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## Override forum draws little public input

BY JASON BLEAU  
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DUDLEY — The town of Dudley hosted a public forum on March 22 where The Abrahams Group provided a closer look at the numbers related to the proposed Proposition 2 ½ override going to the voters in April. The forum was one of the last opportunities for members of the public to make their voices heard before voting on the proposal next month.

After months of discussion surrounding the financial needs for both the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District and the town, the forum resulted in little input from citizens. Throughout the first three months of the year both the Regional School Committee and the Dudley Board of Selectmen have hosted roundtables and public meetings discussing the override stressing that a “no” vote from the taxpayers would result in significant cuts to both school programs and staff as well as town services. The override would also fund Dudley’s portion of a Massachusetts School Building Authority assessment of Shepherd Hill Regional High School that is required to qualify for funding if the school requires a new facility or upgrades.

The Abraham’s Group, a third party hired to help assess the financial needs of both the town and school district, delved into a five-year plan showcasing the same numbers that have been on display at prior meetings. The presentation confirmed the override will seek \$1.6 million for town operations and \$3.17 million for the school district for Fiscal Year 2024. The override would increase the tax levy on average single-family home valued at \$360,942 by \$1,205.55.

The forum lasted less than an hour with over half of the meeting comprised of The Abraham’s Group’s presentation. Officials then turned to the taxpayers seeking their input, but few chose to approach the microphone. After 15 minutes, only six individuals, one a citizen of Charlton, stood to comment on either the school or town budget proposals. Most presented

questions rather than statements seeking clarity on the impact of a “no” vote, the need for the MSBA study, and whether or not the spending plan would be a long-term fix for the town. Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda responded to that last question saying he couldn’t make promises, but that the budget looks

ahead to the foreseeable future.

“On average, we know for certain our taxes go up two and a half percent every year. It’s almost a guarantee that your taxes will continue to go up. We predict

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## Zain Place returns to selectmen

BY GUS STEEVES  
CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD — Selectmen are again considering Zain Place, a 40B proposal they last saw about 18 months ago and put on hold then. It did so again, voting to put it off to April 4 to give members time to review the plans even though most said they were ready to vote now.

According to designer Mike Scott and architect Bob Shaw, the project is the same one the board saw then. It still calls for a single four-story building with 42 apartments, 10 of them “affordable,” containing a total of 84 bedrooms. Back then, the project had to work with the Army Corps of Engineers because the parcel has a permanent flood easement across its front (Main Street) side, but Scott said they got the Corps’ permission to cross that land in December.

He noted Ansari Builders seeks a 40B because town zoning “wouldn’t allow the density and height, I believe.”

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## ALL SAINTS STUDENTS INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

All Saints Academy inducted their newest members to the National Junior Honor Society at a Mass and ceremony held at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church on March 23. To become a member of NJHS, students must meet the five pillars: scholarship, leadership, citizenship, character, and service. Our newest members completed an application and an essay describing how leadership, service, and citizenship have influenced their character. Through these essays, these students showed us their generosity, honesty, perseverance, kindness, bravery, tolerance and cooperation. Congratulations to the newest members of the All Saints Academy chapter of the National Junior Honor Society - Cole Adams, Oliver Andreotta, Meghan Baca, Emma Brooks, Thomas Burren, Ella Campbell, Alexander Delgaudio, Kendyl Fales, Patrick Hylka, Sophia MacKenzie, Charlie Maglich, Xavier Matthews, Alina Turner, Amelia Wentworth.

## Camp Invention’s fun, action-packed summer STEM program coming to Auburn

AUBURN — Camp Invention® challenges children in grades K-6 to tap into their natural curiosity and use their creativity to solve problems. Through hands-on activities, Camp Invention promotes STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) learning; builds confidence, leadership, perseverance and resourcefulness; and encourages entrepre-

neurship - all in a fun and engaging environment.

Each year, the program features a new curriculum inspired by some of our nation’s most world-changing inventors - the National Inventors Hall of Fame Inductees. This year’s Wonder program encourages children to be confident in their ideas and explore their innovativeness through hands-on activities including:

Catching Air™: Taking a confidence-building ride through physics, engineering and art, children design and build their own skate park. Invention Celebration™:

Campers take on the role of event planners as they throw a party celebrating creativity and innovation. MimicBot™: Children show their unique style when they transform a robot that mimics sounds into a one-of-a-kind animatronic stuffie. Pop-Up Venture™: Big ideas come to life as campers design their own mini pop-up business.

“Both of my kids loved Camp Invention! They loved having the opportunity to create, innovate and iterate what they had learned,” said the parent of 2022 Camp Invention campers. “They were intensely proud to tell of Invention Celebration™.”

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## SAINT JOSEPH HONORS STUDENTS CELEBRATED AT BREAKFAST

On Monday, March 20, Saint Joseph School students in Grades 4 through 8 who achieved High Honors in Quarter One and/or Quarter Two of the 2022-2023 Academic Year were treated to a special celebratory breakfast. Headmaster Rev. Grzegorz Chodkowski, Principal Beth Boudreau, and Dean of Students Jeffrey Gruposso joined forty students for delicious homemade pancakes, roasted potatoes, and bacon to recognize their achievements. To receive High Honors at Saint Joseph School, students must average 3.56-4.0 in Religion, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, Reading, Language Arts, and Spelling. The following students attended the breakfast: Grade 4 - Ariana Benson, Grayson Dollar, Bella Kicilinski, Evelyn Macko, Jacob Manzi, Lily Martin, James Miranda, Amelia Potem, Abigail Rubin, Lukas Stock, Sophia Surowanec, Gabriel Ketnouvong-Ung, Noah Ryan, and Odin Cowie; Grade 5 - Jason Bianchi, Hayley Benes, and Olivia Rozanski; Grade 6 - RoseMary Basha, Jacob Singer, Tobi Akindele, Alan Rubin, Kyle Muchiru, Jacob Parafinowicz, Simon Kowalczyk, Ayla Reed, Jada Jackson, Faith Muga, Liana Worth, and Luke Surowanec; Grade 7 - Claire Calnan, Molly Hachigian, Laura Ibrahim; and Grade 8 - Leah Boudreau, Gabriela Pianka, Marcus Muchiru, Aiden Muchiru, Shayley Szela, Vanessa Zeglen, Bella Calnan, Jackson Meehan. Keep up the great work, students!

## Bites, Books and Blooms fundraiser celebrates spring

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

WEBSTER — In a special springtime celebration, guests are invited to join the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Library at the Bites, Books, and Blooms fundraiser.

The program will take place on April 27 from 6-8 p.m. Tickets are \$35 per person, and they can be obtained at the library or online.

“Snack on tasty bites from ten of our favorite local restaurants while strolling through an exhibit of books in bloom—floral arrangements that capture a novel, poem, or short story in flowers,” read a promotional statement released by the library.

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# Girls Inc. hosts “HERstory in the Making” event

WORCESTER — Girls Inc. of Worcester held its annual “Girls Celebration,” a tradition for more than 22 years, on Thursday, March 23, at the College of the Holy Cross from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. This event highlights not only the success of Girls Inc. girls, but also provides the community with a snapshot of our progressive, innovative programs and staff that make our organization a vital component in Worcester’s community to make its girls strong, smart, and bold leaders for the future.

More than 100 sponsors and supporters showed up to help us present awards to community champions who have advocated

and partnered with Girls Inc. of Worcester this past year: Senator Robyn Kennedy, Strong Advocate Award; Craig Dotting, Principal of Vernon Hill Elementary School, Smart Advocate Award; Diane Giampa, Executive VP at Bay State Savings Bank, Strong Advocate Award; Agnes Nkansah, Outstanding Alumna Award; and Kathy Chen, WPI Executive Director of Stem Education, for Outstanding Community Partner Award.

The event, themed “HERstory in the Making,” allowed Girls Inc. of Worcester the opportunity to not only thank our community champions, but to showcase our key activities

and successes throughout the year with food, videos of our activities, and a salute to the Girls Inc experience with a video humorously entitled “Girls Inc. Smells,” a reminiscence of smells that invoke pleasant memories and experiences by our alumnae. The event offered a chance to return to an in-person celebration, which was felt by everyone through the excitement and generosity of our guests.

Guests were entertained by 12 younger girls from our After School and Summer Camp program who sang a favorite camp song, while about 25 girls in our current Eureka! program talked about their experiences

and goals for the future with guests.

During the event, Girls Inc. of Worcester also presented two Girls Awards to 2023 Eureka! Graduates who have completed our Eureka! STEM and Leadership program. The Vanessa T. Marcotte Award honors a Girls Inc. of Worcester girl who truly exemplifies Girls Inc.’s mission as well as Vanessa T. Marcotte’s legacy by being ambitious, generous in spirit, brave, and kind. This was awarded to Gianna Degon, who seeks to go into engineering to combat climate change. The second Girls Award, the Valerie S. Loring Girls of the Year Award, recognizing girls who exemplify the

qualities of vision and leadership, courage and perseverance, generosity and compassion, and dedication and sincerity. This year, the award went to Syeda Faatima Adnon, who also received the Girls Inc National Scholarship.

In her acceptance speech, Faatima epitomized the heart of Girls Inc. or Worcester and its more than 100 years of support and advocacy for girls in Worcester: “Eureka is consistently embodying and encoding the slogan of smart, strong and bold into each and every one of its participants. Eureka has allowed me to build amazing connections, including lifelong friendships,

and is able to provide that safe space where you’re able to push your boundaries, knowing there’s people behind you in case you stumble. I believe that empowering girls and young women is crucial to creating a more just and equitable society, and I am honored to be a part of this mission.”

The “HERstory in the Making” evening was a reminder of the value of our sponsors and supporters who provide us with the ability to continue to be a strong, smart, and bold influence on our young women of Worcester.

# Litter concerns continue as Earth Day approaches

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — Litter continues to be a major concern for citizens in Dudley, as the Board of Health recently heard a complaint from a local citizen about trash alongside town roadways.

The citizen, Monique Kay, approached the Board of Health about the amount of litter she had noticed in different areas of the town, especially along Schofield Avenue and near town entrances from Oxford and Connecticut. Litter concerns are nothing new for the Board of Health who host an annual Earth Day every year to help promote cleaning up Dudley and taking care of the town. In 2022, the board also heard a proposal to ban the small alcohol containers known as “nip bottles” due to their prevalence along the roadways which failed to earn support from the Board of Selectmen. Board of Health Chair Jennifer Cournoyer explained that they have tried to help wherever possible to encourage people to keep Dudley’s streets clean.

“We do have an Earth Day once a year where we have many groups volunteer to go out and clean up the streets of Dudley. We have a Boy Scout Troop that

has adopted a stretch of road. They do it once a month except for during the heavy winter months. We try to educate people. We work with the police department the best that we can. We don’t have staff availability or anything to patrol it. The Highway Department will go if we get a report of something, or someone calls in and it’s a larger object. Anything that we pick up has to be paid to be disposed. We do have a recycling center but tires on the side of the road or mattresses are not taken to the center. Those are big items that we have problems with,” Cournoyer said.

While many of these efforts have been a staple of Dudley for the past 20 years, litter issues persist. In 2022, talks around litter revealed that many issues can be attributed to people passing through Dudley throwing trash out of their windows and it has proven difficult for police to catch people in the act.

Kay proposed the solution of erecting more signs reminding people of the fines associated with litter.

“This is a Massachusetts state law. I’ve talked to the Highway Department three times about putting signs up for littering and I’m wondering why those still aren’t being put up. When someone sees a sign, I know there will be some who say, ‘I’m not paying attention to that’ but you’ll also have people who see the sign and know they’re going to be fined,” said Kay.

