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BHS CLASS OF 1983 HOLDS 40TH REUNION

On Oct. 14, the Bartlett High School Class of '83 held their 40th class reunion at Drafter's Sports Café in North Grosvenordale, Conn. Those in attendance pictured above are: First row (sitting from left to right) Maria Benitez, Karen (Leduc) Gavilanes, Laura (Beatty) Robbins, Judy (Girardin) Leger, Liz (Socha) Palo, Laurie (Stevens) Borski, Judy (Lebeau) Piette, Tracey (Lee) Martin. Second row (standing, left to right) Jim Hindle, Dave Chabot, Lynn (Houle) Burns, Monica (Cabrera) Baldyga, Maria (Nena Miller) Kantorski, Tom Valaouras, Kelly (LaCerte) Tiffany, Monique (Paranto) Canty, Beth (Majewski) Racicot, Rose (Hebert) Place, Deb (Bourget) Svec, Herbie Hopkins. Back row (standing, left to right) Don Cushing, Mike Milas, Mike Jezerski, Carol (Heider) Lewis, Jim Burns, Billy Gould, Erik Desrosiers, Jim Parslow, Pat Scanlon, Kevin Cobb, Rich Wetherbee, Kevin Szeredy, Keith Radzik. Also attending, but missing from the photo Mike Somers and Jim Pelletier.

Town Meeting OKs demolition delay, \$8 million in water projects

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER — On Oct. 30, Town Meeting approved a demolition delay bylaw in an effort to protect historic buildings by 59-27 vote.

"Historic preservation is not about the past, it's about the future," said key advocate Ted Avlas, who relinquished his normal Moderator role to wear the Historical Commission hat for this item. Earlier, he'd explained it this way: "Preservation is having the good sense to hold on to things that are well designed that link us to our past in a meaningful way and have plenty of good use left in them."

Specifically, the bylaw requires anyone owning a building that's at least 50 years old to submit an application to the Historical Commission if they wish to demolish it. The board then has 30 days to decide whether it meets certain criteria, including whether it's on the National Register, was associated with notable people or events in town or state history, or is "architecturally important." If it makes such a determination, the town has up to 18 months to work with the owner to find an alternative to demolition. If the board decides the property isn't of interest, the owner can get the demolition permit.

That age limit sparked the only opposing voice, a woman whose name I did not hear. She initially asked if it'd apply to "a random house" that was that old.

When Avlas said the owner would have to go through the application process, she added, "It just seems a little overkill to me that basic residential houses have to ask what to do with their own property."

Avlas noted part of the problem is that the town now has an "ancient" list of about 400 properties that fit that age range, but doesn't know how many still exist.

Losing them was his major argument in favor of the bylaw. He cited several that had been saved and converted into something else (often housing). Many were schools, but his poster child for the bylaw was the Filmer School on Route 12 that was most recently the school administration building.

"At 120 years old, this building was demolished in 2019," he noted. "... This cannot happen again."

Fellow commissioner Elaine Davies said she was reading a book about the town's old trolley route with photos of "a lot of structures that are no longer" on it. To her, that meant "we in Webster have some serious thinking to do" about preserving town history. She noted she hopes that the 200th anniversary parade in nine years "will pass more than a donut shop, gas station or parking lot."

That was the only item that saw anything resembling vocal debate, although none of the other 10 passed unanimously. Several other items amended various bylaws, many of them increasing "non-criminal disposition" violation fines. The latter included fines for boating without permits on Webster Lake, for violating too many false burglar or fire alarm calls, an for violating certain Memorial Beach rules.

Regarding all of them, Town Administrator Rick Lafond said the goal wasn't to punish, but to compel

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School district receives grant to enhance math program

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY/CHARLTON — The Dudley Charlton Regional School District is celebrating the receipt of a High Quality Materials Implementation Grant that will enhance mathematics literature in the district's middle schools.

As the name implies, the grant is designed to provide funding for the purchase of high-quality instructional material, or

HQIM, in either mathematics, English language arts, or science. These materials are chosen based on a variety of factors including their ratings on sources such as CURATE and EdReport. The program also strives to help districts develop and enact equity-driven curriculum implementation plans.

An estimated \$4.4 million was made available for districts statewide in the current

fiscal year. During a meeting of the Dudley Charlton Regional School Committee on Oct. 25, Superintendent Steven Lamarche revealed that the district was notified through a letter from Governor Maura Healy and Lt. Gov. Kimberly Driscoll announced that Dudley and Charlton have received a grant of \$111,872 which needs to be expended before the end of the current school year.

"It's really focused on professional development for this year. It is for Fiscal Year 2024, I don't think we can push it. The Acting Assistant Superintendent and principal of Dudley Elementary School Ms. Kelly True will oversee the management of this incredible grant," said Lamarche.

The superintendent added that the funding is a huge step forward for

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Clara Barton Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star gives back to Barton Center for Juvenile Diabetes



OXFORD — This past September, Worthy Matron Sarah Sams and Associate Matron Jeanne Clifford had the privilege of delivering a donation to the Barton Center for Juvenile Diabetes from Clara Barton Chapter No. 63, Order of the Eastern Star. The ladies were given a tour of the facility and were left incredibly impressed by the work that they do with 2,000 plus kids a year, the immense and pristine facilities and grounds (more than 200 acres, several multi-use buildings, a pond, a pool, cabins, trails) and the history of continually serving kids with Type 1 (insulin dependent) diabetes since 1932. It was inspiring and amazing to learn about

their work and the connections to Clara Barton, the namesake of Oxford's local OES chapter.

The Order of the Eastern Star is the largest fraternal organization in the world to which both women and men can belong and is part of the Masonic Family. It was conceived by the poet-laureate of Masonry, Dr. Robert Morris in 1850. The members of the Order of the Eastern Star are dedicated men and women who sincerely reflect the spirit of fraternal love and the desire to work together for good by giving their time to meaningful projects that benefit mankind. The Order is open to women

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Dudley names new Animal Control Officer

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — The town of Dudley has a new Animal Control Officer (ACO), with Dudley Police Officer Luis Pacheco stepping up to inherit the responsibilities. The Board of Selectmen approved

Pacheco's appointment on Oct. 30 at the request of Police Chief Marek Karłowicz.

Dudley's Animal Control Officer position was completely defunded during budget season as the town struggled to balance a minimal-

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Courtesy

The Dudley Board of Selectmen has appointed Dudley Police Officer Luis Pacheco (left) as the town's Animal Control Officer. Police Chief Police Chief Marek Karłowicz (right) reported Officer Pacheco has completed training and work is underway to prepare the town's animal shelter and retrofit a police cruiser.



Bay Path nursing student wins award from Senior Care Foundation

CHARLTON — Owen Mahoney of Oakham says, “Being a CNA in long term care has truly changed me as a person in so many wonderful ways and has opened so many great and amazing doors for me.”

As a practical nursing (PN) student at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, he has firmly found his feet and is on the path to a career in elder care.

The PN student was recently awarded the 2023 Massachusetts Senior Care Foundation Scholarship to support his career advancement in long term care.

Over the past 38 years,

the Massachusetts Senior Care Foundation has helped more than 1,600 dedicated long-term care employees achieve their educational and professional goals. Mahoney is one of 25 individuals awarded scholarships.

The distinction brings with it a \$2,000 scholarship to continue his nursing studies.

“When I started working in long-term care, I never thought I would enjoy a job as much as I do,” said Mahoney.

He graduated from Quabbin Regional High School, Barre, in 2021, and went to The Fieldstone School in Worcester for his CNA training.

Work as a dietary aide and resident care assistant (RCA) while obtaining his CNA certificate transitioned into the pursuit of a nursing certificate.

