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Partnering with PulteGroup

\$10,000 donation supports career education at Blackstone Valley Tech

UPTON — Students and staff at Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School (BVT) are proud to have a partner like PulteGroup, Inc., one of America's largest homebuilders, supporting vocational-technical education. Its New England division recently contributed \$10,000 to the Blackstone Valley Tech Educational Foundation, Inc. The generous donation will enhance students' learning experience in the Advanced Manufacturing & Fabrication (Welding), Construction Technology, Electrical, HVAC&R, and Plumbing programs at BVT.

"Giving back to the communities we serve is an important part of our culture at PulteGroup," said Brian Lupien, vice president of operations for PulteGroup's New England division. "At BVT, incred-



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Check presentation at Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School in Upton, Massachusetts. Pictured individuals from left to right: Mark Mastroianni, PulteGroup New England Division Director of Land Planning and Entitlement; Brian Lupien, PulteGroup New England Division Vice President of Operations; Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick, Superintendent-Director; Dr. Matthew Connors, Vocational Director; Michele Denise, Vocational Director; and Stephen Grabowski, Assessment Coordinator.

Eagle Scout project aims to bring 'StoryWalk' to community

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

DOUGLAS — One local Boy Scout hopes to combine reading with outdoor adventure as part of his Eagle Rank Scout project.

Ethan Chisholm, a scout from Troop 316 who has teamed up with the Simon Fairfield Public Library in Douglas, is seeking donations to bring a "StoryWalk" to the community.

"StoryWalk is a fun and interactive activity that promotes reading, exercise, and outdoor exploration," the library released. "Our StoryWalk project will feature a series of stations, each displaying a different page of a children's book."

The signs would be placed along the Southern New England Trunkline Trail at the end of Depot Street, according to project details, allowing families to read the story as they walk.

"We believe this project will not only provide a fun and educational activity for families, but also promote the benefits of outdoor activity and exercise," the library added.

StoryWalk was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, Vermont, according to information from the Montpelier local Kellogg-Hubbard Library. The concept has developed with the help of Rachel Senechal, formerly of the Kellogg-Hubbard Library.

"StoryWalk is an innovative and delightful way for children—and adults—to enjoy reading and the outdoors at the same time," the K-H Library wrote on its website. "Laminated pages from a children's book are attached to wooden stakes, which are installed along an outdoor path. As you stroll down the trail, you're directed to the next page in the story."

Chisholm needs help from the community to make this project a reality; he is seeking donations to cover the cost of materials to build the stations, the Douglas library released.

"Any amount, no matter how small, will make a difference. Your donation will not only help Ethan achieve his Eagle Scout rank, but will also benefit the community for years to come."

For \$150, donors can sponsor a station. A plaque with the donor's name will be posted

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ible work happens every day to prepare tomorrow's leaders for the many family-sustaining career possibilities in the homebuilding trades. We are proud to do our part to support their efforts and help more students get a head start on their future."

BVT offers 18 vocational-technical programs with a challenging academic curriculum, as well as post-secondary programs. The high school is known for meeting the rigorous and relevant standards of modern industry with its rich offering of vocational shops. Each shop is equipped with state-of-the-art tools and equipment that provide students with industry expe-

rience and skills to prepare them for the present and future developments of their trades.

"On behalf of the BVT school community, I want to thank the PulteGroup Foundation for their generous donation," said Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick, Superintendent-Director of Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School. "Thanks to partners like PulteGroup, we are able to provide our students with the highest quality vocational-technical education central to the careers of today and tomorrow."

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More than ten acres burned in forest brush fire

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

DOUGLAS — Fire personnel from multiple towns battled a brush fire in Douglas State Forest last week, additionally searching for a missing person at the scene.

Fire officials said the fire is under control and the individual has been located; 10.1 acres were burned, according to reports.

The incident occurred on April 7; shortly after 2 p.m., the Douglas Fire Department was dispatched to the area of 39 Hilltop Drive for a "reported brush fire behind the residence."

"The on-duty Douglas Fire personnel were already committed to another brush fire in Pascoag, Rhode Island, along with many of our mutual aid partners," the Douglas Fire Department released in a statement.

"Two off-duty personnel responded, along with Fire Chief Kent Vinson."

Upon arrival in the area, Chief Vinson "noted smoke and requested two additional forestry units" from the Webster and Dudley Fire Departments.

"Upon arrival on Hilltop Drive, Chief Vinson entered the forest behind [the residence] to perform a size-up. After walking on foot approximately 800 feet into the forest, he discovered a large, wind-driven fire burning around the Grand Trunkline Trail between Hilltop Drive and Southwest Main Street," fire officials said.

Douglas Engine 2 arrived with two personnel and began what fire officials described as "a lengthy hose stretch" into the forest. At that time, Chief Vinson struck a third alarm for brush, which brought additional mutual aid units and multiple utility terrain vehicles (UTVs) to the scene from Webster, Dudley, Sutton, Oxford, Mendon, Upton, Millville, Northbridge, and the state's Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR).

"Multiple UTVs were able to enter the forest via the Grand Trunkline Trail from Southwest Main Street," Douglas Fire said. "Personnel set up a water supply utilizing floating pumps in the streams within the forest. Mutual aid tankers responded to feed Douglas Engine 2 that continued to provide water for firefighting from Hilltop Drive."

According to reports, the staging of apparatus, water supply, and safety were handled by mutual aid Chief Officers from Oxford, Northbridge, and Millville.

"While a drone unit was not immediately available for use, a private citizen assisted the Douglas Operations Chief with drone, flown from Hilltop Drive to assist with determining the effectiveness of firefighting efforts."

Units from Douglas and Uxbridge were released from the Pascoag, RI, brush fire and responded to the scene; additionally, a canteen unit from Cumberland, R.I. (After Fire Victims Outreach) responded.

The fire was under control in about 90 minutes, the fire department released, and fire companies began to demobilize around 4:45 p.m. It was learned soon after that "there was a person near the area of the fire that was unaccounted for."

"A search was conducted from the Grand Trunkline Trailhead on Southwest Main Street, utilizing demobilized personnel and UTVs from the original fire incident," the fire department released. "Trails in the immediate area were searched by fire personnel with no findings. Drones attached to law enforcement units were also requested from Milford and Oxford, as well as com-

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Douglas native operates KuruKuru Ramen Shop at Anime Boston

BOSTON — The organizers of the Anime Boston 2023 convention welcomed on Friday, KuruKuru Ramen Shop!

Chief Ramen Chef Gino Bolandrina of Boston, formerly of Douglas, is an alumnus of Douglas High School, 2012. He hosted "Irasshaimase! A Ramen Journey." The other key members of the KuruKuru Ramen Shop who joined Chef Gino includes, Jessica Bolandrina (DHS alumna 2009) Owner/Chief Marketing Officer, and Nick Pietroniro Owner/Chief Executive Officer, both of New Britain, Connecticut and Cassie Wu, of Boston.

The event took place at the Hynes Convention



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DA honors team of professionals who help victims of child abuse



WORCESTER — Worcester County District Attorney Joseph D. Early, Jr. recently recognized a team of professionals who are specifically trained to support, aid and care for victims of child abuse and their families in the 60 cities and towns within Worcester County.

The Multidisciplinary Team which includes members of the Worcester County District Attorney's Child Abuse Unit and nationally-accredited Children's Advocacy Center, the Child Protection Program at UMass Memorial Medical Center, the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families, police from across Worcester County and Seven Hills Behavioral Health were presented with the District Attorney's Team Excellence and Merit – TEAM Award – for their unwavering work in serving the children of Worcester County and their families.

The group is receiving this award in April, which is National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

"These dedicated and passionate experts collectively work to be an advocate, a voice for our most precious and vulnerable population," Early said. "Victims of child abuse and trauma, along with their families, reach out to be heard in the most difficult times. This group of professionals are here to help, offering a listening ear and a range of services to seek justice and start the healing journey."

The Multidisciplinary Team works in tandem to make sure victims and their families are given the help and services they need while assessing the course of any investigation, ranging from mental and health evaluation and treatment to social service needs.

"Every person who is a member of the team is exceptional in their own discipline," said Courtney Sans, Chief of the Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Unit for the Worcester County District Attorney's Office. "The members all came to the

team through different paths, but we all share the same unified goal of helping kids."

The creation of Children Advocacy Centers helped agencies step out of their silos to work cohesively to help victims and survivors of child abuse.

"When a child falls into a horrible part of life, the team is here to catch them," said Tracy DeFusco, Director of the Worcester County Child Advocacy Center. "We're supposed to be here to catch them and help children and their families through it."

"We do the work because we genuinely care. You wouldn't be in this field or do this work if you didn't have compassion for others," said Jennifer Altomare, a Forensic Interviewer and Case Coordinator for the Worcester County District Attorney's Office. "Our job here is to help children and families through a traumatic process, a traumatic time and make it as easy as possible."

The TEAM Award was created by Mr. Early in 2019 to recognize public safety employees who go above and beyond the call of duty. Contact the Worcester County District Attorney's Office at (508) 755-8601 to nominate someone for this award.

The award recipients are:
The Child Protection Program at UMass:
Sasha Svendsen, MD
Peter Sell, DO
Lorna Kogon, CPNP-PC
Kara Thompson, CPNP-PC
Mary Harris, LICSW, RPT-S
Molly Hanson, LCSW

Michelle Abdelnour, LSW

North Central Area Office:
Melissa Huggins, DCF
Jillian Thatcher, DCF
Fitchburg Police Det. Jeff Hurley

South Central Area Office:
Emily Kline, DCF
Frances Cochran, DCF
Southbridge Police Det. Lt. Carlos Dingui
Northbridge Police Det. Sgt. Richard Gorman

Worcester West Area Office:
Suzanne Cardona, DCF
Charlene Tebo, DCF
Worcester Police Det. Sgt. Justin Bennes

Worcester East Area Office:
Lynne Norcross, DCF
Abigayl Garcia, DCF
Shrewsbury Police Det. Brian Thibodeau
Grafton Police Det. Daniel Wenc

Seven Hills Behavioral Health:
Elizabeth Cheyne

Worcester County District Attorney Child Abuse Unit:
Courtney Sans, Mark McShera, Nathan Morse, Matthew Corey, Katie Becker, Melissa Baima,
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Bay Path Nursing students attend MassHire Career Fair

WORCESTER — MassHire Worcester Career Center maintained its strong support for the Practical Nursing Students of Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy in Charlton for the past several years, serving as a resource center.

Practical Nursing students on the rigorous program at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy benefit from assistance offered by MassHire. The Practical Nursing students are academically qualified students who, despite other circumstances such as financial or social, have persevered and remained dedicated to their nursing journey and future success.

"Our Practical Nursing students are blessed to be a part of MassHire's programs," said Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN Academy Director. "MassHire has helped and prepared many of our students and graduates since 2016, with job readiness techniques and tuition grants as they pursue their nursing career and navigate the healthcare system. MassHire gives our practical nursing students a chance to master their expertise in nursing skills



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Ana Hilner of Oxford and Lauren Young of Connecticut.

and help make a difference in their lives as they start their nursing career."

Career readiness is a significant focus for MassHire. For the academic year 2022-2023, multiple practical nursing students received \$8,000 tuition grants.

In addition to providing support, online and hands-on assistance is available. MassHire also works closely with practical nursing students when they graduate providing support and assistance with NCLEX-PN preparation and the actual exam. Added work includes coaching graduates in resume-writing techniques, job interviewing best practices and other skills that not only help during a job search but are also relevant once they're in the workforce.

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Country Bank appoints Steven P. Musso to Board of Trustees



Steven Musso

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REGION — Bank President and CEO Paul F. Scully announced the appointment of Steven P. Musso to the Board of Trustees at its Annual Meeting.

Musso joins the board with more than 30 years of experience in the banking industry. He previously served as the Chief Operating Officer for FinPro Inc., leading consulting engagements, running the consulting operation, and building the technology division. He has extensive experience working with banks on strategic planning, interest rate risk analysis, and other consulting and advisory services. In addition, he has worked with various, bank boards, and management teams in financial institutions across the country. He holds series 63 and 79 financial securities licenses.

"I was attracted to Country Bank by its talented Board, Management Team, and the opportunity to work with a strong and well-performing community bank. I am excited to be on the other side of the fence. Joining the Board at Country Bank allows me to bring all of my past experiences to bear in helping the Bank continue to serve its local communities and grow by delivering quality banking services in a rapidly changing industry," said Musso.

"We are delighted to have Steve join the other talented strategic business professionals on Country Bank's Board as the institution continues to gain prominence and market diversification in Central and Western Massachusetts. Having been the Bank's strategic partner at FinPro for the past twelve years, Steve understands firsthand Country Bank's depth and financial strength," commented Board Chair James Phaneuf.

