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Dudley adds new patrolman, K-9 officer



Dudley has hired Officer Bryon Lara as their newest full-time patrolman.

BY JASON BLEAU CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY - The Dudley Department revealed two new additions to their ranks on July 9 with the presentation of their newest patrolman and a new K-9 that will serve as a regional resource.

Following the promotion of Phil Megas from patrolman to sergeant to succeed the now-retired Sgt. Paul

Police Department began assessing candidates to fill the patrolman vacancy choosing Dudley resident Bryon Lara. Chief Marik Karlowicz said Officer Lara was selected

from a pool of candidates as a standout leader and dedicated officer they feel will be a valuable addition to the force. "I think Mr. Lara is going to be a good fit for

us. He's very passionate about the job. You really don't see too many people

about working in this profession and I think that alone right there shows enough," said the Chief.

Lara comes to Dudley from Burlington where he has worked since graduating the Lynnfield Police Academy in January. He is currently pursuing a degree in criminal justice. Officer Lara's journey to a career in law enforcement started late, but joining Dudley's police force helps him accomplish a lifelong dream of serving his community.

"I'm very community oriented. I believe I would make a great asset to the department and be more involved with the community and put my little grain of salt in keeping the community safe," said Lara. "It was a longtime dream of mine to become a police officer. Due to my father having a business, at the age of 20 I had to put by dreams aside to help the family business. After 13 years, I made the decision to go out and chase my dreams and I want to say I couldn't believe people get paid to do the job. It's very rewarding. I

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved

Selectmen look at planning issues,

short-term goals

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Lara's hiring. A second new addition to Dudley's police department was also introduced as K-9 Maverick officially met the Board of Selectmen for the first time. Maverick is a bloodhound born at Bluegrass Bloodhounds in Kentucky and was brought to Dudley thanks to a generous \$25,000 donation by the Fels family. The town had previously had a German shepherd K-9 officer who left the force when their handler moved departments.

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K-9 Mayerick made his debut before the Board of Selectmen and will be partnered with

New exhibits at the Auburn Historical Society's Museum

AUBURN — Along with the Kateri's housing and Ed Binnall exhibit and the summer weekly kids' program, the Historical Society Museum has two new exhibits, both commemorating two people who gave much to the town of Auburn through their lifetimes.

The first is about Abbie Wiley (1900-1988) spent much of her life working with the youth of Auburn as a leader in Girl Scouts, Campfire Girls, Rainbow Girls, 4-H, and teaching Sunday School. Her garden at her home at 7 South St. encompassed the entire farm according to the journals she kept through the years. She was a member of the Grange for 60 years. She was a private secretary to a local physician (1930-1939) and was a clerk for the board of assessors. The exhibit has vintage gardening tools that Abbie would have used, parts of uniforms from organizations she led and items that would have assisted her as an active Civil Defense volunteer and as Air Warden. Some of the items of Abbie

that were donated to the museum include quilt, oil lamp, and wooden bucket. The Kids' program emphasizes the gardening and birding that Abbie would have done.

The second exhibit is in memory of Ken Ethier, who recently passed. Ethier spent many years as a member of the Auburn Historical Society and was Past President, Historical and

Commission Cemetery Commission. Ken was considered the town historian although it was unofficial. He was a wealth of information on most anything "Auburn," and was happy to share his knowledge with people by talks on various subjects. He was known to do lectures with many local town historical societies especially on trains, trolleys, ice harvesting, just to name a few. In 2014, he was awarded the John E. and Ethel E. Riley Outstanding Citizenship Award.

Come in a share your stories about Ken as you look through the many things that represented Ken Ethier and his life.

The Auburn Historical Museum is open Tuesday and Saturday 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The kids' program runs from 10 a.m. to noon until Aug. 17. For more information contact the museum at: auburnmuseum@verizon.net.

BY GUS STEEVES

WEBSTER key issue of the first Selectboard meeting of the new fiscal year summarized several ongoing development projaround Webster. Afterward, they looked over their proposals for short-term town administrator goals.

The first project under scrutiny wasn't actually in town. It's just over the Connecticut line, but the only access goes through the currently dead-end Brian Ave., off McGovern

Planner Ann Morgan said her department and others in Webster raised concerns, particularly over the fact that Webster emergency services did not like the way the project's cul-de-sacs are designed, and ow it's traffic would produce wear and tear of Webster's roads. She said the Thompson officials did

cite the latter, but did not heed the former. Webster was not formally notified (Thompson should have sent notice to the Town Clerk here), but several residents from that neighborhood have been attending the hearings.

She said the project, called Thompson Shanti Village, will include 24 single family homes and 16 duplex condos. Although the property owner has access to Route 12, he chose not to

go in that way due to the slope of that section of the property, she said.

The issues prompted one man to wonder if it'd be legal to close Brian Ave at the state line. Town Administrator Rick Lafond also speculated about that, noting Webster is "in a reaction-ary mode" and "not in a good position" with this

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Building hope in Mexico

WEBSTER — Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church of Webster built another home for a family in need in Tijuana, Mexico from July 5-11. They sent a team of 24 people to work with the Orthodox Christian organization Project Mexico. Three members of the Church -Panayiota Veronis, James and Mark Stamoulis are serving as summer interns, spending three months overseeing more than 500 volunteers build 25 homes. They were the leaders that oversaw the Church Team build.

"Thank God we completed our 11th home build over the past 20 years," commented Father Luke Veronis. "This experience is something that opens the eyes of our parishioners and helps them grow in their faith. They discover the incredible joy of serv-ing others less fortunate

through giving of their time and love. Of course, many of our team members realize that this trip is not simply a selfless act of loving service but it is also a spiritual retreat from our society in

America, a retreat which

draws each one of us closer to God. The experience helps us understand that loving God implies loving our neighbor, especially the least of our brothers and sisters. I can honestly say that this trip helps each participant get a little taste of the kingdom of heaven. That is why 75 people from our church family have participated in this experience over the years, and many of them have gone numerous times. Our Church has also taken an additional 110 people - friends of our church members or people from other churches who heard what an amazing experience it is and asked to go."

The team built a home for a 71 year old widower, Marco Antonios, who recently lost his wife. He was living in a dilapidated, small car trailer but now has a secure new home with a concrete foundation, windows and doors that lock, and a roof that will keep him dry during the rainy sea-

All the team members sleep in tents, use common bathrooms, and eat the same meals as the rest of the boys at Saint



Innocent Orphanage, which is connected to Project Mexico. The daily schedule begins at 7 a.m. with morning prayers, breakfast, and then traveling to the work site. There were 130 total volunteers this week from all around the United States and they were divided into five groups, each going to different sites to build

five homes. Every group

would return home by 6pm to have dinner, evening prayers, followed by a program of fellowship and faith.

Here were a few comments from the team members about their experience:

"I came down here hoping to draw closer to God and that is exactly what happened. We built a house but more importantly we built a home

for Marco Antonio. And through him I encountered God."

"Life is so hectic. I came down to Mexico to find peace. And I found amazing peace during our daily Quiet Time with God, in our morning and evening prayers and worship, and especially in the Christ-centered fellowship we experienced with the other volunteers

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Dudley moves ahead with beach upgrades

BY JASON BLEAU CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY—Much needed upgrades are coming to Dudley's town beach thanks to a Community Development Block Grant awarded in 2023.

Dudley's share of the grant totaled \$349,900, and was to be split between infrastructure improvements and design of First Avenue, planning for the Merino-Jericho Slums & Blight Plan, and ADA improvements at Town Beach. During a meeting with the Board of Selectmen on July 9, Administrator Jonathan Ruda confirmed that the town is finally moving forward with the beach upgrades, starting with a design phase.

"What the town is seeking to accomplish is to secure a design for a town beach architectural barrier removal which is a fancy way of saying to make the town beach

accessible and ADA compliant. So, we'd be looking at ADA compliant walkways to provide an accessible route of travel to and among beach and park amenities, accessible parking spaces, access from Lakeview Avenue, a ramp from the ADA compliant walkway to the waterfront, ramps or modified entries for the restroom changing room building, and accessibility improvements to restrooms and changing

rooms," said Ruda.

Dudley will bring in a third-party entity to perform a site survey and develop a program to improve access to the beach facilities. Ruda said many different parties in town will be a part of the process to help preserve what citizens love about the beach while also making sure everyone can enjoy Dudley's not-so-hidden recreational treasure.

"When that design is complete, my plan is to bring that to the recreation commission and let them know that we are successfully funded, what the design is, and let them do what they do in terms of working with the architect to make the beach more accessible," said Ruda.