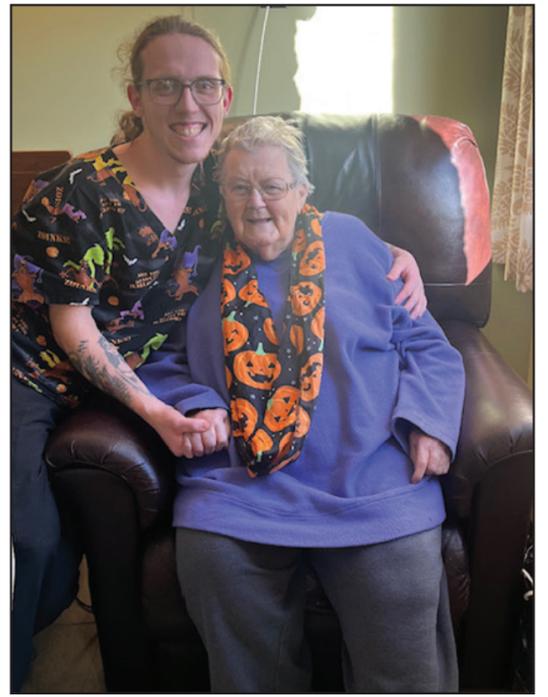
Mahoney encountered many Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy alumni while working at Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center in West Brookfield, MA.

“My long-term goal is to become a nursing manager in long term care,” he said. “I am excited to have the opportunity to go to nursing school.”

While at Bay Path, he earned his certification in Dementia Care, Mental Health First Aid,

and Stop The Bleed.

The Bay Path Practical Nursing Program is a 40-week, full-time evening program. The program begins mid-August and finishes in late June. Graduates receive a Practical Nursing Certificate and are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN licensure exam. The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is fully approved by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services Department of Public Health Board of Registration in Nursing (www.mass.gov/dph/boards/rn) and is accredited by the Commission on Occupational Education (www.council.org). For more information, visit www.baypath.net.



Owen Mahoney & Goldie Dyess.

Courtesy

Elm Hill Water District to begin hydrant flushing

AUBURN — The Elm Hill Water District will be flushing water hydrants Nov. 15, 16, and 17 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Discolored water could occur, but is not harmful. Customers are asked to check their water before doing laundry.

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Search continues for Worcester State shooting suspect



Kevin Rodriguez, whose last residence was listed in Lawrence. He is wanted on charges of unlawful possession of a firearm and armed assault with intent to murder, police said.

"He should be considered armed and dangerous. The public should call 911 immediately if they see Rodriguez," read a statement released by the Office of Worcester County District Attorney Joseph Early, Jr.

Rodriguez is wanted in connection with the fatal shooting of Randy Armando Melendez, Jr., 19, of Southbridge. The shooting took place on Oct. 28 at approximately 2:30 a.m. on the Worcester State University campus.

Worcester State University Police responded to the shooting scene at a campus parking lot after receiving a

911 call. Upon arrival, officers found Melendez and another man on scene with gunshot wounds. Both victims were taken to area hospitals.

The second victim, a 21-year-old man, suffered non-life-threatening injuries, officials said. The identity of the second victim was not released by press time.

The victims and the suspect were not students of the university, officials said. It remains unclear if they knew each other and what prompted the shooting. Officials continue to investigate their arrival on campus.

University leaders decided to cancel all classes on Oct. 30 as a result of the situation.

The incident remains under investigation by Worcester Police, Worcester State University Police, Massachusetts State Police, and Massachusetts State Police Detectives assigned to the Worcester County District Attorney's Office.

If you have information regarding the whereabouts of Kevin Rodriguez, please contact Massachusetts State Police Detectives at 508-453-7589.

You can also call

the Massachusetts State Police Fugitive Apprehension Section at 1-800-527-8873.

Meanwhile, as the university community continues to heal, multiple initiatives have been employed to assist students. These include comfort dogs brought in from agencies across New England last week.

Counselors and other support resources were also made available to students.

Courtesy
As of press time, Kevin Rodriguez, 18, who last lived in Lawrence, was wanted on charges in connection with last month's fatal shooting at Worcester State University.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION — Area residents are asked to be on the lookout for a suspect wanted on charges in connection with last

month's fatal shooting at Worcester State University.

As of our press deadline for this week's edition, police were still searching for 18-year-old

Sacred Heart Parish to host Veneration of St. Jude Relics

WEBSTER — Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish is hosting a tour of the relics of Saint Jude the Apostle on Thursday, Nov. 16 at the Church at 18 East Main St. Public veneration will be held from 1 to 9 p.m. A special Mass in honor of Saint Jude is scheduled for 6 p.m. All are welcome.

Known as the Apostle of the Impossible, Saint Jude is revered for his unwavering dedication and steadfast faith. He is the saint millions of people turn to when things seem lost, unbearable or hopeless. The pilgrimage of the relics, which feature the arm of Saint Jude, is making its way through parts of the United States for the first time. The Sacred Heart Parish veneration is the only stop in

the Diocese of Worcester. For more information on the exposition, please visit apostleoftheimpossible.com or call the Sacred Heart Rectory at 508-943-3140.

About Sacred Heart of Jesus
The mission of Sacred Heart is to promote the gospel of Jesus Christ through worship, outreach and education. The parish offers some 30 liturgical and social outreach ministries. In addition, Sacred Heart serves the larger community as the hub of operations for the St. Vincent dePaul Society, as the epicenter of worship at the 24-hour-a-day Emmaus Chapel, and as a partner with St. Louis Parish in instilling Christian values in today's youth at All Saints Academy.

FCC Oxford to hold annual Christmas Tea

OXFORD — The First Congregational Church of Oxford will hold its annual Christmas Tea Saturday, Dec. 2 from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Assorted desserts and teas will be served all day, along with a gift center & Granny's Attic and the chance to take a keepsake photo. Luncheon beings at 10:30 a.m. with a menu featuring stuffed pepper or cream of broccoli soups, Meat pie with gravy, baked apple French toast, and a warm harvest bowl of quinoa with roasted vegetables, chicken salad served on a roll, and warm roast beef sliders.

For more information, e-mail firstchurchoxford@gmail.com.

Have a holly jolly time at Saint Louis Christmas Bazaar

WEBSTER — Saint Louis Church invites you to have a Holly Jolly holiday season at our Christmas Bazaar and Breakfast with Santa Dec. 3 from 7 a.m.-1 p.m. at the church, 14 Lake St.

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

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

QUILTING GROUP
Wednesdays @ 1:30PM
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Thursday 5:30PM - 7:30PM

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LEGO CLUB
2nd Saturday of each month at 11:00AM
Come join us each week for a different Lego challenge, from writing your name in Legos to making a Lego zipline. Ages 5+

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

MOVIE MONDAYS
Mondays at 2:00PM
Join us each Monday for a movie and popcorn. November films are new releases.
Nov 13 80 for Brady
Nov 20 Asteroid City
Nov 27 Barbie

PEARLE JAM: Pete Seeger

to Peter, Paul and Mary
November 9 6:00PM
Sing along to 1960's folk revival sing-alongs. Lyrics will be provided.

Firefighter Story Time
November 14 at 11AM
Join us for a special visit with the Firefighters! Subject to cancellation if there is an emergency call in town.

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

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DUDLEY POLICE LOG

DUDLEY — The Dudley Police Department reported the following arrests during the month of October:

Kennedy Mwangi Kamicha, age 35, of Dudley was arrested on Oct. 5 for refusal to identify oneself to law enforcement while operating a motor vehicle, Failure to Stop for Police, a Number Plate Violation.

Daniel A. Jason-Rajecki, age 39, of Southbridge was arrested on Oct. 11 for Speeding at a Rate of Speed Exceeding the Posted Limit and Refusal to identify oneself to law enforcement while operating a motor vehicle.

A juvenile, age 17, was arrested on Oct. 12 for Leaving the Scene of Property Damage,

Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle, a Marked Lanes Violation, and Use of a Motor Vehicle Without Authority.

An individual whose identity has been withheld from publication was arrested on Oct. 14 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

Christopher S. Boulette, age 32, of Webster was arrested on Oct. 15 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, a Marked Lanes Violation, and leaving the Scene of Property Damage.

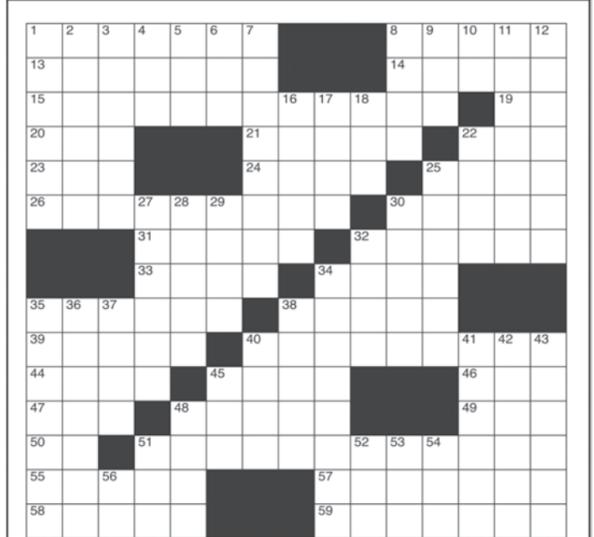
An individual whose identity has been withheld from publication was arrested on Oct. 20 for Assault

& Battery on a Family or Household Member, Assault with a Dangerous Weapon, Disorderly Conduct, and Disturbing the Peace.

