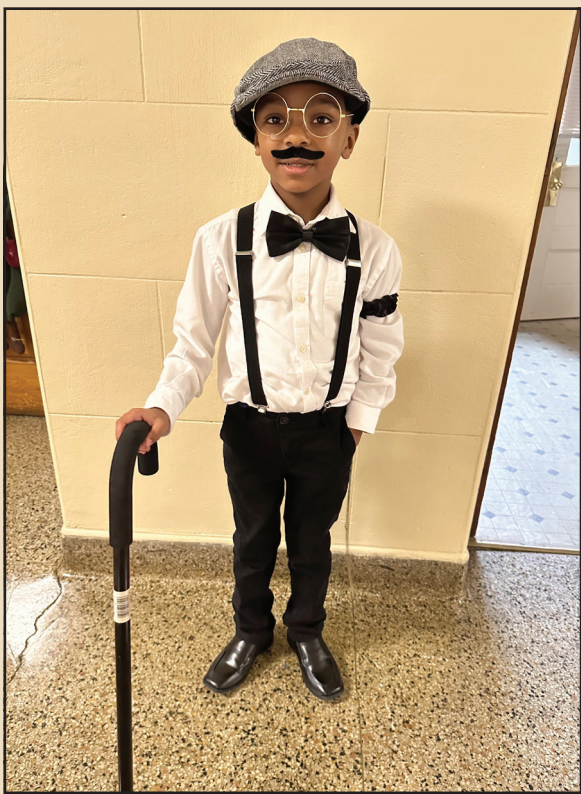


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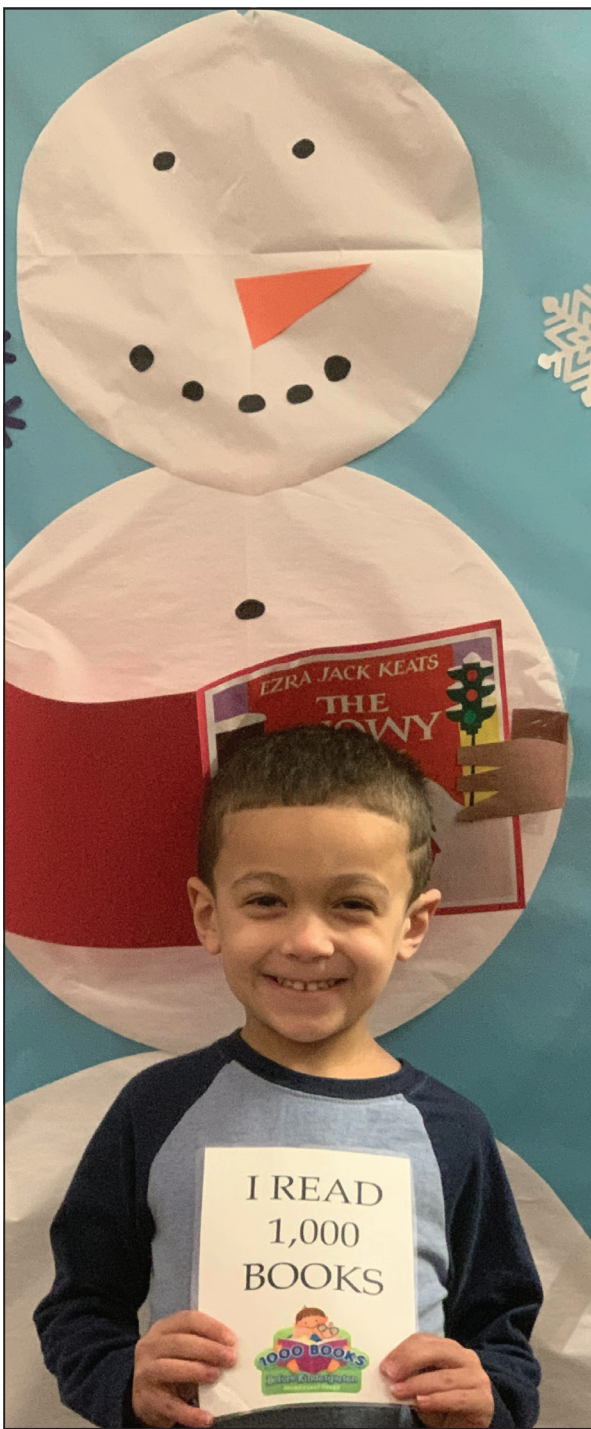
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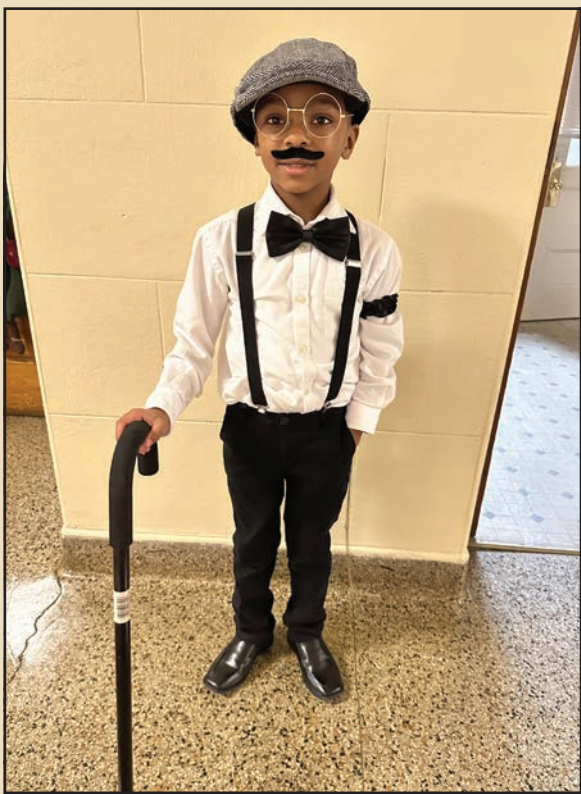
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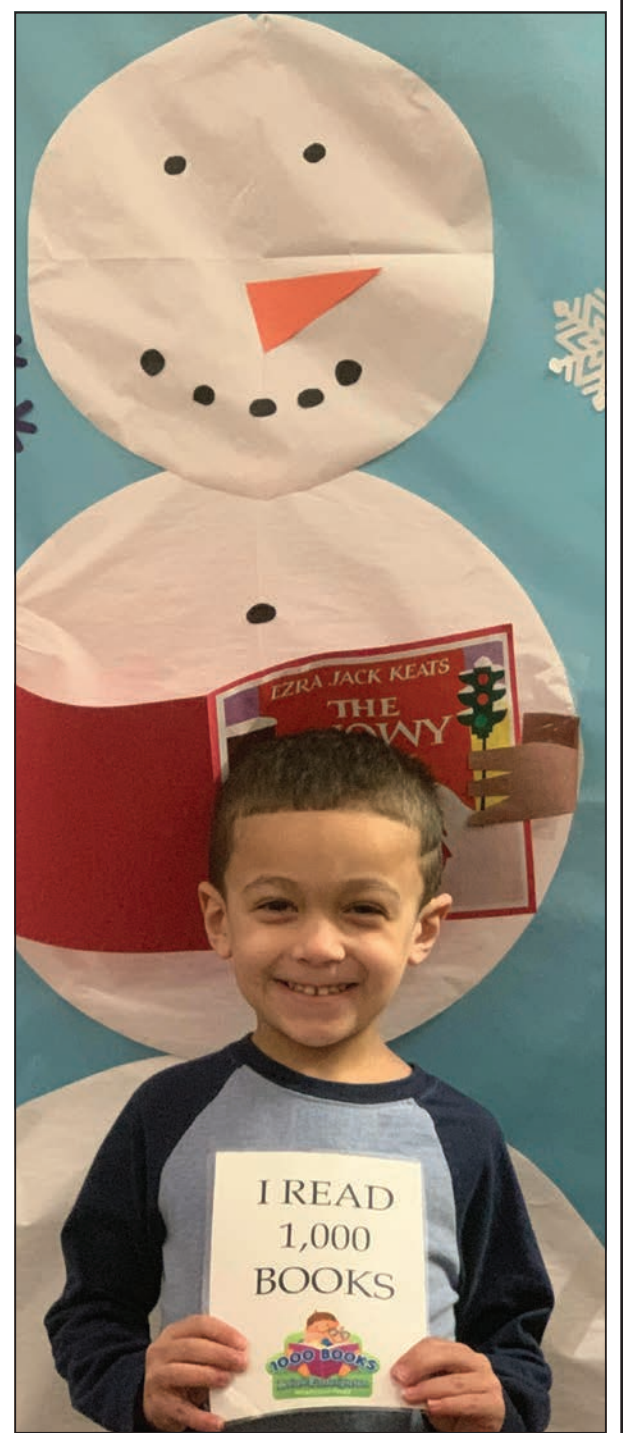
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Younis discussed how eligible individuals may receive financial assistance (when funding is available), to enter job training programs leading to full-time employment. Members of the PN Class of 2023 who attended the training opportunities workshops and then met with Career Counselors were able to receive grants toward completion of the practical nursing program.



Photo shows Younis with members of the PN Class of 2023 who received grants, (in alphabetical order) Ramatu Abukari, Elizabeth Agyeiwaa-Asabere, Maureen Bittner, Theresa Boakye all of Worcester; Lizzette Hernandez of Dudley, Ana Hilner of Oxford, Nancy Kamicha, Alice Maina, Fidelis Mensah all of Worcester; Aminat Poku of Southbridge, Emily Rossignol of Dudley, Faith Wanjohi of Westborough, and Lauren Young of Woodstock, Conn.

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Auburn Historical Society is clang – clanging down the trolley tracks

AUBURN — The March 16th monthly meeting of the Auburn Historical Society & Museum will feature town historian, Ken Ethier, who will be presenting a program on the Worcester-Southbridge Street Railway. It traveled through Auburn in the late 1800s and early 1900s. It ran past the Pinehurst and Prospect Parks and had the famous Huguenot Parlor Car.



The meeting place will be at the Auburn Sportsman's Club at 50 Elm St., where there is ample parking. As always, the meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. This event is free and open to the public, so friends and family are very welcome to come.

Friends of the Kelly Library announce book sale

WEBSTER — Are your bookshelves groaning from the weight of too many books? Have your children (or even your grandchildren) outgrown

their favorite children's stories? Do you have boxes of books that haven't yet found a home? If you have answered yes to any of these questions, please make a donation to the Gladys E. Kelly library. All used — and even brand new books — are wanted.

The Friends of the library will hold their annual book sale beginning on Thursday,

June 8 and ending on Saturday, June 10. So pack up those old books — unfortunately we cannot accept dictionaries, encyclopedias and textbooks- otherwise all books, CDs and puzzles are gladly accepted and will be part of the annual book sale. All proceeds from the sale will be used to offset the cost of library programs.

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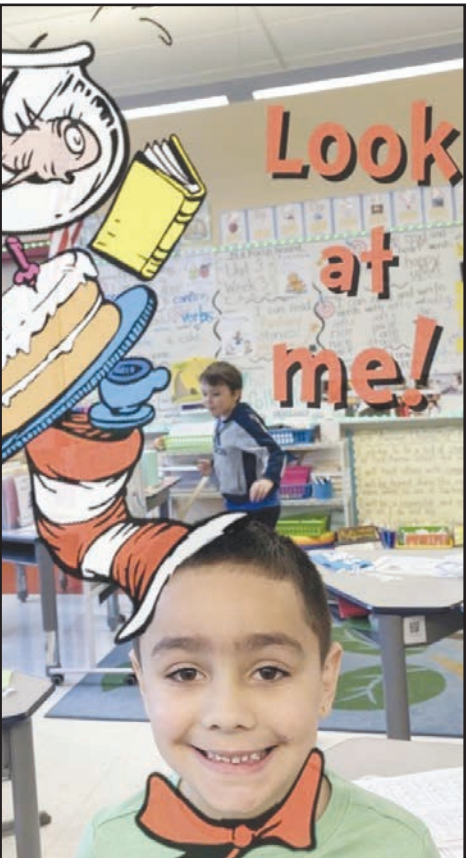
Community Reading Day at Park Avenue Elementary School

WEBSTER — On Thursday, March 2, Park Avenue Elementary hosted a Community Reading Day in celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday. Members of the Webster community and beyond joined the PAE school community to read to the students and answer questions about the importance of reading.

Reading volunteers included Amy Puliafico, Cari Reed, Kathy Baris, Fire Chief Brian Hickey, Justin Smith, Janice Daniels, Jeanne Makara, Officer Dan Melhouse, Deanie Sherry, Evelyn Pappas, Holy Cross football players Eric Schon, Daniel Santiago, Hugh Kelly, and Jacob Dobbs, Todd Minarik, Andrew Tai, Meagan Farraher, Kelly Seddiki, Bobby Phillips, Police Chief Michael Shaw, Monique Pierangeli, Melissa Widing, Patty Mackay, Mike Horan, Colleen Mitchell, Senator Ryan Fattman, Representative Joseph McKenna, Patty Guiou Sadie Hewes, Jenn O'Meara, Kelsey Koloski, Diane Mara, Tracy Schroder, Nilesh Salvi, Cathay Nikosey, Tara Gelineau, Steven Nestor, James Alkire, Kristen Munger, Stephen Bouchard, and a special guest appearance from Woofster, the WooSox mascot.

Bringing the community and school together through literacy, and having so many community members engaging with the students at PAE to show the importance of reading, made for a day these students will remember for some time to come!

As a retired teacher recently referenced, "Readers make Leaders...Keep Reading PAE Students!"



Julio Ricard of Mrs. Recchia's class enjoying Dr. Seuss' birthday!



Community Reader Volunteers



Fire Chief Brian Hickey with escorts from Mrs. Recchia's class



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Police Chief Michael Shaw with students in Mrs. Kwasniewski's class



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DUDLEY — Michael Roberto, D.B.A., professor of management and best-selling author at Harvard Business Publishing, visited the Nichols College campus yesterday to conduct a teaching workshop open to Nichols faculty and organized by the Nichols College Faculty Development Committee.

