 21, 6-7:30 p.m. as we sit back with like-minded folks and

dish on democracy. We probably won't solve the world's political problems, but it will be fun trying. Civility is on the menu for this event. And for those who are quiz fans, Andy's Trivia Thursday will follow.

For more information, reach out to Dudleydemsma@gmail.com

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Lovely would do well with a family of any constellation, with or without other children. While a family of any ethnicity will be considered, she would love to have a family who shares her Caribbean island and Hispanic culture. Lovely would do well with a patient and nurturing family who can take the time to build a trusting relationship.

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The process to adopt a child from foster care includes training, interviews, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you. These steps will help match you with a child or sibling group that your family will fit well with.

To learn more about adoption from foster care visit www.mareinc.org. Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) can give you guidance and information on the adoption process. Reach out today to find out all the ways you can help children and teens in foster care.

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Webster Public Schools integrated preschool openings for 2024-2025 school year

WEBSTER — In September, the Webster Public Schools Integrated Preschool Program anticipates openings in both the morning and afternoon preschool sessions. This program provides children with and without special needs a quality early childhood educational experience. Each class will meet for either morning or afternoon half-day sessions, four days per week, at Park Avenue Elementary School. The program follows the Webster Public Schools calendar.

Preschool applications can be picked up at the District Administration Office, Student Services Department. Please note that we are located at 77

Poland St. in Webster, in back of the Bartlett High School campus. Applications are also available on the Special Education Page of the district Web site (<http://www.webster-schools.org>).

Applications will be accepted between March 1 and April 12. Completed applications can be dropped off at the Student Services Office between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Applications can also be mailed to us at the address above or faxed to us at 508-949-2364. (Please indicate to the Attention of Maria Santerre.) Please note that the Registration process for the preschool will take place through an online

process, once your child is screened and an acceptance letter is provided to you. All applicants will be expected to attend a screening appointment prior to being assigned to one of the integrated preschool sessions. Upon receipt of your application, you will be contacted to come into one of our scheduled screening sessions to determine if your child will qualify for one of our typical peer slots. Should we receive more applications than we have space for, applicants not placed at this time will remain on a waiting list to be considered for future openings. The enrollment waiting list will be maintained at the Student Services

Office and will be used to fill vacancies that become available. Parents of children who remain on the list after all vacancies have been filled will be contacted to verify that they wish to remain on the list.

The Registration process will take place by the end of May 2024. This is an online process and further instructions will be provided once your child is accepted to the program. An open house for all applicants will be held at the Park Avenue Elementary School in June 2024.

There is no registration fee and no tuition for the Integrated

Preschool Program.

Children must be four years old before Sept. 1 and be a resident of the Town of Webster at the time of application, in order to be eligible for enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year.

Transportation to and from the preschool program is the responsibility of the parent.

Please submit your completed application by mail, by fax, or in person at the Student Services Department,

Webster Public Schools Administrative Offices, 77 Poland St., Webster, during the designated enrollment dates and times. Applications received after the enrollment period will be considered if slots are still available. Late applicants will be screened and added to the waiting list.

Any questions can be directed to the Student Support Services Department at 508-943-3646, ext. 2.

Quinsigamond Community College receives grant for emergency response device

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College recently received a grant from the Healey-Driscoll Administration to purchase an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) for one of the college's security patrol vehicles. QCC was one of 80 Massachusetts municipalities, public colleges and universities, and nonprofits chosen to receive part of \$165,000 in grant funding for AEDs to be placed in emergency response vehicles.

"We are close to completing the outfitting of all campus police and security vehicles with an AED. Seconds count in a cardiac situation, which is why we bring these vital life-saving devices on all critical calls," said QCC's Police Chief, Stephen DiGiovanni.

The funding will cover the cost of an AED assigned to one of the college's security vehicles. Currently 12 of the 13 police/security vehicles have AEDs, and the grant will ensure that all vehicles are now equipped with this life-sustaining device. Additionally, two AEDs are assigned to QCC's Police Academy, 21 in fixed locations that include at least one in each building on the West Boylston Street campus, three at the downtown campus and one at QCC's Southbridge location. The college's Athletic Center has four additional AEDs.

OCC's Campus Police Medical Advisor Stephen Rice noted that sudden cardiac arrest causes approximately 350,000 deaths each year in the United States. Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) with the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED) can double or triple a sudden cardiac arrest patient's chance of survival. A person's chance of survival can decrease by 7%-10% for each minute

that passes without restoring a normal heartbeat. If the AED determines that it is necessary, it delivers an electric shock through the chest to restore a normal heartbeat. The combination of AEDs around QCC in both fixed locations and patrol vehicles decreases the delay between sudden cardiac arrest and restoring a normal heartbeat.

The \$1,703.20 grant covers the cost of one AED package that includes one set of adult and pediatric pads, one battery pack, a carrying case and an initial warranty.

QCC Campus Police officers and security officers are all certified in Basic Life Support and First Responder CPR and use of an AED are covered under Basic Life Support certification.

The college's Center for Workforce Development and Continuing Education offers CPR/AED certification classes to the public for a fee. QCC Campus Police also occasionally offers non-certification training in recognizing sudden cardiac arrest, calling 911, Adult hands-only CPR and use of an AED.

Ruth Bader Ginsberg program rescheduled

DUDLEY — The Ruth Bader Ginsberg program featuring performer Sheryl Faye originally slated to be hosted by the Black Tavern Historical Society on Thursday, March 21 has been rescheduled for Friday, March 22 at the Black Tavern, 138 Center Rd.

This event is free and open to all.

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Kristiansen announced as UCA graduate

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Want to receive updates about our upcoming events? Sign up for email alerts by visiting our website or contacting our Program Coordinator Randa Cox at rcox@cwmmars.org.

Spice Club Each month will feature a new spice, recipes, and cookbooks. Stop by the lobby to grab a sample of that month's spice, then take it home and cook! March's Spice is Garlic Powder

Are you a Collector of Old Books? Come check out our display upstairs to see if any of them could be added to your collection!

New Art Exhibit! Come in and see Jeanne Purcell Vautour art. Exhibit dates are February 11th- March 23rd.

Adult Programming
YOGA – Saturday March 16th, 23rd, and 30th at 9:30 AM

Join Julie or Lauren at the Gladys E. Kelly Library for a vinyasa yoga class for all levels. In Sanskrit, Vinyasa yoga translates to the "uniting of movement with breath". A typical class involves centering the mind with the breath, aromatherapy, movement of the body to release energetic blockages, and, finally, rest and relaxation. Classes are free. Funded by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP— March 18th at 6:30 PM
This month's book discussion will be in the Library's Community

Room. The Group will be discussing A Civil Action by Jonathan Harr. Stop by the library, or reach out by phone at 508-949-3880, or by email to rcox@cwmmars.org for inquiries.

ADULT BOARDGAME NIGHT---
March 25th —6:00 PM

Come in and play games with other board game enthusiasts. Learn a new one, or play one you know and help others learn!

COOKBOOK CLUB—April 8th --- 6:00 PM

Every month there will be a new cookbook and you will choose a delicious recipe to make! You can choose anything out of the cookbook to bring and share. Whether you like to cook or bake there will always be something for you! We will eat and discuss our favorite and our least favorite things of the cooking adventure. You can pick up your copy from behind the circulation desk.

FRIENDS CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS: BLACKSTONE VALLEY MUSIC AN EAGLES TRIBUTE ---
April 11th --- 6:30 PM

Returning once again after last year's successful run of Meet The Beatles, Blackstone Valley Music presents its second of a now annual tribute concert series An Eagles Tribute, performing the band's greatest hits and fan favorites as recorded on their iconic albums. Comprised of teachers, staff and former students from our neighborhood music school located in the heart of downtown Uxbridge, this series has been inspired by the hard work and dedication of former BVM Rock Band Camp students

Vito Caccavelli and James Briand, who have since high school succeeded in producing quality tribute concerts including The Beatles Abbey Road, Fleetwood Mac Rumors and two sold out concerts for Pink Floyd's The Wall.

FLY GIRLS --- March 21st ---- 6:00 PM

During World War II more than one thousand American women served as Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASPs) in support of the war effort. These pioneering women faced discrimination from the U.S. military and American society, and because their records were sealed after the war, their contributions to aviation were lost to history for decades. This lecture will chronicle the stories of these remarkable pilots who broke barriers and paved the way for xfuture generations of American women to take to the skies.

SOUNDBATH --- March 26th --- 6:00 PM

A sound bath not only reduces stress and anxiety by inducing a state of relaxation, but it also has physiological benefits. These include a reduction in pain, better sleep, removal of toxins, and strengthening of immune systems.

Children's and Young Adult Programming

Scavenger Hunt--- All Month Long
What's more exciting than a scavenger hunt? Come upstairs to the Children's room to pick up a list of things to find all around the library. Once you've completed the scavenger

hunt, check in with the Children's Librarian to redeem a prize.

MAKER MONDAYS – Mondays from 3:30-4:30 PM

Feeling artistic? We will have a variety of craft materials available to put your creativity to the test! Every month we will rotate our craft material, stop in to see what we're making this month!

LEGO CLUB--- First two Tuesdays of the month at 3:30 PM

Come play with the library's Legos. If you like, we can put your work on display!
No registration Required

BUILD TUESDAYS - from 3:30-4:30 PM

Join us for the last two Tuesday for a self-guided STEM-based building challenge, appropriate for all ages. Younger kids should bring a parent. Instruction sheets will be provided. Contact Andrew at 508-949-3880, or atai@cwmmars.org for more details.

