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Fundraiser to support AJ Strong



Courtesy — Julie Winans

AJ Congdon and his family. A family fun day fundraiser for AJ will be held on April 27 at Shepherd Hill Regional High School.

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY/CHARLTON — Members of the Dudley and Charlton communities are being called to come together on April 27 to support the family

of AJ Congdon, a student and athlete who has been diagnosed with an inoperable cancerous brain tumor in September.

The second grader attends Dudley Elementary School and has participated in foot-

ball as a member of the Dudley-Charlton Rams as well as baseball. Described as “kind and funny” and a “ray of sunshine” by friends, teachers, and family, Congdon has been selected as a candidate for a clinical

trial to help alleviate his condition, but he can’t do it alone. Supporters have started the movement AJ Strong and organized a GoFundMe campaign and fundraising event to help the family with their expenses.

Julie Winans, a music teacher at Dudley Elementary School, teamed up with AJ’s teacher Christine Taylor, the school’s nurse Kathy Wilson, adjustment counselor Vanessa Muscente, and paraprofessional Kelly Finizza to help lead the fundraising event which will be held at Shepherd Hill Regional High School, where AJ’s mother Jamie Congdon works as a teacher, and provide fun for all to help support the family. Winans said the teachers love AJ’s spirit and worked quickly to organize an effort to support him after the diagnosis.

“Many of us in the school and the surrounding communities have all been trying to do whatever we can to support

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Movie Night at the Museum with silent movie entertainer Richard Hughes

WEBSTER — On Friday, April 19, the silent movie era of the 1920s will come alive at Samuel Slater Experience when silent movie entertainer Richard Hughes presents “IT.”

A pianist and historian, Hughes will share the adventure, drama, romance, and comedy which characterized the silent movies of the Roaring Twenties.

This show is a trip back in time. The first part begins with movie clips from newsreels, cartoons, slap stick comedy clips and clips of groundbreaking movies.

Audience members will have an opportunity to synchronize sound effects like a wind machine, locomotive sounds, a slap stick, whooga horn, and more to these movie clips.

Then we will screen “IT,” starring Clara Bow with her leading man Antonio Moreno. Now if you don’t know what “IT” is, come and get “IT” because “She’s

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Officials offer earthquake safety tips

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
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REGION — After residents throughout central Massachusetts felt the effects of an earthquake centered in New Jersey this month, emergency officials have released tips for preparing your home for tremors.

On April 5, a 4.8 magnitude earthquake, centered in Lebanon, N.J., was felt as far away as New Hampshire. Residents in several Worcester County towns, despite being over 200 miles from the epicenter, reported feeling tremors from the quake.

No significant damage was reported in Massachusetts as a result

of the quake.

For emergency officials, earthquakes present several major challenges due to their unpredictable nature. Unlike thunderstorms, tornadoes, hurricanes, and winter storms, which trigger advance alerts when conditions are favorable for such events, earthquakes generally strike infrequently and without warning.

“Initial mild shaking may strengthen and become extremely strong within seconds. Additional earthquakes, called aftershocks, may occur for hours, days, or even months,” read a statement released by the Massachusetts

Emergency Management Agency (MEMA).

Most aftershocks are smaller than the initial earthquake, but larger magnitude aftershocks can also occur, officials warned. Moreover, earthquakes can happen at any time of the year, and even though the northeast sees far fewer quakes than out west, it’s advisable for residents to prepare their homes, MEMA leaders said.

“Massachusetts is located in a moderate earthquake zone. Although these quakes typically cause only insignificant or mild damage, larger earthquakes are possible,

and could cause serious damage to buildings and public infrastructure,” the MEMA statement read. “Because of this, it is important to know some simple safety rules if the ground begins to shake.”

During an earthquake, drop to the ground and cover your head and neck with your arms, experts said.

“Stay away from glass, windows, doors, and items that could fall,” the MEMA statement read.

Residents are also urged to create a family emergency plan, not just for earthquakes but all weather incidents and manmade emergencies.

“Identify safe places to take cover, such as under

a sturdy piece of furniture in your home, office, or school,” the MEMA statement read. “Practice how to ‘Drop, Cover, and Hold On,’ and participate in the Great Northeast Shakeout each October (earthquake drills).”

Residents can also prepare their homes for quakes by taking the following steps: assemble an emergency kit; fasten bookcases and freestanding shelving to walls; and place large, heavy, or fragile objects on lower shelves.

Additionally, residents should know the locations of electricity, gas, and water switches and valves—and how to shut them off.

If you are outside

during an earthquake, move away from buildings, streetlights, trees, and utility wires. If you are inside a vehicle, pull to the side of the road and stay in the vehicle until the earthquake is over. Do not stop under overpasses or power lines.

Following an earthquake, residents are encouraged to check chimneys for visual damage and have a professional inspect the chimney for internal damage before lighting a fire.

Residents are also encouraged to sign up for municipal alerts and updates from local public safety agencies.

To learn more about preparation tips, visit www.mass.gov.

Children have say in playground design

BY JASON BLEAU
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DUDLEY — Dudley’s Board of Selectmen hosted a special exercise on April 8 allowing some of its young community members to have a say in the future of the town’s new playground.

Selectmen welcomed Michael Radner of Radner Design Associates to discuss an update on the Fun Zone playground which has been closed in 2021 due to health and safety concerns. In 2022, the Dudley Women’s Club helped lead a fundraising effort to potentially refurbish the playground, but plans have since shifted to creating a brand new facility instead. The Club’s fundraising efforts helped the town procure Radner’s services to lead the design phase of the project. Michael Radner presented the initial concepts before a room filled with parents and children indicating that they would like to build the new playground on a lot right next to the current grounds within the town municipal building parking area. The lot is

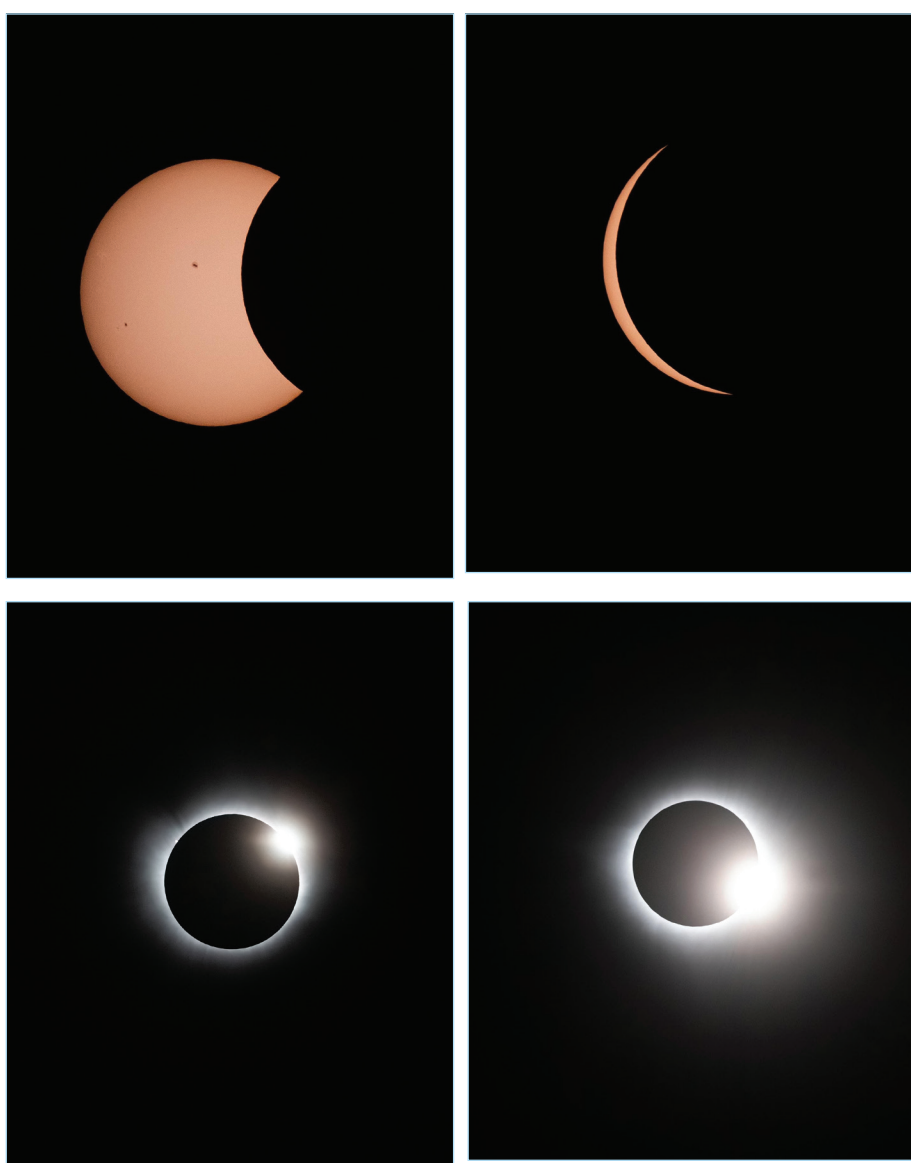


currently used as a storage space for fire, police, and highway department vehicles. The plans would also include a nearby wooded area creating a space five-times larger than the current playground with a wider array of play options for children ages six to 12.

“We think we can have a playground that can have all these different ages playing and then maybe some different areas, little kids over here and big kids over there,” said Radner. “We’re going to have the two areas of play. We’re not going to cut down any trees. We want you to go into the

woods and play.” The two areas of play will be designated as “designed” and “natural” with designed being the more artificial playground sets and natural allowing kids the chance to embrace the wooded area and nature. Radner Design Associates also hopes to incorporate a variety of “ways to play” into the design including tactile and sensory, involuntary movement activities, strength and fitness, and imaginative play. These could include more traditional features like swings and slides to add-ons like sand pits and

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Garrett Mann — Courtesy

EYES ON THE SKY

Reader Garrett Mann of Webster traveled to Colebrook, New Hampshire last week, where he had the privilege of observing the solar eclipse from its path of totality.



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Friday's Child



Dante
Age 13

Hi! My name is Dante and I love wrestling!!!!
Dante is a sweet, affectionate young man who loves hugs. He is great at interpreting facial expressions and identifying emotions. Dante has a strong interest in wrestling and is the proud owner of several wrestling action figures that he spends a great deal of time playing with. He also loves playing video games, listening to music, and dancing. Dante enjoys playing with other children and caring for the goats and the donkey who belong to his residential care facility. He also enjoys playing on the swings and riding on scooters outdoors.

Dante is navigating the complexities of middle school with the support of an IEP. Dante has a great relationship with staff and is working on developing strong peer relationships.

Dante's social worker is looking for a devoted family who will provide him with the love and guidance he needs. Interested families need to be firmly committed to providing appropriate ethnic and cultural role models and information with respect to his birth cultures which includes discussing racism and discrimination. Developing and fostering a relationship with his big brother and former foster family is very important, this includes calls and visits.

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

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

Jen Wood talks natural colors at Grange

BY GUS STEEVES
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DUDLEY — Look out in your backyard, especially later in the year, and you'll see a lot of greenery most people take for granted. Jen Wood of Speakman Sisters doesn't. Whether she's seeing the ubiquitous goldenrod, lichens, wild carrots, jewelweed or any of a few dozen other common plants, she often sees not generic green, but a whole rainbow of other fabric colors that can come from those plants. And when those aren't available, a long list of kitchen scraps also do the job. She brought that experience, one of experimentation she doesn't write down, to Dudley Grange last week. With a table full of samples, she took the small audience through a tour of world history in colors.

"[Studying this] feeds that anthropological part of me, and the actual dyeing feeds the artistic part of my soul," she said, referring to the fact she has an anthropology degree.

Dyeing with natural sources has a very ancient past, and most cultures used what are called "resistive dyeing techniques" to do it, she said. Perhaps the best known of those is tie-dyeing — knotting or otherwise restricting parts of the fabric to create patterns when it absorbs dyes.

The dyes they used came from sources as wide as plants and insects. For example, the famed Asian Silk Road trade route carried such things as indigo (a plant that produces blue dye), kermes (a dried insect that produces red/pink), lac (an insect resin also producing pink), and kamala (an Indian tree berry producing yellow-orange). Wood said she created some yarn with the latter and sent it to the namesake vice president, but noted "it probably went into a closet she can't have until she gets out of office."

