



Auburn News

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On Thursday, Nov. 9, the Grad 5 faculty and students at Dudley Middle School hosted "Bring a Veteran to School Day." Veterans were treated to an excellent performance by the DMS band and chorus. They were interviewed in small groups by fifth grade students, showing uniforms, awards, photos, and medals. At the conclusion, the veterans and their hosts were treated to a homemade lunch and desserts, made by the fifth grade teachers. Dudley Middle School has been inviting veterans in for well over a decade for this honorable event. The event is organized by Jennifer Hegedus, grade five teacher.



Oxford Middle School salutes its Students of the Month. From left to right: Brooke O'Connor, Willow Keller, Declan Sharry, Caiden Valipour, Nicole King, and Malayna Vieira.



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School Story Time! We
will be exploring a new
letter each week starting
with A and ending in the
spring with Z. No Story
time 11/21.

TODDLER TIME
Wednesdays @ 11:00AM
Come join us for
Toddler Time! We will
have a different theme
each week with stories
and songs! This program
is geared for ages 18
months to 3. No Story
time 11/22.

Guest Reader Story
Time
Mondays at 5:30PM
Join a different guest
reader each week for sto-
ries, songs, and crafts!

QUILTING GROUP
Wednesdays @ 1:30PM
All quilters and would-

be quilters are invited
to join our new group.
Bring your projects!

LEARN TO PLAY
DUNGEONS &
DRAGONS
Thursdays @ 6:00PM
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to learn more about play-

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adventures!

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dren 12 and under must
be accompanied by an
adult. Registration
required for this free pro-
gram.

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

LEGO CLUB
2nd Saturday of each

month at 11:00AM
Come join us each week
for a different Lego chal-
lenge, from writing your
name in Legos to making
a Lego zipline. Ages 5+

POKEMON CARD
TRADING
4th Saturday of each
month at 11:00AM
Children are invited
to bring their Pokemon
cards for informal card
trading and discussion.

MOVIE MONDAYS
Mondays at 2:00PM
Join us each Monday
for a movie and popcorn.
November films are new

releases.
Nov 20 Asteroid City
Nov 27 Barbie

ADULT BOOK GROUP
November 27, 6:00-7:30
PM
All are welcome to join
our adult book group
for a discussion of this
month's title, The Tortilla
Curtain, by T.C. Boyle.
Copies of the current title
are available at the cir-
culation desk one month
prior to the meeting.

Closed November 23
and 24 for Thanksgiving

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updates about our upcom-
ing events? Sign up for
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Randa Cox at rcox@cwmar.org.

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

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

New Art Exhibit up!
Come check out the new
art exhibit in the com-
munity room. Johanna
Riddle is a Massachusetts-
based travel photogra-
pher. Artist Meet and
Greet will be November
13th from 6 to 8 PM.

Adult Programming
YOGA – Saturday
November 25th at 9:30 AM
Join Julie or Lauren
at the Gladys E. Kelly
Library for a vinyasa
yoga class for all levels.
In Sanskrit, Vinyasa yoga
translates to the “unit-

ing of movement with
breath”. A typical class
involves centering the
mind with the breath,
aromatherapy, movement
of the body to release
energetic blockages, and,
finally, rest and relax-
ation. Classes are free.
Funded by the Friends of
the Gladys E. Kelly Public
Library.

FRIENDS CONCERT
SERIES: December
14th --- The Blackstone
Valley String Quartet &
Ensembles at 6:30 PM
The Blackstone
Valley String Quartet
& Ensembles is based
in North Grafton,
Massachusetts. The
ensemble specializes in
performances combin-
ing classical and modern
music throughout New

England.

ADULT BOOK
DISCUSSION GROUP—
December 14th at 6:30 PM
This month's
book discussion will
be in the Library's
Community Room. The
Group will be discussing
The Personal Librarian
by Heather Terrell. Stop
by the library, or reach
out by phone at 508-949-
3880, or by email to rcox@cwmar.org for inquiries.

ADULT BOARDGAME
NIGHT-- December 19th
—6:00 PM
Come in and play
games with other board
game enthusiasts. Learn
a new one, or play one
you know and help others
learn!

Children's and Young
Adult Programming

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

MAKER MONDAYS –
Mondays from 3:30-4:30
PM
Feeling artistic? We
will have a variety of
craft materials available
to put your creativity to
the test! Every month
we will rotate our craft
material, stop in to see
what we're
making this
month!

Build
Tuesdays-
from 3:30-
4:30 PM
Join
us every
Tuesday for
a self-guided
STEM-based
building
challenge,
appropriate
for all ages.
Younger

kids should bring a par-
ent. Instruction sheets
will be provided. Contact
Andrew at 508-949-3880,
or atai@cwmar.org for
more details.

STORY HOUR WITH
MELONIE--- November
21st at 9:30 AM -10:30 AM
Please join “Miss
Melonie” for a monthly
fun and educational time
exploring thematic sto-
ries, songs and games.
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olds with accompanying
adult.

THEPOOPMUSEUM---
December 2nd 11:30-12:30
The Poop
Museum covers the seri-
ous science of poop and
pooping, and is delivered
with the silliness that you
might imagine accompa-
nying a program about
poop for young kids. It is
the perfect combination
of fun, and fabulous, fas-
cinating facts, so that kids
(and parents) never forget
what they learned. Aimed
at the 4-9 age group, the
program engages kids as
young as 3 and as old as
12. Funded by the Friends
of the Gladys E. Kelly
Public Library.

Suspected Worcester State
shooter arrested in New York

REGION — A suspect wanted in connection with last month's fatal shooting at Worcester State University was recently arrested in New York.

Kevin Rodriguez, 18, was captured in New York on Nov. 2. He was arrested on a warrant in connection with the Oct. 28 fatal shooting at Worcester State University.

According to Worcester County District Attorney Joseph Early, Jr., Rodriguez was wanted on charges of unlawful possession of a firearm and armed assault with intent to murder.

Rodriguez was arrested without incident, officials said.

The following organizations worked in collaboration to locate and apprehend the suspect: Worcester Police, Worcester State University Police, Massachusetts State Police, the Massachusetts State Police Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section, the U.S. Marshals Service Fugitive Task Force, and Massachusetts State Police detectives assigned to the Worcester County District Attorney's Office.

The investigation into the shooting at Worcester State University is ongoing.

Editor's note: Last week's edition featured an article on the manhunt for Rodriguez. Our production schedule prevented us from being able to include the information on his capture before our press deadline.

The First Congregational
Church of Dudley
18th Annual Christmas Fair
December 2nd, 2023

135 Center Street in Dudley 10a - 2p

We will have craft tables, entertainment, a cafe (homemade clam chowder, bbq pulled pork sandwiches and buffalo chicken sandwiches, hot dogs, popcorn), basket raffles, 50/50 raffle, a Christmas themed throw raffle, sweet treats from cookie corner, a Christmas centerpiece workshop, a live auction and yes, a visit by Santa Claus.

We will also have a virtual auction that will be held from November 17th to December 1st, the registration link which is at left.

We hope you can join us!



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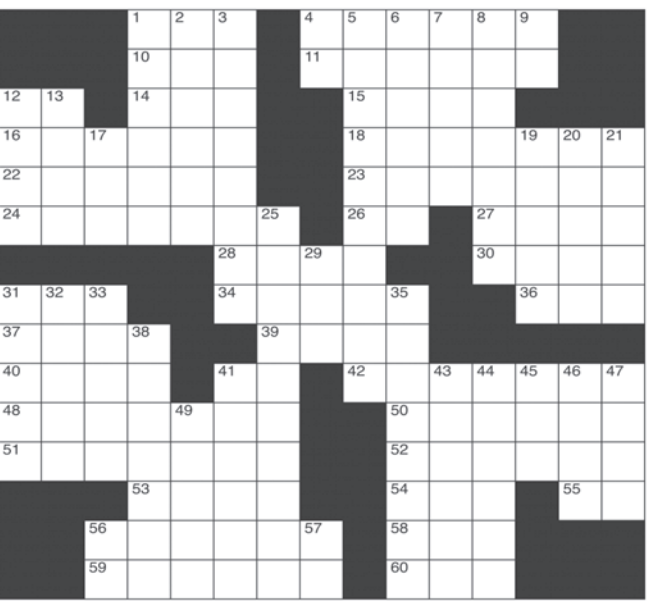
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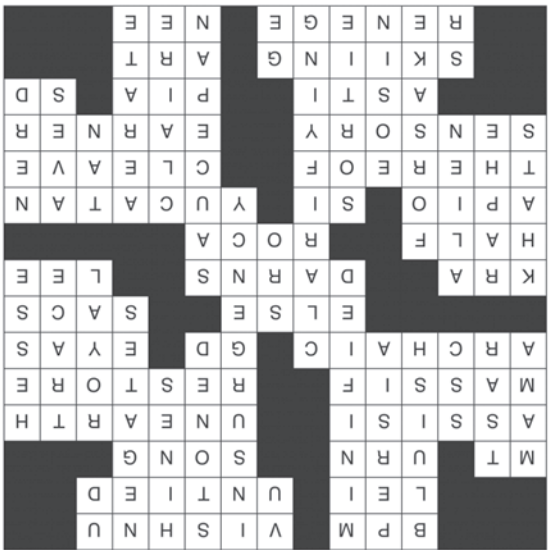
CLUES ACROSS

1. Beats per minute
4. Hindu deity
10. Polynesian garland of flowers
11. Not chained to
12. Metric ton
14. Tall, rounded vase
15. Musical composition
16. St. Francis of ____
18. Discover the location of
22. Compact group of mountains
23. Mend
24. Not current
26. Atomic #64
27. Young hawk
28. Or ____
30. Pouches
31. Southern Thailand isthmus
34. Mends with yarn
36. Downwinds
37. One of two equal parts of a divisible whole
39. Italian archaeological site
40. Cold appetizer
41. Yes
42. Peninsula
48. Of that
50. A way to divide
51. Relating to the physical senses
52. One who makes money
53. ____ Spumante (Italian wine)
54. Inconvenience (abbr.)
55. South Dakota
56. Snow sport
58. The products of human creativity
59. Change mind
60. Born of

CLUES DOWN

1. Similar to the color of a clear unclouded sky
2. Former name of Iran
3. Made smaller
4. Type of meter
5. Revolt
6. Killed with rocks
7. Gregory ____, US dancer
8. Nullifies
9. Home to the Flyers
12. Female parent
13. Pre-1917 Russian emperor
17. Outsourcing (abbr.)
19. Regal
20. Line
21. Hermann ____, author of "Siddhartha"
25. Clearing up
29. No seats available
31. Leaves of an Arabian shrub
32. Groove in organ or tissue
33. Not of this world
35. Cooking device
38. Forget
41. Operational flight
43. Actress Danes
44. Poke holes in
45. A way to discolor
46. Shouts of welcome or farewell
47. Pharrell's group
49. Red fluorescent dye
56. Jr.'s dad
57. Electronics firm

PUZZLE SOLUTION



WEBSTER POLICE LOG

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of Nov. 6-12.

Kristan Carattini, age 22, of Webster was arrested on Nov. 6 in connection with multiple warrants. Carattini was subsequently charged with Malicious Damage to a Motor Vehicle.

A 25-year-old male from Webster was issued a summons in lieu of arrest on Nov. 6 for Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended Registration, operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle, and a Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID.

A 30-year-old from Providence, R.I. was issued a summons in lieu of arrest on Nov. 6 for making an Improper Turn, Not being in Possession of a License, and Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle.

David Zayas, age 34, of Webster was arrested on Nov. 7 on multiple counts of Trafficking in more than 36 Grams but Less Than 100 Grams of Concaine and Conspiracy to Violate Drug Law.

Donna M. Somers, age 64, of Webster was arrested on Nov. 8 for Assault & Battery.

Angel Roure, age 21, of Worcester was arrested on Nov. 8 in connection with a warrant.

A 30-year-old male from Webster was issued a summons in lieu of arrest on Nov. 9 for Vandalization of Property with a Suspended License.

A 53-year-old female from Webster was issued a summons in lieu of arrest on Nov. 11 for Assault & Battery. A 23-year-old male from Webster was issued a summons during the same incident for Cruelty to Animals.

A 51-year-old male from Webster was issued a summons in lieu of arrest on Nov. 11 for a Motor Vehicle Lights Violation and Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License.

A 30-year-old male from Webster was issued a summons in lieu of arrest on Nov. 9 for a Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID and operating an Unregistered Motor Vehicle.

A 38-year-old male from Oxford was arrested on Nov. 9 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol (second offense) and Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle.

Aaron M. Combs, age 42, of Worcester was arrested on Nov. 10 for Operating Under the Influence of Drugs, Possession of an Open Container of Alcohol in a Motor Vehicle, Operating a Motor Vehicle with License Revoked as HTO, Possession of a Class B Drug (subsequent offense), and Possession of a Class E Drug (subsequent offense).

A 30-year-old female from Webster was issued a summons in lieu of arrest on Nov. 10 for Assault & Battery on a Police Officer and multiple counts of Assault & Battery on Ambulance Personnel.

A 34-year-old female from Webster was issued a summons in lieu of arrest on Nov. 10 for Larceny in an amount Over \$1,200 By Single Scheme.

Jonathan Michael Eide, age 26, of Worcester was arrested on Nov. 11 for Operating a Motor Vehicle

WEBSTER SENIOR CENTER

5 Church St.
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Like the Webster Senior Center Facebook page to view our photographs, news and announcements. Please stop by to pick up our monthly newsletter for a complete list of activities, upcoming events and our monthly lunch menu. You do not have to be a resident of Webster to participate in our activities and programs. ALL Seniors are welcome!