STORYTIME--- March 19th and 26th at 10:00 AM

Mornings will be filled with fun stories, songs, and activities perfect for ages 2-5. Siblings are welcome to join.

CHILD YOGA WITH BRANDY LEFSYK ----March 30th at 11:30 AM

Brandy Lefsyk, movement muse, Reiki master, Hometown yogi, and owner of Home & Heart Studio in Orange, MA, will be teaching a kid's yoga & meditation class at the Library. Participants will move and breathe and enjoy a relaxing mini sound bath meditation. Recommend for ages 4-12 years. No experience necessary. Kids can bring their own yoga mat. Wear comfortable clothes and bring water.

TUMBLEBUS ALLSTARS ----- March 16th 1:00 PM

Join us on the climate-controlled gym on wheels for kids!

PEEPS DIORAMA CONTEST---
March 23rd at 12:00 PM

Recreate your favorite story or literary scene using our supplies and peeps. The dioramas will be on display in the library for a month. Other patrons will vote on their favorite. This program is perfect for all ages, including families, teens, and groups of adults who are looking to get creative.

SPRING EGG HUNT FOR LITTLES ----
March 25th at 10:00 AM

Join us for a story, craft, and egg hunt. This program is geared towards children birth to five. All are welcome.

WEBSTER POLICE LOG

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests from March 4-10.

Luis Angel Colon, age 32, of Southbridge was arrested on March 4 for Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License, a Crosswalk Violation, and in connection with multiple warrants.

Jack Carter List, age 19, of Auburn was arrested on March 4 for Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License and a Marked Lanes Violation.

Robert James Torteson II, age 34, of Fiskdale was arrested on March 5 in connection with a warrant.

A juvenile, age 16, was arrested on March 5 in connection with a warrant.

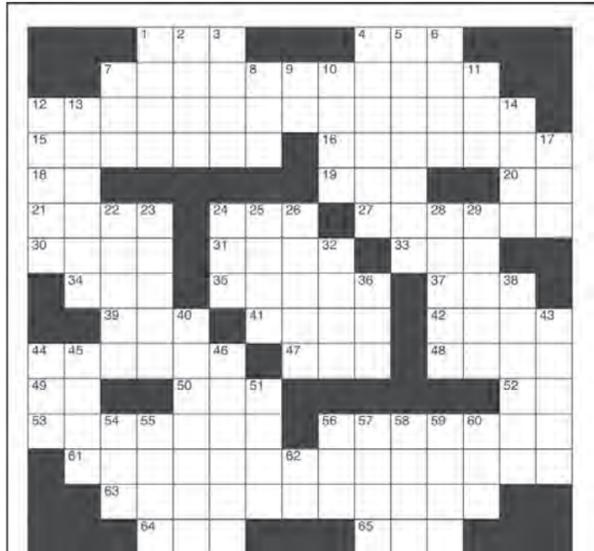
A 13-year-old juvenile was issued a summons in lieu of arrest on March 6 for Assault & Battery.

An 83-year-old male from Dudley was issued a summons in lieu of arrest on March 7 for Leaving the Scene of Property Damage.

David M. Tupaj, age 49, of Webster was arrested on March 9 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, and Possession of an Open Container of Alcohol in a Motor Vehicle.

A 32-year-old male from Danielson, Conn. was issued a summons in lieu of arrest on March 9 for Assault & Battery.

A juvenile, age 13, was arrested on March 10 for Disorderly Conduct, Disturbing the Peace, and Assault with a Dangerous Weapon.

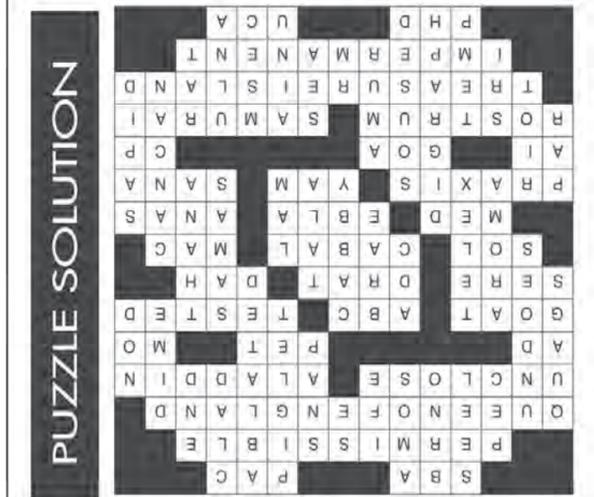


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Helps little firms
- 4. Political action committee
- 7. Allowed
- 12. Olivia Colman played one
- 15. Open
- 16. He had a notable lamp
- 18. Promotional material
- 19. Domesticated animal
- 20. Larry and Curly's buddy
- 21. The best ever
- 24. TV network
- 27. Checked for
- 30. Dry or withered
- 31. Expression of annoyance
- 33. Dash
- 34. Fifth note of a major scale
- 35. A secret clique
- 37. Partner to cheese
- 39. ___ school: where to learn healing
- 41. City in ancient Syria
- 42. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
- 44. Established practice
- 47. Thanksgiving side dish
- 48. District in Peru
- 49. It's becoming more prevalent
- 50. State in India
- 52. Measure of illumination
- 53. Raised platform
- 56. Japanese warrior
- 61. R.L. Stevenson novel
- 63. Transitory
- 64. Advanced degree
- 65. Fiddler crabs

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Prevent from seeing
- 2. Czech city
- 3. ___ and Andy, TV show
- 4. A young pig
- 5. Removed surgically
- 6. Covered with
- 7. Chest muscle (slang)
- 8. Nigerian City
- 9. Midway between south and east
- 10. A way to shut
- 11. Stop playing
- 12. Marshy places
- 13. Takes apart
- 14. Ten cents
- 17. A gesture of assent
- 22. Scent
- 23. Teletypewriter
- 24. General's assistant (abbr.)
- 25. Hillside
- 26. Taxi driver
- 28. Semitic Sun god
- 29. Town in India
- 32. Traditional rhythmic pattern
- 36. Fugitives are on the ___
- 38. Type of dance
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The Webster Senior Center will be closed on Friday, March 29th in observance of Good Friday.

Tri-Valley Lunches are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 11:30 am. Please call (508) 949-3845 at least 48-hours in advance to reserve or cancel your meal. A \$3.00 donation is appreciated. All meals include milk, bread and fruit or dessert. This week's menu: Tuesday 3/19 Beef with onions & peppers, potato wedges, honey glazed carrots. Wednesday 3/20 Chicken Fajitas, Spanish rice, black beans & corn. Thursday 3/21 Hot Dog, baked beans, coleslaw. 3/22 Salmon Primavera, wild rice, peas & pearl onions.

News from SHINE Medicare Counseling Program: March 2024. Question: What if I missed the Medicare Open Enrollment Period in the fall? Can I still make a change to my coverage for 2024? People who are currently enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan have until March 31st to make changes to their plan during the Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period (MA OEP). The MA OEP occurs each year from January 1st to March 31st and is available to people who are enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan. You are allowed to make one change during

this period, and it takes effect the first day of the month after you enroll. For example, if you submit an enrollment request in March, your new coverage begins April 1st. People who have Extra Help to pay for their Part D prescription coverage are allowed to make a change to their coverage during the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd quarters of the year. If you have Extra Help and you are unsure if you have the best coverage to meet your needs, please make an appointment to speak with a SHINE counselor! SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone) has certified counselors available to assist you with questions about Medicare. Our services are free and unbiased: we are available to discuss all options related to Medicare and additional coverage, and we do not sell any plans. SHINE is federally funded and administered through the State. To make an appointment, call your local senior center or call the Central Mass Regional SHINE Office at 508-422-9931.

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Come on down to the Bomba Beauty Salon at the Webster Senior Center! March 8 is International Women's Day. In honor of all women Bomba Beauty Salon will be offering 20% off on all services for the month of March. Call 508-341-8724 for an appointment. Bomba Beauty Salon is open for walk in appointments on Wednesdays from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays by appointment only from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Call (508) 341-8724 to schedule

an appointment.
Koffee Klatch - get together and chat with us as we watch mini-series on Thursday mornings at 10:00 am. Coffee, tea, and refreshments will be served – come join us! Our March series will be the Netflix series, "The Keepers", Who killed Sister Cathy, a docuseries about the nearly five decades old unsolved murder of nun Catherine Cesnik. We will be showing this series every Thursday from March 7th through April 18th.

The REC Farmer's Market is now setting up in the Webster Senior Center on Thursdays from 1:00 – 2:30 pm.

Join the Friends of the Webster Senior Center in celebrating St. Patrick's Day on Monday, March 18th from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Live Music and Refreshments! Please sign up at the Senior Center front desk.

Webster Manor Ice Cream Social will be held on Thursday, March 21st at 12:00 pm. Please sign up at the senior center front desk.

Coloring Workshops with Stacey will be offered on Friday, March 15th and Friday, March 22nd at 10:00 am. Cost: \$5.00 per class, sign up at the front desk.

Free Blood Pressure Screening at the Webster Senior Center on Friday, March 22nd 9:30 am – 11:30 am. Sign in when you arrive.

March Movie Matinee: Come watch "The Boys In The Boat" on Monday, March 25th at 1:00 pm. Refreshments will be served. Sign up at the Senior Center front desk.