One of the Old World's most famous dyes — Tyrian purple, which colored Roman and other imperial robes — came from the secretion of a Mediterranean sea snail. "They almost drove the sea snail to extinction" to get it, since it took about 119 pounds of snail to get just one gram of dye, she said. It's still available, but "very, very expensive" and "smelled really bad," even when worn.

For those who couldn't get indigo, especially in poorer Europe, they grew woad, one of the "medieval trinity" with weld (yellow) and madder (red). Today's audience

might know woad from the film *Braveheart*, where William Wallace and his Scots used it to tattoo themselves, although Wood said it's not clear whether medieval Scots actually did that.

One thing to know about woad is "it's got a bazillion seeds. Everybody in your neighborhood is growing woad and they don't know why," she said, noting she's trying to avoid that in her Worcester neighborhood.

When Europeans conquered the Americas, they found it even richer in natural dye resources.

"Europe went from drab colors to technicolor, and it created fortunes," she said.

Very quickly, the Spanish in Mexico saw Aztecs and others in red tones that were brighter and more stable than anything their own madder could give. That came from cochineal, a tiny insect that lives on the prickly pear cactus. Aztec emperor Montezuma loved the stuff so much, he required conquered tribes to pay their tribute in it.

Wood passed around a jar full of it, noting "They never quit giving dye. ... A tea bag full will last forever" because cochineal can be dried and reused repeatedly. Later, the British army used it for their famous red coats, with the actual shade denoting rank — cochineal's brighter red for officers, madder's duller tones for enlisted men.

The same region also gave the tribes logwood. The Mayans used the tree's inner heartwood to create purple and black dyes, while using its legume as a diarrhea remedy. That also made its way north, with the Puritan of Massachusetts dyeing their clothes with it.

Some of that logwood was probably pirated, since it was so valuable. She noted "Blackbeard was said to have stolen many ships full of logwood."

It's also Wood's favorite dye, although she experiments with all kinds of things. Like cochineal, it's reusable and "keeps giving," but is easily overlooked, since it looks exactly like common mulch.

Some natural dyes, especially those high in tannins (acorns, walnuts, sumac, etc, all of which tend to produce brown shades), can also be used for another critical part of the dyeing process — as mordants. Those are chemicals that enable the final dyes to bond to the fabric; in many cases, dye colors will not last long without them. One of the most common and easily obtained mordants is alum (in very small quantities, it's in every supermarket's spice rack, but dyeing needs more than

that), but several others exist. One thing she warned against using is vinegar as a mordant, saying "I only use vinegar to modify [a color] afterward."

Depending on the mordant, the same dye source will sometimes create different colors. For example, Wood noted she's read that St John's wort can give red, yellow, green and brown, depending on mordant or not, although she has not found enough of it while foraging to try. On the other hand, she started with logwood at pH 6 and got purple, then stuck the yarn in citric acid (pH 2), turning it yellow, then in washing soda (pH 11), getting a blue-purple shade.

"It still amazes me to look at this picture that I made all three of these colors from the same dye," she said.

Wood said our woods offer a wide range of forageable dye options, with several available at different seasons. Some, like dandelions, are even in our lawns. Summer is the "jackpot time," with goldenrod growing "free and everywhere" and countless others. Also very common are lichens, but she urges people not to scrape them from rocks, only to collect what has naturally fallen from rocks (which often produce pink) or trees (often yellow). Lichens still attached to both take a very long time to grow, and in many cases have a symbiotic relationship with the tree and/or other species.

Even inside, kitchen waste can make dye. Coffee grounds make brown, onion skins, yellow, and the water from cooking black beans makes blue, among other things. She particularly likes using avocado skin and pits; the former produces peach, the latter pink. Pits require some time; simmering an hour a day for five days.

Simmering is a key part of the dyeing process across the board, but Wood noted never to boil it. If you do catch it boiling early, you can usually save the color, but after too long, it'll ruin the dye and/or felt the yarn. After simmering, the fabric or yarn should sit in the dye about 24 hours, then be hung to dry, but not in direct sunlight.

Wood noted she never writes down her recipes, so she never makes the same thing twice except by chance. She's been dyeing for the last couple years, and brings her yarn to various harvest and fabric festivals across the region. Her website is www.thespeakmansisters.com.

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Black Tavern Historical Society hosting program on "Those Bloomer Girls"

DUDLEY — The "Bloomer" costume of the 1850s was simple: knee-length dress worn over pants. But this radical movement didn't last long — it was simply considered too scandalous. Still, it inspired future generations to adopt similar styles, even if for different reasons.

By the 1890s, it wasn't about fashion but about fitness. Bloomers became the "bifurcated skirt" for cycling and the risqué Victorian bathing suit — and women even began playing professional baseball under the "Bloomer Girls" banner!

Join historian Linda Hixon to learn more about "Those Bloomer Girls!" at the Black Tavern, 138 Center Rd. in Dudley, on May 16 at 7 p.m.

This free event is sponsored by the Black Tavern Historical Society and the Dudley Cultural Council.



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Dudley resident Allie Provost performs in "Rocky Horror Show" at Western New England University

SPRINGFIELD — Dudley resident Allie Provost performs in spring musical "The Rocky Horror Show" at Western New England University on April 12-14. In this 1975 cult classic that features memorable raunchy rock ballads such as "Time Warp," "Damn It Janet," and "Science Fiction Double Feature," the audience is offered a wild and electrifying journey filled with audacious plot twists and infectious energy.

"The Rocky Horror Show" story follows Brad and Janet, who get stuck with a flat tire during a stormy night, leading them to seek refuge in Dr. Frank-N-Furter's eerie mansion. As they enter the mansion, they are met with a houseful of wild characters, including the servants Riff Raff and Magenta and the muscle-bound Rocky Horror. Throughout the night, Brad and Janet are exposed to the eccentric lifestyle of Dr. Frank-N-Furter, which challenges their perceptions of sexuality and morality. As one of the longest-running musical theater productions, "The Rocky Horror Show" continues to be celebrated for its celebration of diversity, sexual liberation, and the freedom to be oneself.

In her final production with

Stageless Players, Allie Provost left a lasting impression with her unforgettable portrayal of Riff Raff. Beyond her on-stage talents, she demonstrates her leadership as the club president, providing invaluable support to the organization backstage. Her extensive theater background includes roles in productions such as "Twelve Angry Jurors" (Juror 8), "Little Shop of Horrors" (Audrey), "Play On!" (Violet), "Chicago" (Roxie Hart), and "Little Women" (Amy March). Other previous productions include "Urinetown" (Little Sally), "The Music Man" (Gracie Shinn/Ensemble), and "Legally Blonde: The Musical" (Ensemble). Allie is also an active member of WNE's Improv on the Rocks. Allie is pursuing a degree in Marketing.

The production, written by Richard O'Brien, is directed by Eric Boucher, choreographed by Karen Anne McMahon, and musically directed by Graham Christian. The Student Senate, the Office of Student Involvement and Connections, and the Department of Communication, Media, and the Arts made the performance possible.

Western New England University (WNE) is a pri-

vate, nationally ranked, comprehensive institution with a focus on preparing work-ready and world-ready graduates. Founded in 1919 in Springfield, Massachusetts as a division of Northeastern College, WNE's 215-acre suburban campus serves more than 3,700 students, including over 2,500 full-time undergraduates. More than 47,000 alumni have earned degrees through its 90+ undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs at Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, and Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and School of Law. Students come from 39 U.S. states and territories and 23 countries. Of 45,104 living alumni, 30% remain within the region, residing in the four Western Massachusetts counties and northern Connecticut.

WNE is classified among nationally ranked universities in US News and World Report, and among the Top 100 Undergraduate Engineering programs, and in the Doctoral/Professional Universities category in the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education.

Yard Sale/House Downsizing Saturday, April 27, 9am-3pm 240 HAMILTON ST. SOUTHBRIDGE

Clearing out. First of two yard sales. Lots of craft and paper supplies for sewing, scrapbooking, stamping; fabrics such as cottons felt, and fleece; trims, ribbons; books; office supplies; baskets; linens; holiday decorations; collectibles; and decor for country, primitive, and Americana.



SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, April 27th from 8AM to 12 PM

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PSM Department to monitor Webster Public Schools next month

WEBSTER — During the week of May 13, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Office of Public School Monitoring (PSM) will conduct a Tiered Focused Monitoring Review of Webster Public Schools. The Office of Public School Monitoring visits each district and charter school every three years to monitor compliance with federal and state special education and civil rights regulations. Areas of review related to special education include student assessments, determination of eligibility, the Individualized Education Program (IEP) Team process, and IEP development and implementation. Areas of review related to civil rights include bullying, student discipline, physical restraint, and equal access to school programs for all students.

In addition to the onsite visit, parent outreach is an important part of the review process. The review chairperson from the Office of Public School Monitoring will send all parents of students with disabilities an online survey that focuses on key areas of their child's special education program. Survey results will contribute to the development of a report. During the onsite review, the Office of Public School Monitoring will interview the chairperson(s) of the district's Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC). Other onsite activities may include interviews of district staff and administrators, reviews of student records, and onsite observations. Parents and other individuals may

call Michael McDonald, Public School Monitoring Chairperson, at (781) 338-3746 to request a telephone interview. If an individual requires an accommodation, such as translation, to participate in an interview, the Department will make the necessary arrangements.

Within approximately 60 business days after the onsite visit, the review chairperson will provide the (district or charter school) with a report with information about areas in which the (district or charter school) meets or exceeds regulatory requirements and areas in which the (district or charter school) requires assistance to correct or improve practices. The public will be able to access the report at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/psm/tfm/reports/>.

Webster Little League kicks off 72nd season this weekend

WEBSTER — Webster Little League invites you to line up on Lake Street and West Ave. at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 21 to cheer on our youngest baseball stars as they make the annual parade march up Lake Street to the fields on Little League Lane. Then join us for a brief ceremony and Opening Day games at 1 p.m. to kick off our 72nd season since being chartered by Little League International.

Come check out all of our improvements that I've been made over the past few years, including the most recent field renovation to our majors field!

TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE

Rutland, MA
28th Annual Town Wide Yard Sale
Sat. April 27
200+ participants

Maps at town lines and on Common (Rts 122A and 56) starting at 7:15 AM
Rain or Shine ~ Join the Fun!

PET of the WEEK



Meer : Freckles 6 Months

This cutie has the most adorable black freckles that are sure to steal your heart. And her underbite? To die for! But it's not just looks. This short legged lady has the cutest personality too!

Freckles has a big heart and is a huge, wiggly snuggle bug! She loves treats, toys, and playing with her dog friends. She wouldn't mind sharing a home with a fellow playful dog friend and older kids. She would also love a fenced in yard to get her adorable zoomies out!

If you think this freckled cutie could be for you, please start the process today!!
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Want to receive updates about our upcoming events? Sign up for email alerts by visiting our website or contacting our Program Coordinator Randa Cox at rcox@cwmar.org.

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

Are you spring cleaning your crafting materials? Bring in any yarn, fabric and other crafting materials. Then on May 6th come in and find new supplies to take home.

Adult Programming
YOGA – Saturday April 20th, and 27th at 9:30 AM

Join Julie or Lauren at the Gladys E. Kelly Library for a vinyasa yoga class for all levels. In Sanskrit, Vinyasa yoga translates to the “uniting of movement with breath”. A typical class involves centering the mind with the breath, aromatherapy, movement of

the body to release energetic blockages, and, finally, rest and relaxation. Classes are free. Funded by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP— April 22nd at 6:30 PM
This month's book discussion will be in the Library's Community Room. The Group will be discussing *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks. Stop by the library, or reach out by phone at 508-949-3880, or by email to rcox@cwmar.org for inquiries. *Save the Date Geraldine Brooks will be coming June 6th at 6:30 PM for a FREE author talk.

ADULT BOARDGAME NIGHT— April 29th at 6:00 PM
Come in and play games with other board game enthusiasts. Learn a new one, or play one you know and help others learn!

COOKBOOK CLUB—May 14th at 6:00 PM
Every month there will be a new cookbook and you will choose a delicious recipe to make! You can choose anything out of the cookbook to bring and share. Whether you like to cook or bake there will always be something for you! We will eat and discuss our favorite and our least favorite things of the cooking adventure. You can pick up your copy from behind

the circulation desk.

FRIENDS CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS: Sally Roger--- May 9th at 6:30 PM

Sally Rogers performs an evening of traditional, contemporary and original ballads and song, interwoven with stories taken from her life as a performer, a wife and a mother. Throughout her concerts, she accompanies herself on guitar and Appalachian dulcimer, or performs without accompaniment in a voice that needs no further enhancement.

