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Free admission for Dudley residents at Samuel Slater Experience July 27 and 28

WEBSTER — Come explore the beginnings of the American Industrial Revolution and the creation of thriving local mill villages during free admission days for Dudley residents on Saturday, July 27, and Sunday, July 28, at the Samuel Slater Experience.

The free admission days are funded by a grant provided by the Janet Malser Humanities Trust.

Preregistration is required and admission times will be staggered during the two days. Go to <https://samuel Slater Experience.org> to register for Dudley Community Day. Entry times are every half hour for up to 10 people.

For more information or questions, email admin@samuel Slater Experience.org or call 508-461-2955.

Free admission days for residents of Oxford, as well as another Webster weekend, will be scheduled during the next several weeks.

The Samuel Slater Experience is located at 31 Ray St. About Samuel Slater Experience

The Samuel Slater Experience museum, which opened in March 2022, uses immersive digital technology and interactive exhibits to tell the story of Samuel Slater, the early American Industrial Revolution, and the creation of economically thriving mill towns like Webster, Massachusetts.

It is located in the former National Guard Armory at 31 Ray St., Webster; and open to the public year-round. Daily schedule: Fridays and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday noon to 4 p.m. Last admission is at 3 p.m.

Pearle Library creating community art mural



Lisa Kretchman — Courtesy

A sample of some pieces already completed by Dudley residents that will help make up the large mural as part of the Pearle L. Crawford Library's community art project.

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — The Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library has launched a new community art project

allowing citizens to embrace whatever artistic style they choose to help bring together a large mural that will hang in the library later this summer.

Library Director Nicole Messier told the Library Trustees in June that they are seeking the public's help to put together a display where participants would each

get a square to produce a portion of a larger picture in the art style of their choosing. When put together, these pieces will create a landscape

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DCRSD completes resource use review

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY/CHARLTON — The Dudley Charlton Regional School Committee has closed out the school year hosting a series of presentations focused on improving

the district both internally and structurally as they continue to consider their priorities for continued growth, efficiency, and sustainability.

After previously reviewing a Facilities Condition Assessment and Student Capacity

Report earlier in June, the School Committee hosted a Resource Use Review presentation at the end of the month presented by representatives of Education Resource Strategies (ERS), a national non-profit that works directly with

education agencies and schools to help develop strategies for improved resource alignment. The review examined each of the district's schools breaking down student to teacher ratios, pay rates compared to neighboring and similar districts, and other factors meant to help the district retain and utilize its educational resources efficiently. Their findings were comprised of interviews from district staff and stakeholders as well as publicly available district data and data from comparable districts.

Their research examined four major categories: human capital, schools funding and resource sharing, school design, and central office and school support. Human capital refers to the teachers and educators with the ERS study concluding the district has a large population of experienced educators which corresponds to higher salaries than most districts, but the district also has many principals and paraprofessionals are new to their roles. Funding and resource sharing revealed that the district's total spending is in-line with comparable districts, but with more investment in instruction and less on administration while geography and school structures may limit opportunities for resource sharing. The school design study revealed little standardization for multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS) across the district and special education staffing was found to be a concern. Finally, the examinations of the central office confirmed that the district spends less on administration than other comparable districts which means

less formal and consistent protocols, procedures, and support structures while the staff has reported a lack of clarity on how dollars are allocated to schools on an annual basis which creates transparency concerns.

Ventura Rodriguez, one of the presenters from Education Resource Strategies, said their findings showed plenty of room for improvement in the district.

"We think that there is an opportunity to have a more integrated professional learning for educators by expanding the collaboration time in elementary schools and then restructuring teacher leader roles across the district so that you're able to really leverage that nice, experienced group of educators you have in ways that are extending their reach to be able to support the development of other educators," said Rodriguez. "We also think the opportunity for more formal structures for professional development and really support for paraprofessionals and principals, both of those, especially paraprofessionals, tend to have less experience on average than your teachers."

Rodriguez also recommended reviewing the budget and staffing allocations, supporting middle and high school principals by implementing more MTSS models, reviewing the staff and service model for students with disabilities and investing in documentation of district procedures and protocols.

The findings are meant to help the district assess where it has succeeded and where it needs improvement in utilization of its resources which Superintendent

Steven Lamarche said will serve as a powerful tool as the district looks to improve in the immediate and distant future.

"This was a very important presentation for us because it really explored the many dimensions that define who we are and how we are represented by our data. Our deep dive into educational outcomes has shown us where we excel and where we need to focus our efforts to provide opportunities for all students," said Lamarche. "The review of contextual indicators has given us a clearer understanding of the quality of life in our district, pointing to the areas where we must act to enhance the experience for students, staff, and parents in the community. Throughout the presentation, ERA identified representation areas that challenge us to ensure every voice is heard and every need is met. The insights gleaned from the data are not just numbers in charts, but are the stories of our families, our friends, and ourselves as a school district."

Lamarche further explained that the consolidation of the data will serve as a tool to inform the decision making in district improvement planning.

With the Resource Use Review and Facilities Condition Assessment and Student Capacity Report now completed, the district will host a third review from the Department of Revenue (DOR) and Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) later this year to help complete the larger picture of their district needs and potential priorities.

Saint Joseph Pre-K-4 students receive diplomas



Courtesy

On Tuesday, June 11, Saint Joseph School Pre-K 4-year-old students and their families gathered to celebrate their accomplishments and receive their diplomas.

WEBSTER — On Tuesday, June 11, the Richard A. Nowak Gymnasium was filled with joy and pride as the Saint Joseph School Pre-K 4-year-old students and their families gathered to celebrate their accomplishments and receive their diplomas.

The ceremony, a testament to their hard work and dedication, began with a procession followed by the "Pledge of Allegiance." The morning's program also included the prayers "Our Father" and "Hail Mary," as well as the songs "If I Were a Butterfly," "Thank You," "Kindergarten Here We Come," and their favorite, "Tooty Ta." The highly excited students, their families beaming with pride, received their diplomas from Saint Joseph School Principal Beth Boudreau after their presentation. Then, they settled into the audience

with their parents to review an incredible slide show highlighting events and their achievements throughout the 2023-2024 school year.

Nineteen students, each with their unique journey and growth, advanced to Kindergarten: Vianna Addo, Pheobe Anobah, Jaxson Blain, Clark Collins, Mila Denert, Dominic Dziminski, Dominik Kicilinski, Adam Kielinen, Magdalena Kosiorek, Matthew Kubiak, Benjamin Maurer, Julia Mazzone, Declan Pacheco, Parker Perkins, Juliette Prendergast, Mia Romeo, Sienna Rucinski, Kaya Sudol, and Michael Taddesse. Under the guidance of Ms. Robyn Dodge and Mrs. Pier Cutler, these students have blossomed and are ready for the next chapter of their academic journey. Congratulations!

McDonald receives community service award

CHARLTON — Kiana McDonald, BSN, RN of Worcester (formerly of Southbridge), a member of the Practical Nursing Class of 2017, where



she was inducted into the National Technical Honor Society, received the 2024 Community Service Award from the Bay Path RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy during the Academy's commencement and pinning ceremony on June 21. The award was granted in recognition of McDonald's volunteer work creating critical partnerships between the Academy, Bay Path community and Worcester County.

The practical nursing program at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy prepares local students for careers in healthcare as an LPN. The Community Service Award was developed to honor a person who is making significant contributions to the Bay Path Practical Nursing community through their time, actions, talents, and dedication through any volunteer work done. The honoree selected serves as a role model for compassion, service, giving back, and striving to make the world a better place.

McDonald has a passion for helping others. Since graduating from the Academy in 2017 she has made important contributions to the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy through

her participation as a stylist for nurse nostalgia portraits, mentorship, blood pressure clinics, job fairs, health fairs, SkillsUSA, tutoring, and participation in all other volunteer events such as providing lunch on day one of the live ATI NCLEX review. McDonald received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree at Elms College. McDonald is a 2013 Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School graduate. She is a State Bronze Medalist and District Gold Medalist for SkillsUSA both for Medical Terminology. She was a recipient of the \$500 Bay Path RVTHS Health Occupations Graduate Award and was an officer of the UNICEF Club. McDonald is Mental Health First Aid Certified. McDonald completed her Associate of Science in Nursing at Quinsigamond Community College and passed the NCLEX-RN on the first try.

McDonald received the award from Dr. Adelina Healy. In giving back, she stated, "I can help! Thank you for the opportunity to help! I love all the opportunities!"

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DUDLEY

\$655,000, 19 Noble St, Depot Road Charlton LLC, to Smith, Caitlin, and Brooks, Robert.

\$495,000, 16 Tanyard Rd, Bernier, Brent M, to Raphael, Davina A, and Raphael Jr, Ritzner.

\$485,000, 35 Lawrence Rd, 35 Lawrence Road Nt, and Conner Land TLLC Tr, to Thorburn, Lynne F.

\$269,900, 384 W Main St, Langlois Ft, and Langlois, Francis N, to R & s Blue Skies LLC.

OXFORD

\$645,000, 4 Spring St, Cyr Rt, and Cyr, Melinda M, to Thompson, Victoria, and Thompson, Donald.

\$560,000, 178 Sutton Ave, Abruzzise, Mary L, to Henry, David.

\$375,000, 1 Shady Ln, Smith, Terri A, and Reed, Edward, to Smith, Gabriel, and Whamond, Emily.

\$344,900, 13 Charlton St, Rivera, Dennis L, and Rivera, Sarah E, to Montanez, Jennifer.

\$329,000, Merriam Rd, Quincy T, and Caplette, Betty E, to Old Merriam Road LLC.

\$306,000, 45 Ennis Rd, Frongillo Jr, Thomas A, and Frongillo, Tara L, to Sira A N Frongillo Irt, and Naras, Julia G.

\$81,617, 4 Melvin Dr, Shenette, Corey D, and Shenette, Tara A, to Shenette, Corey D.

WEBSTER

\$535,000, 13 Ragina Ave, Oikle, Eric L, to Edebiri, Funmi.

\$505,000, 28 Ash St, Byrnes Capital LLC, to Morin, Kristy, and Mahoney, Carol.

\$465,000, 53 Myrtle Ave, Pmz Development LLC, to Wilson, Thomas E, and Wilson, Lynne.

\$450,000, 1200 School St, Seng, Rachael A, and Seng, Christopher, to Chen, Andrew.

\$430,000, 46 Highland St, Thorburn, Lynne F, to Gustavson, Ilana.

\$390,000, 113 Lake St, Marzeotti Group Rlty Inc, to Haley, Jacob E.

\$355,000, 252 Thompson Rd, B & C Rlty Hldg Three LLC, to Larose, Kenneth M, and Larose, Regina M.

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School District earns \$10,000 risk management grant from Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association

DUDLEY/CHARLTON — Dudley-Charlton Regional School District (RSD) was awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association (MIIA), the district's property and casualty insurance provider, to fund risk management activities and equipment. The district used the grant funds to purchase industrial drain cleaning equipment that will help prevent flooding and damage that can arise from clogged pipes.

"With the aging infrastructure in our school buildings coupled with items being flushed that should not be, we frequently need to clean out pipes and unclog drains," said Joseph Caron, Director of Facilities for Dudley-Charlton RSD. "This MIIA grant allows us to perform preventative maintenance on a scheduled basis before issues arise, saving us in outside contractor costs as well as preventing potentially expensive damage to school property."

For the 2024 fiscal year, MIIA awarded \$1 million to fund more than 150 grant requests from members for public safety activities and equipment. Municipalities were able to conduct safety training, procure equipment, purchase infrared cameras and security equipment for schools and public works departments, among many other initiatives.

"MIIA commends Dudley-Charlton RSD for its efforts to mitigate risk, protect property and people, and prevent financial losses," said Stan Corcoran, MIIA Executive Vice President. "Through our grant program, we're proud to partner with our members to identify common areas where we typically see insurance claims and provide solutions that lead to effectively mitigating these losses."

The Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association is the non-profit insurance arm of the Massachusetts Municipal Association. As a member-based organization, MIIA's focus is to provide excellent service and quality risk management solutions to nearly 400 cities, towns, and other public entities in Massachusetts. For more information, please visit <https://www.emiia.org> and www.mma.org.

Daniel Brooks named to Siena College Dean's List

LOUDONVILLE, N.Y. — Daniel Brooks has been named to the Siena College Dean's List for the Spring 2024 semester. Brooks is from Dudley.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student's grade point average for the semester must be between 3.5 and 3.89.

Founded in 1937, Siena College is a private, Catholic Franciscan, residential, liberal arts college with a student body of about 3,000. Siena College offers 43 degree programs, more than 80 minors and certificate programs, and professional curricula in teacher preparation/education, pre-medical, pre-law and social work. A student-to-faculty ratio of 11-to-1, average class size of 21, rigorous academics, Division I athletics, intramural sports and widespread service and advocacy experiences nurture each student's personal growth while providing the education for a lifetime.

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DA's office receives local support in combating overdose epidemic

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION — With strong support from local leaders, Worcester County District Attorney Joseph Early, Jr.'s Office continues to combat the overdose epidemic.

Last month, public safety officials and health professionals from across central Massachusetts met with DA Early to discuss strategies for addressing the dire overdose epidemic. The summit was attended by several experts eager to share new ideas and opportunities for dealing with a crisis that has worsened since the pandemic.

"We have so many good, caring people here

who are all in this fight together against this horrible disease," Early told guests. "People view each other from a distance, but let's use today to come together, put aside our differences, find our common ground, and move forward to build safer, healthier communities for all."