Unfortunately, those signs must be made and bought from the state which Cournoyer said

doesn’t fit into the Highway Department’s budget. The Board of Health has a limited budget and depends heavily on donations and grant funding just to hold its Earth Day event. Dudley’s Health Agent Camille Griffin, who the town shares with Webster, acknowledged that there is only so much the town can do to follow up on litter complaints, especially with limited resources and manpower.

Kay made it clear she didn’t approach the Board of Health to shame or attack anyone for inaction, but rather to help raise awareness for a consistent issue she has noticed in her town. She put a call to action hoping that residents and visitors will understand that litter not only affects how a town looks, but also how its residents feel.

“This is where we live. It has a direct effect on your internal chaos. You see trash outside, you’re not going to feel good inside. If we cared about how we felt inside you wouldn’t look outside and see a bunch of stuff all over the place,” said Kay.

The Board of Health took the time to make sure citizens were aware of the upcoming Earth Day event which takes place Saturday, April 22. Gloves, bags, and supplies will be provided for the day with specific roadways available for cleanup. Those seeking to be involved can contact the Board of Health office at 508-949-8012.



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# Oxford Woman’s Club to host Game Night

OXFORD — Welcome ladies of Oxford and surrounding towns. The Oxford Woman’s Club will be meeting April 4 at 7 p.m. in the Senior Center in the center of town. We are located behind the Oxford Town Hall.

The meeting will be a Game Night, the games will be Left Right Center/Bingo. To participate in Left Right Center please bring three quarters to participate, Bingo is free and prizes will be supplied for winners. Come and enjoy a night of meeting new friends, laughs and goodies!

As Woman’s Club members, we are active in supporting our Community. We aid families, children, seniors, veterans and our environment in Oxford. Our fund raising goes towards Oxford Public Library by contributing to Museum Passes and donating books, Oxford High School MASC; Clara Barton Diabetic Camp; Veterans; Oxford Food Shelf; Oxford Senior Center; supplies for local schools. And we are very proud to fund 3 Scholarships in the amount of \$750 for qualifying graduating Seniors who reside in Oxford.

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Legally freed for adoption, Corey’s social worker is looking for a loving and supportive two-parent family or a single parent with other adults in the home or in close proximity for daily support. It is also important that he has a mother figure and he is the youngest in the home. Corey needs to maintain contact with his big sister, Kiy’aa, who is also free for adoption, and if possible would love a family willing to open their home to her.

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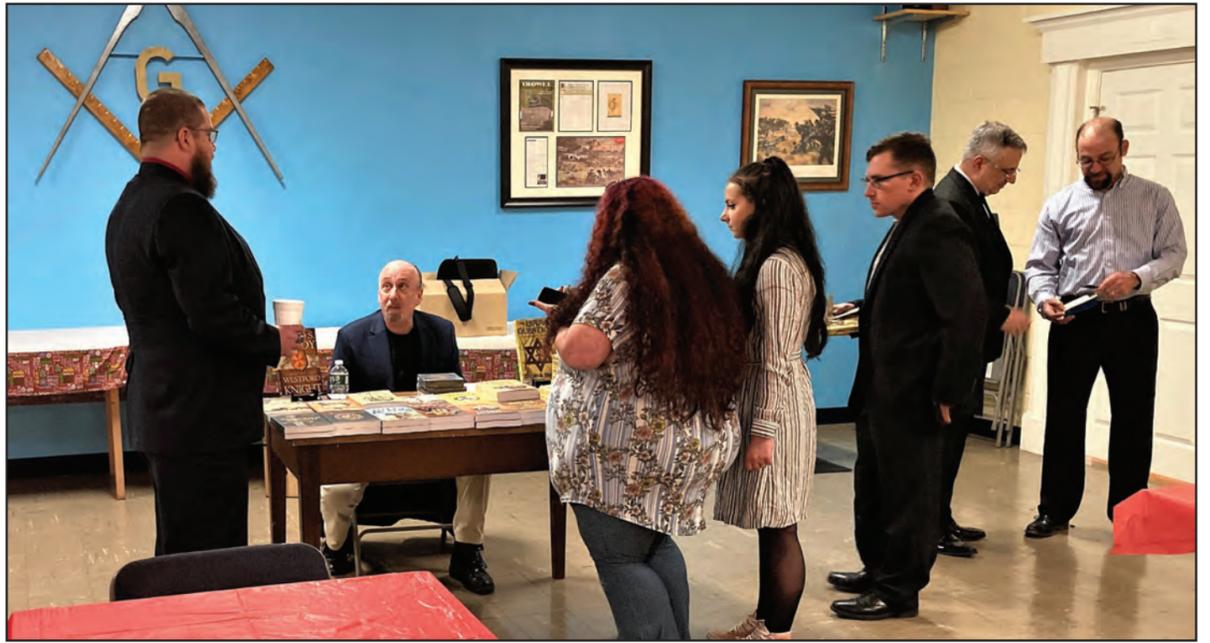
# Guest Speaker at 24th Masonic District Lodge of Instruction

BY BRO. JIMMY FALZONE  
PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER  
QUINEBUAG MASONIC LODGE

WEBSTER — On March 23, Master Masons family and friends gathered at the Lodge of Instruction class at Webster Masonic Lodge in Webster Massachusetts.

The quest speaker was one of Boston's Best Local Authors, David Brody. He is an Amazon bestselling fiction writer and author of 16 novels. The Lodge was open to the public and was packed with Master Masons and people from the community who came to listen to what he had to say about "Freemasons, Sun Worship and The Stone Chambers of New England." His children call him a "rock nerd" because of the time he spends studying ancient stone structures. He is a graduate of Tufts University and Georgetown Law School. He has served as a Director of the New England Antiquities Research Association (NEARA) and is an avid researcher. In his first 12 books he writes about the Knights Templars American series. This series is an Amazon Kindle top 10 bestsellers. Eight titles have become the #1 bestseller in their category. Due to his extensive knowledge in this area, he has frequently appeared as a guest speaker on documentaries airing on the History Channel, Travel Channel, PBS, and Discovery Channel.

During his presentation, Brody showed numerous slide shows of artifacts and sites from around New England. He talked about and showed slides of a Stone Chamber located on private land in Webster. He talked about the Upton Chambers, which many thought to be from Native American



Center sitting down is David Brody talking to Masons and quest from the community as they lined up to ask questions, buy some of his bestseller books and take photos with the author.

Indians, but local Indians say they are not. He also talked about the design and layout of Washington D.C. and how some of the main roads and streets were designed by Master Masons. He talked about Sun Worship and the ancient Druids, as evidence by the Masonic Druidic solar alignments prevalent in the layout of Washington, D.C. He talked about and showed slides on how the sun sets on the capital building and atop of Jefferson Memorial and much more. If you are interested and want

to read additional information about these related sites, go to westfordknight.blogspot.com. This was a very informative evening for the Master Masons and the public who attended and listen to quest speaker David Brody. Questions were asked after the presentation and many of his books were for sale for those interested in his writing. If you would like more information about Freemasonry, go to www.massfreemasonry.org to find a lodge nearest you.

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# Oxford DPW lays out road plan

BY GUS STEEVES  
CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD — Residents got a chance last week to see what the DPW's plans are for roadwork over the next three years.

This coming fiscal year, starting in July, will include work on Rollingwood, Monument, Fremont, Sigourney, Sacarappa, Douglas, Sunset and Ashton, plus parts of Millbury and Old Charlton roads, according to the map shown by DPW Director Jared Duval. It's also available with a lot more detail on the town's website.

Duval said his department is planning to try some "different repair techniques" on some roads "in an effort to stretch those dollars." He noted the map represents "our best intention," but depends on such things as the unstable cost of fuel, construction market costs, and other issues. In total, the three year plan costs about \$3.7 million, with about \$500,000 per year each from the state's Chapter 90 fund and from local taxes, plus supplemental grant money for specific projects, including the McKinstry Dam and sidewalks on Fremont and Sigourney.

As of now, he said, about two-thirds of the town's road mileage "require either structural improvement or base rehabilitation," the two most costly forms of roadwork. Combined, those miles cost about 90 percent of the total backlog in need, which is now about \$20.8 million and grows every year. It costs around \$1 million per year just to keep the roads in their current condition, and this three-year plan aims to slightly improve the overall pavement condition by two points (from 62 to 64), he added.

For comparison, roads are scored on a 0 to 100 scale, with 0 meaning it's "unpassable" and 100 is "a new road, just paved." Generally, anything below 50 is deemed in need of full-depth reclamation, and Duval noted the town's overall 62 is "a D-minus."

Duval said the whole point of pavement management is to "objectively prioritize and plan" road work while

"remov[ing] some of the more subjective factors ... [that] can lead to some poor decision-making." Among other things, it aims to avoid "worst-first" projects, because those tend to be so expensive "we burn all our money for short segments of streets and fall farther behind."

Selectmen discussed related issues, particularly regarding policy surrounding private streets. Under state law, the town can only do very limited maintenance and snow plowing for such roads, and they generally need to be brought up to official standards for the town to accept them as public roads.

Town Manager Jen Callahan said many of them were "piece-mealed together" over many years. Some were "campground-type

things" that were "never designed" to handle significant traffic, and many lack homeowners' associations to maintain them.

"What we look for in roads being accepted is much higher than it used to be," she said.

Chair Norman Leblanc agreed, saying some such roads weren't even built by contractors, but just by family members building homes on larger properties.

Tim Moriarty said he sees Oxford "in a catch-22 here" regarding funding. Town voters twice rejected Proposition 2½ debt exclusions for roadwork (\$15 million in 2020 and \$5 million in 2021) and "we're not seeing much more coming [from the state]. ... We can't get these full repairs" and thus will need "more done at lower cost to satisfy your plan."

Amy Frick agreed, praising the DPW's effort. "I know how hard this is to do with limited funds."

Chair Norman Leblanc observed the DPW also handles a wide range of other things, including building maintenance, dams, bridges, sewers and parks. He specifically cited recent work on the Route 56 bridge, Sacarappa Road dam, and involvement with the Route 20 state project alongside various paving projects. He also praised Duval for working on "a couple million dollars in grant requests."

"I think the ship's being turned around and is heading in the right direction," he said. "We have a lot of work to do ... but I really think we have the manpower to do it."

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All stitchers are welcome for this informal group

**LEGO CLUB**  
Mondays @4:00PM  
Come join us each week for a different Lego challenge, from writing your name in Legos to making a Lego zipline. Ages 5+

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

**ADULT BOOK GROUP**  
Monday, March 27 6:00PM-7:00PM  
All are welcome to join our adult book group for a discussion of this month's title, Razorblade Tears, by S A Cosby. Copies of the current title are available at the circulation desk one month prior to the meeting.

**ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT**  
Saturday, April 1 10:30AM-Noon  
Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt! We will have activities, crafts, egg hunt and meet the Easter Bunny! This is a family event!  
All children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

**CHAIR YOGA WITH JULIE**  
Saturday, April 1 12:30PM-1:30PM  
Instructor Julie St. Francis will lead a chair yoga class for all ages. Chair yoga is a gentle practice in

which poses are performed while seated or with the aid of the chair, and is perfect for seniors or those with mobility issues.

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Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

**MOMMY AND ME PAINT NIGHT**  
Monday, April 3 6:00PM-7:45PM  
Returning favorite Jean Walker will lead a Mommy and Me paint class. Space is limited, so registration is required.

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**DEB'S SING & SWING**  
Thursday, April 13 10:30AM-11:15AM  
This is an interactive program featuring singing, guitar music, dancing, rhythm instruments, stories and variety of fun props, including a parachute, beanbags, scarves, and pom poms. These programs are theme-based, and cover everything from holidays and seasons to dinosaurs and bugs!

Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

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**BAD MOVIE OF THE MONTH: KILLER KLOWNS FROM OUTER SPACE**

Thursday, April 13 6:00PM-7:45PM  
There are thousands of wonderful movies in the world. Movies that will make you cry, lift your spirits, and inspire you.