In the meantime, the town has already taken some steps to make getting to the beach more Recently. convenient. Highway the town installed Department eight loads of new gravel on the trail leading to the beach from the Mason Road Parking lot, making the pathway more accessible for wheelbased modes of travel like bikes and strollers. New sand was also added to the beach to level out ruts caused by storm runoff. The process is not



Dudley recently added new gravel to the walkway to the town beach as well as new sand to full ruts on the beach itself. The town is moving forward with a long-term, grant funded effort to make the beach more ADA compliant to improve overall accessibility.

part of the grant-funded long-term plan to ensure improvements but is in

the beach is truly accesline with the expressed sible for every Dudley

resident and their guests

Dudley Grange thanks community volunteers

DUDLEY — Dudley Grange #163 thanks all the community volunteers who came out to help put on the Dudley Grange Annual Strawberry Festival held on June 20.

The day before the festival, community volunteers helped hull 1,200 pounds of strawberries, then on the day of the festival, more volunteers whipped 192 quarts of heavy cream and sliced 2,000 biscuits in preparation to serve our famous Strawberry Shortcake. Additionally, even more community volunteers cooked and served burgers, hot dogs and French fries from the food shack. Volunteers also helped sell tickets, assisted with children's activities and a variety of tasks needed to ensure a successful community event. Volunteers included area residents of every age, National Honor Society Students from Bay Path, Shepherd Hill and Bartlett High Schools and National Junior Honor students from Dudley and Charlton Middle Schools. Nichols College students working at Freshman Orientation at the College also volunteered their time to help during the festival.

Dudley Grange also thanks Gerry Frank, who was our Popcorn Man, Ray Sullivan who organized and ran the Frog Jumping Contest, as well as Records and Burpee 's Petting Zoo and Whip O Will's 'Unicorn" Pony all of which thrilled children of all ages. Also, thanks to the Town of Dudley Fire Department for their participation in the festival. They display one of the Town's fire engines each year and provide the Smoke House for children to experience what to do in a fire. Our thanks also go to The Dudley Police Department for their managing the heavy traffic flow during the Festival and their service to festival attendees.

Dudley Grange has relied on community volunteers to help put on the Annual Strawberry Festival

Dudley Grange is a fraternal, family oriented, community service organization. We meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. For more information about your Grange and how you can serve your community, please visit dudleyfarmers.com or our Facebook page, Dudley Grange #163.

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Oreo is a social butterfly who adores going for walks and playing outside, especially when there are

doggie friends to join the fun. He's happy soaking up all theattention or sharing the spotlight with a canine sibling. Whether it's a game of fetch or a leisurely stroll, Oreo is always up for an adventure. This delightful pup is crate trained, house trained, and was amazing in his previous home environment. If your life needs a dash of fun and a whole lot oflove, Oreo is the perfect ingredient. His affectionate nature and gentle demeanor make him an instant favorite

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* * Triday's Child



Elyjah Age 13 Registration # 8804

Hi! My name is Elyjah and I love animals!

Elyjah is a very resilient child and he possesses many strengths. Elyjah is thoughtful and compassionate. He is also protective of his younger siblings, animals and others. Elyjah loves playing basketball, board games, and video games and also building things with legos. He does well spending one on one time with adults. He is looking forward to playing after school sports and having sleepovers with friends.

Elyjah is funny, social and curious about the world. He is bright

and he is a motivated learner. Elyjah enjoys sharing what he learns in school with anyone who will listen to him, and offer his own thoughts on a variety of subjects.

Elyjah who is of Hispanic descent, will do well in a family of any constellation, with or without other children. The right family for Elyjah will be one that is supportive of his contact with his birth parents and siblings.

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

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





ZION LUTHERAN CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Arthur Siegmund, 88 year old Navy Veteran and long time member of Zion Lutheran Church, played to win! Proudly wearing his "I may be a Grandpa, but I'll still kick your butt" T-shirt, Arthur and his partner, Kaleb Lopez did indeed win the tournament bragging rights. Team Slingshot, Josh and Ryan Gauvin, won second place; Caitlin and Matthew Seaman, not pictured, placed third. Winning the adult/child division were Adam and Addison Blais.



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St. Joseph School Kindergarten students celebrate graduation



On Wednesday, June 12, Saint, Joseph School Kindergarten students and their families gathered in the Richard A, Nowak Gymnasium for their graduation ceremony.

WEBSTER — On Wednesday, June 12, Saint. Joseph School Kindergarten students and their families gathered in the Richard A. Nowak Gymnasium for their graduation ceremo-

The Kindergarten students, displaying remarkable courage, proceeded into the gymnasium wearing traditional Saint Joseph School red and white caps and gowns. Once on stage, they began their program by reciting the "Our Father" and "Hail Mary," folAllegiance." Then, each student bravely took a turn, coming forward to the microphone and sharing their heartfelt career aspirations. Career choices include being a teacher, reptile keeper, police officer, veterinarian, cowgirl, football coach, singer, football player, game warden, farmer, construction worker, ballet teacher, baseball player, and bas-

ketball player. The morning culminated with the students singing and dancing to "I Love Spring," "When Rudnicki,
I Look Up," and "I'm on Smith, Thor

My Way." Saint Joseph School Principal Beth Boudreau also distributed diplomas to the students.

Twenty-one students advanced to First Grade: Hannah Benes, Anton Buschle, Liam Buschle, Camila Coan, Maya Denert, Gianna Dowd, Riley Durr, Ivan Garcia, Timmery Gibbons, Ryder Johnson, Jacob Kolesnik, Jasiu Khozami, Zackary Kubiak, Charlotte Marchand, Kennedy Nowicki, Rayna Parslow, Yuliana Rossi, Nina

Charlotte and Wasgatt. Mrs. Justine Anthony and Sandra Gibson instruct Saint School Joseph Kindergarten students. As you embark on this new chapter, remember that the entire Saint Joseph School community behind you. Best wishes, students!



Save the date for Bites, Books and Blooms fundraiser

WEBSTER—Even though the embers can we expect? This year, the Spanish, from the fireworks have barely died Polish, Brazilian, French Canadian down and summer is in full swing, it is and other communities are invited to not too early to begin thinking about the turn their favorite poem, story or novel joys of fall. Mark your calendars-Thursday, Oct. 17- and save the date for the second annual Bites, Books and Blooms fundraiser, sponsored by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Library. This event will provide funds for children, teen and adult programing at the library. The main event will be held on Thursday, Oct. 17 from 6 until 8 p.m. at the library, but workshops and special programs will extend throughout the fall.

Bites, Books and Blooms will feature tasty small bites donated by local restaurants. Area floral enthusiasts and professional floral designers will use their expertise to interpret a piece of literature or even a poem into floral arrangements. Remember last year's "Death by Pedicure" and "The Giving Tree and The Road Not Taken" among many others? What floral depictions of book characters, scenes or themes

into a floral arrangement. The general public will be able to view the floral arrangements on Oct. 18, the Friday following the fundraiser.

If you are a local restaurant, the Friends of the library are asking you to consider providing your signature bite for the event. The Friends are in the process of contacting area restaurants, a great way to spread the word and exhibit their delicious offerings. If you are a florist, garden club member, church floral designer, business or creative home decorator, consider interpreting a book in flowers.

For more information or to express interest in participating by providing a bite or a bloom reach out to the Friends friendsofthegladvskellvlibrarv@ gmail.com.

Gladys E. Kelly Public Library awarded state grant

WEBSTER — The Gladys E. Kelly Public Library in Webster has been awarded \$20,000 by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. The Library applied for an "Open Category" grant from the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). The Library was one of ten grant recipients from all over the State. The funding will be used to create The Nest, a Small Business and Community

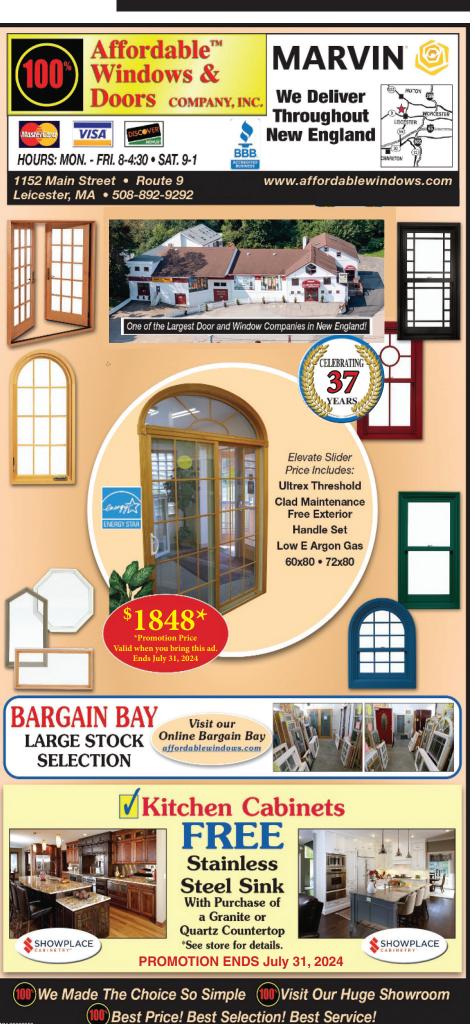
The Nest is a collection of tools, technology, resources, and community connections for entrepreneurs and small business startups. In an effort to aid in the revitalization of Downtown and Greater Webster, The Nest will be an important small business resource center.