Almicar Jovan Seelig, age 24, of Dudley was arrested on Oct. 23 for a Marked Lanes Violation, Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License, and in connection with an out of agency warrant.

An individual whose identity has been withheld from publication was arrested on Oct. 29 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

Luke Glenn Mann, Jr., age 29, of Gardner, Mass. was arrested on Oct. 30 in connection with an out of agency warrant.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Happen again
- 8. Large flightless birds
- 13. A type of account
- 14. Beyond what is natural
- 15. Beloved comfort food
- 19. Rural delivery
- 20. Belonging to us
- 21. Typical
- 22. Pie ___ mode
- 23. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- 24. Not us
- 25. Discharge
- 26. Made empty
- 30. Fishing net
- 31. Fast-moving, harmless snake
- 32. Analyzed into its parts
- 33. In a way, chilled
- 34. Hindu queen
- 35. Circles around the sun
- 38. Used for emphasis
- 39. Reactive structures
- 40. Recommendations
- 44. Feel intense anger
- 45. Puke
- 46. Rural Northern Ireland community
- 47. Naturally occurring solid material
- 48. British watch brand
- 49. Toddler
- 50. Integrated circuit
- 51. Being reversed
- 55. "Pets" you can grow
- 57. Continual
- 58. Puts together in time
- 59. Houses temporarily

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Vital public document
- 2. Disinter
- 3. Musical performances
- 4. After B
- 5. Every body has one (abbr.)
- 6. Utilize
- 7. In a way, disproved
- 8. Fisherman's tool
- 9. Of she
- 10. Trauma center
- 11. Commercial flyer
- 12. Administered medicine to calm
- 16. Popular R&B performer
- 17. Regretted
- 18. Leg (slang)
- 22. "Night Train" author
- 25. More supernatural
- 27. Baltimore ballplayer
- 28. Shoe parts
- 29. Scores perfectly
- 30. More lucid
- 32. Trim by cutting
- 34. Disreputable people
- 35. Dramatic behaviors
- 36. Disorder
- 37. Private box in a theater
- 38. More dried-up
- 40. Raw
- 41. In operation
- 42. Pillager
- 43. Butterflies with brown wings
- 45. Disallow
- 48. Own up
- 51. Hungarian city
- 52. A way to condemn
- 53. Tax collector
- 54. Lease
- 56. Not out

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Saint Joseph School holds October Recognition and School Spirit assembly

WEBSTER—On Friday, Nov. 3, Saint Joseph School students, faculty, and staff gathered in the Nowak Gymnasium for their monthly assembly to celebrate October accomplishments and enjoy another round of friendly competition. In addition, every student with an October birthday received a new book from the school. October birthdays include Grace Muga, Milena Deptula, Ella Parslow, Faye Derry, Thomas Thrun, Gabriel Rudnicki, Lillith Marchand, Kaylee Blain, Mathieu Prunier, Jacob Manzi, Alvin Montreuil, Zuzanna Bialik, Lukas Stock, and Jacob Kolesnik. In addition, faculty members Mrs. Karolina Kicilinski, Mrs. Donna Recko, and Mrs. Mary Ann Weaver received bouquets in honor of their birthdays.

Following the announcement of October Birthdays, Saint Joseph School Principal, Mrs. Beth Boudreau, recognized the October "Students of the Month." Students are awarded "Student of the Month" for their



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During October, a Saint Joseph School student in each grade had the opportunity to earn a special "Keep Your Head Up Award" for being the most encouraging student in their class. Recipients of the "Keep Your Head Up Award" are Pre-K 3-year-old Anna Berry and Gloria Basha, Pre-K 4-year-old Mia Romeo, Kindergarten: Zackary Kubiak, Grade 1: Maggie Belanger, Grade 2: Amalina Khozami, Grade 3: Lilly Mongeau, Grade 4: Amadeusz Gacek, Grade 5: Amelia Potem, Grade 6: Jacob Lopez, Grade 7: Rosemary Basha, and Grade 8: Max Podgorny. The theme of each special award changes monthly.

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In addition, the Saint

Joseph School Athletics program awarded students for their participation in their fall fundraiser. The highest sellers in each class received an 8" stuffed "Jojo the Eagle" – the school's mascot. The top seller for the school was Lukas Barbosa, and he received a 12" stuffed "Jojo the Eagle." Plus, the sixth-grade class raised the most money and will receive an ice cream party courtesy of the Athletics Program. The fundraiser raised over \$3,000 for sports supplies.

Finally, the assembly culminated with the awarding of the Holy Family Traveling Statue – a new initiative by the school to help enrich the spiritual lives of students and their families. Each week, a random family is selected to take the statue home and use it and the devotional material provided to enrich their spiritual lives. The goal is to let the Holy Family be

a role model for their own family. JT and Maggie Belanger were selected as the first students to have the statue in their home. The assembly ended with a fun game of "wrap yourself in duct tape and collect the most playing cards on the floor," a student favorite! During the game, one student from every grade volunteered to be wrapped in duct tape (sticky side out) and have a classmate roll them over the floor. The goal was to have the most playing cards – strewn over the floor – stick to them. Grade 3 worked very well as a team and was the winner!

It was a busy assembly, but the students certainly enjoyed the opportunity for recognition and fun. Please visit the school's Facebook page to view the assembly video. Congratulations to all the students!



The Saint Joseph School Athletics Program recently held a fundraiser to support student-athletes. The top seller for the school was Lukas Barbosa. He received a 12" stuffed "Jojo the Eagle" - the school's mascot.



Saint Joseph School students and staff who celebrated a birthday in October received a special gift from the school during the November 5th assembly.



Saint Joseph School 8th Grade students Laura Ibrahim and Molly Hachigian prepare to participate in the monthly game team-building game.

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

Adult Programming YOGA – Saturday November 18th, and 25th at 9:30 AM

Join Julie or Lauren at the Gladys E. Kelly Library for a vinyasa yoga class for all levels. In Sanskrit, Vinyasa yoga translates to the "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.

FRIENDS CONCERT SERIES: ---- The Blackstone Valley String Quartet & Ensembles at 6:30 PM

The Blackstone Valley String Quartet & Ensembles is based in North Grafton, Massachusetts. The ensemble specializes in performances combining classical and modern music throughout New England.

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP— November 20th at 6:30 PM

This month's book discussion will be in the Library's Community Room. The Group will be discussing Happiness is a Choice You Make by John Leland. Stop by the library, or reach out by phone at 508-949-3880, or by email to rcox@cwmars.org for inquiries.

ADULT BOARDGAME NIGHT-- December 19th --6:00 PM

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

Children's and Young Adult Programming

Scavenger Hunt--- All Month Long

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

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

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

we're making this month!

Build Tuesdays- from 3:30-4:30 PM

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

MUSIC TOGETHER--- November 18th at 11:15 AM

A music and movement program available to children birth to age 6 and their families based upon on-going scientific research. Classes include singing and dancing. The program brings families together by providing a rich musical environment in the classroom and by promoting and facilitating adult participation.

STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER-- November 16th at 4:00 PM

We are inviting you and your favorite stuffed animal for an evening Storytime in the Community Room. We will read some stories, make name tags for your stuffed animals, and then you will say goodbye to your friends as they get ready to spend the night at the library! Pick up will be the following morning, and you can see your friends' adventures on our Facebook page.

STORY HOUR WITH MELONIE--- November 21st at 9:30 AM -10:30 AM

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Oxford Elementary students show off Halloween spirit

The Oxford Elementary Schools put down their pencils and books and put on some frightening and fun costumes to show off their Halloween spirit this year. Both Clara Barton Elementary and Chaffee Elementary celebrate this day with fun, festive parades around the schools to show off their amazing styles. Grade 3 won the staff costume contest with costumes for all the Jory John series books. Clara Barton also hosted an indoor "HALL-o-ween" event on Saturday, Oct. 21, with some great tables set up for our elementary families.