The event also included two speakers from the CT Overdose Response Strategy Team: Robert Lawlor, a drug intelligence officer from New England High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, as well as Anna Gasinski, a public health analyst representing the CDC Foundation.

Both speakers discussed the importance of fostering increased

collaboration between health leaders and public safety agencies.

"We're all dedicated to addressing the overdose and addiction crisis. We all want to save lives—we just go about it differently," Lawlor said. "We need to work together on this problem. And we're more similar than we realize."

Lawlor and Gasinski informed the event's 100 attendees of new opportunities for collaboration.

"Although approaches may differ, the mutual goal is a commitment to their community which provides common ground for collaboration," Gasinski explained.

The program was organized by the DA's Prevention and Support Network. The event took

place at Veterans Inc.'s treatment facility in Shrewsbury.

DA Early thanked Veterans Inc. President and CEO Vincent Perrone and Executive Director Denis Leary for agreeing to host the meeting.

"The Prevention and Support Network was initially formed by Mr. Early in 2015 as the Opioid Task Force. The name was changed last year to reflect the broader scope of the work that is being done to address all the different root causes and impacts of the overdose crisis, including addressing mental health and trauma," read a statement released by the DA's Office.

In the post-pandemic years, officials locally and

nationwide have seen an increase in reports of substance abuse caused by a mental health struggle. Between lost jobs, high prices, food and housing insecurity, and limited options for treatment, countless residents have been suffering in silence,

officials recognize.

If you are interested in joining the Prevention and Support Network, or if you would like to attend upcoming network meetings, please send an email to: info@worcester-da.org.

Emmelia Shippey named to Elms College's Dean's List

CHICOPEE — Emmelia Shippey, of Webster was named to the College of Our Lady of the Elms spring 2024 Dean's List.

Shippey was among more than 430 students named to the spring 2024 Dean's List.

To qualify, a full-time student must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher, without incompletes.

Elms College is a coed Catholic college offering a liberal arts curriculum that prepares students holistically for a purposeful life in a diverse and interconnected world. Founded in 1928 by the Sisters of St. Joseph, Elms College has a tradition of educating reflective, principled and creative learners, who are rooted in faith, educated in mind, compassionate in heart, responsive to civic and social obligations, and capable of adjusting to change without compromising principle.

Local residents named to Dean's List at Saint Michael's College

COLCHESTER, Vt. — The following local students were named to the Dean's List at Saint Michael's College for the Spring 2024 semester. Students who complete at least 12 credits of classes and achieve a grade point average of at least 3.5 in a particular semester are cited on the Dean's List for that semester.

Nicholas D. Lindberg of Dudley
Bernadette E. Lesieur of Oxford

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each other, and their world.

Roger Williams University announces Dean's List

BRISTOL, R.I. — Select students have been named to the Spring 2024 Dean's List at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I. Full-time students who complete 12 or more credits per semester and earn a GPA of 3.4 or higher are placed on the Dean's List that semester. The following students are residents of your coverage area:

Kayla Conway of Auburn
Danh Le of Auburn
Alli Schoenfeldt of Auburn
Niccola Zona of Auburn
Brooklyn Bonczyk of Dudley
Zack Pryor of Dudley
About RWU

At Roger Williams University, students are prepared to be thinkers and doers ready to solve challenging problems with innovative solutions. RWU offers 50 majors and robust offerings of graduate and professional programs across eight schools of study including Rhode Island's only law school, with campuses on the coast of Bristol and in the heart of Providence, R.I. With small classrooms and a focus on undergraduate and graduate research and community engagement, a Roger Williams education blends the strength of liberal arts and professional studies, providing all students with the depth and breadth of interdisciplinary thinking and well-rounded knowledge necessary to succeed in our interconnected, global world. RWU is committed to strengthening society through engaged scholarship so that students graduate with the ability to think critically and apply the practical skills that today's employers demand.

Local residents earn President's List honors from MassBay Community College

WELLESLEY HILLS — The following local students have been named to the MassBay Community College President's List. They have achieved this outstanding academic honor for the spring 2024 semester.

Chad Shockley of Auburn, who studies Web Developer
To be eligible for the MassBay President's List, students must be enrolled in 12 or more college-level credits, achieve a 3.7 grade point average or higher, and be in good standing with the College.

To learn more about MassBay, visit massbay.edu
MassBay Community College is the most affordable higher education option in MetroWest Boston, offering a robust portfolio of courses and more than 70 associate degree and certificate programs with flexible day, evening, and weekend classes in Ashland, Framingham, Wellesley Hills, and online. MassBay students receive an unmatched educational value by earning stackable credits that transfer to Bachelor's degree programs, and workforce-ready skills necessary to advance careers in high-demand fields such as health and life sciences, automotive technology, engineering, business, cybersecurity, and the humanities. MassBay's Associate Degree in Nursing (RN) and Practical Nursing (LPN) programs were both ranked as the #1 Nursing Program in Massachusetts in 2020, 2021, and 2023 by national nursing advocacy organizations RegisteredNursing.org, and PracticalNursing.org. Since its founding in 1961, MassBay has been accredited by several governing bodies and remains firmly committed to its mission of meeting the needs of the diverse local communities it serves. We value the intrinsic worth of all individuals, collectively in pursuit of inclusiveness and prioritize our work towards achieving equity within our community and beyond.



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Friday's Child



Hi! My name is DeAndre and I'm very adventurous!
DeAndre is a curious, caring boy. DeAndre enjoys baking and play cooking. He loves to participate in school science activities and learning how things work. DeAndre is described as adventurous, curious, strong-willed, caring, and creative. He likes engaging in new activities and playing outside on the playground. One of DeAndre's favorite activities exploring new places. He is very caring and is always there for his friends.
Deandre attends school daily, where he receives additional support. He is doing well academically and loves to show others what he has learned in school. He enjoys group work and engaging with teachers and peers.
DeAndre would do well in a two-parent household. DeAndre would benefit from caregivers who are energetic and active. He would like a family to help maintain contact with an uncle. DeAndre would do well with caregivers who can support him to explore and learn more about his surroundings and building social connections.

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Summer Reading 2024
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Movies @ The Pearle!
Tuesdays in July at 1:00 on the big screen.
July 16: Kung Fu Panda 4
July 23: Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire
July 30: Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire

Mahjong at the Pearle
Wednesday, July 17, 23 & 31
FREE Lesson on July 3rd
10:00-12:30 Fels Community

Room
The game consists of players competing to form distinct sets or pairs of tiles, similar to gin rummy.
Everyone welcome, registration not required.

Taylor Swift Trivia - Name that Poet
Thursday, July 18
6:00-7:00
Fels Community Room
Calling all Swifties, "Brads, Chads, Dads", and poetry lovers. All are welcome.
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Crawford Library Book Group
Monday, July 22
6:00-7:30
Book: The Man from St. Petersburg
By: Ken Follett
Author: Books are available at the circulation desk for checkout one month prior to discussion. No registration required.
*Meeting fourth Monday of each month.

Quilting Group
Wednesdays @ 1:30
All quilters and would-be quilters are invited to join our new group. Bring your projects!

Knit & Crochet Group
Thursday 5:30-7:30 and Friday 10:00-12:00
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Dungeons & Dragons Game
Thursdays, 6:00-7:30
Are you looking to play a game that contains action, adventure, and drama?
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Chillin' at the Library with Miss Courtney
Thursdays in July
6:00-6:45
Children's Room
Courtney will introduce something a little different every week including journaling - blackout poetry - doodling - diary - and even haikus.
This weekly program is all about fun and surprising "writing" focused creative expression for kids 8+.

Registration is required.

Science Heroes: Adventure of the Lost Treasure
Monday, July 29
6:00-7:00
Fels Community Room
Join us on a treasure-hunting adventure deep within the jungle! The audience helps the performer act out the tale, as we use the events in the story to explore several exciting science concepts!
Volunteers help conduct each experiment and the whole audience gets involved in changing variables, making predictions, and comparing results! We'll even bring some experiments out into the crowd for all to see.
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This month's book discussion will be in the Library's Community Room. The Group will be discussing The Midnight Library by Matt Haig. Stop by the library, or reach out by phone at 508-949-3880, or by email to rcox@cwmar.org for inquiries.

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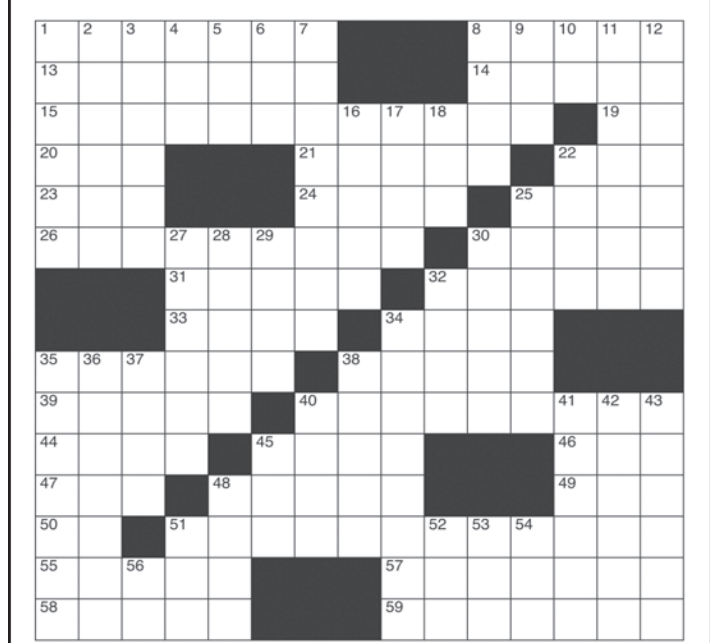


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Want to receive updates about our upcoming events? Sign up for email alerts by visiting our website or contacting our Program Coordinator Randa Cox at rcox@cwmar.org.

ADULT BOARDGAME NIGHT-- (No Meeting in July) August 12th at 6:00 PM
Come in and play games with other board game enthusiasts. Learn a new one, or play one you know and help others learn!

LEGO CLUB-- First two Tuesdays of the month at 3:30 PM
Come play with the library's Legos. If you like, we can put your work on display!
No registration Required



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Book size
- 8. Indonesian Island
- 13. "The Sopranos" character
- 14. Plants often found in stews
- 15. Stern
- 19. Atomic #52
- 20. Often seen after a company name
- 21. Silk garments
- 22. Inhibiting hormone (abbr.)
- 23. Type of beer
- 24. Margarine
- 25. Throw lightly
- 26. Explains again
- 30. Raccoon-like animal
- 31. Sneaker parts
- 32. Platforms
- 33. Scored perfectly
- 34. One's essence
- 35. Strikes with a firm blow
- 38. Makes tractors
- 39. Music term
- 40. Lack of energy
- 44. Vestments
- 45. ___ and feathers
- 46. Total
- 47. Gobbler
- 48. One with Japanese immigrant parents
- 49. Type of braking system (abbr.)
- 50. Home of Rudy Flyer
- 51. Manageable
- 55. Lugged
- 57. Irritated
- 58. Sea eagles
- 59. Warm seasons

CLUES DOWN

- 1. About visual sense
- 2. Part of a horse's saddle
- 3. In a way, interchanged
- 4. Rocker's accessory
- 5. Very important person
- 6. It precedes two
- 7. Flavored
- 8. Musical notes
- 9. String instrument (slang)
- 10. Mister
- 11. Fine, light linen fabric
- 12. Absence of bacteria
- 16. Discounts
- 17. Area units
- 18. A description of one's life
- 22. Gazelles
- 25. Plumbing fixture
- 27. Makes especially happy
- 28. One side of something many-sided
- 29. Frosts
- 30. Defunct monetary unit of Guinea
- 32. Female animal species
- 34. School terms
- 35. Written law
- 36. Unpleasant aroma
- 37. Nuclear weapon
- 38. One who challenges
- 40. Opposite of first
- 41. Able to be utilized
- 42. Less interesting
- 43. Implants
- 45. Canister
- 48. Gestures
- 51. After B
- 52. Romanian monetary unit
- 53. Long-term memory
- 54. Cash machine
- 56. The Volunteer State

SUMMER EATS Starting July 8th Monday through Thursday at 12:00 PM.

A totally free-of-charge program that provides free meals to all kids and teens, ages 18 and under. Meals for adults will be available for \$5.00. Part of Project Bread, the Massachusetts' Department of Education, and local school and community meal providers.

Adult Programming

YOGA - Tuesday July 2nd 9th, 16th, and 23rd at 6:00 PM

Join Julie or Lauren at the Gladys E. Kelly Library for a vinyasa yoga class for all levels. In Sanskrit, Vinyasa yoga translates to the "uniting of movement with breath". A typical class involves centering the mind with the breath, aromatherapy, movement of the body to release energetic blockages, and, finally, rest and relaxation. Classes are free. Funded by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - July 15th at 6:30 PM

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COMPUTER BASICS CLASS-- July 18th at 3:30-4:30 PM

Come learn some computer basics with Assistant Director Evan Hale. Registration is required for this event. You can do that by visiting our website or calling the library.

MOTOWN HITS AND HISTORY-- July 22nd at 6:30

In this one-hour concert, Melodious Zach will perform Motown favorites, and entertain you with Motown trivia. Featuring songs from artists such as: Smokey Robinson, Stevie Wonder, Jackson 5, Four Tops, and many more. Zach will also discuss the cultural significance of Motown and how it changed over the years, he will also touch on Motown's relaunch in 2011.