The Library will act as liaison and connector to community members, jobs-seekers, businesses, and non-profits by providing the space, technology, and resources needed. Users can sign up to be connected with a small business mentor for advice and guidance on starting their own business. Regular networking mixers will be hosted in the space, the space will host monthly workshops, and a job fair will be held semi-annually.

By creating a multi-use space that helps job-seekers and small businesses, and people in need of a professional workspace, the Library will be able to lift up community members that are most in need.

A grand opening for The Nest will be held in the Fall.

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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 23rd at

6:00 PM

Join Julie or Lauren at the Gladys E. Kelly Library for a vinyasa yoga class for all lev-

els. 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- August 19th at 6:30

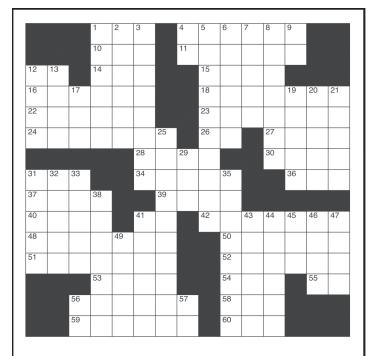
This month's book discussion will be in the Library's Community Room. The Group will be discussing Mountains Beyond Mountains by Tracy Kidder. Stop by the library, or reach out by phone at 508-949-3880, or by email to rcox@ cwmars.org for inquiries.

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!

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CLUES ACROSS

- ter of the Greek alphabet 36. Former CIA 4. Cause to become entangled
- 10. Swiss river
- 11. Conversation 12. "Magnum" was one
- 14. Small integer
- 15. Christmas
- 18. Burrowing bugs
- 22. Of a symbol worthy of veneration
- 23. A type of syndrome
- 24. Cephalopod mollusks
- 26. Metric ton
- 27. Ornamental box
- 28. As quickly as can be done
- 30. "Hoop Dreams" subject Arthur 58. One's sense of self-esteem
- 31. Old TV part 34. Extinct flightless birds

- 37. Successor
- 39. Archaic form of you
- 40. Within
- 41. Danny Hurley's alma mater
- 42. Not sacred or biblical
- 48. Written law
- 16. Of a specific mountain region 50. Popular hairstyle
 - 51. Congressman 52. Type of font
 - 53. A predetermined period in office 54. Pouch
 - 55. Hormone that stimulates
 - ovulation (abbr.)

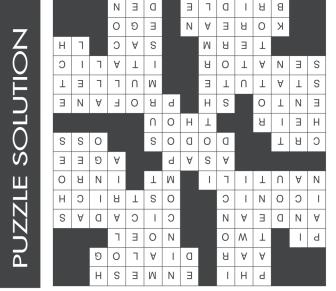
 - 56. One from a particular Asian region

 - 59. Headgear used to control a horse
 - 60. The habitat of wild animals

CLUES DOWN

- 1. A right conferred through legal means
- 2. American island state 3. Inflexibly entrenched
- 4. "Pollock" actor Harris 5. Foolish person
- 7. Choose
- 8. Sunrooms
- 9. One hundred grams (abbr.)
- 12. A symptom of some physical hurt or disorder
- 17. "Girl Chopping Onions"
- painter 19. Wild dog
- 20. Units of land
- 21. Footwear
- 25. Possessing a constant temperature
- 29. Hormone that promotes water
- retention (abbr.)
- 31. Popular game 32. Pension (German)
- 6. Follows a particular Chairman 33. Giant of industry
 - 35. Inferred
 - 38. One who revolves
 - 41. Kept possession of
 - 43. Loss of electricity 44. Stoppered bottle
- 13. South American hummingbird 45. Everything
 - 46. First to walk on the moon
 - 47. Engrave

 - 49. Female organs
 - 56. Equal to 1,024 bytes (abbr.)
 - 57. Northeast



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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

OPEN PLAY TIME ADVENTURE--- Fridays at 10:00

Kids 0 to 6 are invited to get their wiggles out with weekly obstacle course and fun.

STORYTIME--- July 23rd, and

30th at 10:00 AM Mornings will be filled with fun stories, songs, and activities perfect for ages 2-5. Siblings are welcome to join.

OUTDOOR MESSY PLAY----Every Thursday at 3:30 PM

Outdoor Messy Play is back! We supply the messy materials for your children to play with, along with a hose for washing off outside afterwards! This program is extremely messy, please dress in something you don't mind getting dirty or stained.

WEDNESDAY STORYTIME FUN ---- July 31st at 10:00 AM

Join Andrew the Children's Librarian for a few of his favorite stories, felt story fun, and some free play. For ages 0-3

SENSORY BIN EXPLORATION----July 22ndat 10:00 AM

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

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 (grownups 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 wel-

MR. VINNY THE BUBBLE GUY---- July 22th at 4:00 PM

Using giant bubble wands he designed and constructed by the Bubble Guy himself, will gather kids for an hour long game of watch, chase, and pop the bubbles! Funded by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library

FLYING HIGH DOGS---- July 29th at 10:00 AM

Watch these amazing canines fly through the air doing frisbee tricks in an interactive show! Funded by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

LASER TAG FOR TEENS----July 29th at 6:00 PM

Up to 20 participants ages 12-18 may take part in an outdoor laser tag match. Sneakers and shoes are required. No flip flops. As a lot of running is required, participants with conditions such as asthma must have proper medication at all times. This program is funded by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

EBSTER POLICE LOG

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests from June 23 to July

Jonathan Kristoffer Denham, age 33, of Webster was arrested on June 23 for Assault and Disorderly Conduct.

Emmanuel Feliz, age 33, of Leicester was arrested on June 23 for Possession of an Open Container of Alcohol while boating. Mary Cruz, age 34, of Worcester was arrested during the same incident for Possession of an Open Container of Alcohol while

boating and Negligent Operation of a Boat. Jose Felipe Galdamez Morales, age 39, of Worcester was arrested on June 24 for Operating Under the Influence of alcohol, Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle, and multiple counts of Leaving the

Scene of Property Damage. Melvin P. Mondino, age 48, of Webster was arrest-

ed on June 24 in connection with a warrant. Phillip Smith, age 46, of New Britain, Conn. was

arrested on June 26 in connection with a warrant. Ricardo Rivera Andujar, age 29, of Worcester was arrested on June 26 for Disorderly Conduct, Disturbing the Peace, Assault with a Dangerous

Weapon, Failure to Stop for Police, Resisting Arrest,

and multiple counts of Assault & Battery on a Police Officer.

Eduardo I. Falcon, age 31, of Webster was arrested

on June 27 in connection with a warrant. A 26-year-old from Worcester whose identity has been withheld from publication was arrested on June 27 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member (subsequent offense), Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon, and Intimidation of a Witness, Juror, Police Officer, or Court Official.

A 53-year-old from Webster whose identity has been withheld from publication was arrested on June 27 for Assault & Battery on a person over the age of 60 and/or disabled, Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member, and Assault & Battery

with a Dangerous Weapon. A 28-year-old and 26-year-old from Southbridge whose identities have been withheld from publication were arrested on June 28 for Assault & Battery

on a Family or Household Member. A 38-year-old female from Webster whose identity has been withheld from publication was arrested on June 29 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

A 37-year-old from Webster was taken into protective custody on June 29 for Disturbing the Peace and Disorderly Conduct.

Sharif M. Zakhary, age 34, of Webster was arrested on June 28 for Disorderly Conduct, Disturbing the Peace, Interfering with a police Officer, and Assault & Battery on a Police Officer.