Oxford Community Center hosts Scarecrows on the Common event



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N&J's Donut Queen

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OXFORD — On a very windy Sunday, Oct. 22, the Oxford Community Center hosted the town's fourth annual Scarecrows on the Common event. Oxford residents, businesses, school groups and town departments decorated Joslin Park with some very creative, spooky, and well-crafted scarecrows.

The Donut Queen, entered by Irene and the rest of the staff at N&J Donuts, was a crowd favorite in categories of Funniest and Most Creative. The Oxford Webster Youth Football and Cheer entry of Football Player and Cheerleader was the favorite in the Town Spirit category.

All who came to out to join us were treated to free popcorn, face painting, P&D pizza, children's crafts and games, and live music provided by a fantastic last-minute fill-in, Dr. Jay – who was described that day as both an Adam Sandler look-alike and a human jukebox – both great scarecrow ideas for next year!

Please join us on Dec. 2 for the Holiday Lights Parade hosted by the Oxford Fire Department, beginning at 5 p.m., followed by the Holiday Tree Lighting on the Bandstand at 6 p.m., hosted by the Community Center.



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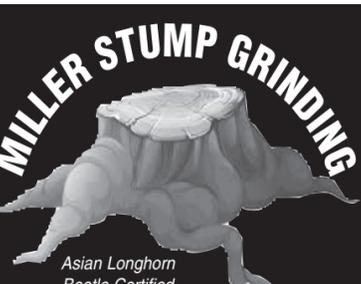
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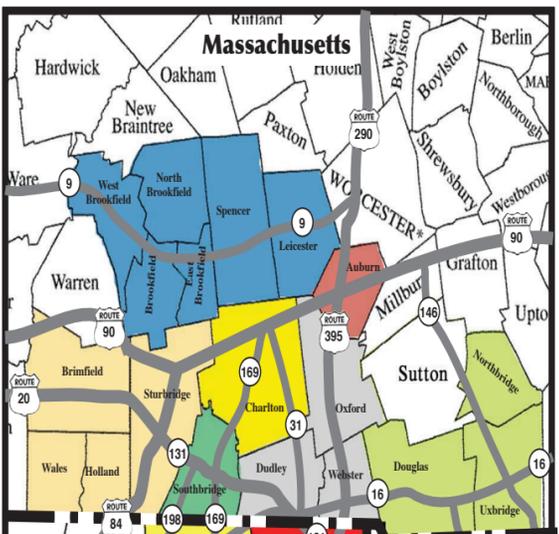
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Cultural Christians vs. followers of Jesus Christ

Cultural Christians. Christian because of our family and heritage. "My grandparents were Greek Orthodox, my parents are Greek Orthodox, and I have inherited this faith as my own. I consider myself Greek Orthodox." How many of us can say that?



BEYOND THE PEWS

BY FR. LUKE A. VERONIS
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Whether we're Greeks or Polish or Italian or Irish have inherited the Christian tradition from our forebearers, most of us are a part of the faith community that we have inherited from our forebearers.

Do you ever think about why you're a Christian and not a Muslim? Or not Hindu? Or Buddhist? Or a Jew? For the vast majority of people, we didn't choose our religion, it was something we were born into and have maintained.

On one hand, that is a very special blessing! For those of us who were born and raised in the Christian tradition, what a treasure we have had since our childhood. We received the most incredible jewel, without doing anything to deserve it. What an unbelievable privilege to know the Good News that our Risen Lord Jesus brings into the world. To be a Christian from childhood is an amazing blessing!

And yet, one of the dangers of being born into the faith is that for many people, they take this faith for granted. Since it was something inherited, some don't even realize the treasure they possess. These people may go to church once in a while, follow certain traditions and rituals like baptisms and ceremonies, and yet, they don't really understand who Jesus Christ is and what He offers to the world. These are people, like Saint Paul describes to his disciple Timothy, who too often "hold on to the outward forms of religion but deny its power." (2 Tim 3:5)

Sometimes people like this can be lifelong members of the Church without ever truly understanding what it's all about. They may even identify their religious faith mainly with their ethnic background. For us Greek Orthodox, sometimes our people think our Greek heritage and Greek language is of utmost importance.

I recently talked with someone who was a lifelong member of the Church and yet in recent years had fallen away from the Church. When I asked what happened, he responded that he really didn't believe anymore, and he admitted that in the past, he only came to church because it was a part of his family heritage. Now that society no longer expected people to come to church or to be members of a faith community, he no longer felt the need to come. In fact, he even said, "I used to come because I knew many of the people in the church and I liked the fellowship, but now, I don't even know most of the new people and the many converts in church anymore, so why should I come?"

When I heard this, I was sad - really sad for the fact that this person grew up in the church yet didn't really know what the Orthodox Christian faith is all about. He didn't know or believe in the life-transformative Good News that Jesus Christ proclaims to the world. He didn't understand how Jesus' life, death and resurrection changed the history of the world and can change our lives in dramatic ways! He didn't realize that the ultimate meaning of life is found only in the teachings and life of Jesus Christ! And how the Orthodox Church is a universal family, actually a family that transcends earth and is part of heaven, and that this Church teaches, nourishes, and guides people to discover the Kingdom of God here and now. It is this Church that shows people that path into the eternal love of God.

I want all of us who are so called cradle Christians - Christian since our baptism as infants - to seriously think about why we are Christian. Do we truly understand the priceless treasure we have in our Christian faith? Do we

realize that this is the faith that millions of people throughout history have died for because of its value? Have we discovered for ourselves this "pearl of great price," a pearl so great that people are willing to give up all they have just to hold on to this precious jewel?

Over the past years, I have had dozens of people who have converted to Orthodox Christianity and one of the blessings of such believers is that they make a conscious decision to choose their faith. They deliberately decide to leave the faith of their ancestors, or maybe to leave no faith at all, and convert to and accept the ancient form of Orthodox Christianity. They had to study, search and reflect on what is truth and on whether they wanted to take this step of faith. And sometimes such conversions have separated them from their families and friends!

Yet by studying and searching, they discovered something worthwhile, something priceless, for which they would give up everything, including even their relationships with family.

Remember, the treasure of Orthodox Christianity is not based primarily on one's heritage, but it is based on the "One who is, who was and who is to come, the Lord Almighty." The foundation of our faith is based in Jesus Christ, the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End of all time and creation. The essence of our faith is God Almighty, who became a human being in the person of Jesus of Nazareth, a Jewish man who lived on earth 2000 years ago. This Jesus, the long-awaited Jewish Messiah, the Christ, the Anointed One of God, came to save the world, all the world, from sin, darkness and death!

To become a true disciple and follower of Jesus Christ, it's not good enough to simply inherit our faith as Christians. It's not good enough to have grandparents and parents who were Christian. Every new generation, and every person, needs to discover on their own an authentic faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you remember the story in the Gospels when Jesus was surrounded by a great crowd of people and His mother and brothers came to see him but couldn't reach Him because of the crowd. Someone tells Jesus, "Look, your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you." To which Christ replies, "Who is my mother; and who are my brothers?" And pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

Jesus offers a radical description of His Family - the Family of God, the Church. His family is not related to blood lines and ancestry but to anyone who believes and does the will of His Father:

This is why Saint Paul taught the first Christians to never prioritize their earthly identity over their Christ-centered identity. Paul was a proud Jew and a Roman and yet, he highlighted, "We are citizens of heaven... There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise."

Today, I want each of us to reflect carefully on our cultural Christianity. If we are cradle Christians, be grateful for the undeserved gift that was given to you as an infant, but don't take it for granted. Discover the treasure that you were gifted and live out that jewel of faith to its fullest. And if you are a convert who has discovered and chosen to follow this path of Christianity, be on guard never to lose the wonder and excitement in finding the greatest treasure on earth. Embrace our faith and follow Jesus Christ into eternity!

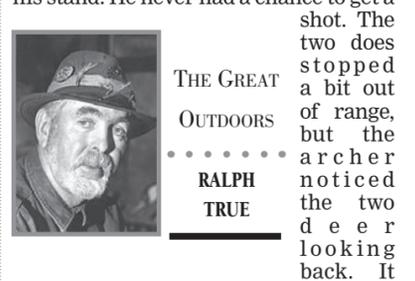
Deer hunting improves day by day



Courtesy

This week's picture shows Sean Halpin, Jr. with his 12 point buck that he harvested recently in Mass. using his bow!