Mondays and Wednesdays: Exercise Classes with Forty Arroyo – Chair Dancing – the perfect workout for any fitness ability! Cost: \$3.00 per class.

Mondays: Knitting/Crochet Social 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

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Do you like to play cribbage? Our weekly cribbage group meets every Thursday at 1:00 pm – feel free to join us!

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Mahjongg group meets every Friday at 1:00 pm – beginners welcome!

NEW! Genealogy Workshops by Seema Kenney will start in April! First workshop will be "Starting Your Family History Research" on Friday, April 12th at 9:30 am. Please sign up at the Senior Center front desk or by calling (508) 949-3845.

Webster Senior Center Trips are back! Trip 1: Ricky Nelson Remembered, performed by Matthew & Gunnar Nelson at Lake Pearl, Wrentham, MA on Wednesday, May 22, 2024. Cost: \$131.00 per person includes transportation, plated luncheon, meal tax & gratuity, and show ticket. Trip price does not include bus driver gratuity. Trip 2: Rhode Island Lighthouse Cruise on Narragansett Bay on Thursday, June 27, 2024. Cost: \$119.00 per person. Enjoy a 90-minute cruise on the Avia Pearl and lunch at the Quonset Club. Trip price includes transportation, cruise, luncheon, meal taxes & gratuity, driver & escort gratuity. For more information call (508) 949-3845.

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Congratulations to our February Students of the Month. These students were selected by staff for demonstrating The Big 3 characteristics of Respect, Responsibility, and Safety and/or for their improvement in areas such as attendance, effort, attitude, and/or citizenship and leadership. Congratulations!



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CENTRAL REGION FREE THROW RESULTS

Knights Of Columbus Massachusetts Central Region Free-throw Competition was held Saturday, March 9 at Nichols College. Representing Webster Council # 228 was Jordan Ashton, who placed first in the 12 year old boys division and will be participating in the Massachusetts State Finals in April. Also representing Council #228 was Fordyce Ruggles, who placed second in the boys 11 year old division. Special guest for the event was Ethan Minarik of Webster who won the International Free Throw Trophy Competition in 2016 representing Council #228 and is now a member of the Nichols College basketball team. Thank you to Nichols College for the use of the gym and all the volunteers who came out to make this event a success.

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VIEWPOINT

THE DEADLINE to submit letters to the editor and commentaries for next week's newspaper is Friday at noon. **SEND ALL ITEMS** to Editor
Brendan Berube at THE WEBSTER TIMES — news@stonebridgepress.news

Seeing beauty in others

Do you know that 1 out of 14 school age children in the USA have a parent who is incarcerated? One out of 14! That's unbelievable! My dear friend, Patrick Tutella, who has worked for many years with prisoners, shared a story about his outreach to school children who have parents incarcerated in prison.



BEYOND THE PEWS
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BY FR. LUKE A. VERONIS, SACS, CONSTANTINE AND HELEN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, WEBSTER

During my first week in an urban middle school, I encountered many young people between the ages of eleven and fourteen who would look me square in the eyes, proceed to give me the middle finger and say the most horrid vulgarities imaginable. This was shocking, to say the least. These children are our lost sons and daughters.

Emilio, an eighth grader, is one such boy. He hangs out with other boys and girls who express animosity for life. Instead of staying in class where he can prepare for a promising future with a decent education, he roams the halls of the school all day long. When he is escorted back to class, he becomes disruptive and interferes with the lessons. Instead of treating school property with respect, he often kicks and punches lockers in the hallways.

He comes from a family with three siblings; a sister and brother who are older and one younger brother. His dad is in prison, and his mother works three jobs just to make ends meet. They are poor and unable to get ahead. It seems that part of Emilio's aberrant behavior can be described as his way of expressing his dismay over the absence of his parents; having lost his father to prison and his mother to work. He also seems to be lashing out against the social injustice he has experienced in his young life. Clearly, it is his way of saying, "Don't try to control me!"

Each time I attempted to let Emilio know that I care about him, his guard would go up and he would refuse all expressions of genuine solicitude. His tough exterior seems to be his means of protection, even from people who care about him.

When I focus on identifying the beauty in Emilio, I behold a lost son with a big, beautiful heart. I see the image of God; a genuine love that he tries to hide but can't, because it is stamped in his soul. It proceeds out of him naturally. When he sees a student with a disability struggling, he reflexively jumps up to assist. When a 'little guy' needs help, he becomes a champion. Each time this beauty is exposed and pointed out to him with specific examples, he is surprised by the treasure hidden in his own heart. He stops running and contemplates his true identity - a beautiful son of God.

There is this divine identity imprinted in every single person, no matter who they are, what they've done, or what society has done to them. No abhorrent behavior, no bad choice or mistake,

no drugs or addictions and all their consequences, no family dysfunction, nothing can erase the divine beauty within every person!

Metropolitan Anthony Bloom put it this way: "Unless we look at a person and see the beauty there is in this person, we can contribute nothing to him. One does not help a person by discerning what is wrong, what is ugly, what is distorted. Christ looked at everyone he met, at the prostitute or the thief, and saw the beauty hidden there. Perhaps it was distorted, perhaps damaged, but it was beauty none the less, and what he did was to call out this beauty."

The Gospels offers a poignant story in The Prodigal Son of what can happen to someone when they give in to the deceptive and tempting lies of the world and get lost in life. The younger son in this story

was an arrogant, self-assured young man. He didn't care at all about his family. He deeply offended his father when he asked for his inheritance before his father dies. He rejected his tradition, his heritage, and everything from where he came. And where did his cocky attitude lead him? Into what he thought was a worldly paradise - partying hard with friends, doing whatever he desired, living the so-called high life. It seemed that he had plenty of friends to hang out with. And as long as it was on his dime, he was the life of the party!

Yet where did this empty life really lead him? The superficial friends and the hard partying didn't last long. Soon, he was without money, without friends, and living among the pigs. He hit rock bottom in life. He was lost. He was desperate. He was a pathetic shadow of his past life.

Now some might say, "Well, he deserved it! He was such a scoundrel, disgracing his father and arrogantly rejecting his roots! He was a self-entitled, good-for-nothing who received what he deserved!"

Too quickly and easily the world rejects such prodigals. Society judges them failures. Too many people look down and despise those who make such mistakes. And even in the case of Emilio, the young man acting up in school because his father is in prison, we are too quick to reject people who are the product of other people's bad choices.

Yet, as followers of Jesus Christ, we know that no matter what one has done, no matter how someone has failed, no matter what mistakes or poor choices one makes, no matter from where someone comes, nothing can take away the divine image deep within. Nothing can change the divine beauty that awaits to be awakened!

In this Parable, the younger son comes to his senses when he lives among the

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Spring garden cleanup with pollinators in mind



Melinda Myers

Adjusting your spring cleanup schedule will help pollinators like this bee on an allium flower.

Spring cleaning, indoors and out, is a long-standing tradition for many households. But as we learn more about the important pollinators, insect-eating toads, songbirds, and beneficial insects, the more we realize we need to adjust some of our timing and methods.

It is safe to remove winter protection, such as mulch, when the temperatures begin hovering around freezing or your plants are beginning to sprout. Keep some frost protection handy just in case you need to protect any tender plants from a hard freeze.

Always check for frost heaving. When cold winters are interrupted by warm spells, bare soil may thaw and then refreeze. This temperature fluctuation can cause the soil to shift and push spring flowering bulbs, coral bells, day-lilies, and other perennials out of the soil. Just gently push them back in place or reset in the soil making sure the roots are covered.

Wait for temperatures to be consistently above 50 degrees to start cutting back perennials that were left standing. This allows any beneficial insects overwintering in the hollow stems time to emerge and find a summer home.

Cut some of the stems to the ground and some back to 18 to 24 inches on each



GARDEN MOMENTS
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MELINDA MYERS

plant. These old stems provide summer homes for some of our

native bees. As new growth emerges in spring, it will mask the older stems so your garden will look as beautiful as ever.

If you can't wait, stack the stems out of sight until temperatures warm and pollinators have a chance to emerge. Then chop and compost the debris in mid-summer.

Tie or bungy cord tall ornamental grass plants before cutting them back to make cleanup easier. Then use a hand pruner for small jobs or a string trimmer or hedge clipper for larger plantings. Wait for new growth to fill in shorter grasses and simply comb your fingers through the plant removing the old brown leaves.

Leave fall leaves on the soil surrounding the plants to serve as mulch, suppressing weeds and conserving moisture. As the leaves break down, they add organic matter and nutrients to the soil. They also provide homes for beneficial insects and insulate the soil for plants, toads, and more.

Mark the location of perennials like butterfly weed and hardy hibiscus that emerge later than most plants in spring. This helps to avoid accidentally weeding them out. Leave a few stems standing, use plant markers, or next fall plant some spring flowering bulbs near the plants to serve as a colorful placeholder.

Consider leaving some sunny spots bare for ground-nesting bees. Avoid areas like entryways and gathering spots where people and the bees may collide. Although the bees are docile and not likely to sting, people are often fearful leading to their elimination. Setting aside some out-of-the-way spaces for ground-nesting bees allows everyone to coexist more happily.

This is also a good time to tidy up garden beds and lawn edges. You'll slow the invasion of weeds and grass into garden beds and lawn encroaching onto walks.

Remove weeds as they appear. The smaller weeds are easier to remove and eliminating them before they flower and set seed means fewer weeds you'll need to pull in the future.