Roberto is the Trustee Professor of Management at Bryant University in Smithfield, RI, where he teaches leadership, managerial decision making and business strategy. He joined the tenured faculty at Bryant after serving for six years on the faculty at Harvard Business School.

The workshop focused on teaching and learning using active learning techniques such as the case method to spark curiosity and learning, as well as tactics for keeping students engaged and energized. "Active" learning is a method of teaching where student learn by participating in hands-on exercises; "passive" learning is where students receive and memorize the information that is provided to them.

"At Nichols College, we aim to foster an active and vibrant educational environment; we understand the powerful impact that faculty can have on student learning and outcomes," said Nichols College President Glenn M. Sulmasy, JD, LL.M.

"That is why we were elated to host renowned case study author and award-winning educator, Dr. Mike Roberto. The workshop was a fantastic opportunity for our faculty to share and learn with Roberto and from each other."

Roberto is recognized for his teaching, writing and research. He has


earned several teaching awards, including the Outstanding M.B.A. Teaching Award from Bryant University and Harvard University's Allyn A. Young Prize for Teaching in Economics. He has published many best-selling case studies and simulations. In 2022, Harvard Business School Publishing ranked his Trader Joe's case study as the second most popular case in their entire catalog, and they ranked his Everest Leadership and Team Simulation as the bestselling simulation ever developed and distributed by Harvard

Business School. The Everest simulation also won top prize in the eLearning category at the 16th Annual MITX Interactive Awards. Professor Roberto's newest book, "Unlocking Creativity" was published by Wiley in 2019. He has written two previous books: "Why Great Leaders Don't Take Yes For An Answer" (second edition, published in 2013) and "Know What You Don't Know," published in 2009.

In addition to sharing his techniques for using case studies in an active learning format in the class-

room, Roberto also cited research showing that students learn more in active learning classrooms than they do in traditional lecture classrooms.

This is why the case study method is so successful, suggested Roberto. When used as a hands-on exercise, "the case method is designed to train your mind, to develop understanding of how to think about complex issues," said Roberto. "It gets students to grapple with the real world and shows them the relevance of the ideas" illustrated by the case.



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Adult Programming
SPICE CLUB – In the lobby
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FRIENDS FEATURED AUTHOR BOOK SALE – Ongoing
A small touch of the Irish! Featured authors include Andrew Greeley, Ralph McInerny, and Larry McMurtry. Still only \$3.00 a bag!

BEEKEEPING 101—March 16th—6:00 PM
Hedly Honey will be in to give a talk about how to start a beehive, the bee colony, collecting honey, the importance of bees in pollination and more.

YOGA WITH JULIE –March 18th and 25th at 9:30 AM
Join Julie 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 a centering of the mind with the breath, aromatherapy, movement of the body to release energetic blockages, and, finally, rest and relaxation. Classes are free. Sponsored by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP—March 20th at 6:30 PM

This month's book discussion will be on Monday, March 20th at 6:30 PM in the Library's Community Room. The Group will be discussing Gift from the Sea by Anne Marrow Lindbergh Stop by the library, or reach out by phone at 508-949-3880, or by email to rc Cox@cw mars.org for inquiries.

ADULT DROP-IN BOARD GAME NIGHT—Every 3rd Tuesday—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 it!

COOKBOOK BOOK CLUB –March 28th at 6:00 PM
A book club for people who like to cook-and eat! Each month will feature a new cookbook. Take home this month's pick, choose a recipe and bring what you make to the next meeting! We welcome all cooking abilities! This month’s cookbook is 5 Ingredients: Quick & Easy Food. Swing by the front desk to pick one up

Children’s and Young Adult Programming
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!

MINI STEM-CHALLENGE – Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30 PM
Join us every 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@cw mars.org for more details.

ELECTRICITY AND MAGNETISM—March 20th--3:30 PM

Students will tinker with electricity and magnets in stations as well as see some electrifying demonstrations.

STEM BEGINNINGS MAKE-UP CLASSES—March 16th at 10:00 AM

With each class, the children will learn STEM concepts through hands-on activities, engaging stories, music and movement, challenges, and even simple experiments ideal for little hands

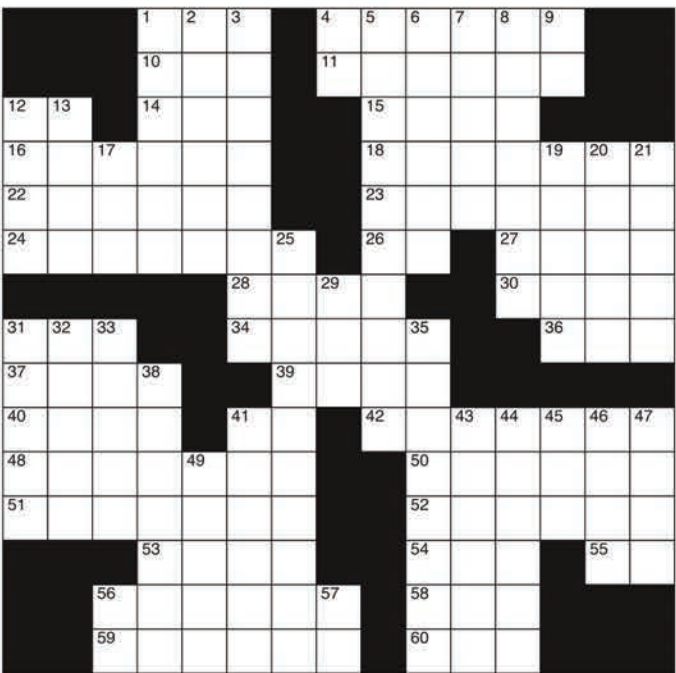
CHARLTONPOLICEK9UNITDEMONSTRATION--March 23rd at 4:00 PM

Join us as we welcome Charlton Police's K9 Unit, Officers Gaylord and Dozer! Officer Gaylord will give us a demonstration as he explains and shows us what he and Dozer are trained to do together. This program is for children of all ages and their caretakers.

MUSIC TOGETHER – Every Saturday in March at 11:15 AM
Fun, fabulous, uplifting, magical early childhood music class! Sponsored by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

MOM’S DROP-IN GROUP—Tuesday Mornings March 21st and 28th 10 AM to 12 PM

Moms and caregivers, bring your children, ages 0-5, to our drop-in open play time. In this community-building event, we set out toys for your children to play with as you get to see and know other parents from the area who have children of similar ages. Stop in any time between 10am and 12pm and stay as long or as little as you like.

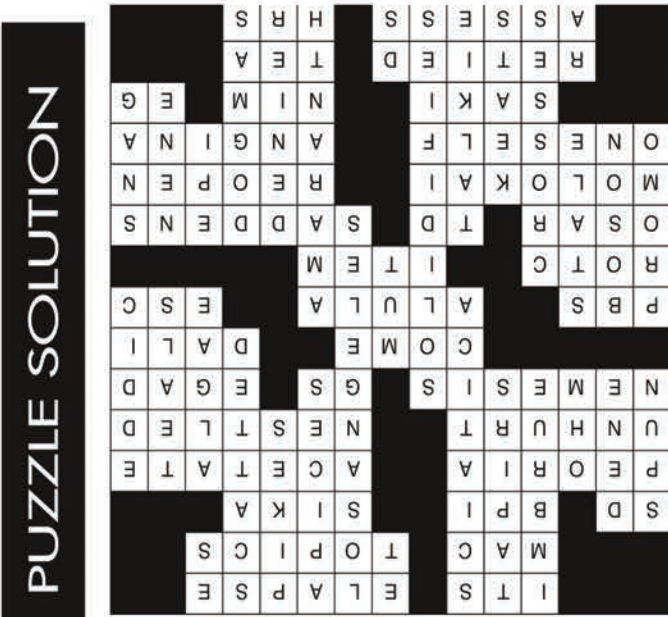


CLUES ACROSS

1. Belonging to a thing
4. Pass or go by
10. Partner to cheese
11. Subjects
12. U.S. State (abbr.)
14. Bits per inch
15. Forest-dwelling deer
16. Illinois city
18. A salt or ester of acetic acid
22. Wholly unharmed
23. Cuddled
24. Bane
26. Global investment bank (abbr.)
27. Oh my gosh!
28. Arrive
30. Famed Spanish artist
31. Home of “Frontline”
34. Group of quill feathers
36. Keyboard key
37. Army training group
39. Detail
40. Pole with flat blade
41. Football play
42. Makes unhappy
48. Island in Hawaii
50. Back in business
51. Of an individual
52. Painful chest condition
53. Tropical American monkey
54. Matchstick game
55. For instance
56. Even again
58. Popular beverage
59. Evaluate
60. Time units (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

1. Stain one’s hands
2. Nocturnal hoofed animals
3. Back condition
4. Popular movie alien
5. City of Angels
6. Peaks
7. Infantry weapons
8. Left
9. Atomic #99
12. Told a good yarn
13. Vale
17. Resistance unit
19. Aquatic plant
20. Bluish greens
21. About some Norse poems
25. Reinforces
29. Egyptian mythological goddess
31. Supportive material
32. Subatomic particle
33. Expired bread
35. Cereal grain
38. Goes against
41. Walkie ____
43. One who does not accept
44. Beliefs
45. Indicates near
46. Brazilian NBA star
47. Grab quickly
49. Romantic poet
56. College dorm worker
57. Set of data



Courtesy

BAY PATH SENIOR RECOGNIZED AS “ALL-STAR” AT STATE PHCC CONFERENCE

Bay Path Plumbing senior Damion Szaferowicz was recently recognized as Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School's PHCC All-Star Plumbing student at the Massachusetts Plumbing – Heating – Cooling – Contractors (PHCC) of Massachusetts Annual Conference and Trade Show at the Royal Trade Plaza in Marlborough, Massachusetts. All-Star students were awarded on stage with tool bags from Ferguson and a \$500 scholarship given by the State of Massachusetts Plumbing Board of Examiners. Damion's mother, Justina Szaferowicz, Bay Path Lead Plumbing Instructor Paul Daoust, and Director of Career and Technical Education James Tripp Pockevicius were present at the event. Since 2009, PHCC of MA has been recognizing students for the leadership in shop and other educational classes as well as for their dedication to continue in the trade after graduation.

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\$380,000, 87 Shore Dr, Navedo, Ricardo, and Navedo, Karen, to Giroux, Lindsey.
\$160,000, 320 South St, Provost, Marshall E, to Ljunggren, James D, and Ljunggren, Stephanie D.

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None

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\$240,000, 2 Hammond St, Dupuis, Richard, to Dream Homes Re LLC.

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WEBSTER POLICE LOG

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of March 5-11.

Berenice Benitez, age 36, of Fitchburg was arrested on March 6 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, Child Endangerment while Operating Under the Influence, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Possession of an Open Container of Alcohol in a Motor Vehicle, and a Marked Lanes Violation.

Kwasi Sarpong, age 55, of Worcester was arrested on March 6 for Speeding, operating an Unregistered Motor Vehicle, Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License (subsequent offense), and in connection with a warrant.

Jeffrey R. Bathgate, age 31, of Oxford was arrested on March 7 for Shoplifting By Concealing Merchandise (third offense) and in connection with a warrant.

A 71-year-old male from Webster was taken into protective custody on March 7 for Resisting Arrest, Trespassing, Disturbing the Peace (subsequent offense) and Disorderly Conduct (subsequent offense).

Karol Milewski, age 46, of Webster was arrested on March 8 in connection with multiple warrants.

Mariah Marie Adair, age 27, of Webster was arrested on March 9 in connection with a warrant.

Jonathan Maldonado Cruz, age 40, of Webster was arrested on March 10 for Trafficking in More than 10 Grams of Fentanyl, Possession of a Class E Drug with Intent to Distribute, and Possession of a Class E Drug.

Eric D. Sanchez-Torres, age 29, of Worcester was arrested on March 10 for Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License, Possession of Ammunition Without an FID Card, Possession of a Large Capacity Firearm Feeding Device, Possession of a Large Capacity Firearm, Carrying a Loaded Firearm Without a License, and in connection with a warrant.

Karel Mangual, age 27, of Webster was arrested on March 11 for Assault & Battery on a Police Officer, Carrying a Dangerous Weapon, Disorderly Conduct, Disturbing the Peace, Resisting Arrest, and multiple counts of Trespassing. Mangual was subsequently charged as a Fugitive From Justice on a Court Warrant.

A 64-year-old female from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on March 11 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

A 27-year-old male from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on March 11 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

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Weekly Activities:
Mondays and Fridays @ 10:00 AM – Cribbage
Tuesdays @ 9:15 AM – Strength & Balance w/ Donna Freeland – Cost \$3.00

per class
Tuesdays and Wednesdays @ 10:00 AM – Needleworkers (Knitting, Crocheting, Needlepoint). Bring your favorite project and come join the group for conversation and laughs.
Wednesdays @ 1:00 PM – Pitch
Wednesdays @ 1:00 PM – Chair Volleyball – Lots of laughs and only two rules (1) stay in your chair (2) have fun!
Thursdays @ 10:00 AM – Dominoes (Mexican Train)
Thursdays @ 12:30PM – Quilting Class

Monthly Activities:
Men's Coffee Group – 2nd Wednesday of each month @ 10AM – coffee and pastry are served
SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of

Everyone) – 3rd Wednesday of each month by appointment
Book Club – 1st Friday of each month @ 12:45 PM – reserve your book from the Oxford Public Library
Movie Matinee – 2nd Friday of each month @ 12:45 PM – popcorn and M&M's are served
BEANO – 4th Friday of each month @ 12:45PM – arrive by 12:30PM to purchase your BEANO sheets
Fresh Flower Arranging class – date varies each month – call for information – cost \$15.00

Like to make puzzles but don't have the room – we always have a puzzle going on – come add a piece or two.
Need help completing any paperwork? Fuel Assistance,

MassHealth applications or re-certifications, SNAP, etc., we can help. Call us @ 508-987-6000 to make an appointment

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:
Tuesday, March 28th @ 12:45PM – Registry of Deeds (Deeds, Homesteads, Trusts and Estates) and Register of Probate (Elder Law and How to Prepare for Your Future). This will be a very informative presentation with time for Questions & Answers at the end.