Deer hunting locally is improving every day, with the rutting season heating up. Reports of bucks chasing does, is a sure sign that the doe are coming into heat. One archer was sitting in his tree stand this past week, and had a couple of doe's go running by his stand. He never had a chance to get a shot. The two does stopped a bit out of range, but the archer noticed the two deer looking back. It



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was only a few seconds after when he heard a buck snort, and the buck also went running by the archers stand at a high rate of speed. Again, no opportunity for a shot with his bow!

This week's picture is of Sean Halpin, Jr. with a real impressive 12 point buck he harvested from Mass. with his bow. The antlers were in good shape, often indicating that he possibly had not gotten into a fight with another big buck for rights to breeding does in the area. Antlers are often damaged or broken off during flights of two big bucks, and often get their antlers locked together, unable to get free. If they are not found, the two big bucks could die, becoming exhausted, trying to get free.

Their antlers are often damaged in numerous ways during their fight for survival. A whitetail deer in this area actually has a very short life, with very few surviving more than five to seven years. A few documented exceptions have reported deer actually living 20 years or more. With hunters being the number one predator, harvesting more than 10,000 animals annually, and a high rate of deer dying at a very young age with automobile deer collisions, the deer herd continues to grow annually.

Without hunters harvesting a high number of deer annually, the herd could possibly die from starvation during extremely harsh winters, or they could contract numerous diseases out there in the wild. Lyme disease carrying ticks are also a killer of deer, and man is also being threatened by Lyme disease carrying ticks.

This past weekend, a local angler fished Wallum Lake in Douglas hoping to catch a few trout but the action was slow, so he decided to change his tactics a bit and started to drift live shiners. He reported catching numerous smallmouth bass in the one-to-two-pound range, which made his day.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

EDITORIAL

The importance of having fun

In our fast-paced, modern world, it's easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of daily life. We often find ourselves buried under the weight of responsibilities, deadlines, and the endless pursuit of "success". While these are all important aspects of life, it's crucial not to forget the importance of having fun and not taking life too seriously.

Fun is often seen as a frivolous indulgence, something we can afford only when all our work is done. However, this mindset can lead to burnout, stress, and a feeling of emptiness in our lives. Fun should not be considered a luxury; it is a fundamental human need that plays a significant role in our overall well-being.

One of the most valuable lessons we can learn is that life is short and unpredictable. It's easy to become so focused on our long-term goals and aspirations that we forget to enjoy the journey. Taking life too seriously can rob us of the simple pleasures and spontaneous moments that make life truly meaningful.

Having fun isn't just about indulging in hobbies or going on vacations (though those are important too). It's about embracing the little joys in everyday life, whether it's sharing a laugh with friends, dancing to your favorite song, singing into your hairbrush in front of the mirror, or enjoying a craft beer and a Reuben sandwich. These moments may seem insignificant, but they are the building blocks of a happy and fulfilling life.

Further, fun is not just about personal happiness; it also creates stronger relationships and communities. When we let go of our seriousness and allow ourselves to be playful, we create bonds with others, build trust, and create lasting memories. Laughter is a universal language that transcends cultural and language barriers, bringing people together and bridging divides.

It's important to note that having fun doesn't mean neglecting responsibilities or avoiding challenges. In fact, a balanced approach to life that includes moments of fun can enhance our ability to tackle challenges more effectively. When we are relaxed and happy, we are better equipped to handle stress and solve problems.

Fun is not a distraction from life's responsibilities; it is an essential part of a well-rounded and fulfilling life. It enhances our mental and emotional well-being, strengthens relationships, and fuels creativity and innovation. Embrace the joy of life. Remember to laugh often, prioritize play and to savor the moments that make life truly worth living.

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Pumpkin Pleasures – Round 2

Last week's column reviewed how to make use of leftover Halloween pumpkins. Still haven't transformed your pumpkins into a delicious dish? Read on for a last ditch "recipe" to recycle your pumpkin into something useful, plus some eye opening pumpkin facts and history to round out the pumpkin season!

Simmering Pumpkin Potpourri

Why not recycle that Halloween Jack-O-Lantern into an autumn aroma that fills your home with the scents of the season? Best of all, you likely have all the ingredients on hand:

Ingredients: fresh pumpkin slices, chopped; 2 cups apple cider, apple juice, or water; a few cinnamon sticks; one tablespoon each of pumpkin pie spice (see recipe below); whole cloves; splash of vanilla extract

Instructions: Mix all ingredients above in a pot and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to a low simmer, replenishing water as needed.

Note: To enjoy the autumn scent for hours without supervision, once the liquid boils, transfer the potpourri into a small slow cooker.

**** Pumpkin Pie Spice:** Mix together the following: three tablespoons ground cinnamon; two teaspoons ground nutmeg; two teaspoons ground ginger; one teaspoon ground cloves; one teaspoon ground allspice. Store in a glass spice jar.

Pumpkin Facts, History, and Lore

Pumpkin Facts: Although we think of pumpkins as a vegetable, it is officially classified as a fruit. Pumpkins are not only delicious, they are a rich source of both fiber and vitamin A and naturally low in calories. Best of all pumpkins are very versatile, which have made them the spotlight of many Thanksgiving feasts via pumpkin soups, casseroles and hearty pies.

**** Pumpkin History:** The name "pumpkin" is an English term which dates from the 1500s. It is derived from the Greek "pepon," meaning large



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melon. Pumpkins, which are related to cucumbers, melons, squash and gourds, have a past peppered with historical importance:

* It is documented that pumpkin seeds discovered in Mexico date back to 5500 BC.

* After discovering America, Christopher Columbus brought pumpkin seeds with him to Europe.

* Native Americans revered the pumpkin as a valuable source of food to carry them through the long, cold winters, teaching early English settlers how to grow and prepare pumpkins, which became an important seasonal mainstay of the pioneer diet.

* The pilgrims utilized every part of the pump-

kin, roasting the flesh, drying the seeds, making flour from dried pumpkin, and even weaving floor mats out of pumpkin skins, a method learned from the Native Americans.

* In New England, colonists made the first crustless pumpkin pies by cutting the top of the pumpkin, removing the seeds and filling it with apples, milk, sugar and spices and baking it whole.

* The importance of pumpkins in the settlers' diet was documented in 1654 in the "Wonder Working Providence of Sion's Saviour in New England," when author Edward Johnson wrote the pumpkin was "a fruit which the Lord fed his people with till corn and cattle increased."

**** Jack-O-Lantern Lore:** Legend has it the Jack-O-Lantern evolved from an Irish tale involving a drunkard named Jack. According to the longtime yarn, Jack was a trickster who playfully deceived family members. His fate was sealed

the day he attempted to trick the devil into climbing an apple tree. Once Jack convinced the devil to climb the tree, he placed crosses around the tree trunk, trapping the devil. With the devil cornered, Jack refused let him down until he promised not to take Jack's soul when he died.

The story goes that many years later when Jack died, he couldn't get into heaven, yet he was turned out of hell too, because of the devil's long ago promise. Jack found himself with nowhere to go. He asked the devil how to leave the gates of hell as there was no light to guide him. According to the tale, the devil threw him an ember from the flames of hell to help him light his way. Jack put the burning ember inside a hollowed out pumpkin.

From that day on, it is said that Jack wandered the earth without a resting place, lighting his way with his lantern, thus the legend of the "Jack-O-Lantern," was born.

**** Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House**
Your tips can win you

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

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

Harness the reins of your thoughts

Earl Nightingale said, "You become what you think about."

I've struggled with this concept for many years. Over and over again, I've thought, "What does that mean?" Its meaning seemed to dance just out of reach, a melody heard but not entirely understood.

If I think about elephants all day long, will I one day become a pachyderm? Obviously not. The essence of Nightingale's words is something more profound.

It's straightforward to grasp that our focus directs our actions.

For example, when our heads are full of worries and fears, it's like building a massive wall that stops us from getting the life we want. Fear sneaks in quietly and tricks us into thinking that it's better to stick with what we

know than to go after what we want. We can see our dreams out there, waiting for us, but fear keeps us stuck in place, too scared to move because we think we might mess up.