The Webster Senior Center will close at 12:30 pm (after serving lunch) on Wednesday, November 22nd. The Senior Center will be closed on Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Tri-Valley Lunches are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 11:30 am. Please call (508) 949-3845 at least 48-hours in advance to reserve or cancel your meal. A \$3.00 donation is appreciated. All meals include milk, bread and fruit or dessert. This week’s menu: Tuesday 11/21 Roast Turkey w/gravy, cornbread stuffing, butter-nut squash. Wednesday 11/22 Chicken Cacciatore, gemelli pasta, broccoli. Thursday 11/23 and Friday 11/24 Senior Center closed, no meals served.

SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone) counselor is available at the Senior Center to assist you with any health insurance questions you may have. Just a reminder, Medicare Open Enrollment is October 15th to December 7th. Please call (508) 949-3845 to schedule an appointment.

Need help with your MassHealth application? Tri-Valley has Certified Application Counselors available to assist you. Appointments are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and Wednesdays from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Tri-Valley office in Dudley. Please call Tri-Valley at (508) 949-6640. Appointments are also available on Fridays from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the Webster Senior Center. Please call (508) 949-3845 to schedule Friday appointments at the Senior Center.

REC Farmer’s Market every Thursday from 1:00 – 2:30 pm on the Town Hall front lawn.

Come on down to the Bomba Beauty Salon at the Webster Senior Center and enter a raffle to win a free haircut! No purchase necessary. Bomba Beauty Salon is open for walk in appointments on Wednesdays from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays by appointment only from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Call (508) 341-8724 to schedule an appointment.

Come join us for our Golden Bachelor Viewing Party! Our Golden Bachelor viewing schedule: Hometown Visits, Thursday, Nov. 9th at 10:00 am. Women Tell All, Thursday, November 16th at 10:00 am. (Senior Center will be closed Thursday, November 23rd for Thanksgiving). Fantasy Suites, Thursday, November 30th at 10:00 am. Finale will be shown on Friday, December 1st 1:00 – 3:00 pm.

The Friends of the Webster Senior Center will be hosting a Friendsgiving get together on Monday, November 20th at 1:00 pm. A Barbershop Quartet will entertain and refreshments will be provided. Sign up at the Senior Center front desk by Friday, November 17th.

Do you have questions about health insurance? A Representative from MA Advantage will be at the Webster Senior Center on Friday, December 1st at 10:00 am to answer questions. Please sign up at the Senior Center front desk.

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\$480,000, 4 Lancaster St, Shell, Sarah, to Rivera, Joelie, and Ovelez, Luis.
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American Heart Association Certified classes to be given on specific Saturdays, November and December:
We will be sponsoring and conducting reduced rate classes to support the surrounding community for an AED/CPR class is combined with the Basic First Aid class for Certification. There will also be a “Stop the Bleed” Certificate class. Classes will require sign-up in advance & pre-payment made to:
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Dates are as follows:
12.09.2023 Stop the Bleed \$65.00 w/ Certificate
12.16.2023 AED/CPR & *** \$65.00 w/AHA Certificate Basic First Aid
Classes will run from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
*** Must be 10 people for the AED/CPR Basic First Aid Class to be held to justify the instructor. Fees will be returned if we don’t get 10 students or the second date can be used.
Stop the Bleed class can accommodate up to 40 people

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Auburn resident to have role in Dean College Theatre production of “Rent”

FRANKLIN — Bella D’Auteuil of Auburn has earned the role of Ensemble in the Dean College production of “Rent,” beginning Wednesday, November 15 through Sunday, Nov. 19.

The iconic musical “RENT” is finally coming to Dean College! “RENT” opened on Broadway in April 1996. The Pulitzer Prize-winning show ran for 12 years and was nominated for 10 Tony Awards, winning five including Best Musical.

Based loosely on Puccini’s “La Boheme,” Jonathan Larson’s “RENT” follows a year in the life of a group of impoverished young artists and musicians struggling to survive and create in New York’s Lower East Side, under the shadow of HIV/AIDS.

“RENT” is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are supplied by MTI.

The Dean College production of “RENT” will take place in the Main Stage in the Dr. Paula M. Rooney Student Center at Dean College, 109 West Central Street, Franklin at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, with 2:00 p.m. matinees on Saturday and Sunday.

Dean College welcomes children and families to all of our performances, provided patrons have complied with all safety guidelines. However, infants and children under 2 years of age are not allowed in the theatre, and children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. All patrons must have their own ticketed seats; lap sitting is not permitted.

To learn more about the show and to purchase tickets, visit www.dean.edu/boxoffice.

Founded in 1865, Dean College is a private, residential college located in Franklin Massachusetts, 45 minutes from Boston, Massachusetts, and Providence, Rhode Island. Dean College offers baccalaureate degrees, associate degree programs, as well as a robust schedule of part-time continuing and professional education credit and certificate programs throughout the calendar year.

Bay Path nursing student donates used textbooks

CHARLTON — Practical nursing student Margaret Carver of Webster graciously took boxes of textbooks from Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy for donation. According to Academy Director, Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN, “although this is a voluntary decision at the Academy, our students, and alumni as they become more aware of the importance of donating continue to participate.”

A member of the PN Class of 2024, Carver is an accomplished customer service/healthcare professional. She was formerly with MTN (telecom giant in Africa). She holds a masters in healthcare administration from Grand Canyon University (2021) and a bachelor of science degree, major in philosophy and political science from University of Ghana (2006). Carver is fluent in English, Ga and Twi.

The PN Class of 2024 at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy continue to strengthen a noble initiative started in 2016, wherein outgoing students donate their used textbooks. Such initiative comes in handy for needy students.

“This concept has started yielding positive results every year, to everyone and the environment,” added Bolandrina. Conceptualized in 2016, Bay Path Practical

Nursing Academy Director Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN had asked the graduating class to donate their used textbooks. While doing this the incoming students will save money, given the fact that prices of the books go up every year. Donating used textbooks also made for environment conservation as printing fewer books would mean cutting fewer trees, the Academy Director explained.

“The initiative received a great response not only for the outgoing class but also for the incoming practical nursing cohort,” said Bolandrina. It has been helpful for students, especially those who are not from well-off families.

“However, most graduates hold on to their Medical-Surgical Nursing textbook because they need them for NCLEX-PN,” she added.

The Practical Nursing Faculty and Staff are also engaged in sensitizing the practical nursing students to take diligent care of their textbooks.

“Retired textbooks are a different story, but we’ve found a great partner in www.better-worldbooks.com,” said Bolandrina.

Better World Books is an American online bookseller of used and new books, founded in 2002 by



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About Bay Path RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy

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

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Nichols partners with Pocasset Pokanoket Land Trust for farmer outreach project

DUDLEY — Nichols College is partnering with the Pocasset Pokanoket Land Trust (PPLT) in a USDA-grant-sponsored program to offer a farming financial literacy course for farmers in New England. The course

is part of a farmer outreach grant initiative by the PPLT that was awarded \$524,040 over three years to increase beginning farmers’ knowledge in business planning, financial literacy and soil health.

The farming financial literacy course will cover creating a balance sheet, outlining assets, building equity, understanding industry benchmarks and more. Diverse and U.S. military veteran beginning farmers who

have less than 10 years of farming experience are encouraged to take the course. The course is free for farmers. As part of the Nichols partnership, they will have the option to take the course in person at the Nichols campus or online. A Spanish-speaking interpreter will be provided.

Karin Curran, M.B.A., an accounting and finance professor at Nichols who helped secure the USDA grant, will teach the course. Curran has spent the past 30 years teaching business and instructional technology skills in a variety of settings both nationwide and abroad including professional development seminars, corporate and teacher training programs and online institutions. She has also taught finan-

cial literacy topics in the local community, including at Abby’s House and Swissturn/USA, Inc.

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About Pocasset Pokanoket Land Trust

The Pocasset Pokanoket Land Trust (PPLT) is a tribally-led non-profit dedicated to reconnecting communities of American Indian tribes, clans, Urban Indians and indigenous people across the Northeast. We embody an American Indian cosmology that holds Mother Earth and all living beings with deep reverence. As mindful caretakers of the land for all future generations, we teach our decedents to honor the connection to Earth, Sky, and to the Creator.



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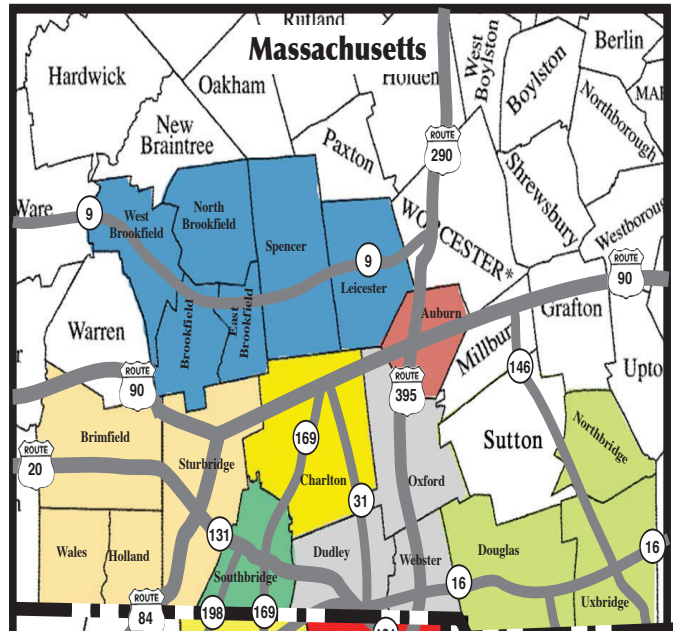
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EDITORIAL

Worry less about gifts, more about quality time

As the holiday season approaches, many of us find ourselves caught up in the whirlwind of gift shopping, decorating, and party planning. While these festive traditions bring joy and excitement, it's essential to remember the true meaning of the holidays. This year, let us consider shifting our focus from the materialistic components of the season to something more precious: quality time spent with friends and family.

In recent years, the holiday season has become synonymous with consumerism. We are bombarded with advertisements enticing us to buy the latest gadgets, toys, and luxury items, often causing stress and financial strain. The pressure to find the perfect gift can overshadow the real essence of the holidays – the opportunity to connect with our loved ones on a deeper level.

One of the greatest gifts we can give each other during this season is our time and undivided attention. In our fast-paced lives, it's all too easy to let precious moments slip away. This holiday season, try to slow down, unplug from our screens, and fully engage with our friends and family.

Quality time is at the heart of strong and meaningful relationships. It's a chance to create cherished memories by simply just hanging out.

Instead of stressing over finding the most extravagant gifts, consider alternatives that emphasize experiences over possessions. Plan a family hike, a cozy movie night, or a day of volunteering together.

It is worth noting that this shift doesn't mean abandoning gift-giving altogether. Thoughtful, meaningful gifts can still play a role in the holidays, but they should complement the primary emphasis on quality time spent with loved ones.

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VIEWPOINT

Life is an unfair mystery

Life is an unfair mystery. Why do many innocent people face war and violence in Gaza or Ukraine, while others, like us Americans, never have to worry about the horrors of war, or about having family members killed, being displaced from our homes, or living in fear every day. Every year when I take a group from my Church to Mexico to build a home for a family in need, I always wonder why we were born on this side of the border, and how different our lives would be if we were born south of the border. Why were we born here? Life is an unfair mystery.

And then I think, what have I done to deserve all that I have? Being born in America. Growing up in a loving, stable family. Being a part of middle class American, with all the benefits and opportunities which come with such a middle class lifestyle? Being an Orthodox Christian, and not being a Muslim or Hindu or Buddhist from another part of the world. Growing up in a family of faith is a blessing I received unasked for, simply something passed on to me at my birth.

Life is an unfair mystery. We have many things we don't deserve or didn't do anything for, and others have many challenges and struggles for which they don't deserve or have done nothing for.

I think about this as I reflect on the Gospel story of the Rich Man and Lazaros. It begins by describing a very rich man who wore luxurious clothing and ate sumptuously every day. He was extremely blessed materially. Outside the gate of his house, however, lay a poor, desperate man who was so pathetic, he simply waited to eat the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table. He was in such a wretched state that the dogs would come up and lick his wounds, and he couldn't do anything about it.

A picture of two very different people. Now, the Gospels don't say anything about how the rich man became rich, or how the poor man became so desperately poor but there's a good chance it was simply the luck of the draw at birth. One was born into a wealthy family, and one born into a poor family.

More often than not, that is the birth lottery we all face. For many, we are born in America, we are born into a stable family that gives us much and sets us up for a good life. We are born into a Christian home and for most of us, embrace Christianity from a young age. We are given much of what we have without deserving it or earning it.

Life is an unfair mystery. For some, we are given much. For some, we are given little.

We can't control or determine certain things in life, but one of the lessons I see from today's Gospel is what we do with whatever we have been given in life will determine our eternal future. If we've been given much, what will we do with our blessings? If we've been given little, how will we respond to the challenges we face?

In this Gospel story, the rich man ends up in Hades. Yet, he doesn't end up in Hades simply because he's rich. He ends up in Hades because of what he did with his wealth. He chose to live a self-centered life, a life of extravagance while ignoring the needs of people right in front of him, right outside his doorstep. He was either blinded by his wealth, or blinded by his arrogance and ignorance



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thinking that he deserved such blessings, and therefore he acted indifferently to the needs of those right in front of him.

The poor man, whose name is Lazaros, goes into the bosom of Abraham after his death, which is an image of heaven. He doesn't go there simply because he is poor. There are many poor people who use their poverty as an excuse for evil behavior. They look at themselves as victims and feel the world owes them something, and thus, respond to their situation with reckless abandon. I think Jesus noted the name of the poor man, however, to highlight the attitude this man had in his extreme poverty. Lazaros means "God is my help."

In his poverty and suffering, Lazaros didn't despair but turned to God. He lived hoping in God even in the midst of his unfair suffering. He trusted in God as his rock and refuge. "God is my help," Lazaros could say, and that is why he ends up in the bosom of Abraham.

Yes, life is an unfair mystery. The question we must wrestle with, however, is what we will do with whatever life gives us. Will we complain about life's unfair mystery, or accept whatever has been given to us, and make the most of it.