Please stop in and pick up our monthly newsletter for a complete list of upcoming events. You do not have to be an Oxford resident – ALL seniors are welcome!

DA's office receives funding for drug diversion programs

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION — Worcester County District Attorney Joseph Early, Jr., recently announced that his office has received significant grant funding to expand drug diversion programs.

The \$1.6 million federal grant was awarded by the Department of Justice to help build a network of supports for children exposed to drug overdoses within their families or their home environments. The funding will assist kids across Worcester County.

“As we continue our work to fight against the opioid epidemic, we want to make sure those suffering from substance use disorder get the treatment they need,” Early said. “We also know substance use disorder is a disease that affects the entire family, with children often being the forgotten victims who are traumatized when a family member is caught in addiction. Our aim is to provide a soft touch and a helping hand to eliminate long-term trauma to these kids.”

The grant funding will allow for the continuation of court-based drug diversion programs in several area district courts, as well as the expansion of the diversion program to courts in Dudley, East Brookfield, Uxbridge, and Westborough.

Clinicians from AdCare Hospital, a partner on the recently awarded grant,

will provide on-site assessment services to individuals referred to the diversion program in the ten courts across Worcester County. This program will allow low-level offenders to enter a treatment program.

“AdCare Hospital is grateful to be working with the Worcester DA Diversion Program,” said Andrea Dayotas, the executive director of inpatient services at AdCare. “This year, we are expanding our bandwidth of services to court systems throughout central Massachusetts. We are committed to fighting the disease of addiction in our communities.”

The National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children (National DEC) will assist in the advancement of a Worcester County program to connect community partners and resources from across the county. The National DEC will perform a community needs assessment and provide training and technical assistance to strengthen the local alliance, officials said.

“The National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children is excited to be a collaborative partner in this grant,” said Stacey Read, the organization’s director of network development. “Our staff has worked with DA Early and his office over the past several years by providing training and technical assistance to assist in starting drug endangered children efforts. DA Early and his

office are filled with great knowledge and experience, but most importantly the passion for this work that will in turn help to change the trajectory of children and families’ lives in Worcester County. We are honored to be walking this journey with DA Early and the Worcester County DA's Office to collaboratively help children and families impacted by parental or caregiver substance use.”

The Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Site-Based Program grant was awarded in late 2022, with work set to begin this year.

“I’d like to thank our partners and all those who helped us secure this grant, especially Congressman James McGovern,” Early said. “These funds will help us save lives and prevent future crime by getting help to those who need it and by protecting children from trauma.”

For legislators at all levels, combating the opioid crisis has been a point of emphasis for well over a decade.

“The opioid epidemic has claimed the lives of thousands in communities across America,” Congressman McGovern said. “These initiatives will provide a hand to those struggling with substance use and their families, helping them create a future of hope and possibilities.”

Kelly Library opens first art exhibit

WEBSTER — Gaze into a field of waving lavender. Walk along a rushing river. Immerse yourself in the dance of colorful flowers in sumptuous gardens. You will experience all of this at the Gladys E Kelly Library in Webster beginning March 20. Local Pastel artist Veronica Furst will delight you with her exhibit: “A Passion for Pastels.” This is the first art exhibit at the Kelly library.



Veronica Furst

wild in the spring, a scene appearing in some of her paintings. While she has painted portraits and still life paintings, she is drawn to water and other subjects that allow her to use color. She comes from a family that supports art. Both of Veronica’s sisters are artists. Every painting in the show has a story. To hear the motivations behind Veronica Furst’s paintings come down to the library on Tuesday, April 18 for a meet and greet the artist at 6 p.m.

“A Passion for Pastels” will be on exhibit through April 30. The pieces are available for purchase. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Friends of the Gladys E Kelly Library to continue funding creative and interesting adult and children programming for the com-

munity.

The library will be featuring local artists regularly. If you are interested in staging an exhibit and would like additional information on how to do this, please contact ehale@cwmar.org. There also are a variety of spring flower and garden programs over the next two months at the library. Check out www.gladyskellylibrary.org for more information. Do not forget to mark your calendars for Bites, Books, and Blooms: A Celebration of Spring in Webster—April 27, 6-8 p.m. at the library. Enjoy the tastes of our local Webster restaurants; feast your eyes on books in bloom—floral arrangements based on a novel, poem, or short story; and enjoy music from local musicians.



Community Connection

Originally from an urban area in New Jersey, Furst found her artistic calling in the New England area. She was surprised by the beauty in the change of seasons when she first moved to Charlton. That is why she loves to paint. She enjoys the immediacy and intensity of colors that you get with pastels as compared to oils or watercolor. The rural area where she lives often appears in her work. Her “just down the road” paintings exude rural calm, depth, and richness. One of the places that appeals to her is a local brook where yellow irises grow

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PRE-K POWER STORYTIME
Tuesdays @ 11:00AM
Join Miss Lida for Pre-School Story Time! We will be exploring a new letter each week starting with A and ending in the spring with Z.

TODDLER TIME
Wednesdays @ 11:00AM
Come join us for Toddler Time! We will have a different theme each week with stories and songs! This program is geared for ages 18 months to 3.

QUILTING GROUP
Wednesdays @ 1:30PM – beginning March 8th
All quilters and would-be quilters are invited to join our new group. Bring your projects!

LEARN TO PLAY DUNGEONS & DRAGONS
Thursdays @ 6:00PM
"Are you looking to play a game that contains action, adventure, and drama? We have an experienced Dungeon Master ready to run a new game of Dungeons and Dragons, the world's number one role playing game. We are missing just one thing ... YOU! This is for those that are looking to learn more about playing and do some short adventures!

Open to ages 10+, children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required for this free program.

KNIT & CROCHET GROUP
Thursday 5:30PM – 7:30PM and Friday 10:00AM-12:00PM
All stitchers are welcome for this informal group

LEGO CLUB
Mondays @4:00PM
Come join us each week for a different Lego challenge, from writing your name in Legos to making a Lego

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expressed hope the aid won't fall in the process. She also noted health insurance costs are rising 6 percent, but that's "very good news because we'd heard our original estimate was higher."
Callahan presented her fiscal 2024 budget to a joint selectmen/Finance Committee meeting on Wednesday, after this paper's deadline.
She noted the town is seeking public input for its new Open Space and Recreation Plan, with surveys available on the website, via social media, flyers and other sources. As a related issue,

zipline. Ages 5+
POKEMON CARD TRADING
Tuesdays @ 4:00PM
Children are invited to bring their Pokemon cards for informal card trading and discussion.

INDOOR SEED STARTING
Thursday, March 16 6:00PM-7:30PM
There are so many more varieties of vegetables than what the garden centers offer, and the experts from Blackstone Valley Veggie Gardens will show you everything you need to know to take advantage of this by starting your own plants from seeds indoors.
Free; children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
Sponsored by the Hugh W and Harriet K Crawford Endowment.
YOUNG SCIENTISTS
Monday, March 20 10:00AM-11:00AM
Children, ages 3-6, with a parent/caregiver will learn Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) concepts through hands-on activities, story time, challenges and simple experiments in this weekly STEM series facilitated by STEM Beginnings. Siblings are welcome and must be supervised. Parents/caregivers are encouraged to help their child and join in the fun during each class! Class size is limited to 12 children, ages 3-6, and registration is required each week at the link on our website.

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INTRODUCTION TO BLOCK PRINTING
Saturday, March 25 10:00AM-2:00PM
Join Allison Pettingill to learn the basics of block printing in this in-depth class for teens (over age 14, please) and adults. Use the skills you gain to make your own custom patterns on textiles and paper.
All supplies provided and no experience necessary.
Space is limited, so registration is required at crawfordlibrary.org
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ADULT BOOK GROUP

Monday, March 27 6:00PM-7:00PM
All are welcome to join our adult book group for a discussion of this month's title, Razorblade Tears, by S A Cosby

Copies of the current title are available at the circulation desk one month prior to the meeting.

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request. These presentations proposed harsh realities for the town, but in the weeks following the presentations Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda reassessed the cuts with input from the Board of Selectmen and proposed changes to accommodate certain needs, both long- and short-term, even if the override fails. In a statement, Ruda explained that even with these changes his "failed override budget" will still come with heavy losses to almost every department in town.

"My recommendations with a 'failed override budget' will result in the reduction of six months of highway materials and to reappropriate the limited funds to the Fire Department. The lay-off of one Highway Truck Driver no later than six months into FY24, as well as an administrative assistant from the Treasurer/Collectors Office, the Assessor's Office, Animal Control, and the administrative assistant from the Police Department within the same time frame will be made to preserve two police positions. Additional recommendations focus on maintaining food inspections through the Board of Health, and additional use of stabilization to maintain minimum amounts for energy, fuel and regulatory and compliance. There is no room for error in either the police or fire budgets, and free cash will be required to maintain both departments, and compliance and regulatory mandates, and public health services," said Ruda. "Generally, we have a few hundred thousand in available free cash at the October Town Meeting. That falls far short of addressing the \$1.6 million required to maintain current service levels. Absent an adjustment in revenue, we will be planning for FY25 with cuts to public safety that will be insurmountable."

A failed override would also result in significant cuts on the education side which have also been heavily discussed by the Dudley-Charlton Regional School Committee in public forums throughout the past few months.

During the March 9 meeting, selectmen took to the microphone to comment on the state of Dudley's budget. The town's highest elected board acknowledged that this will not be an easy process and that the voters and town officials have tough decisions ahead.

"I know a lot of time and resources have gone into this report, and it's a grim one, but it is reality and those are the facts based on the real numbers that we're working with or not working with," Selectman Mark Landry said. "This is a factual statement. We don't want it to happen. We want everything to go nice and we want to keep everybody where they are, doing the best

they can, and not cut anything if at all possible."

Selectman Steve Sullivan presented a warning to the voters to trust the process and the department heads in charge of putting together the budget. His fear is that misinformation or disinformation on social media could impact voters.

"Don't find your information on Facebook. Don't find it from someone who doesn't know what they're talking about, spit balling against the wall. The people that speak tonight, the department heads from the last meeting, those are the people who are empowered in their position. Those are the people we trust to run our day to day . . . watch (meetings) and come to meetings to get your information - not social media," said Sullivan.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved sending an assessment of an additional \$4.8 million in real estate and personal property taxes to the ballot on April 25 "for the purposes of operational expenses for the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District in the amount of \$ 3,172,083 and operational expenses for the Town of Dudley in the amount of \$1,674,514.00 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023." According to the Town Assessor's Office, this would result in an average increase to the average tax bill of \$1,205.55 per year. It should be noted that no members of the public chose to comment during the meeting when given the opportunity.

When asked if the proposed spending plan presents a realistic long-term solution for Dudley, Town Administrator Ruda said the override is the only feasible way that Dudley can maintain the services it currently has at this time.

"The only realistic, long-term plan for Dudley is to adjust revenue amounts to levels that accurately reflect the cost of running municipal services, and funding education - With inflation numbers reaching as high as 9 percent last year and fluctuating to date between five and nine percent, the simple math limiting revenue increases to 2 1/2 simply doesn't work," said Ruda. "The answer is clear, and it is very simple - we need sufficient funding to provide sufficient municipal services and education. Our tax rate doesn't support that, nor is our tax rate capable of adjusting and overcoming the challenges that we face as a community; only voters are capable of stepping up to that challenge."

Dudley's ballot vote will take place on April 25 with voter information made available on the town Web site. Recordings of Board of Selectmen and Dudley-Charlton Regional School Committee meetings detailing the numbers behind the budget have been made available for public viewing on the Town of Dudley YouTube channel as well.

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been included in the fiscal 2024 budget. He noted the board set aside \$70,000 to implement such changes, and has spent about half that during this fiscal year.

Similarly, he noted Feb 28 was the deadline for budget requests, and the capital plan has all its submissions but needs prioritization. Part of that will include an analysis of key building needs, based on a “scaled-down” version of their architect’s proposal; he noted “what they have available is more than we need.” LaFond said he’s not pursuing a facilities director now, opting to finish that analysis and let the new school superintendent get settled in place first.

LaFond credited Accountant Tim Bell and HR Director Courtney Friedland’s “institutional memory and knowledge” for making the process go “so well.” He also noted the governor’s budget “should be more beneficial to Webster than it has [been] the last few years.”

Beyond budgeting, LaFond said he’s seeking assistance from CMRPC’s Local Technical Assistance Program to study issues related to a proposed Business Improvement District, “something we haven’t had a chance to deal with too much.”

He also referred to the foundation of a regional Housing Alliance, which met first in Southbridge and is gathering March 17 in Webster. He said he attended and found it helped him “understand some things I hadn’t really given a lot of thought to over the years.” Among them, he noted

that there’s some overlap with the opioid task force’s effort, and most of its current members are social service agencies. Tom Klebart said this has become “a major concern over at the library.”

The evening’s final issue was a brief look at how to fill committee vacancies, with Moderator Ted Avlas saying he’s concerned about “how they’re handled, addressed and posted.” While most are selectmen’s appointments, some are his, and he noted lists on the town’s website are sometimes out of date and missing seats. “If I’m confused, I think our residents are as well.”

The board briefly discussed whether it would craft a formal policy regarding who’s responsible for keeping a board’s page updated.

BUDGET

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of teachers and programs to sacrificing an opportunity for funding through the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) to assess the future needs of Shepherd Hill Regional High School. The budget pushed forward during the School Committee’s March 8 meeting represents a perfect scenario where Charlton is able to accept a \$2.2 million increase in assessments and Dudley approves a multi-year override to fund both school and town needs. School Committee members were realistic in stating that the proposed budget will likely change significantly in the coming months, but they felt it was proper to propose a level-funded bud-

get to at least begin larger scale discussions.