Conversely, if we choose to immerse ourselves in the imagery of success, letting it consume our every thought, embracing the belief that victory is not just possible but inevitable, we forge a different path. This road is paved with the courage to rise after every fall.

Yet, even understanding this, the phrase still poses a puzzle. To become what we think about is more than just attaining what we desire.

We are chemical-electric beings. Just like a cellphone or any electrical device has a radiation field around it, we also

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produce electricity and have a measurable field of energy emanating from our bodies.

Thoughts are things.

There is a direct correlation between the thoughts a person thinks and the strength of their energy field. Thoughts that produce feelings of joy, freedom, gratitude, love, peace, compassion, and patience cause the field to become stronger, whereas thoughts of hatred, envy, jealousy, pride, lust, apathy, and depression will cause the field to vanish.

Think about this.

We've all heard of brainwaves. There are five different types of brain waves, all measured and categorized by their frequency. For example, Alpha waves hum between 8 to 12 Hz.

Beta waves step it up a notch with frequencies from 13 to 32 Hz. Gamma waves are clocking in between 33 to 100 Hz.

We can measure these waves from outside our skulls. That means our brain's vibrations reach into the space around us, like the ripple in a pond when rain splashes.

Do these frequencies communicate with a more significant force that produces what our brain frequencies and energy field tell it to make?

Like planting a seed in the soil, the soil doesn't care if the seed produces a deadly and poisonous plant or food that nourishes the body. The soil only produces what is planted.

Our thoughts may be seeds, and they are being planted whether we like it or not.

With all of this in mind, what does it mean that we "Become what we think about?"

I don't know, but I'm beginning to understand.

There is a Hollywood producer who is now in prison for the rest of his life, and I couldn't understand how someone so rich, so powerful, and so well-connected could end up in prison.

If we become what we think about, does that mean the thoughts of prison dominated his thinking? Doubtful.

He is there now because of the terrible things he did, and also, on a deeper level, what if the reason he's there is because his thought vibrations matched the frequencies of a criminal?

Decades before his sentencing, he was already

a prisoner in his mind, and he became what he thought about.

Don't get me wrong. Terrible things happen to good people, and in no way am I victim-blaming. All adverse events are not the results of your thoughts.

I'm simply saying that if you want success, embrace the triumph before it unfolds. If you wish to love, immerse yourself in its energy and let the vibration of love resonate within you. If you seek happiness, cultivate joy within and live each moment with gratitude.

It's all essential to harness the reins of your thoughts; their power shapes your path, for indeed, we become what we think about.

Gifts with multiple functions and styles



Courtesy — Gardener's Supply Company

This bamboo seed saver kit contains storage envelopes, glass vials and compartments to organize seeds and hold them in place.

their lifestyle and hobbies. These are gifts that are more likely to bring delight than end up in the donation box.

Most people, whether downsizing or not, are looking for ways to organize what they have and save space. Storage bins are often the best solution and come in a variety of styles. Those like the Mod Hod work well for gardeners, crafters and those looking to organize their pantries. Gardeners can use them to harvest their produce, wash off the soil right in the garden, and bring them into the house to store. Crafters can organize their supplies and everyone can stack and store snacks, produce, and just about anything in these.

For a more traditional look, consider the Garden Hod of wood and vinyl-covered mesh. These were originally used by Maine clam diggers to hold and rinse their catch. Gardeners use it to hold and rinse their garden produce, while crafters transport their supplies to their workstations. Those that like to entertain can fill it with and display party supplies at any event.

Help the gardeners on your list keep their seeds organized. Most gardeners have lots of open packets of seeds, newly purchased seeds, and

those they have collected from their gardens. It can be challenging to keep them stored properly, safe from rodents, and organized so they are easy to find for future gardens. Management of seed inventory also saves money by preventing the purchasing of duplicate seeds.

Consider a seed-saver kit for the gardeners on your list. Make one from a plastic bin and hand-crafted dividers. Or purchase one like the Deluxe Galvanized Seed Saver Kit for avid gardeners with lots of seeds who prefer a more industrial look. The minimalist on your list may prefer a Bamboo Seed Saver Kit that contains storage envelopes, glass vials and compartments to hold everything in place. Crafters and other hobbyists in the family will also find something like this useful.

Going vertical in the garden and at home is a great way to maximize every square inch. Reaching items on the top shelf may require a step stool. Consider one that also functions as a basket and stool like the Bamboo Garden Stool and Basket Combo (gardeners.com). This sturdy basket with comfortable handles makes carrying tools to the garden, produce back



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Board may eliminate the need for multiple kitchen items. This cutting board has a built-in mortar and pestle, a chopped food compartment, and a knife sharpener on two sides.

And for the person who has everything or wants nothing more, a living gift is the perfect option. A basket of forced spring flowering bulbs can brighten anyone's mood as they watch the plants grow and bloom.

Finding the perfect gift is a challenge but consider the joy it will bring. When you see the look on the recipient's face and the item in use, you'll both benefit from your efforts.

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The holidays are quickly approaching and finding the perfect gift for those on your list can be challenging. With many people downsizing or striving for a minimalist lifestyle, finding the perfect gift gets even

more difficult. Gifting something that is unique, useful and provides multiple functions may be the solution.

Consider gifts that help family and friends on your gift list save time and space and support

OBITUARIES

Ann (Harriet) Beaudoin, 78



WHITINSVILLE – Ann (Harriet) Beaudoin, 78, of Whitinsville, passed away surrounded by her family in thoughts and presence on October 28th, 2023, at Saint Vincent's Hospital Worcester.

Ann spent most of her days caring for others. Raising & nurturing 3 generations of family will be what many remember her by. Born on September 6th, 1945, Ann grew up alongside parents Lillian, and Harry, and later her grandmother and then foster parents. Born in a logging camp in Vermont and raised on a farm, Ann was not afraid of an honest day's work. Her ethics and morals were that of another time, and of a higher caliber than most. Ann graduated high school from Leland and Gray Seminary in 1964. She relocated from Vermont to Massachusetts in 1976.

She had many years of employment over various sectors, her longest career working in wire and cable for General Wire and Cable, Phalo, and Astro where she gained many fond memories and lifelong friends. Ann was very active in the Whitinsville Library & School Committee, local Boy Scouts, coaching softball, and other charitable events.

Ann was an avid reader and outdoor enthusiast. Most of all, Ann was family-focused. She would often be found reading a good book (always a new one, never a re-read), spending time beautifying gardens and tending to many houseplants, taking her grandkids to

the ocean (even in the winter), performing home repairs most others would be intimidated by, or her true passion—caring for future generations from birth until adulthood.

Ann cherished her family more than anything, and the feeling was mutual. She was always there to lend a hand to not just her family members, but also any friends of her family or neighbors.

Ann leaves behind a son Sean Snaith of Georgetown, SC, and his partner Tammy; her daughter Cassandra Janton of Whitinsville, and her husband James Janton; her niece Amber Dieffenwierth, who was like a daughter to her; of Sturbridge; her granddaughter Tasha Santoro-Landry of Charlton, and her husband Ray Landry Jr.; her grandson Michael Bonet of Whitinsville, her grandson Kyle Bonet of Rutland, VT; her granddaughter Payten Santoro of Whitinsville; her granddaughter Rebecca Snaith of Fall River; her great-grandchildren Aiden, Zach, Kailie, Allyiah, Max, Hailey, Brantley, Josh, Rhett, Bennett, Lilly, Iyla, and Indianna who is due in January; her nephew Jonathan Osgood of Sturbridge; her great nephew Jonathan and great niece Chloe; her sisters Marjorie and Mary, and she is predeceased by her sister Shannon.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks to place donations in her memory to your local library, or youth league.

Calling hours will be held at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford, on Saturday, November 18th, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., followed by a celebration of life at Singletary Rod & Gun Club from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Sarah Brianna Arnold, 16



It is with heavy hearts that we announce the untimely passing of, a beloved member of our community, who left us all too soon at the tender age of 16. Sarah unexpectedly departed from this

world on Saturday, October 28, 2023 at home, leaving behind a legacy of warmth, kindness and an enduring love for life.

Born on April 5, 2007 in Attleboro, MA, Sarah brought joy and light to the lives of those around her. She lived all her life in Dudley, MA and was a member of the class of 2025 at S.H.R.H.S.