Our Lord said, "to whom much is given, much will be require." If we have been blessed with much, how will we use our blessings to bless others. How will we overcome the temptation to waste it on ourselves and justify our extravagant living? God blesses us so that we will bless others. He gives to us so that we can share with others. He has given us all that we have as stewards, or caretakers, who are supposed to carefully use all we have to glorify God and help others.

In like manner, when we have little what will we do? Will we still live with hope and in faith, knowing that whatever we suffer now is only temporary. Saint Paul would say that the suffering of this time is not worth comparing to the glory that awaits us. We should never despair with whatever challenges and even suffering we face in life, because it is all temporary. We are being tested by our trials and tribulations. We must imitate Lazaros and remember always that "God is my help." We never despair and never give into darkness because God is with us and will see us out of this suffering in His timing.

Life is an unfair mystery. And part of this mystery is that none of us know what tomorrow will bring. Even for us who have been so richly blessed in this lifetime, we never know what will happen tomorrow. An unexpected accident or a fatal illness may come our way. Life can change drastically overnight.

Thus, we remember that the Lord gives and the Lord takes away, and blessed be the name of the Lord always. We will take the blessings, thanking God and using all our gifts to bless others. And we will take the crosses, thanking God, and remembering never to lose hope even in the midst of our challenges.

Life is an unfair mystery, but when we face this mystery, good or bad, with faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, we can always rejoice and be glad. May we strive to us the good to bless others while accepting the crosses by trusting in God as our help!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The "melting pot" is about to boil over

To the Editor:
"Melting pot." We all learned about it in school, didn't we?
America was to become a nation of people from all countries. I would like to believe that "E pluribus unum" — "out of many, one" — our country's motto by Congress in 1782, referring to 13 colonies becoming one nation, could also mean "from many people — one people." But the "pot" comes with conditions: laws, regulations, and quotas.
People applying for citizenship have to learn about our Constitution, our history, and our language. When they take the Oath of Allegiance to the United States, they not only benefit from this country's rights and freedoms, but they also add their own strengths and culture to the mix. They join us with the love for this country and this country only!

The "pot" is boiling over; immi-

gration laws and oaths to protect our country are broken. Does the reader truly believe that every one of the more than seven million undocumented and unvetted migrants, some of whom are from countries like China, Russia, Iran, Iraq, and others, have crossed our wide open southern border and entered our country because they love us? Because they want to help our country prosper and grow? Really? News flash: sleeper cells are forming in our country. In the future, there will be calls for help to our already overburdened and understaffed law enforcement agencies across our country. Will you be the one that calls? It is all because of one political party's policies. Why don't they close the border?

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What should you do with 'side gig' money?



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As you know, the gig economy has been booming over the past several years. If you're thinking of using your skills to take on a side gig, what should you do with the money you'll make?

There's no one right answer for everyone, and the decisions you make should be based on your individual situation. And of course, you may simply need the extra income to support your lifestyle and pay the bills. But if you already have your cash flow in good shape, and you have some freedom with your gig money, consider these suggestions:

Contribute more to your IRA. If you couldn't afford to contribute the maximum amount to your IRA, you may find it easier to do so when you have additional money coming in from a side gig. For the 2023 tax year, you can put in up to \$6,500 to a traditional or Roth IRA, or \$7,500 if you're 50 or older. (Starting in 2024, this extra \$1,000 "catch-up" contribution amount may be indexed for inflation.) The amount you can contribute to a Roth IRA is reduced, and eventually eliminated, at certain income levels.

Look for new investment opportunities. If you're already maxing out your IRA, you might be able to find other investment possibilities for your side gig money. For example, if you have young children, perhaps you could use some of the money to invest in a 529 education savings plan. A 529 plan offers potential tax advantages and can be used for college, qualified trade school programs, and possibly some K-12 expenses. Please keep in mind that potential tax advantages will vary from state to state.

Build an emergency fund. Life is full of unexpected events — and some can be quite expensive. What if you needed a major car repair or required a medical procedure that wasn't totally covered by your health insurance? Would you have the cash available to pay these bills? If not, would you be forced to dip into your IRA or 401(k)? This might not be a good move, as it could incur taxes and penalties, and deprive you of resources you might eventually need for retirement. That's why you might want to use your gig earnings to help fund an emergency fund containing several months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account. To avoid being tempted to dip into your emergency fund, you may want to keep it separate from your daily spending accounts.

Pay down debts. Most of us will always carry some debts, but we can usually find ways to include the bigger ones — mortgage, car payments and so on — into our monthly budgets. It's often the smaller debt payments, frequently associated with high-interest-rate credit cards, that cause us the most trouble, in terms of affecting our cash flow. If you can use some of your side gig money to pay down these types of debts, you could possibly ease some of the financial stress you might be feeling. And instead of directing money to pay for things you purchased in the past, you could use the funds to invest for your future.

As we've seen, your side gig money could open several promising windows of opportunity — so take a look through all of them.

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Bucks on the loose

This past week, bow-hunters enjoyed some great bow hunting in Mass. after the rutting season blew wide open. Bucks were chasing does from one area to another as the breeding season came to full circle. Numerous car-deer accidents were reported in many towns, as the deer crossed roadways while chasing does. A buck was caught on camera leaping over two cars and a truck that were parked in a car dealership to get to his destination. The buck managed to clear the top of two cars, but ended up landing in the back of a pickup truck, causing damage to the side of the truck. The buck quickly leaped from the back of the pickup and contin-

ued on his mission. It was amazing he did not severely injure himself. It shows just how strong deer actually are. The truck had been sold the day before, and the new owner had come to pick up his truck, only to be told of the incident. A new selling price was made on the truck with the dealership and customer. Some deer hunters that have harvested a deer this year are finding it hard to locate someone to process the animal. If you do find someone, the hunters are finding the price to process the deer has gone up substantially. Processing your deer yourself is really not that hard to do. Going on YouTube to watch a video that shows a step by step



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method of processing your deer can actually be a lot of fun and can save you some money. Shotgun deer season opens in Mass. on Nov. 27, and should prove to be another great season. Although archers now harvest more deer with archery than with shotgun annually, it may be that the reason for the lower kill is because of less deer hunters in the woods, at least I find it that way in the valley!

Are you thinking of having your deer mounted? Finding a good taxidermist in the area with a good reputation is not that hard to do. Contact local sporting goods stores like Jerry's Bait & Tackle in Milford. Numerous taxidermists have their business cards at the establishment, which come highly recommended. Tautog fishing is still very good in both Mass. & Rhode Island if you have a boat. Waiting for a good weather forecast is the most important & finding a bait shop with green crabs for bait may be the hardest thing to do! Happy Thanksgiving! Take a Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!



This week's picture shows a Mass. hunter with a monster buck he harvested with his bow recently!

Thanksgiving Facts and Trivia

Few holidays compare to a traditional Thanksgiving celebration. The fourth Thursday in November brings family near and far together for much more than a fabulous feast, as grown children, scattered relatives, and close family members still make it a priority to gather to share in the annual feast and give thanks for life's blessings. Thanksgiving is an American holiday classic, with the basic premise seemingly unaltered by the changing times. Although bountiful harvest feasts had been celebrated long before, it wasn't until 1863 that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving a national holiday. In 1939, President Franklin Roosevelt moved Thanksgiving Day forward one week, as it is presently celebrated. While the origins of Thanksgiving are steeped in tradition, the day itself has become a big travel business, as evidenced by a NerdWallet report found more than 130 million Americans planning to travel for the holidays this year (2023), will spend nearly \$2,000 on average. Read on for more Thanksgiving facts, trivia and talk: ** The First Thanksgiving According to researchers at the Plimouth Plantation, despite popular belief, there never was a "First Thanksgiving" in the sense of a particular celebration that initiated the regular observance of the holiday we know today.

"The famous 1621 Pilgrim event, which was transformed into an archetypal First Thanksgiving in the late nineteenth century, was in fact not a true Thanksgiving at all. It was rather a secular harvest celebration which as far as we know was never repeated. The event had been entirely forgotten until a reference to it was rediscovered in the 1820s. The first real Calvinist Thanksgiving in New England was celebrated in Plymouth Colony, but it was during the summer of 1623 when the colonists declared a Thanksgiving holiday after their crops were saved by a providential shower." That said, history reveals the 1621 harvest "Thanksgiving," which is familiar to us, was attended by 50 or so Pilgrims and almost twice as many Native Americans. The pilgrims invited their two key Indian helpers, Squanto, Samoset, plus Chief Massasoit, to share in their Thanksgiving since they had been so instrumental in the pilgrims' successes that summer. The Indians brought their families, numbering over 90 people. Historical reports reveal the Pilgrims did not have enough food to feed all the people, so the Indians brought along their own supplies for the feast. The Wampanoag Indians brought turkey, deer, berries, squash, cornbread, and beans, the items they grew and subsequently taught the Pilgrims to grow.



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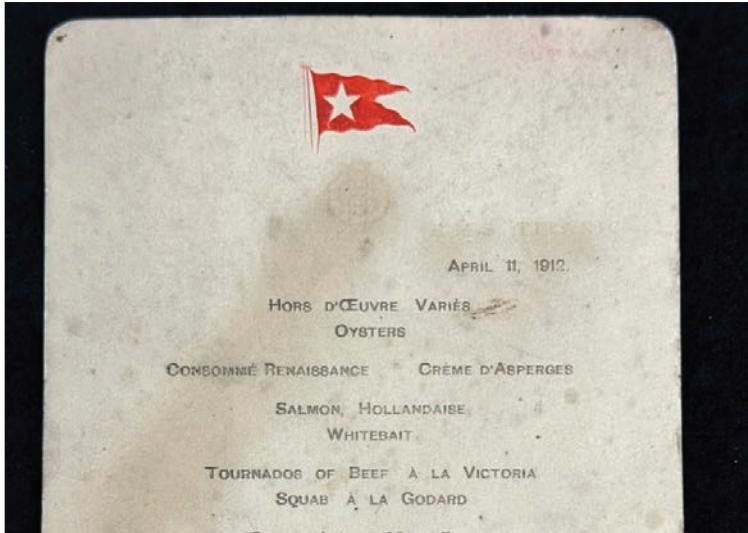
The exact date in 1621 that the harvest celebration was held is not known, although historians estimate it occurred between September 21or 22 and November 9. ** Pilgrim's Fare Although an accurate menu of the feast cannot be officially documented, a Pilgrim's written account reveled "corn, Indian corn, barley, peas, fowl, five deer, fish and wild turkey were eaten at the harvest thanksgiving. Using such excerpts and taking into consideration the foods available to the Pilgrims at that time, historians have determined the following foods were likely served at the first Thanksgiving harvest celebration. Fish: Cod, bass, her-ring, shad, bluefish, and lots of eel; clams, lobsters, mussels, and very small quantities of oysters; Game: wild turkey, goose, duck, crane, swan, partridge, and other miscellaneous waterfowl; venison (deer), possibly some salt pork or chicken, eggs. Vegetables: wheat flour, Indian corn and corn meal; barley; small quantity of peas, squashes (including pumpkins), beans. The pilgrims also brought seeds from England and likely plant-

ed radishes, lettuce, carrots, onions, and cabbage. Nuts: walnuts, chestnuts, acorns, hickory nuts, ground nuts; Spices: onions, leeks, strawberry leaves, currants, sorrel, yarrow, carvel, brook-lime, liverwort, water-cress, and flax. Condiments: Maple syrup, honey; small quantities of butter: Olive oil in small quantities may have been brought over. ** Turkey Time The highlight of an annual Thanksgiving feast is undoubtedly the turkey, served up as a crowning centerpiece of the both the table and the holiday. According to the National Turkey Federation, an estimated 88 percent of Americans consume Thanksgiving turkey each year. Per the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), this translates to more than 46 million turkeys eaten on Thanksgiving. By the time the Pilgrims included wild turkey in their first Thanksgiving feast, they had already been familiar with the tasty bird. Early explorers took turkeys back to Europe, and by the 1500s the birds were being raised in Italy, France and England. ** Researchers are conflicted on how the turkey got its name, but some historical accounts claim Christopher Columbus thought that the land he discovered was connected to India, and mistakenly believed the wild fowl he found here was a type of peacock. Hence, he named

the bird 'tuka,' which translates into 'peacock' in Tamil, an Indian language. ** No matter how it adopted its name, turkeys have remained a Thanksgiving tradition and have been held in high esteem in this country since the Native Americans first introduced the wild bird to the Pilgrims. In Benjamin Franklin even once stated he thought the turkey would be a better candidate than the Eagle as the official United States bird. In a 1784 letter to his daughter Sarah Bache, the elderly Franklin wrote: "For my own part, I wish the bald eagle had not been chosen as the representative of our country; he is a bird of bad moral character. For in truth, the turkey is in comparison a much more respectable bird, and withal a true original native of America. Eagles have been found in all countries, but the turkey was peculiar to ours." ** Today, turkey consumption is at an all-time high, with the average American eating 15.3 pounds of turkey per year. Age is a determining factor in taste and older, large males are preferable to young toms, as the tom meat tends to be stringy. The opposite is true for females: old hens are tougher birds. A turkey under sixteen weeks of age is called a fryer, while a young roaster is five to seven months old. ** Turkeys are the only breed of poultry native to the Western

Hemisphere. The birds have a reputation for being dumber than most of their fowl counterparts, however, the turkey makes up for its lack of intelligence with sharp vision and exceptional hearing. Turkeys have excellent eyesight and a wide field of vision. They also hear well, despite the fact they have no external ears. ** Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House Your tips can win you a great three course 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 (or whenever enough tips are received) will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints! Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press 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.