“One of the things I’ve learned is that you have to have a starting point and I feel that we owe it to our students and our staff to at least start at a level service budget,” said School Committee Chair Cathleen Carmignani. “If we start any less, I think that’s a disservice to our students, our staff, and our public and future residents of our towns.”

The proposed plan calls for a Proposition 2 1/2 override in Dudley which will go before voters in a ballot vote in April that includes \$3.17 million in added assessments for education. The initial plan being put before Charlton calls for a \$2.2 million increase, however the town has made it clear \$2.2 million would be unattainable.

The agenda noted the following committees need people: Two full members each for Bylaw and Disabilities; two alternates each for Zoning and Conservation; one full member each for Finance, Personnel, Water/Sewer, Economic Development and Historical; and a whole complement for the Recreation Committee. They also discussed the fact there’s a vacancy on the Board of Health, where an elected member resigned, but LaFond said he’s not aware of anyone who has either sought to be appointed until the election or taken out papers to run for the seat.

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Superintendent Lamarche presented \$600,000 in possible cuts to get Charlton’s assessment to \$1.9 million, which still doesn’t meet the \$1.3 million limit that the Board of Selectmen set during a meeting in February as their maximum starting point for conversation. Lamarche said Charlton’s numbers are far from finalized.

“I completely understand where the town of Charlton is coming from with their timeline, but that assessment is really contingent on a successful override (in Dudley) that doesn’t occur until April 25. There is some room in there for continued dialogue with the leaders of the Town of Charlton to really try to hammer that out and what that looks like,” said Lamarche.

Throughout the meeting

Lamarche and the School Committee stressed these numbers are all just conversation starters and that this budget presents two different situations that both need to be resolved to finalize the final spending plan. In order for any of the numbers to work, Dudley must approve the override request set for a vote on April 25. If that vote is successful, the district must also come to an agreement on assessment increases with the town of Charlton before both towns bring their budgets to town meetings this spring. There’s still plenty more to work out, but for now both towns and the school committee have a solidified starting point to begin larger conversations about the future of the district.



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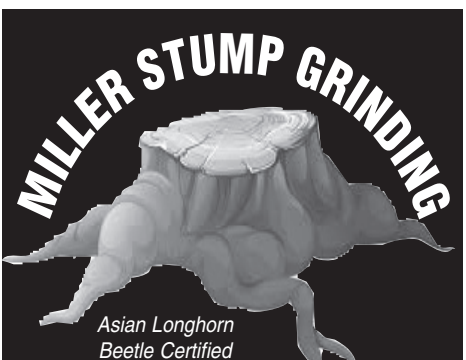
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EDITORIAL

Let's end Daylight Savings Time once and for all

Last year, United States Senators voted unanimously to nix daylight savings. The plan is to make daylight savings time permanent. If the bill passes, it will go into effect in November of 2023 to avoid a scheduling nightmare with the travel industry.

The bill is called the Sunshine Protection Act. Florida Senator Marco Rubio noted that most people despise the changes, and he questioned why the practice of turning our clocks back or forward one hour at the onset of winter and spring is still, as the younger generations say, a "thing." The time change first became known to Americans in 1918.

Rhode Island Democrat Sheldon Whitehouse noted that the change places New England in complete darkness during afternoon hours, affecting youth sports and leads to depression. A sunset of 4:15 p.m. is not conducive to daily life. Some experts relayed that year-round daylight savings will make people happier and more productive.

We are all always happier when it's lighter longer. Most of us. If the bill passes, the rest of the country will join the likes of Arizona, Australia and Hawaii who opt not to spring forward and fall back. Daylight savings time is used in roughly 70 countries across the globe. Here we compiled a list of pro's and con's so you can determine your own thoughts.

The idea of DST is to utilize activity during daylight hours. Some benefits include decreased electricity consumption, a decrease in the number of traffic accidents and crime. DST also increases recreational time, hence boosting the economy.

According to studies the changes cost \$60 billion. Interesting is the fact that the barbecue industry and small convenience stores increase sales by \$135 billion.

As for energy consumption a study in 1997 revealed that no significant effects occurred when DST was observed all year. In all, energy demands were reduced by just 2.6 percent.

Another pro is the decrease in traffic accidents. When more people drive during daylight the risk of accidents decreases due to the simple fact that driving in the dark is typically more dangerous.

Pedestrian accidents would also significantly drop.

A reduction in crime has also landed on the pro list. When folks finish work, and run errands while it's still light out, the exposure to crime becomes less since more crimes take place at night.

The increase in recreational time is a no brainer. The longer it's lighter out, the more time there is to have fun outdoors. As stated above this is also an economy booster. When more people are out and about, they spend more money. The exposure to more vitamin D that the sun provides also proves as a health benefit.

On the flip side of the coin, the change may disrupt sleep schedules. The transition can be rough especially for those who don't get more than five hours per night as it is. However, after the initial adjustments no long-term adverse effects on circadian rhythms were noted.

The longer the day, the more fuel consumption takes place in the atmosphere. The increase in evening traffic emits more pollution in the air.

It's clear the pros outweigh the cons. In our opinion, the natural cadence of the sun should not be altered. If we stick with longer days and leave it at that, we think a much more positive population would ensue.

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Christ the healer



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How many of us are weighed down by some past deed that we did? I know people who live in the shadow of terrible mistakes or some bad choices they made 20 years ago, and they still are paralyzed by these hidden sins, or the guilt and shame that came with them. Others have allowed habitual sins, daily bad habits, or serious addictions to control their lives, and have given up hope at ever changing.

The reality is that all of us, without exception, are broken in one way or another. As St. Paul says, "We have all sinned and fall short of the glory of God." We are all in need of healing, and Jesus Christ is the ultimate healer! This is the Good News that He proclaimed – that the sins and illnesses and evil of the world no longer need to have control over us. Past mistakes, no matter how bad, should no longer paralyze us! Present habits and sins and addictions can be broken through the power of Christ! Even any physical illness need not control our lives.

Jesus stated, "I am the light of the world, he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will walk in the light of life." Christ came to bring people out of the darkness and brokenness of the world and into the light of true life. "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me shall never hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst." Jesus came to fill the emptiness deep within our souls that all of us wrestle with. "I am the way, the truth, and the life." Christ came to reveal truth that brings ultimate restoration to our original beauty. "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die." Our Lord came to bring hope in the midst of despair, to bring life over death.

We catch a glimpse of this complete healing a story in the Gospel story when four friends carry a paralyzed man to Jesus in hopes of a healing. Surely, they

had heard how Christ healed the blind, cleansed the lepers, cured the paralyzed and even raised the dead. Christ was a miracle-worker, and these men believed that He could do the same for their paralyzed friend. So they go to the home where Jesus is staying, and are not discouraged by the huge crowd that won't allow them to pass through the entrance way. Instead, they ingeniously think about how to overcome their obstacle, climbing onto the roof, digging a hole through the roof, and lowering their friend right in front of Jesus.

The crowd waits for a miraculous healing and Jesus doesn't disappoint. He does, however, shock them. Instead of immediately healing the paralytic, he says, "My son, your sins are forgiven." Now, some people may wonder what sins have to do with sickness, or what forgiveness has to do with healing. Yet here is precisely the center of the story, and the epicenter of Christ's ministry on earth.

Jesus came not to simply make people physically well. The crucial problem for humanity isn't some physical ailment, but is sin that leads to death itself. Through our sinful actions and poor choices humanity turns away and distances themselves from God, and this departure from the Source of Life ultimately leads to death. Our sin has covered up the divine image of God within us. Thus, for ultimate and eternal healing, Christ addresses the root problem – our sins. He is the only one who can offer forgiveness of sins, and authentic, lasting healing.

Here is the Good News of Christianity – that God created each of us good, in His image and likeness, and that despite any mistake or poor choice that we have made, or continue to make, and no matter how we have distorted that image of God within, our Lord Jesus still loves us and longs to heal us of all our infirmities. He wants to bring out the beauty with which He originally created us!

Jesus welcomes fallen, sick, and confused human beings, who suffer from all sorts of destructive passions and sins,

and through His Church offers very tangible therapeutic methods to attain holistic health. Through the medicines of the Holy Mysteries, or Sacraments – especially Holy Communion and Holy Confession – we find healing. Through the wisdom and teachings of Scripture and our Faith, we find guidance and direction. Through the therapy of prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and other spiritual disciplines, we restore our soul to its original beauty.

It is a tragic error to assume that Christ came into the world to simply give us some moral teachings He came into the world so that we may be able to participate in His own perfect presence. As Saint Athanasios said, "God became human so that humans may become divine."

"My child, your sins are forgiven." Imagine Jesus speaking these words to you. Imagine Christ placing His healing hands upon each one of us, and confirming that our deep secrets, our hidden vices, our daily addictions, our dark memories, and our present sins and shortcomings no longer have control over us. He frees us from whatever is covering our inner beauty, and He brings forth His divine image within each one of us. This is ultimate healing!

Jesus Christ is the Divine Healer. During this season of Great Lent, the Christian Church draws our attention to honest self-reflection and evaluation, so that we can confront our illnesses, so that we may realize and confess our own sins, passions and weaknesses, and then turn to Christ for healing. As we turn to God, we will find restoration and begin a journey back to our original state, where we become sacred vessels filled with the Holy Spirit. Our Lenten journey and life-long walk with Christ should ultimately lead us into a more full union with God.

Where have we fallen short? What guilt and shame tries to control us? What hidden sins or mistakes consume us? What daily habit or addictive behavior tempt and control us? Today, let's make a decision to name each one, offer them to Jesus Christ, and ask for His healing. He is ready to forgive our sins and make us whole once again!

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Late winter tent caterpillar management



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Eastern tent caterpillars crawling on top of their webby tent.

Start this year's tree pest management with a stroll through the landscape. As you enjoy the scenery, be sure to look for any unwelcome pests that may be overwintering on the twigs of trees.

Look for and remove egg masses of tent caterpillars now through spring. These clusters of eggs look like shiny blobs of mud surrounding the twigs. Each egg mass contains hundreds and in some cases thousands of eggs.

The forest tent caterpillar is the most widely distributed tent caterpillar. It attacks a variety of trees that vary with the region. Check any sugar maples, aspen, cherries, apples, oaks, birch, ash, alder, elm, basswood, or water tupelo trees growing in your landscape.

Trees may suffer damage when large populations of these caterpillars devour the majority of the tree's leaves for several years in a row. This can result in reduced tree growth, top dieback, and tree mortality. There are several natural predators of this insect pest so working with nature is a great way to help reduce damage. Remove the egg masses found on small twigs that are more easily reached on

smaller trees. After the eggs hatch, look for the caterpillars in a silken mat, not a tent like the other tent caterpillars. Remove the young caterpillars from branch tips or squash those resting on the main stem in the evening or on cool days.

You may also see similar egg masses of the Western or Eastern tent caterpillars depending on where you live. Their egg masses look similar to those of the forest tent caterpillar. Remove the egg masses of these tent caterpillars in spring before the eggs hatch.

Once the eggs hatch, the caterpillars begin forming a webby tent in the crotch of the tree. As they feed and grow, the tent expands. They remain in the tent during the hot part of the day and rainy weather.

Knock the tents, caterpillars and all, out of the tree when the majority

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Loss of biodiversity

To the Editor:

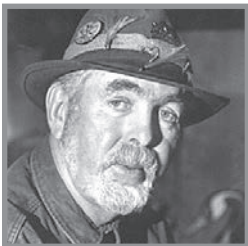
While we need to change the use of land in order to build our homes, businesses and communities, we should also keep in mind that loss of biodiversity is a serious problem, and that if left unchecked, it will lead to the extinction of many species and thus cause damage to our own standard of living. Here in our own area, we have seen many of our lakes and ponds choked by invasive weeds, as we move our boats around without taking proper precautions. Excessive

use of pesticides on our lawns and gardens has greatly reduced the pollinators that we depend on for our own food. And already we are seeing the effects of climate change on the ability of various species of plants, animals and insects to thrive in this area.

Keeping all this in mind, we owe it to future generations to make some changes, so as to leave them a less damaged and more vibrant environment.

Gerry Frank
Dudley

Acid rain continues to impact local fishermen



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I knew if I took my boat out of mothballs, we would get some snow, but I did not expect a Northeaster. By the time you read this column, it will already be melting, so I guess we are over winter. Come on, springtime! Prior to the snow this week, the birds were singing in my backyard, and I even put on my summer shorts and stretched out on a lawn chair in the sun.

Mass. Fish & Wildlife has started to stock trout in numerous lakes and ponds last week, and it brought out a lot of anglers to catch some for the dinner table. Powerbait is the number one choice of bottom fishermen, and it was literally flying off the shelves at local bait shops and big box stores. Shiners are also popular with some anglers, but they are a bit pricey. What the heck happened to the old worm for fishing?

The latest news on chemically infected fish is not new, and is a problem with all water bodies in

Mass. and surrounding states. The major polluters are the western utilities that continue to pollute the atmosphere, and it is carried into the clouds, and travels thousands of miles, and then deposited in our waters as acid rain. It not only pollutes local waterways, but is responsible for polluting our gardens and farmers' crops. At one time 35 years ago, the western utilities had set aside a million dollars or more, and a company called Living lakes was formed. They were responsible for treating ponds, lakes and reservoirs with lime to bring back the Ph balance that was disrupted because of the acid rain.

This writer sent in an application on behalf of Mass. Fish & Wildlife and we received a communication from Living Lakes, that Wallum lake was chosen to be treated with tons of lime to correct the problem. Approximately 10 huge tankers of lime arrived at Wallum Lake with a slurry of lime that was spread by a large boat, using digital machines that spread an even amount of the lime on the entire lake. It brought the lakes PH back to a level that would sustain rainbow trout, as Mass. Fish & Wildlife had stopped stocking rainbow trout that they claimed would die if they were stocked. Still, 35 years later, Wallum Lake receives rainbow trout and they do very well.