Sarah is survived by her heartbroken parents Sean and Heather (Noyes) Arnold, loving sister Emily Arnold of Dudley, MA. Her Paternal Grandparents Bill Arnold of Webster and Geraldine Arnold of Dudley. Maternal grandparents Robert and Glenda Noyes of Pepperell Ma. Extended family of aunts and uncles Kim and Bill Arnold Jr, Kenny and Diana Noyes, Steve and Becky Walker, Aaron and Amy Noyes, Stephen Noyes and a host of beloved cousins.

Sarah was in her Junior year at Shepard Hill where she achieved academic excellence as a member of the Student Council and the National Honor Society. In addition, Sarah was an avid reader with her nose constantly buried in books, charmed audiences with her Show Choir and gymnastics talents and played piano beautifully.

Sarah also exemplified the spirit of compassion through her many hours of volunteer work at the local soup kitchen.

What truly set Sarah apart, however, was her kindness. Universally cherished for her gentle nature, Sarah treated everyone with respect, empathy, and understanding. Her radiant smile was a beacon of light that could brighten even the darkest of days, and her positive spirit left an enduring impression on all who had the privilege of knowing her.

In this time of sorrow, let us remember Sarah for the beautiful soul she was—a young woman who embraced life with open arms, spread love wherever she went, and made an indelible mark on the hearts of all who had the pleasure of knowing her. As we come together to mourn her loss, let us also celebrate the incredible person she was and find solace in the cherished memories she leaves behind.

The funeral will be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, November 4 at Bartel Funeral Home, 33 Schofield Ave., Dudley, MA with Pastor Montel Wilder officiating. Burial will be in Waldron Cemetery, Dudley, MA immediately following the service.

Calling hours will be Friday, November 3 from 5-8pm at Bartel Funeral Home, 33 Schofield Avenue, Dudley. After the service all flowers will be donated to Webster Manor and Lanessa Extended Care where Sarah volunteered her time.

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Leonard F. Jacob, 75



WEBSTER – Leonard F. “Jake” Jacob, 75, died Monday, October 30, 2023 in UMass Harrington, Southbridge, after a period of declining health.

He leaves a son, Christopher S. Jacob of Hyannis; a daughter, Wendy E. Jacob of Stafford Springs, CT; 4 grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Sandra Jacob of Webster; nephews and cousins. His brother, Robert Jacob, preceded him in death.

He was born on October 1, 1948 in Webster, the son of Leonard and Frances (Spiewak) Jacob and was a lifelong resident. He graduated from Bartlett High School in 1966, where he excelled in basketball, baseball and football. He attended Ottawa University in

Kansas and Quinsigamond Community College in Worcester.

Mr. Jacob owned and operated Jacob Paving in Webster for many years. He also was the foreman of several companies before retiring in 1997.

He was a communicant of Saint Joseph Basilica. He enjoyed ice fishing and dancing. He was a fan of the New York Yankees and the Green Bay Packers.

A funeral Mass will be held on Friday, November 17, at 10:00 AM in Saint Joseph Basilica, 53 Whitcomb Street (please meet at the church). Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Thursday, November 16 in Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main Street. Donations in his name may be made to Saint Joseph Basilica, 53 Whitcomb St., Webster, MA 01570.

www.websterfunerals.com

Roger E. Lamoureux, 73



OXFORD – Roger E. Lamoureux, 73, of Wheelock Street, died unexpectedly on Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at UMass Memorial Medical Center – University Campus in Worcester. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Jeannette I. (Plaza) Lamoureux; his daughter, Monique Angel Lamoureux of Rutland; three sisters, Lorraine Lamoureux of Webster, Lisette Ford of Oxford, and Lavena Shenette and her husband Brian of Oxford; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by two brothers, Randy Lamoureux who died in 2013, and Raymond Lamoureux who died in 2004. He was born in Worcester, son of the late Joseph E. and Claire

M. (Gauvin) Lamoureux, and lived in Webster before moving to Oxford five years ago. He graduated from Oxford High School in 1968.

Mr. Lamoureux was a diesel mechanic at Day Brothers Trucking in Auburn for 38 years. Later, he worked for Thibeault Trucking in Worcester for 10 years. He loved nature and enjoyed camping, fishing, and feeding the birds. Most of all, he loved spending time with his family.

A private funeral Mass will be held at St. Roch's Church in Oxford. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1942.

Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements.

Brian William Meagher, 77



Quinebaug - Brian William Meagher, 77, of Quinebaug, CT, passed away peacefully on October 31, 2023, with his wife by his side. Born on December 24, 1946, in Webster, Massachusetts, Brian

was the beloved husband of Jacqueline Meagher. The two were high school sweethearts who shared a wonderful life together.

Brian was a selfless husband, dad, and papa. He cherished his role as a husband and father, always putting his family's needs before his own. He would do anything for any of them without pause. Brian is survived by the love of his life, Jackie, his daughters, Tami Zmetra (Joseph) and Rebecca Payette (Joseph), and his beloved grandchildren, Sydney and Logan Zmetra, and Dylan and Mason Payette.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Josephine and Roger Meagher (1st Lieutenant MIA, Korean War), and his brother, Michael Meagher.

Brian attended St. Louis High School in Webster, MA, and pursued higher education at Nichols College in Dudley, MA. He proudly served in the Army during the Vietnam War.

Brian worked as an accountant at Heffernan Press in Worcester for many years until its closure. He became a courier upon semi-retirement. Many times, he commented how much he enjoyed the career change, so he didn't have to worry about other people's money more than they did. He was amazing at budgeting and loved a good

spreadsheet.

In his free time, Brian found joy in spending time with his family, watching sports on TV, trips to Walmart, and playing uber for his grandkids. He loved his trips to Walmart, especially when his buddy Logan would join him. He was always there to provide transportation as a Papa-Uber whenever needed. He was an avid walker, braving the heat and humidity for miles. Brian took great interest in his grandchildren's lives including their sports activities, whether it was basketball, baseball, or hearing about Sydney's skiing adventures. Since he was also an avid worrier he would always inquire where she was heading next so he could worry appropriately. He was proud of all their accomplishments and loved them with all his heart.

Memorial services were privately held for immediate family only. In memory of Brian, contributions can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital (www.stjude.org/donate) or Catholic Charities of Worcester (www.ccworc.org/).

Brian William Meagher will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. May his loving spirit and selflessness live on in the hearts of those he leaves behind.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT. For memorial guestbook please visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Friday's Child



Amy
Age 14

Hi! My name is Amy and I am a passionate writer!

Amy is a smart, polite, and resilient teenager with a spunky personality and a great sense of humor. She is very friendly and social; Amy loves being around others and has positive interactions with peers and adults. Amy enjoys a variety of activities and spending time in the community, but also enjoys quiet relaxing time at home. Amy loves most typical teenager activities such as shopping, music, and makeup. She enjoys shopping at Five Below and listening to country music.

Amy is enrolled for this year and is able to be most successful when provided supports that align with her learning style. She is passionate about writing and journaling. Amy has a number of positive coping skills and is a great advocate for herself. She responds well to active empathetic listening and responses, as well as validation of her emotions and feelings.

Amy's ideal family would be a two-parent home, where she is the only child or oldest child in the home. She will thrive with a very patient and laid back family that can provide a calm, nurturing, stable home and support her independence, privacy, and social activities as a teenager. Amy would love a home with pets, especially dogs. Amy's hopes and dreams are to find a forever family that will love her unconditionally.

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If you're at least 18 years old, have a stable source of income, and room in your heart, you may be a perfect match to adopt a waiting child. Adoptive parents can be single, married, or partnered; experienced or not; renters or homeowners; LGBTQ+ singles and couples. As an adoptive parent, you won't have to pay any fees, adoption from foster care is completely free in Massachusetts.

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 care.