Latest antique and collectibles auction news



This week's article will focus on major auction news coming out of Europe, specifically. Some Titanic artifacts and a piece of Star Wars memorabilia sold in England and one of the most expensive diamonds on Earth, which was auctioned in Geneva, Switzerland. A menu from the Titanic and a passenger's pocket watch recently sold at an auction in the United Kingdom. The menu was from the first-class passengers' dinner on April 11, 1912, three days before the ship hit an iceberg and sank. The menu shows some water staining that occurred the night the ship sank. Some of the items on the menu included Squab a la Godard, Spring Lamb and Mint Sauce, Apricots Bourdaloue

(a type of tart), and Victoria Pudding. The menu was found in the estate of Canadian historian Len Stephenson, according to CBS News. It's not known how Stephenson acquired it, but he lived in Nova Scotia, where many of the victims' bodies were brought after it sank. The Guardian reported that the menu sold for £83,000 (\$101,450 U.S.) on Nov. 11. Also offered in the same sale was the pocket watch of passenger Sinai Kantor. He was 34 years old when he and his wife decided to emigrate from Russia. He died when the ship sank but Kantor's wife, Miriam, survived the tragedy. She received his personal effects including a silver watch with Hebrew characters on the watch face. The watch was heavily corroded

from the salt water but still had an auction estimate of £50,000 (morethan \$61,000 U.S.). Sticking in the UK, the actor who played "Star Wars" character C-3PO sold the head from the popular character this month. I had discussed the head was going to auction in a previous column. Anthony Daniels is 77, and decided "to sell the costumes, props and scripts he kept from the iconic films," according to the BBC. Daniels told the BBC that they were in his "sitting room" and he wanted them to go to someone who will cherish and display them. The auction featured over 200 items from his collection, including some parts from the Millenium Falcon spaceship. He said he rescued them from being burned in a bonfire at the movie studio after the "Return of the Jedi" was filmed. There were some items that he decided to keep, though. He's not selling a Lego figure of his character given to him for his work in a Star Wars Lego movie or a C-3PO statuette made to look like an Oscar award, which he received from the production company Lucasfilm. Daniels told the BBC "I'll take those to the grave." The auction house reported that it sold for £687,500 (\$840330 U.S.).



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A fancy flawless vivid blue diamond just became one of the most expensive diamonds in the world when it sold at auction in Switzerland. The 17.61-carat diamond was so desirable because of its deep, rich blue color and unmodified pear shape design, according to Reuters. The diamond easily outshined its estimate of \$35 million, selling for \$44 million. For those of you looking to spend a lot less than \$44 million, we have a large quantity of gold, platinum, and silver jewelry with diamonds and other gemstones in our next auction. We also have the best collection of art we've ever offered, along with many sets of sterling silver, mid-century modern furniture and accessories from multiple estates and a wide variety of other items. We plan to begin the online event later this month or early in December. We also have an online estate auction of a Concord home beginning soon and ending in December. Please visit our website https://centralmassauctions.com for links to upcoming events. Contact us at: Wayne Tuiskula Auctioneer/Appraiser

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Cathy Donovan — Courtesy

Reader Cathy Donovan captured this adorable shot of a patriotic squirrel appearing to hold an American flag placed on the grave of a military veteran at Oxford Cemetery.

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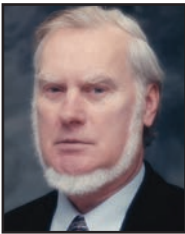
Andrew A. “Andy” Pryga, 91



WEBSTER – Andrew A. “Andy” Pryga, 91, died peacefully on Saturday, October 28, in Harrington Memorial Hospital, Southbridge after a short illness. His wife of 51 years, Irene L. (Belleville) Pryga, passed away in 2004. He leaves a daughter, Andrea J. Peck and her husband Albert of North Grosvenordale, CT; 4 grandchildren, Timothy Peck and his wife Melissa Wyse of Brooklyn, NY, Kimberly Lamoureux and her husband Robert of Middleton, Daniel Peck of Northampton and Kyle Pryga of Worcester; 3 great-grandchildren, Gabriel, Lilly, and Maddie; a nephew and 3 nieces. He was preceded in death by his son Alan D. Pryga in 2011 and by his brother Robert Pryga of Boynton Beach, FL, in 2017. He was born in Dudley on August 13, 1932 to Andrew S. and Mary (Kulbacki) Pryga and lived in Webster most of his life. He attended Bartlett High School. Mr. Pryga was a proud Army veteran of the Korean Conflict, holding the rank of Corporal. In the many decades following his service, he enjoyed attending military band concerts and wearing his Army Veteran attire to show his support of the troops past and present.

From his time in the service, his two claims to fame (which he would share with anyone willing to listen) were that while on leave in Japan, he was given the room just vacated by Marilyn Monroe, and he was the bodyguard for actress Terry Moore when she was in Korea entertaining the troops. Mr. Pryga worked in the shipping & receiving department at the former Wright Line Company in Worcester for many years before retiring in 1994. He was a devoted caregiver and companion to his wife Irene especially during her struggle with Alzheimer’s Disease. A dedicated family man, he drove his grandchildren to school and activities for many years. He was a member of Saint Louis Church, and an avid fan of the Notre Dame Fighting Irish football team and of the Providence College Friars basketball team. His favorite pastime was going for rides in his car and frequenting the local restaurants and coffee shops. A private graveside service with military honors provided by the Webster-Dudley Veterans Council will be held in Saint Joseph Garden of Peace, Old Worcester Road. Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street. www.websterfunerals.com

Donald H. Kuzdzal, 89



Donald H. Kuzdzal, 89, died Sunday, November 5, after an illness. He leaves his wife of 68 years, Florence E. (Nezuh) Kuzdzal; a son, Kevin D. Kuzdzal and his wife Anjena of Webster; 2 grandchildren, Reanna Kuzdzal and Blake Kuzdzal. He was preceded in death by his sister Natalie Favara. He was born in Webster on January 24, 1934 the son of Henry and Julia (Sroczenski) Kuzdzal. He was a graduate of Saint Joseph Elementary School and the 1951 class of Bartlett Vocational High School. Mr. Kuzdzal owned his own construction company, Custom Realty. He purchased apartments and renovated and resold them. In 1972 he and his wife entered into the long-term care business, purchasing 5 facilities in the Worcester and Boston area with a combined census of 525 beds. Donald became the CEO of 5 health

care corporations. He oversaw retrofitting these facilities and between 2000 and 2008 sold them to health care conglomerates. Retiring, he and his wife turned to philanthropic work benefitting churches in the area especially Saint Joseph Basilica. The highlights of his career included an invitation to a dinner reception for former President George W. Bush, in Washington, DC, three private audiences with Saint Pope John Paul II at the Vatican in Rome. He was commissioned by the late Pope as a trustee for the John Paul II Cultural Center in Washington, DC. He was a recipient of a bronze medal for his charitable work from Adam Cardinal Maida at a reception in Rome. Funeral services were held privately. Burial was in Saint Joseph Garden of Peace. Donations in his memory may be made to a charity of one’s choice. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street. www.websterfunerals.com

Walter L. Bradley Sr., 71



Walter L. Bradley Sr. age 71, of Webster died Saturday, November 11, 2023 at UMASS Memorial Medical Center -University Campus of Worcester, MA. after a long illness. Walter was born June 19, 1952 in Webster, MA. He is the son of the late Walter and the late Barbara (Kozlowski) Bradley. He is survived by his wife and best friend of 47 years Norma (Corbin) Bradley one son: Walter “Wally” Bradley of Webster, MA; Two sisters:

Sally Belsito of Pomfret, CT and Carol Piehl of Brooksville, FLA.; ; Several nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his sister, Cheryl Bradley Trudeau. He lived his entire life in Webster working all his life in textiles as an Inspector at Angelo’s until the mill closed and later Stevens Linen in Dudley until they closed. Walter loved all the New England sports teams. A celebration of life will be scheduled after the holidays. In lieu of flowers donations to a charity of your choice. Bartel Funeral Home 33 Schofield Ave. Dudley is assisting the family with arrangements. www.bartelfuneralhome.com

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The Law of Averages

For many of us, a neverending stream of worries dominates our thoughts. These persistent fears disturb our peace of mind and impact our ability to enjoy life. Will the economy crash? Are we headed for nuclear conflict? Is my partner going to leave me? Will my child be lost to addiction? It’s one worry after another, a never-ending cycle, like a hamster running on a wheel. Yes, it’s normal to worry at times, but there is a point where it can impair your physical health, causing you to be

worried sick! Imagine a universal law that can help manage these fears. If you’re constantly burdened with fear and worry, keep reading because this law is so simple and easy to understand that you don’t need anyone to teach you how to use it. When fear overwhelms you, you must ask yourself, “What are the odds?” Why, you ask? Because the law I’m talking about is called “The Law of Averages.” This principle, described by Dale Carnegie in his book


“How to Stop Worrying and Start Living,” is a pragmatic approach to tackling the worries that plague our minds. The Law of Averages teaches us to analyze our fears logically and statistically. Carnegie once said, “Ninety-nine percent of the things we worry about never occur!” Imagine Sarah is about to board a flight for a long-awaited vacation. She should be excited, but a nagging worry clouds her: the fear of a

plane crash. Each sound during takeoff and bit of turbulence inflates her anxiety. Now, let’s apply the Law of Averages to Sarah’s situation. This principle suggests evaluating the likelihood of an event based on statistical probability, rather than subjective fears. So, what do the numbers say? Plane crashes are rare, with odds of about one in 11 million. To put this into perspective, you’re more likely to be struck by lightning or win a major lottery jackpot than experience a plane crash. Knowing these stats, Sarah can see her fear doesn’t match how safe flying is. Like millions before, the Law of Averages tells us that her flight is overwhelmingly likely to be safe and

uneventful. Let’s consider John, a dedicated employee at a large corporation. Recently, there have been rumors of layoffs, and John is increasingly unable to focus, plagued by the fear of being laid off. Every meeting invite or email from his boss heightens his anxiety, and he starts imagining the worst-case scenarios. Now, let’s apply the Law of Averages to John’s situation. This principle encourages us to evaluate the likelihood of an event based on statistical data and realistic assessment rather than fears and rumors. First, John can look into the economy and his industry’s stability. Are widespread layoffs happening in his field, or is it relatively stable? Next, he

should consider his position within the company. Has he received positive performance reviews? Does he have unique skills or experiences that are valuable to the team? Suppose John finds that his industry is stable and his performance has been consistently strong. In that case, the Law of Averages would suggest his chances of being laid off are relatively low. While it’s not impossible, the probability doesn’t warrant the level of worry he’s experiencing. This approach doesn’t dismiss your fear but puts it into a rational framework. The Law of Averages is a powerful tool to counteract our exaggerated anxieties about rare events. The Law of Averages is beautiful for its simplicity and usefulness. It doesn’t ask you to stop worrying cold turkey, which is nearly impossible. Instead, it offers a pathway to reframe your worries into something manageable. By analyzing the probabilities, we often find that many fears are less likely to materialize than we think. And even if they do, you’re mentally prepared to handle them and work towards a better outcome. “By the law of averages, it won’t happen.” is the phrase Carnegie said has destroyed ninety percent of his worries and made years of his life beautiful and peaceful beyond his highest expectations. Next time you find yourself in the grip of fear, pause, breathe, and embrace the Law of Averages to transform fear into a catalyst for confidence and clarity.

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Elijah attends an ABA center-based program that provides him the one-on-one support he needs to thrive and continues to make progress with the support of an IEP. Like his brother, Jeremiah was originally enrolled in a center-based ABA program, however, he has recently enrolled in pre-school to develop and foster peer relationships. Both Elijah and Jeremiah are placed with the same foster family with whom they have established a strong relationship.

Elijah and Jeremiah would thrive with a loving and committed family of any constellation with older children in the home. They require a family experienced and equipped to support their special needs and willing to advocate for their education and care management. Elijah and Jeremiah are of African American descent and like all children, would benefit from having parents of the same racial and ethnic background. However, their social worker is open to all interested families that can meet all their needs. Families of different racial and ethnic backgrounds need to be firmly committed to providing appropriate ethnic and cultural role models and information about their birth culture which includes discussing racism and discrimination.

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State flag commission highlights sword for removal

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REGION — The state commission tasked with exploring changing the flag and seal is recommending doing just that, especially targeting the sword for removal. But it has “not identified a specific symbol we want to see” to replace the images, co-chair Brian Boyles said at the panel’s Nov. 8 meeting.

“This is reparative work, seeking to make changes to symbols and words that emerge from another time,” he said, describing the commission’s work as “a step in a great and ongoing effort to address our shared history.”

“Taking a clear-eyed responsibility for our past is essential for building a future that’s sustainable and just,” he added.

The panel was appointed a couple years ago in response to growing concerns, especially from the Native American community, that the

current state flag has disrespectful and even oppressive imagery and wording. According to a March presentation at the library in Southbridge by David Detmold last fall, “There’s nothing like a white hand holding a sword over a Native head. It’s by far the ugliest sign of white supremacy that still remains” among state symbols nationwide.

He was referring to what’s believed to represent Pilgrim leader Myles Standish’s sword being brandished atop the blue shield within which is a Native American man. The image has changed slightly several times since colonial days, but the Latin motto’s stayed the same. Detmold described it as essentially saying “Peace under the sword, peace with liberty.”

According to Wikipedia, “The phrase is often loosely translated into English as ‘By the sword we seek peace, but peace only under liberty.’

The literal translation, however, is ‘she seeks with the sword a quiet peace under liberty.’”

To Member Donna Curtin, eliminating the sword is like “taking a rotten cherry and removing it,” and should be done soon. But she wasn’t convinced as much about the motto, noting most people cannot read Latin these days. Sen Nick Collins, however, observed some residents speak languages that are descended from Latin (including Spanish and French), so that wording “is very accessible” to many.

Regarding the Native figure, Wampanoag Tribal Chair Cheryl Andrews-Maltais recommended replacing it with the well-known image of Ousamequin (aka Massasoit), whose statue stands in Plymouth and image appears in many other places. She also noted the sword is “the most offensive part of it to us as Native peoples. ... We could live with the

rest.”