Take advantage of the delay in spring cleaning by cleaning and sharpening your tools. When the temperatures are right, with tools in hand, you will be ready to get busy in the garden.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The bill comes due

To the Editor:
If you are a taxpayer in Massachusetts, you are in for yet another reminder of just how much it costs to live in our beloved Commonwealth. The General Court, that overwhelmingly Democratic group of lawmakers on Beacon Hill, is looking for ways to get deeper into your wallet. The current thinking is to allow the 351 municipalities to raise the meals tax, raise the lodging tax and — hold your checkbook tight for this one — raise the excise tax. Even the Worcester Telegram (March 2) realizes that this last one is the «Most Hated Tax.» Who knew the Telegram was that attuned to its readers?

All of this is to help communities raise the revenue they need to bolster

“skinny budgets” and is part of Gov. Healy’s (she who will give your community center to migrants) Municipal Empowerment Act. What this all means and what is not being said is that state revenues are below expectations and the administration is spending any and all surplus funds on people who arrived here yesterday. The end result is that Massachusetts’ 351 cities and towns will see reduced state aid, leaving them no choice but to fleece their residents, otherwise known as taxpayers.

Yes, Virginia, filling all the rooms at Motel Sixes, Comfort Inns and local community centers, providing three meals per day at \$64 per day, free medical and dental care and laundry services for the recent arrivals adds up. Costs are expected to approach a billion dollars and the bill is coming due. Sleepy Joe and President Jill have turned a deaf ear, and the worst is yet to come. Spring and summer are ideal for travel and the path is well worn. You can bet cell phones that taxpayers are probably paying for are

buzzing with plans for the arrival of family and friends wanting that same free lunch and more. Hiliary Clinton once said it “takes a village.” The village is on the way.

Therefore, Massachusetts taxpayer, it will be increasingly on you to keep your cities and towns afloat. The Commonwealth is redefining “Common” and is committed to giving away your wealth.

I once heard a political science professor say that “people got the government they deserved.” As a state we have overwhelming elected the same party to positions of power. Now we have to pay for the consequences.

You might remember hearing the Governor talk about making Massachusetts more affordable. You thought she meant for you? Silly taxpayer. Now you know she actually meant affordable (more like free) for migrants.

Thank you,

RICHARD CLARK DUDLEY

Trump will bring peace

To the Editor:
There are many reasons why I will be voting for President Trump in November, but the main reason is peace! Not just in Ukraine, Israel and countries in the Middle East, but we need peace in America. Thanks to the policies of the radical Democrats, they have created such a great division in our country! Trump is the only candidate who has said when he's elected, he will have peace in 24 hours! Bumbling Biden never discusses peace; in fact, he keeps supplying our enemy, Iran, with billions

of dollars so they in turn can fund the Houthis, Hezbollah and Hamas! Biden touts himself as a wartime President and he has no problem leading America into World War III which would be nuclear. Voters think of your children, grandchildren and families, you don't want them growing up in a war torn America! In the upcoming months, watch and listen to the candidates and see who is the peacemaker! You will then be voting for Trump.

LINDA J. BUCKLEY AUBURN

Letter submission policy

Letters to the Editor must include the author's name, address, and a daytime phone number for purposes of verification in order to be considered for publication. Only the author's name and the town in which they reside will be published. Letters submitted without all of the required information will not be accepted.

It is the sole prerogative of the Editor to determine whether a submission satisfies our requirements and decency standards, and any submission may be rejected at any time for any reason he or she might deem appropriate.

The trout trucks are rolling

Spring trout fishing has already begun in the valley, and it is just the start, as Mass. Fish & Wildlife trout stocking trucks are already rolling!

This week's two pictures show Amelia Sinopoli with an impressive rainbow trout, and her first time fishing partner Jake Boudreau two weeks ago, while attending a birthday party for Logan Henchey. The pair were fishing from a small boat dock using worms as bait when suddenly Amelia yelled out to her mom that she had a big fish on! Mom quickly rushed over to assist her as the large rainbow was causing a lot of excitement for all in attendance. The fish was finally lifted onto the dock where pictures were taken of the happy angler and her prize fish! The trout was quickly released.

Their parents know exactly what to buy their new fishing anglers for the summer outings this year. All the parents need to do is take the kids fishing in any body of water to get their kids hooked



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on fishing!

Black bear are coming out of hibernation and are having their young cubs tagging along! They are nice to see, but the public needs to keep their distance from the bear to stay safe. A recent attack on a woman and her dog seemed to be a danger to the female bear and her cubs. Fortunately, both the woman and dog survived the ordeal, but it could have been a lot worse!

Wild turkey hunting is fast approaching, and sportsmen are already scouting their favorite turkey hunting spots. The youth Turkey hunt is scheduled for April 27 this year, and is open to young hunters aged 12-14! They also need to be accompanied by a licensed adult hunter. The abstracts have all of the regula-



Courtesy

This week's two pictures show Amelia Sinopoli with an 18 inch rainbow trout caught in Lake Quinsigamond a week ago & Jake Boudreau fishing for the first time, during a birthday party for Logan Henchey!

Planning Ahead for a Flower Garden

Nothing jump starts "garden fever" like planning a bed of blooms! Now that we've turned the clocks ahead, thoughts turn to planning a garden. Whether you have visions of an elaborate formal flower garden or favor the simplicity of a side door flower bed, plotting a flowering garden is a labor of love. Prepping for plants allows for an infusion of personality, encourages visual creativity, and paves the way for a spectacular season of blooms! Read on for some easy tips and tricks to help you along.

Blooming Bulbs
Nothing adds color and beauty to a garden for less effort than bulbs. Even if you didn't have the foresight to plant spring bulbs last fall, you can still enjoy summer blooms. Ideally, you should wait until the danger of spring frosts has passed before planting bulbs. If you think the threat of frost is over, think again. Garden experts give May 30 as the first safe planting date of the season.

Some summer flowering bulbs that have a history of success include Dahlias, Gladiolus, Cannas, Caladiums, and Daylilies. Just keep in mind in our zone you may have to dig up the bulbs and store for the winter for springtime planting next year.

To test whether soil is ready to work, squeeze some in your hand, then poke at the clump. If the clump breaks up easily into small crumbs, the soil is dry enough to till.

Getting a head start on bulb planting by starting them indoors increases your odds of success. Use deep pots and replant them outside once the ground has thawed.

Planning where you want to create "splashes" of color in the garden also includes how dramatic a statement you want your plot to make. Large clumps of flowers demand attention and this method of planting has long been a favorite of gardeners.

Another popular plant-



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ing pattern is to "drift" flower varieties, which has been compared to painting the garden with a brush of color. Drifts can encompass waves of complementing bulb varieties bordering each other, or each flower drift can stand on its own, perhaps creeping across an incline or making its way along a stone wall.

To ensure successful drifts, use a generous sprinkling of densely planted bulbs. Or, simply toss or scatter bulbs and plant them where they land for a natural meadow effect.

Perhaps the best rule of thumb for planting bulbs is the most obvious. Plant bulbs where you want to see color. Attractive uses include planting bulbs to border a peren-

nial garden, to fill in a rock garden and as a decorative accent circling a mailbox post or light pole.

Garden experts recommend planting bulbs in crumbly soil with proper drainage, although hardy bulbs often thrive in less than satisfactory soil. Soil that has not been turned over in a while will benefit from loosening it up with a shovel. Your hole should be dug a few inches below where the bulb should sit to allow for fertilizer.

Bulbs should be planted pointed side up. Flat tubers should be planted sideways for best results. Avoid any air pockets in hole which can inhibit growth.

Here are more tips and shortcuts are geared toward cutting time and effort in the garden.

Plants that grow best in alkaline soil such as geraniums and hydrangea will thank you with better blooms if you water them with a mild mixture of baking soda and water occasionally.

*The first thing to check if your azalea leaves are looking yellow is the soil pH. Azaleas need a soil on the acid side. Alkalinity locks up iron needed for green color.

*Adding Epsom Salt to plants has been reported to enhance the color of blossoms and leaves, promote new flowers and fruit, improve the root system and improve the strength of stems. For roses: Sprinkle one teaspoon of Epsom Salts per foot of plant height and spread evenly around the base for better blossoms and deeper greening. Add 1/2 cup sprinkled around the base and then scratched in, for strong production of new flowering canes and healthy new basal cane growth.

*Did you know most fragrant flowers are lightly colored or white? If you want to add a scent to your garden, be generous with white or pastel blooms.

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tions. Be sure to read them before hunting wild turkeys. The regular wild turkey season opens on April 29.

A while back, this writer received a number of fishing lures from Donald Neilsen of Warren! They were made by Donald, and the material that he used to make the lures were quite unusual. I got to use some of the spinning lures last year, and caught numerous trout with them. I apologize for not getting back to him sooner to thank him for the lures. They were quite neat. Some were made out of beer caps! I have decided to donate the remaining lures to young anglers at the next kids fishing derby at Uxbridge Rod & Gun and Whitinsville Fish & Game Club. Thanks again, Don!

The dandelion will be blooming soon, which will signal the start of tautog fishing. Tautog is one of the best tasting fish in the ocean and most fishermen will agree!

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Do you have a 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 newspapers? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint!, C/o the Southbridge Evening News, PO Box 90; Southbridge, MA 01550. Or email KDRR@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

Telepathy is reading others' intentions

Telepathy is the ability to communicate thoughts directly from one mind to another without the use of words, gestures, or any conventional forms of interaction. The idea of telepathy has intrigued humanity for centuries. Its origins are steeped in ancient lore and psychic traditions, often portrayed as a mystical bridge connecting human consciousness.