MATT YORK PRESENTS: WILLIE NELSON July 29th at 6:30 PM

Longtime New England singer/songwriter Matt York will perform songs and tell stories about the great Willie Nelson. York will focus on Willie's long and illustrious music career that has spanned over seven decades. In both 2022 and 2023, York was nominated for the Boston Music Award for Best Country Artist and last year, his album, Gently Used, was named one of the top albums by Worcester Magazine. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Webster Local Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council.

Children's and Young Adult Programming

Scavenger Hunt-- All Month Long

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

TAKE AND MAKE CRAFT-- All month long

Take and Make craft kids are now available for pick up upstairs in the Children's Room. Each month will feature a different craft to create and instructions will be provided with the supplies. New Take and Make kits will be available for pick up on the 1st of every month, while supplies last, and are limited to one per patron.



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FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS-- July 24th at 11 AM

Grab your bestie and come make beaded bracelets in the children's program room. This is a self-guided program, all materials are provided. Ages 8 and up.

LET'S DANCE A STORY-- July 24th at 10:00 AM

We read a story and create creative movement and choreography that goes along with the story in the book. The ideal age for this class is 3-6 (grown-ups must stay but can observe).

WIGGLES AND GIGGLES-- July 25th at 10:30 AM

Come sing, dance, and make music with Lainey Hanlon! Geared for children ages 2-5 and their caregivers, but all ages welcome!

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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 may also join our email list to view our newsletter online. You do not have to be a resident of Webster to participate in our activities and programs. ALL Seniors are welcome!

Tri-Valley Lunches are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 11:30 am. Please call (508) 949-3845 at least forty-eight hours in advance to reserve or cancel your meal. A \$3.00 donation is appreciated. All meals include milk, and bread with fruit or dessert. This week's menu: Tuesday, 7/16, Chicken vegetable stir fry, white rice, green beans. Wednesday, 7/17, Meatloaf with gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, Chuckwagon corn. Thursday, 7/18, Ham salad, tomato cucumber salad, potato salad. Friday, 7/19, Lemon pepper haddock, rice pilaf, roasted broccoli and carrots.

Need Transportation? Contact SCM Elderbus at 1-800-321-0243 at least two business days in advance to schedule transportation. Elderbus is available Mondays- Fridays 8:30 am- 3:00 pm.

A SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone) counselor is available at the Webster Senior Center. Please call (508) 949-3845 to schedule an appointment.

Come on down to the Bomba Beauty Salon at the Webster Senior Center! Call 508-341-8724 for an appointment. Bomba Beauty Salon is open for walk in appointments on Wednesdays from 10:00 am- 1:00 pm, and Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays by appointment only from 10:00 am- 3:00 pm. Please call (508) 341-8724 to schedule an appointment.

The REC Farmers Market is on Webster Town Hall front lawn every Wednesday 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm.

Join us on Thursday, July 18th at 12:00 pm for our monthly ICE CREAM SOCIAL hosted by the Webster Manor Rehabilitation and Health Care Center. Please call the Senior Center, or visit the front desk to sign up at least 48 hours before the event.

The Friends of the Webster Senior Center invite you to join them for their Christmas in July party on Monday, July 15th at 1:00 pm. Please call the Senior Center, or visit the front desk to sign up at least 48 hours before the event.

Chair Dancing Exercise classes with Forty Arroyo are the perfect workout for any fitness ability! The cost is \$3.00 per class. Classes are on Mondays only at 9:30 am. Wednesday classes have been cancelled until further notice.

Mondays: Knitting/Crochet Social 10:00 am- 12:00 pm.

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

Do you like to play Cribbage? Our weekly Cribbage group meets every Thursday at 1:00 pm. Feel free to join us!

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

Mahjongg group meets every Friday at 1:00 pm. Beginners welcome!

Webster Senior Center Trips; Happy 2 Gather is a 60's Flashback Show at Lake Pearl in Wrentham MA on Wednesday, September 18th. Cost is \$131.00 per person, and includes show ticket, transportation, luncheon, meal taxes, and gratuity. Trip price does not include bus driver gratuity. For more information call (508) 949-3845.

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

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. This is at no cost to you! All you have to do is give them a call at (508) 949-3875.

Stock pickers vs. financial planners

BY CHRISTOPHER MALLON
THE CAPSTONE PLANNING GROUP

As the financial service industry constantly evolves, clear trends often emerge. For example, in the 1990's traditional stockbrokers sought to help clients beat the market by focusing on stock picking. Some advisors and investors still try to employ this philosophy today. While this method can sometimes be profitable, it has proven to be extremely difficult to do consistently (and very difficult over the long term).

Have you ever asked yourself (or asked your advisor if you have one), "what stocks should I be buying right now?" A better question to ask might be, "is stock picking really a worthwhile endeavor?" According to the CFA Institute, studies have shown that only a third of a portfolio's return is correlated with security selection, while two thirds is attributable to the overall asset allocation*. Said another way, your performance is less about which stocks you own, and more about the asset classes you own.

Modern day Financial Planners who understand the aforementioned, have appropriately shifted their time and energy into helping clients get the "big picture" right. The process begins by helping clients identify their goals, analyze their balance sheet (assets and debts), examine cash flow and expenses, evaluate taxes, and determine estate planning needs. Ultimately, a Financial Planner can provide tremendous value by creating a written financial plan to help clients pursue their goals. But what exactly is a written financial plan?

A personal financial plan is a comprehensive roadmap that outlines an individual's (or family's) financial goals, strategies, and actions to pursue those goals. It is a "living document" that can be referenced and adjusted over time. While the specific items covered can vary depending on individual circumstances, a personal financial plan typically includes some of the following elements:

Listing Financial Goals: Clearly defined short-term and long-term financial goals such as retirement, buying a house, starting or selling a business, funding education, or paying off debt.

Cash Flow: Developing a budget that

tracks income and expenses allows individuals to understand their cash flow and maintain a sustainable saving/spending policy. It also analyzes various sources of income such as social security, earned wages, pension, investments, rental income, etc.

Retirement Planning: Assessing retirement goals, estimating retirement expenses, and developing a strategy to accumulate sufficient savings, such as contributing to employer-sponsored retirement plans (e.g., 401(k) or individual retirement accounts (IRAs). For those entering or already in retirement, creating a retirement income plan and determining which assets to spend first is also critical. A financial plan can also estimate how long your portfolio may last under different circumstances.

Emergency Fund: Establishing an emergency fund to cover unforeseen expenses or financial emergencies. How much should you have in liquid cash?

Debt Management: Creating a plan to manage and reduce debt, including strategies for paying down high-interest debt, prioritizing debt payments, and potentially consolidating or refinancing debt to lower interest rates.

Investment Strategy: Developing an investment strategy aligned with one's risk tolerance, time horizon, and financial goals. It should focus on proper asset allocation, diversification, and regular portfolio monitoring.

Insurance Coverage: Evaluating insurance needs, such as life insurance, health insurance, disability insurance, and property and casualty insurance, to protect against financial risks and unexpected events.

Tax Planning: Implementing strategies to minimize current and future tax liabilities, such as maximizing tax-advantaged retirement contributions, utilizing tax-efficient investment accounts, or taking advantage of tax deductions and credits.

Estate Planning: Creating a plan for the distribution of assets upon death, including the preparation of wills, trusts, powers of attorney, and designating beneficiaries for retirement

accounts and insurance policies

Annual Review and Adjustments: Periodically reviewing and adjusting the financial plan to accommodate changing circumstances, goals, and market conditions.

According to surveys, most people acknowledged the importance of a written financial plan, but a majority also admitted they didn't have one in place. It's important to note that a personal financial plan should be tailored to individual circumstances and may include additional components based on specific needs and objectives. Seeking the assistance of a qualified financial planner or advisor can help ensure you receive personalized guidance.

If you've never had a formal financial plan prepared for your family, or if you're overdue for a review, a member of The Capstone Planning Group would be happy to assist.

About The Capstone Planning Group
The Capstone Planning Group is an experienced wealth management team conveniently located at Cornerstone Bank. The team offers comprehensive financial planning, asset management, and insurance. To learn more about the team and schedule a courtesy consultation please visit www.thecapstonegroup.com

*Source: CFA Institute Research and Policy Center. "Asset Allocation vs Security Selection".

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EDITORIAL

Rediscovering the joy of a good book

In a world that's constantly on the go, where information overload is the norm and distractions are endless, taking the time to read a good book can seem like an indulgence. Yet, it is precisely in these hectic times that the simple act of reading can offer a much-needed respite.

We live in an age of constant connectivity. Our Smartphones, tablets, and computers are ever-present, demanding our attention with a never-ending stream of notifications, news updates, and social media posts. While these devices keep us informed and entertained, they can also leave us feeling overwhelmed and mentally exhausted. Reading a book, on the other hand, provides a unique escape from the digital deluge.

When you immerse yourself in a well-crafted novel or an insightful non-fiction work, you enter a world where your mind can wander freely, untethered by the constraints of modern technology. This escape not only relaxes the mind but also rejuvenates the spirit, offering a rare opportunity to disconnect from the incessant noise of the digital world.

Books have long been vessels of knowledge, preserving the wisdom of generations. In an era where information is often consumed in bite-sized pieces, reading a book allows for a deeper, more comprehensive understanding of a subject. Whether it's a historical account, a scientific exploration, or a philosophical treatise, books provide the space to explore ideas in depth, encouraging critical thinking and fostering intellectual growth.

Moreover, the act of reading itself is a mental exercise that enhances focus, concentration, and analytical skills. As you follow the narrative arc of a novel or unravel the complexities of a scholarly argument, you engage your brain in ways that scrolling through social media simply cannot match.

One of the most powerful benefits of reading is its ability to cultivate empathy and expand the imagination. Through literature, we experience lives and perspectives vastly different from our own.

Incorporating reading into our daily routine can also become a cherished ritual of relaxation. Imagine ending your day with a quiet moment, a cup of tea or coffee in hand, as you lose yourself in the pages of a captivating story. This ritual not only promotes relaxation but also signals to your brain that it's time to unwind, improving sleep quality and overall well-being.

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

It is the sole prerogative of the Editor to determine whether a submission satisfies our requirements and decency standards, and any submission may be rejected at any time for any reason he or she might deem appropriate.

VIEWPOINT

THE DEADLINE to submit letters to the editor and commentaries for next week's newspaper is Friday at noon. SEND ALL ITEMS to Editor
Brendan Berube at THE WEBSTER TIMES — news@stonebridgepress.news

A full church

Our Saints Constantine and Helen Church in Webster is pretty full these days. One Sunday in mid-June, we literally had standing room only, with around 210 people in attendance. This was the third time in the past nine months we have had standing room only during a Sunday Divine Liturgy.

I've heard, numerous times, life-long members comment to me, "I don't know many of the people in church anymore. Where did all these people come from?"

Well, Glory to God, our Church is unlike many New England churches that are rapidly declining in number and struggling to stay open. We have a vibrant, healthy, beautiful Church Family of Faith that is growing!

When I look out at our community on a Sunday morning, I praise God that there are so many new people who have joined our church. Since 2021, we have 74 people who call our Saints Constantine and Helen Church their new community of faith and others are inquiring.

Why is that? What are they finding here in our Church Family? At a time when many Americans are turning away from organized religion and rejecting the Christian faith in general, what is it that is drawing people to our Church?

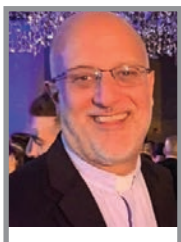
Well, first and foremost it is a place where we encounter the Living God. If someone is humble of heart and open to discover something new, they can meet the Risen Lord Jesus Christ through our divine worship services and partake of Him and unite with Him through the Holy Mysteries or Sacraments of the Church.

Our Church is a place where one can learn and grow in the grace of the Lord. During a time when so many people in society are confused and lost, not knowing who our Loving God is, not knowing who they are as children of God, and not knowing what the purpose of life is all about, the Church offers a path to discover life-giving answers!

And then, of course, our Church offers a community of love that accepts and embraces everyone. We are a family that loves you, listens to you, walks with you, inspires you, guides you, and helps you in times of need. We are a welcoming community!

I received a text recently from a dear parishioner who has moved away from our church and this is what she asked me:

"I always knew that our Saints Constantine and Helen Church is very special and I'm so grateful for all the wonderful things that you taught us over the years about our faith and how you challenged us and helped us live a Christ-centered life. But today it really dawned on me how much our Church community has impacted me. I went to another church [in New England] and the feeling of warmth and love was just not there. It is a very beautiful Church building with beautiful music but I didn't feel a sense of "Family." The greeters barely said hello to me when I entered into the Church. Before the service began, the priest didn't greet everyone with a warm 'Good Morning.' Few people participated in the service. I asked God to forgive me for being judgmental and I needed to remind myself why I was in



BEYOND THE PEWS

BY FR. LUKE A. VERONIS
SAINTS CONSTANTINE AND HELEN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, WEBSTER

the church, but I just wonder, is our Saints Constantine and Helen Church a unique environment among churches? I realize other churches are simply not as welcoming, friendly, and as engaging as ours."

Well, I thank God that our community of faith is warm and welcoming and engaging. And I think this is one that attracts new people. Yet, I also believe that every person who enters our Church has something to discover anew about the Good News of Jesus Christ. I pray that every new person, whether old or new, find a community of faith in which we can all grow closer to God, all be filled with His Holy Spirit, and be inspired and equipped to constantly climb up the ladder of Divine Ascent that leads into the Kingdom of Heaven!