Although she didn’t state the issue, some see the present Native image as problematic because, in Detmold’s words, it’s a “frankenstein image.” In March, he said the Native’s face is based on Ojibwa chief Little Shell from Montana (not even a local Native), his body on a skeleton unearthed in Winthrop, his bow taken from a murdered Native in 1665, and his belt that of Metacomb.

Boyles said the commission’s report will include a list of potentially usable terms and symbols, public responses, historical background and “as much information as possible” to help the next group of people actually design a new flag and seal. It will provide “the aspirations we have for what a new seal could look like,” recommend putting out a request for proposals to find artists who could design one, and include draft language for legislation necessary to

make the changes. It calls for the subsequent working group to answer to the Secretary of State, with a wide range of experts being appointed to advise the process.

Some members expressed concern that the working group needs to include at least some of the people or at least agencies this panel has to ensure “continuity.” Among them need to be artists, Native Americans, and others with a humanities background, they observed.

“This is something that should be attached to a staff position and a budget,” with a “reasonable timeline to complete that action,” he added.

For Nipmuc tribal member Brittny Walley, the symbolism should be subject to periodic review. The others seemed to agree, but did not set a timeframe for such review beyond suggesting the Secretary oversee it. Walley suggested doing it “generationally,” noting

she wanted to “make sure people don’t have to fight for 40 years to do something.”

“We will always need to be looking at our public iconography and symbols to make sure they align with our values,” Boyles agreed.

Regarding replacing the flag as a whole, Micah Whitson observed “Mississippi moved so quickly because their law said the flag can’t fly any longer,” with a six-week deadline to put replacement concepts on the ballot. If the Mass Legislature does the same thing, it will speed up a process that could otherwise take years, he noted.

Mississippi voters overwhelming approved changing their flag back in 2020, and Minnesota is currently considering it.

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SHEPHERD HILL ALUMS RELIVE THE ‘80S

The Shepherd Hill Class of 1988 held their 35th class reunion on Oct. 7 at Pine Ridge Country Club in N. Oxford. Forty-four students attended from the class of 182 students. Friends enjoyed catching up over a delicious turkey and ham buffet. There was a table of memorabilia and a video of the graduation ceremony played. There were photos boards and a memory board to honor and remember the 12 classmates that have passed away. A DJ played songs of the ‘80’s that had everyone dancing. The Class Advisors, Mr. Harry Logan and Mrs. Carolyn Earp were unable to attend, but we did have a special teacher, Mr. Thompson Boyd, join us. To submit updated contact information for future reunions, please email shrhclassof88@gmail.com.

UNICEF Christmas cards available at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy

CHARLTON — If you are looking for a more meaningful way to celebrate the holidays this year, why not make an impact on the lives of vulnerable children through UNICEF? UNICEF, originally called the United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund in full, now officially United Nations Children’s Fund, is an agency of the United Nations responsible for providing humanitarian

and developmental aid to children worldwide.

At Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, nursing student Ashley Rincon of Southbridge supports the holiday card sales. Every holiday card sale goes to UNICEF’s efforts to help vulnerable children access education, health and nutrition, protection and support during emergencies. Rincon, a 2017 Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical

High School graduate and an Associate in Criminal Justice degree holder with a minor in Science (2020) from Quinsigamond Community College believes that as a student nurse being compassionate, hardworking, helpful, and patient includes learning new things and using the new skills towards helping others.

“UNICEF’s first greeting card was a painting by seven-year-old Jitka Samkova, whose vil-

lage in Czechoslovakia received UNICEF emergency assistance in the form of food and medicine following World War II. Jitka sent her painting as a special thank-you to UNICEF for helping children like her recover from the devastation of war. Since then, giants of contemporary art, including Picasso, Matisse, Miro and Chagall, have created original artwork for the cards, helping to propel a global sales operation that has generated sig-



Two diverse poets to read at Vanilla Bean Café Nov. 25

POMFRET, Conn. — Chase away the post-Thanksgiving blues with a night of spoken word/poetry at The Vanilla Bean Café, 450 Deerfield Rd., Pomfret, on Nov. 25. The show will start at 7 p.m. and admission is \$15, which includes a chance at a give-away. Featured readers will be poets Paul Word Richmond and Victoria Nordlund. There will also be an open mic. Contact karen.warinsky@gmail.com to sign up. Recommended for ages 14 and up.

Massachusetts-based Paul Word Richmond was named Beat Poet Laureate for Life in 2022 by the National Beat Poetry Foundation and he previously served as National Beat Poet Laureate (2019-2020), and as Beat Poet Laureate for Massachusetts (2017-19). Richmond is internationally known and hosts monthly readings and organizes yearly Word Festivals in Holyoke and Greenfield, Mass., and he has a stage at the Garlic & Arts Festival each fall. He is the owner of Human Error Publishing and has overseen the publications of 55 poets and authors. His own works include “Living in the Breakdown Lane,” “You Might Need a Bigger Hammer,” “Quadrillions Down the Pentagon Drain,” and “Swimming on the Titanic.” He is also a member of the Funkadelic band “Do It Now.”

Victoria Nordlund is the creative writing director at Rockville High School in Vernon, Conn., an adjunct professor at the University of Connecticut, and lead master teaching artist of the The Nook Farm Writers Collaborative at The Mark Twain House & Museum. Her poetry collections “Wine-Dark Sea” and “Binge Watching Winter on Mute” are published by Main Street Rag. She is a Best of the Net and Pushcart Prize Nominee, whose work has appeared in PANK Magazine, Rust+Moth, Chestnut Review, Pidgeonholes, Connecticut Literary Anthology, Maudlin House, trampset, Drunk Monkeys, and elsewhere.

Rawson Materials purchases Rampco Construction Corporation, Inc.

DUDLEY — Rawson Materials, a quality aggregate producer based in Putnam, Conn., has purchased substantially all of the assets of Rampco Construction Corporation, Inc. located at 123 Oxford Ave. in Dudley. The business will now operate under the Rawson Materials name, specifically being utilized as Rawson Materials Plant #9, and will continue to provide dependable service and produce quality aggregate materials.

Discussions regarding the asset purchase had been ongoing between Rawson Materials’ President, Jeffrey Rawson and Rampco Construction Corporation President, Richard Andrelewicz, and Vice President, Jonathan Andrelewicz. The deal became effective on Nov. 1.

With regards to the acquisition, Jeffrey Rawson stated, “It brings me great pleasure to announce the purchase of Rampco Construction Corporation. The family-owned business has been a staple in the Dudley community for many years with a dependable and trustworthy reputation, which aligns with our mission and vision. This is yet another milestone in growth for Rawson Materials and we couldn’t be happier to welcome their exceptional team to our Rawson family! Having a location in Massachusetts will help to further enhance our footprint and provide more opportunities for our customers and the communities we serve while vertically integrating by securing our ability to supply our asphalt plant, Bevilacqua Asphalt, in nearby Uxbridge, Mass.”

Rawson Materials has proudly served Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island & New York for more than 75 years. For more information, contact Crystal Simonson, Director of Communications, at (860) 963-6584, ext. 1304 or visit www.rawsonmaterials.com.

nificant revenue to help UNICEF save and protect the world’s most vulnerable children. Every charity greeting card will help fund lifesaving vaccines, nutrition, education and emergency relief for the world’s most vulnerable children (www.unicefusa.org)."

"We extend our heartfelt gratitude to faculty, staff, students, and alumni for graciously supporting UNICEF's work for the most vulnerable children," said Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN, Academy Director.

She added: "When you gift a UNICEF holiday card to a loved one or friend, you are not merely giving a holiday greeting; you are also bringing a child one step closer to a brighter future."

About Bay Path RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy

Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy offers a 40-week, (10-month), full-time, Monday through Friday, evening program. The program

begins mid-August and is completed in late June. Graduates receive a Practical Nursing Certificate and are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN licensure exam. The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is fully approved by the: Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Human Services of Public Health Board of Registration in Nursing, 239 Causeway St., Boston, MA 02114 617-973-0800 www.mass.gov/dph/boards/rn. The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is accredited by the: Council on Occupational Education 840 Roswell Road Building 300, Suite 325 Atlanta, GA 30350 Telephone: 800-917-2081 www.council.org Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School is fully accredited by the: New England Association of Schools and Colleges, 209 Burlington Rd., Suite 201, Bedford, MA, 01730-1433 781-271-0022 www.neasc.org.

Bay Path’s Bolandrina joins Author Alley at fundraiser for Books for Pinoy Foundation



Courtesy
From left: Dr. De Jesus, Marion, and Dr. Bolandrina.

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN of Douglas and Academy Director at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy in Charlton, joined the mother-daughter team of Laxmi G. De Jesus, DPT, PT and her 9 year-old daughter Marion Chelsea De Jesus (both of New York) for Books for Pinoy Foundation (www.booksforpinoy.com) Black Tie Gala – Filipiniana event at the Renaissance Providence Downtown Hotel, Symphony Ballroom. The dinner-dance with live entertainment was headlined by world-reknowned international artist Amangpintor Elito Circa (Filipino Folk painter www.amangpintor.art) and singer Otan Vargas (www.otanvargas-music.com), the event was the first of its kind in the Filipino-American community in the state of Rhode Island.

The Authors Alley featured tables specifically for published local authors and illustrators. The event ran from 5 p.m. – midnight on Saturday, Nov. 11. The Author Alley intended to promote books published by Filipino-American authors and illustrators. Bolandrina had two published works available, “Tenacious Nurse I and II.” Dr. De Jesus had copies of her book, “The Wisdom at Sunset” while Marion had “Lessons from a Sunflower.” All three met with the more than 200 attendees at Author Alley, with Dr. De Jesus selling out all the copies she brought from New York. All were able to sign copies of their books, answer questions and pose for photos. Marion Chelsea De Jesus is in fourth grade, plays the piano and is learning to play the viola. She loves art, music and science. She actively participates in school and is a part of the Alpha Program (district-wide program involving unique cognitive, affective and social needs of the intellectually gifted children in North Bellmore district) and Student Council. She dreams of becoming a microbiologist and is looking forward to making more books. Dr. De Jesus is currently pursuing her Master’s degree in Health Informatics at SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University. She is a physical therapist at St. John’s Episcopal Hospital, Far Rockaway, N.Y. and the co-owner of Tandem in Care Physical Therapy, PLLC. Dr. Bolandrina is a board member of the HSPAA (Harvard Square Philippine American Alliance, www.hspaa.org. She was initiated as a P.E.O (www.peointernational.org) member in November 2021. Her books are available at Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble, and at Harvard Bookstore (https://shop.harvard.com/search/site/tenacious%20nurse).

“There is nothing quite like a student having a chance to hear directly from readers, to learn their thoughts about a book you wrote and to create a connection,” Bolandrina stated. “It has never been more important to promote books and the love of reading, and the Author Alley does a wonderful job celebrating the love of books, writers, and learning. Nurses are writers, we do not have to become household names but many of our stories are stories that need to be shared.”

Saint Joseph School celebrates All Saints Day

WEBSTER — On Wednesday, Nov. 1, the Saint Joseph School community gathered to celebrate All Saints Day. All Saints Day is a solemn and holy day in the Catholic Church dedicated to all who have attained heaven. The Mass is organized annually by the Saint Joseph School Fifth-Grade class and their instructor, Ms. Kelly Bailey. In preparation for the Mass, the students researched their saints and prepared presentations for their classmates. When All Saints Day arrived, the Fifth-Grade students processed into the Basilica dressed as their saints. The students were also responsible for proclaiming the readings and participating in the Prayer of the Faithful and Offertory Procession. Associate Pastor Rev. Anthony Kazarnowicz was the celebrant. Jacob Manzi, Sophia Surowaniec, and Lily Martin proclaimed the first and second readings. Bella Kicilinski, Odin Cowie, Evelyn Macko, Ariana Benson, and Amelia Potem were responsible for the Prayer of the Faithful. Lukas Stock, Gabriel Ketnouvong-Ung, Noah Ryan, Deven Worth, James Miranda, and Ella Parslow presented the Offertory Gifts. Following communion, the students brought their saints to life and shared what they learned with the student body. Saints included: Abigail Rubin & Sophia Surowaniec – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Odin Cowie - St. Valentine, Lukas Stock – St. Patrick, Bella Kicilinski – St. Catherine of Sienna, Evelyn Macko – St. Joan of Arc, Ariana Benson and Amelia Potem – St. Rose of Lima, James Miranda and Gabriel Ketnouvong-Ung – St. Joseph the Baptist, Lily Martin – St. Therese, Noah Ryan – St. Vincent de Paul, Grayson Dollar – St. Francis of Assisi, Jacob Manzi – St. Martin de Porres, Deven Worth – St. Nicholas. It was an educational and memorable experience for all!



Courtesy
Saint Joseph School 5th-Grade students portray their favorite saints during the November 1st All Saints Day Mass.