TASTING CLASS--- HERB BUTTER MAKING--- April 23rd at 6:00 PM

This short tasting class will show you how to spice up your butter! We will be making different types of herb butter by using fresh herbs, spices and garlic. Registration for this event opens Tuesday, April 9 at 9:00 AM.

Children's and Young Adult Programming

Scavenger Hunt--- All Month Long

What's more exciting than a scavenger hunt? Come upstairs to the Children's room to pick up a list of things to find all around the library. Once you've completed the scavenger hunt, check in with the Children's Librarian to redeem

a prize.

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

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

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

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

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

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

STORYTIME--- April 23rd, and 30th at 10:00 AM

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

STUFFED ANIMAL STORYTIME --- April 24th at 10:00 AM

Join Library Director

Sondra Murphy for stories, songs, and fun with our plush pals! This story time is geared toward ages birth to 3, but siblings are welcome.

MUSIC TOGETHER--- Saturdays April 27th at 11:00 AM

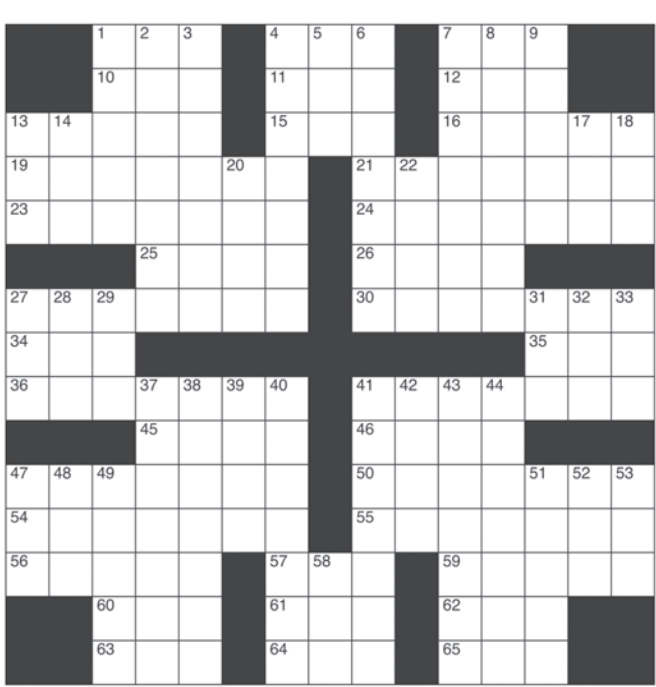
Fun, fabulous, uplifting, magical early childhood music class! For ages 0 to 6 and their families. Funded by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

SENSORY BIN EXPLORATION--- April 22nd and 29th at 10:00 AM

Join us for open sensory bin exploration. Bins will be filled up with sand, rice, dirt, dry pasta, and more! This program is geared towards ages 2 to 5, but siblings are welcome.

HORSE 101 --- April 20th at 12:00 PM

Lindsay from Winterberry homestead will be here teaching us about horses. Safety working around horses, learn how horses think, along with nutrition and shelter needs. This program is supplemental to our author talk with Geraldine Brooks coming June 6th at 6:00 PM.

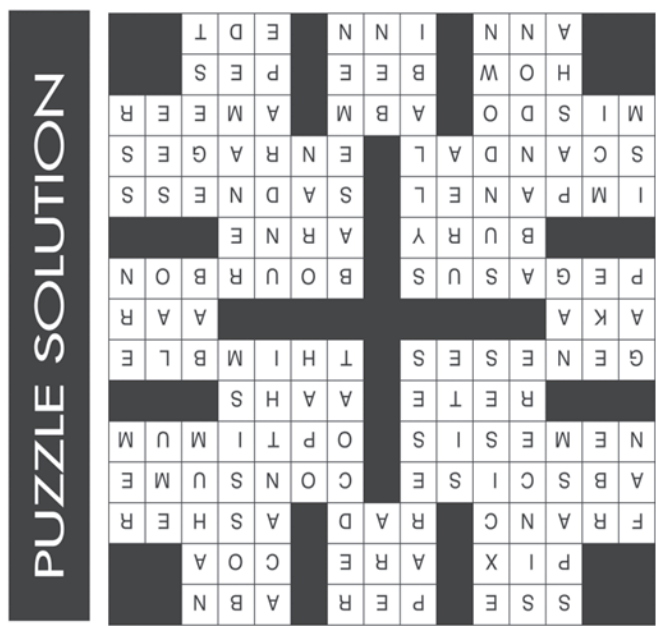


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Midway between south and southeast
- 4. For each
- 7. Airborne (abbr.)
- 10. Photographs
- 11. They ___
- 12. It's important in respiration (abbr.)
- 13. Monetary unit
- 15. Cool!
- 16. A son of Jacob
- 19. Cut off
- 21. Devour
- 23. Agent of one's downfall
- 24. Best
- 25. Network of nerves
- 26. Partner to "oohs"
- 27. Origins
- 30. Sewing utensil
- 34. Alias
- 35. Swiss river
- 36. Greek mythological figure
- 41. Type of whiskey
- 45. Lay to rest
- 46. "Rule, Britannia" composer
- 47. Select jury
- 50. Feeling
- 54. Action regarded as morally wrong
- 55. Makes angry
- 56. Act incorrectly
- 57. Defensive nuclear weapon
- 59. Class of escort aircraft carrier
- 60. To what degree
- 61. Buzzing insect
- 62. The human foot
- 63. "The Leftovers" actress Dowd
- 64. A place to stay
- 65. Sun up in New York

CLUES DOWN

- 1. An involuntary muscular contraction
- 2. Earnest
- 3. Cuts out surgically
- 4. Can't move
- 5. Baseball stat
- 6. British soldier
- 7. Traditional medicine plants
- 8. Political party controlled by managers
- 9. Hebrew prophet
- 13. Supporter
- 14. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- 17. Liberty Mutual mascot
- 18. Georgia rockers
- 20. A place where building is done
- 22. Large, deep-bodied fish
- 27. Clothing retailer
- 28. Supplement with difficulty
- 29. Annoy constantly
- 31. Founder of Babism
- 32. Indigenous person in parts of Asia
- 33. Sea eagle
- 37. Leave behind
- 38. Time of day
- 39. Colorless crystalline compound
- 40. They lay out course requirements
- 41. A diamond has three
- 42. Algerian coastal city
- 43. Remove cover
- 44. Rechristened
- 47. Distinctive practice
- 48. Defunct phone company
- 49. Turkish officer of high rank
- 51. Eliminate from the body
- 52. Witness
- 53. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 58. Founding Father Franklin



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Tri-Valley Lunches are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 11:30 am. Please call (508) 949-3845 at least 48-hours in advance to reserve or cancel your meal. A \$3.00 donation is appreciated. All meals include milk, bread and fruit or dessert. This week's menu: Tuesday 4/23 Sloppy Joes, red bliss potatoes, mixed veggies. Wednesday 4/24 Stuffed Pepper Casserole, mashed potatoes, carrots. Thursday 4/25 Ranch Chicken, red bliss potatoes, mixed veggies. 4/26 Braised Beef, gemelli pasta, broccoli.

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Our second Genealogy Workshop, "Working With Census Reports" by Seema Kenney will be held on Friday, May 24th at 9:30 am. Please sign up at the Senior Center front desk or by calling (508) 949-3845.

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

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

Join us for movie matinees! We will be showing "Oppenheimer" in two 90-minute segments. Part One on Monday, April 22nd at 1:00 pm and Part Two on Monday, April 29th at 1:00 pm. Popcorn and refreshments will be served. Please sign up at the Senior Center front desk.

Free Blood Pressure Screening at the Webster Senior Center on Friday, April 26th from 9:30 – 11:30 am. Please sign in when you arrive.

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

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

Bingo: Every Tuesday, starts promptly at 1:00 pm. Please plan to arrive by 12:30 pm to allow time to buy your bingo sheets. Bingo sheets are not sold after 12:45 pm.

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

Calling card players or interested persons to the Webster Senior Center – come join us for 6-card or 13-card pitch! Six card pitch meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm. Thirteen-card pitch meets on Thursdays at 1:00 pm.

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

Webster Senior Center Trips are back! Trip 1: Ricky Nelson Remembered, performed by Matthew & Gunnar Nelson at Lake Pearl, Wrentham, MA on Wednesday, May 22, 2024. Cost: \$131.00 per person includes transportation, plated luncheon, meal tax & gratuity, and show ticket. Trip price does not include bus driver gratuity. Trip 2: Jimmy Buffett Tribute & Maine Lobster Bake at Foster's on Monday, July 15th. Cost: \$137.00 per person includes show ticket, transportation, luncheon, meal taxes & gratuity. Trip price does not include bus driver gratuity. For more information call (508) 949-3845.

The Worcester County Sheriff's Office House Numbering Program will create a custom wooden sign with your house number free of charge. One sign per senior household. Please contact the Webster Senior Center if you are interested in having a house number sign made for you. (508) 949-3845.

Senior SAFE is a program that supports fire and life safety education for seniors. The Webster Fire Dept. will do a home visit to ensure that you have the correct smoke and CO2 alarms and that they are working properly, at no cost to you! All you have to do is give them a call at (508) 949-3875.

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Celebrate 2024 National Coin Week with the Nipmuc Coin Club!

OXFORD — The American Numismatic Association proudly presents the 100th anniversary of National Coin Week, running from April 21 to April 27, and the theme this year is “A Hobby for a Changing World: 100 Years and Counting.” This milestone event reflects on the evolution of numismatics and money, showcasing how they have adapted to

embrace diverse cultural values throughout history.

Join the Nipmuc Coin Club in commemorating National Coin Week with an array of engaging events:

1. Open House: On April 21 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Oxford Senior Center behind the Town Hall at 323 Main St. in Oxford. We will have displays of Coins and Currency for

your viewing pleasure. And there will be Free Giveaways for everyone of coins, coin-related items, and coin publications. There will be games for kids and each participant will win a prize! We invite you to our Open House event where you can explore our passion for coin collecting and learn about the fascinating world of numismatics.

2. Regular Monthly Meetings: Join us every fourth Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Oxford Senior Center behind the Town Hall on 323 Main St. in Oxford. Immerse yourself in activities centered around coins and numismatics, such as Free Door Prize Raffles, educational Show and Tell programs, and we wrap up our Meetings with exciting

coin auctions.

The Nipmuc Coin Club is committed to providing a fun and educational environment for coin enthusiasts of all ages. For more information about our club and upcoming events, please contact us at 508-410-1332 or email lisirichard15@yahoo.com.

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Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi inducts new members

BATON ROUGE, La. — The following people recently were initiated into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines.

Bryan Langhill of Auburn at University of North Carolina Wilmington.

Mary Oakman of Auburn at University of Massachusetts.

Jennifer Bernstein of Auburn at University of Massachusetts.

They are among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 325 campuses in the United States, its territories and the Philippines. Its mission

is “To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others.”

More About Phi Kappa Phi

Since its founding, more than 1.5 million members have been initiated into Phi Kappa Phi. Some of the organization's notable members include former President Jimmy Carter, NASA astronaut Wendy Lawrence, novelist John Grisham and YouTube co-founder Chad Hurley. Each year, Phi Kappa Phi awards \$1.3 million to outstanding students and members through graduate and dissertation fellowships, undergraduate study

abroad grants, funding for post-baccalaureate development, and grants for local, national and international literacy initiatives. For more information about Phi Kappa Phi, visit www.phikapphi.org.

Kelleher & Sadowsky orchestrates sale of Chuck's Steak House to Auburn for new fire station

AUBURN — Kelleher & Sadowsky of Worcester recently announced the successful sale of 10 Prospect Street in Auburn, the site of Chuck's Steak House, by restaurant owners Steve Londregan and Thomas Flynn to the Town of Auburn for \$4,050,000.

10 Prospect St. is a three-acre lot located between Routes 12 and 20, including a 13,000 building that has been home to Chuck's since 1978.

The town of Auburn intends to raze the restaurant facility to make room for the construction of a new fire station at the location.

Londregan and Flynn began working at Chuck's in 1979 while attending The College of the Holy Cross in Worcester. They rose through the ranks and bought the restaurant in 1986 and the real estate in 2000.

Kelleher & Sadowsky's Will Kelleher and Madison O'Brien represented both seller and buyer in the transaction of 10 Prospect St.

OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

OXFORD — Oxford High School has released its honor roll for the third quarter of the 2023-2024 school year.