Everyone comes to Church to receive something - whether it's the peace and joy of God, His

love and grace, inspiration and encouragement, as well as the essence of His Good News, which reveals to all the ultimate meaning and purpose of life. Our goal in life is to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength and to love our neighbor, including even our enemies. People also come to Church to become a part of a special community of love, to be a part of a community of like-minded people of faith with whom we feel comfortable and safe.

Becoming a part of a Church Family, however, also implies being ready to give and serve, to discover the joy of giving. Every member, including every new member, is a "steward" of the Church, which means each of us have been entrusted with special gifts from God and are expected to use these gifts for His glory and for the good of others.

To walk as a faithful member of the church means to get involved in the church. It means volunteering in a way where each of us share our gifts and use our talents for others. Becoming a good and faithful member means getting engaged in the life of the church; one can't stay a spectator.

If you are a part of a community of faith, ask yourself: "How am I getting involved in the Church right now? Where am I volunteering to offer my gifts and talents? How am I giving back to the Church?" Don't just be a taker but be a giver as well!

The first thing one can give back as followers of Jesus Christ is our time, coming together to worship every Sunday on the Lord's Day, as well as during other special times and seasons of the year. Also, one can help in various church ministries. What are your gifts and talents, what are you passionate about, and how can you use your skills to support your community of faith?

Don't simply sit back and receive from the Church. Find ways to get involved and serve. Be generous with your time, talents, and treasure. Discover the joy of giving!

Here in our church, we rejoice that our community is growing. We warmly welcome all the people who have joined our church family in recent years, and we invite them to get involved. As each of us is blessed, let us always strive to share our blessings with others.

ASK THE ASSESSOR

BY LISA L. BERG
PRINCIPAL ASSESSOR
DUDLEY

Q: Why aren't all four quarters of my real estate tax bills the same and why did my taxes increase over \$1,000.00 from last year?

A: If you have not made any improvements to your property from the prior year, you should not have an increase that high in your taxes.

When the Town mails your preliminary tax bills at the end of June for the new fiscal year, both quarters should be the same amount with the possibility of being one penny off. These quarters are "estimated" amounts. These are estimated because at this time of the year, we do not have your new

assessed value or the new tax rate. This happens after the Fall Special Town Meeting in October and the Assessor's Classification Hearing in November.

The preliminary bills are calculated from the total taxes from the previous fiscal year. This would be the total of the August 2023 (Quarter 1), November 2023 (Quarter 2), February 2024 (Quarter 3) and May 2024 (Quarter 4) bills. The actual total for the year appears on your last two quarterly bills. The total taxes for that year are divided by four to determine your estimated bills mailed out at the end of June.

At the end of November, when the Town meeting and classification hearing are complete, everything is submitted to the MA Department of Revenue

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Taking the keys

To the Editor:

One of the most difficult conversations that a family faces is the question of when to take the keys away from Grandpa Frank. The old Chevy and the garage both bear witness to his erratic driving, and there is a very real fear that Grandpa will do serious damage to the vehicle, to himself, or worse still to some unsuspecting innocent(s).

The sad reality is that Grandpa just isn't as sharp as he was and can't be trusted to make the right decisions. No one wants to tell him, yet someone has to do it and time is running out.

Nationally, a version of that conversation started the evening of June 27, 2024. Before the ninety-minute debate had ended, people realized that Old Uncle Joe could no longer be trusted with codes to the nuclear football, let alone a twenty-year-old pick up. Joe Biden,

showing all of his eighty-one years, left even his most ardent supporters, Dr. Jill excepted, pining for what was no more.

Now, as the leaders of the Democratic Party wrestle with the decision as to who takes the keys, we can only hope that those who wish us harm are just unsure enough of what Uncle Joe might do to keep them from doing anything too horrific.

Given the situation at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., there are two questions that need to be answered. The first is, who is actually running the country? Is Dr. Jill in charge? Is it this woman of dubious academic background (read just some of her PHD dissertation), or is it some group of unnamed White House staffers getting Joe up in the morning? Either way, someone or some combination of underlings we didn't elect is running the show.

The second question is what is the Cabinet doing?

According to the 25th Amendment, "Whenever the Vice President and a majority of either the principal officers of the executive departments or of such other body as Congress may by law provide, transmit to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives their written declaration that the President is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office, the Vice President shall immediately assume the powers and duties of the office as Acting President." We have been told that members of the Cabinet meet regularly with President Biden. Have none of them witnessed his all too obvious decline? Are they trying to protect us from Vice President Harris? Are they hoping against hope that somehow, Dr. Fauci will come up with a miracle drug for Uncle Joe?

RICHARD CLARK DUDLEY

How strong is your emergency fund?



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You can't predict financial emergencies — but you can prepare for them.

To do that, you can build an emergency fund to pay for unexpected expenses, some of which may be sizable. Without one, you might be forced to dip into your investments, possibly including your retirement accounts, such as your IRA or 401(k). If this happens, you might have to pay taxes and penalties, and you'd be withdrawing dollars that could otherwise be growing over time to help pay for your retirement.

In thinking about such a fund, consider these questions:

How much should I save? The size of your emergency fund should be based on several factors, including your income, your spouse's income and your cost of living. However, for most people in their working years, three to six months of total expenses is adequate. Once you're retired, though, you may want to keep up to a year's worth of expenses in your emergency fund — because you don't want to be forced to cash out investments when their price may be down, and you may not be replenishing these accounts any longer.

How can I build an emergency fund? Given all your normal expenses — mortgage, utilities, food, transportation and others — you might find it challenging to set aside some extra money in an emergency fund. But you do have opportunities. If you're working, you could set up a direct deposit so that part of your paycheck goes directly into your emergency fund. You could also save a portion of any extra income you receive, such as bonuses and tax refunds.

Where should I keep the money? An emergency fund has two key requirements: You need to be able to access the money immediately and you need to count on a certain amount being available. So, it's a good idea to keep your emergency fund in a liquid, low-risk account that offers protection of principal. For this fund, you're less interested in growth than you are in stability. But because interest rates have recently changed, you may be able to get a reasonable return without sacrificing liquidity or safety.

What types of emergencies should I prepare for? Your emergency fund could be needed for any number of events: a job loss or early retirement, housing or auto repairs, unreimbursed medical bills, unexpected travel, and so on. But this fund may also be needed to help you cope with other threats. Consider this: In 2023, the U.S. saw a record 28 weather and climate disasters, each of which resulted in at least \$1 billion in damages — and often many times this amount — according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Depending on where you live, your home or business may be susceptible to tornadoes, floods, wildfires, hurricanes and extreme heat and cold waves. These events can, and do, result in property repair and relocation costs, higher insurance premiums and even price increases for basic goods, such as groceries and prescription medications.

One final word about an emergency fund: It takes discipline to maintain it and to avoid tapping into it for everyday expenses or impulse purchases. The name says it all — this is a fund that should only be used for emergencies. By keeping it intact until it's truly needed, you can help yourself weather many of the storms that may come your way.

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for approval. Once approved, we will have a new tax rate and approved assessed values.

To determine your last two quarters due in February and May, you multiply your new assessed value times the new tax rate. This total is your annual tax amount. From that total, you subtract your estimated bills that were paid in August and November. That total is now divided in half and applied to the last two quarters.

You cannot determine your increase in taxes by comparing your quarterly bills because two are "estimated" from last year's taxes.

In order to determine your annual increase, take your total taxes from your prior May bill and compare it to the current May bill. This will determine your total increase from the prior year.

Example:
FY2023 assessment \$325,000 x \$10.16 (tax rate) = \$3,302.00 (total for year)
\$3,302.00 ÷ 4 = \$825.50
FY2024 August estimated bill \$825.50
November estimated bill \$825.50

FY2024 new assessed value - \$348,600 x 10.48 (new tax rate) = \$3,653.33 (total for year)

\$3,653.33 - \$825.50 - \$825.50 (paid prelim bills) = \$2,002.33.

This is the remaining balance of taxes due for the year.

\$2,002.33 ÷ 2 = February actual bill \$1,001.17

May actual bill \$1,001.16

FY2024 taxes \$3,653.33 - FY2023 taxes \$3,302.00 = \$351.33 increase from prior year.

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Fishing the Five Cottages for fluke



THE GREAT OUTDOORS RALPH TRUE

Fishing for fluke around the Five Cottages area with my fishing buddy Matt was extremely poor last week, at least for us. When we arrived at the boat ramp at Galilee, R.I. around 6 a.m., the parking lot was over half full. Fishing had to be good, with all of the boat trailers and vehicles in the parking lot. But what were they fishing for? After catching some live bait around the boat ramp, we launched our boat and headed out through the channel.

We cleared the West Gap and headed out to our destination for fluke. There were very few boats in the area. It was clear the fishing boats were at the

Island catching stripers for their clients. As we navigated the shoreline, we located a small group of boats fishing near the Five Cottages area. We did a couple of drifts and managed to catch a few short fluke, a couple of sea robins and a couple of skate but the morning produced a few more shorts and a few more trash fish.

We decided to head out into deeper water in hopes of catching a couple of 19 inch fluke, the legal size for recreational anglers. Suddenly, my rod was bending with erratic action on the tip. It was not a big fish by any means, but at this point, I would settle for something. As I continued to reel the fish in, I spotted a silver flash as it neared the surface next to the boat. All right; I finally caught a keeper for the dinner table. No, it was not a fluke, but it was a nice 16 inch mackerel. Fresh mackerel are good to

eat, so I quickly placed the fish on ice. I managed to catch one more before the day ended. My buddy Matt managed to catch one legal size seabass after catching 30 or more shorts.

It was time to head home. The seas were very calm, and it was nice just to be on the water. The good old days are gone when we could catch a limit of fluke along with some other species for the dinner table. As we watched another dragger pass by a short distance away, I knew he was responsible for our slow day of fishing! Owning a boat to fish for fluke and seabass is hardly worth the time and effort. Taking a charter boat for the day is a little expensive but they can find some fish as they are on the water almost every day.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!



This week's picture shows Capt. Mel True holding one of his client's fish last week!

Summer is finally here, and that means a season of gardens, fresh vegetables, longer days, and basking in the pleasures of the too-short season!

Read on for some timely tips that health info that spotlight the vegetable harvest and are geared to helping you make life a little easier (and maybe even healthier) during this long awaited time of year!

According to the Farmer's Almanac, the following are the ten most nutritious crops to grow at home:

Broccoli; Kale; Garlic; Spinach; Bell Peppers; Zucchini and Summer Squash; Green Beans; tomatoes; Blueberries; Strawberries.

Attention Gardeners: The secret to great tomatoes is to pluck the first flowers. Growing deep, extensive roots and a full leaf canopy will help establish newly transplanted tomatoes. Pull off the first flowers, so the plant does not devote energy to forming fruit



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before its roots and foliage have filled out.

Tomato Trick: Fresh veggies are simple pleasures of the season. Did you know tomatoes will keep fresher longer if you store them with the stems down? And for best taste, never refrigerate tomatoes! Want to keep celery fresh for weeks? Just wrap it in aluminum foil before you store in the refrigerator.

Tasty Tomato Benefits: Love tomatoes? Here's another reason to enjoy the ripe, red fruit: Researchers discovered tomatoes may have the same effect that aspirin has on circulation!

Tomato Factor: Studies in Scotland revealed tomatoes may help

reduce circulatory problems in the heart, brain and elsewhere. Scientists call it the "tomato factor."

Produce FYI: Did you know all produce is not created equal in the nutrition department? Fruit that packs the biggest punch are oranges, strawberries, kiwi fruit, cantaloupe, peaches nectarines and grapes. And best bets for nutritious veggies are broccoli, spinach, carrots sweet potatoes, onions; tomatoes and green and red peppers.

Lettuce Lesson: Can't get enough lettuce from the garden? Here's how to keep lovely lettuce growing with gusto. Plant your lettuce near tall growing veggies, the big plants will give off shade, allowing the lettuce to keep its cool and prevent bitter leaves.

Bye to Bugs: Are bugs lunching on tender lettuce leaves, Sprinkle cayenne pepper on growing lettuce. Repeat after a rainfall.

Carrots fight Cholesterol: Fighting cholesterol? The carrots in your garden might hold the key to lowering your numbers! According to Mother Earth magazine, a three week Scottish study revealed that a daily snack of two carrots lowered cholesterol levels by 10 to 20 percent! Experts in the field credit Vitamin A and the antioxidant beta carotene as giving cholesterol a double punch!

Cooking those fresh garden vegetables on the grill? If you season vegetables with a coarse salt, such as sea salt or kosher salt, before grilling, it will draw out extra moisture from the vegetables, which will intensify its sweetness and flavor.

Here's another grilling tip: You can prevent vegetables from drying out on the grill by soaking them in cold water before cooking.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House Your tips can win you a great dinner for two

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

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Julia Kelley of Dudley graduates from Plymouth State University

PLYMOUTH, New Hampshire — Julia Kelley of Dudley graduated from Plymouth State University during its 153rd Anniversary Commencement Ceremony on May 11. Kelley graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Marketing.

Kelley was among more than 500 Class of 2024 undergraduate students who received degrees.

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University of Hartford students named to Dean's and President's Lists

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. — The University of Hartford is pleased to announce that 1,927 students have been named to the Dean's List and President's List for the spring 2024 semester.

The Dean's List recognizes students achieving superior academic standing. The requirement, with some exceptions based on school or college, is a grade point average of at least 3.0 and no grade below C.

The President's List recognizes a select group of students reaching the highest level of academic standing. To be placed on the President's List, students must maintain a GPA of at least a 3.75 and receive grades of C or better.