Adam Manuel Brioso, age 32, of Worcester was arrested on July 1 in connection with a warrant. A juvenile, age 14, was arrested during the same incident for Assault. A 32-year-old female from Webster also received a summons in lieu of arrest during this incident for multiple counts of Assault & Battery, and a 41-yearold male from Webster was issued a summons for Assault & Battery and Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon.

An 18-year-old male from Webster whose identity has been withheld from publication was arrested on July 2 for Disorderly Conduct, Disturbing the Peace, and multiple counts of Assault on a Family or

Household Member. Joze Oliveira, age 53, of Webster was arrested on July 4 for Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon.

Michael Sulivan Vieira Da Silva, age 30, of Dudley was arrested on July 5 in connection with a warrant.

A 40-year-old male from Webster whose identity has been withheld from publication was arrested on July 6 for Assault & Battery on a person over the age of 60 and/

or disabled. Samantha J. Nadeau, age 50, was arrested on July 10 in connection with a warrant

of apprehension. Wesley Antonio Martinez, age 29, of Danielson, Conn. was arrested on July 10 in connection with multiple warrants.

John M. Nichols, age 68, of Webster was arrested on July 11 in connection with a warrant Jonathan Kristoffer Denham, age 33, of

Webster was arrested on July 12 in connection with a warrant.

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Tri-Valley Lunches are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 11:30 am. Please call (508) 949-3845 at least 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, 7/23, Vegetable cheese bake, seasoned potatoes, green beans. Wednesday, 7/24, Cranberry chicken salad, pasta salad, three bean salad. Thursday, 7/25, Salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, herbed carrots. Friday, 7/26, Potato crunch fish, tartar sauce, potatoes au gratin, mixed vegetables.

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further notice.

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

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

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; Hart's & Wright Museum is a trip to NH to Hart's Turkey Farm in Meredith. Lunch is included, and there will be cash bar. After lunch you will be off to Wolfeboro and the Wright Museum where you will enjoy a self-guided tour of the museum about WWII, complete with exhibits of aircrafts, and tanks. This trip is on Saturday, August 24, 2024, and your final payment is due on July 24th. 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.

A Santana summer



Mike Bishop and Ed Antonelli



Mike Bishop in background.



A young family hangs out for the show



Mike and Mary Bishop

DUDLEY — The classic, Latin-fused rhythms of Santana rang out across Dudley Hill Saturday, as around 75 people filled the Grange lawn for the first of this year's two Summer Concerts there.

It was an energetic band and energetic crowd, with lots of heads and feet bobbing and occasionally a notable number of the crowd dancing to the band Supernatural (formerly Abraxes).

Leader Ed Antonelli said they changed the name recently to honor Santana's 1999 album, which hit number one in all of the countries listed at Wikipedia's "Santana discography" page. The original name comes from the band's second album from 1970, which hit number 1 only in the US and Australia. Both of them have become multi-platinum sellers, and Saturday's concert featured several tracks from each, plus many others spanning Santana's career and a few from other bands.

Supernatural hails from the Cape Ann area, with Ed Antonelli on guitar, Lou Lacava on drums, Jeff Jones on percussion, Mike Bishop on bass, and Ben Saccoccio on keyboards.

The show was funded by Massachusetts and Dudley Cultural Council grants, as the Grange's second show will be - The Great Garage Band Reunion on Aug. 3 from 5-8 p.m. (if rain, Aug. 17).



Ed Antonelli steps out into the sun.



Lou Lacava and Jeff Jones strike up an interweaving rhythm on different kinds of drums.



: Jeff Jones belts out "Maria."



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EDITORIAL

Vote for the person, not the party

excitement and intensity of political campaigns begin to dominate our daily lives. In the middle of debates, advertisements, and rallies, it is essential to remember that our vote is not just a choice between political parties, but a selection of the individuals who will shape the future of our nation. When casting your vote, consider the candidate's character, policies, and the team they will bring into office rather than just their party affiliation.

Voting for the best candidate means looking beyond party lines. While parties provide a general framework of values and policies, they do not encapsulate the entirety of a candidate's potential to lead effectively. A great leader should be assessed on their ability to unite, inspire, and make decisions that benefit the entire populace, not just their party's

When voting for a president, it is crucial to understand that you are also indirectly voting for the president's cabinet. The cabinet, composed of appointed advisors and heads of various departments, implementing national policies. These individuals handle critical areas such as foreign policy, defense, health, and edu- has four times the population of the US. cation. Therefore, a candidate's choices consequences.

the names mentioned as potential cabi- oned from 20 years old. net members during the campaign, and research their backgrounds and qualifidespite the terrible crimes he commit-

Analyze their plans for economic growth, he committed some crimes that put him healthcare, education, national security, behind bars for so many years. And yes, and other critical issues. Evaluate how their policies align with your values and sions and weaknesses and the demons the long-term well-being of the counfrom within. Yet, he's also consciously try. Effective leadership often requires seeking to meet the Physician of our pragmatic solutions that may not always align perfectly with party ideologies. Remember documents such as the Declaration of Independence that laid the foundation for our nation, protecting us specifically from and denouncing any king like tyrannical behavior.

The character and integrity of a candidate are paramount. A leader must possess honesty, empathy, and a genuine commitment to public service. Their ability to handle crises, make tough decisions, and maintain transparency with the public is essential for a stable and trustworthy government.

As you prepare to cast your vote, take the time to thoroughly research and evaluate each candidate. Look beyond party affiliations and focus on the individual's qualifications, policies, and ability to lead a capable team. Remember, you are not just voting for a president but for the entire administration that will guide our nation. By choosing the best candidate, regardless of party, you contribute to a more effective and united government

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that can better serve all citizens.

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Shining God's light on all

I remember a visit I made to an inmate in the Massachusetts prison system some years ago. I'll call my friend John (not his real name). He had been in prison for 20 years. I visited him because of a relationship I built with him years prior. I used to go into the Bay State Prison every Monday night for three years, meeting with a group of prisoners for Bible Study, discussion and prayer. Some of these men were serving life in prison. Others long sentences. A few were released during our years of visitation, and we then tried to help them in their readjustment to society after so many years in prison.

I was quite moved by my visit with John. Maybe I was moved partly by the fact that I had to enter this prison with barbed wire and metal bars surrounding the place, and I kept thinking about what it would be like to be imprisoned, to have my freedom taken away for years on end.

I was moved partly by reflecting on what life must be like in a prison – an enclosed space with lots of noise and anger and pain and hatred and brokenness and despair and rage and resentment and fury all put together in a small building, sort of like a boiling pot. Prisoners face this same toxic atmosphere day after day, year after year. It's truly impossible for one to imagine what life is like there if you've never experienced it.

I was moved partly because I tried to think about what it would be like to have no one visit you, not even your family. What would it be like to feel that all of society despised you, then disposed of you in this place, and basically forgot about you. In many ways, our society thinks the solution to the problem of crime is simply to build more and more prisons. America has the largest prison population in the world, with more plays a significant role in shaping and than two million inmates. China is the country with the second largest prison population, despite the fact that China

I was moved during my visit partly for these positions can have far-reaching because John was a 61 year old man who looks like many other men I know. He is Consider the candidate's track record good looking and pleasant to talk with. in selecting and working with a compe- He is polite and kind when you sit with tent team. A president who surrounds him. If he walked out on the street, no themselves with experienced, ethical, one would distinguish him from anyone and knowledgeable advisors is more like-else. John has been in prison since he ly to govern effectively. Pay attention to was 41. I try to imagine being impris-

I was moved by the fact that John, ted, is seeking after God – discovering Focus on the specific policies and pro-posals put forward by each candidate. grace, His fellowship and healing. Yes, I'm sure he still struggles with his passouls to find healing and peace.

As I sat for an hour or so with John, I kept looking at him and the other prisoners in the room, and thinking about how these men are also children of God. Each one of them was created in God's image. Of course, they've distorted God's image within, maybe with some terrible crime. Many had that image of God tainted when they were abused as children. Yet, whatever they have



BEYOND THE PEWS

By Fr. Luke A. VERONIS SAINTS

CONSTANTINE AND HELEN GREEK

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experienced in life, that divine image, nonetheless, remains within them. No matter what anyone does in life, we can never erase God's imprint within us. We are all His children, no matter how far we stray from Him, and as a loving Father with unconditional love, God patiently waits for the return of each one of us. St. Paul says, "Christ came into the world to save sinners." Jesus Himself taught

"There will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent." Our Christian faith is all about mercy and love, redemption and forgiveness, healing and renewal. Our Lord promises to transform anyone who turns to Him into new creations! "Anyone who comes to me," He promises, "I will not cast out.'