High Honors

Seniors: Kenzie Bylund, Kaila Donahue, Hannah Harris, Jessica Parent, Alexa Sherwin

Juniors: Muniba Awais, Nicole Brzozowska, Hailey Filipkowski, Emma Martin, Aidan Vanarsdalen

Sophomores: Justine Anderson, Hailey Angell, Zack Bond, Cassidy Burke, Delaney Burke, Michaela Dwyer, Veronica Griffin, Gwen Gustafson, Matthew Hilman, Abigail Kimball, Rosy Krantz, Addison Monsen, Samuel Paradise, Noah Proctor, Nolan Remington, Ava Vincent, Vanessa Walker, Ethan White, Abigail Worster

Freshman: Shayla Boliver, Makalieg Boyle-Muniz, Marie Cosentino, Abigail Davis, Emily Dupuis, Kate Mayo

Honors

Seniors: Spencer Byrnes, Matthew Conway, Lillian Cybula, Andrew Demicco, Alexandra Dwinell, Theresa Friend, Angelica Kopec, Daniel Kudron, Angel Maldonado, Cheyanne Matthews, Gavin Nawrocki, Anais Ortiz, Reese Reynolds, Emma Rice, Jewelisa Richardson, Jacob Thebeau, Sydney Torres

Juniors: Alyssa-Rae Anderson, Kayla Belmore, Nathan Davis, Edward Edison, Marta Hellstrom, Sophia Hernandez, Jordyn Hodsdon-Beurman, Eddie Jacques, Rylie Keefe, Ella Kirkpatrick, Valerie Magill, Annie Maynard, Hunter McQuillan, Luis Melendez, Erin Mulcahy, Jason Nelson, Calvin Nfodjo, Kofi Owusu, Alexander Paradise, Sarah Parker, Maya Staltare

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EDITORIAL

Rediscovering the lost art of manners

In an era characterized by hurried interactions and digital communication, it's not uncommon to hear lamentations about the decline of manners in modern society. Indeed, it often seems that the gracious etiquette of our ancestors has been relegated to the annals of history. Perhaps it is worth taking a moment to reflect on the timeless wisdom embodied by the manners of yesteryear.

Our ancestors lived in a world where courtesy and respect were not mere niceties, but fundamental principles that governed social interactions. Whether it was a firm handshake, a heartfelt expression of gratitude, or a genteel gesture of chivalry, manners served as the currency of civility.

One need only look to the etiquette manuals of bygone eras to gain insight into the elaborate codes of conduct that governed everyday life. From the intricacies of formal dining to the protocols of courtship, these guides offered a blueprint for navigating the complexities of social interaction with grace and poise. Moreover, they underscored the importance of empathy and consideration for others.

In contrast, the frenetic pace of modern life has often led to a blurring of boundaries and a loss of interpersonal decorum. In our quest for efficiency and convenience, we risk sacrificing the human connection that lies at the heart of meaningful communication. The rise of digital communication, while undeniably convenient, has also eroded the nuances of face-to-face interaction, leading to a decline in empathy and understanding.

Furthermore, the erosion of traditional social structures has contributed to a sense of individualism that often prioritizes self-interest over communal harmony. In an increasingly atomized society, the concept of manners can seem antiquated, relegated to the realm of quaint nostalgia rather than a relevant guiding principle for modern life.

Just as the customs of our ancestors evolved in response to the challenges of their time, so too can we adapt and redefine the concept of manners for the 21st century. Rather than lamenting the loss of a bygone era, we can draw upon its timeless principles to cultivate a culture of respect, empathy, and civility in our interactions with others.

Letter submission policy

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

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Eternal healing vs. physical healing

How many of you know someone who is seriously sick? Someone who may have a terminal illness? Do you pray for them? Why?

Typically, it's for their healing. Yet, do we pray that they may get better simply so they can go back to their life as they previously lived it? Or do we pray for something more?

There is a Gospel story where a paralyzed man has four friends who bring him to Jesus so that he may be healed. The friends face a very large crowd surrounding the house and people who won't allow them to carry their friend to the feet of Jesus. They don't get discouraged, however, but lift the paralyzed man onto the roof, break through the roof, and lay the man right in front of Jesus.

Of course, what did they hope for? They must have heard about Jesus as a wonderworker and miracle worker and obviously hoped their friend would be healed. They wanted to see their friend walk and return to a life the way they lived it.

Yet, is that what Jesus is ultimately interested in whenever he heals someone? Is He simply interested in healing people so that they can go back to life and live it the way they used to live it before their illness?

Or do we see a deeper concern in Christ's love and care for the people? Interestingly, with the paralytic man in the Gospel story, Jesus initially says to the man, "Your sins are forgiven!" Christ doesn't focus on the obvious physical problem of paralysis but chooses to address the deeper illness of this man – forgiving his sins, forgiving the man for any ways he has turned away from His God and Creator throughout his life.

This approach shocks the listeners. They wanted to witness a miracle they could see. And this talk of forgiving sins is something only God could do, so they're also scandalized by Jesus' claim of such mercy!

Of course, Christ does heal the man of his physical paralysis, but we realize something deeper is going on here. Jesus is more concerned about this man's relationship with His Creator and with his eternal salvation than simply whether he would walk for a few more years on earth.

He's more interested in forgiving sins and reconciling people back to God than he is of simply healing physical infirmities and disabilities. He knows our physical limitations are temporary. His concern is with an eternal relationship with God.

Last week, I offered a retreat where I used the story of my dear friend Lynette Hoppe and her 18-month journey with cancer, which is captured so powerfully in the book "Lynette's Hope." In this book, Lynette reflects on God's healing power:

"I began to think about Jesus' healing ministry and how often he said to those who sought physical healing, "Your sins are forgiven." The sick sought physical healing, but Jesus gave them the healing they really needed – spiritual healing. Their bodies would eventually die anyway, but their souls, which would live on, needed to be healed of spiritual infirmities." This is the type of healing that Lynette eventually found.

Metropolitan Anthony Bloom writes something similar: "When we read the Gospels, we lose sight of the fact that Christ did not heal each and every person. One person in a crowd would be healed;



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but many others, also ailing in body or soul, were not healed. And this happens because—in order to receive the action of the grace of God unto healing of body or soul, or of both—we must open ourselves to God. Not to healing, but to God...

And to be healed does not mean to become whole only in order to go back to the same kind of life that we lived before; it means to be whole in order to begin a new life, as if we realized that we died in the healing action of God; that the illness was of the old man in us...This old man must die in order for the new man to live. We must be ready to become this new creation through the death of the old in order to begin to live a new..."

Bloom goes on to ask, "Are we capable of receiving healing? Do we agree to take upon ourselves the responsibility of a new wholeness, in order to enter again, and yet again, into the world in which we live, with knowledge of our renewal; to be light, to be joy, to be hope, to be love, to be giving back to God and man?"

Remember, our ultimate goal in life should be union with God, to become one with Him. This isn't simply some deep, mystical theological pursuit; it is the purpose and goal of a sincere Christ-centered life. Thus, everything we do in life should orient us toward this goal. If we truly love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, then we will open our hearts to be filled with His divine love and share this love with the world around us. This is our path toward union with God.

So, let's say we get sick or discover tomorrow we have Stage IV cancer or some other serious illness that threatens our life. Of course, we will ask for prayers and healing from God, asking the intercessions of the saints. We will anoint the person with holy oil and pray for physical healing. And maybe God will perform a miracle to heal in places where modern medicine has its limitations!

Yet, the greater miracle that Christ can offer isn't simply for our physical healing. It is for spiritual healing which helps us embrace a new way of living that is oriented primarily toward God. It is accepting our suffering as a great teacher who opens our eyes and helps us discover a new perspective on life. It is praying for healing so that we can then live our lives the way they are meant to be – seeking first the kingdom of heaven above all else and healing our hearts, minds and souls from our destructive sins and the deceptive lies of the world, while orienting ourselves first and foremost toward loving God and loving our neighbor. This makes for healing that leads into eternity.

When Jesus says to the paralytic, "What is easier to say, "Your sins are forgiven or to say rise, take up your pallet and walk." He shows them that He can do both. "But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins" Jesus said to the paralytic "I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home."

Physical healings and miracles are possible in Christ, but the spiritual healing from our sins and spiritual healing from our separation from God is much more important. Let us all seek out such eternal healing in our lives.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why Davies is running for Selectman

To the Editor:

My name is Elaine Fitzback Davies. I am running for the one year term as Webster Selectman. It is the only contested race on the Webster May 6 ballot. To be effective in such a short term, you not only need the relevant professional and educational expertise, but also an understanding of the challenges Webster faces—gained through consistently voting here, attending Webster town meetings, and working with other Webster citizens and Town officials on town and community committees. My background of over 40 years in leading government, church, and community organizations, coupled with my volunteerism in Webster, makes me an ideal candidate. This presents a stark contrast to my opponent, Mrs. Morin, who, according to the Town Clerk's office, just became a registered voter in Webster three months ago on Jan. 25 of this year.

Many times over the past years, Webster citizens have asked me to run for Selectman. I would not do so—first, because I do not consider myself a politician—but a public servant; second, because my brother-in-law Randy Becker was on the Board of Selectmen. After nine years of dedicated service to Webster, Randy is stepping down, so I am now free to run.

I am a native of Webster. My parents, Henry Fitzback (former Treasurer of Stevens Liten and former Chair of the Webster Dudley Oxford Chamber of Commerce) and Alice Madura Fitzback, taught me that voting in Webster and serving our community are sacred duties. In their and my late husband's memory, I have offered a scholarship

since 1992 to a graduating Bartlett High School (BHS) senior who wants a career in business or public service. I am a graduate of St. Joseph School, BHS, and the University of Massachusetts. Among other degrees, I have a Master's of Science in Management for Organizational Effectiveness. I returned home to Webster in 2016 to spend the next phase of my life here and have been active in the town since—consistently voting and participating in town meetings, and serving Webster—first as a member and then Chair of the Webster Personnel Advisory Board, member of the Historical Commission, the Town Administrator Screening Committee, and numerous Town Library related committees, including the Library Strategic Planning Committee.

Over 40 years, I have gained skills (e.g. strategic planning, financial and human resource management) that would be valuable for a member of the Board of Selectmen. This includes 30 years as a public servant at the federal government level—mostly at the US Environmental Protection Agency—retiring from the Senior Executive Service.

With my experience on Webster Committees, other volunteerism, and my professional expertise I can hit the ground running. When it comes to making decisions it's important to possess real experience that can be applied to issues facing our town. I humbly ask for your vote on Monday, May 6th, for the one year Board of Selectmen position. Thank you.

Sincerely,

ELAINE FITZBACK DAVIES
WEBSTER

Trout fishing takes center stage



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Courtesy

This week's first picture shows Erin Kossuth with a nice rainbow trout she caught at the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club annual trout derby this past Saturday.



This week's second picture shows Rene with a nice stringer of rainbow trout he and his fishing partner Ken caught at Wallum Lake opening day last Saturday.

Trout fishing took center stage for many anglers that enjoyed catching them this past weekend. The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club had a good turnout of anglers lined up around their trout pond early, waiting for the 8:00 am opening! Fishing was slow for most of the fishing derby, but many anglers managed to catch their two fish limit, prior to the 10 a.m. deadline. Erin Kossuth managed to catch her first prize winning fish early. The 19 inch rainbow trout was a fish any angler would enjoy catching. Scott Graham took second place and Corey Lepage took third.

A great breakfast was enjoyed prior to fishing by many anglers. Steve Bedard does a great job as kitchen chairman along with his committee. Thanks, guys and gals.

Wallum Lake opened this past Saturday with an extremely small turnout. The main parking lot was not full at 8 a.m. For those that did attend the opening day at Wallum, fishing was good for most, with many anglers catching their five trout limit. Law enforcement from both Mass. & Rhode Island were on hand early to check for boat registrations and fishing licenses. Safety equipment was also inspected. The weather was cooperating this year, with light winds and favorable temperatures. Unfortunately, very few youngsters were present to enjoy the day. Major rivers and streams should be stocked by now, with the swollen rivers receding from the heavy rain in the last few weeks.

Over the past few months, weather conditions have raised havoc across the country killing many residents and destroying property and wildlife. These weather conditions continue this week across the Midwest, with fires, tornados, flooding, etc.! Unfortunately, it seems as though this will be the norm for our country for years to come because we failed to heed the warnings of Scientist. Global warming?

Cod fishing in Rhode Island waters is improving when the boats can get out. Tautog fishing remains slow, but should blow wide open in a couple of weeks.