Among the students honored for their academic achievements are:

Max McPhee of Dudley -- President's List
Alek Popovich of Dudley -- Dean's List
Isabella Sund of Auburn -- President's List
Shannon Courtney of Auburn -- Dean's List

We recognize all our students for their hard work and congratulate them on their achievements!

Spread across seven dynamic schools and colleges, the University of Hartford has been guiding the purpose and passion of students for over six decades. On our 350-acre campus alongside Connecticut's capital city, approximately 4,100 undergraduate and 1,800 graduate students representing 48 states and 51 countries come together for a common purpose: to collaborate across different disciplines, diversify perspectives, and broaden worldviews. We're a four-year private university focused on advancing the public good through meaningful connections within our communities. Our unique approach to comprehensive education gives us the critical perspectives that lead to impact change, regionally and beyond. With degree programs spanning the arts, humanities, business, engineering and technology, education, and health professions, we focus on doing the work that matters.

Local residents earn Dean's List honors from MassBay Community College

WELLESLEY HILLS — The following local students have been named to the MassBay Community College Dean's List. They have achieved this outstanding academic honor for the spring 2024 semester.

* Lucas Emmanuel of Fiskdale who studies Biotechnology
* Alan Caceres of Webster who studies Cyber Security
* Jacob Mobley of Webster

To be eligible for the MassBay Dean's List, students must complete at least six credits of college-level courses, be in good standing with the College, and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

To learn more about MassBay, visit massbay.edu.

MassBay Community College is the most affordable higher education option in MetroWest Boston, offering a robust portfolio of courses and more than 70 associate degree and certificate programs with flexible day, evening, and weekend classes in Ashland, Framingham, Wellesley Hills, and online. MassBay students receive an unmatched educational value by earning stackable credits that transfer to bachelor's degree programs, and workforce-ready skills necessary to advance careers in high-demand fields such as health and life sciences, automotive technology, engineering, business, cybersecurity, and the humanities. MassBay's Associate Degree in Nursing (RN) and Practical Nursing (LPN) programs were both ranked as the #1 Nursing Program in Massachusetts in 2020, 2021, and 2023 by national nursing advocacy organizations RegisteredNursing.org, and PracticalNursing.org. Since its founding in 1961, MassBay has been accredited by several governing bodies and remains firmly committed to its mission of meeting the needs of the diverse local communities it serves. We value the intrinsic worth of all individuals, collectively in pursuit of inclusiveness and prioritize our work towards achieving equity within our community and beyond.

Local residents earn degrees from MassBay Community College

WELLESLEY HILLS — The following local students have earned a degree from MassBay Community College. Their academic dedication and hard work were celebrated at the College's 62nd Commencement ceremony on May 23.

Chad Shockley of Auburn has earned an Associate in Science degree in Computer Information Systems.

MassBay Community College takes great pride in the achievements of its students, reflecting the institution's commitment to fostering academic excellence and career readiness. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the entire graduating class of 2024. To learn more about MassBay, visit massbay.edu

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Bay Path nursing students participate in Mental Health Awareness Month



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Ashley Breault of Brookfield, who took the leadership role in the green ribbon distribution.

CHARLTON — The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Class of 2024 wore green ribbons in honor of Mental Health Awareness Month in May. Academy Director, Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN said, “every May, Bay Path holds mental health awareness activities. We believe in breaking the stigma. Our practical nursing students are mental health first aid certified. We need to increase awareness on reducing the stigma of

mental health issues,” Bolandrina said, “We continue with the hashtag #breakthestigma drive. The practical nursing students are fully aware of the importance of mental health awareness. Additionally, raising awareness about the available mental health services is also important.” The mental health situation of the vulnerable populations is compounded by being isolated, illness, financial challenges, or the loss of a loved one. The

practical nursing class of 2024 showed support and raised awareness of those living with behavioral or mental health issues and help reduce the stigma of mental illness. Along with check-ins and self-care the practical nursing class of 2024 participated in art therapy to promote mental health awareness. Breault is a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) at Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center (since 2021). She was honored as Employee of the month at Quaboag and has been active with mentorship since 2022. She completed her CNA and Home Health Aide Certification at Fieldstone School in 2021. Breault is a graduate of Quaboag Regional Middle High School (2019). She is certified in Mental Health First Aid, Dementia Care, Stop the Bleed, HCP/BLS Provider CPR and first aid. She participated in her clinical team’s Luminary lighting project for the Alzheimer’s Association’s the Longest Night to shine a light to diminish the darkness and illuminate a path towards a world where Alzheimer’s and dementia are nothing but a memory. Breault also took the leadership of restocking the PN food pantry at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy. “The Academy continues to be blessed to have students and graduates such as Ashley who is engaged and takes on leadership roles,” stated

Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN Academy Director at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy. Bay Path Practical Nursing students are given many opportunities to participate in numerous service-learning activities and advocacy for health-related causes. Bolandrina added, “in many instances creating awareness alone makes a positive difference.” Breault shared, “I loved having this fantastic opportunity!” Bolandrina added, “At Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy we also believe that student engagement and patient

advocacy are contributory to a well-rounded, prudent nurse. Success is intentional. Ashley’s active engagement in empowering, she is an impressive young lady who is bound to make wonderful contributions in the nursing field.”

Collected papers of Charles Leavens available for viewing the Pearle

DUDLEY — A voluminous tome dedicated to the work of Charles M. Leavens is now available for viewing at the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library. In a 1933 supplement, the Webster Times printed “200 Years of Progress Webster-Dudley 1739-1939.” Page 33 of the supplement featured George M. Leavens and recognized his work “in compiling a wealth of information concerning the community – taking many hours delving into old records from every possible authentic source and typing these facts in a special volume.” Those facts are the basis for a recently completed composite volume of his original notebooks and papers that have been preserved and replicated by the Webster-Dudley Historical Society with the support of a grant from the Janet Malser Humanities Trust. The 500 or so page book is available for viewing in the Pearle’s Local History Room.

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Answers: Chicken, Grass, Blanket, Match out for the ants

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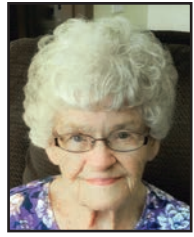
ANSWER: WATERMELON

OBITUARIES

Irene A. Cofsky, 96



OXFORD – Irene A. (Kelley) Cofsky, 96, formerly of Worcester, passed away peacefully in the home of her daughter and son-in-law on Friday, July 5, 2024. She was the beloved wife of the late Richard P. Cofsky Sr., and the mother of the late Richard P. Cofsky Jr., both who died in 1997.



Irene was born in Waterville, ME, and resided in Worcester for most of her life. She leaves two daughters, Donna L. Mangini of Worcester; and Debra A. Johnston and her husband Kevin of Oxford; six grandchildren, Richard III, Jennifer, Anthony, Catherine, Megan, and Chad; a great-granddaughter, Grace; and a great-grandson due in August. She also leaves her devoted best friend of over 60 years, Beverly Brown of Worcester; her brother-in-law, Raymond Cofsky of Sutton; nephews, nieces; and a cousin, Sherman Hill.

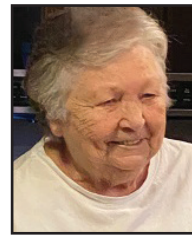
She was predeceased by her sister, Doris Malo of Sterling. She was the

daughter of the late Aubrey S. and Louise C. (Richard) Kelley, and lived most of her life in Worcester before moving to Oxford.

In her younger days, she sang in the choir at All Saints Episcopal Church in Worcester. She was president of the P.T.A. of the Oxford Street School in Worcester, and she bowled on the Sterling Stars bowling team in Auburn. She worked for many years at Clark Manor in Worcester as a nurse's aide prior to retirement. She enjoyed bingo and spending time with her friends at Colony Retirement Home in Worcester. She loved her scratch tickets and was a fan of the Boston Red Sox. She enjoyed her grandchildren and spending time at Webster Lake, where loved to watch the boats and the 4th of July fireworks. She loved Billy's homemade soup, and will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

A funeral will be held on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, from Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford, followed by a Mass at 11 a.m. at St. Roch's Church, 332 Main St., Oxford. Burial will follow at Worcester County Memorial Park in Paxton. Calling hours are Monday, July 15, 2024, from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mary Ann Rock



Mary Ann (Fiske) Rock passed away at home in Dudley, Ma. surrounded by her loving family on July 4, 2024. She was Predeceased by her husband Bernard Joseph Rock in 2005, brother Edwin J.

Fiske, sister Joan Petrarca, son in law Michael Rivera and beloved grandson Nicholas Rivera.

She was a loving mother to 4 children Susan Rivera, Maureen Saad and her husband Michael of Webster, Ma., David and his Wife Karen (DeSilva) Rock of Lehigh Acres, Florida and Kathleen Gerhard and her husband Paul of Dudley, Ma. with whom she lived these last few years. She leaves her sister Dorothy Claprod and her husband Paul of Shelby, NC. as well as many nieces and nephews. Mary adored and loved spending time with her Grandchildren Devan Rock of Davie, Florida, Peter Gerhard and his wife Arica of Thompson Ct., Alex Rivera of Oxford, Ma, Kevin Gerhard of Dudley, Ma. and Samantha Saad of Leominster, Ma. and her 3 Great Grandchildren Rylee Rose, Eleanor Victoria and Henry Woods.

She was born in Cranston RI, the daughter of the late Edwin Yates and Dorothy M. (Young) Fiske. She grew up in Webster, Ma. graduating from

St. Louis School in 1958. She married her husband Bernard J. Rock in 1960 and raised their 4 children in Dudley always faithfully and proudly attending all of their school and sporting events. Mary and Bernard retired to Lehigh Acres, Florida in 1997 to enjoy the warmer climate and be closer to their son David and Daughter in law Karen. She moved back home to Dudley in 2021. Mary found comfort in watching Daily Mass , saying the rosary and her daily prayers. Mary loved to play Bingo, going to the casino but her favorite past time was spending time with family and friends. She especially enjoyed talking on the phone with her sister Dotty , her close friend Cynthia or catching up with family and seeing them on the portal. She was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Church in Dudley, Ma.

There will be no calling hours and a funeral Mass will be on Thursday July 11th at 11:00 am. at St. Anthony of Padua Church 24 Dudley Hill Rd. Her burial will be private at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her name to St. Anthony of Padua Church, Dudley. A very special thank you to JHC Hospice for their compassion and outstanding commitment to care. www.bartelfuneralhome.com

Bartel Funeral Home 33 Schofield Ave. Dudley , Ma 01571 is directing arrangements

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Advertising signs and posters (Part II)



I hope that those of you who are attending the Brimfield Antique Show this week are having a good show and staying hydrated in the hot July sun.

In my last column, I provided a history of

advertising from broadsides of the 17th century to the plastic advertising signs being used today. Today, I'll discuss popular types of advertising signs and auction prices for some valuable signs. Some of the most popular types of signs advertise automobiles and petroleum products, soda, and beer.

The Dutch West India Company opened the first brewery in America in 1632, located in New York. Early wooden tavern signs originally advertised pubs where patrons could order beer, ale, wine, rum, and other hard liquor. Signs progressed over time and wooden folk-art signs were eventually replaced with dif-



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ferent materials. A neon Ruppert Beer sign brought \$8,400 in a 2020 auction. The auction house touted Jacob Ruppert's connection to the Yankees in the sign's auction catalog description.

Jacob Ruppert bought out his partner Tillinghast L'Honneste in 1922 and later opened Yankees Stadium in 1923. A self-framed single-sided tin sign from Schlitz Beer featuring a woman with torch graphic sitting atop the globe with the Schlitz logo sold for \$19,000 in 2023. An early 1900s Yosemite Beer reverse glass saloon sign went for \$34,000 in 2016. A 1950s era 9.5ft x 13.5ft Pearl Lager Beer

of Texas porcelain lighted motion sign fetched \$150,000 in 2023.

Dr. John Pemberton created Coca Cola as a tonic for common ailments in 1886. It's now a brand that's recognized worldwide. As you might expect, Coca Cola signs are some of the most popular soda signs with collectors. A neon sign with Coca Cola in script sold for \$11,000 in 2022, even though the neon had been replaced. A sidewalk double sided 1930s-40s porcelain Coca Cola sign with "Luncheon" across the bottom went for \$19,000 in 2016. An enamel and neon double-side marked "Drink Coca Cola in Bottles" brought \$37,000 in 2022. But it's not just Coca Cola signs that sell well. A 1948 "Thirsty? Just Whistle." Whistle Soda sign with elves working on a billboard and moving a soda bottle with a dolly went for

\$9,750.

We don't have to look any further than Central Massachusetts for collectible gasoline and automobile related signs. Oilzum was created by White and Bagley in Worcester in 1905. They were an industry leader in motor oils. Their logos with a buck tooth boy and Oswald the driver with cap and goggles were popular with customers back then and today. Last year, an Oilzum curb (lollipop) sign (shaped like a lollipop on a metal base) with Oswald the driver sold for \$60,000. A "Flying A GAS" Porcelain neon sign with "chicken wings" on the side of the "A" and the "A" used in spelling the word gas brought \$90,000 in 2022. A circa 1929 Porcelain Musgo Gasoline Service Station Sign depicting a Native American was described as one of the

most important pieces ever produced and one of the few undamaged signs of its type. Bidders didn't hit the brakes until it reached \$350,000 in 2022.

We are always accepting consignments of vintage and antique advertising signs. We are also accepting coins, art, gold jewelry, sterling silver, historical items, and other antiques for our end of summer online auction. Please visit our Web site, <https://centralmassauctions.com>, for links to upcoming events.