Courtesy
This week's picture shows a couple of young anglers with some impressive sea bass they caught last year.

It is hard to believe that the one treatment of lime could last that long!

Bottom feeding fish like hornpout, perch, have the most levels of heavy metals that are dangers for humans to eat, but bass, pickerel and other freshwater fish also have seen an increase in the heavy metals. As a longtime fishing angler in local freshwater ponds I always caught a lot of yellow perch, and brought them home for a good feed. The last 10 to 15 or so years, I stopped eating the fish when I observed black spots on the skin of the fish, and when I removed the skin they had worms crawling out of the flesh. I knew we had a problem, and wrote numerous articles on my findings for many years. Not much was made of it. Saltwater fish like cod and Haddock also are showing signs of worms in their flesh for a number of years now. It sure wants to make you think about becoming a vegetarian. But wait! All of these heavy metals are also being fed into the plants with acid rain. Beef, pork, chicken, and most other meats are

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A READER EXCHANGE OF HELPFUL HINTS AND HANDY TIPS

For Tasty Meatless Meals, Take a Tip from the Past

Generations of home cooks have taken up the challenge each year to prepare delicious and creative meatless dishes during the Lenten season, or all year round. Some of my fondest childhood memories include helping my mom skewer fish kebobs on metal rods and chopping chunks of Velveeta for her famous macaroni and cheese, both meals made popular courtesy of Catholic meat restrictions!

It was while I was (literally) tossing a frozen fish fillet in the oven last Friday night that I vowed to take time out to rediscover the “comfort meals” of past generations. Since I collect old cookbooks, an accumulation time-tested meals were right at my fingertips. (Yes, the internet would have been quicker, but much less authentic and interesting!) A quick look through a few of the books revealed meatless dishes that were both interesting and easier to prepare than I anticipated.

So - in the interest of uninspired cooks everywhere, this week's column will feature a menu of meat alternatives that promise to bring rave reviews from even the most fussy family meal critic!

This mock “chicken” pie is the epitome of comfort food! I cheated and used a premade refrigerator pie crust; if you are really pressed for time, you can also substitute canned potatoes and carrots. .

“ C a l i f o r n i a
Chicken” Pie (as served by Ruth Wakefield at The Toll House, Whitman, MA in the 1930s)
Ingredients: one medium sized onion,



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chopped; one cup peas: two diced carrots; two diced potatoes; one large can tuna fish; 2 T flour; one T butter; one cup milk; 1 tsp. salt; 1/8 tsp. pepper; 1/4 tsp. paprika.

Preparation: Boil the carrots and potatoes. Add peas to chopped onion. Make a white sauce by melting butter, add flour and stir until smooth. Add milk, salt, pepper, and paprika. Cook until thick and smooth. Add one cup tuna, broken into small pieces.

Fill a baking dish with mixture in layers. Cover with an upper crust or buttered crumbs and bake until brown in a 450 degree oven. Serves 6.

Why not start a meatless meal with an elegant appetizer? This original Toll House Onion Soup recipe can be adapted to better serve today's busy cook with the use of canned chicken stock. This is super easy!

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Positively speaking!

Toby Moore

The wisdom of Sun Tzu

Unforeseen events can shake our world to the core, leaving us scrambling. COVID-19 lockdowns caught us off guard and demonstrated that even the most meticulous planning could not prepare us for the unprecedented.

While news of the outbreak surfaced months before it reached the USA, many of us remained ignorant until it disrupted our daily lives. It is a stark reminder that life can take unexpected turns, and we must learn to adapt in the face of uncertainty. Rare but catastrophic events can occur, and taking precautions is essential.

Over time, I've seen pursuing my goals as a battle I am committed to winning.

The ancient book, The Art of War, by Sun Tzu, says: "The general who wins the battle makes many calculations in his temple before the battle is fought. The general who loses makes but few calculations beforehand."

This quote suggests that those who prepare for various potential scenarios will emerge victorious, while those who plan for only one scenario will fail.

It's good to recognize that in order to accomplish our goals, we may need to navigate numerous challenges and obstacles along the way. In other words, success may require us to dodge many bullets.

I run a tech startup and also have friends and acquaintances that work in the tech startup world. One close friend called me in tears because his startup lost all its money last week. Their money was deposited in Silicon Valley Bank (SVB). There are talks of bailouts, but at this time, there are still



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questions about how much of their deposit is protected.

I've been accused of pessimism when discussing preparations for every scenario. Still, I like to say, "Is it negative thinking to see the Hurricane coming, ensure your house is boarded up, and have extra water and food?"

"In peace, prepare for war," said Sun Tzu.

Is there any preparation that could have been made to prevent the loss of their money? That's tough because if you cannot trust the banks, what are you supposed to do, throw \$10,000,000 under your mattress?

To prepare for such a scenario, you'd have to come to the opinion that we are in economically uncertain times.

As my startup gains more investors, putting

all the money in one bank may not be the best idea. As volatile as it is, I am inclined to put some into cryptocurrencies, some into cash, and maybe even into gold and silver; and the rest spread out into multiple banks.

You must build your dreams on a solid foundation, or they can all be blown away when the storms of life arrive.

Sun Tzu said, "Every battle is won or lost before it is ever fought."

Observing my father in business taught me a great deal about preparation. While he was a highly successful businessperson in many respects, I learned the most valuable lessons by watching him navigate his failures and setbacks.

I've thought a lot about one circumstance

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Dudley Water Department HYDRANT FLUSHING

The Dudley Water Department will begin hydrant flushing in March and continue through August 2023

Flushing of hydrants will be conducted during normal business hours in most areas. (Normally between 8am-2pm Monday – Friday)

During flushing operations, you may notice discoloration to the water, please do not be alarmed this is normal and does not pose a health risk.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call The Dudley Water Department at:
508-949-8007 or sewerwater@dudleyma.gov

Friday's Child



Wyatt
Age 7

Hi! My name is Wyatt and I like horses!

Wyatt is a happy and energetic boy who loves to run and play! He also enjoys reading books and listening to music. Wyatt does well in school with extra support. His teachers are calling this year “The Year of Wyatt” due to his academic gains! Wyatt gets along well with other children and adults.

Legally freed for adoption, Wyatt would do well in a family of any constellation. He would like to maintain contact with his birth father and siblings. Wyatt's social worker is looking for a family that will help to support his needs. He would do well in a home that is active and can provide structure and routine.

<https://adopt.mareinc.org/waiting-child-profiles#gallery/child/8053>

Can I Adopt?

If you're at least 18 years old, have a stable source of income, and room in your heart, you may be a perfect match to adopt a waiting child. Adoptive parents can be single, married, or partnered; experienced or not; renters or homeowners; LGBTQ+ singles and couples. As an adoptive parent, you won't have to pay any fees, adoption from foster care is completely free in Massachusetts.

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.



OBITUARIES

Christine Ducharme, 73



D U D L E Y - Christine Marie (Tokarz) Ducharme, 73, passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Friday, March 10, 2023 at her home on Dudley Hill after a brief illness.

She was born in Webster on April 2, 1949, the daughter of Louis Tokarz, Sr. and Mary (Mitchell) Tokarz. She attended Bartlett High School and Brom's Academy of Hairdressing. She was a hairdresser for 42 years.

She leaves her husband of 56 years, Robert R. Ducharme; 2 sons, Scott F. Ducharme, and Shaune M. Ducharme and his wife Tammy, all of Dudley; 2 grandsons, Cy Robert Ducharme and Tristan Michael Ducharme, the lights of her life; a brother, Louis Tokarz, Jr. of Wappinger Falls, NY; many nieces and nephews who loved their "ciocia Tina"; and her former daughter-in-law, Rebecca Czernicki of Webster. She was predeceased by her sister Josephine Duquette of Webster.

After living in their home in Dudley for nearly 40 years, Christine and Bob sold their home and moved to the

Black Tavern 14 years ago to become caretakers of that "Gem on the Hill." She loved everything about living there, from sitting in the rockers on the front porch on beautiful summer evenings while friends would stop by to just visit and chat or showcasing the Black Tavern while meeting with folks who inquired about using it for various rental functions.

Chris loved cooking and baking and always had some special treats for her Black Tavern membership family when they gathered. She especially enjoyed spending time near the ocean at York Beach where she and Bob would return for vacations for the last 50 years.

Her greatest love was her family and being "Mimi" to her beloved grandsons Cy and Tristan while watching them grow up. They were her greatest treasures.

A memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, March 25 at 10:00 AM in Saint Anthony of Padua Church, 24 Dudley Hill Road. There are no calling hours. Donations in her memory may be made to the Black Tavern Historical Society, PO Box 143, Dudley, MA 01571-0143. Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski., Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster.

Dennis F. Reardon

Dennis was born in Dover-Foxcroft, Maine on January 18, 1946, he passed away peacefully on March 10, 2023 at the Rose Monahan Hospice Center. Dennis was the son of the late Paul and Madeline (Cook) Reardon. He leaves his children, Marsha Hafferty & her husband Michael and Heather Reardon.

He leaves his grandchildren: Patrick Hafferty and his wife Santean, Andrew Hafferty and his wife Rebecca, and Jason Nowak. He also leaves his great-grandsons, Liam and Nolan Hafferty. Dennis also leaves his sister Sheryl Polichak of Maine and his brothers, Ronald and his wife Sue of Florida, and Galen and his wife Helen of Tennessee. As well as his nieces and nephews and many friends in both Massachusetts and Pennsylvania.

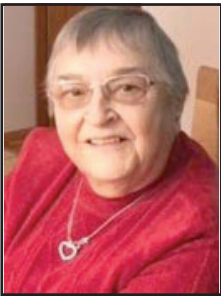
Dennis was a sheet metal mechanic

for many years. He was a Mason at Oxford Masonic Lodge. Dennis' many hobbies included hunting and fishing, he especially loved square dancing and being a caller.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Rose Monahan Hospice Center and at the Sunrise Senior Living in Wayland for their caring and compassion. Calling hours were from 5 to 7 pm at Bartel Funeral Home in Dudley, MA on Sunday March 12. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a charitable donation to Rose Monahan or the Alzheimer's Association.

There will be a private burial at the family plot in Maine. Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel 33 Schofield Avenue Dudley is directing arrangements. Dennis' s online guestbook is at www.bartelfuneralhome.com

Norma Paul, 88



WEBSTER - Norma S. (Snay) Paul, 88, died Thursday, March 9, 2023 in Hartford Hospital after a short illness.

She leaves her husband of 66 years, Wilfred J. "Tony" Paul; a son, James L. Paul of Dudley; a daughter, Lori A. Krikorian and her husband David of Paxton; 3 grandchildren, Katie Paul of Atlanta, GA, Meghan Krikorian of Charleston, SC and Brian Krikorian of Paxton; a sister Jeannette; nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her daughter-in-law, Mary P. (Deary) Paul in 2016 and by her sister Jacqueline Duverger.

She was born at home in Dudley on June 26, 1934, a daughter of Albert A. and Laura M. (Lacroix) Snay and graduated from Oxford High School in 1952. She moved to Webster in 1957.

Norma first worked in the office at Worcester Knitting Company and then was a clerk at the former Jean Cyr's Variety Store and at Holly Farms, both in Webster. She was the

housekeeper at Sacred Heart rectory for 8 years, retiring in 1996.

Mrs. Paul was a communicant of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church and served as the secretary and treasurer of the Ladies of Saint Anne for many years. She was also a weekly adorer at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. She enjoyed bowling in the Thursday Morning Coffee League at the Mohegan Bowlarama and playing in the Ladies' Pitch League at the TSKK. She loved knitting, crocheting and sewing and created many items for infants and friends as well as for cancer patients for many years.

Norma was dedicated to her husband and children and especially to her grandchildren.

Her funeral will be held Friday, March 17, from the Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, with a Mass at 10:00 AM in Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 16 East Main Street. Burial will be held at the convenience of the family. Visitation will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Thursday, March 16, in the funeral home. Donations in her name may be made to Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 18 East Main Street, Webster, MA 01570.

Wendy Patrinos, 59



DUDLEY- Wendy J. (Winer) Patrinos, age 59, passed away peacefully Wednesday, March 8th after a long, hard fought battle with illness. Wendy was born March 18, 1963 in Lynn, MA. She is predeceased by her parents Ronald and Sandra (Green) Winer.

She is survived by her husband of 35 years, George Patrinos, their daughter: Sara Patrinos and her husband Mathew Giguere of Dudley, their two sons: Chris Patrinos and Eric Patrinos of Dudley. Wendy was a proud nana to her grandchildren: Mathew Jr., Jameson, Jaxtyn, Aubreyana, and Exavien.

She was a graduate from Swampscott High School. Wendy attended Essex Community College and then went on

to graduate with a bachelor's degree from Salem State University. She was a Director of Social Services for several years before retiring due to unforeseen circumstances.

Her life was all about being with her beloved husband, children, grandchildren, and her precious Cilla. Becoming a nana was her most cherished accomplishment. She could always be found cheering on her grandchildren at their sporting events or with her children having fun at the nearest casino. She lived life to the fullest by traveling with her loved ones. This past December, she fulfilled her dream of bringing her family to Disney World. She will be remembered as kind, courageous, loving, and as the best wife, mother, and nana her family could ever ask for.

A graveside service will be held privately by the family. A celebration of Wendy's life will be announced on our website www.bartelfuneralhome.com at a later date.

Marie Nowak



Flower Mound, TX - Marie was born in Worcester, Massachusetts the daughter of Dr. George and Irene (Racicot) Arseneault and the younger sister to Joan.

She grew up in Webster; spending her summers at the local lake, Lake Ch argoggagoggmanchauggagoggchaubunagungamaugg. Marie loved that lake and her childhood in and on its waters. She became an avid water skier. Her children would later marvel and ask about how she earned all those skiing trophies on the bookshelf. Later in life, on trips back home with her own family, she always found a neighbor or old friend to take her sons out on the lake to ski for a few hours. She wanted them to share a piece of her childhood and memories from that wonderful place. Marie always pointed out the ski ramp and explained that she never jumped - a promise she made and kept to her dad. The joy she felt from those summer waters was palpable, and she made sure to share those memories of her idyllic home with her children. Now all of them, although never having lived there, revel in those long lake swims, local Massachusetts blueberries, summer corn, and New England clams.