These are not those movies. Join us for a showing of "Killer Klowns From Outer Space" (1988). A UFO shaped like a circus tent descends on a small town, and alien klowns (not the same as clowns) attack. The klowns are armed with popcorn and pies, and the heroes drive an ice cream truck. Free. Popcorn and bottled water provided.

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**ADULT DROP-IN BOARD GAME NIGHT**—April 10th —6:00 PM

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

**ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**—April 24th at 6:30 PM

The Group will be discussing The Dog Stars by Peter Heller. Peter Heller will be coming on May 18th to discuss the book The Dog Stars at 6:30. Stop by the library, or reach out by phone at 508-949-3880 or email to [rcox@cwmar.org](mailto:rcox@cwmar.org) for inquiries.

**COOKBOOK BOOK CLUB** –April 25th at 6:00 PM

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

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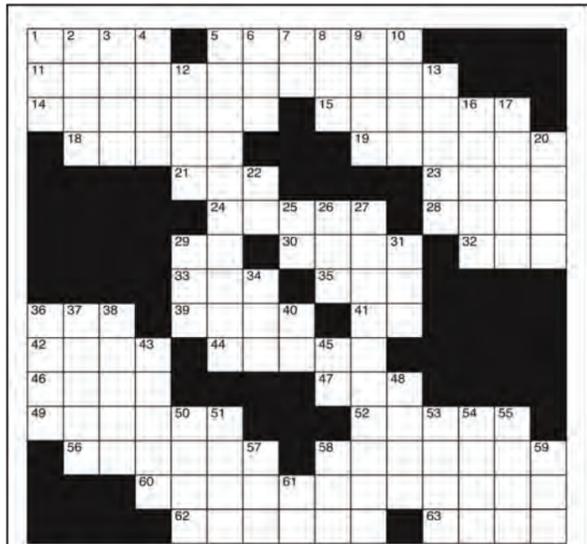
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### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Millisecond
- 5. Narcotic drug
- 11. Accident
- 14. Formal submissions
- 15. Popular 70s rock band
- 18. Discourage from doing
- 19. More socially elite
- 21. Arid
- 23. A way to look
- 24. Heroes
- 28. A surfer rides it
- 29. Potato state
- 30. Insect repellent
- 32. Cool!
- 33. Have already done
- 35. Collegiate women's fraternity
- 36. To the \_\_\_ degree
- 39. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
- 41. Blood type
- 42. Looked over
- 44. Language of Cameroon and Chad
- 46. Species of armadillo
- 47. Touch softly
- 49. Part of your upper body
- 52. Large, stocky lizards
- 56. Lack of social or ethical standards
- 58. Congressman
- 60. Unofficial force
- 62. As a result of this utterance
- 63. A main branch of Islam

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Woman (French)
- 2. Province of Pakistan
- 3. This (Spanish)
- 4. Transportation device
- 5. Greater in importance or priority
- 6. The human foot
- 7. Within
- 8. Consumed
- 9. Respectful Malaysian term
- 10. Therefore
- 12. Ceased to exist
- 13. Type of macaroni
- 16. English composer
- 17. Wooded tract
- 20. Tall, slender-leaved plant
- 22. 36 inches
- 25. Take too much (abbr.)
- 26. Allow
- 27. Individually
- 29. Journalist Tarbell
- 31. Bar bill
- 34. Hong Kong food stall: \_\_\_ pai dong
- 36. Not messy
- 37. Species that includes reedmeace
- 38. Former MLB catcher Ed
- 40. Northern U.S. state
- 43. Wilt
- 45. Commercial
- 48. Bolivian river
- 50. Nursemaid
- 51. A car needs four
- 53. Guns (slang)
- 54. American state
- 55. Clusters of fern fronds
- 57. Body part
- 58. A person's brother or sister
- 59. Breed of sheep native to Sweden
- 61. Of I



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

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

**MINI STEM-CHALLENGE** – Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30 PM

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

**PreK Music and Movement**—March 30th at 10:00 AM

Sing and dance with Deb as she plays guitar in this interactive music program for ages 1-5.

**MUSIC TOGETHER** – April 1st at 11:15 AM

Fun, fabulous, uplifting, magical early childhood music class! Sponsored by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

**BUILDWAVE**—April 6th and 13th at 3:30 PM

BUILDWAVE is a creative building program that feels like a video game! Over the course of the workshop students from grades K through 6 can create with over a dozen different building materials, including Lego®, PlusPlus®, and custom-made Buildwave materials. The workshop is structured like a video game, with an audiovisual setup featuring animations and music that guide students through the different building waves. This program is funded by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

**MOM'S DROP-IN GROUP**—Tuesday Mornings March 28th, 10 AM to 12 PM

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

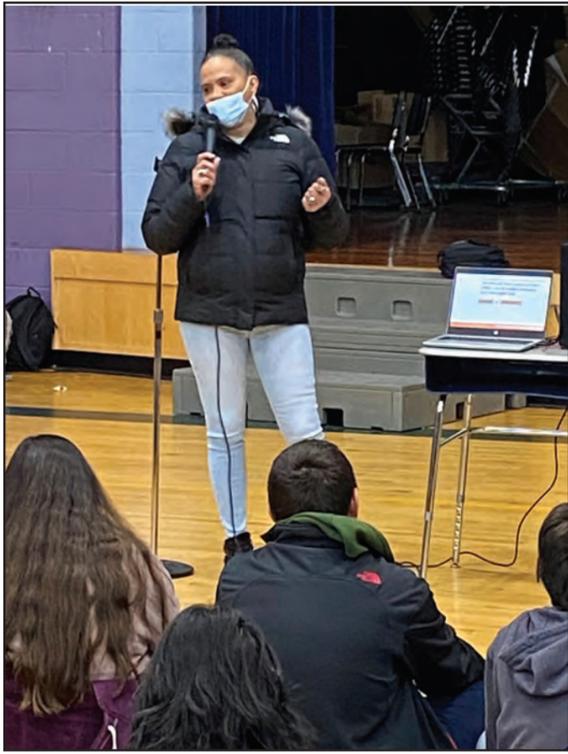
## Local residents named to Simmons University Dean's List

BOSTON — The following local students were named to the 2022 fall semester dean's list at Simmons University in Boston.

- \* Victoria Lavelle, Webster
- \* Olivia Panagiotou, Webster
- \* Amani Eljadidi, North Oxford

To qualify for dean's list status, undergraduate students must obtain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher; based on 12 or more credit hours of work in classes using the letter grade system.

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## Local young leader unites community for positive change

WEBSTER — Trinity Crompton, an eighth-grade Ambassador of Project 351 representing

Webster Middle School, is one of 368 changemakers leading Spring Service, a statewide service campaign in support of Cradles to Crayons, an organization providing children from birth through age 12, living in homeless or low-income situations, with the essential items they need to thrive for free. Crompton's efforts will help end clothing insecurity by providing everyday essentials. This year's Spring Service will be the largest youth-led service initiative in Massachusetts.

Project 351 is a non-profit youth-led movement for change powered by an eighth grader unsung hero representing every city and town in Massachusetts. Crompton kicked-off her year's term of service leadership in January with a day of service and celebration with Governor Maura Healey. As a member of the Spring Service team, Crompton has engaged in leadership training, service learning, and mentorship to develop the skills and confidence to lead positive change.

Spring Service is the Ambassadors' first leadership milestone and will unite 262 communities in a shared mission to collect like-new children's clothing, raise awareness of clothing insecurity, and strengthen the values of empathy and generosity. Since 2012, Ambassador-led Spring Service has impacted 160,742 children served, annually realizing the Cradles to Crayons' largest in-kind donation.

"We're inspired by Trinity Crompton's commitment to ensure that every child has the essentials they need to learn, lead, and thrive," said Carolyn Casey, Executive Director & Founder, Project 351. "Ambassadors reflect the abundance of kindness and generosity in every corner of our state, and the unlimited promise of this remarkable generation. They teach us that when we unite together in common cause, extraordinary change is possible."

Crompton's Spring Service kicked-off on March 20 at Webster Middle School. New or gently-used children's clothing donations in sizes 0-3 months to adult medium will be gratefully accepted through April.



## WEBSTER MIDDLE SCHOOL WELCOMES GUEST SPEAKERS

Seventh and eighth grade students were presented with an assembly in which the speakers addressed mental health. Lexxus Andrews, from Nichols College, was a lead presenter talking to students about the importance of opening up about mental health. A dozen Nichols College students spoke of their stories and what mental health means to them. Brandon Texeira, founder and CEO of Mental Health Declassified, discussed what led to the building of his organization and how he and his team assist in destigmatizing discussions about mental health. The presenters will return in April to work with students in small groups. Eighth grade students also were presented with an assembly from Pathways for Change. This presentation was focused on healthy relationships.



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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 be closed on Friday, April 7 in observance of Good Friday and on Monday, April 17th in observance of Patriot's Day.

Tri-Valley Lunches are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 11:30 a.m. Please call (508) 949-3845 at least 48-hours in advance to reserve or cancel your meal. A \$3 donation is appreciated. All meals include milk, bread and fruit or dessert. This week's menu: Tuesday April 4: Lasagna, w/Meatballs, broccoli & carrots. Wednesday, April 5: Roast Pork w/ gravy, cranberry stuffing, mixed vegies. Thursday, April 6: Baked Ham, sour cream & chive potatoes, carrots. Friday, April 7: Senior Center closed.

New Covid-19 Treatment Hotline: Have you tested positive for Covid-19? Telehealth is a quick and free way to see if you're eligible for Covid-19 treatment. Just call 1-833-273-6330. Clinicians are available every day from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. EST.

A SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone) counselor is available at the Senior Center to assist you. Please call (508) 949-3845 for more information.

The Regional Environmental Council has scheduled their Winter Mobile Fresh Produce Markets for Thursdays at the Webster Senior Center, starting Thursday, January 19th from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. Markets are held every Thursday from January 19th through May 11, 2023.

Join us for a soup social at the Senior Center on Monday, April 3rd at 11:30 a.m. Sponsored by Christopher Heights. Please sign up at the Senior Center front desk.

Join the Friends of the Webster Senior Center for their Spring Fling on Monday, April 10th 1:00 – 2:30 pm. Entertainment & refreshments will be provided. You must sign up at the Senior Center front desk.

Bay Path Cosmetology students will be offering free manicures at the Senior Center on Friday, April 14th. Sign up in advance for either 9:30 am or 10:30 am appointments.

Are you interested in playing chess? We now have an informal chess club meeting on Wednesdays at 12:00 pm. All skill levels are welcomed!

Mondays and Wednesdays: Exercise Classes with Forty Arroyo – Chair Dancing – the perfect workout for any fitness ability! 9:30-10:30 am. Cost: \$3.00 per class.

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

Bingo: Every Tuesday, starts promptly at 1:00 pm. Please plan to arrive by 12:30 pm to allow time to buy your bingo sheets. Bingo sheets are not sold after 12:45 pm. Why not sign up for lunch, come early and spend the day!

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

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

Join our progressive line dancing classes with Forty Arroyo on Fridays. Cost is \$3.00 per class.

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

Trip 1: The Amante Experience starring Michael Amante, the Peoples Tenor, at Castleton Conference Center, Windham, NH on Wednesday, April 18th. Trip price of \$109.00 includes transportation, luncheon, meal tax, meal gratuity and show ticket. You must reserve your tickets by April 6th. Trip 2: Staying Alive, Tribute to the Bee Gees at Lake Pearl, Wrentham, MA on Wednesday, May 24th. Trip price of \$119.00 includes transportation, luncheon, meal tax, meal gratuity and show ticket. Our trips sell out quickly so don't wait to reserve your seat! Trip prices do not include bus driver gratuity. Please call the Senior Center at (508) 949-3845 for more information.

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

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

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

## WEBSTER POLICE LOG

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of March 12-18.