Contact us to consign items or for auction information at: Wayne Tuiskula Auctioneer/ Appraiser Central Mass Auctions for Antique, Collectibles Auctions and Appraisal Services info@centralmassauctions.com or (508-612-6111).

Don't offend the wrong person

We often think of power as the schemes of politicians, corporate giants' strategies, and social leaders' charisma. Picture the court of a royal palace, with courtesans all vying for the king's favor, each employing flattery, alliances, manipulation, and charm in their quest for power.

Power isn't just for the influential; it's a force that shapes our relationships. It exists in families, marriages, friendships, and workplaces. Power plays a crucial role in the dynamics of parent-child relationships, the subtle negotiations between siblings, and the interactions within social circles. Even in seemingly mundane settings like community

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organizations or school committees, power dictates who gets what they want and how they achieve their goals.

I'm sure you've heard of Robert Greene's "The 48 Laws of Power" by now. I first encountered it during a Jordan Peterson interview with the author. Initially, Peterson was still determining how to interpret the book.

It's different from your typical self-help book, if you can even call it that. It's more like a guide or framework for those who aspire to achieve power, and some parts of it come across as quite Machiavellian. Despite my initial reservations, I found myself intrigued.

The promise of uncovering the secrets of power dynamics was too compelling to resist, so I decided to purchase it.

I came across one chapter that seemed especially relevant to my life. Maybe there is someone in your life who has power, who, no matter how carefully you handle yourself, you can't help but offend. It's been bothering you to the point of sleepless nights and private agony. You love this person dearly, but no matter how hard you try, you can't seem to keep them from lashing out. Worse yet, this person holds a significant power dynamic in your life, where you must play your cards right or risk unfavorable outcomes.

The chapter is titled "Know Who You're Dealing With—Don't Offend the Wrong Person." Well, that's obvious, right? You don't want to offend the wrong

person. But there are many different personality types, and sometimes you may make a comment that seems entirely unassuming to you and most people, but this person hears it, and they come at you with a vengeance.

Greene writes about five personality types: the Arrogant and Proud, the Hopelessly Insecure, the Suspicious, the Serpent with a Long Memory, and the Plain, Unassuming, and Often Unintelligent.

Each personality requires a different approach and strategy to navigate successfully. Understanding these types can help us avoid unnecessary conflicts and maintain harmony in our relationships.

When dealing with someone with power over you, it's crucial to identify which personality type this person embodies and tread carefully, as any misstep could have signif-

icant repercussions.

The Arrogant and Proud person has a touchy pride that can make them very dangerous; any perceived slight will lead to overwhelming retaliation.

With their fragile ego, the Hopelessly Insecure person will respond with a thousand little bites that take a long time for you to notice but eventually add up to significant harm.

Suspicious people see what they want to see in others, usually in the negative. While not as immediately dangerous, their distrust can still create substantial obstacles.

The Serpent with a Long Memory will not show anger initially but will bide their time, waiting until they can unexpectedly turn the tables on you.

Finally, the Plain, Unassuming, and Often Unintelligent person may not harm you directly

or seek revenge, but will instead waste your time, energy, resources, and even your sanity.

Sometimes, the person you're dealing with is a mix of two types, and I don't know if that's better or worse. However, I've learned that it doesn't matter why things are the way they are. You could drive yourself in and try to figure out why. All you need to know is that they are that way, and the best thing you can do is adapt your approach accordingly.

Remember to remain calm, avoid triggering their sensitivities, and always be strategic in your interactions. Ultimately, it's about finding a way to maintain balance and protect yourself while minimizing conflict, understanding these nuances, and using this awareness to sustain harmony and preserve your well-being.

Area resident graduates from Mercer University

MACON, Ga. — Mercer University conferred Bachelor's, Master's and doctoral degrees to more than 2,200 students at five commencements held in May in Macon and Atlanta, including Catherine French of Dudley, who earned a Master of Medical Science from the College of Health Professionals.

Founded in 1833, Mercer University is a dynamic and comprehensive center of undergraduate, graduate and professional education. The University enrolls more than 9,100 students in 12 schools and colleges - liberal arts and sciences, law, pharmacy, medicine, business, engineering, education, theology, music, nursing, health professions and professional advancement - on major campuses in Macon and Atlanta, medical school sites in Macon, Savannah, Columbus and Valdosta, and at regional academic centers in Henry and Douglas counties.

Amanda Healey graduates from University at Buffalo

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Amanda Healey of Auburn graduated summa cum laude from the University at Buffalo with a bachelor's degree in dance from the College of Arts and Sciences and a bachelor's degree in linguistics from the College of Arts and Sciences.

UB is New York State's flagship and the largest and most comprehensive institution in the State University of New York system.

Healey was among over 9,400 students who were celebrated in one of the 23 school-based or university-wide recognition and certificate ceremonies held April 26 through May 19.

The commencement ceremonies recognized students whose bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degrees were conferred by the university in August 2023, February 2024, or June 2024. Healey's conferral date was June 2024.

About the University at Buffalo

The University at Buffalo is a premier, research-intensive public university and is New York's flagship. UB's more than 30,000 students pursue their academic interests through more than 500 undergraduate, graduate and professional degree programs. Founded in 1846, the University at Buffalo is a member of the Association of American Universities, which is composed of America's leading research universities. AAU's 71 research universities transform lives through education, research, and innovation.

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representing not only the visual beauty of the town itself, but also the varying artistries of its many residents.

"Everybody gets to pick a square that interests them and use the medium of their choice to fill it in and then we will put the pieces together and make an art installation for the summer - All the pictures will connect, so we need lots of artists," said Messier.

The project is designed by local artist Lisa Kretchman and is comprised of a hundred individual pieces. Artists are given pre-designed portions of the mural that they can color, paint, or stylize whatever way they choose to help bring that portion of the larger picture to life. The mural will be presented in full in the Fels Room of the library in August. The staff are also embracing the library's summer reading theme of "re-using" by recycling frames from previous art shows

to create the new exhibit. The project allows artists to work independently from home and is open to all ages and skill levels. The library has already presented several public sessions, including two with Kretchman herself and a Community Art Day on July 5, to allow artist to work on their pictures in person. Information about the project and how to participate will continue to be provided through the library's social media platforms or by calling 508-949-8021.

Fort Hays State University announces Dean's Honor Roll

HAYS, Kan. — Fort Hays State University has named 1,594 students to the Dean's Honor Roll for the spring 2024 semester, including Desmond Cheetham of Webster.

The Deans' Honor Roll includes undergraduate students only. To be eligible, students must have completed 12 or more credit hours and earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.60 for the semester. Full-time on-campus and online students are eligible.

The list does not include students who requested privacy. If a Hays address was given by the student as their primary home address, and no other hometown was designated, the student will be listed as a Hays student. Students are listed by city.



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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

Docket No. 24 SM 002408
ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: John E. Walsh

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq):

Power Financial Credit Union sbm to Ryder System Federal Credit Union claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Auburn, numbered 810 Oxford Street S, given by John E. Walsh to Ryder System Federal Credit Union, dated January 30, 2015, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 53318, Page 189, 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 08/12/2024 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of non-compliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER Chief Justice of this Court on 6/28/2024
Attest: Deborah J. Patterson, Recorder
July 12, 2024

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Jordan Donais** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for EverBank dated September 7, 2007, recorded at the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41792, Page 32, as affected by Loan Modification Agreement dated April 7, 2016, and recorded in Book 55791 Page 52; said mortgage was then assigned to CitiMortgage, Inc. by virtue of an assignment dated May 25, 2012, and recorded in Book 49090, Page 60; and further assigned to Pretium Mortgage Credit Partners I Loan Acquisition, LP by virtue of an assignment dated December 11, 2015, and recorded in Book 54689, Page 292; and further assigned to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, D/B/A Christiana Trust, not individually but as Trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust by virtue of an assignment dated January 14, 2016, and recorded in Book 54941, Page 323; and further assigned to DLJ Mortgage Capital, Inc. by virtue of an assignment dated August 22, 2018, and recorded in Book 59679, Page 326; and further assigned to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of CSMC 2018-RPL9 Trust by virtue of an assignment dated May 10, 2022, and recorded in Book 67635, Page 101, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at PUBLIC AUCTION at 11:00 AM on **July 18, 2024**, on the mortgaged premises. This property has the address of 41 Dudley Road, Oxford, MA 01540. The entire mortgaged premises, all and singular, the premises as described in said mortgage:

The land with the buildings thereon of every nature and description and all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, situated in said Oxford, being part of Lot #178 Walnut Street, as shown on a Plan of Lots, owned by Leslie J. Chaffee, drawn by Leslie J. Chaffee, Surveyor, dated June 1, 1955 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 210, Plan 68, more specifically described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the easterly line of Dudley Road, at the intersection of Walnut Street; THENCE northeasterly along the easterly line of said Dudley Road ninety-five and five tenths (95.5) feet more or less to a point at Lot #181; THENCE S 47° 10' E One hundred six (106) feet more or less by Lot #181 to a point at the northwesterly corner of Lot #176; THENCE S 37° 10' W One Hundred (100) feet by Lot #176 to a point on the northerly line of Walnut Street; THENCE N 52° 50' W Ninety-four and five tenths (94.5) feet by the northerly line of Walnut Street to a point; THENCE by a curve to the right whose radius is Twenty (20) feet along the line connecting the northerly line of Walnut Street with the easterly line of Dudley Road to the point of beginning. SUBJECT to restrictions in deed to us from John H. Rives et ux, dated 9/28/78, recorded with Worcester County Registry of Deeds at Book 6577, Page 13. For title reference see Book 21913, Page 59.

Subject to and with the benefit of easements, reservation, restrictions, and taking of record, if any, insofar as the same are now in force and applicable. In the event of any typographical error set forth herein in the legal description of the premises, the description as set forth and contained in the mortgage shall control by reference. Together with all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property and all easements, rights, appurtenances, rents, royalties, mineral, oil and gas rights and profits, water rights and stock and all fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property. All replacements and additions shall also be covered by this sale.

Terms of Sale: Said premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and assessments, tax sales, tax titles and other municipal liens and water or sewer liens and State or County transfer fees, if any there are, and TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) in cashier's or certified check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of the sale as a deposit and the balance in cashier's or certified check will be due in thirty (30) days, at the offices of Doonan, Graves & Longoria, LLC ("DG&L"), time being of the essence. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

Dated: May 23, 2024
Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of CSMC 2018-RPL9 Trust
By its Attorney DOONAN, GRAVES & LONGORIA, LLC, 100 Cummings Center, Suite 303C, Beverly, MA 01915 (978) 921-2670 www.dgandl.com
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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
Docket No. WO24P1795PM
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L.c. 190B, § 5-304 & § 5-405
In the matter of:
Jamie Lilla
Of: Webster, MA
RESPONDENT**

(Person to be Protected/Minor)
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by David K Ferguson Law Office, Llp of Worcester, MA of in the above captioned matter alleging that **Jamie Lilla** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Stephen M Fournier of Leominster, MA, (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **With Surety** on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **07/23/2024**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
June 25, 2024

Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate

July 12, 2024

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
Docket No. WO240236DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
Lukas Mbugua Maina
vs.
Misty Sue Maina**

To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:

**Lukas Mbugua Maina
26 Williamsburg Ct.**

**Apt. 14
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your answer, if any, on or before **08/14/2024**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

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

Date: May 17, 2024

Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
July 12, 2024

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

Docket No. 24 SM 002349
ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: Ashley Saad, Joshua White and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq): HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee of the Fieldstone Mortgage Investment Trust, Series 2006-2 claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Oxford, numbered 22 Newton Avenue, given by Brian M. White and Melissa L. Saad to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Fieldstone Mortgage Company, its successors and assigns, dated April 6, 2006, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 38742, Page 319, as affected by a Loan Modification Agreement dated December 28, 2010, and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 46947, Page 174, 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 08/12/2024 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of non-compliance with the Act. Witness, GORDON H. PIPER Chief Justice of this Court on 6/26/2024
Attest: Deborah J. Patterson, Recorder
July 12, 2024

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO23P4420GD
Petition for Resignation or Petition for Removal of Guardianship of a Minor
In the interests of
Patrick A Rowe of Dudley, MA
Minor
NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES**

1. **Hearing Date/Time:** A hearing on a Petition to Resign as Guardian of a Minor or Petition for Removal of Guardian of a Minor filed by

Sabrina T. Regan on June 10, 2024 will be held **07/22/2024 08:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing** Located **Worcester Probate Court, 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608**

2. **Response to Petition:** You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:

File the original with the Court; and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

3. **Counsel for the Minor:** The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

4. **Presence of the Minor at Hearing:** A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

ORDER TO PETITIONER(S)
IT IS ORDERED THAT copies of this

Notice and the Petition for Resignation or Petition for Removal of a Guardian of a Minor be served in hand on the minor, (if 14 or more years of age and not the petitioner), the guardian, the parents of the minor (unless they are the petitioner), and any other person if ordered by the Court, at least **fourteen (14) days** prior to the hearing date listed above.

If Service in hand cannot be accomplished on any interested party, **IT IS ORDERED** that copies of this Notice and the Petition for Resignation or Petition for Removal of Guardian of a Minor be served on the interested party by leaving at and mailing by regular first class mail to last and usual place of residence of the interested party at least **fourteen (14) days** prior to the date of hearing listed above.