An example of telepathy in modern fiction can be seen in the character of Professor Charles Xavier, also known as Professor X, from the "X-Men" series. With his telepathic powers, Professor X can not only read minds but also project his thoughts onto others.

But does such a profound ability exist outside the realms of fiction? The question leads us to people like Uri Geller, a performer who claimed to possess psychic abilities, including mind reading. Geller's demonstrations of spoon bending and telepathy captivated audiences worldwide, suggesting a glimmer of reality in the powers depicted in tales and comics.

Much skepticism surrounds Geller's claims, with critics pointing to sleight of hand and psychological tricks rather

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than genuine psychic phenomena.

While the allure of telepathy remains potent in our collective imagination, the jury is still out on whether a human being has truly harnessed this extraordinary ability.

Recent advances in artificial intelligence and neuroscience have led to the development of AI systems capable of decoding human brain waves into speech. This groundbreaking technology bridges the gap between thought and communication, allowing for telepathy mediated by machines. While I'm sure there are benefits to this technology, it's also terrifying.

Terrence McKenna was an ethnobotanist and author known for his controversial theories on psychedelics, consciousness, and culture.

If you've ever listened to one of his lectures, you'd find that he had a different definition of telepathy than the one portrayed in popular media.

In one lecture, he states, "If you're like me, you think telepathy is hearing other people's thoughts. It isn't that; it's seeing what other people mean."

Consider when a friend texted you, "We

need to talk." The immediate sense of dread, the assumption of an impending argument, only to discover they simply wanted advice. The text, devoid of tone and context, became a breeding ground for misunderstanding, showcasing a moment where telepathic clarity — understanding the true intent behind the words — could have spared you the stress.

Or picture this: two travelers, one speaking only Italian and the other only Japanese, trying to find their way in a crowded international airport. Their attempts to communicate through gestures and broken English spiral into confusion. Misinterpreting each other's actions, they become increasingly frustrated and offended, convinced the other is being rude. The situation escalates, as neither can grasp the true intention behind the other's gestures.

A bystander who happens to speak both languages steps in to mediate. The translator breaks down the language barrier and quickly resolves the misunderstanding. The tension dissolves into laughter and gratitude as they finally understand what each other means.

Misunderstandings involve more than language differences. Even

when we speak the same language, we often end up confused and in conflict because of misinterpreting what's meant by what's said.

If we could truly understand the intentions and emotions behind other's words and actions, many misunderstandings that lead to conflict could be avoided.

This is easier said than done, but what if?

What if we just took a breath and tried to understand rather than reacting with a knee-jerk reaction and getting upset? Could we reduce social divisions, understand that we are all human, and accept that we are all different?

The world is filled with miscommunication; what if we could become a more collaborative and innovative planet by truly looking past what is said and trying to understand what is meant.

Relationships could flourish free from the constraints of misinterpretation, with partners, friends, and family members trying to understand rather than assuming that they know.

Telepathy, as defined by the late Terrence McKenna, could be the

key to unlocking a new era of human understanding and cooperation.

Is this possible? I don't

know, but I suppose if we stopped jumping to conclusions and practiced more patience, we might be headed in the right direction.

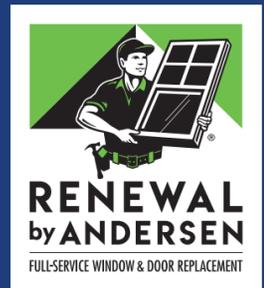
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swine and remembers the home from where he came. He remembers his father and the roots of his family. In his repentance, his turning away from his poor choices and his turning back toward his true home, he humbly acknowledges his failures, his mistakes, and his arrogance. He says, "I'm no longer worthy to be called a son. Simply accept me back as a slave." This extreme humility, which is rooted in his deep and divine inner beauty, frees him from his past and opens up a new future, a promising and new start.

When the son returns back to his Father's house, there is no recrimination or reproach. The father doesn't scold the son for his immature behavior. He doesn't seek revenge for his offensive actions. There's no punishment to pay for his sins. Instead, the Father sees the beauty deep within and names his son's beauty. "I know who you truly are" the Father says to his wayward son. "You are my child, my treasure. Nothing you have done in the past can change your true identity as a beloved and cherished son (or daughter) of God, someone with a beautiful soul deep within!"

I could focus on many different aspects from about the story of The Prodigal Son - on the unconditional love of the Father, on the repentance and eventual humility of the younger Son, on the jealousy and lostness of the older son. Yet for today, I highlight the beauty that is within every person - sometimes a beauty hidden deep within hardened exterior, a beauty hidden deep with a broken and confused soul. Whenever we encounter someone like Emilio, who comes from a dysfunctional family that has impacted his life in a negative way, or someone like the prodigal son, who comes from a healthy family but makes some poor choices, whatever the reasons, let us look beyond the exterior brokenness of any individual and see within the hidden divine beauty. Let us strive to treat everyone we meet with the respect, kindness, dignity, and love they deserve as a unique child of God.



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Big Bunny shoppers come through again



Left to right: Bro. Eric Willard, Bro. Clay Tull, center with arms spread Bro. Larry Burbridge, Bro. Will Proper and Kodie Tull, who is a volunteer and member of the Worcester Chapter of DeMolay.



Left to right: Bro. Clay Tull, Big Bunny Meat Manager Mark Soulliere, holding a bag of rice, Bro. Larry Burbridge and Big Bunny Assistant Manager Coralee Safin holding a bag of rice.

BY BRO. JIMMY FALZONE
QUINEBAUG MASONIC LODGE

SOUTHBRIDGE — On Saturday, March 9, the Quinebaug Masonic Lodge Community Outreach Program was in full swing at Big Bunny Supermarket in Southbridge. This first event was a Food Drive to collect food donations for the food share pantry, located at 79 Elm St in Southbridge.

Volunteers from the Quinebaug Masonic Lodge in Southbridge weathered the cool windy morning for five hours to collect food donations. The food share services Southbridge, Sturbridge, Holland, Wales, Brimfield, and Charlton. Big Bunny Market was buzzing with shoppers that morning and people were very generous and supportive of the food drive.

The shoppers from Big Bunny market were bringing all kinds of donations. For example, a case of cereal, a case of peanut butter, a case of canned

Chef Boyardee ravioli, and so many boxes of pasta and canned goods items. By the time the Quinebaug Masonic Lodge members put all these single items in paper bags along with the paper bags already full of what the shoppers have given us, we were able to collect and donate 100 bags of groceries to the food share two pick-up trucks full of food. We also collected \$210 dollars in cash donations thanks to the generosity of the Big Bunny shoppers. The lodge volunteers unanimously decided to take the \$210 and went

back into the supermarket and purchased a lot more groceries for the Southbridge food share pantry. A special thank you to Big Bunny Assistant Manager Coralee Safin for the generous donation of two huge 20-pound bags of rice which will feed many families.

William Bouvier one of the volunteers of the Southbridge food share was all smiles and very, very happy to see two pickup trucks full of grocery bags that was collected from the food drive. Mr. Bouvier mentioned to our volunteers that this is, as

far as he knows, one of the largest single food donations that the food share has ever received. This food will feed a lot of families in the community and in one month they estimate to feed about 80-90 families. The Food Share was very grateful to the Quinebaug Masonic Lodge for picking the Southbridge food share as part of their Community Outreach Program for this year. If you would like more information about Freemasonry, go to massfreemasonry.org to read to and to find a lodge nearest you.

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Sandra "Sandy" Stegenga Sisco



Sandra "Sandy" Stegenga Sisco ~ wonderful wife, mother, nana, daughter; "Aunt Dee", sister, sister-in-law, and friend; phenomenal hugger; marvelous cook; baker of a mean Milky Way Cake, talented writer; incredible supporter; giver of grace; lover of hummingbirds; singer of Willie Nelson songs; master of 1000 piece puzzles; collector of meaningful cookware and kitchen items, crocheter and knitter of cozy blankets; stitcher of intricate designs; compassionate and patient listener; "let it be" advice giver; and beautiful, magnificent soul ~ passed away on March 5, 2024, at a hospital in Bangor, Maine, after an illness.

Sandy was born June 1st, 1950, in Worcester, MA, and was the daughter of Clarence and Mildred Osborne Stegenga. She grew up in Charlton, MA, and graduated from Charlton High School in 1968. She married her soulmate Marc Sisco on October 10, 1970. Sandy and Marc spent the next 15 years running their dairy farm in Dudley, MA, and moved to Sebouis, ME, in 1985. There, they raised their children and provided loving temporary homes for 20+ foster children over the years.

Sandy leaves behind her husband

Marc Sisco of Sebouis, whom she spent almost 60 loving years with. Together, they enjoyed music, puzzles, reading, reminiscing on the porch swing, boat rides, listening to the loon calls on the lake, beautiful fall foliage, cozy nights in their recliners, watching the numerous species of birds that came to her window, and hosting family and friends. Their home truly had a revolving door; welcoming anyone and everyone, and helping them feel "at home" in their home.