The Old Testament, and our society may live by the adage "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." Our world oftentimes takes a greater interest in punishment and punitive action instead of rehabilitation and restoration. Therefore, we must realize that God's loving perspective is quite different than society's. When a crime happens, we often allow our passions of horror and anger and rage to justify the punishment we dish out, instead of working for healing and rehabilitation.

There are times when we may need to imprison dangerous or confused individuals who threaten society, but we must never forget that these also are God's children. They may be children who have lost their way in life and desperately need to find a new path of living; they may be children who are in great need of repentance for the evils that they have committed and the healing grace that such divine repentance brings; they may be children who have never experienced divine love in their lives, and thus, need to be introduced to the love of God through concrete acts of love from other individuals. Whatever their story and situation, let us never forget that God still created them in His image and likeness, and that He unconditionally loves them as He loves us.

Our Lord Jesus tells us "You are the light of the world... Let your light so shine before others, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father." The great Russian writer Dostoevski commented on this passage by saying, "The criminal in your community may be less guilty for his crime than you, his Christian neighbor, for you could have been a light to the evil doer, yet you were not. For the man remained beside you in darkness. Had you been the kind of example you ought to have been and allowed your light to shine on that lost man's path, perhaps he might not have stumbled into his crime. If you had loved your neighbor as yourself and lavished upon him some of the care you generously lavish upon yourself, shared some of the warmth God has privileged you to possess, that criminal might have changed in time.

May we all become authentic lights of love, reaching out to all the world around us, including reaching out to all the Johns and other forgotten people of

The time is right to hand off the riens



This week's picture shows my granddaughter Andrea and her two children fishing on a charter boat catching numerous seabass. A family that fishes together stays together.



OUTDOORS RALPH

As the THE GREAT weeks and days continue to fly by, realized that have been

writing this column for 50 years or more. I have met some wonderful people over the years, and have also had the opportunity to write about their families fishing and hunting experiences in

The greatest pleasure was publishing young anglers' pictures of their first caught trout from local ponds, and now they are watching their youngsters, grandchildren and great grandchildren catching trout and other freshwater species from local ponds and rivers.

Publishing more than three generations of family pictures and fishing and hunting experiences in this column was incredibly rewarding, and has kept me writing for all these years. It also allowed me to include my own family in many of my weekly columns growing up in the valley fishing and hunting.

The Blackstone Valley Newspaper for many years was a subscription paper, and was read by a few thousand families weekly. Their office was located on Church Street in Whitinsville, It came at a time when a new editor was hired to work out of the Whitinsville office. It was not long before she decided that my column would be dropped from the paper. She seemed to think that hunt-

> ing and fishing was not that important to the local residents. It did not take long for her to be proven wrong,

with many subscribers threatensubscriptions if the column was not reinstated. Their support was appreciated and humbling!

I have thought long and hard about giving the reins to a younger writer, and the time is right. Hopefully, a new writer will apply for the job and continue to report on the great hunting and fishing in the valley.

The pay is small, but the rewards great.

for their support over the years. Take A Kid

Thanks to all

Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Any alternative is preferable to Trump

To the Editor:

Like many acolytes of Donald Trump, Richard Clark, in his insipid letter published in the July 12 edition, seems unable to criticize President Biden without stooping to gratuitous personal insults.

Yes, Joe Biden is old and displays some common frailties of seniors everywhere. Despite this, he has presided over one of the most successful administrations in modern history, reviving the economy from the dual disasters of the pandemic and Trump's first presidency. Rather than merely talking about an infrastructure program, as his predecessor did, he has actually implemented one, creating jobs and improving the environment all across the country. He has singlehandedly organized NATO's strong resistance to Russia's dangerous expansionism and provided support to Israel against the abhorrent terrorism of Hamas. And he's accomplished all this with only a slim majority in the U.S. Senate and a minority in the House of Representatives.

Contrary to Mr. Clark's tiresome analogies, there are many more frightening scenarios than Joe Biden in control of the nuclear football. The most frightening of all is Donald Trump in control

Trump is also old. At his rallies, he rambles on with inanities about the dangers of sharks, batteries, and wind turbines and frequently loses his trend of thought. He schmoozes with despots like Hungary's prime minister Victor Orban, naively thinking their conversations are not shared with Vladimir Putin. If President Biden's age has slowed him down at least he surrounds himself with highly qualified advisers who help him steer the course. Contrast that with Trump's associates, many of whom have either been indicted, jailed or else pardoned by their former boss.

But more pathetically, Trump lies about everything. The writer Lillian Hellman famously criting to cancel their icized her rival, Mary McCarthy, saying "everything she writes is a lie including 'and' and 'the.' You could say the same about Donald Trump's pronouncements, most of which are pure fantasies.

Of even more concern is Trump's adoption of the Heritage Foundation's Project 2025, which includes plans to replace legions of career civil servants in the government with Trump loyalists; outlaw all forms of abortion everywhere in the country; confine immigrants in concentration camps and deport them; use the Justice Department to persecute his political enemies; employ the armed services to quash even peaceful demonstrations... it goes on and on with plans to undermine nearly every aspect of the constitution as we have known it for the last 250 years.

Never mind that Trump is already a convicted felon, a proven sexual abuser and has demonstrated that he cannot be trusted with sensitive classified documents. The only significant accomplishment of his administration was his own financial aggrandizement and the enrichment of his family and his cronies. And how can we overlook his fraudulent efforts to negate the results of the 2020 election and overthrow the government? Now that his Supreme Court has granted him blanket immunity for virtually any despotic or illegal behavior, there will be nothing to stop him. Is this really the President we want?

If Donald Trump is the alternative, I would vote for anybody else, including Joe Biden, even if he were in a coma.

Frank Magiera DUDLEY

I Scream You Scream...

July is National Ice Cream Month, so it's practically our patriotic duty to indulge in the sweet, frozen treat this month! This year again, this column will review some old (previously published) and new (just discovered) ways to celebrate the frozen treat!

In case you missed it last time: National Ice Cream Month was declared by none other than the POTUS! 1984, President Ronald Reagan designated July as National Ice Cream Month, and marked National Ice Cream Day as the third Sunday of

Recognizing ice cream as a fun and nutritious food that is enjoyed by a full 90% of the nation's population, President Reagan called for all people in the US to celebrate the event each July - and



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who are we to argue!

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Curious as to the top ten ice cream flavors for 2024? According to the International Dairy Foods Association's 2024 Ice Cream & Frozen NoveltyTrends Survey, while there are plenty of fancy flavors out there, Americans still Vanilla as the rank number one choice, followed by Chocolate and Strawberry! (Neopolitan anyone?)

Rounding out the top ten are: 4. Butter Pecan; 5. Cookie Dough; 6. Cookies and Cream; 7. Mint Chocolate Chip; 8. Chocolate Chip: 9. Rocky Road; 10. Peanut Butter Cup,

When you eat ice cream, the intense cold can sometimes causes blood vessel spasms, otherwise known as "brain freeze." If you start to feel an ice cream headache coming on, you may be able to slow it down by holding your tongue against your palate to warm it up until you finish your chilly dessert.

Want to lick your ice cream headaches altogether? Some doctors say that simply eating cold foods more slowly can help prevent brain freeze.

Did you know? Ice cream should be stored at 0 to -10 degrees F. to maintain it's texture. However, the best temperature for scooping ice cream is 8 to 12 degrees F, so leave it out of the refrigerator for several minutes before scooping. And ice cream should never be stored on the door of the freezer. Fluctuating temperatures from all the opening and closing can melt and refreeze it, creating ice crystals.

And when serving up ice cream, ditch the old ice cream parlor tip of dipping the ice cream scoop in warm water before scooping. This only gets water into the ice cream and forms ice unwanted crystals.

Here's one of my favorite recipes that deserves an encore in this column: An authentic Ben & Jerry's recipe for Cherry Garcia ice cream as printed in "Ben and Jerry's Homemade Ice Cream Dessert Book." Ingredients: 1/4 cup shaved plain chocolate (Ben and Jerry prefer Hershey's Special Dark Chocolate candy bars); 1/4 cup fresh Bing cherries, halved and pitted (you may use canned cherries, but be sure to drain the syrup); two large eggs; 3/4 cup sugar; two cups heavy or whipping cream; one cup milk. Directions: Place the shaved chocolate flakes and the cherries in separate bowls. Cover and refrigerate. Whisk the eggs in a mixing bowl until light and fluffy, one to two minutes. Whisk in the sugar, a little at a time,

then continue whisking

until completely blended, about one minute more. Pour in the cream and milk and whisk to blend. Transfer the mixture to an ice cream maker and freeze following manufacturer's directions. After the ice cream stiffens (about two minutes before it's done), add the chocolate and the cherries, then continue freezing until the ice cream is ready. Makes grateful one quart.