The Bank also appointed new corporators from Country Bank: Mary C. McGovern, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial and Operating Officer; G. Thomas Wolcott, First Senior Vice President, Commercial Banking; Dawn M. Fleury, First Senior Vice President, Chief Risk Officer; Miriam J. Siegel, First Senior Vice President, Chief Culture and Development Officer and Steven P. Musso.

About Country Bank

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New low impact exercise classes available for seniors

UXBRIDGE — The Uxbridge Senior Center is proud to present a live eight-week session of Low Impact Exercise classes for Seniors. This is a fitness program that will include light cardio with full body toning. This is an 8 week specialized program designed for seniors.

The program will begin Thursday, May 4 from 2:45-3:45 p.m. at the Uxbridge Senior Center

Satellite Site which is located at the McCloskey School at 62 Capron St. The class will run for one hour, one day a week, on Thursdays, for an eight-week period of time. The instructor, Pamela Landi, is a certified personal trainer. The suggested donation cost of this 8-week class is \$25. Checks may be payable to the Uxbridge Senior Center.

The benefits of exercise include

improved balance, range of motion and coordination. Additional benefits include increase blood flow to the brain enhancing attention and concentration skills, as well as burning calories and meeting new friends! These workouts are safe and can be done at any fitness level. There will be an option of doing these exercises seated or standing. The class would be open to all in the community including those outside the Town of Uxbridge.

Interested individuals should call or stop by the Uxbridge Senior Center at 508-278-8622 for more information and receive their application and waiver forms prior to the start of the program. The Center is located at 36 South Main St. in Uxbridge and is open Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The benefits of Zumba include improved balance, range of motion and coordination. Additional benefits include increase blood flow to the brain enhancing attention and concentration skills, as well as burning calories and meeting new friends! The class would be open to all in the community including those outside the Town of Uxbridge.

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New senior Zumba classes available

UXBRIDGE — The Uxbridge Senior Center is proud to present a live 8-week session of Zumba Gold classes for Seniors. Zumba is a fitness program that fuses entertainment and culture into an exhilarating dance party workout. This is an eight-week specialized program designed for seniors.

The program will begin Thursday, May 4 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the Uxbridge Senior Center Satellite Site which is located at the McCloskey School at 62 Capron St. The class will run for one hour, one day a week, on Thursdays, for an 8-week period of time. The instructor, Amy Smith, is a licensed Zumba Gold instructor. The suggested donation cost of this eight-week class is \$25. Checks may be payable to the Uxbridge Senior

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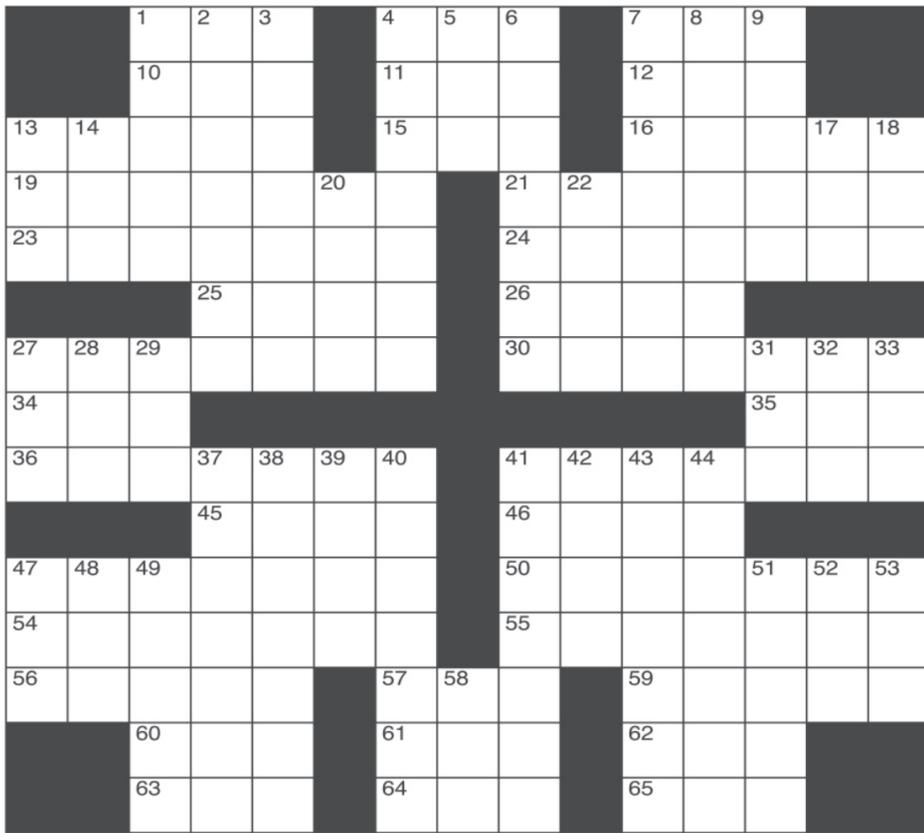
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- 4. Criticize mightily
- 7. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 10. Stand in for
- 11. Everyone has one
- 12. Brew
- 13. Rectify
- 15. Popular Dodge truck model
- 16. Beef or chicken intestine
- 19. Satisfy
- 21. Of a particular people or localized region
- 23. Movements in quick tempos
- 24. Able to pay one's debts
- 25. Fleishy bird beak covering
- 26. Dueling sword
- 27. Helps
- 30. Court is in it
- 34. Touch lightly
- 35. Airborne (abbr.)
- 36. Of one
- 41. Baked good
- 45. Jai __, sport
- 46. About aviation
- 47. Low oval mound
- 50. Rugged mountain ranges
- 54. Compel to do something
- 55. A way to carve
- 56. Sao __, city in Brazil
- 57. Mustachioed actor Elliott
- 59. American Idol runner-up Clay
- 60. A way to soak
- 61. Car mechanics group
- 62. Born of
- 63. Time zone
- 64. Sea eagle
- 65. Even's opposite

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Sharp mountain ridge
- 2. Thin, fibrous cartilages
- 3. Provides new details
- 4. Muscular weaknesses
- 5. Ottoman military title
- 6. Banes
- 7. Horse-riding seats
- 8. Arms of a shirt
- 9. Narrow path along a road edge
- 13. Viper
- 14. Disfigure
- 17. Variety of Chinese language
- 18. Portray in a show
- 20. Wrongful act
- 22. No (slang)
- 27. State of agitation
- 28. __ Diego
- 29. One point east of due south
- 31. 007's creator
- 32. The NBA's Toppin
- 33. Midway between north and northeast
- 37. Examples
- 38. __ Gould, actor
- 39. The habitat of wild animals
- 40. Artful subtlety
- 41. Infielders
- 42. Keep under control
- 43. Herb
- 44. Distressed
- 47. A way to go down
- 48. Type of acid
- 49. Take by force
- 51. Collected fallen leaves
- 52. Shout of welcome or farewell
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- 58. Swiss river

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Elise Croteau inducted into Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

BATON ROUGE, La. — Elise Croteau of Uxbridge was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Croteau was initiated at University of Massachusetts. Croteau is 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.phikappaphi.org. Founded in 1897, Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. Phi Kappa Phi inducts annually approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni. The Society has chapters on more than 325 select colleges and universities in the United States, its territories and the Philippines. Membership is by invitation only to the top 10 percent of seniors and graduate students and 7.5 percent of juniors. Faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction also qualify. The Society's mission is "To recognize and advance excellence in all fields of higher education and society." For more information, visit www.PhiKappaPhi.org.

WCHS Drama Club presents Disney's "Descendants: The Musical"

WHITINSVILLE — Based on the popular Disney Channel Original Movies, Disney's "Descendants: The Musical," is jam-packed with comedy, adventure, Disney characters, and hit songs from the films. The Whitinsville Christian High School Drama Club will bring this exciting production to the Nehemiah Center at WCS on April 27, 28, and 29. Four shows are scheduled, including a Saturday matinee. Tickets are available at whitinsvillechristian.org.

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\$495,000, 43 Arch St, Dumas, Terry A, to Fontaine, Michelle.
\$135,000, Lakeshore Dr #D, Cahill, David W, to Deschene, Kevin, and Deschene, Diane.
\$125,000, Lakeshore Dr #C, Cahill, David W, to Deschene, Danielle.
\$25,000, Wallum Lake Rd, Young, Joyce M, and Hurley, Linda, to Wallum Lake Rt, and Nealon, Thomas P.

NORTHBRIDGE
\$750,000, 308 Hill St, Gould, Jeanne A, to Jft Real Estate LLC.
\$505,000, 112 Clubhouse Ln #112, Resi Credit Opport T Vi-A, and Wilmington Svgs Fund Soc, to Raavi, Venkata R.
\$430,000, 583 Fletcher St, Dargis, Jennifer, and Dargis, Thomas, to Carvajal, Wilfredo B.
\$305,000, 66 School Park #66, D& m Property Invs LLC, to Trumbull, Jonathan.

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\$320,000, 83 Hartford Ave W, Irene C Dejordy 2018 Irt, and Dejordy, Thomas W, to Dejordy, Stephen J, and Dejordy, Heather.
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Flushing of water mains, more

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REGION — Northbridge residents may notice discoloration in their water as part of an annual flushing of water mains and hydrants.

The Whitinsville Water Company has announced that the flushing began this week and will run through May 15. Flushing will start in the western portion of Northbridge and Sutton and “continue to move eastward through town,” the company released.

“Some flushing will be done during the day, but most will be done during the night hours to minimize any inconvenience to customers,” the Whitinsville Water Company said. “Both the Whitinsville and Northbridge systems will be flushed.”

The mains and hydrants are flushed every year to clean the water mains and maintain water quality, according to reports, as well as to “ensure that the hydrants are working properly.” “During the flushing, you may notice discolored water or air in your water. The degree of discoloration and amount of air may vary by location,” the company released. “This should dissipate shortly the flushing.”

If discoloration is noticed, it is recommended to refrain from laundry—especially white clothes—until the water clears.

“Thank you for your cooperation as we perform the necessary flushing program.”

Questions can be directed to the Whitinsville Water Company at 508-234-7358.

In other regional news, the town of Uxbridge Board Selectmen/

Water and Sewer Commissioners have declared an annual state of water supply conservation in accordance with the town’s general bylaws—Water Conservation and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Water Management Act (WMA).

“The WMA permit requires the town to impose seasonal limits on nonessential outdoor water use,” the town released in a statement.

Starting on May 1, nonessential outdoor water usage is prohibited in Uxbridge between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.; this will remain in effect until September 30.

“Nonessential outdoor water uses” that are subject to mandatory restrictions include: Irrigation of lawns via sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems; washing of vehicles, except in a commercial car wash or as necessary for operator safety; and washing of exterior buildings surfaces, parking lots, driveways or sidewalks, except “as necessary to apply surface treatments such as paint, preservatives, stucco, pavement or cement,” the town released.

Certain water uses are allowed when mandatory restrictions are in place, including: Irrigation to establish a new lawn and new plantings during the months of May and September; irrigation of public parks and recreational fields by means of automatic sprinklers outside the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and irrigation of lawns, gardens, flowers and ornamental plants by means of a hand-held hose.

A first-offense violation will result in a \$50 fine, according to information released by the town.

Subsequent offenses will result in a \$100 fine, and each day of violation will constitute a separate offense.

“Repeat offences are subject to termination of service until compliant, and a [\$30] fee for restoration of service,” the town released.

Tips to reduce water usage include watering outside plants only when

needed, keeping lawns longer (2.5-3 inches tall) and watering thoroughly twice a week, and washing vehicles at a car wash.

“Restaurants should only serve water upon request,” the town added.

Questions can be directed to the DPW Office at 508-278-8616.

Douglas Adult Social Center

Douglas Adult Social Center
331 Main St.
(508) 476-2283
Hours of operation: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m.-noon

DAILY ACTIVITIES: All our daily activities are free of charge.

Monday: Painting class 9:45 to 11:45, Balance & Strength Exercise 12 pm, Mat yoga 2 pm

Tuesday: Cribbage 9:30am, Zumba 9:30am, Bingo 12:00 pm, Technology Class 1pm (call to make an appt.), Jenga or Connect4 2pm (bring a friend, and play a game!)

Wednesday: Balance & Strength 10am, MahJong 1pm

Thursday: Chair Yoga 9:30am, Wii Games 11am, Hand and Foot card game 1 pm

Friday: Balance & Strength 10am

APRIL EVENTS:

- Wellness Clinic dates are Monday April 10th & Tuesday April 25th. Appointments only between 10 am & 11:30 am. Walk-ins from 11:30 to 12:00 pm. Please call the center to schedule @ 508-476-2283.