She passed along more than summer memories from her childhood. Marie shared the joy and love of family. She grew up with a lot of love and family around her. More than a dozen aunts and uncles filled her life. Sadly, she lost her mom at age 11. A loss she felt deeply her entire life - even noting recently that she looked forward to seeing her mother and father again, a thought that made her transition from this life to the heavens easier.

Marie met the love of her life in that small town. Her life was the type of story that movie scripts are made from. Dick was the star high school football and baseball player. Of course, there was a plot device to overcome - he was from the other side of the tracks. Not geographically, but religiously (and this is not a joke from their place or time). Marie was raised a devout Roman Catholic at the local French church, The Sacred Heart of Jesus. Dick Nowak was from St. Joseph's, Webster's Polish Catholic Church. They loved each other and loved recounting this story because it told their story eloquently - in a small immigrant mill town, they broke barriers, and their love won. They were teenage sweethearts with big dreams to go into the future and places far beyond where they came from. And they did.

Marie graduated from Bartlett High School and later earned a B.S. degree in home economics from Simmons College in Boston, an alma mater she shared with her sister and great nieces. After graduation, she became a teacher. At the same time, Dick went to the United States Military Academy and became an All-American football player. Marie was his biggest fan on and off the field.

After college, they married at the Most Holy Trinity Chapel at West Point. Marie reveled in the fun they had. Within a year, she welcomed their first son, Jeffrey into the world. Months later Dick received the orders they expected and dreaded - he was being deployed to Vietnam. But even telling this story, Marie was always full of nostalgia. She talked about living each day before he left to the fullest - sharing meals and putting fresh flowers in mason jars in their temporary military housing. She always believed in angels, and getting Dick back home after 15 months on the front lines made that belief ironclad.

If you listened closely to the stories she shared, you'd learn that Marie designed and sewed many of her own dresses and outfits that marked the events she and Dick attended from those years. She was a talented seamstress. Years later, it was not unusual to see an old picture, and she'd tell you how she made the outfit while pulling it out of her closet to show you.

Dick's return let her continue the journey she and they always wanted - a long life and family together. They had three sons, Jeffrey, Matthew, and Eric, whom she poured her life into. She definitely

was not a helicopter parent, but she was always there - from morning wake ups, packing school lunches, nightly dinners, homework help, games, field days, and parties. Every birthday was celebrated with amazing homemade cakes - that would have been great viewing on today's reality cooking shows - edible 3D sculptures, always an amazing surprise at the reveal.

She celebrated achievements and everyday moments with interesting food and often a glass of wine. A TV or magazine recipe never intimidated her. She even dared to learn to make from scratch Polish mainstays like pierogis, kluski, and golompki. She had fun cooking and eating good food, especially with family and friends nearby.

Frugality and Marie were dear friends. She attributed this skill to starting her married life on a second lieutenant's salary. A favorite life lesson she often retold was rooted in a night of cards where Dick and Marie gambled away all their coins - their laundry money literally gone for the week. Even as their fortunes changed, Marie's eye for saving money never did. Every dollar and coin counted, and every coupon clipped. She took this philosophy into her real estate career that she began in her forties when she quickly became a very successful local realtor.

In almost every retelling about her life's adventures, money was never the key element, except that there may have been a lack of it along the way. But with or without the money, Marie made the moments happen.

Marie modeled when you take on a responsibility like having kids, you go all in.

There were no days off for her, even when struck by rheumatoid arthritis in a time with no effective treatments. She lived over 50 years with that terrible disease.

Her grit and determination would not yield to it. It would not conquer her spirit - she walked for years on feet that structurally should not have supported her; and sewed and cooked and played bridge with hands that weren't hands. If she felt sorry for herself, she never expressed it. Even last week, when we told her we were sorry for all the physical pain she endured - she quickly quashed that sentiment reminding us that so many people had it much worse than she did.

She was always grateful, but especially so in her later years, of all the opportunities and experiences she got beyond her small hometown. Every home along the way - from North Carolina, Colorado twice, the Presidio in San Francisco, West Point New York, San Antonio, Arizona, and finally North Texas - was special because she made it hers and her family's. Marie was grateful for her time and good fortune. Her adulation for Dick never wavered. She loved her sons deeply. Her daughters-in-law Angie, Robin, and Robyn were a source of great pride and friendship. Family get-togethers, especially Christmases were savored. She cherished her grandchildren, and seeing Michael, Jonathan, Alex, Austin, Gabe, Remi, Laine, and Allison at her house together made her so happy.

Marie was the glue and mortar for her family in both good and tough times - always worrying about everyone else. She told us near the end that she would take all her good memories with her. We are blessed that Marie shared her life with us, and we will take and keep all the good memories with us too.

Our family wants to express our heartfelt thanks to all of Marie's health-care providers over the past few years, especially the wonderful people at Hollymead Continuing Care Center and Faith Presbyterian Hospice.

A Mass celebrating her life will be held at 10:00 AM in St. Joseph's Basilica, 53 Whitcomb Street, Webster, Massachusetts on Thursday, April 13, 2023. The family will receive relatives and friends starting at 9:30 AM in the church. Burial will be in Saint Joseph Garden of Peace, Webster. A reception will follow in the Richard A. Nowak Gymnasium, 47 Whitcomb Street, Webster.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a donation to the Scholarship Fund at St. Joseph's School in Webster: <http://scholarshipfund.sjs-webster.com/>, or a charity of your choice.

Patricia DeBassio, 75

Patricia T. (O'Connor) DeBassio "Tish" 75 died peacefully at Webster Manor on March 10, 2023.

Patricia is predeceased by her husband John DeBassio of 52 years. Patricia's family was her life. She leaves her three children, Jonathan DeBassio and his wife Lisa of Smithfield, RI, her daughter Lori Patterson and her husband Raymond of Webster and her daughter Amy Hazzard also of Webster.

She was "Nana" to her loving grandchildren Evan and Ethan DeBassio, Bryce and Jocelyn Patterson and Joseph Hazzard. Patricia also leaves behind her sister Donna Seibert of Scituate, MA.

Born February 23, 1948 in Boston, MA the daughter of the late Edward and Ethel O'Connor and sister to the late Rosemary Blatz. She graduated from Hyde Park High and moved to Webster 41

years ago. Patricia worked at the Sacred Heart rectory and was a Eucharistic minister there as well as a member of the Ladies of Saint Anne.

Patricia and her husband John raised their beloved beagles Heidi, Ginger and Annie whom they adored very much.

Her funeral was celebrated Tuesday March 14 from the Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel 33 Schofield Avenue at 9 AM followed by A Mass of Christian Burial at 10 AM in Sacred Heart of Jesus Church 18 East Main St. Burial was followed in Sacred Heart Cemetery both in Webster. Calling hours at the funeral home were Monday March 13 from 6-8 PM

Memorial donations can be made to Sacred Heart Church c/o the rectory at 16 East Main St. Webster Ma. 01571. Online condolences at www.bartelfuneralhome.com

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE’S SALE
OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 372 Oxford Street N, Auburn, Massachusetts
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Elizabeth M. Lucey to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., said mortgage dated April 17, 2013, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 50888 at Page 169 and now held by U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for Legacy Mortgage Asset Trust 2017-RPL2 by virtue of an assignment from Legacy Mortgage Asset Trust 2017-RPL2 to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for Legacy Mortgage Asset Trust 2017-RPL2 dated November 16, 2021 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 67900 at Page 25, previously assigned by MTGLQ Investors, L.P. to Legacy Mortgage Asset Trust 2017-RPL2 by virtue of an assignment dated September 19, 2018 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 59581 at Page 379, previously assigned by Federal National Mortgage Association to MTGLQ Investors, L.P. by virtue of an assignment dated December 15, 2017 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 58196 at Page 31, previously assigned by JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. to Federal National Mortgage Association by virtue of an assignment dated December 18, 2014 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 53576 at Page 1 for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at **Public Auction on April 26, 2023 at 1:00 PM Local Time** upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:
THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER, STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND IN TOWNSHIP OF AUBURN, WORCESTER COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 39927, PAGE 167, ID#040-091, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS: RECORDED LAND, BEING ALL OF TRACT 1 AND A PORTION OF TRACT 2 WITH A METES AND BOUNDS DESCRIPTION BEING MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN BOOK 2795-130. MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 372 OXFORD ST N AUBURN MA 01501 BY FEE SIMPLE DEED FROM CHRISTOPHER R. HAROIAN AND JENNIFER G. HAROIAN AS SET FORTH IN BOOK 39927 PAGE 167 DATED 09/19/2006 AND RECORDED 10/06/2006, WORCESTER COUNTY RECORDS, COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.
The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.
For Mortgagors’ Title see deed dated September 19, 2006, and recorded in Book 39927 at Page 167 with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds.
TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.
FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer’s or cashier’s check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer’s or cashier’s check within sixty (60) days after the date of sale.
Other terms to be announced at the sale.
BENDETT & MCHUGH, PC
270 Farmington Avenue
Farmington, CT 06032
Attorney for U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for Legacy Mortgage Asset Trust 2017-RPL2 Present Holder of the Mortgage (860) 677-2868
March 17, 2023
March 24, 2023
March 31, 2023

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE’S SALE
OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 167 Dudley Road, Oxford, Massachusetts
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Edward R Gendron to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (“MERS”), as mortgagee, as nominee for Mortgage Research Center, LLC dba Veterans United Home Loans, its successors and assigns and now held by Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, said mortgage dated December 22, 2017, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 58236, Page 33, as affected by an Assignment of Mortgage dated September 28, 2018, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 59543, Page 48, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on March 31, 2023 at 03:00 PM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: The land in the Town of Oxford, County of Worcester, State of Massachusetts, on the easterly side of Dudley Road, bounded and described as follows: See Plan Book 444, Plan 25 PARCEL I BEGINNING at a point at the most westerly corner of the premises described herein at the end of a stone wall on the easterly line of said Dudley Road, said point being the southwest-erly corner of Lot #114 as shown on a plan of land in Oxford owned by Nelson and Jeannette Cournoyer, dated June 22, 1970, Walter Brown surveyor, and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 337, Plan 8;
THENCE along a stone wall by land now or formerly of Lacki, S. 88 deg. 29’ E., a distance of thirty nine and twenty hundredths (39.20) feet;
THENCE N. 89 deg. 20’ E., a distance of ninety (90) feet;
THENCE N. 81 deg. E., a distance of twenty six and five tenths (26.5) feet;
THENCE S. 88 deg. 38’ E., a distance of three hundred seventy four (374) feet to a corner of stone walls and all being along said land of Lacki;
THENCE in a southerly direction along a stone wall and continuing by said land of Lacki, a distance of three hundred fifty and sixty two hundredth (350.62) feet to a corner of stone walls;
THENCE in an easterly direction along a stone wall along said land of Lacki, a distance of seven hundred fifty nine (759) feet to a corner of stone walls;
THENCE Northerly along a stone wall by land of Lacki, a distance of ninety nine (99) feet more or less to the west-erly line of Larned Road;
THENCE N. 0 deg. 15’ E., along the westerly line of said Larned Road, a distance often (10) feet to a point in a stone wall on the westerly line of said Larned Road;
THENCE S. 85 deg. 15’ W., three hundred and thirty hundredths (300.30) feet along Lot #16 as shown on a plan of land entitled Subdivision of Land on Larned Road for Nelson Cournoyer, Paul Pytko, C.E. as revised July 15, 1967 and recorded in Plan Book 310, Plan 113 to a point; THENCE N. 4 deg. 5’E., a distance of eight hundred forty six (846) feet to a point; THENCE S. 85 deg. 15’W., a distance of fifty (50) feet; THENCE N. 4 deg. 5’ E., three hundred three (303) feet all being along said land now or formerly of Alberts to a point at land now or formerly ofLe-Francois;
THENCE S. 85 deg. 15’ W., one hundred fifty (150) feet;
THENCE N. 4 deg. 45’W., four hundred (400) feet along said land of Le Francois to a point, being the south-east corner of Lot No. 102 as shown on the aforementioned plan in Plan Book 310, Plan 113.
THENCE S. 31 deg. 10’ W., one hundred twenty nine (129) feet to an iron pipe; THENCE S. 27 deg. 05’ W., one hundred thirty five (135) feet to an iron pipe;
THENCE S. 22 deg. 30’ W., seven hundred fifty six and forty hundredths (756.40) feet to an iron pipe;
THENCE S. 23 deg. 30’ W., one hundred forty and seventy hundredths (140.70) feet to an iron pipe;
THENCE S. 25 deg. 43’ W., one hundred twenty seven and ninety hundredths (127.90) feet to an iron pipe;
THENCE S. 30 deg. 28’ W., one hundred twenty five (125) feet to an iron pipe and Lots 103-113, inclusive and all being shown on the aforementioned plan recorded in Plan Book 337, Plan 8;
THENCE N. 63 deg. 35’ W., three hun-