Sandy also leaves behind her son and daughter-in-law Adam and Heidi Sisco of Enfield, daughter and son-in-law Krystle and Jared Bowden of Bucksport, grandchildren Makayla, Mara, and Maxximus Sisco, Alyx Frazell, and Sadie Bowden, her brother Stuart Stegenga and his wife Susan, her brother Barry Stegenga and his wife Elaine, sister-in-laws Lucy, Hope, and Judy, and their families, and very close friends and relatives in the Dudley and Webster, MA, areas. Sandy's nieces and nephews lovingly referred to her as "Dee" and held a uniquely special place in her heart. Sandra was predeceased by her parents Clarence and Mildred Stegenga, brother Alan Stegenga, brother-in-law Karl Sisco, and sister-in-law Helina Later.

A memorial service is planned for June 1st, 2024, in Sebouis, ME.

Anthony P. Kondek, Sr., 82



DUDLEY - Anthony P. "Tony" Kondek, 82, died peacefully Wednesday, March 6, 2024 in St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester after a brief illness with his family by his side.

He leaves his wife of 58 years, Jean A. (Robbins) Kondek; a son, Anthony P. Kondek, Jr. and his wife Kimberley; a daughter, Suzanne L. Carty and her husband Timothy, all of Dudley; 5 grandchildren, Nicholas Kondek, Peter Kondek, Owen Kondek, Cole Carty and Nathan Carty; a brother, Charles Kondek of Hudson, NY; a sister, Maryann Yurek and her husband Stephen of Dudley.

He was born on July 17, 1941 in Webster and raised there, a son of Charles and Helen (Roszkiewicz) Kondek and graduated from Bartlett High School in 1959. He moved to Dudley in 1975.

Mr. Kondek was employed as an optical worker for 43 years at American Optical Company in Southbridge. He retired in 2005. He also worked for Evanski Bakery as a caterer.

William F. Jones, Jr., 72



WEBSTER - William F. "Bill" Jones, Jr., 72, died Monday, March 4, 2024 in Quaboag Rehabilitation & Skilled Care Center in West Brookfield in the presence of his family.

He leaves 3 sons, William F. Jones, III

and his wife Kumi of Vancouver, BC, Nathan W. Jones and his girlfriend Jennifer Murphy, and Nicholas J. Jones, all of Webster; a daughter, Sara V. Hibbard and her husband Adam of Sturbridge; 7 grandchildren, Caed Jones and his girlfriend Cawley, Dylan Jones, Ava Edwards, Amelia Jones, Everly Hibbard, Aisley Jones and Senna Jones; 2 sisters, Linnie Jones and her wife Akara Draper of East Dummerston, VT and Deborah Jones and her husband Joseph Szostak of Halifax, Nova Scotia; his former wife, Charlene A. (Forand) Jones and her husband Ronald Pizzanello of Eastford, CT; and several nephews and nieces.

He was born on January 12, 1952 in Buffalo, NY, the son of William F. Jones, Sr. and Dorothy (Johnson) Jones and raised in Woodbury, CT. He lived in New Hampshire and Oxford before moving to Webster. He graduated from Kingswood Regional High School in

Wolfeboro in 1970.

A carpenter, Mr. Jones owned and operated Jones Siding and Remodeling in Webster for many years.

He was an active member of the Church of Reconciliation in Webster where he had served on the vestry as junior warden, senior warden and treasurer. He sang as a bass in the church choir for many years.

Bill enjoyed golfing and wood working. He had an outgoing personality and enjoyed being with people. He loved his family, especially his grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, March 16, in the Church of the Reconciliation, 21 North Main Street, Webster, followed by interment in the church's memorial garden. Bill would have wanted any donations in his memory to be made to the Church of the Reconciliation, 21 North Main Street, Webster, MA 01570. Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street.

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Auburn descendants of Revolutionary War patriots

BY HELEN POIRIER
AUBURN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

AUBURN — The month of March commemorates Women's History and what better way to do this with the 250th anniversary of the Revolutionary War looming on the horizon, than to look at the women in Auburn who come from Revolutionary War patriots. Mary Deborah (Shute) Stone is one of those women. She was born in Hingham in 1854 to Charles and Eliza J. (Wellman). Her mother coming from Lyman, York Maine. Her father was a private in the Civil War. Mary's siblings were Elizabeth M. who married William Darling, Abbie B., lastly, William A. who married Grace Rice June 20, 1872.

Mary went on to graduate from the Worcester Normal and Training School, in June 1872. She was qualified to teach reading, spelling, writing, drawing, grammar, geography and arithmetic, the Auburn Historical Museum has her diploma. In August 1872, she married William Stone, a farmer in town. Thus she became Mary D. Stone. Mary and William had three boys, Arthur born September 26, 1881 and married Mildred Morrison, Fredrick Nathaniel who was born Oct. 20, 1875 and mar-

ried Shirley Carr, Everett William born August 1886 and married a Boyce. Mary served one term on the Auburn School Committee from 1895-1897.

Her Great Grandfather was Dr. Daniel Shute (1756-1829) who served with Maj. Gen. Benjamin Lincoln as a physician or surgeon. According to the Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors who served in the Revolutionary War: Shute, Daniel, Surgeon's Mate in hospital department; Continental Army pay accounts for service from July 16, 1778, to Dec. 31, 1780; also, Surgeon, (Col. Henry Jackson's (4th) regt.; commissioned April 14, 1782; also, list of officers accompanying a recommendation addressed to Gov. Hancock, dated Fair Forest, near West Point, April 20, 1782, signed by N. Rice, Major Commandant, 4th Mass. regt., asking that certain officers be commissioned to fill vacancies in said regiment; said Shute, Mate in general hospital, to be promoted to Surgeon.

Col Jacksons regiment saw action at Bunker Hill, New York Campaign, Battles of Trenton, Princeton, Saratoga, Monmouth and the Battle of Rhode Island. Dr. Shute's assignment to West Point was after the Benedict Arnold inci-

dent.

With this in her ancestry, Mary and her sisters Abbie and Elizabeth Darling were able to join the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution and were part of the founding members of the General Ebenezer Learned DAR Chapter of Oxford which is still going strong today. Other Auburn members who joined in 1907 were; Mrs. Eleanor Bigelow, Miss Elizabeth Hewett, and Mrs. Evelyn E. Perry. On June 17, 1907 the first meeting of the chapter was held in Oxford at Mrs. Clara A. Fuller's home. According to a newspaper account of that meeting the battle of Bunker Hill was observed with a reading description of the battle by Mrs. Stone. The Nov. 11 meeting was held at the Stone Brook Farm home of Mary Stone on Elm Street.

The Mary D. Stone School was finished in 1930 and her sons', William, Arthur, Everett and Frederick established a trust fund of \$2,000 in her name. The interest from the trust to be used to aid education at the school.

This article is provided by the Auburn Historical Society and Museum, 41 South St., and is open free to the public on Tuesday and Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Webster First Federal Credit Union named to Newsweek's America's Best Regional Banks

WORCESTER — Webster First Federal Credit Union, one of the most well-capitalized credit unions operating in the state of Massachusetts, announced today that it is recognized as one of America's Best Regional Banks and Credit Unions 2024 by Newsweek and Plant-A Insights Group. This survey of over 35,000 individuals included over 140,000 reviews of regional banks and credit unions. Only 250 regional banks and 250 regional credit unions from the entire country made the list.

"Our team at Webster First values honesty and committing to doing our best each day. We believe living up to these values is the cornerstone of our award-winning service and how we've become one of the most well capitalized credit unions in Massachusetts. We're honored to be recognized as one of America's Best Regional Banks and Credit Unions by Newsweek and for our memberships continued support of our credit union,"

Said Chief Executive Officer Michael Lussier:

"Regional banks and credit unions play a pivotal role in meeting the needs of communities across the nation. Newsweek and market-data research firm Plant-A Insights are proud to introduce America's Best Regional Banks and Credit Unions 2024, highlighting local lenders that are committed to the needs of their communities," added Nancy Cooper, Global Editor in Chief of Newsweek.

About Webster First

Webster First was founded in 1928 with 24 depositors and a capital outlay of \$350. Now, they've grown to serve over 90,000 members with 13 branches serving Worcester, Middlesex, Essex, and Suffolk counties. They have been voted as the Telegram & Gazette's Best Credit Union of Central Mass for the past five years, and are one of only four credit unions from Massachusetts to make Newsweek's list.

RAIL TRAIL

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to Southbridge. The trail also extends into Connecticut although that portion will remain unpaved for the time being.

Ruda made sure to recognize the late Ken Butkiewicz who he said was an important figure in converting the abandoned rail corridor into the trail. The MassTrails Grant requires that Dudley complete the project within a year of receiving the funding. Ruda said they are on track to finish the project by June 30 with clearing already underway and the paving set to begin this spring. The project has resulted in the temporary closure of some parts of the trail. As of the end of February, the sections of the trail from Mill Road to Dudley Road, Mill Road to the Connecticut state line, and from Schofield Avenue to Blue Heron Drive were closed until further notice.

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willing to take on this role. We need someone to be in charge," added Selectman John Marsi.

As for the search for a new permanent Superintendent, Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda admitted that the town may need to scale back the expectations of the job in order to attract candidates.

"Effective March 1, we're going to pull the job notice down and take a look at the job description itself because it was modified over the past few years with Jeff stepping up to assume various roles and we may have gotten a little ahead of ourselves in terms of what it pays versus those roles that he voluntarily assumed," said Ruda. "We'd like to take another look at a job description, take a look at the market in the area, and bring it back to the selectmen after we've made some edits to it."

In the meantime, the Board of Selectmen feel the department is in good hands and expressed confidence that Gatzke will be able to lead the department effectively for the time being.