- Memory Detecting with artifacts found with a metal detector. Wednesday April 5 @ 11:30. Steve has turned his hobby of Metal Detecting and Bottle Digging into a fascinating “show and tell” program. A turkey dinner will be served for \$4.00 per person. Please call the center to sign up @ 508-476-2283 by 3/30.

- Lunch & A Movie “The Ultimate Life” on Wednesday April 12 @ 12 pm. Chicken Fajitas will be served for \$4.00. The movie is free, please call the center to sign up @ 508-476-2283 by 4/5.

- Free breakfast & entertainment at the Douglas High School, Thursday April 13 @ 9 am. Please call the center to sign up @ 508-476-2283 by 3/30.

- Pizza & Pictionary on Thursday April 20 @ 12 pm. Join us for a free lunch courtesy of Unibank and have an afternoon sure to be full of

laughs. Please call the center to sign up @ 508-476-2283 by 4/17.

MAY EVENTS:

- Wellness Clinic dates will be announced in next week publication.

- Design your own hat! Wednesday May 3rd @ 11 am. Refreshments will be available. You can wear your hat to our Mother’s Day Tea luncheon and then enjoy it all summer.

- Mother’s Day Tea Luncheon Thursday May 4th @ 11:30 am. An assortment of finger sandwiches, salad & desserts. Wear your hat you made the day before, or wear your favorite hat from home! Please call the center to sign up @ 508-476-2283 by 4/28.

- Hearing Aid Cleaning: Thursday May 4th @ 10 am. Please call the center to schedule your appointment to come in, 508-476-2283 Darcy will be here until 11:00 and is always happy to assist you.

- Lunch & A Movie “We Have a Ghost” on Wednesday May 17th @ 12 pm. Stuffed peppers will be available for lunch, \$4.00 per person. Please call the center to sign up @ 508-476-2283 by 5/12.

- Let’s Go Fishing: Representative Joe McKenna & Mass Fish & Game invite you to Wallum Lake for a morning of fishing. They will be supplying all your fishing necessities. Bring a chair, a lunch, a friend and come have some fun. This is a FREE event. Fish can be fickle, so bring your luck!!!! We will be meeting at the lake located at 107 Wallum Lake Rd. Douglas. The center will be closed this day.

- Mass EDP: Thursday May 25th @ 12 pm. The Massachusetts Equipment Distribution Program will be here to talk about their program that provides telephone equipment to people who have difficulties using the telephone due to issues such as hearing loss and or vision loss. Please call the center to sign up @ 508-476-2283.

Northbridge Senior Center

Northbridge Senior Center
(508) 234-2002

Plummer Place Café is now open! Chef Pete Sabourin is cooking lunch on Tuesdays and breakfast on Thursdays in our brand new kitchen. There is a fee for each meal, \$8 for lunch and \$6 for breakfast and you must sign up for all meals at the front office. Chef Pete has many delicious meals planned, come in to pick up our monthly menu or call the office.

Daily Coffee Time at Plummer Place, every day from 9:00-11:30am, come enjoy a fresh cup of coffee or tea, snack on some pastries or doughnuts, and meet up with friends in our warm and inviting dining area. No need to sign up, come when you can!

Billiards Organized Games, every Wednesday 8:30-10:30am.

Disco Fever Party and Luncheon, Thursday, April 27th 11:30-2:00pm. Come dance the afternoon away to music from the disco era of the 70’s! DJ Steve will provide the music and the fun! Costume attire is highly encouraged. \$10/ticket, limit 2 tickets/person. Tickets can be purchased at the main office. Thank you to our sponsors – AdviniaCare and FINE!

Tickets are on sale now for FINE’s 120 Club raffle, \$20/ticket. Chance to win \$20 each week through May 18th when on that day they will draw winners for \$500, \$400, \$300, \$200, and \$100. Purchase your tickets at the front desk.

We need Volunteer Medical Drivers at Plummer Place. If you can spare a few hours a week to drive a senior to an out-of-town medical appointment, call us. We reimburse you for mileage, pick the days you can drive and tell us the towns you are willing to drive to. It’s that easy! Contact Michelle for more information.

AdviniaCare Northbridge has been offering Ceramics Classes at their facility (formerly Beaumont) to small groups of our seniors. They have already offered two classes and they were well received. If you would like to be put on the list for future classes, call Amy at the Center.

Family Fun Fishing Day to be held May 6 in Uxbridge

UXBRIDGE — Open Sky Community Services is excited to co-host the Eighth Annual Family Fun Fishing Day at Riverbend Farm in Uxbridge along with the Blackstone River National Heritage Corridor Volunteers-in-Parks Program, the Blackstone River Watershed Association, Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation, Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife.

This year’s event will be held on Saturday, May 6 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., with a rain date of Sunday, May 7. There will be activities for the whole family, ice cream will be available for purchase from Sweet Wise Ice Cream truck, as well as food, face painting and raffles. All ages and ability levels welcome.

Fishing poles, bait and instruction will be available with pre-registration and participants are welcome

to bring their own. This is a catch and release event for everyone from first time fishers to experienced anglers, with prizes for each age group. Adults must accompany children under 12.

Registration is now open at the-brwa.org/familyfishing2023. This is a free event, but pre-registration is required. Please contact Lori Girard with any questions at 508-234-6232 or lori.girard@openskycs.org



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Saturday 10 AM-2 PM
Closed Monday 4/17 for Patriots Day.
Closing early at 7 PM on Tuesday 5/2 for the Spring Town Meeting.

Save the Date! Our summer read-

Celebrate America's nature trails with a workday in Douglas

DOUGLAS—Come join us for the annual spring celebration of America's trails. Started by Rails-to-Trails Conservancy in 2013, the celebration encourages people across the country to get outside and enjoy the nation's exceptional trails and trail systems.

We are celebrating Trails by hosting a trail workday in the Douglas State Forest. What better way to celebrate our trails than putting in some time to improve the trails that we use.

Parking: Use 363 Southwest Main St., Douglas, for GPS purposes only, then go 1/2 mile past that house. We will be parking on the right-hand side (coming from Douglas) to access where we need to work.

Time: check in 8:30 a.m. Working from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Objective: brushing and cutting back Chicken Wing Trail and possibly part of Chamberlain Pond & Quick Snack.

ing program for all ages begins June 26th. This year's theme is "Find Your Voice!" Registration for our summer reading challenge is open on Beanstack. Download the app in your app store and sign up to earn prizes.

Read the Telegram & Gazette for free
Whitinsville Social Library patrons have free online access to NewsBank. This resource gives access to over 250 newspapers including Worcester's Telegram and Gazette. Go to the library's website to get the link and learn more.

Library Events:
Earth Day Storytime
Thursday 4/20 from 10:30-11:30
Ages 1-9

Please wear appropriate clothing like long pants, heavy duty sturdy work boots and wear work gloves. The ticks are out already, so use your tick spray. If you have hand saws or long handled loppers, please bring them along.

Water will be available, and lunch will be provided for our volunteers.

If you can join us on this workday, please register via our Web site at <https://bstra.org/event/park-serve-day-douglas-state-forest/> or on PointApp.org. You can also send an email to bstra@charter.net to let us know that you will be joining the trail workday. It's nice to have a head count so we can plan accordingly.

For those that can't join us on the 22nd, we are also having a Park Serve Day event with the Friends of Upton State Forest on the 23rd. The information about that event is also listed on our website and Facebook page.

Join Miss Heather to celebrate Earth day on the front lawn of the library! We will read books and learn about earth day, decorate a pot and plant some seeds, participate in a self-guided Storywalk, and other fun activities! Registration is required for this event and opens one week in advance, visit www.tinyurl.com/EventsAtWSL to see details and to register.

Storytime
Mondays & Thursdays from 10:30-11
Ages 1-6

Join Miss Heather inside the library for Storytime! Join us in the Children's Room as we read about a variety of topics, sing, play games, and do a fun activity or take home craft! Both storytime sessions will have the same craft or activity. Space is limited, registration is required. Registration opens one week prior to the event.

Music and Movement with Deb Hudgins
Wednesdays from 10:30-11
Ages 1-5

Join WSL inside the library for Music and Movement with Deb Hudgins! Deb Hudgins will be back with her Preschool Music & Movement Program with the Whitinsville Social Library. There will be plenty of singing, dancing, games, stories and fun for everyone! Space is limited, registration is required. Registration opens one week prior to the event.

The Historian is In
Wednesdays from 2-3
Drop-in between 2-3 on Wednesdays to get in-person assistance with your local history research from historian Carol Brouwer.

Tween & Teen Take and Makes
Wednesdays
Ages 9-17

Check out our weekly take and make craft kits for tweens and teens! Pick up your craft kit on Wednesdays at the library, then take home your craft kit to make in your own time. This program is for tweens and teens ages 9-17. Registration is required. Registration opens one week prior to the event. Register at: www.tinyurl.com/EventsAtWSL

Baby Bounce
Fridays from 10:30-11
Ages 0-2

Join Miss Heather in the children's room of the library for Baby Bounce! Bring a blanket or something to sit on as we read some fun books, sing songs and rhymes, and other fun activities. Space is limited, registration is required. Registration opens one week prior to the event. Register at: www.tinyurl.com/EventsAtWSL

Tween and Teen Crafternoon
Wednesday 4/18, 4/19, 4/20 at 2:30
Join Miss Heather in three different sessions of Tween and Teen Crafternoon for April vacation! This month we will be learning to sew lavender sachets, make a pressed flower bookmark holder/lantern, and paint and plant a pot for Earth Day! Registration is required for each event. Visit www.tinyurl.com/EventsAtWSL to register and see an example of each project.

Craft Night for Adults
Monday 4/24 at 6 PM
Create a decorative lantern with pressed flowers. For ages 18+. Registration required.

Graphic Novel Book Club
Wednesday 4/26 at 3:00
Join Miss Heather to discuss April's graphic novel pick, 'Cici's Journal' by Joris Chamblain and Aurelie Neyret. We will discuss the book, have snacks, and do a fun craft based on the book. Registration is required. Register at: www.tinyurl.com/EventsAtWSL

Friends of the Library Meeting
Wednesday 4/26 at 6:30
Help plan the next fundraiser. Contact friendswsl2019@gmail.com for more information.

Fiction Book Club
Tuesday 5/16 at 6 PM
May's book is "Wrong Place Wrong Time" by Gillian McAllister. Books are available for pick up at the library. Ebooks are available via Overdrive/Libby. Meeting takes place at the library. Snacks related to the book will be provided. Registration required.

Memoir Book Club
Wednesday 5/17 at 6 PM
Join us in a discussion of an inspiring memoir. Books will be available for pick up at the library. Ebooks are available via Overdrive/Libby. Meeting takes place at the library. Snacks related to the book will be provided. Please register.

Adult Craft Night
Monday 5/22 at 6PM
Learn the exciting craft of needle felting and make your own creation. For ages 18+. Registration open 4/25.

Graphic Novel Book Club
Wednesday 5/25 at 3:00
Join Miss Heather to discuss May's graphic novel pick, 'Song of the Sea' by Samuel Sattin. We will discuss the book, have snacks, and do a fun craft based on the book. Registration is required. Register at: www.tinyurl.com/EventsAtWSL

BVT students earn 104 SkillsUSA medals at District V competition

UPTON—Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School students had an opportunity to test their vocational-technical competency by competing with other trained career and technical education students from six vocational high schools during the first of three SkillsUSA competitions. On March 20, 223 BVT students competed in the annual SkillsUSA Massachusetts District V Competition with outstanding outcomes.

The competition allows students to demonstrate their vocational-technical education, skills, and knowledge with SkillsUSA employment and trade tests. Successfully demonstrat-

ing their knowledge in their career technical area of study, employability skills, and safety, student-competitors from BVT proudly claimed 37 gold, 37 silver, 30 bronze medals and swept 11 categories.

83 students will advance from districts to compete amongst the most talented vocational-technical students in the Commonwealth at the SkillsUSA Massachusetts State competition held at BVT in late April. An additional 35 students will go directly to the state competition, and 25 student delegates will represent BVT. The complete list of medalists is available at www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/skillsusa.