Take A Kid fishing & keep Them Rods Bending!

Celebrating Chocolate!

Chocolate. It's the universal symbol of good taste and indulgence. A heart shaped box of hand packed chocolates shows one's affection, just as a rich chocolate dessert serves as the perfect end to a fancy meal. Good chocolate, much like fine wine, is now being chosen by vintage years, elevating the sweet, rich confection to status symbol level.

But what if the deli-

cious sweet treat, long enjoyed by kings and royalty, had even more impressive attributes? What if the dark, creamy candy was actually good for you? While it may seem too incredible to fathom that a guilty conscience is no longer a requisite for indulging in the pleasures of chocolate, it's true! Thanks to medical studies that prove chocolate can be an aid to health, enjoying a chunk

of the sweet stuff is now a shameless pleasure! In celebration of chocolate, this week's column will promote the chocolate revolution with a roundup of fun and informative chocolate-ology!

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Take Two Bon Bons and Call Me in the Morning: Hershey bars as health food? No, you're not dreaming. Read on for the fascinating facts why chocolate

is touted as a valuable health booster!:

The Chocolate Factor: Chocolate lovers, rejoice - here's a great excuse to enjoy everything from a cup of cocoa to hot fudge. Research now shows hot cocoa has more disease-fighting antioxidants than tea or red wine. In fact, the heat may help propel those health boosting compounds into the bloodstream. The study, which appears in the Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry finds cocoa has the highest levels of antioxidants, twice as high as red wine, and nearly three times stronger than green tea: Extensive studies have shown that black tea, green tea, red wine, and cocoa are "major" sources of antioxidants called phenols and flavonoids - antioxidant chemicals found naturally in foods that can help prevent chronic diseases such as heart disease and cancer. Now you really can say "yes" to a cup of hot chocolate and dollop of hot cocoa fudge - with less guilt!

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Cough Cure: If you thought nothing could be better than discovering chocolate is good for your heart ~here's a new excuse to break out a bar of Hershey's Dark. A study at the National Heart and Lung Institute in London reveals dark chocolate is better than codeine for suppressing coughs! While codeine was effective at preventing coughs, theobromine, a compound in dark chocolate proved to be 33 percent more effective, preventing coughs for four hours, with no side effects! Dark chocolate can have up to 450 milligrams of theobromine, but milk chocolate has much less.

So how much chocolate should you self-prescribe? Experts say about two ounces for an adult should tame both your cough- and your cravings!

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Mood Food: The creamy, sweet taste of chocolate has long been the prescription for a bad mood - but now it seems medical experts agree chocolate really can elevate our moods! It seems the combination of fat, sugar and an endorphin releasing substance called phenylethylamine, raises both serotonin and endorphin levels in the brain. That double dose of feel good compounds banishes our bad moods.

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Milk Trick: The cure for lactose intolerance could be as close as your next glass of milk - chocolate, that is. Research conducted at the University



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of Rhode Island suggests chocolate milk may have surprising benefits for individuals who are lactose intolerant. In a case study, those who consumed chocolate milk showed significant reductions in their symptoms.

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Choco-Therapy: Your chocolate of choice's shape and filling as well as how it is wrapped and disposed of, reveals personality clues, says Psychotherapist Murray Langham, author of "Chocolate Therapy: Dare To Discover Your Inner Self." Here are some of his chocolate claims: Love milk chocolate? You, tend to be an innocent person who likes to live in the past. Prefer dark chocolate? You are likely a materialistic, problem solvers who is excited by the future. White chocolate fans have an innate sense of fairness and believe they have the power of the universe at their command. Langham also claims your choice of filling and shape can also reveal much about your nature and state of mind. He says those who favor oval shaped chocolate candies are social and sensual, while those who prefer chocolate covered coffee filling candies are open-minded, but also impatient, anxious and immature. But perhaps the most astounding claim from Dr. Langham is that a person's attitude about romance is revealed in the way he or she disposes of the chocolate wrapper. He claims a person who crinkles up a wrapper before tossing it away has so much on their mind that they can't concentrate on romance. Worse yet, those who roll the wrapper into a ball have a boring romantic life, according to the doc-

tor.
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Chocolate Fun Facts:
*People who constantly crave chocolate could be deficient in consider adding a magnesium, which is found in chocolate.
*Chocolate syrup was used for blood in the famous shower scene in Alfred Hitchcock's movie, Psycho.
*On his fourth voyage to the New World, in 1502, Christopher Columbus was the first European to taste chocolate.
*The average American eats about 11 pounds of chocolate a year.

*The Midwest and the Northeast consume more candy per region than the South, Southwest, West or Mid-Atlantic states.

*Chocolate in a blue wrapper does not sell in Shanghai or Hong Kong because the Chinese associate blue with death.

*The best selling candy bar in the U.S. is Snickers.

*Chocolate was once considered a temptation of the devil.

*It takes 400 cacao beans to make one pound of chocolate.

*The melting point of cocoa butter is just below the human body temperature (98.6 degrees), which is why chocolate literally melts in your mouth.

*Although chocolate is not an aphrodisiac, as the ancient Aztecs believed, chocolate contains phenyl ethylamine (PEA), a natural substance that is reputed to stimulate the same reaction in the body as falling in love. Hence, heartbreak and loneliness are great excuses for chocolate overindulgence.

*Napoleon carried chocolate with him on his military campaigns, and always ate it when he needed quick energy.

*Great Late Chef James Beard used to toss a grating of bitter chocolate into chili to give it body and mellow the flavors.
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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 renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out 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.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rail Trail paving project would be a desecration of Dudley's natural treasures

To the Editor:

I was disheartened by the March 15 article concerning the Quinebaug Rail Trail paving project.

One of the reasons I moved to Dudley 37 years ago was the town's respect for nature and conservation. The cutting of trees and paving of nature trails hardly seems an appropriate use of a Mass. Trails grant. The article states that paving would open the trail for bicycle riders and wheelchair users.

These individuals are already enjoying the trail, as I have been for horseback riding and walking my dogs.

It is obvious that the real intent is the facilitate the passage of trucks that are dumping hazardous waste in the area. Please do not desecrate one of our town's "most cherished recreational treasures."

LINDA KUCZINSKI
DUDLEY

I will do my best to move Webster forward

To the Editor:

My name is Scott Dziedzic, and I am running for the three year term on the Board of Selectmen in the town of Webster. Being a lifelong resident of Webster, I hope to be able to serve and contribute further to our town. My wife and I have just welcomed our third child, and with the oldest being in preschool, my goal is to help Webster be a great place to grow up in and live. I believe it is important to be involved in the community in any way that you can. We are parishioners of St Louis Church, and have been involved with a number of town activities these past few years like "Trunk or Treat" and the "Santa Parade." If you drive by our house on Lower Gore in December, you probably know which one it is!

As for my qualifications, I have served on the Finance Committee for the last three years and am currently the Vice-

Chair. More recently, I have contributed as a member of the Economic Development Committee. I am a graduate of Nichols College, having earned my BSBA. Working in town for most of my professional career, I have been able to get to know many people. Having managerial experience with large and small businesses, I believe I can be an asset on the board. I am eager to use this knowledge, and youthful energy, to be able to serve the Webster community. I look forward to working with the fellow board members to try to ensure Webster's success. I will do my very best to help move Webster forward as positively as possible. Please take time out for the upcoming election on Monday, May 6. I appreciate your support!

Sincerely,

SCOTT DZIEDZIC
WEBSTER

The forgotten taxpayer

To the Editor:

Whenever there is talk about the possibility of a tax increase, an override or debt exclusion, there is always a group of people that are never mentioned, or thought about, and that is the elderly. Yes, the elderly, people who for the most part rely on Social Security for their income. The thought of any increase in taxes of any kind means their having to do with less, having to decide what they will have to do without, and that is not right, especially since they have been paying their dues for most of their life.

I have lived in Oxford for the past 50 years, and usually it's the schools that are in constant need funding. This type of rhetoric seems to stay in the atmosphere over Oxford and nearby towns. The taxpayer's pockets are only so deep, none of us have a money tree growing in our yards, and the elderly's pockets have been picked clean down to the seam.

Gov. Healy has announced that the state revenues could be less than anticipated, and the towns in the Commonwealth may have to shoulder

the financial loss, meaning the taxpayers get fleeced once again.

When Charlie Baker left the Governor's office in Jan. of 2023, he left a \$5 billion annual surplus, and that was even after giving \$3 billion back to the taxpayers, and stowing away \$7 billion in the state's rainy day fund. So I must ask Gov. Healy, how is it possible that after 15 months in office, we have gotten to the present situation?

Well over \$1 billion taxpayer dollars a year is spent on illegals, and it's only going to cost even more with the latest influx of Immigrants. I believe what Healy and the Democrats are doing is criminal, especially since the taxpayers, who are already burdened, should not have to pay for people that should have never been here in the first place.

Stats: 292,000 illegals in Massachusetts
101,000 US born children
97, 750 students added to local schools from illegal alien families

PAUL LARIVIERE
OXFORD

Hysteria and exaggeration will get us nowhere

To the Editor:

I'd like to respond to a letter submitted by Mr. Carl Wilson. I'm not sure if he really understands that he is criticizing our border patrol agents of not doing their job. He correctly cites President Biden's EO 13993 reversing Trump's EO 13768, but neglects to mention that the order mainly referred to enforcing existing immigration law but was laced with derogatory and misleading statements about migrants. Saying that border patrol agents needed this EO to enforce existing immigration law is just the first knock against the men and women protecting our border in his letter.

Are there migrants that actually cross undetected? Logic would say that it is inevitable, given the length of the border and the number of agents charged with monitoring it. But "hundreds of thousands" is an exaggeration, and another knock against these agents.

Border agents process all migrants "apprehended" trying to cross the border by 1) physically searching migrants and their property for drugs and contraband, 2) conduct medical screenings, 3) collect biometric information to verify their identity, 4) conduct real-time record checks for criminal records, warrants, immigration history and terrorist watch list matches, 5) determine the processing pathway and whether to detain or release each migrant on a case

by case basis, and 6) issue alien registration numbers and build alien files with history that will move with the individual throughout the immigration process. Implying that these migrants are responsible for the drugs and criminals crossing the border is implying that the border patrol agents are not doing their job.

Migrants that have made it here with an alien registration number are here legally on a temporary basis until their case is resolved. Hysterical exaggerations about migrants without proposed solutions get us nowhere. I have to agree with Mr. Wilson that I'm not happy that this situation has created a burdensome taxpayer expense, although some expense will be needed to resolve the issue.

We should be pushing our elected representatives for 1) more funding to increase the number of border agents and immigration judges to resolve these pending cases and 2) to issue more temporary work visas that allow the migrants to work so they can provide for themselves without government support while they await the outcome of their case.

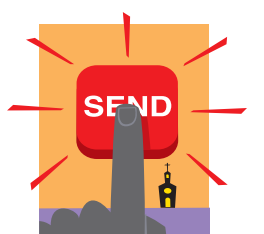
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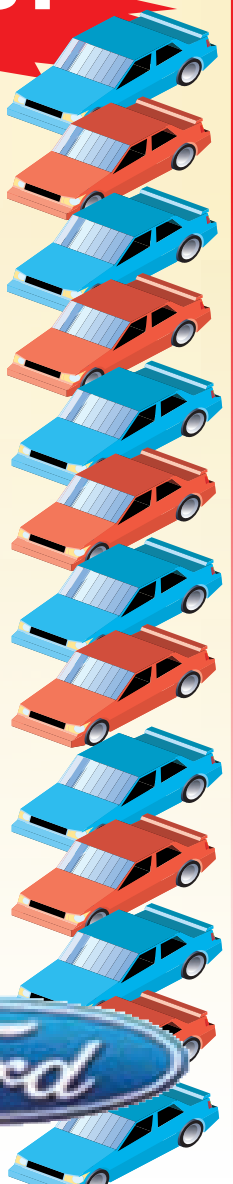


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Nurse educators learn about hardwiring diversity, equity, & inclusion into clinical teaching

WORCESTER — Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy faculty, in photo from left, Dr. Adelina Healy, DNP, MSN, RN, Professor Barbara Martel, BSN, RN, and Professor Cheryl Cahill, MSN Ed, RN and not in photo Dr. Ana Liza Olivar, EdD, MSN, RN, CRRN, all completed the MARILN (Massachusetts Rhode Island League for Nursing) Spring Conference on Friday, April 12 at the Hogan Center, College of the Holy Cross, all earning five contact hours. The conference was “Hardwiring Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion into Clinical Teaching.”