Want to make homemade ice cream, but don't have an ice cream maker? Try these quick and easy alternatives:

An electric mixer is a good "stand in" for an ice cream churner. Fill a metal bowl with your ice cream base recipe and nest inside a larger bowl filled with ice cubes and rock salt (metal nesting batter bowls are ideal for this purpose). The mixer will churn the mixture while the salt and ice freezes it.

Here's one that's fun for the kids: Fill a sturdy ziplock bag with ice cream base. Place this bag inside a larger ziplock back with ice and salt (Hefty makes an extra large storage zip bag). Have the kids shake and toss (or pass back and forth) the sealed bags for about ten minutes (double bag the outside bag to guard against leaks). Voila! Soft serve ice cream!

Want a quick frozen fix? Try this refreshing

Frosty Freeze: In a mixing bowl, just chop one cup of slightly softened vanilla ice cream with a spoon. Drizzle on one tablespoon frozen lemonade, thawed but not diluted. You'll love it!

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

Do you have a 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.

ETTERS TO THE L'DITOR

The SAVE Act

To the Editor:

There was a vote in the House of Representatives on July 10 for the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act (SAVE). The vote passed 221-198 with the support of every Republican, but only five Democrats. The law is to ensure only American citizens with valid identification are eligible to vote in an American election. Senate Democrats and the President vow to veto this bill therefore this bill will not pass into law.

Not long ago both major political parties supported only American citizens having the privilege to vote in our elections. Today, only one political party supports this position. In a recent poll taken of non-citizens, the result concludes 10 percent of them admit they intend to vote in our future elections. One political party has been very successful in removing the barriers toward preventing voter fraud. Drop boxes, mail-in ballots and ballot harvesting unnecessarily remain in place for the next election. France, Italy, Russia,

Belgium, Mexico, Ukraine, Japan and Sweden have all banned mail-in voting due to fraud.

Elon Musk has been warning this country of the dangerous precedent of allowing non-citizens to vote in our elections. He believes millions of non-citizens could be voting in the election on Nov. 5. He is afraid that when a major political party disregards the honesty and integrity of our elections, we will begin to resemble the elections taking place in third world countries.

Where are we going as a country if this continues to occur? What signal are we sending our children when citizenship is irrelevant in our elections? Will these non-citizen voters decide the result of our next election? Do you know of an American citizen who cannot provide some form of identification? The American Patriots need to stand up. Less party-more country.

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Finding and seizing opportunities How do some people find ed to his background alone. Many and seize great opportunities? POSITIVELY

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Throughout history, individuals ERIC SPAHL have achieved monumental success by recognizing and acting on unique opportunities. How did they do it? Many believe such achievements are merely the result of birth, environment, and luck. However, this explanation is too simplistic and overlooks the essence of seizing opportunities.

> Heredity and environment are indeed advantageous-and, in many cases, extremely advantageous—but they are rarely determinative.

> What about Mozart, you say? His father was a musician and trained him from birth. Mozart is known for being one of the most talented musicians ever. Yet, many musicians with similar advantages never came close to his success. Countless others have had similar upbringings but couldn't seize opportunities and transform their talent into lasting legacies.

> How about a modern example? Elon Musk was born with many advantages. His family was well-off, providing him with a solid educational foundation and the means to explore his interests in technology and science from a young age. Musk's success cannot be attribut-

others with similar privileges have yet to achieve such a monumental impact. Musk's ability to seize opportunities sets him apart among many other positive traits.

Hard work, risk-taking, and perseverance are often cited as the cornerstones of success, and they are. Yet, many individuals who embody these traits never find and seize great opportunities. While being a hard worker is commendable, it alone doesn't guarantee finding opportunities.

Okay, so what about being in the right place at the right time? There is something to it, but it doesn't explain some one like Marie Curie. By all measures, she was in the wrong place and at the wrong time. Curie faced immense challenges and skepticism while pursuing a career in science when women were largely excluded from the field. Yet, her determination and groundbreaking work in radioactivity earned her two Nobel Prizes and changed the world.

So what constitutes a great opportunity anyway? According to the book "Seeing David in the Stone" by James and Joseph Swartz, an opportunity is great if its value far exceeds the

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Things I wonder about

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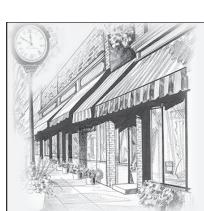
I was wondering when/where the State House in Boston would dump their illegal constituents in Webster. Well. we now know on Beacon Street, 26 beds, but how many kids will the Webster schools have to absorb? Massachusetts been has paying out at least a billion a year for illegals, just think what the towns could do with that cash? All I can say we must, (when voting in November) is to remember- the Democratic Party is not the party of Tip O'Neill. A party I used to lean to/agree with.

We have a fellow that lives in Thompson, Conn. who accesses his property by way of Brian Ave in Webster. He has been paying taxes for 40-plus years to Thompson, Conn. He now wants to build 21 multi-family units on his property. Proposed development will have no access to Thompson Rd, or Lenbob Ave in Thompson, Conn. Access will be by Brian Ave., Webster. All taxes will go to Thompson, not Webster, and all

these new folks, will use Brian Ave and McGovern Lane to access their homes. I contacted state senator Fattman. His staff said they would look into it. I also contacted state Rep McKenna, but I guess he is too busy -there is no reply

I was wondering about our DC rens and senators. I have found a website called Vote Smart. You can check how our alleged reps vote, and to me anyway it is an eye opener. Just about all the time our nine MA reps, and senators vote the party line, they do not vote for the folks they represent. What really upsets me, (being a vet) is the amount of "No" votes on defense, military pay/ benefits, and veteran issues. Please check what these reps, senators have in their war chests, and who donates cash to them. Please remember these issues and lack of representation in November when you vote.

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DCLT plants 19 native trees around Dudley to improve public spaces



Courtesy

Left to right: Paul Wieloch, Richard Weatherbee, Kyle Mc Donald and Dave Harrigan.

DUDLEY Paul and Wieloch Liza Moran of the Dudley Conservation Land Trust reported to the Dudley Board of Selectmen July 8 that the trust has completed its project to plant

19 native trees around town.

The project, funded by a Janet Malser Humanities Trust grant, was part of the trust members' commitment to improving the town's public spaces.

Red maple trees were planted on property near the town highway garage, on Pine Street by the basketball court and at Zmetra Memorial Square.

Mr. Wielock thanked retired Assistant Town Administrator Michelle Jervis, and the town highway department for helping with the project.

The DCLT is a community-oriented conservation organization with wildlife sanctuaries totaling more than 450 acres. For more information, please visit www. dudleyclt.org.



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time, effort, and resources required to seize it. So, how do you find a great opportunity and seize upon it?

First, you have to know where to look for a great opportunity, and while that may sound daunt- vest is produced on ing, it's simpler than you think. It involves several key steps: understanding your passions, identifying your unique skills, focusing on high-reward areas, committing to continuous fruit and their presence learning and adaptation, and building a solid personal brand.

Think of Einstein. He worked in a patent office for years as his day job, but every night, he returned to his apartment in Zurich to study the mysteries of physics. It's what he was passionate about, and there he found his great opportunity to revolutionize the way we think about physics.

identified his unique tion, resulting in healthskills. He had an extraordinary ability to think abstractly and visualize complex physical phenomena, which was crucial in his development of the theory of relativity.

Einstein also focused on high-reward opportunities. Rather than spreading his efforts across multiple less impactful projects, he concentrated on the profound mysteries of physics that had the potential to transform our understanding of the universe. By dedicating his time and energy to these high-impact areas, Einstein maximized the significance and reach of his contributions.

Einstein's commitment to continuous learning and adaptation was evident throughout his life. He constantly read the latest scientific papers, engaged in discussions with other leading physicists, and staved curious about new developments. This commitment to learning kept him at the forefront of scientific thought.

Lastly, Einstein built a personal brand that highlighted his unique strengths and positioned him as a leading expert in theoretical physics. His groundbreaking papers, public lectures, and correspondence with other scientists made him a thought leader. This reputation opened doors for further research opportunities and ensured that his ideas were taken seriously and widely disseminated.

Like Einstein, you too can seize great opportunities by understanding what drives you, honing your unique abilities, targeting impactful pursuits, staying curious and adaptable, and building a reputation that reflects your strengths. Embrace these steps to pave the way for your own extraordinary success.