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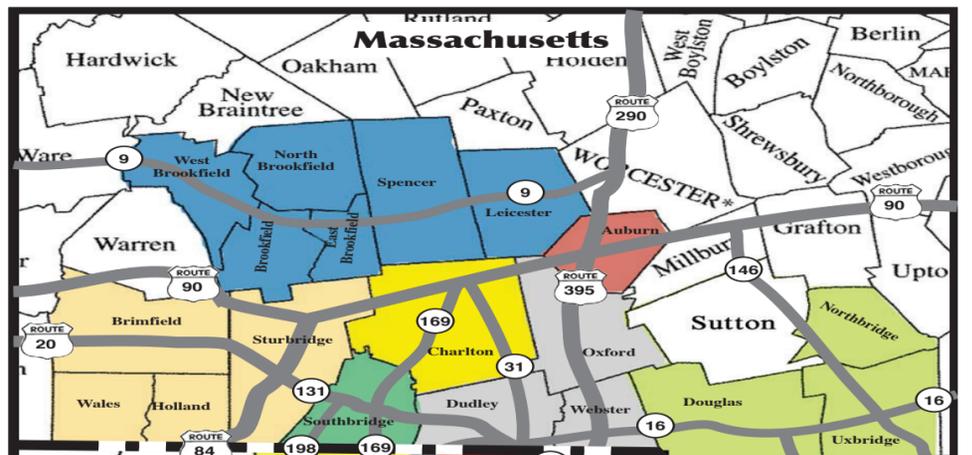
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EDITORIAL

The evolution of student debt

It's that time of year, when high school seniors are committing to colleges and planning for what will happen after graduation day. College tuition has become so incredibly unaffordable that many students are opting out or seeking a career in various trades, of which they stand to make more money than a classmate with a four-year degree, depending of course on which route they take. Harvard University cost ten schillings per year in the early 1700's, which was equal to about a pair of shoes and two pairs of stockings. Interesting to note is that back then, most jobs did not require a degree, license or certification and laborers learned via apprenticeship. If the price of Harvard over time had risen at the same rate as prices generally equaled to the rate of inflation, tuition today would cost \$1,703 per year. However, that is not the case and the current tuition at Harvard is upwards of \$67,580. As a society, we stress the need for a solid, good education. Any job that pays a livable wage requires you to have a degree, however many students are not making much more than their counterparts who chose to enter the work force right out of high school. Really this depends on where you live and what you do. The significant increase in college tuition has angered many parents and students. One has to wonder how a financial aid office at any given school comes up with the numbers for a student's financial aid package. In one recent example, a college in Massachusetts, cost \$73,000 per year. Yes, you read that right. A student with a single mother who makes in the ballpark of 30 grand a year, was offered \$13,000 in financial aid for the year. Does this school discriminate based on socioeconomic? One has to wonder: Are wealthy students somehow more special than their less fortunate counterparts? Students who do make it through the four years will graduate with an exorbitant amount of debt, a bill they could potentially be paying well into old age. Way back when, state universities were free; however, they did charge a small fee. In the 1960's, social and legislative changes turned higher education into a business; hence, the student loan debt crisis we see today. Through some research, we discovered an interesting timeline that laid out the path higher education has taken since its inception during medieval times in Europe. Back then, few of these schools charged tuition and were supported by the government or a church, and areas of study were limited.

In 1796, Thomas Jefferson proposed an education system that was supported through taxes. He did this because he believed that for a government to truly work, that its people needed to be educated. As a result, in 1818, the government began subsidizing elementary schools and Jefferson used a \$15,000 grant to start The University of Virginia. In the early 1800's, many colleges did not charge tuition, however only the wealthy could afford the living expenses incurred during study. In 1810, students lived as simply as possible, keeping room and board rates extremely low, compared to today's living conditions. In 1870, Harvard's tuition was \$150 per year, while Brown University was just \$75. This equals to about \$3,000 in today's terms. Again, only the wealthy could afford to attend. A spike hit in 1920, when admissions doubled between then and 1930. The cost was about \$250 per year, with 20 percent of college aged Americans attending university. The G.I. Bill was passed in 1944 but has since been modified. In 1965, the Higher Education Act passed. This act helped provide financial assistance for those who needed it. In 1973, in today's dollars, an average year at an average school cost just over \$9,000, and just over \$2,000 for an in state public school.

In 1972, only 49 percent of high school graduates went on to college. Back then grants covered 80% of the costs. Today more and more students are heading off to school, leaving less grant money to go around. In 1975, the rates started to increase faster than inflation. Before the 70's tuition rates increased roughly 2-3 percent each year. In 2003, the cost went up 14% in just one year. In 1987 the rate for a public school saw a 44 percent change. In the late 1990's, the debt was so bad that people put off weddings, having children and making other big lifetime decisions. The year 2008 saw an increase of 439 percent since 1982, while income has only increased 147 percent. If things continue as they are in 2028, the cost will be \$340,800 for a private school education per year and \$95,000 for a public school. Americans over the age of 60 currently owe more than \$86 billion in unpaid loans. Many of whom are concerned that the government will take their Social Security leaving them with nothing.

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Homemade Spring Cleaning Solutions: Part II



TAKE THE HINT
KAREN TRAINOR

Last week, this column shared homemade cleaners that are cost effective alternatives to commercial offerings, and this week continues that theme. From laundry aids to heavy duty cleaners, the

following "recipes" are impressive moniesavers that can help you clean up all around the house!

Basic Laundry Detergent
Getting the dirt out is dirt cheap with this all purpose powdered laundry detergent. Ingredients: one cup soap flakes; one half cup washing soda (not baking soda, this is found in the laundry aisle); ½ cup borax.. Note: for hard water, increase borax and washing soda to one cup. Directions: Mix all ingredients together. To use, measure ½ cup to ¾ cup of the mix and add to the laundry. Wash clothes as usual.

Laundry Pretreater
Pretreat laundry stains with these money saving pretreaters: Formula #1:

Ingredients: two tablespoons ammonia; one teaspoon liquid soap or detergent; one pint warm water.

Formula #2:
Ingredients: one cup hydrogen peroxide; ½ cup liquid soap or detergent
Directions: Mix well. Store in a spray container. Spray on tough spots and let set for 15 minutes. Wash as usual.

Laundry Stain Remover Soak
For super stained items, try this favorite soak recipe. Just be sure to test it for colorfastness. On the other hand if the item is badly stained, you have nothing to lose!
Ingredients: five gallons of very hot water; one cup powdered Cascade or generic equivalent; one cup Clorox II or generic equivalent
Directions: Mix together and soak clothes in a dishpan or basin while hot to

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Investment ideas for business owners



FINANCIAL FOCUS
DENNIS ANTONOPOULOS

By definition, business owners put a lot of their financial resources into their enterprises. But as an owner, you may need to invest in more than inventories and payroll to help achieve the future you've envisioned.

Here are a few investments you may want to consider:

Retirement account – Depending on the nature of your business and how many employees you have, you can choose from a variety of tax-advantaged retirement plans, such as an owner-only 401(k), an SEP-IRA and a SIMPLE IRA. By contributing regularly to one of these accounts, you can avoid being entirely dependent on the sale of your business to pay for your retirement years. To fund your 401(k) or other retirement plan, you'll have many investment options — stocks, bonds, mutual funds and so on. And if you "max out" on your retirement plan, you may even be able to build a separate investment portfolio. In any case, keep in mind that you're already putting a lot of money into your business, so, to achieve a level of diversification, you may want to concentrate your investment choices in areas outside your industry. However, while diversification can help reduce the impact of market volatility on your portfolio, it can't guarantee profits or protect against losses in a declining market.

Property – Your physical space is a key part of your business' success. So, you may want to invest some time in comparing the pros and cons of renting versus owning. Of course, owning your building may require a big financial commitment, and it may not be feasible, but it could free you from worrying about untimely rent increases.

Disaster protection – If a fire or a weather-related disaster should strike your business, would you be prepared? It's important for you to create a disaster recovery plan, which can include business interruption insurance to pay for your operating costs if you're forced to shut down for a while.

Emergency savings – While a disaster protection plan with appropriate insurance can help keep your business afloat, it's unlikely to cover other types of emergency needs, such as a major medical bill or an expensive repair to your home. For these unexpected costs, you may want to build an emergency fund covering at least a few months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid account. Without such an emergency fund, you may be forced to dip into your 401(k), IRA or other long-term investment vehicle.

You'll also want to invest the time and energy into creating a business succession plan. Will you keep the business in your family? Sell it to outsiders or a key employee? If you do sell, will you do it all at once or over time? Clearly, the answers to these types of questions will make a big difference in your ultimate financial security.

Finally, invest in help – Enlist the services of a financial advisor and business-planning professional, so you'll be able to make the decisions that work best for your business and you.

Your business may well be a lifelong endeavor — so make sure you're investing whatever it takes to earn a lifetime of benefits.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Get ready to pay to prevent Covid

To the Editor:

Halleluiah! Praise be to the liberal gods of government!

Those woke-folk CDC geniuses, along with their hordes of flying "Wizard of Oz" healthcare monkeys, finally gazed into their crystal balls with their doctoring spectacles on.

The Covid-19 pandemic officially ends on May 11.

Thus, on May 12, the Obamacare system goes totally woke in terms of back-billing for all that "free" stuff.

Things such as Covid tests and vaccinations done in pharmacies, department stores and football stadiums.

Oh, geez.

Did you forget to read the fine print of Obamacare's requirement that mandates a handwritten PCP prescription and your health insurer's preapproval for such experimental medical treatments?

Isn't it true that, without a five year study to back it up, nearly all prescribed medical treatments are legally, as well as medically, defined to be experimental?

What year was it when those so called "Trump Vaccines" went woke-distribution viral?

Obviously, those of us on Social Security aren't going to have to pay a penny out of pocket like a lot of you younger folks.

All such money is automatically deducted out of SSA payments for proper dispersal to the rightful owners.

Medicare, Medicaid, Mass Health, Tufts, Blue Cross and the other oh, so deserving legal entities that floated people all those experimental treatment loans.

The repayment interest of which is, of course, based on the maximum of the current cash-advance credit card offers.

So please remain calm.

Think of your blood pressure.

Thirty one percent repayment interest rates aren't bad.

They just seem bad.

*Stephen Gambone
Northbridge*

Respect

To the Editor:

Respectful. C. Sutton's recent lengthy letter was respectful. The fact that he could articulate that he was searching to understand was key. He openly shared his personal background, and that he had not been exposed to the events described. And I believe from what I read, he expressed deep concern for our shared future. Honorifics are unnecessary. In any case, allow me to add a few points for consideration.

"I admire critical race theory but I don't identify as a critical race theorist. I'm not a legal scholar, so I wasn't trained on critical race theory. I'm a historian." (Kendi) "Derrick Bell, a distinguished legal scholar, prolific writer and tireless champion for equality, died Oct. 5, 2011. He helped to develop critical race theory, a body of legal scholarship that explores how racism is embedded in laws and legal institutions. And more broadly, over the course of his five-decade career, he worked to expose the persistence of racism." (Harvard Law bulletin) Derrick Bell was also "a 24 year old Air Force officer who had developed a keen interest in matters of equity." And as a side note, Ibram X. Kendi was approximately 13 years old when Critical Race Theory was published in 1995, under the title Critical Race Theory-The Key Writings That Formed The Movement.

T. Curry states: "It is also relevant to discuss the tendency of whites to read into Bell's scholarship nonexistent continuities with traditional white figures. In this regard, whites attempting to understand the works of Bell align him with what they take to be radical figures in Western tradition, like Michel Foucault, Karl Marx and Jacques Derrida, instead of confront the racism inherent in assuming that only through white thinkers that Black thoughts can be understood or philosophical. To my claim that his work should be understood as continuation of Black thought, exclusive of white influence, Bell replied: "You have it exactly right. I consider myself the academic counterpart of Errol Garner, the late jazz pianist from my hometown, Pittsburgh, who never learned to read music fearing, as I understand it, that it would ruin his style. I think there must be value in Marxist and other writing, but I did not really read them in college and have had little time since. I am writing this in Pittsburgh where I have been celebrating my 50th law school reunion from Pitt Law School. I do care more about the thought and writing and actions of Du Bois, Robeson, Douglass, et al." "(2008 Ohio Valley Philosophy of Education Society)

In the Intro to CRT readings, it is noted: "As these writings demonstrate, there is no canonical set of doctrines or methodologies which we all subscribe." Their first interest was: "to understand how a regime of white supremacy and its subordination of people of color have been created and maintained in America and in particular to examine the relationship between social structure and professed ideals such as the rule of law and equal protection." It was also acknowledged that there wasn't a shared outcome over its specific direction either except to note "a shared ethical commitment to human liberation," that meant to "change the

bond between law and racial power." Additionally, "CRT is not a diversity and inclusion "training" but a practice of interrogating the role of race and racism in society that emerged in the legal academy and spread to other fields of scholarship." (ABA) "CRT also recognizes that race intersects with other identities including sexuality, gender identify, and others." (ABA)

Enter Stage Right: Christopher Rufo, 'produced' by the Heritage Foundation, the Manhattan Institute and the Discovery Institute in Seattle, now presenting "How to manufacture a Moral Panic."(Jones) Exposition: The Claim: "Children are being taught to hate white people."(Jones) It's in the schools, it's "cult programming" (Jones) in the universities and all over the government. And its Marxist DNA "is implicit, known to the initiated — the unprovable parading as given." (Goldberg) Complication: Rufo's misinformation campaign wasn't moving as fast as some thought necessary to denounce CRT which "is everywhere." (Goldberg) How could Rufo stop this and save our country from this threat and teach all to fight it? Climax: If I could just appear on Fox with Tucker Carlson, Chris Rufo thought, I will be seen by President Trump and we will all be saved. Denouncement: Chris Rufo appears on Tucker Carlson and the rest is history. Propaganda, anyone?