The purpose of the program is to help prepare practice-ready graduates by providing a framework for their curriculum. The program offered educators an adapted model of clinical judgment with diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) principles that can be woven into their clinical teaching. Discussed were clear principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion which are imperative to prepare a nursing workforce to care holistically for diverse populations.

The speakers were Janet Monagle PhD, RN, CNE SON Director of Quality and Compliance at Northeastern University, Lisa Gonzales, MSN, RN, Professor of Nursing, College of Southern Maryland, and Rachael Salguero PhD, RN-BC, CNEI Instructor, Track Coordinator of Nursing Education Department of Labor Grant, MGH Institute of Health Professions.

Conference learning objectives included the discussion of the need for modification

of the clinical judgment model and the addition of diversity, equity and inclusion principles, an exploration of clinical education techniques to promote clinical judgments and keep DEI principles at the forefront, an analysis of how learning can be incorporated to enhance teaching practices, and an examination of a method to promote clinical judgment teaching by clinical faculty.

About MARILN The Massachusetts Rhode Island League for Nursing (MARILN) is a constituent of the National League for Nursing. MARILN aims to improve nursing at hospitals, public health, and other organized nursing services by encouraging nursing through nursing education and awarding scholarships to students in nursing programs to encourage their education.

About Bay Path Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy runs a 40-week, (10-month), full-time, Monday through Friday, evening program. The program begins mid-August and is completed in late June. Graduates receive

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Services Department of Public Health, Board of Registration in Nursing (www.mass.gov/dph/boards/rn). The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is accredited by the Commission on Occupational Education (www.council.org).



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE FINALS RESULTS

Courtesy
On April 13, Massachusetts State Free Throw Finals were held in Holliston. Representing the Webster/ Dudley Council #228 was Jordan Ashton of Charlton who placed 4th in this very competitive age group. Congratulations Jordan for making it through the Local, District and Regional competitions to reach the State Finals. Pictured are Paul Perry, PGK with Jordan and his trophy.



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Consider starting with strawberries. They provide seasonal interest with their white flowers, red berries, and brilliant fall color. Day-neutral and everbearing strawberries produce fruit throughout the summer and grow well in strawberry pots, containers, and hanging baskets. Place the containers where you can enjoy their beauty and easily harvest and enjoy a few berries on your cereal, as an afternoon snack, or atop your favorite dessert.

Include a few of the relatively new compact berry bushes suited to containers and small spaces. Raspberry Shortcake grows two to three feet tall and wide and is thornless which makes harvesting a breeze. They produce a bumper crop on new plant growth each season.

Baby Cakes blackberry is another thornless space-saving berry plant. Like Raspberry Shortcake it grows two to three feet tall and wide and is thornless. The white flowers and tasty fruit that form on old growth make Baby Cakes a nice addition to any outdoor space.

Grow compact blueberries in pots adding pretty flowers, edible fruit, and great fall color to your patio, deck, or balcony. Blueberries prefer moist, well-drained acidic soil that many of us do not have in our gardens but can provide these ideal conditions when growing in containers. You only need one plant to have fruit but growing two will more than double the harvest.

Use narrow and columnar dwarf apples as a living screen or vertical accent. The Urban Apple series, Spire apples, North Pole, and Sentinel varieties are all suited to growing in containers and small spaces. The trees grow about eight to ten feet tall and only several feet wide. The trunk is loaded with short branches and lots of



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fruiting spurs for easy harvesting. You will need two different varieties of most apples, including these, for cross-pollination to occur and fruit to develop.

Grow your compact berry bushes in pots 12 to 16 inches in diameter and at least ten inches deep. As the plants grow and mature, move them into larger, 20 to 24 inch containers. Your columnar apples will appreciate a bigger container that is 20 inches wide and deep.

Use pots with drainage holes and fill them with a quality potting mix. Check soil moisture daily and water thoroughly whenever the top few inches of soil are starting to dry. Reduce ongoing maintenance by incorporating an organic moisture-retaining product like Wild Valley Farms wool pellets (wildvalleyfarms.com)

into the potting mix. This sustainable product reduces watering by up to 25 percent and increases air space for healthier growth.

Supplement the nutrients in Wild Valley Farms wool pellets as needed with a low nitrogen, slow-release fertilizer and eliminate weekly fertilization. Add the slow-release fertilizer soon after planting and again mid-season if needed. Do not fertilize in late summer as that can stimulate late-season growth that can be damaged in winter.

Those gardening in cold climates will need to provide extra winter protection. Insulate the roots by grouping plants together and surrounding them with bales of straw, bags of potting mix, or similar materials. Or move plants to an unheated garage for winter and water whenever the soil is thawed and dry.

Another option is to grow these plants in nursery pots and set them in decorative containers for summer. When winter arrives, move the potted plants out of the decora-



Melinda Myers

Compact varieties of raspberries and other fruit are well suited to being grown in containers and small spaces.

tive containers and sink the nursery pots in a vacant part of the garden. Lift the plants out of the ground in spring and set them back in their decorative containers for the growing season.

As you master these fruit plants, and if space allows, expand your small-scale orchard to include citrus, figs, dwarf cherries, plums, and peaches. You'll enjoy the flowers, shade and of course the tasty fruit.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the

recently released *Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Wild Valley Farms for her expertise to write this article. Myers' Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.*

LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 2C John William Drive #2C, Pond View II Condominium, Auburn, MA 01501

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Nancy Nichols to RBS Citizens, N.A., and now held by **Citizens Bank, N.A. f/k/a RBS Citizens, N.A.**, said mortgage dated May 23, 2013 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 50961, Page 326, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction** on May 21, 2024 at 11:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, **directly in front of the building in which the unit is located**, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The unit ("Unit") known as Unit 2-C John William Drive, Auburn, Massachusetts in the POND VIEW II CONDOMINIUM, a condominium "Condominium" established pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 183A, by Master Deed dated September 17, 1985, and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds at Book 8937, Page 84 (the "Master Deed") which Unit is shown on the floor plans ("Plans") recorded in Plan Book 541, Plan 34 with the Master Deed. The Unit is conveyed together with:

1. An undivided interest of .04762% of the common areas and facilities ("Common Elements") of the Condominium described in the Master Deed, attributable to the Unit.
2. An exclusive right and easement to use any shed, steps, bulkhead or chimney extending from the exterior of the Unit as provided in the Master Deed.
3. An exclusive right to use two parking spaces.
4. The exclusive right and easement to use the deck or patio adjacent to such Unit, if any, and to which there is direct access from the interior of such Unit.
5. The exclusive right and easement to use the attic space, if any, above and accessible from such unit.
6. An easement for the continuances of all encroachments by the Unit of any adjoining Units or Common Elements existing as a result of construction of the Condominium, or which may come into existence hereafter as result of settling or shifting of the buildings or of the Unit after damage or destruction by fire or other casualty, or after a taking in condemnation or eminent domain proceedings, or by reason of an alteration or repair to the Common Elements made by or with the consent of the Trustees of Pond View Condominium Trust (the "Trustees")
7. The easement in common with the owners of other Units to use any pipes, wires, ducts flues, cables, conduits, public utility lines, and other common elements located in any of the other Units or elsewhere in the condominium serving the Unit.
8. Rights and easements in common with other Unit Owners as described in the Master Deed. Same premises as Book 20656 Page 359

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 October 28, 1998 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester

District) Registry of Deeds in Book 20656, Page 359.

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 in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Brock & Scott, PLLC
23 Messenger Street
2nd Floor
Plainville, MA 02762
Attorney for Citizens Bank, N.A. f/k/a RBS Citizens, N.A.
Present Holder of the Mortgage (401) 217-8701
April 5, 2024
April 12, 2024
April 19, 2024

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
DOCKET NO. 23 SM 004391
ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: Jessica S. Peterson and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. C. 50 §3901 (et seq): Plains Commerce Bank claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Auburn, numbered 10 Melba Avenue, given by Jessica S. Peterson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Plains Commerce Bank, its successors and assigns, dated December 16, 2022, and recorded in Worcester County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 68619, Page 383, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before 5/27/2024 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, GORDON H. PIPER Chief Justice of this Court on 4/10/2024. Attest: Deborah J. Patterson, Recorder April 19, 2024

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Alice L. Chmura and Jan T. Mathieu to Springfield Institution For Savings, dated October 15, 1993 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 15662, Page 11, subsequently assigned to Bank United by First Massachusetts Bank, NA as successor in interest to Family Bank, NA (FKA Family Bank, FSB) successor by merger to Springfield Institution For Savings by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 22710, Page 376, subsequently assigned to Bank United by First Massachusetts Bank, NA as successor in interest to Family Bank, NA (FKA Family Bank, FSB) successor by merger to Springfield Institution For Savings by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 68364, Page 152, subsequently assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, FA by Washington Mutual Bank f/k/a Washington Mutual Bank, FA successor by merger to Bank United by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 47321, Page 77, subsequently assigned to The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation as receiver of Washington Mutual Bank formerly known as Washington Mutual Bank, FA successor by merger to Bank United by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 63588, Page 229, subsequently assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, FA by The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation as receiver of Washington Mutual Bank formerly known as Washington Mutual Bank, FA successor by merger to Bank United by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 48211, Page 190, subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust by Wells Fargo Bank, NA by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 56300, Page 48, subsequently assigned to DLJ Mortgage Capital, Inc. by U.S. Bank Trust, National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 64368, Page 393, subsequently assigned to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of CSMC 2019-RPL10 Trust by DLJ Mortgage Capital, Inc. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 68261, Page 72 for breach of the condi-

tions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 AM on April 26, 2024 at 26 Hall Road, Webster, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

A certain tract or parcel of land on the easterly side of Hall Road, Webster, MA shown as Lot No. 990 on Plan entitled "Revised Subdivision of Plans No. 3 and No. 4 of Lots at Lakeside" owned by Helmi M. Hall dated July 5, 1966 and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 305, Plan 74, and further bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING: at a point on the easterly side of Hall Road, said point being the northwest corner of: the lot herein conveyed;
THENCE: , easterly by Lot #989, a distance of 293.86 feet;
THENCE: southeasterly, a distance of 100.97 feet;
THENCE: westerly, by Lot #991, a distance of 307.86 feet to Hall Road;
THENCE: northerly by Hall Road, a distance of 100 feet to the point of beginning.
SUBJECT to the restrictions set forth in Book 12594, Page 352.

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

TERMS OF SALE:

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

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.
Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of CSMC 2019-RPL10 Trust
Present Holder of said Mortgage, By Its Attorneys,
ORLANS PC
PO Box 540540
Waltham, MA 02454
Phone: (781) 790-7800
22-000857
April 5, 2024
April 12, 2024
April 19, 2024

LEGALS

**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. WO24C0167CA
CITATION ON PETITION TO
CHANGE NAME**

In the matter of:
**Miguel A Montalvo Nieves, Sr.
A Petition to Change Name of Adult**
has been filed by
**Miguel A Montalvo Nieves, Sr. of
Webster MA** requesting that the court
enter a Decree changing their name to:
Thor Miguel Nieves
IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes
of objecting to the petition by filing an
appearance at: Worcester Probate and
Family Court before 05/07/24. This is
NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by
which you must file a written appear-
ance if you object to this proceeding.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First
Justice of this Court.
Date: April 10, 2024
Stephanie Fattman,
Register of Probate
April 19, 2024

(SEAL)
**COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL
COURT
Docket No. 24 SM 001428
ORDER OF NOTICE**

TO:
**Ruby E. Assanov
Michael A. Assanov a/k/a
Michael Assanov**
and to all persons entitled to the benefit
of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act,
50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 *et seq.*:
**Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee
for Merrill Lynch Mortgage Investors
Trust, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed
Certificates, Series 2004-OPT1**
claiming to have an interest in a Mort-
gage covering real property in **Web-
ster, numbered 18 Lincoln Street,**
given by **Ruby E. Assanov and Mi-
chael A. Assanov to Option One
Mortgage Corporation, dated March
31, 2004,** and recorded in **Worcester
County (Worcester District) Registry
of Deeds in Book 33504, Page 106,**
and now held by the Plaintiff by assign-
ment, has/have filed with this court a
complaint for determination of Defen-
dant's/Defendants' Servicemembers
status.
If you now are, or recently have been,
in the active military service of the United
States of America, then you may be
entitled to the benefits of the Service-
members Civil Relief Act. If you object
to a foreclosure of the above-men-
tioned property on that basis, then you
or your attorney must file a written ap-
pearance and answer in this court at
**Three Pemberton Square, Boston,
MA 02108** on or before **05/27/2024**
or you may lose the opportunity to chal-
lenge the foreclosure on the ground of
noncompliance with the Act.
Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief
Justice of this Court on **4/9/2024.**
Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
April 19, 2024