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Prune raspberries for an abundant harvest

A bit of summer pruning goes a long way to keeping your raspberries healthy and productive. So, get out the mosquito netting, long sleeves, and pruners and get busy.

The summer hartwo-year-old canes called floricanes. Remove those that bore fruit to ground level once your harvest is complete. These canes will not produce more can increase the risk of insect and disease problems. This is also a good time to remove Albert damaged, insect-infested, or discolored canes.

Summer is also a good time to thin the remaining canes on summer-only bearing raspberries. Remove weak or damaged canes, leaving three or four of the sturdiest canes per foot of row or six or eight stems per hill when growing in the hill system. Thinning increases It seems Einstein also airflow and light penetra-



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ier plants and a better harvest next season. Wait until next spring to reduce the height of the remaining canes. At that time, you can determine winter dieback, and damage, and prune accordingly.

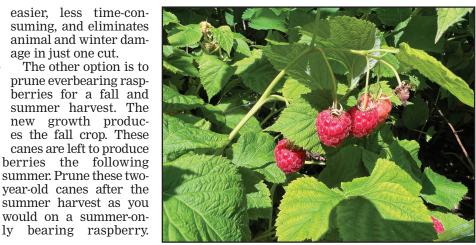
Everbearing raspberries are often called fall raspberries and form fruit on first-year canes called primocanes. You can manage these types of raspberries for a single fall harvest only. Wait until the plants are dormant then cut the whole planting back to ground level. There will be a larger and earlier harvest when pruning everbearing raspberries this way. Although this pruning technique eliminates the summer crop, it is much easier, less time-conage in just one cut.

Don't let a lack of space keep you from growing delicious raspberries high in fiber and vitamin C. Plant, train, and use raspberries as a hedge

suming, and eliminates animal and winter dam-

The other option is to prune everbearing raspberries for a fall and summer harvest. The new growth produces the fall crop. These canes are left to produce berries the following summer. Prune these twoyear-old canes after the summer harvest as you

Maximize your summer and fall harvest by planting a summer and a fall-bearing raspberry patch. You'll enjoy summer raspberries from one planting plus a larger, earlier harvest from the fall-bearing raspberries when pruning all those canes to ground level each year during the dormant season.



Melinda Myers

Proper pruning of raspberries can maximize the summer and fall harvest.

in your landscape. Or grow the new compact and thornless Raspberry Shortcakeâ in a container or any sunny small space in your garden. You may not be freezing a large harvest from a single pot of raspberries, but you will enjoy fresh-from-thegarden raspberries even in your small space.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, includ-

ing 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.

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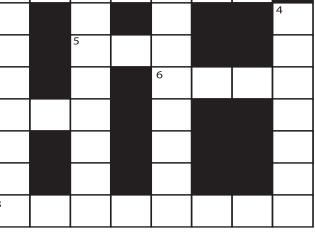




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- 3. Vitamin or mineral 4. Ice cream creations

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1. Invents 5. Cat 6. Ruin 7. Rot 8. Manatees

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Solve the code to discover words related to vacations. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 20 = A)

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DBITUARIES

Lorraine (Pepin) Canty, age 79, of Webster died peacefully at home with her loving family at her side on Thursday, July 11, 2024. Lorraine was born November 7, 1944 in Worcester, MA. She

is the daughter of the late Charles and the late Clara (Lynch) Pepin. She lived in Webster most of her life. She was predeceased by her husband, Richard Canty in 2002 and her brother Charles Pepin in 2021.

She is survived by one daughter: Lisa

Lorraine Canty, 79

Peters and her husband Brian Peters of Webster, MA; her two sons: Chad Pepin of Webster, MA and Richard Canty and his wife Erin of Pomfret, CT; her sister Juanita Bennard of Vinalhaven, ME; and her five grandchildren, Damian, Ashlin, Savannah, Delaney and Zachary.

She was known by many as their favorite waitress at Lake Pizza in Webster, and no matter where she went, someone always seemed to recognize her and stopped her to talk. To her family, she was affectionately known as "Cookin' Nana", and she loved cooking for the family. She also enjoyed telling stories of her life, with

her peppy, witty personality. She had a beautiful smile and a contagious laugh. She often talked about her childhood in Oxford where she spent most of her days outside and bringing home various wild creatures for her mother to later find. She loved animals and had a variety of them over the years. In addition to cooking, she loved gardening, playing bingo, going to the casino, going to the ocean, and most of all, she loved being with her family, especially her grandchildren and the family dog, Tully.

A graveside service will be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, July 20 at Mt. Zion Cemetery, Worcester Rd, Webster

In lieu of flowers, we would like to thank the wonderful hospice nurses and home health aide that provided her with outstanding comfort and care toward the end of her life. Donations may be made to The Overlook for the Hospice & Palliative care at https:// www.overlook-mass.org/support-overlook or may be mailed to 88 Masonic Home Road, Charlton, MA 01507

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LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Jessica S. Peterson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Plains Commerce Bank, its successors and assigns, dated December 16, 2022 and recorded in Worcester County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 68619, Page 383 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage Plains Commerce Bank is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Plains Commerce Bank, its successors and assigns to Plains Commerce Bank dated October 30, 2023 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 69852, Page 44, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 10 Melba Avenue, Auburn, MA 01501 will be sold at a Public Auction at 3:00 PM on August 14, 2024, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated in Auburn, bounded and described as follows:

The land in Auburn situated on the easterly side of Claire Drive and the northerly side of Melba Avenue, and being Lot 9 on a resubdivision of Nortonwood, dated June 1955 by R.B. Culinan, Registered Land Surveyor, recorded at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 206, Plan 71, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a stone set at the intersection of the easterly line of Claire Drive and the northerly line of Melba Avenue;

THENCE N. 68 degrees 57' 45" E. one hundred (100) feet by said line of Melba Avenue to a stake set at a corner of Lot 7 of the "Nortonwood Subdivision"; THENCE N. 21 degrees 02' 16" W. one hundred (100) feet to a corner of Lot 7; THENCE S. 75 degrees 01' 21" W. eighty-nine and 03/100 (89.03) feet by land now or formerly of Yale to a point in the easterly line of Claire Drive;

THENCE S. 15 degrees 03' 30" E. one hundred ten (110) feet by said line of Claire Drive to the point of beginning. Subject to rights and restrictions of record if in force and effect.

Being the same premises conveyed in deed recorded with the Worcester County Registry of Deeds at Book 44162, Page 330. See also deed into mortgagor(s) recorded immediately prior hereto.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the worcester County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book

68619, Page 379. The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforce-

able encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in Terms of the Sale: Cashier's or certi-

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

Plains Commerce Bank Korde & Associates, P.C. 900 Chelmsford Street Suite 3102 Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 Peterson, Jessica S., 23-043823 Attn: Public Notice Agency, Inc. Newspaper: Auburn News LEGAL NOTICE OF MORT-RE: GAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE Plains Commerce Bank v. Peterson, Jessica S. File #: 23-043823

Attached kindly find a Legal Notice of July 19, 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

A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Daniel James Cardinal of Franklin

COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

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 19, 2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 Docket No. W024P2253PM 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:

Olive Wilson Of: Webster, MA RESPONDENT

(Person to be Protected/Minor) To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Andrea A. Ausmus of Webster, MA of in the above captioned matter alleging that Olive Wilson is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that (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 08/06/2024. 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 abovenamed 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.

It is ORDERED that a copy of this

citation be: Served with a copy of the petition, in hand to Olive Wilson by a disinterested person at least Fourteen (14) days prior to the return date: or if applicable, pursuant to G.L. c. 1908. §1-401, by leaving a copy of the petition and citation at the Respondent's last and usual place of abode; and Served on the Department of Developmental Services and/or the United States Department of Veterans' Affairs. if interested, and served on all other interested persons as defined in G.L. c. 190B, §5-304(a) and §5-206(b), at least Fourteen (14) days prior to the return date by delivering in hand or by mailing by certified, registered, or firstclass mail as described in G.L. c.

190B, §1-401; or publishing a copy of the citation once in Webster Times . publication to be at least Seven (7) days prior to the return date.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court. June 05, 2024

Stephanie K. Fattman Register of Probate July 19, 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. W024C0288CA CITATION ON PETITION TO

CHANGE NAME

In the matter of:

Nicholas Adam Rose brooks A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Nicholas Adam Rosebrooks of Oxford

requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Nicole Alex Rosebrooks**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 07/23/24. 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 28, 2024 Stephanie Fattman, Register of Probate July 19, 2024'

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 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 JPIviorgan 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

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:

be sold at Public Auction at:

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

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.