A 19-year-old male from Worcester whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on March 12 for Violation of an Abuse Prevention Order.

Christiam E. Rivera, age 46, of Auburn was arrested on March 12 for Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License (subsequent offense), operating a vehicle with No Inspection Sticker, Speeding at a Rate of Speed Exceeding the Posted Limit, and in connection with a warrant.

A 33-year-old male from Southbridge whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on March 13 for Violation of an Abuse Prevention Order and Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle.

Dennis Brown, age 35, of Webster was arrested on March 13 for Trespassing.

A 35-year-old female from Webster

whose name has been withheld from publication was issued a summons in lieu of arrest on March 13 for Larceny in an amount Under \$1,200. A 30-year-old male, also from Webster, was issued a summons for Larceny in an amount under \$1,200 and in connection with a warrant.

A 24-year-old male from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on March 14 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

David Joseph Dittmar, age 34, of Webster was arrested on March 14 in connection with multiple warrants.

Cote Robert Deyette, age 40, of Webster was arrested on March 15 in connection with a warrant.

Michael L. Nelson, age 41, of Worcester was arrested on March 16 for Trespassing.

A 36-year-old male from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on March 16

for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

Matthew Whalen, age 22, of Webster was arrested on March 16 for Malicious Damage to a Motor Vehicle and Assault & Battery.

Joseph Ernest William Vancelette, age 53, of Dudley was arrested on March 16 in connection with a warrant.

Thomas Robert Benoit, age 64, of Worcester was arrested on March 17 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol (second offense) and a Motor Vehicle Lights Violation.

Two adult females from Webster whose names have been withheld from publication were issued summonses in lieu of arrest on March 17 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

A 44-year-old male from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on March 18 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

## Dudley resident Allie Provost featured in Western NE University's episode of "The College Tour"

SPRINGFIELD — Dudley resident Allie Provost, a junior Marketing major, is featured in the Western New England University's (WNE) upcoming episode of "The College Tour," a groundbreaking series from Emmy-nominated producers Alex Boylan, Lisa Hennessy, and Burton Roberts, now streaming on Amazon Prime Video. Hosted by The Amazing Race winner Alex Boylan, "The College Tour" travels the country, highlighting the diverse landscape of colleges and universities and showcasing the many resources and opportunities available through the lens of current students.

This exciting episode features ten outstanding student ambassadors for WNE from different corners of campus sharing their unique experiences and giving audiences a peek into their lives as Golden Bears.

Excited to share one of her favorite parts of the college experience, Provost's segment talks about studying abroad and learning outside of the classroom.

"Finding your place in the world is a major component of the WNE experience," says Provost, who participated in the summer 2022 Sorrento, Italy Study Abroad program. "Our Study Abroad program is way more than an excursion. It's a transformative experience that crosses disciplines, cultures, and borders. You'll expand your worldview and increase your understanding of our

global society—it is truly life-changing."

This transformative experience allowed Provost to grow closer with her classmates while making unforgettable memories through learning about Italian culture, history, and business communications concepts.

"Regardless of what you want to do in the future, engaging in the global community through study abroad will teach you lessons that will apply to both your career and your life," says Provost.

This series is a vehicle to help students around the nation connect with higher education, enabling them to make informed decisions about their future without traveling anywhere. "The College Tour" offers viewers a comprehensive look at campuses nationwide, highlighting the many resources and opportunities that are helping students thrive. WNE is proud and excited to be part of this inspiring series and showcase what makes the Golden Bear experience unique.

"Western New England University offers students an extraordinary experience, and we're so excited to share that on "The College Tour," says Boylan. «For students, choosing which college to attend is a monumental decision, and this episode gives prospective students a first-hand look at what makes Western New England University so special.»

Don't miss this chance to look inside WNE's vibrant and dynamic campus. Tune in to The College Tour on Amazon

Prime Video or view the episode on the WNE University website and The College Tour website. This promises to be an inspiring and motivating journey that highlights the exceptional opportunities available at Western New England University.

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

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

## Audrey Bonaventura named to Honors List at Pomfret School

POMFRET, Conn. — Audrey Bonaventura of Webster, from the Class of 2025, was named to the Winter 2022-2023 Honors List at Pomfret School. To achieve this level of distinction, Audrey earned a grade point average of at least 3.330 and received no grade lower than a B.

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**ZAIN PLACE**

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In fact, the selectmen's role is fairly limited. Under the law (MGL Chapter 40B), the board only has the authority to decide whether they will write the state a letter supporting the project or not. Whether it actually gets built is entirely in the hands of the state's Department of Housing and Community Development and the

local Zoning Board if Oxford still has less than 10 percent affordable housing.

That issue was the one that prompted the board to delay such a letter last time, in part because the town has a couple other 40B projects in the works as well. One of them is a complete redesign of the existing public housing complex. Then, they wanted to see if the state would consider those projects as enough to

meet the requirement.

Today, that's still in limbo, but board members seemed to still generally be not very supportive of Zain. Several said they didn't think it "fits in there," for height, density, appearance and other reasons.

"I don't think that's a site for this type of building," Chair Norman Leblanc said, suggesting the board could work with Ansari Builders to reduce it to two or three

floors.

Dennis Lamarche agreed. "I think of the people behind it - they're going to look at that thing. I don't like it and didn't support it then." (He's the only remaining member of the board from Zain's last go-around.)

"It'd be the largest, tallest building for residential living we'd have in the community," with several issues that will be "challenging for the Zoning Board to consider," Town Manager Jen Callahan said. To her, the neighboring Plymouth Village townhouse complex is "more in keeping" with what Oxford has.

Ironically, Plymouth Village was built about 35 years ago by the same developer, Farouk Ansari, who said he has

two 40Bs nearly complete in Westboro and a third in an early stage like this one. He said he wants to work with the town, and was told that site has water, sewer and other utilities available.

Callahan noted sewer might be an issue, though. Under the federal Interbasin Transfer Act, the town has strict limits on how much sewage it can transport to Auburn's treatment plant because its considered to be in a different watershed (the Blackstone, rather than the French River), and Oxford doesn't have its own treatment system. She said another large project is facing the same issue.

Scott cited another issue. Although the parcel is just 2.7 acres, it's

split among three zones with conflicting rules. One of them allows multi-family by special permit, but Ansari wants a "far denser" building, he said.

"The voters have already spoken," Robert King opined. "They don't want this kind of density in our town."

He said this project reminded him of some in New York, with its long and narrow apartments with windows at one end. Instead, he said he'd like to see Ansari "massage the design to be something that people expect when they come to Oxford."

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**FUNDRAISER**

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Music will be provided at the event by local musicians, and guests will also enjoy a cash bar. Proceeds from the event will support library programs for the Webster community.

"The event builds upon the Friends' 2019 Taste of Webster. Our local restaurants will provide their tasty signature small bites for attendees of the fundraiser," the promotional statement read.

The program will include chowder, Alfredo, spring rolls, and an

array of desserts. Guests are invited to support local restaurants and the library, enjoy samples of delicious foods, and take in the thrill of spring-time reading.

Officials said the concept for the program was inspired by "Art in Bloom"—exhibits staged in museums across the country in which art pieces are made into floral arrangements, like the Worcester Art Museum's popular Flora in Winter.

Participants of the program are floral enthusiasts who come from florist shops, garden clubs,

museums, educational organizations, businesses, and churches.

The Books in Bloom exhibit will remain in the library through April 30 to allow the community to enjoy it on multiple days. Officials thank all guests for their continued support of the library.

For more information about upcoming programs at the library, or to sign up for various events, visit www.gladyskellylibrary.org.

The library is located at 2 Lake St.

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as far into the future as we think it wise to do. There's no plan to go for another Override in 2028. We'll have to see where we are when we get close to that. This plan provides for the needed funding for both the school assessment and the municipal side of government," said Ruda.

Dudley's override proposal will go to the voters in a special election ballot vote on April 25. Information on the proposal has been made available on the Town of Dudley Web site while recordings of numerous meetings that have discussed the budget, as well as the public forum, have been made available on the Town of Dudley Massachusetts YouTube channel.

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## EDITORIAL

# “We don’t need roads”

## Nostalgia has its benefits

It’s been one of those weeks where nostalgia has been hanging around quite a bit for us, whether it’s reminiscing with friends or searching for old CD’s or vinyl, nostalgia has a bit of magic all its own.

A study has revealed that nostalgia can actually reduce general aches and pains due to the reduction in brain activity. Apparently, a longing for a simpler time has proven to dish out an analgesic effect.

During one study, individuals were shown 26 old images while attached to an MRI machine. Such images included old TV shows, vintage candy and games. While attached to the machine, those people were also exposed to different levels of pain via a heat generator on their arm. Another group, were shown images of the modern world. The study revealed that those individuals who were shown nostalgic images showed lower levels of pain.

Researchers continued to study the whys and how’s of nostalgia. One psychologist mentioned that those who long for the past may be depressed, however this proved not to be true. Nostalgia has been linked to giving people a feeling like their lives had roots and continuity.

Recalling the past has been proven to reduce boredom, anxiety and loneliness. In addition feelings of nostalgia tend to make us more generous and open minded with strangers. Friends, families and couples report feeling closer when reminiscing.

While it can be bittersweet to yearn for the past, most people recall those memories in a healthy way and actually can give the present more meaning. Most folks have feelings of nostalgia at least once a week and colder days seem to induce the feeling more as nostalgia tends to make us feel warm.

In the end, nostalgia brings into our mind treasured memories that make us feel loved and valued. While we think of the past, it’s important to not compare it to the present.

The best way to invoke nostalgic feelings is to listen to old music, flip through old photo albums, or Google old images from your past.

In the words of Dr. Emmett Brown to Marty McFly in Back to the Future, “Roads? Where we’re going, we don’t need roads.”

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# VIEWPOINT

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Transparently wasteful

To the Editor:

Oxford’s planned all-glass addition to Town Hall isn’t just an eyesore on a beautiful historic building in the middle of the town’s historic district. It’s also extremely excessive at a time the town has other pressing needs.

I find it ironic that while we aren’t appropriating any funds for the numerous leaking roofs at the schools, and have allowed the roof on the Barton Street facility to slowly cave in, the wheelchair ramp at Town Hall will be airtight. Reasonable people can agree that if the existing wheelchair ramp is too steep, a new one should be built. Reasonable people could also agree that if clearing the ramp in

the winter presents issues, the ramp could be covered. However, using the wheelchair ramp as an excuse to put a two-story \$500,000 glass addition on Town Hall is unreasonable and wasteful.

Some may remember the “bridge to nowhere” of a couple decades ago; the federal government may be able to afford these kinds of boondoggles, but our small town cannot. There is going to be a public hearing on the Town’s Capital Plan and it will be voted on at Town Meeting. I encourage any residents who are able to attend and make their voices heard.

Robert J. King  
Oxford

## Reaching out to the nobodies



God created the world to be a community of love. He meant for all of us to live in harmony with one another. A Family of Love!

Yet, we humans broke up God’s community of love when we allowed sin into the world. We began dividing the world into the “us” and “them” categories. The “us” are people like ourselves, with whom we identify. The “them” are the strangers, those who are different, those who we may not understand, and thus, reject. In the Bible we see Israel separate themselves as the people of God from the Gentile, unclean world. We continue to divide the world in our own ways – between Americans and immigrants, democrats and republicans, middle/upper class and lower class, insiders and outsiders.

We could say that we divide the world into the “somebodies” (people like us) and the nobodies (those different than us)!

I remember listening to Father Anthony Gittens give an inspiring talk about how essential it is for followers of Jesus Christ to reach out to the “thems,” to the “nobodies” of the world.

“We cannot get into the kingdom of God” he emphasized, “until we move from the VIP category, the somebody category, and reach out to the outsider category, to the nobodies of the world! Again, let me repeat, if the only person we meet daily is the person in the mirror, people like ourselves, than we’ll never enter into God’s Kingdom!”