dred (300) feet along said Lot 113 to an iron pipe on the easterly line of said Dudley Road;
THENCE Southerly along the easterly line of said Dudley Road in a curve to the right with a radius of one thousand nine hundred seventy (1,970) feet a distance of two hundred eighty three (283) feet to the point of beginning;
As affected by an Affidavit for true and accurate measures of various bounds recorded September 13, 1982 in Book 7553, Page 269.
EXCEPTING therefrom the land located easterly of Lot 100 as shown on a plan recorded in said Deeds in Plan Book 337, Plan 8, in which the excluded piece does not abut the herein conveyed premises.
EXCEPTING therefrom those parcels of land conveyed to the following deeds:
1. Robert L. Choiniere and Barbara O. Choiniere to Richard D. Zack et al dated September 13, 1982 and recorded in Book 7553, Page 270;
2. Robert L. Choiniere and Barbara O. Choiniere to Robert J. Fiels et ux dated November 30, 1984 and recorded in Book 8508, Page 245;
3. Robert L. Choiniere and Barbara O. Choiniere to Mark A. Heroux et ux dated April 11, 1985 and recorded in Book 8650, Page 61.
PARCEL II
Also conveying another tract of land in said Oxford on the easterly side of Dudley Road adjoining Parcel I and bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at an iron pipe at the northwest corner of the tract herein described on the easterly side of the 1958 Worcester County Highway layout of Dudley Road;
THENCE S. 88 deg. 29’ E., mostly along a stone wall by said Parcel I herein, 39.20 feet to an iron pipe;
THENCE N. 89 deg. 20’ E., along a stone wall by said Parcel I, 90 feet to an iron pipe; THENCE N. 81 deg. 00’ E., along said stone wall by Parcel I, 26.50 feet to an iron pipe;
THENCE N. 89 deg. 29’ 56” E., along said stone wall by Parcel I, 342.11 feet to a drill hole in intersection with another stone wall;
THENCE S. 11 deg. 24’ 34” W., along said stone wall by Parcel I, 351.53 feet to an iron pipe at the intersection with another stone wall;
THENCE N. 54 deg. 53’ 28” W., by said stone wall by land now or formerly of Richard D. Zack, 545.86 feet to an iron pipe on the east-erly side of Dudley Road;
THENCE running northerly along the easterly side of said Dudley Road on a curve to the left, having a radius of 2,030 feet and a length of 30 feet to the point of beginning.
CONTAINING an area of 2.153 acres shown as Parcel A on a plan recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 499, Plan 85.
EXCEPTING therefrom that portion of land conveyed by Robert L. Choiniere and Barbara O. Choiniere to Mark A. Heroux et ux dated April 11, 1985 and recorded in Book 8650, Page 61.
For title see deed recorded in said Registry of Deeds in Book 32294, Page 20. The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.
For Mortgagor’s Title see deed dated December 11, 2017, and recorded in Book 58236, Page 26 with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds.
SUBJECT to the Classified Forest-Agricultural or Horticultural-Recreational Land Tax Lien recorded by the Town of Oxford Assessors Office, dated February 18, 2014 and recorded February 20, 2014, in the Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Book 52050, Page 41.
TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.
TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer’s or cashier’s check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer’s or cashier’s check within forty-five (45) days after the date of sale.
Other terms to be announced at the sale.
Marinosci Law Group, P.C.
275 West Natick Road, Suite 500
Warwick, RI 02886
Attorney for Lakeview Loan Servicing,

LLC Present Holder of the Mortgage
Telephone: (401) 234-9200 MLG File No.: 19-01734
March 3, 2023
March 10, 2023
March 17, 2023

**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: 25 March 2023 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 2009 Make: Nissan Model: Rogue Registration#/State: IMEC67
VIN: JN8AS58V29W434396
Name and address of vehicle owner Selina Yassanteiwaa 27 Fiske St Worcester MA 01602
By Frank A Czechowski
20 Feb 2023
This notice has been given under the provisions of G.L.c. 255, Section 39A.
March 10, 2023
March 17, 2023
March 24, 2023

**TOWN OF WEBSTER
WATER SEWER COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING**
NOTICE-The Webster Water Sewer Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, April 06, 2023 at 6:30PM at the Town Hall in the Selectman’s Meeting Room, 350 Main Street, Webster, MA, to establish FY 2024 Water and Sewer Rates. The hearing will include a presentation on Water and Sewer Rates and provide a presentation on treatment design for Per-and Polyfluoroalkyl Substance “PFAS6” including estimated constructions costs. All interested parties are invited to attend.
March 17, 2023

**DUDLEY CONSERVATION
COMMISSION
Public Hearing Notice**
A Public Hearing will be held at the Dudley Municipal Complex, 71 West Main Street in Dudley, MA at **6:00 PM on March 15 2023** to consider an Notice of Intent for Eric Johnson for the property located at 132 Pierpont Rd.
This is a Public Hearing under the requirements of G.L. CH. 131 §40, as amended. Plans are available at the Dudley Conservation office on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9:00-4:00 PM.
For more information, call 508-949-8011.
March 17, 2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
COMPLAINT FOR CUSTODE-SUPPORT-PARENTING TIME
PURSUANT TO G. L.C. 209C
DOCKET NO. ES20W086WD
TIANA M. LEBRON, Plaintiff
JUAN M. ROJAS, Defendant**
Plaintiff, who resides at 14 Granite St, Apt. 210, Haverhill MA 01832 the mother of a child born out of wed-lock.
The child who is the subject of this complaint is **Jaxiel E. Rojas**, Age 8, Date of birth 11/06/2013
14 Granite St, Apt. 210, Haverhill MA 01832
defendant, who lives at 5 Second Island Rd. Webster MA 01570 is the Father of the above-named child who was born out of wedlock.
The plaintiff and defendant are not married.
The mother of the child was not married at the time of the child’s birth and was not married within three hundred days of the birth of the child.
The defendant signed a voluntary acknowledgement of paterinity on 11/06/2013, a copy of which is attached.
Wherefore, plaintiff requests that the Court: Grant the plaintiff custody of the child.
Grant the plaintiff be able to travel out of state and to get a passport.
Date: 07/15/2022
Tiana M Lebron
14 Granite St. 210
Haverhill MA 01832
Primary Phone # (978) 655-0813
Date: March 17, 2023

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 37 Tower Street, Webster, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by David V. Shea, Sr. and Isabella H. Shea to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Nationstar Mortgage, LLC, said mortgage dated March 16, 2017, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 56874 at Page 369 and now held by US Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for VRMTG Asset Trust by virtue of an assignment from Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc. to US Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for VRMTG Asset Trust dated March 16, 2022 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 67401 at Page 205, previously assigned by Nationstar Mortgage LLC D/B/A Mr. Cooper to Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc., by virtue of an assignment dated November 5, 2019 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 61389 at Page 90, previously assigned by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Nationstar Mortgage, LLC, its successors and assigns to Nationstar Mortgage LLC D/B/A Mr. Cooper by virtue of an assignment dated May 8, 2019 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 60433 at Page 42, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at **Public Auction on April 10, 2023 at 12:30 PM Local Time** upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

THE LAND IN WEBSTER AS FOLLOWS:

A PARCEL OF LAND WITH THE BUILDINGS THEREON SITUATED IN WEBSTER, COUNTY OF WORCESTER, AND BEING LOTS NUMBERED 69, 70, AND 71 ON “PLAN OF BEACON HEIGHTS, WEBSTER, MASS. OWNED BY WILLARD WELSH REALTY COMPANY, OCTOBER 1912. J.A. WHITTAKER, ENG.” ON PB 60-69 AND SAID LOTS ARE TOGETHER BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

WESTERLY BY EVERETT AVENUE 75 FEET;

SOUTHERLY BY TOWER STREET 95 FEET;

EASTERLY BY LOTS 105, 106 AND 107 ON SAID PLAN, 75 FEET;

NORTHERLY BY LOT 68 ON SAID PLAN 95 FEET;

CONTAINING ACCORDING TO SAID PLAN AND SURVEY, 7125 SQUARE FEET OF LAND, BE ALL OF SAID MEASUREMENTS AND CONTENTS MORE OR LESS, OR HOWEVER OTHERWISE BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED.

ALSO, THE LAND IN SAID WEBSTER, AND BEING A CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN SAID WEBSTER, AND BEING LOTS NUMBERED 66, 67, AND 68 ON A “PLAN OF BEACON HEIGHTS”, WEBSTER, MASS. OWNED BY WILLARD WELSH REALTY COMPANY, OCTOBER 1912, J.A. WHITTAKER ENGINEER AND SAID LOTS ARE TOGETHER BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS TO WIT:

WESTERLY BY EVERETT AVENUE, 92.7 FEET;

SOUTHERLY BY LOT 69 ON SAID PLAN 95 FEET;

EASTERLY BY LOTS 108, 109, 110 AND 111 AN SAID PLAN 100.4 FEET;

NORTHERLY BY LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF THE TOWN OF WEBSTER 95.2 FEET.

CONTAINING ACCORDING TO SAID PLAN AND SURVEY, 9176 SQUARE FEET OF LAND BE ALL SAID MEASUREMENTS AND CONTENTS, MORE OR LESS, OR HOWEVER OTHERWISE BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED.

BEING THAT SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO DAVID V. SHEA, SR. AND ISABELLA H. SHEA, HUSBAND AND WIFE, TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY BY DEED FROM SUSAN M. COOPER DATED OCTOBER 20, 1988 AND RECORDED DECEMBER 01, 1988 IN BOOK 11784, PAGE 317 IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS IN AND FOR WORCESTER COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS. Commonly Known As: 37 TOWER Street, Webster, MA 01570 Parcel ID: 28-D-30-0

The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagors’ Title see deed dated October 20, 1988, and recorded in Book 11784 at Page 317 with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer’s or cashier’s check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer’s or cashier’s check within sixty (60) days after the date of sale. Other terms to be announced at the sale.

BENDETT & MCHUGH, PC
270 Farmington Avenue
Farmington, CT 06032
Attorney for US Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for VRMTG Asset Trust
Present Holder of the Mortgage (860) 677-2868
Date: March 10, 2023
Date: March 17, 2023
Date: March 24, 2023

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 126A Charlton Street, Oxford, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Priscilla S. Webber and Edward A. Webber to BNY Mortgage Company LLC, said mortgage dated May 9, 2006, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 38957 at Page 335 and now held by Mortgage Assets Management, LLC by virtue of an assignment from Nationstar Mortgage LLC D/B/A Champion Mortgage Company to Mortgage Assets Management, LLC dated February 22, 2022 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 67850 at Page 21, previously assigned by Bank of America, N.A. to Nationstar Mortgage LLC by virtue of an assignment dated November 21, 2012 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 50036 at Page 223, previously assigned by Seattle Mortgage to Bank of America, N.A. by virtue of an assignment dated March 7, 2012 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 48674 at Page 20, previously assigned by Seattle Mortgage Company to Bank of America, N.A. by virtue of an assignment dated June 27, 2007 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 41460 at Page 122, previously assigned by The BNY Mortgage Company LLC to Seattle Mortgage Company by virtue of an assignment dated May 8, 2006 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 38957 at Page 346, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at **Public Auction on April 19, 2023 at 10:00 AM Local Time** upon the premises directly in front of the building containing said unit, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

Unit No. 106A of Toria Heights Condominium, a condominium established pursuant to Gen. Laws c. 183A by Master Deed dated August 27, 1985, recorded with Worcester Deeds on August 27, 1985 in Book 8898, Page 122, as amended of record, which unit is shown on the floor plans filed with said Master Deed and on a copy of a portion of said plans which was attached to the first unit deed for Unit 106A recorded with said Deeds in Book 9175, Page 315, to which plan is affixed a verified statement in the form required by said c. 183A, sec. 9.

Said Unit is conveyed together with an undivided 2.10 percentage interest in the common areas and facilities of the condominium as described in said Master Deed, and is conveyed together with the exclusive right and easement to use parking space numbered 1-A.

Said Unit is further conveyed together with and subject to terms and provisions of said c. 183A, terms and provisions of said Master Deed including the encumbrances listed in Exhibit A of the Master Deed, and terms and provisions of the Declaration of Trust of Toria Heights Condominium recorded with said Master Deed, as amended from time to time, and any rules and regulations now or hereafter adopted by the Trustees thereunder.

The Unit may be used only for single family residential purposes, subject to the restrictions set forth in Article VII of the Master Deed. No Unit shall be liable for any breach of the provisions of said Article VVV except those that occur during his or her ownership of the Unit.

**The Post Office address if the Unit is Toria Heights Condominium Unit 106A
Charlton Street
Oxford, MA 01540
Being all and the same premises conveyed to mortgagor(s) by deed dated 06/21/2005 and recorded with Worcester South Registry of Deeds in Book 36617, Page 103.**

The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagors’ Title see deed dated June 21, 2005, and recorded in Book 36617 at Page 103 with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds.

Said Unit will be conveyed together with an undivided percentage interest in the Common Elements of said Condominium appurtenant to said Unit and together with all rights, easements, covenants and agreements as contained and referred to in the Declaration of Condominium, as amended.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer’s or cashier’s check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer’s or cashier’s check within sixty (60) days after the date of sale. Other terms to be announced at the sale.

270 Farmington Avenue
Farmington, CT 06032
Attorney for Mortgage Assets Management, LLC
Present Holder of the Mortgage (860) 677-2868
March 17, 2023
March 24, 2023
March 31, 2023

**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. WO23P0675EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Marlene J. Plaza
Date of Death: 08/17/2022**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Kristin Plaza of Spencer 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: **Kristin Plaza of Spencer 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 04/11/2023.**

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

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, 2023
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
March 17, 2023

**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. WO23P0675EA**

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Theresa E. Adams
Also known as:
Marie Theresa Ernestine Faust
Date of Death: 08/22/2022**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Howard Sears of Holly Ridge, NC** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: **Howard Sears of Holly Ridge, NC** 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 04/04/2023.**

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

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 02, 2023
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
March 17, 2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE
Docket No. 23P0471EA**

Estate of:
Richard A Johnson
Also Known As:
R. Arlen Johnson
Date of Death: **September 8, 2020**
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Steven L. Johnson of Northbridge MA**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Steven L. Johnson of Northbridge MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

March 17, 2023



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Onion Soup - Toll House Style
Ingredients: One pound onions, sliced and cooked in butter; 1 ½ rich chicken stock; one T flour
Preparation: Cook onions until brown, sprinkle with flour and stir. Add to chicken stock slowly, stirring until smooth. Let stand for several hours or the night before for best flavor. Serve soup with a slice of French bread sprinkled with Parmesan or Romano cheese and toast in the oven the last moment. Serve grated cheese for the soup.