Expert offers Charlton Grange a lesson in candlemaking

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT
CHARLTON — If the lights go out, Betty Boisvere of Fireside Candles might be a good person to know. Last week, she gave the Charlton Grange a quick presentation on something our ancient – and not so ancient – ancestors knew to solve that problem: candlemaking. “I’ve always been

Nichols, Grange team up for craft fair

DUDLEY — With the holiday shopping and crafting season commencing, there’s yet another event to add to the schedule. On Saturday from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Nichols College is hosting a farmers’ market and craft fair in collaboration with the Dudley Grange to raise funds and clothing for foster care children. It’s being held at Chalmers Field House on Nichols campus. According to retired social worker and Granger Karen Gillon, the greatest need is for clothes for teenagers. Whatever’s collected will be stored at the Whitinsville DCF office for use as needed. “People tend to donate the younger sizes, but teenagers tend to get forgotten,” she said. Often, they go with nothing but what they’re wearing in a crisis situation; “You need to get them out of there as soon as possible.” They’re especially seeking all-new clothing, pajamas and other basic stuff; as group leader Kaitlyn Lamontagne described it, “we’re seeking anything you can wear to gym class.” The event will also accept cash donations to buy such clothing. “We’ll see what we need more of and get the rest ourselves [afterward],” team member Taylor Pickering added. The group initially tried and discarded a couple other ideas before settling on a craft fair. As of last week, they had 31 of 36 available tables filled, at least with verbal commitments. Lamontagne noted they’ll also have the college radio station, WNRC, spinning music at the scene. “This is one of the best ways to give it publicity and get a bigger crowd, making people aware of what foster children need,” Lamontagne said. The students come from Dr Katie Laquidara’s Event Planning and Management class, where two other groups are also planning fundraisers as semester projects.

obsessed with with candles,” but only really started making them about five years ago, she said. After that, “every family function, I was expected to have three cases of candles with me.” By then, though, she’d been making soap for years, so it wasn’t a very big transition process. Like soap, there’s a lot of experimentation with scents, mixtures and containers, and she’s devised all her own recipes. Typically, she mixes eight ounces wax with one ounce of fragrance and lets them cure overnight. “I’ve used all kinds of things to make candles,” Boisvere noted. “... You always, always have to test your batch.” Her family are often the test subjects. “At home, I’m like smell this, smell this, smell this,” she noted. Some ideas worked, some didn’t. For example, she’s tried various kinds of waxes, even odd ones like apricot – “that didn’t

Country Bank supports senior centers with \$42,000 in donations

REGION — Country Bank, a full-service financial institution serving Central and Western Massachusetts, recently announced donations to 21 local senior centers throughout the region. Supporting communities has been part of Country Bank’s mission since 1850, the bank is committed to the people, businesses and non-profits it serves. A total of \$42,000 in donations were made to local senior centers. These donations are made without restriction for those necessary items that may not be met within annual budgets. “We are so fortunate to have a community partner like Country Bank. Countless members of their staff have volunteered at our events and special projects that have ranged from holiday parties at the senior center to personally delivering boxes of food items to seniors in need. This donation helps to sustain our meal program, which over the past five years, has provided in excess of 38,000 home cooked meals for the seniors. Their commitment to service, volunteerism and community is what makes Country Bank the gold standard when it comes to being true ‘Difference Makers,’” stated John L. Zienowicz, Ware Senior Center Executive Director. “We know what a difference this makes for the senior centers and we are honored to be able to support the great work that they do to help our seniors,” said Jodie Gerulaitis, Vice President of Community Relations at Country Bank. In addition to its annual monetary support, Country Bank also sends teams of its “Difference Makers” to volunteer at local senior centers on a monthly basis. About Country Bank Country Bank is a full-service \$1.7 billion with 17 percent Tier 1 Capital mutual community bank serving central and western Massachusetts with 14 offices in Ware, Palmer, West Brookfield, Brimfield, Belchertown, Wilbraham, Ludlow, Leicester, Paxton, Charlton and Worcester. Country Bank is a member of FDIC, DIF, and the SUM network. Country Bank can be reached at 800-322-8233 or online at countrybank.com.

work very well,” she said. Although most commercial candles today are paraffin-based, and it normally takes scent well, Boisvere does not like it because it’s a petrochemical and “not very healthy.” Indeed, an article by Cat Wang at McGill University’s Office for Science and Society webpage states “A study conducted at South Carolina State University found that with paraffin candles, this combustion process also releases toxic chemicals such as toluene, which is a benzene derivative, a known carcinogen for humans. Since paraffin wax is derived from petroleum oil, the researchers suggest that using these candles frequently will cause ‘dangerous pollutants drifting in the air,’ which can be harmful when inhaled.” Wang notes several safer alternatives exist. One of the more common is stearin, based on stearic acid from animal fat, “along with beeswax, palm wax and soy wax.” But she also cites other sources, including the Journal for Regulatory Toxicology and Pharmacology, which “found that scented paraffin candles do not pose any health risks when used under normal conditions.” To Boisvere, who’s a nurse in her day job, the focus is on using non-toxic sources and sometimes things that can also be used in soap and body oils, among other things. For some time, she’s been using an unscented coconut/soy wax base for the candle itself because the soy is soft and coconut takes the scent better and lasts longer. That includes scents; she notes she’s “very selective” with those. She’s also tried various containers, finding that thick glass and ceramic works best. Thin glass breaks easily when heated, and a good ceramic coffee cup has a built-in second life after the candle’s done. (Her daughter is a potter.) She’s become somewhat less experimental with wicks, having come to favor cotton with a paper base, avoiding those with metal because they’re often lead or zinc. Still, getting a wick right “takes a lot of practice.” What works varies by the size of the candle; you want one that will burn the whole candle into a pool as it descends, “not just burn down the center,” Boisvere said. Candlemaking disappears into distant history. According to the National Candle Association website, the use of “true candles” – those with wicks – developed independently in many places by at least 3000 BCE, and unwickled forms are millennia older. Their wax sources varied from beeswax and animal tallow (in Europe, tallow came first) to other “available plants and insects,” and they used everything from rice paper to papyrus as a form. In the 18th century, spermaceti – crystallized sperm whale oil – joined those older forms, as did petroleum-based waxes the following century. “With the introduction of the light bulb in 1879, candlemaking began to decline,” it states.

LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 55 Appleton Road, Auburn, MA 01501

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Lindsay R Morang to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for RBS Citizens, N.A., and now held by **Citizens Bank, N.A.**, said mortgage dated July 17, 2015 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 54023, Page 18, said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Mortgagee, as nominee for RBS Citizens, N.A. to Citizens Bank, N.A. by assignment dated December 13, 2019 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 61620, Page 283; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction** on January 11, 2024 at 11:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land in Auburn, Worcester County, Massachusetts, situated on the easterly side of Appleton Road, Auburn, Massachusetts, being shown as an unnumbered lot on Plan of Land in Auburn, Mass., owned by Warren Berg, et ux, dated April 13, 1959, by William C. Taylor, Reg. Land Surv., recorded with the Worcester County Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 240, Plan 87, more particularly bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point in the easterly line of said Appleton Road at the Northwest corner of the tract to be conveyed, which point is one hundred (100) feet southerly of the intersection of the southerly line of Athens Street and the easterly line of Appleton Road; THENCE North 78 degrees 16'40" East, two hundred thirty-one and thirty-four hundredths (231.34) feet by Lots numbered 1 and 2 as shown on said plan to a stonewall at land now or formerly of Sibley; THENCE South 10 degrees 25' 30" East, one hundred and nine hundredths (100.09) feet by said stone wall and land of one Sibley to a point. THENCE South 78 degrees 18' West, two hundred twenty-nine and eight hundredths (229.08) feet to the easterly line of Appleton Road; THENCE North 11 degrees 42' 50" West, one hundred (100) feet by the easterly line of Appleton Road to the point of beginning. Being the same premises conveyed by Deed dated March 23, 2011 and recorded at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 47231, Page 1

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated July 1, 2015 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 54023, Page 15. TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.
Brock & Scott, PLLC
23 Messenger Street. 2nd Floor
Plainville, MA 02762
Attorney for Citizens Bank, N.A.
Present Holder of the Mortgage
(401) 217-8701
November 10, 2023
November 17, 2023
November 24, 2023

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Alan J. Nash, Jr. to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns, dated June 8, 2016 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 55448, Page 227, subsequently assigned to RoundPoint Mortgage Servicing Corporation by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 58481, Page 161, subsequently assigned to Freedom Mortgage Corporation by RoundPoint Mortgage Servicing Corporation by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 63648, Page 237 for breach of

the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 AM on December 8, 2023 at 1 Duncan Avenue aka 1 Duncan Street, Auburn, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:
Beginning at the southwesterly corner thereof at the intersection of the Easterly line of said Carroll Street and the northerly line of said Duncan Street; THENCE: N. 9 degree 30' E. seventy-five (75) feet by the easterly line of said Carroll Street to the southwesterly corner of Lot 15 as sown on said plan; THENCE: S 80 degrees 30' E. one hundred fifty (150) feet by said Lot 15 as sown on said plan to Lot 17; THENCE: S. 9 degrees 30' W. ninety-eight and seventy-six hundredths (98.76) feet by said Lot 17 as shown on said plan to the northerly line of said Duncan Street; THENCE: N. 66 degrees 27' W. ninety-eight (98.15) feet by said northerly line of Duncan Street to an angle in said northerly line of said Duncan Street; THENCE: N. 80 degrees 30' W. fifty-four and ninety-three hundredths (54.93) feet by the northerly line of Duncan Street to the point of beginning. CONTAINING 12.379 square feet of land, more or less.

Being the same premises conveyed to the mortgagors by deed of Patricia S. Pawlina, Trustee of the Pawlina Realty Trust (an unrecorded trust) recorded herewith.

For informational purposes, the subject premises is shown as Lot 14 on a "Plan of House Lots in Auburn, Mass.", dated November 1, 1948, and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 155, Plan 99. The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney's fees and costs.

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

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.
Freedom Mortgage Corporation
Present Holder of said Mortgage,
20-006439/248/NOTOP_DR
By Its Attorneys,
ORLANDS PC
PO Box 540540
Waltham, MA 02454
Phone: (781) 790-7800
20-006439
November 17, 2023
November 24, 2023
December 1, 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. W023P3759EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION**
Joseph C Miskiewicz
Date of Death: 01/04/2015

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **Ann M Quinn of Holden MA and Kathy L Flynn of Leicester, 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: **Ann M Quinn of Holden MA and Kathy L Flynn of Leicester, 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 12/05/2023 .**

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: November 06, 2023

Stephanie K. Fattman,

Register of Probate

November 17, 2023

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 Stephen R. Nelson and Jennifer H. Nelson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Quicken Loans, LLC, its successors and assigns, dated April 13, 2021 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 66457, Page 1 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Quicken Loans, LLC, its successors and assigns to Rocket Mortgage, LLC, FKA Quicken Loans, LLC dated April 1, 2022 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 67387, Page 370, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 16 Old Millbury Road, Oxford, MA 01540 will be sold at a Public Auction at 3:00 PM on November 27, 2023, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

Land situated in the Town of Oxford in the County of Worcester in the State of MA BEGINNING AT THE MOST NORTHERLY CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED AT AN IRON PIPE DRIVEN IN THE GROUND ON THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF A TOWN ROAD KNOWN AS MILLBURY ROAD; SAID PIPE IS LOCATED TWO HUNDRED THIRTY AND NO HUNDRETHS (230.00) FEET EASTERLY, MEASURED ALONG THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID ROAD, FROM THE MOST EASTERLY CORNER OF LAND NOW OWNED OF RAYMOND NURSE; THENCE BY SAID ROAD, SOUTH 53 DEGREES 15' EAST, TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE AND EIGHTY HUNDREDTHS (239.80) FEET TO AN IRON PIPE IN A STONE WALL; THENCE SOUTH 36 DEGREES 45' WEST, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE AND FIFTY HUNDREDTHS (181.50) FEET TO A POINT ON A STONE WALL; THENCE PARTLY BY WALL, NORTH 57 DEGREES 32' WEST, TWO HUNDRED SIXTEEN AND NINETY HUNDREDTHS (216.90) FEET TO A STAKE; THENCE NORTH 29 DEGREES 52 EAST, ONE HUNDRED NINETY-NINE AND THIRTY HUNDREDTHS (199.30) FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 39,533 SQUARE FEET. NOTE: The Company is prohibited from insuring the area or quantity of the land. The Company does not represent that any acreage or footage calculations are correct. References to quantity are for identification purposes only. Commonly known as: 16 Old Millbury Rd, Oxford, MA 01540-1324 THE PROPERTY ADDRESS AND TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER LISTED ARE PROVIDED SOLELY FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES. Being the same property conveyed to Stephen R. Nelson and Jennifer H. Nelson, husband and wife as tenants by the entirety, by deed dated November 4, 1996 of record in Deed Book 18378, Page 64, in the County Clerk's Office.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 18378, Page 64.

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.

Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC

Korde & Associates, P.C.

900 Chelmsford Street

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Lowell, MA 01851

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Nelson, Stephen R. and Jennifer H. Nelson, 22-040899

November 03, 2023

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage dated November 28, 2017 given by Devinne, LLC to Zanco Realty Group, LLC, said mortgage recorded with the Worcester County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 58147, Page 43, and which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at **11:00 a.m. on the 27th day of November, 2023 at 190 Main Street, Oxford, Massachusetts**, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

To wit:

Property Address: **190 Main Street, Oxford, MA**

The land with the buildings thereon situated on Oxford, Worcester County, Massachusetts and bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a stone bound on the easterly side of the County Road (now the state highway) leading from Oxford to Webster, at the northwest corner of land now of formerly of Josephine Charbonneau;

THENCE running easterly by Charbonneau land, to a stone bound at land of the Norwich & Worcester Railroad Company;

THENCE turning and running northerly by said land of said Railroad Company, 220 feet, to a stake at land now or formerly of Selina M. Lavoie;

THENCE turning and running westerly by said land now or formerly of Lavoie, and parallel with the first mentioned cours, to a stake on the easterly side of said Highway;

THENCE turning and running southerly by the easterly line of said Highway, 200 feet to the point of beginning at said land now or formerly of Charbonneau. BEING the same premises conveyed to the mortgagor by deed of Flawless Properties, LLC et al dated June 29, 2016 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 55578, Page 309.

Premises to 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 and rights of any tenants and parties in possession, if there be any, 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. The successful bidder will pay all costs of recording the foreclosure deed and any other foreclosure documents including, without limitation, all state and county excise stamp fees, and shall also be responsible for any Title V inspection and repair requirements.

Terms of sale: A deposit of Ten Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$10,000.00) 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 to Baker, Braverman & Barbadoro, P.C., 1200 Crown Colony Drive, Suite 610, Quincy, MA 02169 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. In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control.