In the life of Jesus, we see him reach out to the nobodies of the world – to sinners, to prostitutes, to thieves, to lepers, to the poor and lame, to the marginalized, to the forgotten of the world. Our Lord’s entire ministry was reaching out to those rejected by the world. “I came not to condemn the world, but to save the world. I came to seek the lost. I came to reach out to the sinners! I came to bring good news to the world!”

There is a Biblical story of a woman who had been sick for 12 years with a bleeding disorder. She approaches Jesus with fear and trembling. She knows that in the first century Middle Eastern culture she was a nobody. She was a woman of no importance in a patriarchal society. She had an illness than made her unclean in society. She was poor and of no significance. She even approaches Jesus with the hope of staying unnoticed. She just wants to touch the hem of his robe with the hope that she may be healed by his miraculous power. She doesn’t ask anything of our Lord. She pushes her way through a crowd of people, only one unnoticed face in the masses. After she touches the hem of Jesus’ clothes and is healed, she even tries to leave unnoticed.

Yet Jesus doesn’t allow her to leave

unnoticed. He looks around the crowd to notice the one who touched him. To notice the one who had such faith as to receive His healing power. When he saw the woman, he knew that she was among the “nobodies” of the world, yet he wanted to notice her. He didn’t just want to heal her physically, he wanted to call her by name, he wanted to remind her that she was as a precious child of God. He wanted to take her from the “nobody” category of the world, and place her into the “somebody” category of the world!

What a wonderful example for us to imitate. How are we reaching out to the “nobodies” of the world and noticing them? How are we making them feel loved and cherished as a part of the somebodies of the world?

To love another, we must meet them where they’re at. We must encounter the other. We must engage the other. We can’t say we love the nobodies of the world if we don’t know them? Who are the nobodies around us? The illegal immigrants (even legal immigrants and foreigners). The forgotten elderly in our nursing homes. The homebound. The alcoholics and drug addicts. The poor and destitute. The homeless on the street.

How many of us can say we really know any of these people? It’s not enough to say we know about the marginalized. It’s not enough to send a check to a homeless shelter to help the needy. As followers of Jesus, we need to encounter and to engage with the destitute.

Knowing “about” the poor is no better than knowing “about God.” Our faith is one of encountering God, of coming in contact with Him and knowing Him. Christ teaches us that one way we come to know Him is through knowing the poor and needy. “What you did to the least of my brothers and sisters, you did to me.”

There is a story of a wise rabbi who asked his students, “When does the night end and the day begin?” One student responded, “When we can look in the distance and distinguish between two kinds of trees.” A good answer, but not the right one. A second student said, “When we look into the distance and can distinguish a white thread from a black one.” A good answer, but not the right one. And after a few more attempts, the students gave up. The rabbi then answered his own question, “We know that the night has ended and the day has begun when we can look at each person we meet, no matter who they are, and see them as our brother and sister.”

Let us reflect on how we divide the world into “us” and “them”, into the somebodies and the nobodies, and then let us follow the call of our Lord Jesus to reach out to the other; to encounter them in a concrete manner; to come to know the other in a personal and intimate way!

For we will only enter into the Kingdom of God when we learn to treat the other, the nobodies of the world, as brothers and sisters and as precious children of God!

## Age can be an ally

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I know a 92-year-old doctor who stays just as busy and motivated as a young man 60 years younger. He stays up late into the night writing research papers for publication. He’s had many successful inventions and patents, continually working on new projects, and never thinks of his age as a hindrance to achieving his goals.

I’ve heard people say about him, “What does he have to prove? He should just retire!”

But the answer is clear – he simply cannot. Undeterred by the passing years, his spirit remains as youthful and exuberant as ever. He has a young mind!

As time marches on, we find ourselves grappling with the impact of age on our lives. Society conditions us that we should fear the passing years. Painting a picture of wrinkles, aches, and pains spelling the

end of youth.

We hear people use their age as a reason they cannot live the life they want, “I’m too old! I can’t do that. I’m barely holding on!”

But is age truly an enemy, or is it an ally? The answer lies in how we perceive our journey through life.

Look at the bright side of aging and recognize you’ve come a long way! You’ve journeyed far and wide, gathering a treasure trove of insight and strength and learning valuable skills and strategies. You’re older, but you’re also wiser. Wisdom is something that only time can bestow; embrace it.

You may have thought you were supposed to accomplish your dream when you were younger, but now you’re older. Is the dream still waiting, calling for you to seize it? Now, you’re better equipped and ready.

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## A Mix of Assorted Tips and Tricks



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KAREN  
TRAINOR

It’s time once again to share a potpourri of tips and tricks that didn’t fit into a themed hint column. With that in mind, this week’s column will feature a mixed bag of (mostly unrelated) ideas that are sure to make your life a little easier!

Vanilla extract isn’t just for baking! Vanilla not only smells and tastes yummy, the scent has the ability to lift spirits and revive the body. Pour about a quarter cup of pure vanilla extract to your next warm bath and treat both body and soul!

Attention busy cooks! To keep pasta water from boiling over, spray the inside edge of the cooking pot with nonstick cooking spray. Want to peel garlic in record time? Microwave cloves for fifteen seconds and the skins will pull off easily. And when you buy a new frying pan, boil some white vinegar in it to prevent food from sticking during cooking!

It doesn’t take a pet psychic to know what your pet is thinking - take cues from cat’s body language. A cat’s tail acts as an indicator of its mood and as a warning of intention. Broad swishing of the tail indicates annoyance. Severely agitated cats will move their tails rapidly back and forth from the base. The larger and more rapid the swish, the more upset the cat.

Here are some painting pointers from the pros: The higher the gloss of the finish, the easier the paint is to clean. However high gloss shows imperfections, that’s why flat is used. How do you get a flat finish with “washability?” Just mix a pint of gloss finish paint into each gallon of flat finish.

If you drink tea, you’re boosting your immune system. Studies show tea reduces the risk of some cancers. Real tea, as opposed to herbal tea, is rich in powerful antioxidants. The National Foundation for Cancer Research reports green tea is 100 times more potent than vitamin C and 25 times more potent than vitamin E at protecting cells from cancer.

Fresh fruit and veggie season will soon be here, but if you’re buying commercial produce cleaners, you’re literally throwing money down the drain! Try this homemade solution that does the job for pennies! Dissolve two vitamin C tablets in a large bowl of water. Just dunk in the fruits or vegetables to keep them fresher longer.

If you’re drinking decaf, you can still have a great cup of tea! Did you know you can decaffeinate regular tea quickly and easily? Just steep it for about one minute, then pour that off and add water to re-steep. This method releases the caffeine, yet retains all the taste!

Your crowning glory can become a royal pain, especially if harsh weather making your hair dry or frizzy. Here are a few tricks of the trade to tame those temperamental tresses:

If ends are split and frizzy, rub a good olive oil into the ends of your hair a couple of times per week. Leave on overnight and rinse in the morning. Here’s a hair salon tip for taming the frizzies: Shampoo only every other day - since detergent inflates the hair shaft and roughens up cuticles.

Whether you grow herbs or buy them, the simple herb, with its many merits, should never be underestimated! Most everyone knows Camomile tea helps the body relax, but did you know it can also help relieve swollen ankles and can stimulate the appetite? Just drink up.

Camomile tea not only tastes great it does a mouth good as it’s also used as an oral gargle to relieve mouth ulcers and a dry throat.

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

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

# The last of winter



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It looks as though we escaped the last snowfall, and are well on our way to spring weather. I decided to put my snowblower away for the season this past weekend, even if we get a snowstorm, it will melt the next day. If the weatherman is correct, there is no snow in the long range forecast(?)

Anglers are catching a few of the recently stocked rainbow trout, but most days the bite has been slow for most fishermen, but a few seem to be doing very well. Ashland and Hopkinton Reservoir have seen the most action. No word on Wallum Lake trout stocking to date by either Rhode Island or Massachusetts. It would be a shame if the lake received no stocking. Anglers need to protest to their state senators and state representatives, if the lake does not receive a trout stocking by both states this year! It will be the first time during my lifetime that a spring trout stocking was not done at the lake. The lake is scheduled to open on April 8 this year! Stay tuned!

The Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission reviewed potential recreational limits for sculpin and seabass for 2023. It was determined that the DMF would move forward with the following anticipated limits: Recreational daily limits for sea bass would be cut from six fish to four fish, and the length would be raised by half an inch to 16 and a half inches! It is more than likely Rhode Island will follow the same regulations. It just makes you sick! The season on seabass starts on May 20 this year. Sculpin limits also changed this year!

Contaminated Water from the Plymouth nuclear power plant is being reviewed, allowing the water to be dumped into the bay! The

plant started decommissioning of the Plymouth facility on May 31, 2019. The plant was responsible for killing 68 different saltwater species that dramatically affected all marine life in Cape Cod Bay over the years of operation. Now they want to deposit millions of gallons of contaminated water directly into the bay? The Nuclear Regulatory Commission, which oversees the nuclear plant at Pilgrim, needs to be watched very closely to ensure the safety of its residents and our valuable water species. During the operation of the nuclear facility, the power plant used the ocean water to cool and convert it to steam, which was recirculated, picking up radioactive contamination. One million gallons of this radioactive water is still sitting in storage at the plant, and it has got to go somewhere! Protest from residents, fishermen, and government officials as to the best means to dump the contaminat-



Courtesy

This week's picture shows Jerry Gareri with a really impressive brown trout he caught a few years ago. He is hoping to catch another one this week.

ed water is still up in the air. The company in charge of the cleanup is getting closer to dumping the wastewater into the bay. Outrageous! Safety removing any hazardous materials has been a big problem, and it is only getting worse. What a mess! For a complete report on Pilgrim, go to their Web site!

Ice fishing is not over for some die-hard anglers that fish in the northern parts of Maine. Jerry Gareri left this past weekend to fish a body of water near his camp in Maine. The lake still had 10 inches of ice on it as of this past Sunday. He often catches some really impressive brown trout like the one in this week's photo!

Take a Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

*Editor's note: The views expressed in this column are the author's own, and do not necessarily represent those of Stonebridge Press.*

## Understanding plant tags & seed packets to increase your gardening success



GARDEN  
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Gardening is a wonderful way to grow your own food and create a beautiful landscape. Proper plant selection can help you make wise purchases when visiting the garden center or ordering plants online.

Much of the information you need to know can be found on plant tags and seed packets. Understanding this information can help you select plants suited to the growing conditions in your yard.

Most gardeners first learn about plants by the names that friends, relatives, or fellow gardeners use to refer to them. Each plant also has a unique scientific, also called botanical, name. Since plants can have multiple or regional common names, it is important to check the botanical name when shopping. Checking the tag for the botanical name ensures you buy the right plant.

You will also see the word "zone" followed by numbers in the information on trees, shrubs, perennial flowers, and vegetables. These numbers reflect the plant's ability to survive the average minimum winter temperatures in the hardiness zones listed. You can find your hardiness zone on the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Plant Hardiness Zone Map. It is often included in plant catalogs and other gardening resources to help you find plants suited to your climate. Despite record summer temperatures, it is still important to select plants that can survive the average minimum winter temperatures in your area. Selecting plants that tolerate both the highs and lows where you live will increase their chance of returning each year.

Make sure the plants you select have sufficient frost-free growing days to mature and flower or produce fruit. This is listed as the number of days from planting until harvest. Count the number of days in your growing season from the time you can plant to harvest to see if it's a good choice.



Melinda Myers

Check the back of seed packets for pertinent information so you provide the proper growing conditions for the plantings to flourish.

Matching plants to the amount of sunlight they need to thrive is also important for growing healthy plants. In general, full-sun plants prefer six, preferably eight or more, hours of direct sunlight. Areas receiving only intense afternoon sun are often suitable for plants listed as full or part sun tolerant. Part-sun plants usually need four to six hours of direct sunlight. Part-shade plants generally need two to four hours of direct sunlight preferably from east-facing or other locations where the sun is less intense. Shade plants usually perform well with two hours of direct sunlight or bright, indirect light throughout the day.