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I haven't tried this interesting vegetarian loaf, but it sounds delicious.

POSITIVE

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where he partnered with a close friend of his from Canada in a new business venture. While things started off promising, it wasn't long before the partner's true colors were revealed. He embezzled nearly a million dollars, leaving my dad reeling and realizing he had been caught off guard.
It's a cautionary tale that underscores the importance of always having safeguards and precautions, even with close friends and business partners.
A crisis could come at a moment's notice. We never know what life will bring.
"Plan for what is difficult while it is

This is from "The American Women's Cookbook," Culinary Arts Institute, 1947. Readers who try it are encouraged to send in feedback!

Baked Bean Roast
Ingredients: 4 cups mashed baked beans; 2 eggs, slightly beaten; 2 cups bread crumbs; one cup tomatoes; 2T minced peppers; 2T minced onion; 4 T olive oil; ½ tsp. paprika, salt and pepper.
Preparation: Cook pepper and onions in olive oil. Add other ingredients in the order given. Bake (350 degrees) in greased baking dish for 30 minutes. Serve with brown sauce or tomato sauce.
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Couldn't resist adding in my all-time favorite soup recipe! Simple, delicious, and once you make it,

easy." Sun Tzu
A fine line separates preparation and paranoia - it's essential to be ready for anything, but not at the cost of our mental well-being. Making preparations shouldn't lead us to believe that the worst-case scenario is inevitable.
Having a positive mindset in the face of potential trouble is everything. Hardship will come, but you must know in your heart and mind that you have what it takes to overcome it.
Preparing for the worst-case scenario is not a sign of pessimism -it's a necessary aspect of achieving success in the face of unexpected challenges.
Stay informed, prepared, and optimistic; embrace the unknown, and make the most of every opportunity!

you'll never want to buy canned tomato soup again! Pair with a grilled cheese for an old fashioned soup and sandwich supper.

Tomato Soup
Ingredients: One stick butter; one medium onion; two (28 oz) cans of tomatoes (whole, diced or crushed, it doesn't matter); jar of salsa (optional); one cup of water; spices of choice (I use salt, pepper, and a dash or two of turmeric and cayenne).
Preparation: In a saucepan, place butter and onion (cut into quarters) and cook until butter melts. Add tomatoes (and salsa, if desired), and simmer for 40 minutes. Blend with an immersion blender. Add spices to taste.
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Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renown restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!
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.

OUTDOORS
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all subjected to heavy metals. As one report I read on the Internet last week quoted: "Eating one fish a month is equal to a month of forever chemicals." You better believe it! Freshly stocked trout should be the safest fish to eat for your family!

What do you expect as factories and mills have dumped their waste into our rivers and streams for years, and many still do. Worcester treatment plant releases raw sewage into Lake Quinsigamond every year, polluting the lake and everything downstream and it ends up into the bay. It seems that it is ok to dump everything into the ocean, but it is now coming back to haunt us. Planet earth cannot take much more before we all suffer the consequences. We sure cannot leave much of a life for our children and future generations. I ate Swordfish twice this week. I can feel my mercury level climbing! The ocean has been a dumping ground for years, which continues to this day, and when the ocean is overcome with pollution it will be the end of all mankind.
No final limits and sizes of sea bass and Fluke were determined as of last week in both Mass. & Rhode Island, but sea bass limits are on the chopping block in both states. Stripers and bluefish should remain the same as last year in both states. It Just makes you sick!
Take a Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

LEGALS

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 Kathleen M. Lange to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Bank of America, N.A., dated July 21, 2011 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 47639, Page 335, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Bank of America, N.A., its successors and assigns to PHH Mortgage Corporation, recorded on January 20, 2017, in Book No. 56635, at Page 333
PHH Mortgage Corporation to NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, recorded on November 9, 2020, in Book No. 63698, at Page 172
NewRez LLC FKA New Penn Financial, LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust, recorded on April 14, 2022, in Book No. 67437, at Page 326
for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 PM on March 31, 2023, on the mortgaged premises located at 14 Sawmill Road, Dudley, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,
TO WIT:
A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon of every nature and appurtenances thereto belonging situated in the Town of Dudley, Worcester County, Massachusetts on the southerly side of Sawmill Road and being the sixth lot easterly of Mason Road as shown on "Revised Plan of Lots on Sawmill Road, Dudley, Massachusetts" owned by Konkell Bros., Inc. dated October 26, 1962, and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Plan Book 269, Plan 57, bounded and described as follows:
BEGINNING: at a stake three hundred (300) feet easterly of a bend in said Sawmill Road;
THENCE: easterly by the southerly side line of Sawmill Road, one hundred (100) feet to a stake;
THENCE: southerly at right angles to said Sawmill Road, one hundred twenty (120) feet to a stake;
THENCE: westerly with an included angel of 90 a distance of one hundred (100) feet to a stake;
THENCE: northerly a distance of one hundred twenty (120) feet to the point of beginning.
For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 20983, Page 274.
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.
U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California St.
Newton, MA 02458
(617)558-0500
21566
March 10, 2023
March 17, 2023
March 24, 2023

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 Gordon R. Terry, Kelly J. Patterson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for NationPoint a division of Nat. City Bank of IN, dated April 3, 2006 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 39116, Page 182, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for the Holders of the First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-FF10 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-FF10, recorded on March 5, 2010, in Book No. 45533, at Page 120 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 AM on April 14, 2023, on the mortgaged premises located at 40 Lakeview Avenue, Dudley, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,
TO WIT:
BEGINNING at a point on the easterly side line of Lakeview Avenue at the northwesterly corner of the lot to be described; said point being S. 06° 26' 04" W. and 434.11 feet from an angle point in said line; THENCE S. 83° 33' 45" E. along land, now or formerly, of Conrad Allen for a distance of 115 feet, more or less, to a point on the high water line of Merino Pond; THENCE in a southerly direction along the high water line of

Marino Pond for a distance of 102 feet, more or less, to a point; THENCE N. 83° 33' 56" along land, now or formerly, of Samuel Perichino for a distance of 125 feet, more or less, to a point on the easterly side of Lakeview Avenue; THENCE N. 06° 26' 04" E. along the easterly side of Lakeview Avenue for a distance of 100.00 feet to the point of beginning.
For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 39116, Page 180.
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.
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-FF10 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-FF10
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
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(617)558-0500
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March 17, 2023
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT
Docket No. W018P1758EA
Estate of:
Imad Hussein Farhat
Date of Death: 10/15/2017
A Petition for Order of **Complete Settlement** has been filed by **Samaher Farhat of Webster MA**

requesting that the court enter a formal **Decree of Complete Settlement** including the allowance of a final account, Fourth and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.
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 05/16/2023**.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
WITNESS, **Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court.**
Date: March 07, 2023
Stephanie Fattman, Register of Probate
March 17, 2023

NOTICE OF OXFORD BOARD OF HEALTH REGULATION
On February 8, 2023 the Board adopted the following regulation.
Town of Oxford Board of Health Biological Safety Regulations
In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 111, section 31 and any other enabling law, the Oxford Board of Health adopts the following regulation. The purpose of this regulation is to safeguard the health and welfare of the residents and visitors of the Town of Oxford. The following is a partial summary of this regulation.
"All research or manufacturing involving Regulated Biological Agents, which is any microorganism (including, but not limited to, bacteria, viruses, fungi, rickettsia or protozoa) or infectious substance, or any naturally occurring, bioengineered or synthesized component of any such microorganism or infectious substance, in the Town shall be undertaken only in strict conformity with the most recent edition or version of the "NIH Guidelines", CDC's "Bio-safety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories (BMBL)," and all other health regulations as the Board of Health.
These regulations shall apply to any individual person or a group of persons, and/or a corporation, firm, partnership, association, executor, administrator, guardian, trustee, agent, organization and any other group acting as a unit (hereinafter collectively "Institutions") involved in or in any way undertaking any and all research or manufacturing involving Regulated Biological Agents in the Town."
Interested parties are encouraged to read a full copy of the regulation, which can be obtained at the Oxford Board of Health Office or on our website.
Effective Date
These regulations are formally adopted by the Board on February 8, 2023. These regulations shall be effective as of April 12, 2023.
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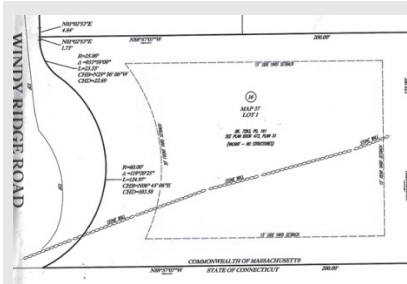
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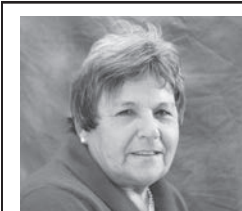
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Cornerstone Bank promotes five employees to senior leadership positions

WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with 10 locations throughout Central Massachusetts, has announced the promotion of five of its employees to senior leadership positions:

Auburn resident Douglas Schmeling is now senior vice president, chief credit officer.

Thomas Moschos, a resident of Southborough, is now senior vice president, commercial lender.

Jessica Johnson, a Westminster resident, is now vice president, senior market manager.

Fitchburg resident, Erin McGinnis, is now vice president, customer information center manager.

Marcella Mosio, a resident of Charlton, is now vice president, assistant controller.

“We pride ourselves on being a great place to work, and part of that is creating career pathways that allow employees to grow and develop with us,” said CEO Todd Tallman. “We are so grateful to Doug, Tom, Jess, Erin and Marcie for their contributions to date, and look forward to all they will achieve in their new roles.”

Schmeling has worked for Cornerstone for 14 years, starting at Spencer Savings Bank. He earned his bachelor’s degree at North Adams State College (now the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts) and his MBA at Nichols College in Dudley.

Moschos joined Spencer Savings Bank in 2015 before the merger that created Cornerstone Bank. He has been a lender in Worcester County for more than a decade, with most of his recent focus on commercial real estate throughout New England. Prior to joining Cornerstone, he was credit trained through a commercial lending training program at a prior financial institution and focused on commercial and industrial lending and owner-occupied commercial real estate.

Johnson began her career at Spencer Savings Bank in 2008, working part-time as a teller while finishing her degree. After graduation, she became a full-time teller in the Rutland branch before going on to become head teller, branch supervisor, assistant branch manager and branch manager. She is also a board member and the treasurer of the Wachusett Area Chamber of Commerce, Inc., and the clerk and an advisory member of the Rutland Economic Development Commission.

McGinnis began her career in banking in 2007 as a teller, after her undergraduate studies at Bay Path University. She transitioned to a call center role in 2016 and joined Cornerstone Bank in early 2020 as the CIC assistant manager, just as the COVID-19 pandemic, and subsequent shutdown, began.

Mosio has more than 25 years of experience in banking at Cornerstone Bank. She began her career as a file clerk in the loan department at Spencer Savings Bank through a work/study program in high school and became a teller after graduation. She spent time in the loan-serving department and then served as a floating employee where she worked in every department and every location, before deciding on the accounting department.

About Cornerstone Bank

Cornerstone Bank was formed in 2017, born of a long history of supporting the community, and providing a strong foundation to help people and businesses thrive. Serving Worcester County, Massachusetts, Cornerstone Bank’s local presence and community-based banking model enables a unique ability to deliver outstanding service, with a personal touch. Cornerstone provides the highest level of service and expertise for individuals, businesses, and community organizations with branch locations throughout Central Massachusetts. Cornerstone works to connect customers with opportunities, through a broad range of deposit and loan products, and services. Built on Trust is not just a tagline, but also one of our guiding corporate values. Whether a business or personal partnership, Cornerstone stands on the foundation that relationships are built on trust. To learn about Cornerstone Bank’s personal and business banking offerings, please visit cornerstonebank.com or call 800-939-9103.

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Please call the Senior Center at (508) 949-3845 or stop in to pick up our monthly newsletter for a complete list of additional activities and upcoming events.


Ty Millette of Dudley named to University of Hartford's President's Honors List

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. — The University of Hartford is pleased to announce Ty Millette of Dudley has been named to its President's Honors List for Fall 2022.



The President's Honors List is made up of an extremely select group of students who earned a grade point average of 3.75 or higher in the semester. This is the GPA that must be sustained over a full undergraduate career to qualify for a degree summa cum laude.


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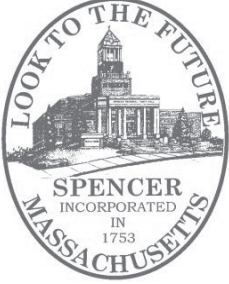




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Light Equipment Operator (LEO): Town of Spencer seeks applicants to fill the Light Equipment Operator position in the Highway Department. This position is responsible for the operation of light equipment, snowplows, motorized and non-motorized hand tools. The work involves repair and maintenance of highway infrastructure including but not limited to roads, sidewalks, stormwater systems and street signs, vegetation control, snow plowing and sanding, maintenance of parks, cemeteries, and grounds. This highly responsible position is subject to emergency call-ins to respond to emergencies. High School diploma or GED plus a Mass CDL Class B are required, additional license and certifications beneficial. The willingness to be trained and increase skills and licensing is required to succeed in this position. Pay for this position ranges from \$20.95/hr. to \$25.03/hr. and includes a generous benefits package including clothing allowance, continuing education, and license cost reimbursement.

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Laborer, Water Department: Town of Spencer Water Department seeks applicants to fill the position of Laborer. This position will work with Water Operators in the daily maintenance of the water supply, treatment, and distribution systems. The ideal candidate will have a High School diploma from a vocational school, have strong math and science skills, and be willing to continue their education in the water industry including obtaining professional licensing as a Water Treatment and Water Distribution Operator. Experience with operating lawn care equipment and hand power tools beneficial. The candidate will be subject to emergency call-ins for water main breaks. This entry level position fits into the succession plan for the department. Pay for this position ranges from \$20.19/hr. to \$24.10/hr. and includes a generous benefits package including clothing allowance, continuing education, and license cost reimbursement.

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