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Docket No. WO16P0235EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF
SUCCESSOR PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE
Estate of:
Barbara Anita Cobb
Date of Death: 11/09/2015**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for has been filed by
Paul Schleicher of Chartley MA re-
questing that the Court enter a formal
Decree and Order that:
David J DuPont of Webster MA be
appointed as Successor Personal Repre-
sentative(s) of said estate to serve
Without Surety on the bond and for
such other relief as requested in the
Petition.
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
04/30/2024.**
This is NOT a hearing date, but a dead-
line by which you must file a written ap-
pearance and objection if you object to
this proceeding. If you fail to file a time-
ly written appearance and objection fol-
lowed by an Affidavit of Objections
within thirty (30) days of the return day,
action may be taken without further no-
tice to you.
The estate is being administered under
formal procedure by the Personal Repre-
sentative under the Massachusetts
Uniform Probate Code without super-
vision by the Court. Inventory and ac-
counts are not required to be filed with
the Court, but recipients are entitled to
notice regarding the administration
from the Personal Representative and
can petition the Court in any matter re-
lating to the estate, including the distri-
bution of assets and expenses of ad-
ministration.
**WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy,
First Justice of this Court.**
Date: April 04, 2024
Stephanie Fattman,
Register of Probate
April 19, 2024

(SEAL)
THE COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL
COURT
Docket Number: 24 SM 001412
ORDER OF NOTICE
To:
Robin Ann Radcliffe
and to all persons entitled to the ben-
efit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief
Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq):
The Bank of New York Mellon as
Trustee for CWABS, Inc. Asset-Backed
Certificates, Series 2005-17
claiming to have an interest in a
Mortgage covering real property in
Webster, numbered 27 Highcrest
Park, Unit No. 3, The Highcrest
Condominium, given by Sandra M.
Radcliffe to Mortgage Electronic
Registration Systems, Inc., as nom-
inee for Countrywide Home Loans,
Inc., dated September 15, 2005, and
recorded in the Worcester County
(Worcester District) Registry of Deeds
in Book 37342, Page 331, and now
held by the Plaintiff by assignment,
has/have filed with this court a com-
plaint for determination of Defendant's/
Defendants' Servicemembers status.
If you now are, or recently have been,
in the active military service of the
United States of America, then you
may be entitled to the benefits of the
Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If
you object to a foreclosure of the
above-mentioned property on that
basis, then you or your attorney must
file a written appearance and answer in
this court at Three Pemberton Square,
Boston, MA 02108 on or before May
27, 2024, or you may lose the opportu-
nity to challenge the foreclosure on the
ground of noncompliance with the Act.
Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice
of this Court on April 9, 2024.
Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
24683
April 19, 2024

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

By virtue and in execution of the
Power of Sale contained in a
certain mortgage given by Jessica
Figueroa Rodriguez to Mortgage
Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.,
as nominee for Envoy Mortgage, LTD,
dated December 17, 2021 and record-
ed in the Worcester County (Worcester
District) Registry of Deeds in Book
66778, Page 280, as modified by a
certain modification agreement dated
April 26, 2023, and recorded with said
Worcester County (Worcester District)
Registry of Deeds in Book 69158,
Page 249, of which mortgage the
undersigned is the present holder, by
assignment from:
Mortgage Electronic Registration
Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nom-
inee for Envoy Mortgage, LTD, its suc-
cessors and assigns to Lakeview Loan
Servicing, LLC, recorded on March 24,
2023, in Book No. 68949, at Page 326
for breach of the conditions of said
mortgage and for the purpose of fore-
closing, the same will be sold at Public
Auction at 12:00 PM on May 21, 2024,
on the mortgaged premises located

at 8 Pine Street, Dudley, Worcester
County, Massachusetts, all and sing-
ular the premises described in said
mortgage,
TO WIT:
Two common tracts of land, togeth-
er with the buildings thereon, situ-
ated in Dudley, Worcester County,
Massachusetts and described as fol-
lows:
TRACT I
The land with the buildings thereon
of every nature and description and
all the privileges and appurtenances
thereto belonging situated in the east-
erly part of said Dudley and bounded
and described as follows:
BEGINNING at the southeasterly cor-
ner thereof, at a point on the northerly
line of Pine Street, two hundred nine-
ty-eight (298) feet from the westerly
line of Oxford Avenue;
THENCE northerly by land now or for-
merly of Henry Roomer, and parallel
with said Oxford Avenue one hundred
thirty-two (132) feet;
THENCE westerly by land formerly of
Stevens Linen Works and parallel with
said Pine Street sixty-six (66) feet;
THENCE southerly by land of said
Works and parallel with said Roomer's
line, one hundred thirty-two (132) feet
to Pine Street;
THENCE easterly by said Pine Street
sixty-six (66) feet to point of beginning.
Containing 8,712 square feet.
Excepting from the above described
tract a piece of land sold to the Southern
New England railroad Company on
October 22, 1912, by deed recorded
in the Worcester District Registry of
Deeds, Book 2009, Page 102 bounded
and described as follows:
A Little triangle beginning at the south-
westerly corner; thence northerly
forty-eight (48) feet, thence easterly
twenty-six feet; thence southwesterly
fifty-six (56) feet to the point of begin-
ning.
TRACT II
The land in the easterly part of said
Dudley, bounded and described as
follows:
BEGINNING at southeasterly corner
of land to be conveyed, on the north-
erly side of Pine Street and being
the southwesterly corner of land of
Kazimierz Hajec, o/k/a Charles Hazec,
now or formerly shown as Lot No. 26,
on Plat of Stevens Linen Works;
THENCE running northerly on westerly
line of said Lot No. 26, for a distance
of about eighty-four (84) feet to a point
forty (40) feet distant easterly at right
angles from center line of location of
the Southern New England Railroad
Corporation;
THENCE running and turning north-
easterly on line parallel to and forty
(40) feet distant from said center line
for a distance of about fifty-six (56) feet
to the northerly line of said Lot No. 26;
THENCE turning and running easterly
along said northerly line for a distance
of about forty (40) feet to the northeast
corner of said Lot No. 26;
THENCE turning and running northerly
on easterly line of Lot No.43 of said
Plat for a distance of thirty (30) feet;
THENCE turning and running westerly
on line parallel to northerly line of Pine
Street for a distance of thirty-seven
(37) feet to a point;
THENCE turning and running south-
westerly by direct line about one hun-
dred eighty (180) feet to a point in the
northerly line of Pine Street that is fifty
(50) feet westerly from the point of
beginning.
THENCE turning and running easterly
by Pine Street fifty (50) feet to the point
of beginning.
CONTAINING 4,257 square feet of
land, more or less, and comprising
parts of Lots No. 26, 43 and 27 of said
Plat of Steven's Linen Works.
This conveyance is made subject to an
easement of Webster and Southbridge
Gas & Electric Company as of record
in Book 2585, page 541, Worcester
district Registry of Deeds and to any
restrictions and easements of record.
For mortgagor's(s') title see
deed recorded with Worcester County
(Worcester District) Registry of Deeds
in Book 66778, Page 275.
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 applica-
ble, having priority over said mort-
gage, whether or not reference to
such restrictions, easements, improve-
ments, 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 descrip-
tion 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.
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California St.
Newton, MA 02458
(617)558-0500
25175
April 19, 2024
April 26, 2024
May 3, 2024
**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family
Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508)831-2200
Docket No. WO24P1045PO
TRUST CITATION
Barbara A. Cobb Irrevocable Trust
In the matter of:**
To all interested persons:
A Petition has been filed by:
Paul Schleicher of Chartley MA
requesting appointment of Successor
Trustee.
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
04/30/2024.**
This is NOT a hearing date, but a dead-
line by which you must file a written ap-
pearance and objection if you object
to this proceeding. If you fail to file a
timely written appearance and objec-
tion followed by an Affidavit of Objec-
tions within thirty (30) days of the re-
turn date, action may be taken without
further notice to you.
**WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy,
First Justice of this Court.**
Date: March 29, 2024
Stephanie Fattman,
Register of Probate
April 19, 2024
Warrant Article #22 (General) of the
Annual Town Meeting held on May
22, 2023, has received approval
from the Attorney General's
Office on September 5, 2023. The
Massachusetts Environmental Police
have granted approval of Warrant
Article 22 on March 29, 2024. The
entire text of this by-law is posted in
the following five places in accordance
with G.L.c. 40 § 32: Dudley Municipal
Complex, Pearle Crawford Memorial
Library, Mason Road School, Dudley
District Court House and Shepherd Hill
High School.
Attest: Lori A. Smith, Dudley Town
Clerk
April 12, 2024
April 19, 2024
**TOWN OF WEBSTER WATER SEWER
COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE-The Webster Water Sewer
Commission will hold a Public Hearing
on Thursday, May 02, 2024 at 7:15PM
at the Town Hall in the Selectman's
Meeting Room, 350 Main Street,
Webster, MA, to establish FY 2025
Water and Sewer Rates. The hearing
will include a Water and Sewer rate
study presentation from Tighe & Bond.
All interested parties are invited to
attend.
April 19, 2024
April 26, 2024**

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MOVIE
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Got "IT." In fact, there was a popular song called "She's Got It" that Richard will sing before accompanying the film.

Clara Bow grew up as a tomboy, loved sports and could out-pitch and out-hit all the neighborhood boys in baseball. She attended PS111 in Brooklyn and then graduated from an all-girls high school where she excelled in athletics. With all of her family problems, Clara escaped to Coney Island, Luna Park and Dreamland in summers. After all, it was only a street car ride away. She probably would have become an athletics instructor if that newspaper ad for a chance to

become an actress wasn't published. Her father encouraged her to fill out the application and include a picture, which he paid for. Although she was one of 300 contestants at the audition, her self-confidence, determination, and ambition won her first place. With persistence and just being a pest around the studio agency, she got a small part in a local movie which started her career. By 1929, she rose to stardom and was the most popular actress at the box office. Not bad considering she was just 24 years old. Come and get some of This ... I mean "IT."

What goes around, comes around ... Taylor Swift has just issued her new release with a song in the final track position entitled Clara Bow.

AJ
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them financially. A slew of people in our school put together a fundraiser so it's going to be a family fun day where we will have an organized workout by a fitness professional for older teens and adults, we'll have all sorts of outdoor activities weather permitting, and it will all be geared towards kids to have fun," said Winans. "It's just going to be a great event for our community to bring everybody together and for kids to have a great time. We want to see families come together and support the Congdons."

The event will feature more than 60 raffle items, contests and exercises organized by Dudley and Charlton athletes, food and ice cream trucks, and more. Weather permitting, many of the activities will be outside at Shepherd Hill, but the day is rain or shine with plenty of space inside to enjoy the fun. The event is completely community donated with no overhead cost, meaning every penny earned will help AJ and his family in his fight. Entry into the event will be \$7.30, a tribute to AJ's football number 73. Guests are encouraged to wear green for the day, AJ's favorite color. The fundraiser will take place from noon until 2 p.m. at Shepherd Hill Regional High School.

Those who can't make the event in person and want to support AJ and his family can donate by searching AJ Congdon Strong on GoFundMe. As of this writing, the campaign has raised over \$76,700 towards the goal of \$85,000.

Admission is free. Popcorn and seltzer will be available for a donation.

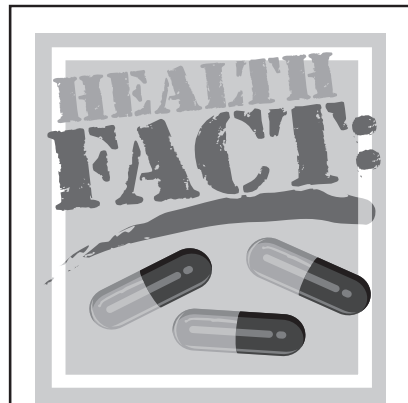
Night at the Museum: Silent Movies with Richard Hughes at the Samuel Slater Experience, 31 Ray Street, Webster, Mass., Friday, April 19, from 5:30 -7 p.m., is sponsored by the Webster Cultural Council. Reservations are encouraged at samuel Slater Experience.org.