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LEGALS

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
DOCKET NO. 24 SM 000885
ORDER OF NOTICE
TO: Joyce Moriarty
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. C. 50 §3901 (et seq); Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Auburn, numbered 7 Auburn Hill Road, given by Joyce Moriarty to Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a Subsidiary of IndyMac Bank, F.S.B., dated June 21, 2005, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 36651, Page 1, 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 4/15/2024 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, GORDON H. PIPER Chief Justice of this Court on 2/29/2024. Attest: Deborah J. Patterson, Recorder March 15, 2024

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. WO24P0674EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Ellis F Bateman
Date of Death: 02/07/2024
To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Daniel Marcoux of Webster MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: **Daniel Marcoux of Webster MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your

attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/09/2024.** 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 08, 2024
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
March 15, 2024

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 Jeffrey A. Patterson, Melissa A. Patterson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for First Horizon Home Loans, a division of First Tennessee Bank, N.A., dated November 12, 2007 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 42107, Page 356, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for First Horizon Home Loans, a division of First Tennessee Bank N.A., its successors and assigns to Nationstar Mortgage LLC, recorded on February 24, 2023, in Book No. 68857, at Page 395
for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosure, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 3:00 PM on April 1, 2024, on the mortgaged premises located at 8 1/2 Sutton Avenue a/k/a 8.5 Sutton Avenue, Oxford, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT:
JEFFREY A. PATTERSON AND MELISSA A. PATTERSON, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY
A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND WITH THE BUILDINGS SITUATED THEREON OFF THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SUTTON AVE., OXFORD, WORCESTER COUNTY, BEING SHOWN ON PLAT OF LAND OXFORD PREPARED FOR STANFORD SEED COMPANY, DATED JANUARY 30, 1991 AND RECORDED N PLAN

BOOK 647, PLAN 121 BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ALONG THE DIRT DRIVE AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAN, WHICH POINT IS THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF THE 15,183 SQUARE FOOT PARCEL OF LAND SHOWN ON SAID PLAN; THENCE N. 83 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 41 SECONDS W. 71.35 FEET BY SAID PARCEL OF LAND IDENTIFIED ON SAID PLAN CONTAINING 15,183 SQUARE FEET; THENCE N. 6 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 05 SECONDS E. 62.30 FEET BY LAND OF PROVIDENCE AND WORCESTER RAILROAD TO THE MOST NORTHWESTERLY CORNER; THENCE S. 82 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 56 SECONDS E. 131.34 FEET BY LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY BARRE; THENCE S. 8 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 00 SECONDS W. 139.26 FEET BY LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY MILLER; THENCE N. 82 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 56 SECONDS W. 57.75 FEET BY LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY C. PARISEAU AND SAID DIRT DRIVE; THENCE N. 8 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 00 SECONDS E. 77.52 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PARCEL CONTAINING 12,533 SQUARE FEET, MORE OR LESS. BEING THE SAME PREMISES CONVEYED TO THE GRANTORS BY DEED OF HERITAGE EQUITY RESOURCES, INC. DATED APRIL 7, 1993 AND RECORDED WITH THE WORCESTER DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS BOOK 15077, PAGE 389. SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS, RESERVATIONS, EASEMENTS, COVENANTS, OIL, GAS OR MINERAL RIGHTS OF RECORD, IF ANY. MAP: 34C; LOT: E28
For mortgagor's(s)' title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 19484, Page 253.
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 St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to

purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.
Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California St.
Newton, MA 02458
(617)558-0500
23228
March 8, 2024
March 15, 2024
March 22, 2024
Notification to Abutters Under the Mass Wetlands Protection Act and Dudley Local By Law
In accordance with the second paragraph of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40, you are hereby notified of the following:
A. The name of the applicant is Lebrec Living Trust
B. The applicant has filed a Notice of Intent with the Conservation Commission of Dudley seeking permission to work within 100 feet of an area subject to protection under the wetland protection act (General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40) and Dudley Local By Law.
C. The address where the activity is proposed is Hayden Pond Road Map 103-55
D. The activity consists of construction of Gravel parking area and plating of native shrubs. Meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2024 at 6 PM
E. Copies of the filing may be examined at the Conservation Commission Office, by appointment. For more information, email: Conservation@dudley-ma.gov
F. Copies of the Notice of Intent may be obtained from Dudley Conservation Commission by emailing them at Conservation@dudley-ma.gov
G. Information regarding the date, time and place of the public hearing may be obtained from the Conservation Commission Office by calling 508-949-8011 during normal business hours.
NOTE: Notice of the public hearing, including its date, time, and place, will be published at least five (5) days in advance in the local newspaper.
NOTE: Notice of the public hearing, including its date, time and place will be posted in town Hall not less than forty-eight (48) hours in advance.
NOTE: You also may contact the Dudley Conservation Commission or the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Regional Office for more information about this application or the Wetlands Protection Act. To contact DEP call the Central Region Office at 508-792-7650.
March 15, 2024

LEGALS

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 Nancy J. Gurney to Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, A Subsidiary of IndyMac Bank, F.S.B., dated March 28, 2007 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 40929, Page 148 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust is the present holder by Assignment from Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., its successors or assigns, as nominee for Financial Freedom Acquisition LLC dated September 25, 2009 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 44930, Page 178, and Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Financial Freedom Acquisition LLC, its successors and assigns to Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust dated November 21, 2023 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 69921, Page 88, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 11 Depot Road, Oxford, MA 01540 will be sold at a Public Auction at 11:00 AM on April 4, 2024, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land in said Oxford on the northeasterly side of Millbury Road, now known as Depot Road, being Lot #2 as shown on a Plan of Lots owned by Wilfred H. and Irene E. Boutillette, drawn by Walter W. Brown, Surveyor, dated June 2, 1956, and recorded with the Worcester district Registry of deeds Plan Book 232, Plan 54, more specifically described as follows: Beginning at the northwesterly corner of the premises herein conveyed at a point on the northerly line of Millbury Road which point is the southeasterly corner of land now or formerly of Ruth Devault; Thence N 38 degrees E. one hundred thirty and 20/100 (130.20) feet to a point; Thence S 52 degrees E. One hundred seventy (170) feet to an iron pipe at land now or formerly of Philip N. Hook et ux; Thence S. 38 degrees 00' W. ninety-nine and 30/100 (99.30) feet by land of said Philip N. Hook to an iron pipe on the northerly line of Millbury Road; Thence Northwest by the northerly line of Millbury Road with a curve to the right with a radius of 600 feet for a distance of One hundred seventy-three and 7/10 (173.7) feet to the point of beginning. 11 Depot Road Oxford, MA Deed Ref. Book 26626 Page 395

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 5220, Page 570.

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: 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 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 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.

Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust
Korde & Associates, P.C.
900 Chelmsford Street
Suite 3102
Lowell, MA 01851
(978) 256-1500
Gurney, Nancy J., 23-044161
March 8, 2024
March 15, 2024
March 22, 2024

**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. W024P0057EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of: Bruce Allen Bell, Jr. Date of Death: 04/13/2023

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **S/A- Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Sarah Archidiacono of Dudley Hill MA**

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: **Sarah Archidiacono of Dudley Hill MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/09/2024.**

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 07, 2024
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
March 15, 2024

NOTICE OF SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLE UNDER G.L.C. 255, SECTION 39A

Notice is hereby given by: School Street Towing 17-31 School Street, Webster MA 01570 pursuant to the provisions of G.L.C. c. 255, Section 39A, that on: 23 March 2024 at 9:00 AM at 17-31 School Street, Webster MA by private sale the following Motor Vehicle will be sold to satisfy the garagekeeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicle.

Vehicle description: Year 2017
Make: Kia Model: Soul
Registration#/State: Un Reg.
VIN: KNDJX3AA1H7481033
Name and address of vehicle owner
Shawn Wintzell
153 Upper Gore Rd Apt. I
Webster, MA 01570
By Frank A Czechowski
29 Feb 2024

This notice has been given under the provisions of G.L.c. 255, Section 39A.
March 15, 2024
March 22, 2024
March 29, 2024

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Jordan Donais** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for EverBank dated September 7, 2007, recorded at the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41792, Page 32, as affected by Loan Modification Agreement dated April 7, 2016 and recorded in Book 55791 Page 52; said mortgage was then assigned to CitiMortgage, Inc. by virtue of an assignment dated May 25, 2012, and recorded in Book 49090, Page 60; and further assigned to Pretium Mortgage Credit Partners I Loan Acquisition, LP by virtue of an assignment dated December 11, 2015, and recorded in Book 54689, Page 292; and further assigned to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, D/B/A Christiana Trust, not individually but as Trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust by virtue of an assignment dated January 14, 2016, and recorded in Book 54941, Page 323; and further assigned to DLJ Mortgage Capital, Inc. by virtue of an assignment dated August 22, 2018, and recorded in Book 59679, Page 326; and further assigned to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of CSMC 2018-RPL9 Trust by virtue of an assignment dated May 10, 2022, and recorded in Book 67635,

Page 101, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at PUBLIC AUCTION at 11:00 AM on **April 11, 2024**, on the mortgaged premises. This property has the address of 41 Dudley Road, Oxford, MA 01540. The entire mortgaged premises, all and singular, the premises as described in said mortgage:

The land with the buildings thereon of every nature and description and all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, situated in said Oxford, being part of Lot #178 Walnut Street, as shown on a Plan of Lots, owned by Leslie J. Chaffee, drawn by Leslie J. Chaffee, Surveyor, dated June 1, 1955 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 210, Plan 68, more specifically described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the easterly line of Dudley Road, at the intersection of Walnut Street; THENCE northeasterly along the easterly line of said Dudley Road ninety-five and five tenths (95.5) feet more or less to a point at Lot #181; THENCE S 47° 10' E One hundred six (106) feet more or less by Lot #181 to a point at the northwesterly corner of Lot #176; THENCE S 37° 10' W One Hundred (100) feet by Lot #176 to a point on the northerly line of Walnut Street; THENCE N 52° 50' W Ninety-four and five tenths (94.5) feet by the northerly line of Walnut Street to a point; THENCE by a curve to the right whose radius is Twenty (20) feet along the line connecting the northerly line of Walnut Street with the easterly line of Dudley Road to the point of beginning. SUBJECT to restrictions in deed to us from John H. Rives et ux, dated 9/28/78, recorded with Worcester County Registry of Deeds at Book 6577, Page 13. For title reference see Book 21913, Page 59.