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

ZANCO REALTY GROUP, LLC
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
Baker, Braverman & Barbadoro, P.C.
1200 Crown Colony Drive, Suite 610
Quincy, MA 02169

November 03, 2023

November 10, 2023

November 17, 2023

LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE’S SALE
OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 1 Ernest Street,
Webster, MA 01570

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Cynthia A Alfama and Christopher E. Verrier to Bank of America, N.A., and now held by **U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF2 ACQUISITION TRUST**, said mortgage dated October 11, 2007 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41921, Page 128, as affected by a Loan Modification dated November 30, 2010 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 47320, Page 213; as affected by a Loan Modification dated June 24, 2016 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 55703, Page 375; said mortgage was assigned from Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP to Green Tree Servicing LLC by assignment dated July 29, 2013 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 51604, Page 50; said mortgage was assigned from Ditech Financial LLC FKA Green Tree Servicing LLC sometimes known as Green Tree Services LLC to Bank of America, N.A. by assignment dated June 24, 2019 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 60737, Page 139; said mortgage was assigned from Bank of America, N.A. to Federal National Mortgage Association by assignment dated February 22, 2023 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 69217, Page 390; said mortgage was assigned from Federal National Mortgage Association to MTGLQ Investors, L.P. by assignment dated May 18, 2023 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 69217, Page 393; said mortgage was assigned from MTGLQ Investors, L.P. to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust by assignment dated May 30, 2023 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 69217, Page 396; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction** on December 7, 2023 at 10:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

PARCEL ONE

The land in Town of Webster, County of Worcester, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows: A certain tract of land in said Webster, with the buildings thereon of every nature an description and all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, situated on the northwesterly side of Ernest Street, being shown as Lot #210 on Plan entitled “Plan #2, Bonnette Acres, owned by Ernest G. Bonnette, dated June 26, 1957, and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 226, Page 89, further bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a Webster Highway bound marking the intersection of the northwesterly line of Ernest Street with the easterly line of Lillian Avenue; THENCE northerly by Lillian Avenue, seventy-seven and seventy-five hundredths (77.75) feet to an iron pipe; THENCE southerly with an included angle of 54 degrees 31’ a distance of seventy-eight and seven tenths (78.7) feet by Lot# 209 to a stake in the northwesterly sideline of Ernest Street; THENCE southwesterly with an included angle of 124 degrees 52’ a distance of one hundred (100) feet by the side line of Ernest Street to the point of beginning. ALSO GRANTING that portion of Bates Grove Road lying northwest-erly and adjoining the above tract bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at an iron pipe marking the northwest corner of Lot #210 on the above-mentioned plan; THENCE northeasterly by Lot #210, one hundred (100) feet to an iron pipe; THENCE northerly with an included angled of 125 degrees 29’ a distance of twenty-four and fifty-six hundredths (24.56) feet to a point on the center line of said Bates Grove Road; THENCE southwesterly with an included angle of 54 degrees 31’ by the center line of said Bates Grove Road, ninety-nine and seventy-hundredths (99.70) feet to a point; THENCE southerly with an included angle of 126 degrees 03’ a distance of twenty-four and seventy hundredths (24.70) feet to the point of beginning. TOGETHER with the right of way over that portion of Bates Grove Road shown on plan to Bonnette Acres and recorded in Plan Book 226, Plan 89, more fully described as Tract 3 of PARCEL ONE in a deed to Richard N. Owens by Edward M Czarn et ux dated June 24, 1974, and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 5522, page 322. ALSO together with a right of way over a twenty (20) foot wide strip lying on

the southerly part of said Bates Grove Road beginning in the most westerly line of Lot 209 and thence along the northerly line of Lots #209, 208 and 207 the Lake, all as shown on the plan referred to without granting a fee in any of the aforesaid rights of ways. That portion of Bates Grove Road lying northwesterly adjoining the tract here-in conveyed in subject to the rights of Richard N. Owens, his heirs and assigns to use for ordinary street purposes. SUBJECT to conditions and restrictions as recited in said deed to Richard N. Owens by Edward M Czarn et ux and together with any rights of way in Ernest G. Bonnette, his heirs and assigns. BEING tracts one and two in PARCEL ONE in said deed to Richard N. Owens from Edward M Czarn et ux as record-ed with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 5522, Page 322. This deed does not cre-ate any new boundaries. This conveyance is subject to the fol-lowing conditions and restrictions; 1. No structure shall be erected clos-er than ten (10) feet from the street line of Lillian Avenue and twenty (20) fees from Ernest Street. 2. No house trailers or Quonset huts shall be permitted on said prem-ises and no dwelling shall be erected thereon costing less than \$7,000.00. 3. The premises shall not be used for commercial or manufacturing purposes 4. No poultry, cattle, or swine shall be kept or said premises. 5. Subject to possible pole, wire and flowage rights, if the same affect the locus 6. The restriction and conditions therein do not form part of a general scheme. BEING the same premises as described in a deed from Richard N. Owens to Harry R. Owens et ux, dated December 13, 1974, and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 5641, Page 32. PARCEL TWO

The land together with the build-ings thereon, situated in Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts, bonded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a Webster Highway Bound in the northwesterly side-line of Ernest Street at the south-easterly corner of said Lot; THENCE N. 88 degrees 15’ W. by Ernest Street, 25.00 feet to an iron pipe; THENCE N. 1 degree 45’ E. by other land now or formerly of Surozenski shown as Tract 2 on the plan described below, 71.80 feet to an iron pipe; THENCE N. 78 degrees 22’ 25” E. by Bates Grove Road 25.70 feet to a point; THENCE S. 1 degree 45’ W. by other land now or formerly of Smith shown as Lot No. 210 on the plan described below, 77.75 feet to the point of beginning. Being a portion of Tract No. 2 Conveyed to Anthony R. Surozenski and Alice I. Surozenski by deed of David D. Rybacki and Nicole N. Rybacki, dated March 14, 1972, and recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 5204, Page 191 and shown on a plan entitled “Plan of Land in Webster, Mass., being conveyed by Anthony Surozenski et ux to Kevin J. and D. Lynn Smith? by Robert F. Para, dated January 7, 1980, and recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds Plan Book 472, Plan 116. Being the same premises conveyed to the grantor by a foreclosure deed dated December 12, 2006, and record-ed with the Worcester County Registry of Deeds at Book 39934, Page 374.

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor’s Title see deed dated September 10, 2007 and record-ed in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41921, Page 118. TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer’s or cashier’s check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer’s or cashier’s check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale. Brock & Scott, PLLC 1080 Main Street, Suite 200 Pawtucket, RI 02860 Attorney for U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF2 ACQUISITION TRUST Present Holder of the Mortgage (401) 217-8701 November 03, 2023 November 10, 2023 November 17, 2023

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 Emanuel J. Leo and Linda J. Leo to Bank of America, N.A., dated April 22, 2009 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 44149, Page 233 (the “Mortgage”) of which mortgage Mortgage Assets Management, LLC is the present holder by Assignment from Bank of America, N.A. to Nationstar Mortgage LLC dated November 13, 2012 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 49977, Page 107, and Assignment from Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development dated February 17, 2020 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 61903, Page 188, and Assignment from The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage dated June 21, 2022 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 68116, Page 21, and Assignment from Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company to Mortgage Assets Management, LLC dated July 8, 2022 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 68116, Page 24, and Assignment from Nationstar Mortgage LLC to Mortgage Assets Management, LLC dated September 15, 2022 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 68281, Page 381, and Assignment from Bank of America, N.A. to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage dated October 20, 2022 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 68549, Page 266, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 17 Community Road, Webster, MA 01570 will be sold at a Public Auction at 4:00 PM on November 27, 2023, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land in Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts at Lake Ch a r g o g g a g o g g m a n c h a u g - a g o g g c h a u b u n a g u n a m a u g . Lot 3, Map 1, La Vue Du Lac; begin-ning at the point of intersection of Lots 3 and 4, Map 1, La Vue Du Lac, and extending in a Southerly direction along the boundary line between Lots 3 and 4, a distance of approximately 87 feet to a point of intersection with the Cove of Lake Chargoggagoggmanchaug-agoggchaubunagungamaug; thence in an Easterly direction along the mar-gin of said Cove, a distance of 65 feet to a point of intersection with the Westerly line of dedicated Path, thence in Northerly direction approximately 101 feet to a point of intersection with the roadway; thence in a general Westerly direction along said roadway, a distance of 35 feet to the point of beginning. Plan known as Map 1 above referred to is recorded with Worcester District Deeds in Plan Book 42, Plan 38. Lot 4, Map 1, La Vue Du Lac; beginning at a point being the intersection of Lots 3 and 4, La Vue Du Lac, Map 1, and extending along the dividing line between said Lots 3 and 4 in a Southerly direction a distance of 87 feet, to a point of inter-section with the margin of the Cove of Lake Chargoggagoggmanchaug-agoggchaubunagungamaug; thence generally Westerly along the margin of said Cove, a distance of approxi-mately 58 feet, to the point of inter-section with the Easterly line of Lot 5, Map 1, La Vue Du Lac; thence in a Northerly direction along the boundary line between Lots 4 and 5, Map 1, La Vue Du Lac, a distance of approximately 112 feet, to a point of intersection with the roadway in front of said premises; thence in a generally Easterly direction, a distance of 35 feet, to the point of beginning. Plan known as Map 1 above referred to is recorded with Worcester District Deeds in Plan Book 42, Plan 38. ALSO

The land in the Town of Webster, County of Worcester, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, at Lake Chaubunagungamaug, being known and designated as Lot #5, Map #1, La Vue Du Lac, recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 42, Plan 38, said Lot being bounded and described as follows:

NORTHERLY by Community Road, 35 feet; WESTERLY by Lot #6, La Vue Du Lac, one hundred and ten (110) feet; SOUTHERLY by the waters of said lake, fifty-seven (57) feet; EASTERLY by Lot #4, La Vue Du Lac, one hundred and twelve (112) feet as designated on said map. SAID PREMISES ARE CONVEYED SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS: First: No house or camp shall be built thereon costing less than \$800.00. Second: No building or part of a build-ing erected on said lot shall be nearer than fifteen (15) feet from a street line. Third: No privy shall be allowed on said lot.

Fourth: No building erected thereon shall be used for trade or manufacture. ALSO

The land in said Webster, at Lake Chaubunagungamaugg, known and designated as Lot #6 on Map #1, of La Vue Du Lac, filed in Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 42, Plan 38, said Lot #6 being bounded and described as follows: NORTHERLY and in front of Lakeview Road, thirty-two and five tenths (32.5) feet; EASTERLY by Lot No. 5, one hundred and ten (110) feet; SOUTHERLY by the waters of said Lake, fifty-seven (57) feet; WESTERLY by Community Road, one hundred and fifteen (115) feet, as designated on said map, be the aforesaid several dimensions more or less. SAID PREMISES ARE CONVEYED SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS First: No house or camp shall be built thereon costing less than \$800.00. Second: No building or part of a build-ing erected on said lot shall be nearer than fifteen (15) feet from a street line. Third: No privy shall be allowed on said lot. Fourth: No building erected thereon shall be used for trade or manufacture. ALSO

A certain tract of land situated in said Webster, La Vue Du Lac, being lot num-ber (2) two, on plan of La Vue Du Lac, as described at the Worcester County Registry of Deeds, Book 2501, Page 415, and supposed to contain one-eighth (1/8) acre. ALSO

The land in said Webster lying above the high water line of flowage of the Lake and further described as follows: An island marked lot number 1 and also Two islands as indicated on Map No. 1 La Vue Du Lac recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 42, Plan 38 lying southerly and westerly of lots 3, 4, 5 and 6 on said plan, neither of which islands is marked with a letter or number, and another Island lying southwesterly of the forgoing but not indicated on said plan, said four Islands being portions of premises conveyed by Lake Shore Realty Co. to Kelsey D. Purdy and Edwin E. Becker by deed dated May 5, 1935 and recorded with Worcester District Deeds in Book 2333, Page 38.

Premises are conveyed together with rights to use in common with others, remaining land of the grantor abutting said Island and flowed or which can be flowed by the waters of said Lake and a right of way and rights to use as an approach to said Islands, Community Road and Community Park as shown on said plan, and the “Path” leading between lots 2 and 3.

THIS CONVEYANCE IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS:

- 1. No house or camp shall be built thereon costing less than \$600.00.
 - 2. No building or part of a building erected on said lot shall be nearer than 20 feet from a street line.
 - 3. No privy shall be allowed on said lot.
 - 4. No building erected thereon shall be used for trade or manufacture.
- For title reference, see deed record-ed at the Worcester County Registry of Deeds, Book 17991, Page 93. For mortgagor’s title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 17991, Page 93.

The premises will be sold sub-ject 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 pre-cedence 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 \$10,000.00 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 mort-gagee’s attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The descrip-tion 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 Suite 3102 Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 Leo, Linda J. and Estate of Emanuel J., 22-039963 November 03, 2023 November 10, 2023 November 17, 2023

SPORTS

Auburn gets the better of Oxford in final preparation for Thanksgiving



Auburn's A.J. Callahan goes for a pass while his teammates provide blocking.



Connor Fantasia of Oxford runs through Auburn's defensive line.



Nathan Cook of Auburn attempts to break through an Oxford defender.



Oxford's Robert Fisher rushes the ball toward the end zone.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
DOCKET NO. 23 SM 004150
ORDER OF NOTICE
TO: Chad A. Osnoe, Tabitha L. Osnoe
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. C. 50 §3901 (et seq):
GITSIT Solutions, LLC, not in its individual capacity but solely as Separate Trustee of GITSIT Mortgage Loan Trust 2023-NPL1
claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Oxford, numbered 8 Bacon Street, given by Chad A. Osnoe and Tabitha L. Osnoe to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Rocket Mortgage, LLC, FKA Quicken Loans, LLC, its successors and assigns, dated February 22, 2022, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 67154, Page 40, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.
If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before 12/18/2023 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 11/6/2023. Attest: Deborah J. Patterson, Recorder November 17, 2023

**TOWN OF DUDLEY
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**
Please take notice that: Kabob Realty Have applied to the Zoning Board of Appeals to vary the terms of the Zoning By-Laws Section: 7.01.00 Driveway/Curb Cut Permit.
Location: 126 Old Southbridge Road
In the following respect: To allow five lots to use existing driveway entrance on Old Southbridge Road.
The Public Hearing will be held on December 7, 2023 @7:00pm at the Town Hall room 321A, at which time you may be hard relative to this Public Hearing. Please contact Amanda Jacobson at 508-949-8012 or building@dudleyma.gov to attend the meeting.
George Slingo, Chairman Zoning Board of Appeals
November 17, 2023

STATE TOURNAMENT SCOREBOARD

All scores are through Monday evening, Nov. 13
Tuesday, Nov. 7

Division 4 Volleyball Round of 16
(1) Ipswich 3, (16) Oxford 0 — The end of the road came for the Pirates after tangling with the tournament's top seed and not being able to pull off the tall task of an upset. Oxford, which had its most successful season in years, finished with a record of 14-8.