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

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, Harnev & 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, CETLÍN, 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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Local students named to Holy Cross Dean's List

WORCESTER — More than 1,600 students were named to the College of the Holy Cross' Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement during the Spring semester of the 2023-24 academic year. The following local students made the list:

Christina Bui of Auburn, Class of 2024 Nora Foley of Auburn, Class of 2027 Sabrina Tang of Auburn, Class of 2025 Caroline Villa of Auburn, Class of 2027 Maxine Adu-Boahen Jones of Webster, Class of 2027 Samual Lavallee of Oxford, Class of 2026

About Holy Cross:

The College of the Holy Cross, in Worcester, Mass., is among the nation's leading liberal arts institutions. A highly selective, four-year, exclusively undergraduate college of 3,200 students, Holy Cross is renowned for offering a rigorous, personalized education in the Jesuit, Catholic tradition. Since its founding in 1843, Holy Cross has made a positive impact in society by graduating students who distinguish themselves as thoughtful leaders in business, professional and civic life.

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Local students receive degrees from Quinnipiac University

HAMDEN, Conn. — MacArthur Mills received a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science from Quinnipiac University during commencement ceremonies held in May.

About Quinnipiac University

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Division 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608

(508) 831-2200 Docket No. WO21P2584PM Estate of: Nancy Olex **CITATION ON PETITION**

FOR ORDER OF

COMPLETE SETTLEMENT A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by

Anita Palmaccio of Lancaster MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Final 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 07/30/2024.

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 26, 2024 Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate

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. WO24P1868EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of:

Beverly A. Marley Date of Death: 04/30/2024 To all interested persons:

A Petition for S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Michelle M. Lockwood of Rochdale MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: 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 07/30/2024..

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UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS **UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.

Date: July 03 2024 Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate July 19, 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. WO24P2228EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Elizabeth A Daigneualt Date of Death: 01/24/2024 To all interested persons:

Estate of:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by

Suzanne M Daigneault of Oxford MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that:

Suzanne M Daigneault of Oxford MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before:

10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/30/2024..

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 no-

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

Date: July 03 2024 Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate July 19, 2024

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by 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

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

The Unit is conveyed together with:

Section 9 of Chapter 183A.

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: Easements in favor of adjoining units and in favor of the Common El-

ements for the continuance of all en-

croachments 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

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 ASSO-CIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS COLLAT-ERAL TRUST TRUSTEE OF FIRST-KEY 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

DUDLEY

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Maverick is Dudley's first bloodhound and one of the few such police dogs in the local area.

"It's not a patrol dog, it's a search dog. It's meant to help with people who wonder off with

dementia, people who run away from the police, children, and article findings. Officer (Luis) Pacheco, who was very passionate about this program, did a lot of homework, a lot of background, and the closest department that currently has a bloodhound is dozens of miles away, so we'd be one of the

so it's an asset not just for our town but for the surrounding towns," said Karlowicz.

only departments around

Worcester County South

that has a bloodhound

Officer Pacheco, who also serves as Dudley's Animal Control Officer, added that his new partner will be a more approachable animal than a German shepherd, which will in turn help create an even stronger relationship between the police department and citizens of all ages.

"The good thing about the bloodhounds is they're more of a community dog. They can go into the schools. It's not like your normal patrol dog that the public really isn't supposed to interact with. He's an approachable dog. He's good with kids and I look forward to any of the tasks and serving the community with him," said Pacheco.

Maverick has already begun his training in locating both lost

individuals and suspects. Maverick and Officer Pacheco will eventually join the regional resource sharing Central Massachusetts Law Council Enforcement (CEMLEC), which will allow other towns to request bloodhound assistance.

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and interns. It was so beautiful and peaceful!"

"On the last day of our build, Fr. Luke offered a house blessing. During that blessing Marco-Antonio was crying and telling us how grateful he was for the incredible gift we gave him. I realized that he didn't just receive a new house but he received a beautiful home built by the love of God through our team."

"I found it so moving when Marco Antonio auoted the Bible during the house blessing. He reminded us how Jesus said "When two or three are gathered in my Name, I am with you." Thus, he was reminding us that Jesus was with him and our group! It was a beau-

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tiful moment."

"I wanted to put my faith into action and not just intellectualize my Jacob Merritt noted. "I was so choked up with joy when I saw the wonder in Marco Antonio's eyes during the house blessing. I now realize there is no higher calling in life than to serve others with Christlike love. I'm so grateful I came."

"I am new to Orthodox Christianity and fairly new to our Saints Constantine and Helen Church, I feel so blessed to be a part of this community," Scott Grady said. "And I wanted to find a way to share the blessings I have received. Through Project Mexico, I had a special opportunity to give back from the blessings I have received. I'm just so grateful. I

Home Town Service,

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wanted to do something selfless through this work and yet, in the end, I realized that I got so much out of this entire experience. It wasn't so selfless in the end."

Faith Veronis, the co-leader of the team and a teacher in the Webster Public Schools, has gone on seven home builds in Mexico.

She highlights, "It is always wonderful to see young and old alike be unplugged and discover something in the simplicity of life across the border. We see how Christ unites people from different backgrounds and with diverse viewpoints to come together in His Name to fulfill God's two greatest commandments to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

We did this in a very special way in Mexico."

From these one-week teams there are often team members who are inspired to return for longer term service. Along with the three parishioners previously mentioned, who are spending their summer months serving as unpaid interns, another parishioner, Theodora Veronis, made the commitment to return to Mexico following her graduation from Saint Anselm College. She had already served two summers as a home building intern. Following graduation,

she accepted to work as the educational director for the Saint Innocent Orphanage. She has been serving there for the past 14 months.

If anyone is interested in learning more about the work of Project Mexico, go to www.projectmexico.org.

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Morgan shifted gears to a project wholly in town: the proposed church/ refugee housing center at Beacon and Rosemont. That's now before the Planning Board, where the proponents are seeking two special permits under Watershed the Lake Protection District bylaws. One would allow them to clear more than 70 percent of the property's ground cover; the other, to exceed 40 percent impervious surface. The overall project, because it's church-related, is itself not subject to zoning under the "Dover Amendment."

She said the proponents were told to stop work when the town caught them burying tree stumps and piling brush in ways the fire department deemed a fire danger. In late June, the Planning Board gave them two months to respond to their peer reviewer's concerns, but she has not yet received

such responses. Not far away, the Samuel Slater Experience is before Planning for a site plan to expand their parking area. But Morgan noted her board is raising questions about the fact the plans include a retaining wall and other changes that affect the neighboring town ballfield, saying they're not yet sure whv.

Across town, a longbuilt subdivision is also a concern, she said. Sutton Road Estates was approved in 1991 and largely built soon thereafter, but the subdivision "complications far has too lengthy to go into here." One big issue is the fact the project called for connecting Camile Road to Oakwood, but both are still long dead ends. While Oakwood's property owner has recently gone through Planning for approval of new plans to finish that road, Camile's owner has not been maintaining that road to town standards.

Morgan noted the two roads are on the town GIS as connecting, "but that will never happen" because of steep slopes between them.

When the board turned to Lafond's goals, they produced a rather long list and gave Lafond two months to consider them and how or if town staff can fulfill them in the

short term. Chair Earl Gabor proposed restoring some historic Welcome to Webster signs, adding two electric vehicle charging stations on opposite ends of Main Street, and hosting recycling collection events.

Tom Kelbart suggested planning to improve audio-video connections in the selectmen's meeting room for cable viewers, improving the website and town hall groundskeeping, devising a plan for ongoing groundskeeping townwide, and improving revenue from Memorial Beach.

Mark Rogers proposed starting the process of updating the master plan, agreed on Web site upgrades, and reviewing present and future personnel needs. Elaine Davies agreed on the master plan update and wants to see a performance evaluation system for all town staff, a continuity of operations plan in case of disaster, and work on redevelopment of Main Street including exit interviews of departing business owners. Scott Dziedzic recommended making downtown more inviting with plantings, better signage for Memorial Beach, and adding a splash pad there.

Lafond noted many of them "can be worked on simultaneously" and "none of it looks unreasonable," but all require funds and staff time.

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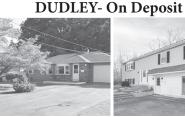
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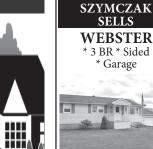
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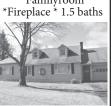
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