Strangely, no discussion can be completed or even started without recognition of Christopher Rufo's role in this scenario. A rhetoric expert, Mercieca, says that Christopher Rufo reminds her of the author of a book called "Propaganda." Edward Bernays states: "The conscious and intelligent manipulation of the organized habits and opinions of the masses is an important element in democratic society. Those who manipulate this unseen mechanism of society constitute an invisible government which is the true ruling power of our country. We are governed, our minds are molded, our tastes formed, and our ideas suggested, largely by men we have never heard of.... It is they who pull the wires that control the public mind." Rufo stated plan, as noted on Twitter March 2021 and in the Washington Post, was as follows: "We have successfully frozen their brand — 'Critical Race Theory' — in the public conversation and are steadily driving up negative perceptions," wrote Rufo, senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute, a conservative think tank. "We will eventually turn it toxic, as we put all of the various cultural insanities under that brand category. The goal is to have the public read something crazy in the newspaper and immediately think 'critical race theory.' He went on to say that critical race theory was "the perfect villain." He then planned "to politicize the bureaucracy" so that conservatives could "take some of these essentially corrupted state agencies and then contest them, and then create rival power centers within them." New College of Florida is a case in point; Rufo was installed as a trustee by Desantis. Wonder how this worked? How did a non lawyer with little formal background in CRT become the lightning rod for anything that suggested CRT? Sept 1, 2020



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This past weekend, Wallum Lake in Douglas opened to fishing, with most anglers hoping to catch a few trout. Concerns of whether Mass. & Rhode Island would hold true to their responsibilities of stocking trout this year; anglers were delighted that both states did stock the lake with trout and salmon. The stockings were a bit late with Rhode Island stocking trout April 5, and Mass. stocking happened on Friday prior to opening day on Saturday, April 8.

There were only 16 boats that were launched prior to 8 a.m. on opening day, and very few anglers were fishing from shore. It was a far cry from the 200 or 300 anglers that were fishing back in the '60s & '70s. Most anglers that I spoke with had some great success catching trout with one angler catching a nice salmon. Trout fishing should continue to provide some great fishing in the coming days and weeks at Wallum. Trout fishing at Webster Lake was also very good for anglers fishing from boats over the weekend. One pair of anglers fished Wallum on opening day, catching three



Courtesy

This week's picture shows a young Hunter Weed with a large golden trout he caught last week. The smile tells it all!

nice trout and placing them on a stringer, and hanging them over the side of the boat to keep them alive and fresh. When they decided that they wanted to fish at the other end of the lake, the captain placed the motor into high gear forgetting to bring the fish aboard the boat. By the time they got to the other end of the

lake, they realized that they had forgotten to bring their stringer of trout into the boat. As they brought the stringer of trout aboard, there was only one fish left! Each blamed the other for the mistake! I hope they continue to go fishing together!

This Saturday, the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club will open their pond to fishing for members only at 8 a.m.! The pond was stocked with approximately 300 trout last week, which should make for some great fishing. Although this is an adults derby day, youngsters will be able to participate. Breakfast will be served starting at 7 a.m. The kids' annual trout derby will be held in a couple of weeks, and the pond will again be stocked with a number of big trout, says Matt Fontaine, fish chairman. There will be loads of prizes for the kids' derby, and breakfast will also be served which will be free for all of the youngsters that participate in the fishing derby.

Saltwater fishing for Tautog is only

days away, with anglers keeping a constant eye on water temperatures. The magic number is a temperature of 54 degrees, and with the warm weather predicted for this week, it should not be long before the bite is on. Bait shops are already starting to carry green crabs, which is the number one bait for catching tautog. Stay tuned.

Local lakes and ponds are also giving up some nice largemouth & smallmouth bass. Shiners are still the number one choice of many anglers, but if the price of shiners continues to rise many may switch over to the old reliable worm and nightcrawler. Of course, there are still the old reliable lures and plugs!

Wachusett Reservoir has been giving up some nice lake trout this past week & the Quabbin Reservoir is scheduled to open on the third Saturday in April which is April 15 this year!

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

What's your smile worth?

How much do you think a smile is worth? Is it measured in wealth, fame, or beauty? Some of us might think that only the likes of Julia Roberts or Denzel Washington have the ability to launch their careers and make a name for themselves with their dazzling smiles. But the truth is, the power of a smile is not limited to movie stars.

Research has shown that anyone can harness the magnetic force of a smile to become more attractive, approachable, and successful in every area of their life.

A genuine smile is one of the most potent and universal forms of communication. It is a universal language that transcends borders and cultures and can even make us happier and healthier.

Zig Ziglar often said, "Your smile is your logo, your personality is your business card, and how you leave others feeling after having an experience with you becomes your trademark."

Let's delve deeper into the magical power of a smile.

Babies, still in the womb, are known to smile. They smile in their sleep, especially when they hear a human voice.

Smiling releases endorphins which increase cognitive function, boost our mood, reduce stress, increase immunity, and provide a sense of well-being.

Interestingly enough, You'll still reap the same benefits if you smile when unhappy. Forcing your facial muscles into a smile can trigger the release of all the same endorphins as a genuine smile.

Smiling is contagious. Countless studies have shown that seeing another person smile can trigger an automatic response causing us to smile back in turn.

At that moment, our worries and fears seem to fade away. It's as if the person smiling at us says, "You're not alone. We're in this together, and everything will be okay." It's challenging to frown when encountering someone who smiles.

Your smile has a powerful impact on your personality and the personalities of those around you.

Did you know that one genuine smile can produce the same amount of brain-stimulating chemicals as up to 2000 bars of chocolate? And the same British study found that a genuine smile gives

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the same mental satisfaction as receiving \$16,000 dollars. So it's no wonder that smiling is often referred to as the currency of happiness and well-being.

When someone makes you smile, they're giving you a priceless gift - one that money

can't buy yet rich in joy and abundance, filling your brain with a flood of feel-good chemicals that make you feel like a million bucks, overflowing with health and happiness.

Make sure to spread the wealth.

"Be helpful; whenever you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours!" -Zig Ziglar.

Smiling reduces stress levels, which helps us fall asleep easier. A good night's sleep is worth its weight in gold.

Smiling boosts our immune system by increasing the production of antibodies and immune cells, which help protect us against sickness and disease. No amount of fame and fortune can compare to the value of a robust immune system.

Smiling also acts like a painkiller! Patients who underwent painful dental procedures reported less pain when they smiled during the procedure.

But that's not all. A study by Wayne State University found that baseball players with big smiles on their pre-1950 baseball cards lived about six years longer than their non-smiling counterparts. Smiling is associated with long life!

It does make you wonder: Did those big smiles give those baseball cards some added monetary value as well?

People tend to view a smiling person as more competent, confident, and approachable. If you're running a business or trying to increase sales, a smile can be the difference between a good day and a bad day, a successful business deal, or a missed opportunity. Customers are more likely to engage with someone who appears friendly and approachable.

When we smile at others, we're not just sharing a simple gesture but spreading happiness and well-being to those around us. This ripple effect of positivity can change the world, and it all starts with a single smile. So, let's make a conscious effort to share our smiles with everyone we meet and watch as the world around us becomes a happier and more positive place.

one will do the job with little scrubbing.

Ingredients: two ounces borax; one teaspoon ammonia; two quarts water
Directions: Dissolve the borax and ammonia in a bucketful of water. Scrub walls from the bottom up.

Carpet Odor Eliminator
Pack this in an empty shaker container and you've got a mixture as handy and effective as commercial carpet powders.
Ingredients: 3/4 cup baking soda, two tablespoons corn starch; 1/4 cup perfumed talcum powder.
Directions: Combine all ingredients. Sprinkle on dry carpet. Let stand 5 to 15 minutes, then vacuum.

Dishwasher Rinse Aid
Simple and environmentally safe, what could be cheaper or easier? As a bonus, it will also help keep the drain hose line clean and odor free.

Ingredients: straight white vinegar
Directions: Pour into dry aid cup in dishwasher once a month for spot free dishes.

Softscrub Copycat
Softscrub cleanser has long been a cleaning mainstay, but why pay the money for the top name anti-abrasive cleaner when you can make it yourself with items you likely have on hand?

Ingredients: 1/2 cup baking soda; enough liquid soap to make a frosting like consistency.
Directions: Mix the baking soda and soap until soda dissolves. Use on porcelain, countertops, or any surface that cannot tolerate abrasive cleansers.

Mite and Dander Buster
The weapons for fighting these common household allergens can be as close as your canister jar. Tannic acid neutralizes the allergens in dust mites and animal dander. While there are several tannic

acid powders are on the market, you can easily make your own with tea, which is rich in tannic acid.

Ingredients: tea
Directions: Make an extremely strong cup of black tea. Strain, cool, and place in a clean spray bottle. Spray over problem areas. Caution: Do not spray on surfaces that the tea will stain.

Lavender Antibacterial Spray
Pure lavender oil serves as a powerful germ killer. As a bonus, it leaves behind a delightful fragrance.

Ingredients: one cup water; 20 drops pure essential oil of lavender
Directions: Pour the water into a clean spray bottle. Add the lavender essential oil and shake to blend. Spray on the surface and let set for at least 15 minutes, or don't rinse at all.

Pretreated Dusting Cloths
These dust cloths make cleaning a breeze! Compare prices and you'll find they cost only a fraction of commercial lemon dusting cloths!

Ingredients: two cups hot water; 1/2 to one cup of lemon oil
Directions: Dip cheesecloth squares in a solution of hot water and lemon oil. Squeeze out excess liquid and let air-dry them. Store in an airtight container with a plastic lid.
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Furniture Polish
These pantry ingredients merge to create a fabulous furniture polish.
Ingredients: one cup vegetable oil; one half cup lemon juice
Directions: Spray oil and lemon juice into a squirt bottle. Shake to combine. To use, squirt a small amount of polish onto a dust cloth or rag into oil. Blot the oil by folding the cloth together, then wipe dust away and leave behind a great shine!

Carpet Spot Cleaner
This clone of commercial carpet des-stainers removes spots from washable rugs or upholstery.

Ingredients: Pint spray bottle; warm water; vinegar; one tablespoon liquid hand soap
Directions: Fill 1/2 of the bottle with warm water. Fill the rest of the bottle with vinegar 1 inch from the top. Add liquid hand soap. Spray solution it on carpet stains immediately until the stain is wet. Take a damp cloth and blot out the stain.

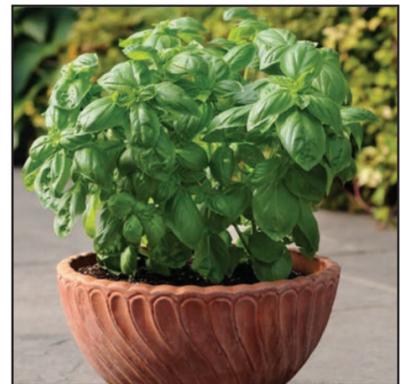
Note: The above homemade solutions have been culled from various sources and are meant as suggestive cleaning options only. Use these homemade recipes at your own risk. Never mix ammonia and bleach. Test solution on all surfaces before treating.

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

Do you have a tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press newspapers? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint!, C/o the Southbridge Evening News, PO Box 90; Southbridge, MA 01550. Or email KDRR@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.



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'Dolce Fresca' basil growing and thriving in a container in full sun.

moist. Gradually reduce frequency and water thoroughly when the top inch of soil is crumbly and dry. Check containers once a day and more often in extremely hot weather. Water thoroughly as needed.

Reduce watering and increase success by incorporating Wild Valley Farms' wool pellets (wildvalleyfarms.com) into the planting mix. This sustainable soil amendment reduces watering by up to 25 percent and adds air space for better plant growth.

Harvest a few leaves and stems as needed throughout the growing season. Regular harvesting encourages more growth for future harvests. Herbs have the most intense flavor when harvested just before flowering. You can remove even more when large amounts of herbs are needed for preserving and craft projects. Cut annual herbs back by 50 to 75 percent and perennial herbs by one-third at one time. The plants will recover for future harvests.