If the identity or whereabouts of an interested party is **not known**, **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that copies of this Notice and Petition for Resignation or Petition for Removal of Guardian of a Minor be served on all interested persons at least **fourteen (14) days** prior to the hearing date by publishing a copy of the Order and Notice once in **Webster Times Dudley**, publication to be at least **Seven (7) days** prior to the hearing date.

If required, service on the United States Veteran Administration and the Department of Children and Families may be accomplished by regular first class mail at least **Seven (7) days** prior to the hearing.

THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for legal advice.
Date: June 18, 2024

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
July 12, 2024

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
Docket No. WO24P2146PM
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L.c. 190B, § 5-304 & § 5-405
In the matter of:
Earle C. Durkee
Of: Dudley, MA
RESPONDENT**
(Person to be Protected/Minor)

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Lynnell L. Durkee of Dudley, MA of in the above captioned matter alleging that **Earle C. Durkee** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Lynnell L. Durkee of Dudley, MA, (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **Without Surety** on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **07/30/2024**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
June 26, 2024

Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
July 12, 2024

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Samantha Hadley makes Goodwin Dean's List

EAST HARTFORD, Conn. — Samantha Hadley has earned a spot on the Goodwin University Dean's List for Spring 2024.

Samantha, a student from Webster, is one of 752 students to make the Dean's List, reserved for those who demonstrate great academic performance.

Dean's List inclusion requires a student to earn a minimum 3.5 GPA, the equivalent of an A-average, during a given academic session. The student must also be enrolled in a minimum of six academic credits to qualify.

Goodwin University congratulates Samantha on making the Dean's List and demonstrating such a high standard of excellence in the classroom and beyond!

Goodwin University in East Hartford, Connecticut, is an innovative learning community that empowers hard-working students to become sought-after employees. We tailor our programs to address the needs of employers, and we shape them to fit the lives of students. Classes are conveniently offered year-round - days, evenings, weekends, and online. Degrees may be flexibly layered across certificate, associate, bachelor's, and master's programs in a variety of in-demand fields. Better still, we surround our students with the personal support and the professional guidance they need - not just to earn degrees, but to change lives for themselves, their families, and their communities. For more information, please visit www.goodwin.edu.

Samantha Hadley named to Goodwin University President's List

EAST HARTFORD, Conn. — Samantha Hadley of Webster earned a place on Goodwin University's President's List for the Spring 2024 Session. The Spring 2024 President's List includes 291 students, all of whom scored a perfect 4.0 GPA.

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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 Barbara W. McCoy to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Drew Mortgage Associates, Inc., dated January 3, 2007 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 40456, Page 238, as modified by a certain modification agreement dated May 1, 2012, and recorded with said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 49180, Page 102, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Drew Mortgage Associates, Inc., its successors and assigns to New York Community Bank, recorded on February 21, 2012, in Book No. 48557, at Page 200 Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Drew Mortgage Associates, Inc. to New York Community Bank, recorded on December 13, 2013, in Book No. 51852, at Page 71

New York Community Bank to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee for Towd Point Master Funding Trust 2017-PM13 HC, recorded on September 13, 2018, in Book No. 59396, at Page 185

New York Community Bank to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as mortgagee, as nominee for Drew Mortgage Associates, Inc., its successors and assigns, recorded on September 7, 2023, in Book No. 69612, at Page 100

U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee for Towd Point Master Funding Trust 2017-PM13 HC to Firstkey Mortgage, LLC, recorded on September 14, 2023, in Book No. 69640, at Page 263

FirstKey Mortgage, LLC to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as collateral trust trustee of FirstKey Master Funding 2021-A Collateral Trust, recorded on November 22, 2023, in Book No. 69915, at Page 233

for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 5:00 PM on August 5, 2024, on the mortgaged premises located at 23 Comins Road, Unit 23, Comins Road Condominium, Oxford, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

The Unit ("Unit") known as 23 of the Comins Road Condominium located at 19-25 Comins Road, North Oxford, Massachusetts ("Building"), a condominium ("Condominium") established by the Grantor pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 183A, by Master Deed dated September 28, 2006, recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 39886, Page 101 ("Master Deed"), which Unit is shown on the floor plans ("Plans") of the Building recorded simultaneously with the Master Deed, to which is affixed the verified statement of a registered architect in the form required by Section 9 of Chapter 183A.

The Unit is conveyed together with:

1. An undivided interest of 26.00% in the common-areas and facilities ("Common Elements") of the Condominium described in the Master Deed, attributable to the Unit.

2. An easement for the continuance of all encroachments by the Unit on any adjoining units or Common Elements existing as a result of construction of the Building, or which may come into existence hereafter as a result of settling or shifting of the Building, or as a result of repair or restoration of the Building or of the Unit after damage or destruction by fire or other casualty, or after a taking in condemnation or eminent domain proceedings, or by reason of an alteration or repair to the Common Elements made by or with the consent of the trustees.

3. An easement in common with the owners of other units to use any pipes, wires, ducts, flues, cables, conduits, public utility lines, and other common

Elements located in any of the other units or elsewhere in the condominium and serving the Unit.

4. Rights and easements in common with other Unit Owners as described in the Master Deed.

Said Unit is conveyed subject to:

1. Easements in favor of adjoining units and in favor of the Common Elements for the continuance of all encroachments of such adjoining units or Common Elements to the Unit, now existing as a result of construction of the Building, or which may come into existence hereafter as a result of settling or shifting of the Building, or as a result of repair or restoration of the Building or of any adjoining unit or of the Common Elements after damage or destruction by fire or other casualty, or after a taking in condemnation or eminent domain proceedings, or by reason of an alteration or repair to the Common Elements made by or with the consent of the Trustees.

2. An easement in favor of the other units to use the pipes, wires, ducts, flues, conduits, cables, public utility lines, and other Common Elements located in the Unit or elsewhere in the Condominium and serving such other units.

3. The provisions of this Unit Deed, the Master Deed, the Declaration of Trust, and the plans, as the same may be amended from time to time by instrument recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, which provisions, together with any amendments thereto, shall constitute covenants running with the land and shall bind any person having at any time any interest or estate in the Unit, his family, servants, and visitors, as though such provisions were recited and stipulated at length herein.

4. All easements, agreements, restrictions and conditions of record, insofar as the same are now in force and applicable.

The Unit is intended only for residential purposes, and no other use may be made of the Unit.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 40456, Page 232. 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 COLLATERAL TRUST TRUSTEE OF FIRSTKEY MASTER FUNDING 2021-A COLLATERAL TRUST Present holder of said mortgage By its Attorneys, HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C. 150 California St. Newton, MA 02458 (617)558-0500 21629

July 12, 2024
July 19, 2024
July 26, 2024

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Pamela Ward and Peter L. Ward to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Countrywide Bank, N.A., its successors and assigns, dated December 14, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 40345, Page 331, subsequently assigned to Nationstar Mortgage, LLC by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Countrywide Bank, N.A., its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 50206, Page 141, subsequently assigned to Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc. by Nationstar Mortgage, LLC by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 61398, Page 220 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 AM on July 19, 2024 at 66 Old Douglas Road, Webster, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land in Webster, Massachusetts and shown as Lot #8 on plan entitled "Plan of Land in Webster, Massachusetts, surveyed for Finecamp K.O.A., Inc. dated September 4, 1986, Para Land Surveying, Inc." and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 565, Plan 19.

BEGINNING at an iron pipe at the northwest corner of tract herein described on the southerly side of Old Douglas Road at the northeast corner of Lot #7;

THENCE S. 84° 33' 00" E. along the southerly side of Old Douglas Road a distance of one hundred and twenty seven hundredths (100.27) feet to an iron pipe;

THENCE S. 01° 12' 40" W. along Lot #9 a distance of five hundred sixty and three hundredths (560.03) feet to an iron pipe;

THENCE N. 86° 46' 41" W. along land of Harold Beatty a distance of one hundred and six hundredths (100.06) feet to an iron pipe;

THENCE N. 01° 12' 40" E. along Lot #7 a distance of one hundred fifty three and eighty three hundredths (153.83) feet;

THENCE N. 88° 48' 20" W. along Lot #7 a distance of thirty nine and seventy one hundredths (39.71) feet;

THENCE N. 09° 27' 03" W. along Lot #7 a distance of one hundred fifty three and forty four hundredths (153.44) feet;

THENCE N. 62° 48' 54" E. along Lot #7 a distance of seventy seven and forty one hundredths (77.41) feet;

THENCE N. 01° 12' 40" E. along Lot #7 a distance of two hundred twenty two and fifty one hundredths (222.51) feet to the point of beginning.

The above described tract contains an area of 1.505 acres of land, more or less.

BEING the same premises conveyed to Peter L. Ward and Pamela Ward by deed of Michael Finamore and Eileen Finamore dated October 14, 1987 and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 10904, Page 244.

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

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$10,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale,

to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.

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

Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc. Present Holder of said Mortgage,

By Its Attorneys, ORLANS PC

PO Box 540540 Waltham, MA 02454

Phone: (781) 790-7800 22-001709

June 28, 2024

July 5, 2024

July 12, 2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

Worcester Division

225 Main Street

Worcester, MA 01608

(508) 831-2200

Docket No. WO23P0282EA

Estate of:

Jessica M. Gabrila

Date of Death: 12/11/2022

CITATION ON PETITION

FOR ORDER OF

COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by

Daniel James Cardinal

of Franklin MA

requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, and first account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition. Important Notice

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before: **10:00 a.m.** on the return day of **07/23/2024**.

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

Witness, Hon. Leilah A Keamy,

First Justice of this Court

June 25, 2024

Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of

Probate

July 12, 2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court

Worcester Probate and Family Court

225 Main Street

Worcester, MA 01608

(508)831-2200

Docket No. WO24C0302CA

CITATION ON PETITION TO

CHANGE NAME

In the matter of:

Kaila Nichole Donahue-Seeley

A Petition to Change Name of Adult

has been filed by

Kaila Nichole Donahue-Seeley of

Oxford MA requesting that the court

enter a Decree changing their name to:

Kaila Nichole Donahue

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 07/16/24. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First

Justice of this Court.

Date: June 24, 2024

Stephanie Fattman,

Register of Probate

July 12, 2024

Double the benefit of every gardening task

You can double the benefit of every gardening task while keeping your garden looking its best. You'll reduce your workload, help your landscape flourish, and have more time to enjoy its beauty.

Don't spend time and energy bagging and hauling landscape trimmings to the recycling center. Put it to work in your garden. Use shredded leaves, evergreen needles, herbicide-free grass clippings, or other pest- and weed-free organic material as mulch.

Spread a one-to-two-inch layer of these materials over the soil around annual and perennial flowers and vegetables.

Spreading organic mulch over the soil surface helps conserve moisture, suppress weeds, moderate

soil temperatures, protect the soil during heavy rains, and improve the soil as it breaks down. Besides all these benefits you'll be burning calories and strengthening your muscles.

Convert larger tree and



Melinda Myers

Mulching the garden conserves moisture, suppresses weeds, and improves the soil as it breaks down amongst other benefits.

shrub trimmings into wattle fences, arbors, or plant supports. Or chip them into mulch to spread around trees and shrubs



GARDEN MOMENTS
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MELINDA MYERS

or as pathways throughout the landscape. You don't need to buy a chipper but may want to team up with your neighbors to rent one. Maintain a two-to-three-inch layer of mulch around these plants. Keep the mulch away from the tree trunks and crowns of the plants.

Still more landscape trimmings? Start a compost pile if your municipality allows it. Transform plant-based kitchen scraps and landscape trimmings into a valuable soil amendment. Do not add meat, fat, or bones that can attract rodents. Avoid adding weeds gone to seed, perennial weeds like quackgrass and bindweed, and plants infected with disease or insects. Most gardeners do not compost at high enough temperatures to kill these organisms, so they get added back to the garden with the compost.

Compost is good for the environment and helps build healthy soil more equipped to retain moisture, provide nutrients, and help suppress some plant diseases and insect pests.

Continue growing lawn grass tall and mowing high as long as your grass is actively growing. Taller grass is more likely to out-

compete the weeds and forms deeper roots making it more drought tolerant. Minimize the stress by removing no more than a third of the total grass height each time you mow.

Improve your lawn's appearance, save time, and use fewer resources with sharp mower blades. You can mow faster with sharpened blades and your mower will consume up to 22 percent less fuel. Lawns will also use up to 30 percent less water. Sharp mower blades make a clean cut that is less noticeable plus the wound closes quickly, helping you grow a healthy better-looking lawn.

Leave the clippings on the lawn. They add nutrients, moisture, and organic matter to the soil. A season's worth of clippings equals one fertilizer application so every time you mow you are fertilizing the lawn and improving the soil.

Finish every garden chore with a bit of clean-up. Sweep clippings, plant debris, and fertilizer off walks, drives, and patios, so it won't wash into the storm sewer. Keeping plant debris out of our waterways is good for us and the environment.