Always check the mature size and spread of the plant you select. Picking the right size plant for the available space will save you time and frustration having to prune the mature plant down in size.

No matter what plants you select, make sure to call 811 at least three business days before you begin planting. Wisconsin residents can also file online at [www.DiggersHotline.com](http://www.DiggersHotline.com) and gardeners in any other state can visit <https://call811.com/811-In-Your-State>. They will contact all the appropriate companies who will mark the location of their underground utilities in your designated work area. This free service can help reduce the risk of injury and

the inconvenience of accidentally knocking out power, cable, or other utilities.

To remind everyone to call before digging, April has been designated Safe Digging Month. Please make contacting 811 part of your gardening plans and remind family and friends to do the same.

For more gardening information, register for Myers' free webinar "Understanding Gardening Basics to Boost Your Gardening Success" on March 29 at 6:30 p.m. The webinar is free, but registration is required. Just visit Myers' website [www.MelindaMyers.com](http://www.MelindaMyers.com). If you can't attend the live webinar, a recording will be available to watch 24 hours after the live presentation.

*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" DVD instant video series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Diggers Hotline to write this article. Myers' Web site is [www.MelindaMyers.com](http://www.MelindaMyers.com).*

### MOORE

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Just because our bodies have aged doesn't mean we have to be old in our thinking. Think of the doctor I mentioned above; he has a young mind and is still optimistic, passionately following his dreams, even after all these years.

The fact is, we can accomplish big things at any age.

A youthful mind has a sense of wonder and enthusiasm. A positive attitude is crucial for cultivating a young mind. How can you feel wonder and enthusiasm without a positive mindset?

A youthful mind is continually growing and willing to learn. Have you stopped learning and growing? You must have a Growth Mindset. Embrace the idea that you can continuously learn, grow, and evolve; at any age!

A youthful mind is unafraid to take risks, embrace change, and chase its dreams. It sees challenges as opportunities to grow rather than roadblocks and, stays flexible, can always learn new things.

Keeping a youthful mind in your later years is key to accomplishing your dreams late in life.

One man's life was marked by a string of failures. He couldn't hold down a job, failed as a lawyer, and even attempted suicide but failed at that too. His dream of running a successful restaurant also fell through when it didn't take off.

At the age of 65, he felt alone and defeated, sitting down to write his will while dwelling on all his hardships.

But something rose inside of him, a flicker of hope, and he decided that he was going to make something of himself. He had a clear vision of franchising his chicken recipe, a plan to drive to as many restaurants as he could, live out of his car, clean up at gas stations, and live that lifestyle until he found a partner to franchise this new business.

With just \$105 from his first Social Security check, he traveled across the country, going from restaurant to restaurant, peddling his fried chicken technique in an attempt to sell his franchise.

After 1,000 failed attempts, he stayed focused, never losing sight of his goal. In time, Colonel Sanders found a partner. His restaurant was eventually almost worth \$1 billion - now world-famous Kentucky Fried Chicken.

As Sanders once said, "I just say that the moral of my life is don't quit at age 65; maybe your boat hasn't come in yet. Mine hadn't."

Remember that success is not just for young bodies but, more frequently, for those with young minds. And there is always time to chase your dreams. Keep pushing forward, keep trying, and never give up.

### CAMP

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their work each day and to showcase their projects at the end of the week."

All local Camp Invention programs are facilitated and taught by qualified educators who reside and teach in the community. Camp Invention serves 118,000 students every year and partners with more than 2,200 schools and districts across the nation. For more information or to register, visit [invent.org/camp](http://invent.org/camp).

About Camp Invention Camp Invention is the only nationally recognized summer program focused on creativity, innovation, real-world problem solving and the spirit of invention. Through hands-on programming, Camp Invention encourages children entering kindergarten through sixth grade to explore science, technology, engineering and mathematics curricula inspired by some of the world's greatest inventors. Since 1990, our education programs have served more than 2.2 million children, and 229,000 teachers and Leadership Interns. Regional program sponsors include the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Overdeck Family Foundation and Army Educational Outreach Program.

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# LEGALS

## LEGAL NOTICE

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M. ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ELM HILL WATER DISTRICT TO BE HELD AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE, 55 JEROME AVE., AUBURN, MA  
EDWARD P. GURIES, CHARIMAN  
March 31, 2023

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 372 Oxford Street N, Auburn, Massachusetts  
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Elizabeth M. Lucey to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., said mortgage dated April 17, 2013, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 50888 at Page 169 and now held by U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for Legacy Mortgage Asset Trust 2017-RPL2 by virtue of an assignment from Legacy Mortgage Asset Trust 2017-RPL2 to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for Legacy Mortgage Asset Trust 2017-RPL2 dated November 16, 2021 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 67900 at Page 25, previously assigned by MTGLQ Investors, L.P. to Legacy Mortgage Asset Trust 2017-RPL2 by virtue of an assignment dated September 19, 2018 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 59581 at Page 379, previously assigned by Federal National Mortgage Association to MTGLQ Investors, L.P. by virtue of an assignment dated December 15, 2017 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 58196 at Page 31, previously assigned by JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. to Federal National Mortgage Association by virtue of an assignment dated December 18, 2014 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 53576 at Page 1 for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at **Public Auction on April 26, 2023 at 1:00 PM Local Time** upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

**THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER, STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:**

**ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND IN TOWNSHIP OF AUBURN, WORCESTER COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 39927, PAGE 167, ID#040-091, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS: RECORDED LAND, BEING ALL OF TRACT 1 AND A PORTION OF TRACT 2 WITH A METES AND BOUNDS DESCRIPTION BEING MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN BOOK 2795-130. MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 372 OXFORD ST N AUBURN MA 01501 BY FEE SIMPLE DEED FROM CHRISTOPHER R. HAROIAN AND JENNIFER G. HAROIAN AS SET FORTH IN BOOK 39927 PAGE 167 DATED 09/19/2006 AND RECORDED 10/06/2006, WORCESTER COUNTY RECORDS, COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.**

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

For Mortgagors' Title see deed dated September 19, 2006, and recorded in Book 39927 at Page 167 with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds.

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

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

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

BENDETT & MCHUGH, PC  
270 Farmington Avenue  
Farmington, CT 06032  
Attorney for U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for Legacy Mortgage Asset Trust 2017-RPL2  
Present Holder of the Mortgage  
(860) 677-2868  
March 17, 2023  
March 24, 2023  
March 31, 2023

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Bruce J. Grici, Angela J. Grici to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for CitiMortgage, Inc., dated December 5, 2006 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 40314, Page 1, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for CitiMortgage, Inc. to CitiMortgage, Inc., recorded on September 27, 2010, in Book No. 46367, at Page 333 Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for CitiMortgage, Inc., its successors and assigns to CitiMortgage, Inc., recorded on June 6, 2012, in Book No. 49089, at Page 318 CitiMortgage, Inc. to Federal National Mortgage Association, recorded on February 18, 2014, in Book No. 52042, at Page 122 Federal National Mortgage Association to Nationstar Mortgage LLC, recorded on August 24, 2022, in Book No. 68113, at Page 88

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 AM on April 21, 2023, on the mortgaged premises located at 650 Oxford Street South, Auburn, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,  
TO WIT:

TRACT I: The land, with the buildings and improvements thereon, situated on the westerly side of Oxford Street South in the Town of Auburn, Worcester County, Massachusetts, and being shown as Lot 3 on a plan of property owned by Joseph A. Tonelli, Jr. and John E. Johnson, Oxford Street South, Auburn, Massachusetts by Cullinan Engineering Co., Inc. dated July 22, 1974, which plan is recorded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 403, Plan 40, and to which plan reference is made for a more particular description.

TRACT II: The land, with the buildings and improvements thereon, situated in the Town of Auburn, Worcester County, Massachusetts, and being shown as Lot 4A on a plan of land entitled: "Plan Showing Land" in Auburn, Mass. owned by Stephen Messina, to be conveyed to Joseph C. Messina et ux prepared by George E. Smith, Jr. R.L.S. dated May 17, 1983, which plan is recorded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 509, Plan 19, and to which plan reference is made for a more particular description. Subject to and with the benefits of any and/or all rights, restrictions, covenants and easements of record insofar as the same may be in force and applicable.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 18230, Page 152.

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

TERMS OF SALE:

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

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

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC  
Present holder of said mortgage  
By its Attorneys,  
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.  
150 California St.  
Newton, MA 02458  
(617)558-0500  
22054  
March 31, 2023  
April 7, 2023  
April 14, 2023

## Public Announcement:

The Webster School Committee has proposed an operating budget for FY2024. A Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the Michael Makara Conference Room, 77 Poland Street, Webster MA 01570.

Copies of the budget and supporting documentation can be found immediately on the Webster Public Schools website at www.webster-schools.org: Office of Business and Finance. Hard copies may also be obtained at the Webster Public School Administration Offices, 77 Poland Street, Webster, MA 01570.

March 24, 2023  
March 31, 2023

## LEGAL NOTICE

The United Way of South Central Massachusetts, Inc., will hold its ANNUAL MEETING on Thursday, April 13, 2023, at 8:00 A.M. at Nichols College, Bison's Den, 80 Airport Rd. Dudley, MA. The purpose of this meeting will be to nominate and elect the Corporation Treasurer, Secretary and Board of Directors; to approve the appointment of the Auditor; to receive reports and to act upon any other business presented.

Mary O'Coin  
Secretary/Clerk  
March 30, 2023  
March 31, 2023

(SEAL)

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

23 SM 001155

### ORDER OF NOTICE

To:

Sean Richard Comptois  
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (*et seq*): Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Dudley, numbered 9 Ridge Drive, given by Sean Richard Comptois to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Homebridge Financial Services, Inc., dated November 20, 2020, and recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 63803, Page 149, 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 May 1, 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 March 20, 2023.

Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson  
Recorder  
March 31, 2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Division Docket No. WO23P0879EA Estate of: Gloria Porrazzo Also Known As: Gloria May Porrazzo Date Of Death: July 27, 2022 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner

**Linda Majka of Webster MA** a will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Linda Majka of Webster MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
March 31, 2023

## TOWN OF DUDLEY Massachusetts

### Historical Commission

March 20, 2023

The Dudley Historical Commission is in receipt of an application for a demolition permit

For 69 Ramshorn Road, Dudley, MA 01571

Dated March 7, 2023

A public hearing will be held as per section 12.04.00 of the Dudley MA Demolition Delay Bylaw, at the Dudley Municipal Complex, 71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA 01571

On (day) Tuesday, April 11, 2023

at 6:40 pm, in Room 321A.

"Within forty five (45) days of the Commission's receipt of a copy of the application for a demolition permit, the Commission shall hold a public hearing on such application, and shall make a determination as to whether the structure is a significant structure under one or more criteria set forth in sections 12.05.00a, and 12.05.00b. The Commission shall give written notice of the time and place of the hearing, not less than seven (7) days prior to the hearing, to the owner by certified mail, and by posting and by publication once in a local newspaper. The Commission may conduct a site visit prior to the hearing."

Respectfully,

David Proulx, Secretary  
Dudley Historical Commission  
March 31, 2023

## TOWN OF WEBSTER WATER SEWER COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

**NOTICE-**The Webster Water Sewer Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, April 06, 2023 at 6:30PM at the Town Hall in the Selectman's Meeting Room, 350 Main Street, Webster, MA, to establish FY 2024 Water and Sewer Rates. The hearing will include a presentation on Water and Sewer Rates and provide a presentation on treatment design for Per-and Polyfluoroalkyl Substance "PFAS" including estimated constructions costs. All interested parties are invited to attend.  
March 31, 2023

(SEAL)

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

Docket Number: 23 SM 001154

### ORDER OF NOTICE

To:

Jeffrey A. Patterson  
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (*et seq*): Nationstar Mortgage, LLC claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Oxford, numbered 8 1/2 Sutton Avenue, a/k/a 8.5 Sutton Avenue, given by Jeffrey A. Patterson, Melissa A. Patterson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for First Horizon Home Loans, a division of First Tennessee Bank, N.A., dated November 12, 2007, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 42107, Page 356, 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 May 1, 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 March 20, 2023.

Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson  
Recorder  
23228  
March 31, 2023

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given by Precision Auto Rebuilders, Inc., 243 W Main St Dudley MA 01571 pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.255, Section 39 A that on April 21, 2023 @ 5PM at: Precision Auto Rebuilders, Inc., 243 W Main St Dudley MA 01571 the following motor vehicle will be sold at a private sale to satisfy the garage keeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges and expenses of notices of said vehicle: Vehicle: VIN# 1G1PA5SG7F104190, 2015 Chevy Cruz Black

Owner: Cynthia Falcon, 275 Tacoma St., Worcester MA 01605  
March 31, 2023  
April 7, 2023  
April 14, 2023

# LEGALS

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Melanie D. Melendy to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., dated September 23, 2006 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 39835, Page 273, as modified by a certain modification agreement dated January 2, 2019, and recorded with said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 60035, Page 265, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., its successors and assigns to Ditech Financial LLC f/k/a Green Tree Servicing LLC, recorded on September 14, 2015, in Book No. 54287, at Page 214

Ditech Financial LLC f/k/a Green Tree Servicing LLC to New Residential Mortgage LLC, recorded on January 23, 2020, in Book No. 61780, at Page 95

New Residential Mortgage LLC to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust, recorded on August 26, 2022, in Book No. 68129, at Page 203

for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 9:00 AM on April 21, 2023, on the mortgaged premises located at 148 Main Street, Oxford, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

The land in Oxford, Worcester County, Massachusetts, with all the buildings thereon, being known and designated as Lot 40 and 41 on Plan of Huguenot Tract of the Hall Realty Company dated August 26, 1927, drawn by J.R. Kleindienst, Surveyor, recorded with Worcester Registry of Deeds, bounded and described as follows:

NORTHEASTERLY 153.2 feet by Lot 42 on said plan;

SOUTHEASTERLY 120.4 feet by lots 48 end 49 on said plan;

SOUTHWESTERLY 164.5 feet by Lot 39 on said plan;

NORTHWESTERLY 121.96 feet by the State Highway from Webster to Oxford. For mortgagor's(s)' title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 37192, Page 224.

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

TERMS OF SALE:

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

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

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST

Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,

HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.

150 California St.

Newton, MA 02458

(617)558-0500

22918

March 31, 2023

April 7, 2023

April 14, 2023

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 126A Charlton Street, Oxford, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Priscilla S. Webber and Edward A. Webber to BNY Mortgage Company LLC, said mortgage dated May 9, 2006, and recorded in the Worcester County

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

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

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

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

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

**The Post Office address if the Unit is Toria Heights Condominium Unit 106A**

**Charlton Street**

**Oxford, MA 01540**

**Being all and the same premises conveyed to mortgagor(s) by deed dated 06/21/2005 and recorded with Worcester South Registry of Deeds in Book 36617, Page 103.**

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

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

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

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

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

after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

270 Farmington Avenue

Farmington, CT 06032

Attorney for Mortgage Assets Management, LLC

Present Holder of the Mortgage

860) 677-2868

March 17, 2023

March 24, 2023

March 31, 2023

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Gordon R. Terry, Kelly J. Patterson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for NationPoint a division of Nat. City Bank of IN, dated April 3, 2006 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 39116, Page 182, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for the Holders of the First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-FF10 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-FF10, recorded on March 5, 2010, in Book No. 45533, at Page 120 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 AM on April 14, 2023, on the mortgaged premises located at 40 Lakeview Avenue, Dudley, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

BEGINNING at a point on the easterly side line of Lakeview Avenue at the northwesterly corner of the lot to be described; said point being S. 06° 26' 04" W. and 434.11 feet from an angle point in said line; THENCE S. 83° 33' 45" E. along land, now or formerly, of Conrad Allen for a distance of 115 feet, more or less, to a point on the high water line of Merino Pond; THENCE in a southerly direction along the high water line of Marino Pond for a distance of 102 feet, more or less, to a point; THENCE N. 83° 33' 56" along land, now or formerly, of Samuel Perichino for a distance of 125 feet, more or less, to a point on the easterly side of Lakeview Avenue; THENCE N. 06° 26' 04" E. along the easterly side of Lakeview Avenue for a distance of 100.00 feet to the point of beginning.

For mortgagor's(s)' title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 39116, Page 180.

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

TERMS OF SALE:

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

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

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-FF10 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-FF10

Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,

HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.

150 California St.

Newton, MA 02458

(617)558-0500

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March 17, 2023

March 24, 2023

March 31, 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 Phyllis L. Stevens to Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a Subsidiary of Indy Mac Bank, F.S.B., dated April

24, 2006 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 38856, Page 135 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage GITSIT Solutions LLC is the present holder by Assignment from Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, its successors and assigns, as Nominee for Financial Freedom Acquisition LLC dated September 25, 2009 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 44928, Page 369, and Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for Financial Freedom Acquisition LLC, its successors and assigns to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Washington D.C, its successors and assigns dated February 27, 2017 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 56908, Page 187, and Assignment from The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to GITSIT Solutions, LLC dated September 21, 2022 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 68277, Page 397, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 249 Dudley Southbridge Road, Dudley, MA 01571 will be sold at a Public Auction at 2:00 PM on April 27, 2023, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land in said Dudley, with the buildings thereon, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pipe in a wall on the westerly side of the Old Southbridge to Dudley Hill Road, said pipe being 17.5 feet southeasterly from an electric pole marked W. & S.G. & E. Co., #229. Thence running N. 75 degrees W. along a wall and land now or formerly of Charles Anderson, a distance of 374.75 feet to a corner of walls; Thence running N. 18 degrees 28' E. along a wall and land now or formerly of said Anderson, a distance of 322.10 feet to a corner of walls; Thence running N. 9 degrees 03' E. along a wall and land now or formerly of said Anderson, a distance of 96.85 feet to an angled in wall; Thence running N. 14 degrees 36' E., along a wall and land now or formerly of said Anderson, a distance of 82.60 feet to a corner of walls at the southerly side line of Old Southbridge Road; Thence running on a curve to the East and South along a wall and the westerly side of said Road a distance of 88.0 feet to an angle in wall; Thence running S. 17 degrees 48' E. along a wall and the westerly side line of said road distance of 206.7 feet to an angle in wall; Thence running S. 17 degrees 35' E. along a wall and the westerly side line of said road a distance of 336.0 feet to iron pipe at the point of beginning.

For grantor's title see deed at Book 4545, Page 405.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 4545, Page 405.

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.

GITSIT Solutions LLC

Korde & Associates, P.C.

900 Chelmsford Street

Suite 3102

Lowell, MA 01851

(978) 256-1500

Stevens, Estate of Phyllis L., 22-041210

March 31, 2023

April 7, 2023

April 14, 2023

# OBITUARIES

## Arthur "Archie" LaPlante, 101



Webster - Arthur "Archie" LaPlante, 101, died peacefully on Monday, March 20, 2023 in his home with his family at his side.

Archie was born June 11, 1921 in Oxford son of Eduard and Bernadette (Gagne) LaPlante. He married

Rita (Bienvenue) LaPlante in 1945 and she passed in 1952. He married his wife of 62 years, Hope C. (Hansen) LaPlante in 1954 until her passing in 2017.

In 1942, Archie was drafted into the U.S. Navy in WWII. He was part of a convoy that escorted Winston Churchill across the Atlantic for one of his war time visits with President Roosevelt, and was stationed in Salvador, Brazil during the U.S. military operation Plan Rubber.

Archie and his brothers founded LaPlante Bros. Inc. in 1939 and was president until his death. LaPlante Bros. was responsible for a number of large scale construction and demolition projects in southern MA.

Archie was always known for his tireless work ethic and creative problem solving.

Archie had a great sense of humor, and was known as an epic joke and story teller. He was also generous in spirit-quick to help others in need, and always seeing the good in people.

He and his wife Hope loved music, and befriended several talented musicians in their lifetime including Kris Kristofferson and Herbert Mills (Mills Bros).

Archie's favorite pastimes include weekends with his family on Cape Cod, flea marketing, coin collecting and model

cars, and watching wrestling with friends and would never turn down a good buffet.

Archie leaves 3 daughters, Annabelle Moninski, Linda Charron and Gail LaPlante; 8 grandchildren, Jessica Moninski, Charles Moninski, Jr., Beth Moninski, Tamara Charron, Wayne Charron, Will Charron, Rachel Partington, and Leah Soriano; great granddaughter Naomi Soriano; brother Joseph LaPlante; Vito Lomuscio who was like a son and best friend to him; and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his wife Hope C. (Hansen) LaPlante; his first wife Rita (Bienvenue) LaPlante; sister Bernaette (LaPlante) Faulk, and brothers Edward, Ernest, Richard and Clarence LaPlante.

Calling Hours will be Monday, April 3, 2023 from 3-7 PM at the ROBERT J. MILLER FUNERAL HOME and LAKE CHAPEL, 366 School St., Webster.

Funeral Service for Archie will be Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 10AM in the Funeral Home followed by burial with Military Honors provided by the Webster-Dudley Veterans Council at Mt. Zion Cemetery in Webster.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be made to: Second Chance Animal Rescue, 111 Young Rd., East Brookfield, MA. 01515 OR Community Cat Connection, 289 Thompson Rd., Webster, MA. 01570.



## Mary Ann Armstrong, 81



STURBRIDGE - Mary Ann (Jedrzynski) Armstrong, 81, formerly of Dudley, passed away Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at home with family at her side. Her husband of 36 years, Guy B. Armstrong, passed away in 2003.

She leaves 2 sons, Carl W. Armstrong and his companion Brigitte Sterf of Sturbridge, and John G. Armstrong, Sr. and his wife Christine of Woodstock, CT; a daughter, Angela M. Piekarczyk and her husband Gary of Dudley; 4 grandchildren, Haley Armstrong, U.S. Marine PFC John Armstrong, Jr., and Maria and Brad Piekarczyk; a long-time friend, Frank Cierpich of Dudley; and nieces and nephews. Her brother Andrew C. Jedrzynski died in 2014.

She was born on January 30, 1942 at the family home on Brandon Road, the daughter of Andrew A. and Jennie (Nowak) Jedrzynski and graduated from Bartlett High School in Webster in 1959. She lived in Dudley until moving to Sturbridge in 2008.

Mary Ann was an instructional aide at the former West Main Street School

in Dudley and then at the Charlton Elementary School on Burlingame Road. She retired in 1998.

She was a member of Saint Stephen's Church in Quinebaug, CT and enjoyed reading, crocheting and going camping with the family. She looked forward to her Tuesday meetings with "the girls" in Sturbridge. She enjoyed attending her grandchildren's athletic competitions and music performances.

The family would like to thank her special "angel" nurse Heather at the Southbridge Cancer Center.

Her funeral will be held on Monday, April 10, from the Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster, with a Mass at 11:00 AM in Saint Stephen's Church, corner of Routes 131 & 197 in Quinebaug. Burial will be in Saint Joseph Garden of Peace, Webster. Visitation will be held from 9:00 to 10:15 AM on Monday in the funeral home, prior to the Mass. Donations in her name may be made either to Shriners' Hospital, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104 or to the Quinebaug Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box 144, Quinebaug, CT 06262, or to a charity of the donor's choice. www.websterfunerals.com

## Robert W. Blood, Sr., 74



WEBSTER - Robert W. Blood, Sr., 74, passed away Monday, March 20, 2023, with his family by his side. His wife of 33 years, Lucille L. (Trahan) Blood passed away last year, and his son, Robert W. Blood, Jr.,

Shrewsbury and Auburn for over 30 years before retiring in 2015.