Make room for some herb-filled containers to enjoy this summer. They make great additions to outdoor gatherings for you and your guests to enjoy their beauty, fragrance, and flavor.

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pretreat stains. If necessary, allow clothes to soak overnight in solution. Can be stored and used again if heated up first.

Wrinkle Releaser
This works as well as Downy Wrinkle Releaser. To get the same scent of the original at a fraction of the cost, simply use Downy fabric softener in the mix!

Ingredients: one ounce liquid fabric softener; one ounce rubbing alcohol; water
Directions: In a clean 16 ounce spray bottle, mix the fabric softener and alcohol. Finish filling up the bottle with water. To use: Spray garment, tug to pull out wrinkles and allow to dry.

Mold and Mildew Remover
You can spray away mold and mildew safely and effectively using the natural properties of tea tree oil. Tea tree oil can be costly, but a little goes a long way. And the strong scent it emits dissipates quickly.

Ingredients: two teaspoons tea tree oil; two cups water
Directions: Combine in a spray bottle, shake to blend, and spray on problem areas. Do not rinse.

Heavy Duty Kitchen Cleaner
This is a favorite solution for cleaning walls, floors, and other tough kitchen jobs.

Ingredients: two tablespoons non-sudsy ammonia; one pint rubbing alcohol; one teaspoon liquid dish soap; one gallon of water. Note: You may want to use more ammonia for floors.
Directions: Mix in a bucket and use with a cloth or mop.

Wall Cleaner
Dirty walls take a strong cleaner. This

OBITUARIES

Gail M. Gates, 66

NORTHBIDGE- Gail M. Gates, 66, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Thursday, April 6th, after a courageous battle with Progressive Supranuclear Palsy. Gail is survived by her sister Star Curry and her husband Jack, her sister Elisa Benedetti and her husband Andrew, her brother Dale Gates and his wife Cheryl, and brother Scott Gates. She was a loving aunt to Christopher, Kelley, Jordan, Marisa, Alayna, Sara, Michaela and Emmalee. She also leaves behind her closest and best friends Joe and Tom Tsimogiannis. She was predeceased by her parents Warren and Joanne (Martinsen) Gates and her sister Robin Furno.

Gail was born October 24, 1956, and grew up in Douglas, graduating from Douglas High School. She moved to Northbridge shortly thereafter where she lived until her death. She was a longtime manager at Harry's Famous Pizza in the Whitinsville Plaza, working there for over 50 years. Her family would often tease her that she made such a good impression at her first and only job



interview that she got the job for life.

Gail developed a love of cruising and travel in her 20s and 30s and traveled around the world on many different cruise ships visiting Alaska, the Caribbean, Mexico, Hawaii, Australia, New Zealand, and Greece. She was artistic and enjoyed crocheting, making beautiful afghans for her nephew and nieces when they were younger. She was always up for a trip to Foxwoods and deep-sea fishing, but mostly liked to be at work running Harry's Pizza. Gail was hard working, kind and generous and will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Services for Gail will be Saturday, April 15, 2023. Visitation, at Carr Funeral Home, 24 Hill St., Whitinsville, will be held from 9:30-11AM, followed by a Funeral Service beginning at 11:00AM. In lieu of flowers, donations to honor Gail may be made to the NAC Food Pantry, 20 Highland St., Whitinsville, MA 01588. To share a memory or condolence, please visit www.carrfuneralhome.com

Karen A. Moore, 74

OXFORD - Karen A. Moore, 74, of Huguenot Road, died peacefully on Saturday, April 1, 2023, surrounded by her family at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester. She is survived by three children, Tammie L. Masiello and her husband Paul, Jeffrey A. Moore, and Tracie A. Ethier and her husband Thomas, all of Oxford; her sister, Denise J. O'Malley of Oxford; four grandchildren, Tori A. Masiello, Payton K. Masiello, Nathan P. Moore, and Tara A. Ethier; her niece, Brenda M. Schettino of Colorado Springs, CO; and her dog, Pixie. She was predeceased by her former husband, Charles H. Moore who died in 2014; and three brothers, Dennis O'Malley, John O'Malley, and Kevin O'Malley. She was born in Worcester, daughter of the late Andrew R. and Margaret T. (Connor) O'Malley, was raised in Sutton and lived in Oxford for the last five years. She graduated from



Sutton Memorial High School in Sutton in 1967.

Ms. Moore was a certified nursing assistant for many years, working at the Masonic Home in Charlton, Jewish Healthcare Center in Worcester, and the Meadows in Leicester. She was also a bartender at The Cardinal in Worcester. She enjoyed crossword puzzles, loved pigs and a cup of coffee, and loved to play Solitaire every day. Most important in her life was caring for and spending time with her grandchildren.

A private graveside service will be held at North Cemetery in Oxford. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 7023, Merrifield, VA 22116, or to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, P.O. Box 91891, Washington, DC 20090-1891. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements.

Kathleen A. Aldrich, 91

Kathleen A. Aldrich, age 91, of Annapolis, MD (formerly of Hernando, FL, and Brewster, MA) passed away December 22, 2022 after a very brief illness. She was born on April 27, 1931 in Northbridge, MA to John and Katherine (Reynolds) Leonard and grew up in Whitinsville, MA.

Kathleen attended Salve Regina University in Newport, RI and both Salve Regina and Newport remained very dear to her throughout her life. After graduating in 1952, Kathleen began her teaching career at Plummer Elementary School in Northridge.

Kathleen met and fell in love with fellow Northbridge teacher Robert J. Aldrich of Milford, MA, and they were married in 1959. Kathleen stopped teaching full-time to devote time to having and raising



their family. Kathleen did remain active in education with both substitute teaching and then later volunteering in the libraries of both Holliston High School, Holliston, MA and Nauset Regional Middle School on Cape Cod.

Cape Cod was a very special place for Robert, Kathleen, and their family. Kathleen especially loved their neighborhood of Pilgrim Pines in Brewster, MA and every day being able to look at the beauty of Cape Cod Bay.

In 2002 the warm weather beckoned and Robert and Kathleen enjoyed 18 years in Hernando, FL.

Kathleen is survived by three children, Katherine and her husband Col. Kevin Wild, USMC (Ret), Jessica Aldrich Franklin, Eric Aldrich and his husband James Pearse, and three grandchildren. Her husband Robert passed away in October 2020.

Visiting Hours will be held on April 29, 2023 from 9:30-10:30 AM in the Buma Funeral Home, 480 Church St., Whitinsville, MA, followed by a funeral service at 11AM in St. Patrick's Church, 1 Cross St., Whitinsville.

Burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Providence Rd., Rte. 122, Northbridge. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Salve Regina University, 100 Ochre Point Avenue, Newport, RI 02840.

Ronald K. Plante, 71

Ronald K. Plante, 71, passed away on March 15, 2023 in St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester. He was born in Whitinsville, the son of the late Rosaire and Bertha (Jacques) Plante and graduated from Northbridge High School.

A resident of Worcester for over 20 years, Mr. Plante worked for Silver Fox Bus Lines in Millbury for 30 years before his retirement. He loved the open road, seeing the entire country and an occasional bus tour to Daytona, FL. He had previously lived in Northbridge and Linwood.

He was a member of the Commonwealth Drum and Fife Corps, the Valley Airs Drum Corps in Northbridge and was the drummer in the band Velevatones with



Ron Paszkewicz. He loved to watch his New England sports teams. He possessed an outgoing personality, made friends with many folks all over the country and always enjoyed a salty snack and milky way chocolate bar.

He is survived by his children, Erica L. Boulanger and her husband Michael of Oxford, Jen Vierra and her husband Bruce of Lincoln, RI, and Josh Plante and his wife Amanda of Northbridge; 6 grandchildren, Seth, Riley, Olivia, Renee, Bennett and Natalie; and nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brothers Richard, Kenneth and Edward Plante.

Funeral services are private. www.bumafuneralhome.com

Theodore E. (Ted) Haringa

Whitinsville, MA - Theodore E. (Ted) Haringa, of Fowler Road, passed into the loving arms of his Lord and Savior on Palm Sunday, April 2nd, 2023.

He was the son of Herman R. and Jennie (Baker) Haringa. He is survived by his wife, Marie A. (Wassenaar) Haringa, with whom he shared nearly 69 years of marriage. He is also survived by their four children: Barbara J. Knapper, wife of Henry Knapper, who passed in 2010; Steven T. and his wife Ruth Haringa; Jane E. and her husband David Buteyn; and Timothy J. and his wife Lorraine Haringa. Theodore (Ted) was predeceased by one brother, Roger Haringa.

Ted was especially passionate about his family. In addition to his wife and children, he is survived by 13 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren, and he was dedicated to investing his time, love and attention to each and every one; always inquisitive and supportive of their interests, education, hobbies and journeys in faith. He and his wife, Marie, would often spend one-on-one time with grandchildren, talking, learning and celebrating their achievements, milestones and passions.

Ted was employed at Lawrence R. McCoy & Co. Inc., in Worcester, Mass., for over 42 years, supporting the company through his impeccable organization, financial management and thorough, thoughtful communication. He retired as Vice President / Treasurer in 1997.

Ted was heavily involved in the community and the church, serving on an extensive list of committees, boards, and councils. As a strong man of faith, and a member of Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church, he supported the congregation both locally and abroad over many years in numerous different roles such as Educational Elder, Elder of Pastoral Care to Seniors,



Financial Secretary, and Chairman of the Spiritual Life Committee.

Ted also spent many years serving on multiple boards at Unibank for Savings in roles such as Corporator, Board of Directors/Trustees, Board of Investment/Executive Committee, Chairman on the Compensation Committee, etc. His community involvement included, but was not limited to, volunteering for Meals on Wheels, serving as treasurer for the Whitinsville Christian School Board of Trustees, serving as treasurer for the Blackstone Valley Crop Walk, and holding multiple board positions during his membership with the Salisbury Singers.

Ted and his wife, Marie, shared many common interests that brightened their daily lives including beautifying their immaculate outdoor oasis on Fowler Road, candlepin bowling, enjoying live performances of all types of classical music, attending Whitinsville Christian School varsity basketball games, making road trips to the beaches in Rhode Island, traveling within the United States as well as traveling abroad to Italy, Greece, and other parts of Europe, including frequenting their family's heritage in the Netherlands.

Calling hours will be held at Buma Funeral Home, 480 Church Street, Whitinsville on Friday, April 14th, from 4-7pm, and funeral services will be held at Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church, 305 Goldthwaite Road, Whitinsville on Saturday, April 15th at 11am.

Interment will follow in Pine Grove Cemetery in Whitinsville.

Memorial donations may be made to the Whitinsville Christian School, Endowment Fund, 279 Linwood Avenue, Whitinsville, MA, 01588; or to the Fairwoods Christian Recreation Society Inc., 116 West Hartford Avenue, Uxbridge, MA, 01569. www.bumafuneralhome.com

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Friday's Child

Hi! My name is Jacob and I love rap music and video games!

JACOB
AGE: 15

Jacob, who likes to go by Jake, is an athletic teenager. Jake enjoys being active and engaging in activities like fishing, swimming, and basketball. He also has shown interest in lacrosse and martial arts. Jake is performing at grade level and enjoys spending time with his peers at school. His social worker feels he would do best in a family with at least one female. Jake would do well with older children in the home or children similar in age. Jake would do best in a home that is active and has clear expectations.

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SPORTS

Rams host Nipmuc in girls' lacrosse action



Nick Ethier

Northbridge's Sienna Mastroianni curls around Nipmuc's net, looking for a teammate to pass the ball to.



Nick Ethier

Madison Thibeault of Northbridge fires off a shot toward Nipmuc's cage.



Nick Ethier

Northbridge's Britnei Chen, right, elevates her stick in an attempt to block a Nipmuc pass.



Nick Ethier

Elly Schofer of Northbridge, right, battles with a Nipmuc player on a face-off.



Nick Ethier

Northbridge's Lily Simoneau forces Nipmuc's Riley Webster, left, into making a pass.



Nick Ethier

Molly Gahan of Northbridge, right, plays a tight defense on a Nipmuc player.

NORTHBRIDGE — The Northbridge High girls' varsity lacrosse team hosted Nipmuc Regional on Tuesday, April 4 in early regular season action. The Warriors won the contest, 14-0, to improve to 1-1, while the Rams slipped to 0-2.