About Samuel Slater Experience

Samuel Slater Experience, which opened in March 2022, employs state-of-the-art 4-D digital technology to tell the story of Samuel Slater, the beginnings of the American Industrial Revolution, and the founding of Webster, Massachusetts, in the early 19th century.

The museum is located in the former National Guard Webster Armory at 31 Ray Street, Webster, Massachusetts, and open to the public year-round. Daily Schedule: Fridays & Saturdays: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday: Noon to 4 p.m. Ticket purchases for school trips, private events, and groups can be arranged directly with staff.

For more information and tickets, visit samuel Slater Experience.org



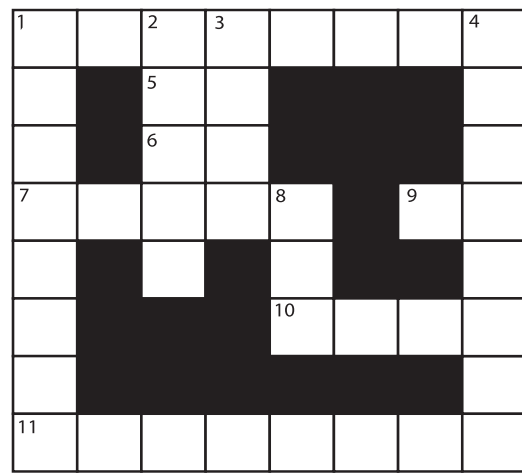
THIS ACTIVITY CAN RELIEVE STRESS AND DECREASE BLOOD PRESSURE, RESULTING IN A RELAXED FEELING.

ANSWER: LAUGHING

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Laugh
SPANISH: Reirse
ITALIAN: Ridere
FRENCH: Rire
GERMAN: Lachen

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1. Silliest, craziest
- 5. Account of (abbr)
- 6. To a great extent
- 7. Smiles slightly
- 9. Either ___
- 10. Not any
- 11. Response to a situation

DOWN

- 1. Happy sound
- 2. Calm, pleasant place
- 3. Midday
- 4. Unlucky number
- 8. Boy child

Answers:
Across
1. Looniest 5. AO 6. So 7. Grins 9. Or
Down
1. Laughter 2. Oasis 3. Noon 4. Thirteen 8. Son

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JOKE

something someone says to cause laughter

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GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: WOMAN LAUGHING

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to laughter. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 14 = E)

A. 10 2 20 14
Clue: Funny saying

B. 5 13 9 9 16
Clue: Humorous

C. 19 7 13 19 20 22 14
Clue: Laugh slightly

D. 1 25 8 22 14
Clue: Pleased expression

Answers: A. Joke B. Jumpy C. chuckle D. snifle

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OBITUARIES

David Lloyd Holke, 79



WOODSTOCK, CT – David Lloyd Holke, 79, of Woodstock, Connecticut, passed away suddenly on Saturday, April 6, 2024, with his wife Judy by his side. He died as he lived, proving incredible

strength, love, and determination. Born on July 26, 1944, in Webster, Massachusetts, David was adored by his parents, Adolf & Alice Holke. While not a religious man, David proudly served as an altar boy throughout his youth. Upon graduating from Bartlett High School, he enlisted in the United States Air Force where he would serve four years working primarily as a hydraulic specialist. Thereafter, he would take a job as a truck driver that inherently laid the groundwork for a lifelong career in buying, selling, and playing with construction equipment. Through hard work, and determination, David would go on to found, own, and operate Thompson Tractor; a company that is revered in the world of big rigs and construction equipment specializing in Caterpillar, Hertz, and John Deere to name but a few.

David had an explosive, go big or go home personality. He loved to push the limit; as a bodybuilder, pyrotechnic engineer, outdoorsman. A lover of adrenaline and fast cars, you always knew when Holkie was near; you could hear the revving of his hotrod a mile away. Street racing, drag racing, ice racing; snowmobiles, motorcycles, boats, hot rods; on the land, the snow, the ice, or the water; he was a thrill seeker who had a love of speed and appreciation for fine craftsmanship.

David was selfless; he had the most generous, giving heart. He was loyal and dedicated to always doing the right thing and putting the needs of others before his own. If you called, he would always answer. "Okay." "Whatever you need." No matter the ask, he was there to make it happen.

As life came full-circle, becoming a father was a job David treasured second to none. The birth of his two beautiful daughters brought him a joy and inner peace that only a parent could understand. He showered them with love and affection never sheltering them from his electric life. With the birth of each grandson, you could see David's heart expand a little more. He had a yearning to share his love of tractors, excavators, and boyhood pranks with them. Nothing made him smile bigger, or those big blue eyes sparkle more, than spending time with his legacy.

In his twilight, David took time to slow down and take pleasure in the simpler

moments; like reading a good book on the porch. Saturday morning meet-ups with the Breakfast Club at Bill's Diner in Putnam. Sunday rituals with his wife that began at the Vanilla Bean followed by a long scenic drive across New England, up and down the East coast, lunching at cozy eateries. David loved to drive. He looked forward to spending time with his grandsons every September at the Woodstock Fair. He treasured each holiday reveling in the pure joy and love surrounded by his family. He was a simple man at heart who enjoyed nothing more than a home cooked meal; especially BBQ chicken and fresh baked chocolate chip cookies.

Retirement was never an option for David. He was a working mans man. A man of true character who vowed to work till the end. And he did. Right up until his final moments, David was manicuring his picturesque 35-acre farm, the final feather in his cap. A property that he resurrected from a 60-year slumber. He re-shaped every inch of this stunning hillside clearing out decades of overgrown brush to reveal lush green fields, precariously determining the placement of each historic stone on its walls, bringing a murky pond back to life, and adding rustic dirt roads to ensure another 60 years of pristine country awe.

Loving him always, he leaves his wife, and partner of 27 years, Judy Holke; his daughter Mia Holke Longo, son-in-law Jon Longo, grandsons Dax and Chase Longo; daughter Misty L. Holke and grandson David Bearett Holke; stepson Alec Lopez, wife Sherri, grandson Rafe, and stepson Andres Lopez; brothers Daniel and Jay Duteau, and sister, Rachel Koebke-Gallant.

David Holke was larger-than-life; a one-of-a-kind, original, irreplaceable man, son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, friend, and mentor to so many. Our hero who always had the coolest toys, the coolest stories, and the greatest adoration from all who knew him. He will be missed in every moment and forever carried in our hearts.

Please join us in celebrating the life of this great man at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main Street, Oxford, MA, on Friday, April 26, 2024. Calling hours are 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm, followed by a service at 6:00 pm. In loving memory of David, and the organizations he supported, donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital or Shriners Children's Hospital.

Brian Williams, 77



Brian Williams, age 77, of Dudley died Sunday, April 7, 2024 unexpectedly at his home in Dudley. Brian was born September 8, 1946 in Worcester, MA. He is the son of the Jean Alice (Cypher) Williams and the late Arthur Dwight Williams.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years Louise (Croteau) Williams and two daughters; Laurie Schwartz and her husband Steven of Andover, MA and Debra Styer and her husband Damon of San Francisco, CA.; his mother Jean Alice (Cypher) Williams of Charlton, one brother, Richard Williams and his wife Pamela of Dudley, MA; one sister, Jane Rutledge and her husband Philip of Webster, MA, two grandchildren, Valerie Maskiell and her husband Zach of Weare, NH; Brian Hubbard and his wife Lizzie of Dudley, MA, Great Grandson, James Hubbard.

He Graduated from Bartlett High School in 1964 and proudly served in the Army during the Vietnam War. He was a Hydraulics Specialist while working at Cincinnati Milacron and retired from M.R.S.E. in West Brookfield.

He belonged to the Singletary Rod and Gun Club, The Black Tavern,

and Massachusetts A m a t e u r Trap shooting Association. Brian and his father assisted with the renovations of the Black Tavern in 1980's.

Brian was a loving husband, father, grandfather, son, and brother. He enjoyed hunting, trap shooting, traveling and gardening, reading, and treasured time with family and spending time at his hunting camp in Aurora, Maine. He was a wonderful man, who was always helping others, but had a difficult time accepting help for himself.

The funeral will be held 11:00 am on Saturday, May 4 at First Congregational Church Of Dudley, 135 Center Rd., Dudley, MA with Rev John White officiating. Burial will follow in Corbin cemetery in Dudley. The Webster-Dudley Veterans Honor Guard will provide Military Honors at the cemetery. Calling hours will be Friday, May 3 from 6-8 pm at Bartel Funeral Home, 33 Schofield Avenue, Dudley, MA.

In lieu of flowers please make memorial contributions to South County Dialysis Center, 336 Thompson Road, Webster, MA 01570.



Sen. Ryan Fattman and Rep. John Marsi look over the draped Grange charter.

Gus Steeves

DUDLEY GRANGE PRESENTS GOLDEN SHEAF AWARDS

The Dudley Grange honored two long-time members last week by giving them both Golden Sheaf awards celebrating 50 years. Ellis "Cappy" Bateman received his posthumously. He died earlier this year, and the Grange draped its charter in his honor that evening. But Sylvia Bates was able to attend, receiving her sheaf plus buttons for 55, 60 and 65 years in the Grange.



State Grange President Corey Spence sits with Sylvia Bates.

MOHEGAN BOWL WINTER LEAGUES, WEEK ENDING APRIL 14

Monday Men's Business

Single – Tim Labay 153, Billy Shiner 144, Mike Nardone 138
Series – Tim Labay 371, Mike Nardone 357, Billy Shiner 354
Series over average – AJ Gagner +49

Women's Ten Pin City

Single – Division 1 – Joanne LaBonte 190, Marie Piegorsch 156
Division 2 – Charlene Hebert 157, Kelley Webb 117
Series – Division 1 – Natalie Wood 556, Claudia Allen 465
Division 2 – Kelly Apher 467, Bernie Stackpole 354

Tuesday Chet's Social

Single – Ryan Pelletier 133, John Dupuis 128, Tom Smith 127, Diane Levesque 109, Erin Van Dam 105, Dawn Gleason 102
Series – Ryan Pelletier 351, Tom Smith 335, John Dupuis 315, Erin Van Dam 304, Diane Levesque 294, Ellen Fugatt 273
Series over average – Ty Dupuis +33, Diane Levesque +24

Summit Tenpin

Single – Division 1 – Bob Hanville 213
Division 2 – Kerry Clark 198
Series – Division 1 – Eric Apher 639
Division 2 – Joe Harvard 504

Thursday Morning Coffee

Single – Donna Lewandowski 104, Barbara Penkala 98, Pat Blake & Pat Kaczor 93
Series – Barbara Penkala 282, Donna Lewandowski 279, Lorraine Biadasz 265
Series over average – Donna Lewandowski, Barbara Penkala, and Pauline Fay +30

PLAYGROUND

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climbing walls. The company is also considering different kinds of materials including metal, wood, and plastic.

After Radner's presentation, the real goal of the meeting commenced as young guests were tasked with participating in a series of activities to decide what equipment and ways of playing would be prioritized in the eventual final design. Some of these children also took to the podium to suggest different ideas like a basketball hoop, large slides, some kind of go-kart or racing track, and water features.

Some input from adults included adding seating space for parents to rest and creating something that also caters to middle schoolers.

Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda assured the audience that while the playground is meant to serve specifically ages six to 12, it is not the only aspect of what has become a much larger project over time.

"The first phase is the playground because by far the playground received the most outcry to get it reopened and up and running for the kids, including the equipment – the second round of grant funding we're going to try to target the

open space which will be located further down where the current playground is and that will have space for benches, hanging out, a farmers market, those sort of things," said Ruda.

Radner Design Associates will now use the input from the exercise to determine how the playground will look, which will also help finalize a projected price tag that will be essential to the town's search for grant funding. Town Planner Bill Scanlon revealed that Dudley plans to seek a state grant this summer that, if successful, would fund up to 70 percent of the project.

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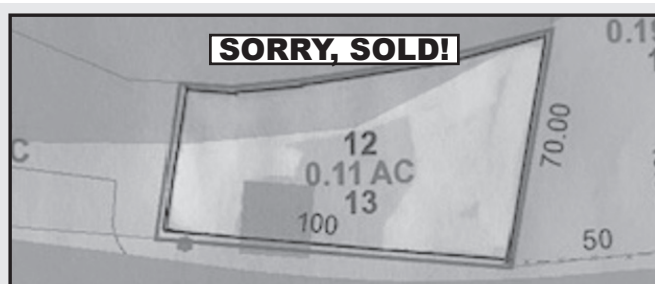
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