Bob enjoyed NASCAR and working on cars with his best friend and neighbor, Danny Fedler. He was a sports fan and especially enjoyed going to hockey games with his son, Bobby. He loved vacationing at Hampton Beach, and spending time with his friends at the East Main Cafe.

The family wishes to extend its sincere thanks to Care Central VNA & Hospice, who provided tremendous support and care over the past several months.

The funeral was held on Friday, March 24, from Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main Street, Webster, with a Mass at 1:00 PM in Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 16 East Main Street, Webster. Burial was in Mount Zion Cemetery. Visitation was held from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM Friday in the funeral home, prior to the Mass. Donations in his name may be made in lieu of flowers to The SHINE Initiative, 44 Portland Street, Worcester, MA 01608 (www.shineinitiative.org).

www.scanlonfs.com

passed away in 2014.

He leaves his step-children, Heather Casey and her husband Mitch of Dennis, Nequel Germano and her husband Tony of Webster, Barre Yeagher and his wife Shayna of Woodinville, WA, and Nova Frank and her husband Damian of Bothell, WA; 12 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; a sister, Patricia Tagliamonti and her husband Joseph of Ogunquit, ME; and many nephews and nieces.

He was born in Worcester on February 28, 1949, son of William and Ida (Galli) Blood and graduated from Sacred Heart Academy High School in 1967. He earned an Associate's Degree from the New England School of Accounting.

He lived in Dudley and then Webster for many years. He worked for the United States Postal Service in

## Dudley examines feasibility of property near courthouse

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — The town of Dudley is continuing to examine the potential for town owned property behind the Dudley District Courthouse with the goal of utilizing the land to further enhance economic growth.

In recent years, town officials made it clear that they intend to make the unused land available to potential investors, but first the town needs to determine exactly what can go on the property and with what limitations. That is the goal of a grant-funded feasibility study expected to be completed this spring according to Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda who told selectmen on March 13 that he performed an initial site walk of the land along with several other town officials,

a representative of Massachusetts Development, and a representative of the town's engineering firm VHB.

"(The study) will provide the town with options and a road map to market the 58 acres of town-owned land behind the courthouse. We anticipate that this study will be completed prior to the start of the new fiscal year, and it will be an opportunity to understand the potential for economic growth and the development of a large unused parcel currently owned by the town," Ruda told selectmen.

VHB is expected to have its environmental scientists walk the site in the coming weeks to assess the parcel which contains streams and other environmental factors that need to be considered during any potential construction. The feasibility study does not indicate any forthcoming businesses, but rather creates a blueprint for what kind of projects would be the best fit if or when the town were to put the property up for sale.

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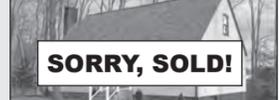
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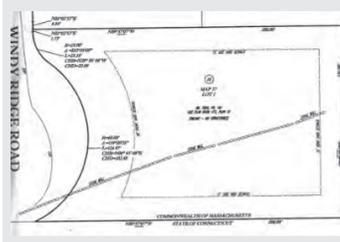
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# SPORTS

## Southern Worcester County League's best entertain at All-Star games



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### Bartlett's Tiffany Salazar

WEBSTER — On Thursday, March 16, the Southern Worcester County League's best basketball players were all under one roof, as Bartlett High hosted the girls' and boys' All-Star Games.

The girls were up first. The teams were divided into two teams: the Home Whites and Away Darks. The home team consisted of players from Leicester High, Millbury High, Auburn High, Bartlett High, Northbridge High and Uxbridge High, and were co-coached by Leicester's Chris Barry and Millbury's Steve Reno. The away team consisted of players from Tantasqua Regional, Grafton High, Quaboag Regional, Southbridge High, Oxford High and David Prouty Regional, and were co-coached by Tantasqua's Andy Haley and Quaboag's Bill Beauregard.

The Home Whites jumped out to a 17-5 lead after the first quarter of play, led 25-13 at halftime, increased the advantage to 45-24 through three and finished off a 63-40 decision. For the second straight year, Auburn's Hanorah Murphy was named the Game MVP.

The following players made up the All-Star Teams:

- Home Whites
- Sarah O'Connor, Leicester
- Ashleigh Lagor, Millbury
- Bianca Vincequere, Millbury (Did Not Play)
- Mila Nikiforow, Millbury
- Hanorah Murphy, Auburn
- Bella Doyle, Auburn
- Lily C'Miel, Auburn, (DNP)
- Tiffany Salazar, Bartlett
- Molly Gahan, Northbridge (DNP)
- Melissa Sabourin, Northbridge (DNP)
- Ryleigh Johnson, Northbridge (DNP)
- Grace Orr, Uxbridge (DNP)
- Kate Cahill, Uxbridge
- Natalie Orr, Uxbridge
- Away Darks
- Gabby Scanlon, Tantasqua
- Kelsie Wotton, Tantasqua (DNP)
- Maeve Early, Tantasqua
- Nicki Vejack, Tantasqua
- Gracyn Barnes, Grafton
- Ella Molinari, Grafton (DNP)
- Camryn Mulligan, Grafton
- McKenzie Anderson, Grafton
- Kiara Gauthier, Quaboag
- Parker Tunley, Quaboag
- Evelyn Doe, Quaboag
- Jaimarys Oquendo, Southbridge
- Alexis Steiger, Oxford
- Lindsey Soter, David Prouty (DNP)



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### Bella Doyle of Auburn



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### Oxford's Alexis Steiger



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### Ethan Minarik of Bartlett

The boys' game was up next, and the Home Whites had student-athletes from David Prouty (although those players did not participate since they had the Division 5 State Championship to play two days later), Grafton, Bartlett, Uxbridge, Leicester, Northbridge and Oxford, and were coached by Oxford's Dave Aldrich. The Away Dark players were from Millbury, Auburn, Quaboag,



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### Brady Margoupis of Oxford

## Mohegan Bowl winter leagues, week ending March 26

Monday Men's Business  
Single — Tim Labay 158, Jeff Therrien 134, Mike Nardone 128  
Series — Tim Labay 403, Mike Nardone 350, Jeff Therrien 344  
Series over average — Tim Labay +70

Women's Ten Pin City  
Single — Division 1: Marie Piegorsch 185  
Division 2: Diane Julian 159  
Series — Division 1: Natalie Wood 614  
Division 2: Bernie Stackpole 420

Tuesday Chet's Social  
Single — Ryan Pelletier 140, Dave Lamontagne 129, Rick Marschall 125, Dawn Gleason 126, Kerry Welsh 111, Karen Dupuis 101  
Series — Dave Lamontagne 339, Ryan Pelletier 336, Joe Pranaitis 323, Dawn Gleason 295, Kerry Welsh 285, Diane Levesque 281  
Series over average — James Bonnette +65, Robert Rogers +48

Wednesday Women's Industrial  
Single — Tiffany Jarmolowicz 111, Monique Pierangeli 106, Annie Boulos 105  
Series — Marie McNally 301, Tiffany Jarmolowicz 297, Annie Boulos 292  
Series over average — Annie Boulos +31

Summit Tenpin



Single — Division 1: Kevin Ryder 225  
Division 2: Brett Mattson 184  
Series — Division 1: Bob Hanville 690  
Division 2: Joe Harvard 502

Thursday Morning Coffee  
Single — Nancy Cutler and Margaret Lorenczykova 102, Carol Montpelier, Flo Jedrzynski, and Donna Lewandowski 93  
Series — Margaret Lorenczykova 282, Nancy Cutler 273, Carol Montpelier 263  
Series over average — Julie Dell Anna +72

Thursday Men's Industrial  
Single — Kevin LeTourneau 129, Dean Gaboury 127, Charlie Legacy 124  
Series — Ryan Pelletier 336, Dean Gaboury 324, Jay Bernier 322  
Series over average — Dean Gaboury +48



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### Auburn's Jordan McFadden

Southbridge and Tantasqua, and were coached by Millbury's Jim Donnelly. The Away Darks led at all the stops — 26-14 after one quarter, 45-42 at halftime, 59-58 through three and 85-75 at the final — although the Home Whites were close throughout. Kenny Donnelly of Millbury was the Game MVP.

The following players made up the All-Star teams:

- Home Whites
- Braeden White, David Prouty (DNP)
- Cam Hoekstra, David Prouty (DNP)
- Alec Fournier, David Prouty (DNP)
- Jay Jay Neiray, David Prouty (DNP)
- Ethan McInerney, Grafton
- Liam Donagher, Grafton
- Xander Schelling, Grafton
- Ethan Minarik, Bartlett
- Ayden Carlson, Bartlett
- Drew Gniadek, Uxbridge

- Ethan McCusker, Uxbridge
- Colin Spencer, Uxbridge
- Matt Drenzo, Leicester (DNP)
- Ian Gahan, Northbridge (DNP)
- Tim Labrie, Northbridge
- Brady Margoupis, Oxford
- Evan Remington, Oxford
- Away Darks
- Lucas Friedman, Millbury
- Kenny Donnelly, Millbury
- Anthony Phillipio, Millbury
- Tyler Vaccaro, Millbury
- Jordan McFadden, Auburn
- Logan Bostock, Auburn (DNP)
- Drew Martinez, Quaboag (DNP)
- Chase Potvin, Quaboag
- Michael Cook-Ramos, Southbridge
- Colm McGrath, Tantasqua
- Bryce Tessier, Tantasqua
- Adam Howe, Tantasqua




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## Good Citizens awards presented

OXFORD — On Saturday, March 25, the General Ebenezer Learned Oxford Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) held a recognition reception for the Good Citizen Program participants. The chapter awarded certificates, pins and cards to the school winners of the Good Citizens Award from the schools that the chapter sponsored.

Bartlett High School, in Webster, was represented by Victoria Spitz, Bay

Path Regional Vocational Technical High School in Charlton, was represented by Terry Simon. Fatma Al-Bargash represented Millbury Jr./Sr. High School. The North Brookfield High School representative was Ty Babineau, with the Oxford High School representative being Lillian Harvey. Victoria Morgan represented Quaboag Regional High School in Warren. Rami Rachid represented Shepherd Hill Regional High School. Mr. Rachid was also the chapter rep-

resentative to the MDAR District IV competition.

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

This award recognizes and rewards individuals who possess the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism in their homes, schools, and communities. These students are selected by their teachers and peers because they demonstrate these qual-

ities to an outstanding degree.

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

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

United States citizenship is not required.

Additional rules

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

Once a student is chosen as the DAR Good Citizen the student is invited to participate in the scholarship portion of the program. This consists of a personal statement and an essay.

The Daughters of the American Revolution is

a non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service organization. DAR members are dedicated to promoting historic preservation, education and patriotism in communities across the nation. All students are invited to participate and learn more about the educational programs the DAR offers.

## Free Shred Day at Bay State Savings Bank in Auburn

AUBURN — Bay State Savings Bank will be hosting a free shred day event at its Auburn Branch located at 123 Auburn St., Auburn, on Saturday, April 1 from 10 a.m. – noon.

All members of the Auburn and greater Worcester communities are invited, regardless of if they bank with Bay State or not, to come securely dispose of any and all proprietary information, no matter the size. Bay State has contracted with P. Pellegrino Trucking Co., Inc. to offer this free service to local businesses and residents and will be on site with their mobile shredding truck. P. Pellegrino's process is done right on site and ensures all documents are not recoverable, before being recycled to avoid landfills.

Also on site will be the Jackson Effie Coffee Cabin for event attendees to enjoy complimentary coffee and baked goods on behalf of Bay State Savings Bank.

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