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LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Edward N. Gouin and Melissa J. Gouin to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as nominee for Salem Five Mortgage Company, LLC, dated November 7, 2016 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 56271, Page 59 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee for RMTP Trust, Series 2021 BKM-TT-V is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Salem Five Mortgage Company, LLC, its successors and assigns to ServiceMac, LLC dated June 22, 2021 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 65448, Page 311, and Assignment from ServiceMac, LLC to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee for RMTP Trust, Series 2021 BKM-TT-V dated March 15, 2022 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 67474, Page 65, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 100 Perry Street, Douglas, MA 01516 will be sold at a Public Auction at 12:00 PM on May 10, 2023, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain tract or parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, if any, situated on the easterly side of Perry Street, and on the northerly side of Linden Street, Douglas, Massachusetts and being shown as Lot 5 on a plan of land entitled "Plan Of Land on Perry & Linden Streets Douglas, Massachusetts Prepared for Owner D & F Afonso Builders, Inc. Scale: 1"=60' November 8, 2000", which plan is recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds Plan Book 860, Plan 10, and to which plan reference may be had for a more particular description of said Lot 5. Said Lot 5 contains an area of 8.89 acres, more or less, according to said Plan. Said premises are conveyed subject to a Taking by Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company of a 50 foot right of way and easement under Instrument recorded in said Deeds Book 12756, Page 94 as shown on said plan and to the extent the same affects Lot 5. Said premises are conveyed together with and subject to Variance recorded in Book 25393, Page 252 and to Orders of Condition recorded in said Deeds Book 24468, Page 169; Book 28035, Page 293 and in Book 40794, Page 48, as extended of record. Said premises are conveyed together with and subject to a right of way shown as Proposed Shared Driveway & Utility Easement on a plan entitled "Shared Driveway and Utility Easement Plan in Douglas, Mass." Scale: 1"=30' Feet Date: August 17, 2007 by Guerriere & Halnon, Inc. Engineering and Land Surveying 1031 Providence Road, Whitinsville, Mass. 10588, recorded in Worcester Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 860 Plan 78, said shared driveway and utility easement being 50 feet wide running in easterly direction from Perry Street to said Lot 5 and to be used for all purposes for which streets and ways are commonly used in the Town of Douglas, Massachusetts, including the installation, repair and maintenance of utilities. Said Lot 5 is hereby conveyed subject to the rights of the Owner(s) of Lot 6 as shown on said plan recorded in plan Book 860, Plan 10, their heirs, successors and assignees, to enter upon Lot 5 to connect to the utility pole as currently, or as may be hereinafter constructed upon Lot 5, and to reenter for purposes of repair and maintenance at the sole expense of the owner(s) of Lot 6. This right is expressly contingent upon the said owner(s) of Lot 6 restoring the portion of Lot 5 entered upon to the condition that existed prior to the entry upon Lot 5. This instrument does not constitute all or substantially all of the assets of D & F Afonso Builders, Inc. situated in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. FOR TITLE REFERENCE SEE THAT DEED RECORDED IN BOOK 42371 PAGE 369 For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester

District) Registry of Deeds in Book 42371, Page 369.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. Other terms to be announced at the sale.

U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee for RMTP Trust, Series 2021 BKM-TT-V
Korde & Associates, P.C.
900 Chelmsford Street
Suite 3102
Lowell, MA 01851
(978) 256-1500
Gouin, Edward N. and Melissa J. Gouin, 22-040678
April 14, 2023
April 21, 2023
April 28, 2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family
Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO23P1100EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Lorraine A. Cousineau
Date of Death: 01/23/2023**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Steven R. Cousineau** of requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that:
Steven R. Cousineau of Newton MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection **at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/02/2023.**

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 05, 2023
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
April 14, 2023

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Kathleen A. DeChesare to Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a subsidiary of Indy Mac Bank, F.S.B., dated December 12, 2007 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 42196, Page 281, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., its successors or assigns, as nominee for Financial Freedom Acquisition LLC, recorded on October 5, 2009, in Book No. 44928, at Page 356

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Financial Freedom Acquisition LLC to CIT Bank, N.A., recorded on October 5, 2016, in Book No. 56085, at Page 251
CIT Bank, N.A. to Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust, recorded on July 25, 2019, in Book No. 60762, at Page 123
CIT Bank, N.A. to Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust, recorded on April 21, 2021, in Book No. 64983, at Page 237
Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee of Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust to Longbridge Financial, LLC, recorded on April 21, 2021, in Book No. 64983, at Page 240

for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 AM on May 5, 2023, on the mortgaged premises located at 222 Pond Street, Uxbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,
TO WIT:

The land, with the buildings thereon, in Uxbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts, shown as Parcel containing "1.06 ACRES" on a plan of land entitled "Proposed Sale of Land by Donald P. Baca, Uxbridge, Mass., August, 1979," which plan is recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 474, Plan 73, and to which plan reference is made for a more particular description of said parcel. Being the same premises described at Book 7066, Page 279.

For Grantor's title see Deed recorded in Book 20563, Page 346.

The mortgagor(s) expressly reserve my/our rights of Homestead and do not wish to terminate my/our Homestead by granting the within conveyance notwithstanding my/our waiver of such Homestead in Paragraph 24 of the within mortgage.

For mortgagor's(s)' title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 20563, Page 346.

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

TERMS OF SALE:
A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.
LONGBRIDGE FINANCIAL LLC
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California St.

Newton, MA 02458
(617)558-0500
23035
April 14, 2023
April 21, 2023
April 28, 2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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Worcester Probate and Family
Court**

**225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO23P1009EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Mohammed F. Javed
Date of Death: 11/30/2022**

To all interested persons:
Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **Raheela Javed of Northbridge MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that:

Raheela Javed of Northbridge MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**
IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection **at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/25/2023.**

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

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.

Date: March 28, 2023
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
April 14, 2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Worcester Probate and Family
Court**

**225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
Docket No. WO22D1892DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION AND MAILING
Michael Timothy Demontier
vs.
Andrew Charles Farley**

To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown.

The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:
**John Joseph Martino Esq.
Martino Law Group, LLC
516 Main St
Melrose, MA02176**
your answer, if any, on or before **06/06/2023**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 8, 2023

Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
April 14, 2023

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For more information and to RSVP call the center at 508-865-9154

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Monday, April 24th at 10:30 A.M.
Following with a lunch including breaded chicken, herbed potatoes veggies and a special dessert
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SOCK HOP
Friday, April 21st at 4 P.M.
Put on your dancing shoes and your best 1950's outfit
Best costume contest, live music with the Millbury High Jazz band, dancing and refreshments will be served!
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LINE DANCING CLASSES!
Every Wednesday at 10:30 A.M.
Class is \$3 per person
No reservations required

CRAFT CLASS
Tuesday, April 18th

12:30 – 1:30 P.M.
Price is \$5 and includes all Materials
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Meet with a representative from Senator Moore's office!
Wednesday, May 3rd
One Wednesday every month between 11 – 12 P.M.
All are welcome to meet and discuss issues of importance or looking for assistance
Any questions please call 508-865-9154

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Mondays and Fridays 9:30 A.M. – 10:15 A.M. (Free!)
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YOGA
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MAHJONG
Mondays at 12:45 P.M.
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Monday through Friday 8:30 A.M.
Tuesdays at 1:00 P.M.
BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC
Every Tuesday from 9 A.M. - 10 A.M.
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COLORING
Thursdays at 10 A.M.
DULL MENS CLUB

Thursdays at 10 – 11 A.M.
No reservations required for any of our activities or exercise classes!

Lunches are served Monday through Friday 12 P.M. at the Senior Center
The menu is available on the town website, www.townofmillbury.org
Or our Millbury Senior Center Facebook page.
A 48 hour reservation is required. Call the center at 508-865-9154

Friends of the Millbury Senior Center Transportation
Transportation is provided for Millbury Senior Residents Monday through Friday Between 9 A.M. and 3:00 P.M.
We travel one town out in each direction including Sutton, Grafton, Auburn and Worcester
A 48 hour notice is required for scheduling rides (business days)
Rides are free until January 1st
To schedule transportation call the center at 508-865-9247

Dean College announces honor societies inductees

FRANKLIN — Dean College is pleased to announce the students who have been inducted into the Chi Alpha Sigma National College Athlete Honor Society, National Honor Society for Dance Arts, Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society, Golden Key International Honour Society, Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society and Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society.
Alexis Alvarado of Whitinsville: Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society

"MEMORY CAFÉ"
Please join us on Tuesday, April 25th at 2:00 - 3:30 P.M.
Refreshments will be served
A Memory Café is a monthly gathering for people with memory loss/challenges and their care partners. It is a time to socialize, make new friends, and have a good time.
Our Outreach worker, Julie Fitzgerald, is happy to answer any questions, call to RSVP 508-865-9154!

SNAP APPLICATIONS (Food Stamps)
Our appointments are on Tuesdays & Thursdays 10 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.
Call for an appointment & required documentation 508-865-9154
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Lia Zajas of Uxbridge: Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society
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LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Ana Majkut, Life Tenant and Christine Lavallee, Remainderman to Wells Fargo, N.A., dated March 7, 2008 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 42544, Page 387 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage Mortgage Assets Management, LLC is the present holder by Assignment from Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company dated October 3, 2017 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 57832, Page 54, and Assignment from Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company to Mortgage Assets Management, LLC dated February 4, 2022 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 67307, Page 296, and Assignment from Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company to Mortgage Assets Management, LLC dated October 19, 2022 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 68374, Page 199, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 14 Arch Street, Douglas, MA 01516 will be sold at a Public Auction at 1:00 PM on May 10, 2023, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land in said Douglas, in the southerly part thereof, with the buildings thereon, on the easterly side of Arch Street, formerly called Wallum Pond Road, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a stake driven flush with the ground on the easterly side of said Arch Street, it being the southwesterly corner of the premises herein described;
THENCE N. 76 degrees 30' E., 95 feet to a stake driven flush with the ground;
THENCE N. 12 degrees 56' W., 216 feet to a stake driven flush with the ground;
THENCE S. 85 degrees 31' W., 106 feet to a stake driven flush with the ground on the easterly side of said Arch Street;
THENCE S. 15 degrees 14' E., 228 feet along said Arch Street to the point of beginning.
Containing 0.511 acres, more or less.

PARCEL 2:
A certain tract or parcel of land, situated on the northeasterly side of Arch Street in the Town of Douglas in the County of Worcester, one and two hundredths acres (1.02 acres) and being shown on plan by Kenneth M. Shaw dated November 14, 1979 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 472. Plan 5 and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the most westerly corner of tract to be conveyed at an iron pipe in the northeasterly line of Arch Street at land now or formerly of Majkut;
THENCE by land now or formerly of Majkut by the following two courses; N. 65 degrees 19' 38" E., 95.00 feet to an angle; N. 25 degrees 40' 23" W., 216.00 feet to a stonewall;
THENCE by stonewall by land formerly of Parker by the following two courses; N. 71 degrees 36' 25" E., 22.12 feet to an angle in wait; N. 73 degrees 08' 42" E., 134.62 feet to land now or formerly

of S. Colonair;
THENCE by land now or formerly of Colonair by the following two courses; S. 12 degrees 40' 33" E., 100.80 feet to an angle; S. 69 degrees 56' 14" E., 94.75 feet to land now or formerly of T. Colonair;

THENCE by land now or formerly of T. Colonair S. 33 degrees 50' 10" E., 70.78 feet to an iron pipe;
THENCE by remaining land now or formerly of Campbell S. 65 degrees 19' 38" W., 301.72 feet to an iron pipe;
THENCE by Arch Street, N. 28 degrees 13' 38" W., 40.00 feet to the point of beginning.

Being all and the same premises conveyed in Book 26635 and Page 391.
Subject to any conditions, covenants, easements and restrictions of record insofar as the same are in force and applicable.
For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 26635, Page 391.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.
Mortgage Assets Management, LLC
Korde & Associates, P.C.
900 Chelmsford Street
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Lowell, MA 01851
(978) 256-1500
Majkut, Ana and Christine Lavallee,
22-041055
April 14, 2023
April 21, 2023
April 28, 2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
Docket No. WO23P1016PM
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT
OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER
PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT
TO G.L.c. 190B, § 5-304 & § 5-405
In the matter of:
Rodney O. Rondeau Jr
Of: Whitinsville, MA
RESPONDENT
(Person to be Protected/Minor)
To the named Respondent and all**

other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Sarah R. Rondeau of Whitinsville, MA

in the above captioned matter alleging that **Rodney O. Rondeau Jr** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Sarah R. Rondeau of Whitinsville, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **With Corporate Surety** on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **4/25/23**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the abovenamed person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
March 28, 2022

Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
April 14, 2022

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
Docket No. 23 SM 001468
ORDER OF NOTICE
TO: James R. Gardner and Bonnie A. Gardner**
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. C. 50 §3901 (*et seq*)
U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for RCF 2 EBO Trust
claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Uxbridge numbered 105 Eric Drive, given by James R. Gardner and Bonnie A. Gardner to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., as nominee for HSBC Mortgage Corporation (USA), dated March 20, 2006, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 38614, Page 319, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief

Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before 5/22/2023 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 4/6/2023.
Attest: Deborah J. Patterson, Recorder April 14, 2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
Docket No. WO23P1165GD
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF
GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED
PERSON PURSUANT TO
G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
In the matter of:
Emily Rose Millette
Of: Blackstone, MA
RESPONDENT**

Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Leo Millette** of **Blackstone, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Emily Rose Millette** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Leo Millette of Blackstone, MA** (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **05/02/2023**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 06, 2023

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WEBSTER — The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Tri-State Flotilla, Massachusetts will be instructing a one-day boating safety course in Webster. It is time to get your family's boating knowledge and skills ready for the 2023 boating season and for required Massachusetts, Rhode Island, or Connecticut certification.