Wednesday, Nov. 8
Division 3 Girls' Soccer Round of 16
(4) Norwell 3, (13) Auburn 0 — The Rockets saw their strong season come to a close, as they couldn't keep up with Norwell. Auburn, though, which had a 10-match unbeaten streak during the season (9-0-1), finished with an impressive record of 16-3-1.

MOHEGAN BOWL FALL LEAGUES, WEEK ENDING Nov. 12

Monday Men's Business
Single – Tim Labay 149, Jeff Therrien 135, Andy Butchman 129
Series – Tim Labay 373, Jason Mahan 354, Mark Gulino 347
Series over average – Tim Labay +46

Women's Ten Pin City
Single – Division 1 – Joanne LaBonte 215, Marie Piegorsch 162
Division 2 – Edna Miranda 169, Diane Gagnon 106
Series – Division 1 – Natalie Wood 565, Donna Dziadula 437
Division 2 – Bernie Stackpole 490, Evelyn Rivera 347

Tuesday Chet's Social
Single – Ryan Pelletier 132, Joe Pranaitis 127, Darren Mello 123, Sandy Barrows 108, Dawn Gleason 107, Diane Levesque 101
Series – Ryan Pelletier 377, Joe Pranaitis 351, Tom Smith 324, Ellen Fugatt 288, Diane Levesque 282, Dawn Gleason 278
Series over average – Joe Pranaitis & Darren Mello +54, Nikki Murawski +35

Wednesday Women's Industrial
Single – Monique Pierangeli 112, Shanna Boucher 105, Lisa Tucker & Tara LaLiberte 96
Series – Monique Pierangeli 297, Shanna Boucher 282, Tiffany Jarmolowicz 271
Series over average – Nancy McGovern +41

Summit Tenpin
Single – Division 1 – Derek Reynolds 203
Division 2 – Kelly Apher 166
Series – Division 1 – Nat Wood 555
Division 2 – Donald Altiery 459

Thursday Morning Coffee
Single – Jessica Agazarian 103, Jackie Arpin 100, Barbara Penkala 96
Series – Jackie Arpin 285, Jessica Agazarian 282, Flo Jedrzynski 272
Series over average – Pam Jacobson +60

Thursday Men's Industrial
Single – Ryan Pelletier 173, Kyle Sgariglia 128, Joe Pranaitis, Mike Taft Sr., and Bo Gauvin 127
Series – Ryan Pelletier 403, Jim Doray 333, Joe Pranaitis 328
Series over average – Kyle Sgariglia +48

Thursday Mixed Tenpin
Single – Tony Borowy 213, Randy Schlegel 192, Chris Wong Kam 187
Series – Tony Borowy 533, John Caskey 505, Chris Wong Kam 477



Oxford's Andrew Martinez makes a catch with Auburn's Tyler Kohler attempting to intercept.

AUBURN — Both the Auburn and Oxford varsity football teams qualified for their respective postseason tournaments — the Rockets in Division 5, the Pirates in Division 7 — but both ended up falling in the Sweet 16 first round. So, when the non-playoff matchups for Week 10 were announced, the committee pitted Auburn and Oxford — former Thanksgiving Day rivals — against one another on Thursday, Nov. 9.

The Rockets got the better of the Pirates, 40-7, as they improved to 6-4. Oxford slipped to 5-5.

Both teams will now finish the season on Thanksgiving. Auburn will play at Leicester at 10 a.m., while the Pirates will host Bay Path, also at 10 a.m.



Ian Clayton of Auburn sprints down the sideline, ripping Oxford's Kellen Clarkson to the ground.

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WEBSTER - 17 BRODEUR AVENUE



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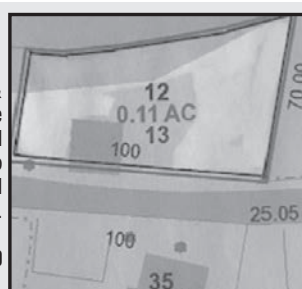
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ATTENDANCE

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cent in grade 12 for 2023, with an overall average of 22.6 percent. Those figures include all absences, “regardless of the reason,” the website notes; it doesn’t make a distinction for medical reasons.

The state designates many individual schools as “Attendance Priority Schools” if their current rate is above the statewide pre-Covid average and they haven’t reduced it by half in the last two

years. In our area, all of the schools in Auburn, Oxford, Webster and Southbridge are so designated, among others.

So far this school year, Bartlett Principal Ryan Collins said, “The fraction of repetitive attendance violators is low.”

He’s only had to send staff to two home visits as of Oct. 24.

Pierangeli and the DESE site both note one key focus is family engagement, with Pierangeli saying the state’s providing funds “to support school dis-

tricts and get creative with ideas.” Among other things, she’s considering re-establishing Saturday school, but is “still working out the logistics.”

She noted the overall goal is “getting kids to be a big part of our school community.”

Indeed, the youth.gov website (linked from DESE) addresses research on a wide range of ways parental involvement helps kids. Specifically, it states, “Parental involvement in education has been extensively studied for decades with less atten-

tion paid to the degree of involvement in other systems.” Regarding schools, it adds, “Family engagement in schools contributes to positive student outcomes, including improved child and student achievement, decreased disciplinary issues, improved parent-teacher and teacher-student relationships, and improved school environment.”

In other business, Title I Director Patricia McKay summarized recent steps toward joining the state’s Seal of Biliteracy program. She

noted Webster has registered with the state and will (maybe already has by now) send out letters to parents showing how their kids can participate and how they’ll be assessed. Similar notices will go on the website, in report cards and elsewhere, with an application deadline of Dec 1. After that, the district will obtain the relevant tests and schedule students for them.

The program honors students for being literate in English and at least one other language, and it can be almost anything.

It’s open to all bilingual students, regardless of whether they’re native English speakers or learned it as a second tongue.

“There’s a continuum in society where speaking a different language as your native tongue was seen as an obstacle to overcome,” Chair Kelly Seddiki observed. “It’s hopefully changing into something that’s to be celebrated and highlighted for people.”

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FIGHT

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reminded selectmen that another incident occurred in April at 141 Center Rd., a building adjacent to Nichols College and the Dudley Grange, where witnesses reported shots fired although there were no injuries. A suspect was eventually apprehended. While the chief made no connection between the April incident and this most recent fight, the trend of a growing number of incidents on or near the campus has certainly caught his department’s attention.

“I’ll be reaching out to the Public Safety Director and the Vice President to try to come to some kind of a solution, so this doesn’t continue happening,” said the chief.

While these two incidents were isolated to the Nichols College campus, the fear of an increased number of incidents town-wide has been a primary focus for the Chief in his first year on the job. The April incident was complimented by another gun-related incident later that month on Green Street and police had previously engaged in a standoff with a suspect believed to have a dangerous weapon in February. Karłowicz, who was promoted at the start of 2023 to succeed the retiring Chief Steve Wojnar, has made it clear in public forums that his department is dedicated to stopping the increased number of violent and gun-related crimes.

IBRAHIM

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to express their visions of peace through their art. Members of the Lion’s Club are an example to the world that, through service, everyone can

give and receive so much joy, kindness, hope, and peace. A Webster Lion’s Club member, Dr. John Kalinowski, visited Saint Joseph School to notify the winner and pose for pictures. Congratulations, Laura!

LAW

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lent education, graduate with less debt, and focus on serving their communities as lawyers.”

Students typically declare interest in the 3+3 program in their first academic year, but some academically prepared sophomores are able to meet the requirements of the program. Nichols College students will need to apply to UMass Law before the June 30 deadline during their junior year.

During their first three years, Nichols College students will complete a specific course of study that prepares them for law school. Courses include legal studies, ethics, liberal arts, and other foundational courses. In their fourth year, 3+3 students are admitted as full-time students at UMass Law and will follow the course of study for full-time, first-year law students. Upon successful completion of the first year of law

school, the credits earned will be transferred back to Nichols College in satisfaction of remaining graduation requirements.

Nichols College is the sixteenth institution to collaborate on a 3+3 program with UMass Law. Other Massachusetts and Rhode Island partners include Anna Maria College, Assumption University, Bridgewater State University, Fitchburg State University, Framingham State University, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, Johnson & Wales University, Regis College, Salem State University, Springfield College, UMass Boston, UMass Dartmouth, UMass Lowell, Westfield State University, and Worcester State University.

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About UMass Law
According to the most recent ABA data, UMass Law currently ranks third in the nation among nearly 200 ABA-accredited law schools for enrollment growth while maintaining the smallest average, first-year doctrinal course sizes and the lowest tuition among all Massachusetts law schools. The Class

of 2022 enjoys a 91 percent employment rate and first-time test takers achieved an 80 percent Massachusetts bar pass rate.

UMass Law has ranked among the best law schools in the country for its program of practical training for four of the last five years and is currently ranked second in Massachusetts and third in New England in that category, according to preLaw magazine. Students at UMass Law are guaranteed a clinic or internship placement during their time at the school.

The law school also ranks first among all 15 law schools in New England and seventh in the U.S. for the percentage of students entering public service. UMass Law’s focus on public and community service has resulted in more than 215,000 hours of pro bono legal services provided to the community since 2010 and is valued at more than \$10 million.

Must-have gifts for your favorite gardener

Every gardener, new or experienced, appreciates tools to help them better enjoy their hobby. Some may be looking for ergonomically designed tools to help them garden longer while newbies may need some basic tools as they are getting started. A peek in their shed may help you decide which must-have tool to give them this holiday season.

Every gardener needs a bypass pruner for dead-heading, trimming and pruning stems between a quarter inch and one inch. Bypass pruners have two sharp blades like scissors, making a clean cut that closes quickly.

Bypass loppers allow your gift recipient to cut larger diameter branches and long handles for greater leverage and long reach. The extra reach makes it easier to prune all parts of small trees, shrubs and roses. Consider gifting one with a compound

cutting action that boosts cutting power with less effort.

If your favorite gardener doesn’t have one, your gift of a weed knife also known as a Hori Hori knife will soon become a favorite tool. It is useful for cutting through sod and roots, planting small bulbs, digging weeds and so much more. Select one like Corona’s Hori Hori Garden Knife with a ComfortGel grip (www.coronatoolsusa.com) to help reduce muscle fatigue. The metal runs all the way through, providing added durability and leverage. Include a sheath so they can keep this universal tool handy whenever working in the garden.

Digging small holes for planting in containers and garden beds is a seasonal reality and a hand trowel is the perfect tool for the job. Gift a new durable trowel or upgrade the existing one. Look for

one that is sturdy, lightweight and has an ergonomic grip.

A long-handled pointed shovel is a versatile tool. You can plant, transplant, dig holes and more. Look for one with a foot pad to help reduce foot fatigue and shoe damage. Avid flower gardeners may prefer a short-handled spade that makes working in tight spaces easier. Perhaps your gift recipient needs both.

With an expandable leaf rake, you can adjust the width of the teeth, allowing you to reach into tight spaces or cover larger areas. An iron rake is great for moving soil and one with a bow head makes it easier to adjust the depth.

For something different, consider an auger bit available in a variety of lengths and bit diameters. Attach this to a cordless drill and you have the perfect tool for planting bulbs and small transplants,

aerating soil, and vertically mulching planting beds.

Perhaps you’re just looking for a few stocking stuffers. Safety glasses are a must but are often overlooked. Help them protect their eyes from stray branches and debris when in the garden. Tinted ones will also protect eyes from UV light, providing an added layer of safety when gardening in the bright sunlight.

Make it easy for them to keep their tools sharp with the gift of a tool sharpener. Sharp tools make cleaner cuts and require less effort, allowing them to garden longer. A small sharpener with a cap allows them to keep it handy in their tool caddy or scabbard. If they have easy access, they are more likely to use it to keep their tools in the best cutting order.

Drop a pair of snips in their stocking and they are sure to thank you any

time they deadhead a flower, snip off a wayward or dead stem, or harvest herbs and flowers. This is another tool gardeners appreciate duplicates of – one for the kitchen and one for the garden.

Keep them gardening longer throughout the day and for years to come. Gift a kneeling pad or knee pads that protect young and old joints while kneeling in the garden to plant, weed, and more.

Tools make a wonderful gift that will provide years of enjoyment and benefit. Whatever gift you select, your favorite gardener is sure to thank you each time they head to the garden.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released *Midwest Gardener’s Handbook, 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses “How to Grow Anything”* instant



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video series and the nationally syndicated *Melinda’s Garden Moment* TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by Corona Tools for her expertise to write this article. Myers’ Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

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Auburn residents Charlotte Myhre, Kathryn Rosenthal, Mia Totaro, Alba Martinez, Jacqueline Murphy, Lyla Mange, Aria Mitchell and Kenley Bunn and Webster residents Nina Browning, Sadie Bjork, Lindsey Berthiaume and Eliza Kalwarczyk will be featured in “The Nutcracker” this year.

The tale follows young Clara as she receives a nutcracker doll for Christmas; she enters a magical world where the nutcracker and other characters come to life. This year Teddy Grillo, a former conservatory student, will reprise his role as the Nutcracker Prince for the second year in a row.

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