Subject to and with the benefit of easements, reservation, restrictions, and taking of record, if any, insofar as the same are now in force and applicable. In the event of any typographical error set forth herein in the legal description of the premises, the description as set forth and contained in the mortgage shall control by reference. Together with all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property and all easements, rights, appurtenances, rents, royalties, mineral, oil and gas rights and profits, water rights and stock and all fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property. All replacements and additions shall also be covered by this sale.

Terms of Sale: Said premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and assessments, tax sales, tax titles and other municipal liens and water or sewer liens and State or County transfer fees, if any there are, and TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) in cashier's or certified check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of the sale as a deposit and the balance in cashier's or certified check will be due in thirty (30) days, at the offices of Doonan, Graves & Longoria, LLC ("DG&L"), time being of the essence. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.
Dated: February 20, 2024 Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of CSMC 2018-RPL9 Trust By its Attorney DOONAN, GRAVES & LONGORIA, LLC, 100 Cummings Center, Suite 303C, Beverly, MA 01915 (978) 921-2670 www.dgandl.com 56862 (DONAIS)
March 15, 2024
March 22, 2024
March 29, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF DUDLEY WATER SEWER COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners will be holding a **Public Hearing on Wednesday April 3, 2024, at 6:30pm** in Room 321 at the Dudley Town Hall, 71 West Main Street, Dudley MA 01571 to discuss the following: **Increase of Water and Sewer rates**
Scott Zajkowski, Chairman
March 15, 2024
March 22, 2024

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage dated June 27, 2022 given by 149 Charlton, LLC to Steven A. Ross, Trustee of QS Lending Trust u/d/t dated January 27, 2020 (recorded in Book 61878, Page 320), said mortgage recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 67822, Page 9, and 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 **10:30 a.m. on the**

3rd day of April, 2024 at 149 Charlton Street, Oxford, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

To wit:
Property Address: **149 Charlton Street, Oxford, Massachusetts 01540**

The land in the westerly part of Oxford, Worcester County, Massachusetts bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the most easterly corner of land to be conveyed at an iron pipe driven in the ground on the westerly line of Charlton Street and also being the most northerly corner of land now or formerly of Theresa Paige; THENCE by Charlton Street N 38° 40' W one hundred ninety-nine and five-tenths (199.5) feet to an iron pipe driven in the ground at land now or formerly of Frederick W. Johnson and Mary Johnson; THENCE by said Johnson land S 40° 40' W three hundred thirteen and nine-tenths (313.9) feet to an iron pipe set in a stone wall at other land now or formerly of Theresa Paige; THENCE by a wall and said Paige land S 40° E one hundred fifteen and two-tenths (115.2) feet to an iron pipe at a corner of the wall and a wire fence; THENCE by said Paige land N 55° E three hundred nine and fifty-four hundredths (309.54) feet to the place of beginning.

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PROPERTY ADDRESS 149 CHARLTON STREET, OXFORD, MA 01540.

For title see deed recorded with the Worcester County South District Registry of Deeds in Book 59196, Page 198.

For current title see deed recorded herewith [Book 67822, Page 3].

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

Steven A. Ross, Trustee of QS Lending Trust

u/d/t dated January 27, 2020

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By his Attorneys,
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Second period special teams help Tewksbury defeat Rockets in State Tournament Elite 8



Nick Ethier photos

After scoring a goal, Auburn's Nathan Dono (4) and Austin Dono (9) jump into the glass to celebrate with the Rockets' faithful.



Auburn's Erik Dupuis, left, gets ready to win a faceoff against Tewksbury.



File photo

Rams reach Round of 16, lose to top-seeded Malden Catholic

Lucas Miglionico and the Shepherd Hill boys' varsity basketball team advanced to the Round of 16 in the Division 2 State Tournament. There, the 16th ranked Rams played at No. 1 Malden Catholic on Tuesday, March 5. The Hill lost the game, 59-40, to finish with a record of 16-6, while Malden Catholic advanced to the Final Four after topping No. 8 Holyoke in the Elite 8, 60-43.



Goalie Ethan LaPlante of Auburn saves the puck versus Tewksbury.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

WOBURN — When taking on the top seeded Tewksbury boys' varsity ice hockey team in the Elite 8 round of the Division 2 State Tournament, Auburn head coach Glen Bombard made one thing clear.

"A team like that, they're skilled and you can't give them power plays. Point blank. You just can't do it," said Bombard.

The ninth ranked Rockets — a co-op with student-athletes also from Tantasqua, Shepherd Hill and Millbury — allowed a pair of second period power play goals and then the Redmen also scored a shorthanded strike, turning a 3-2 advantage after one period into a 6-2 lead through two.

"We screwed up in the second period," said Bombard, as Auburn eventually lost, 7-2, at the O'Brien Ice Rink on Wednesday, March 6. "That's pretty much what it came down to."

With the game at 3-2 early in the second, the Rockets were awarded a power play. But Auburn took a penalty of their own, and then another a minute later. Now skating five-on-three, Tewksbury took advantage. Tyler Bourgeau made a pass over to Matthew Cooke, who then slapped a pass near the right post to Jeremy Insogna, who tapped the puck into the net. The Redmen made it a 5-2 game a minute later with Bourgeau scor-

ing, and Insogna and Tyler Barnes grabbing the assists.

With the clock ticking toward the end of the second period, the Rockets went on another power play. But it was Tewksbury who found the net, Bourgeau taking a pass from Barnes and beating Auburn goalie Ethan LaPlante (21 saves).

"We gave up the five-on-three and then the shorthanded, and that kind of put the nail in the coffin," said Bombard.

The Redmen put the finishing touches on their victory with another power play goal — they were three-for-three with the man-advantage — midway through the third period. There, Insogna scored with Cooke and Jake Cunha assisting.

"I thought we played a great third period. We just didn't put anything into the net," Bombard said of the final frame of his team's season.

The first period was a back-and-forth affair. Tewksbury took 1-0 and 2-1 leads (Jason Shreenan and Bourgeau scoring), only for Auburn to battle back to twice tie the score. Nathan Dono beat Redmen goalie David Karlberg (26 saves) twice for both of the Rockets' goals, with Austin Dono and Ethan McDermott assisting on the first, and the second coming unassisted.

Cooke scored later in the first for Tewksbury to take a 3-2 lead into the first intermission, but Bombard wasn't concerned at that point in time.

"I felt pretty confident going into the second period," said Bombard.

But the Redmen took advantage of their opportunities and moved to the tournament's Final Four.

"We just made mistakes that we haven't made in the last nine games, and those mistakes came back to haunt us," said Bombard.

Tewksbury (21-3) then defeated No. 4 Woburn, 6-4, to advance to the State Final, while the Rockets wound up with a record of 17-6.

"We have a ton of these guys returning next year, so we'll see what happens," said Bombard. "I'm extremely proud. They're awesome kids. We'll keep building."



Wyatt Zalneraitis of Auburn plays the puck along the blue line.

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Series — Division 1 — Natalie Wood 556, Joanne LaBonte 446
Division 2 — Charlene Hebert 424, Bernie Stackpole 359

Tuesday Chet's Social
Single — Ryan Pelletier 126, Duncan MacDougall 122, Angel Claudio 121, Erin Van Dam 111, Ellen Fugatt & Diane Levesque 98, Mikayla Van Dam 90
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Series — Marie McNally 291, Monique Pierangeli 285, Lynne Smith 280
Series over average — Bessie Bechthold +41

Summit Tenpin
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Division 2 — Brett Mattson 204
Series — Division 1 — Derek Reynolds 609
Division 2 — Fred LaBonte 559

Thursday Morning Coffee
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Series over average — Janet Strazzulo +31

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Administrators. Some states require that boaters complete a course to receive a mandatory boater's certificate. In addition, many insurance companies offer a

discount to those with a certificate. The classes are taught by experienced Coast Guard Auxiliary instructors. The course fee is \$25 to cover the cost of materials. Registration ends on Sunday, March 17.

Pakachoag Acres Daycare is located at 141 Auburn St., Auburn.

For more information, visit the Flotilla website at a0131010.uscgaux.info, contact the Public Education officer, Allen Padwa at 508-754-7918 or by email to. Fso-pe@a0131010.uscgaux.info.



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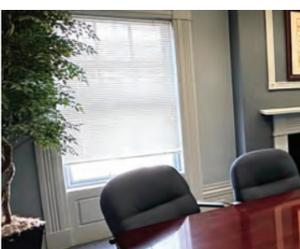
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