Boat America Course
Saturday, May 20
Webster Fire Department Classroom
55 Thompson Rd., Webster
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This course was developed to provide the skills and confidence needed to explore the coast and inland waters; and the basic knowledge necessary to

have safe, enjoyable boating experiences. This course is perfect for families that have just purchased any type of boat or are planning to in the future, including paddlecraft, and for the boater keeping up with changes to boating regulations and laws. Some marlinespike seamanship (knots etc.) will also be included, along with the new RI regulations. Successful completion of the course will certify any minor, from 12 to 16 years of age, to operate a powerboat, including a Personal Water Craft /Jet Ski (for 16 & 17-year-old operators), on Massachusetts waters; in conjunction with the Mass. Environmental Police. Certification requirements for MA may be expanded in the future; approved by NASBLA this course covers requirements to operate a vessel in other states and many countries where boating safety education is mandatory; including Rhode Island

and Connecticut, where it is required for all PWC operators and most boaters. Most boating insurance companies offer a discount on premiums for successful completion of this course. The Webster course, half full at the time of this notice, and is limited to 30 students; an additional course at this popular location may be scheduled. Register by May 13, as space is limited!

The USCGAux. offers courses at no charge however there is a \$50 fee for the cost of materials including the Boat America textbook, handouts, and certification(s). Participants under the age of 16 must be accompanied in person by a registered parent/guardian.

Contact our Public Education Officer Phil Kubat for registration or additional information: email phil.uscgaux@verizon.net or call (508) 478-3778.

PARTNERSHIP

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FIRE

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municated to our dispatch center; and he was reported to be safe at home."

All mutual aid companies were released at approximately 7 p.m. and incident command was terminated, according to a press statement.

Douglas Fire personnel returned to re-check the original fire area at approximately 8 p.m. after reports from a hiker in the area that there were "smoke and embers still present."

"Douglas Fire personnel found several hot spots and crown fires [fires within the tops of trees]. Two mutual aid forestry units were requested from Webster and

Uxbridge to assist with further control and extinguishment."

Units cleared the scene at approximately 9:45 p.m., reports indicate. The area was re-checked the following morning by Douglas Fire personnel and additional hotspots were extinguished.

"There were no civilian or firefighter injuries," Douglas Fire released. "The cause of the fire is under investigation."

The Douglas Fire Department has issued a reminder to residents that permits are needed to burn brush, and burning season runs from January 15 through May 1. For more information on obtaining a burning permit, contact the fire department at 508-476-2267 or visit massfire.net/brush/douglas.php.

STORYWALK

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on the station, according to project details.

Donations can be left the library in person, made via Venmo @pamela-chisholm-1, or sent by check. Checks made out to Ethan Chishold can be mailed to: Simon Fairfield Public Library, C/O: StoryWalk Eagle Project, 290 Main St., Douglas, MA 01516.

"Thank you for your consideration and support. Together, we can bring the joy of reading and outdoor activity to our community," the Simon

Fairfield library added.

Library Director Justin Snook described the stations as sturdy, attractive, all-weather and permanent.

"This will be a significant upgrade to the yard signs we have been using to deploy our StoryWalks, and the ease of switching out material means we change it more often and make poetry walks, puzzle walks, riddle walks, and more," Snook said.

StoryWalks have been installed in 50 states and 13 countries, including Germany, Canada, England, Bermuda, Russia, Malaysia, Pakistan, and South Korea.

RAMEN

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Center in Boston on April 7 with a running time of 90 minutes at Panel 309. "Irasshaimase! A Ramen Journey" is categorized as a Fan Panel and was attended by over 100 Ramen enthusiasts!

Although everyone knows about Instant Ramen, the delicious and cheap college student's diet, Chef Gino believes that "the traditional Japanese ramen can also be as cheap and even more delicious!" KuruKuru Ramen shop's panel aimed to educate attendees about the culture of Ramen through the world of anime! As an up and coming restaurateur's who fell in love with Ramen culture through watching anime growing up, KuruKuru Ramen Shop was the perfect guide in showing the history of Ramen and how anime is able to make it look so delicious. An added bonus, at the end of the panel Chef Gino shared a secret recipe, "to make your own cheap and delicious ramen at home!"

Chef Gino genuinely loves cooking and loves Ramen. He appreciates the art (and patience) to preparing a deliciously beautiful bowl of ramen. He is not one to cut any corners. Chef Gino had been passionate about food since his childhood. At age seven, he trained at the Heny Sison

Culinary School (Manila, Philippines) under Chef Jill Sandique (International ICE alumni and a graduate of the Institute of Culinary Education Pastry & Baking Arts program). Chef Gino's culinary experiences range from apprenticeship (The Ivy Restaurant, Boston), to Cooking Shows (Chef Heny Sison), to employments (Harvard Faculty Club, Cambridge; Pikaichi, Boston), to teaching Japanese cooking (Bay Path Adult Evening School, Charlton). He has traveled to Japan extensively and has enjoyed Ramen in Chiba, Kanagawa, Osaka, Kamikatsu, and Tokyo. At Pikaichi in Boston, where he worked as a waiter then kitchen chef, he honed in his passion for Ramen. He has over 10 years of experience running and managing Ramen restaurants in the Greater Boston Area. Chef Gino leads menu creation, daily food prep, and all other cooking-related responsibilities at KuruKuru. He works with suppliers, ensures food quality in every meal, and assists with all back-of-house tasks and duties.

For more information, visit <https://www.kurukururamen.com/> or email info@kurukururamen.com.

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Christopher Rufo proclaimed on Tucker Carlson Tonight that CRT was: "A cult indoctrination..." "What I discovered is that CRT has become, in essence, the default ideology of the federal bureaucracy and is now being weaponized against the American people. The matter is so serious, Rufo added, that Trump should "immediately issue" an "executive order and stamp out this destructive, divisive, pseudoscientific ideology at its root." Three days later, on Sept. 4, the White House office of Management and Budget issued a memo (M-20-34) instructing all federal agencies "to begin to identify all contracts or other agency spending related to any training on CRT, white privilege or any other training or propaganda effort that teaches or suggest that the United States is an inherently racist or evil country or that any race or ethnicity is inherently racist or evil. From Rufo to Carlson to Trump's ear without a moment of study. Do you think anyone stopped to read Critical Race Theory? (A tome at almost 500 pages.)

Earlier, Rufo tweeted on Aug. 20, "My goal is simple: to persuade the President of the United States to issue an executive order abolishing critical race theory in the federal government." By Sept. 5 2020

Trump answered his call and Tweeted on Sept. 5: "This is a sickness that cannot be allowed to continue. Please report any sightings so we can quickly extinguish!" So without further ado, CRT was now a pariah. Soon to follow, would be Desantis who loves to 'trump' Trump, and would involve Rufo to stomp out anything that smacked of this in 'his' Florida schools. (The theory is not taught in any Florida school districts, state officials acknowledge.) — Miami Herald June 7, 2021

"Critical race theorists reject the philosophy of 'colorblindness.' They acknowledge stark racial disparities that have persisted in the US despite decades of civil rights reforms and they (continue to) raise structural questions about how racist hierarchies are enforced, even among people with good intentions." (NY Times) If we were post racial why are we still reading about incidents like this: Policing, "San Francisco federal jury has ordered Tesla pay \$3 million in punitive damages and \$175,000 in non-economic damages for maintaining a racially hostile work environment?" Or a black family home was appraised where it was clear that a black family resided and again after whitewashing the same family home. Which appraisal was higher do you imagine? Or, "Since the January 6 insurrection, dozens of states have enacted restrictive voting laws. Race played a big role in where these measures were introduced and passed, and their effects will fall especially hard on voters of color," (Morris Brennan Center for Justice). Heritage Action endorses these acts. Perhaps, then, there is still something to be discussed in our country? General Milley has noted, in response to questions about CRT, woke: "I've read Karl Marx. I've read Lenin. That doesn't make me a communist. So what is wrong with understanding — having some situational understanding about the country for which we are here to defend?" Milley said.

He continued brusquely: "And I personally find it offensive that we are accusing the United States military, our general officers, our commissioned, noncommissioned officers of being, quote, 'woke' or something else, because we're studying some theories that are out there."

In reference to Jan. 6 he also said, "I want to understand white rage, and I'm white, and I want to understand it," he said. "So what is it that caused thousands of people to assault this building and try to overturn the Constitution of the United States of America? What caused that? I want to find that out."

Secretary Austin at the hearing: "We do not teach critical race theory. We don't embrace critical race theory, and I think that's a spurious conversation," he said.

Austin also pushed back on the basis of Gaetz's concerns: "Thanks for your anecdotal input, but I would say that I have gotten 10 times that amount of input, 50 times that amount of input on the other side that have said, 'Hey, we're glad to have had the ability to have a conversation with ourselves and with our leadership.'"

Finally, CS attempts to make CRT subservient to CT. It is not clear that the core writings were considered. CRT did not invent whiteness. That occurred when colonial laws were created and enacted. I believe CRT as well as Intersectionality standalone and are deserving of a reading on its own to determine merit. And 'honest' rendering of my statements would never have produced the statement "CRT teaches honest history"... but CS did. CS noted my 'failure' to cite other facts that he thought were necessary. They are not. The laws that created whiteness happened here. Madison called it. It almost felt like CS was trying to suggest other world stories should mitigate ours, in some way They don't. This our shared history as Americans.

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Grass Roots Coffeehouse returns this spring

NORTHBRIDGE — The Grass Roots Coffeehouse, founded in 2000 has been hosting Bluegrass and Folk concerts for more than 20 years. Our Spring concert is on Saturday, May 13 with the band Blackstone Valley Bluegrass performing. Blackstone Valley Bluegrass was the first band to perform at this venue over 20 years ago. The band's guitarist, Bob Dick along with his wife Krissy wanted to promote bluegrass concerts locally and are members of the Rockdale Congregational Church. Along with former BVB bassist Ken Taylor and his wife Jean the venue has had many of the fine bluegrass and folk performers from New England perform.

Blackstone Valley Bluegrass will be starting their 26th season of shows this May. The band features original guitarist Bob Dick, a longtime veteran of the New England bluegrass scene and former bassist with the band Front Range that was a nationally and internationally touring bluegrass band in the 1990's. Mandolinist Tim St. Jean has been in the band for several years and also is a veteran of the southern New England bluegrass scene, mostly in the eastern Connecticut area. Tim brings some original songs and also plays fiddle and concertina in the band on occasion. Original members Ken Taylor and Dave Dick departed the band in 2021, and Peter Tillotson came on board to play bass. Peter is a highly accomplished musician who has primarily played jazz, and is now embracing the style of bluegrass, a genre he has been around and appreciated for many years. Pete Fein has been playing banjo around the metro west area for many years. Pete is adding some nice harmony vocals, and even some original material, and also is a fine ukelele player. Although the sound of the band has changed a bit over the years, the founding principals have remained the same. Hot picking, fine harmony singing, and lots of fun and joy in the music



are essential elements of the band. The Grass Roots Coffeehouse is located at the Rockdale Congregational Church, 42 Fowler Road, Northbridge, and is run by Krissy and Bob Dick. Bob is a longtime member of the New England Bluegrass community. The concerts are held downstairs and hot soups/chili, beverages and desserts are available for purchase. Admission is \$15, \$5 for students under 18. Doors open at 6:45 p.m., and concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Rockdale Congregational Church. Info: www.rockdalechurchonline.org, aplandbob@aol.com, 617-429-0347.

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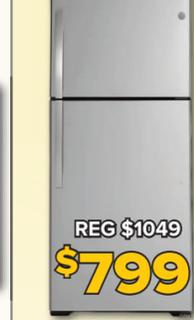
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