Melinda Myers has written over 20 gardening books, including *Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition* and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant video and DVD series* and the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine. Myers' Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

THE BOROUGH OF DANIELSON
 POSITION: BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR
 LOCATION: Office of the Borough of Danielson, 47 Academy Street, Danielson, CT 06239
 CLASSIFICATION: Part time 20-24 hours per week
 Applicants should send a cover letter, resume and three letters of reference by email to Clifford.H@boroughofdanielson.org (Heidi Clifford, President) to be considered.
 • The Borough Administrator reports to the Borough President and Borough Council for the proper administration of all Borough affairs as outlined in the Borough Charter.
 • In coordination with the President, the Borough Administrator oversees and manages all municipal functions and day-to-day operations of the Borough.
 • The Borough Administrator works closely with the Borough President and Fire Department Chiefs to present a proposed budget to the Borough Council in preparation for the Annual Borough Meeting in April.
 • The Borough Administrator directs the implementation of the Borough's adopted budget including all payroll/bookkeeping functions.
 • The Borough Administrator administers all laws and ordinances that are enacted by the State of Connecticut and Borough Council.
 • The Borough Administrator researches issues of concern for the Borough President and Council making recommendations for their review.
 • The Borough Administrator is the recording secretary at all Council meetings, committees, and commissions.
 • The Borough Administrator works with representatives on state and federal funding, reimbursement, grants and other opportunities, maintaining and filing of related reports.
 • The Borough Administrator works with the Borough's accounting and auditing firms maintaining generally accepted accounting principles.
 • The Borough Administrator provides proficient secretarial support for the Borough.
 Appropriately receiving and responding to citizen inquiries, complaints referring citizens to the correct department for processing.
 • Monitors and maintains the Borough's social media accounts and website.
 • Promptly responds to inquiries and complaints from the public.
 • Performs related work as required.

REQUIRED MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS
 • Required bachelor's degree in public or business administration or closely related field. With 5+ years of responsible experience which demonstrated ability to perform the duties of the position, or any equivalent combination of education and experience.
 • Preference for experience with "small town" New England communities, human resources, infrastructure projects, budgets, working with regional agencies.
 • Knowledge of Quick Books or similar financial accounting system software experience required.
 • Preference for website and social media development experience.
 • Must possess a valid motor vehicle operator's license

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES
 • Must possess a range of knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary for effective management of municipal government.
 • Must possess a thorough knowledge of the principles and practices of public administration and municipal finance, including short and long-term budgeting and capital planning skills.
 • Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with local and state government officials and the public.
 • Ability to be a strong communicator, collaborator and nonpartisan leader.
 • Ability to communicate effectively with the Council, staff and public with a customer service focus.
 • Ability to maintain confidentiality under all circumstances. Especially when relating to sensitive information, executive sessions and personnel matters.
 • Ability to use internet applications, including financial accounting systems, Civic Plus Website, Outlook and Microsoft Office products.

REQUIRED PHYSICAL AND MENTAL EFFORT AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS
 • Ability to work in a small office setting
 • Ability to work independently and take initiative
 • Ability to work under stress from demanding deadlines, changing priorities and conditions.
 • Ability to sit or remain standing for long periods of time.
 • Ability to attend to tasks/function for more than 60 minutes at a time.
 • Ability to carry and lift office documents/equipment weighing up to 25 pounds.
 • Ability to remember multiple tasks/assignment given to self and others over a long period of time.
 • Ability to concentrate on fine detail despite loud noises or interruptions.
 • Ability to hear normal sounds with some background noise and to communicate effectively.

Please note: The above description is an illustration of the tasks and responsibilities one might encounter in this position. It is not meant to be all inclusive and is subject to change based upon the needs of the Borough of Danielson.

Nothing in this position description restricts the Borough of Danielson's right to assign or reassign duties and responsibilities to this position at any time. This position reflects the Borough Administrator's responsibilities and essential functions. It does not prescribe nor restrict the tasks that may be assigned and is subject to change at any time due to reasonable accommodation or other reasons.

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LEGALS

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage dated May 21, 2005 from Henry P. Lebel, Jr. to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Homebridge Mortgage Bankers Corp. recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 36407, Page 69, as affected by Loan Modification Agreement recorded September 19, 2012 in Book 49646, Page 31, the undersigned U.S. Bank National Association as Legal Title Trustee for Truman 2016 SC6 Title Trust being the present holder of said mortgage by Assignment of Mortgage dated August 9, 2007 from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to Chase Home Finance LLC recorded in Book 45158, Page 162, Assignment of Mortgage dated March 8, 2012 from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Homebridge Mortgage Bankers Corp., its successors and assigns, to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association recorded in Book 48743, Page 122, JP Morgan Chase Bank is successor by merger to Chase Home Finance, LLC, Assignment of Mortgage dated August 15, 2014 from JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development recorded in Book 52961, Page 327, Assignment of Mortgage dated March 16, 2015 from The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A. as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust recorded in Book 53576, Page 128, Assignment of Mortgage dated January 29, 2015 from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Homebridge Mortgage Bankers Corp., its successors and assigns, to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association recorded in Book 53858, Page 33, Assignment of Mortgage dated July 18, 2015

from The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A. as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust recorded in Book 54084, Page 390, Assignment of Mortgage dated December 29, 2021 from JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. successor by merger to Chase Home Finance, LLC to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Homebridge Mortgage Bankers Corp., its successors and assigns, recorded in Book 67373, Page 389, Assignment of Mortgage dated October 20, 2021 from U.S. Bank Trust, N.A. as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust to U.S. Bank National Association as legal Title Trustee for Truman 2016 SC6 Title Trust in Book 67373, Page 392, and Assignment of Mortgage dated November 15, 2023 from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to U.S. Bank National Association as Legal Title Trustee for Truman 2016 SC6 Title Trust recorded in Book 69940, Page 67, for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at: **1:00 P.M., Monday, August 12, 2024** upon the hereinafter-described premises, known as and numbered as 52 Harris Street, Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singularly the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: Two parcels of land in Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts bounded and described as follows: **PARCEL 1:** A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon of every nature and description and all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, situated in Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts, on the westerly side of Harris Street, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at an iron pipe driven into the ground on the westerly line of said Harris Street at land of Rock Sledzik

and being the southeasterly angle of the tract hereby conveyed; Thence westerly one hundred fifty (150) feet by land of said Rock Sledzik and Otto Kindler to an iron pipe driven into the ground at land of Leon Dudek, et ux, now or formerly; Thence northerly sixty-five (65) feet by land of Leon Dudek, et ux, now or formerly, to an iron pipe driven into the ground at the side of a boulder; Thence easterly one hundred fifty (150) feet by land of Leon Dudek, et ux, now or formerly to an iron pipe driven into the ground on the westerly side of said Harris Street; Thence southerly sixty-five (65) feet by said Harris Street to the point of beginning. **PARCEL 2:** A certain tract of land on the westerly side of Harris Street, in Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at an iron pipe in the westerly side line of Harris Street, sixty-five (65) feet northerly of land now or formerly of Rock Sledzik; Thence westerly by land of Emily C. Dudek, a distance of one hundred fifty (150) feet to an iron pipe; Thence southerly by land of said Emily C. Dudek, sixty-five (65) feet to an iron pipe at land now or formerly of Otto Kindler; Thence westerly by land now or formerly of Otto Kindler, fifty (50) feet to a point; Thence northerly by land of Rosa Dudek, seventy-five (75) feet to a point; Thence easterly two hundred (200) feet by land of Rosa Dudek to a point in the westerly side line of said Harris Street; Thence southerly by said westerly side line of Harris Street, ten (10) feet to the point of beginning. For Mortgagor's title, see deed recorded herewith. BK 36407 Pg 67 The above-described premises shall be subject to all easements,

restrictions, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, outstanding tax titles, building, zoning and other land use laws and all permits and approvals issued pursuant thereto, including, without limitation, orders of conditions, and existing encumbrances of record created prior to said Mortgage, if there be any. Said premises are to be sold subject to the right of redemption of the United States of America, if any there be. **TERMS OF SALE:** The highest bidder shall be required to make a deposit of \$10,000.00 to the holder of said Mortgage, in cash or by certified or bank cashier's check at the time and place of said sale of said premises. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid to said holder in cash, by certified check or bank cashier's check, and thereupon the deed shall be delivered, in thirty (30) days from the date of sale at the firm of Cunningham, Machanic, Cetlin, Johnson, Harney & Tenney, LLP, Attorneys for said holder, 220 North Main Street, Suite 301, Natick, Massachusetts. The successful bidder shall be required to sign a Memorandum of Terms of Sale. The description of the premises contained in said Mortgage shall control in the event of an error in publication. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the time and place of sale. U.S. Bank National Association as Legal Title Trustee for Truman 2016 SC6 Title Trust, By its Attorneys, CUNNINGHAM, MACHANIC, CETLIN, JOHNSON, HARNEY & TENNEY, LLP 220 North Main Street, Suite 301 Natick, MA 01760 (508) 651-7524 July 12, 2024 July 19, 2024 July 26, 2024



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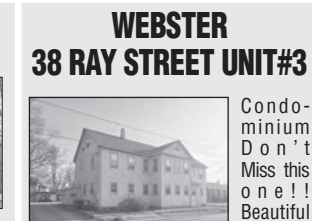
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Five Worcester County Sheriff's Office Resource Center clients receive HiSET diploma



Courtesy

Sheriff Lewis Evangelidis, Webster Regional Resource Center Staff, and the three of certificate recipients pose for a group photo after the recognition ceremony.

WEBSTER — On Thursday, June 13, five clients of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office Webster Regional Resource Center (RRC) were recognized during a formal ceremony for receiving their certificate of completion for the Sheriff's Department HiSET program, or high school equivalency program.

The HiSET program allows individuals to earn a high school equivalency certificate that is accepted in every state, the Department of Education, and US Military programs. Individuals are tested in math, science, English language, and social studies.

The Webster RRC has provided free re-entry services to community members since it opened in 2015. Services offered include the HiSET program, trade programs guidance, employment search, parenting group, housing referrals, and more.

"At 16, I barely had an education," commented Cristina Crosby, a previous graduate of the

HiSET program at the Webster RRC. "I went to a GED program that a job corp offered and failed that exam. I went again around 18 to a night school program at a local college and failed that exam. I told Mr. Lane (WCSOEducational Coordinator) that at this point in my life, I was ready to do this for myself because it was my time. I will never forget receiving a phone call and the person on the other end saying, 'Congratulations, you passed the (HiSET) classes.' I cried that entire day. I want to thank Mr. Lane and this program because without it, I wouldn't be here today as a college-educated woman."

Lisa Gobi, the Director of education at the Worcester County Sheriff's Office, served as the ceremony's keynote speaker. Gobi has worked with the WCSOEducational Department for 18 years. Gobi spoke to the graduates about her experiences with programs such as the one they just completed and reminded them that this is only the next step toward their goals.

Gobi explained, "Inside the Worcester County House of Corrections, the education staff teaches engaging relevant classes. We offer hands-on classes, group learning, 1 on-1 tutoring, and classes on inmate tablets. The education department is committed to ensuring every student has the pathway to the next step."

Sheriff Lewis Evangelidis addressed the graduates and explained, "This is not a place to judge people. At this center, we help the people who want to be helped. That's what today is all about."

Evangelidis expressed his belief that regional resource centers like the one in Webster should be widespread throughout the country. He explained the positive contributions of this center and how it is an impactful place for the community.

To learn more about how the Worcester County Sheriff's Office Webster Center may be able to assist you, please call 508-640-5044.



Webster Public Schools offer free lunch for local youth

WEBSTER — Summer Eats, a free program sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Education and the Webster Public Schools, provides free meals to children and teens aged 18 and under during the summer.

Families can enjoy their free lunch at several locations:

Gladys E. Kelly Public Library (Lawn)
2 Lake St., Webster
Monday through Thursday
Noon to 1 p.m.
July 8th to Aug. 15

Webster Middle School (Cafeteria)
75 Poland St., Webster
Monday through Friday
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
July 8 to Aug. 2

Park Ave Elementary (Cafeteria)
58 Park Ave., Webster
Monday thru Friday
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
July 8 to Aug. 15

The Gladys E. Kelly Public Library

meal site will offer activities, giveaways, raffles, and entertainment on the Library lawn!

The Summer Eats program is an innovative effort to lessen the summer food gap by increasing the availability of non-traditional meal sites. The goal of the program is to expand access to free and healthy meals for kids and teens in Massachusetts. Adult meals may be purchased for \$5.

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Contact the Webster Schools Office of Food Services at 508-943-0104, ext. 40016 or the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library Children's Department at 508-949-3880 for any questions.

This program is sponsored by the Mass. Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Project Bread, and the Webster Public Schools.

Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Director participates in 5K for Mental Health

OXFORD — Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN of Dudley (formerly of Douglas), Academy Director at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy was joined by husband, Joseph Bolandrina in the June 1 JAK-L Foundation First 5K at the Oxford Community Center. The JAK-L Foundation mission is to expand mental health awareness and directly impact the community to reduce the stigma around accessing mental health support. The JAK-L Foundation wants to directly support suicide prevention as part of their work and encourage the community to prioritize mental health.

JAK-L Foundation is a non-profit organization founded to raise money for mental health awareness in memory of Julie Lulu, a beloved daughter, sister, mother, niece, and friend.

Directly from JAK-L



Foundation's Web site (https://jak-l.com/): "We lost Julie to suicide in 2017 after a long battle with her own mental health struggles.

is located at 43 Buffum Rd., Charlton.

Bolandrina stated, "The mission of JAK-L Foundation directly aligns with my belief in breaking the stigma associated with mental illness and raising awareness for mental health, I fully support their efforts."

For JAK-L Foundation's upcoming event, the Masquerade Gala, tickets are available on-line at jak-l.com or through the two local locations

Essentials Hair Design in Webster, MA, and Cahill Tire Automotive Center in Oxford. Funds raised help support local programs for Mental Health and Scholarships for local schools.

"Additionally, more than a memorable service-learning activity for everyone, participating is fun," said Bolandrina.

She added, "It's a chance to make an impact in mental health awareness, and a chance to show community support."

Further, Bolandrina stated, "I am grateful for the opportunity to participate and for my husband Joseph's support. We look forward to participating again next year."

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