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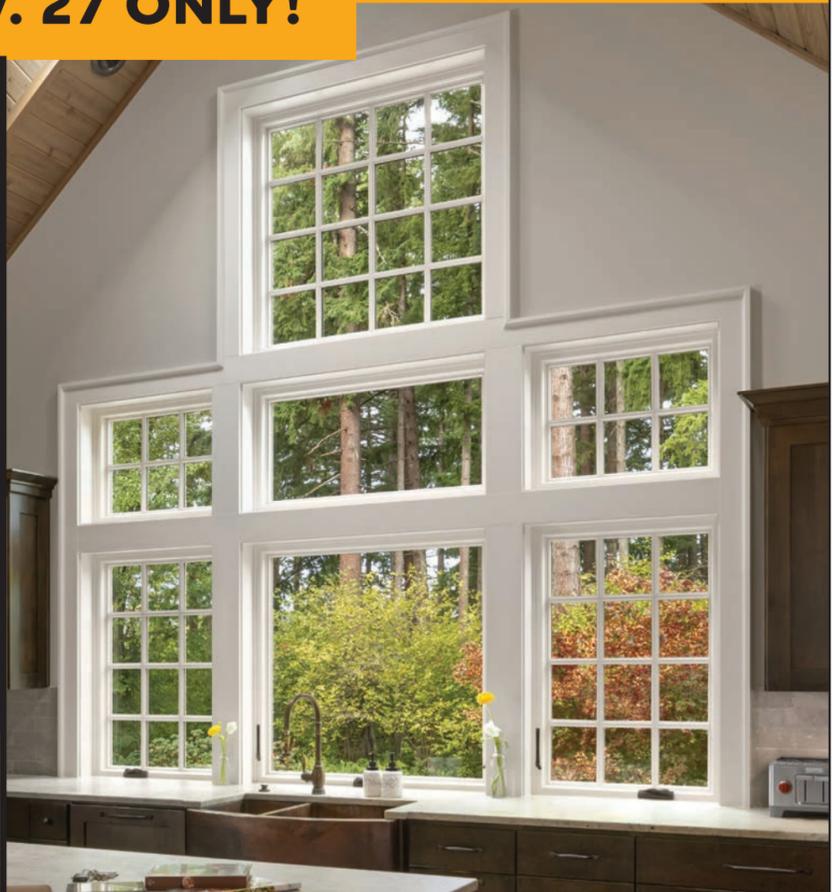
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SPORTS

Bartlett makes run to CMADA Class D Tournament final before falling to Crusaders



Nick Ethier photos

Bartlett's AJ Heenan makes a play on the ball in the open field.



Adam Phillips of Bartlett lofts the ball up and over Whitinsville Christian defender Andy Xin.



Bartlett's Ayden Carlson settles a bouncing ball to the ground.



Keeper Kole Sebastyanski punts the ball out of Bartlett's defensive end.



Bartlett's Douglas Velliz, right, makes a play for the ball against Whitinsville Christian's Dillon McAlister.

game, 3-0, and advanced to the semifinals against No. 2 University Park on Wednesday, Oct. 25.

this time 2-1. Bartlett then advanced to the CMADA Class D championship game against top seeded Whitinsville Christian on Wednesday, Nov. 1 at Millbury High. The Indians' winning streak came to a close there, as the Crusaders won, 3-0, to grab their second straight CMADA championship. Bengtson was proud of the way his squad closed out the season. "I am very happy. Obviously you don't want to end on a loss, but as I told my guys, it's very rare you end on a win for your season," he said. "We hung tight, but (Whitinsville Christian) is a tough team. We gave up a few fluky goals, and besides that we hung

tight." The Crusaders' Sean McGrath scored in the 10th and 21st minutes as Whitinsville took a 2-0 halftime lead. From there, the Indians' defense — which included Aiden Cruz, Gage Mulready, AJ Heenan and Ayden Carlson, plus keeper Kole Sebastyanski — played a solid game to keep Bartlett within reach. Dillin McAlister scored the Crusaders' third goal in the 76th minute, though, to ice the game. Sebastyanski finished with 13 saves. Bartlett finished its season with a record of 6-11-2. "A lot of improvement throughout the season. You can't take away what we did. We did a lot of good compared to the previous years and saw a lot of growth. Hopefully it goes into next year," Bengtson concluded.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

Association (CMADA) Class D Tournament. "There's some winnable games," Bengtson said, in part. Well, the Indians earned the No. 3 seed in the bracket and first hosted No. 6 Narragansett in the quarterfinals on Monday, Oct. 23. Bartlett won that

MILLBURY — After the Bartlett boys' varsity soccer team defeated Southbridge, 8-0, back on Thursday, Oct. 12, head coach Dan Bengtson looked ahead to the soon-to-be-played Central Mass. Athletic Directors

Rockets' rally falls short as Nipmuc claims CMADA Class B title



Photos courtesy Dawn Pepka-Jones

Auburn's Julia Rocheford looks up the field while shielding the ball from a Nipmuc defender.



Katelynn Taylor of Auburn goes up for a header against a Nipmuc opponent.



Anna O'Connor controls the ball on defense for Auburn.

MARLBOROUGH — In the Central Mass. Athletic Directors Association (CMADA) Class B girls' soccer tournament final, played at Assabet Valley on Wednesday, Nov. 1, the second seeded Auburn Rockets faced off against the top ranked Nipmuc Warriors. The Rockets beat BVT and Northbridge on their road to the championship game, while the Warriors topped Hudson and Littleton. These two teams faced off exactly one year ago in the 2022 CMADA Class B Final, and on that occasion Nipmuc came away with the 1-0 win. Prior to the match, Auburn's head coach, Emily Burokas, shared her thoughts, saying, "We just need to play our game and be confident." Burokas noted that a day prior the team discussed the importance of a good warm-up in the cold weather and being ready to come out fast and hard at the start of the game. "Nipmuc is historically a good program, so we

need to be prepared for an 80-minute battle." But Nipmuc came out ready for this battle with a relentless attack on Auburn. The Warriors were able to connect pass after pass, and in the ninth minute Nipmuc's Anya Montano struck first with a top corner shot into the net. Two minutes later, a Nipmuc corner added another as Emma Watts scored on a bouncing ball in front of the Auburn net. It only took Nipmuc another two minutes to go ahead 3-0; this time it was Kyah Montano who broke through the Auburn defensive line sending the ball past the keeper. Auburn tried to press into Nipmuc's defensive third but were shut down at every attempt, as Nipmuc covered Auburn's Natalie Frazier and Zhunay Moulton like blankets wrapped tight on a cold night. Nipmuc were ahead at the end of the first 40 minutes, 3-0. Less than two minutes into the second half, Nipmuc's Kyah

until the 63rd minute that Auburn was able to break through Nipmuc's defensive line, as Natalie Frazier collected a pass, turned on the jets and beat Nipmuc's last defender and goalie for the Rockets' first goal. As the clock ticked down on this bitterly cold evening, the Rockets were not going quietly, as with less than three minutes left, Molly Hilditch found Natalie Frazier with a through-ball for Auburn's second and final goal. The 2023 CMADA Class B Finals went to Nipmuc with their 4-2 win. Next up for Auburn was the Round of 32 in the Division 3 State Tournament. There, the 13th seeded Rockets hosted No. 20 Nauset on Saturday, Nov. 4. Auburn won a high-scoring affair and advanced to the Round of 16 against No. 4 Norwell. That contest took place after press time. Montano found the back of the net, for her second, with a quick goal off a deflection from the crossbar, and with that Nipmuc increased their lead 4-0. Auburn fought back hard for the rest of the second half and the match was now end-to-end action. It wasn't



Auburn keeper Katie Valentine makes a diving save during the first half versus Nipmuc.



Defender Haylee Baniukiewicz breaks up a Nipmuc pass for Auburn.

SPORTS

Quick scores help Spartans upend Oxford in State Tournament opener



Nick Ethier photos

Oxford's Connor Fantasia looks to avoid an Uxbridge defender on a kickoff return.

BY DEAN P. ST. LAURENT
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

UXBRIDGE — Scoring happened quickly and often for the Uxbridge varsity football team on Friday, Nov. 3. The one-two punch of Kellen LaChapelle and Camden LaChapelle helped sprint

the Spartans past Oxford to advance in the Division 7 playoffs with a convincing 48-13 win.

“They feed off that positive, most teams do, but we definitely like to score right away,” expressed Uxbridge head coach Matt Blood.

It didn't take long for the top seeded Spartans (9-0) to hit pay dirt. On their second drive of the game, senior quarterback Kellen LaChapelle evaded the Oxford defense on a read-option play and sprinted 54 yards for the score.

Uxbridge kept their foot on the gas and forced a punt on Oxford's countering drive and scored in just four plays when they retained possession of the football. Camden LaChapelle found the end zone on a 39-yard scamper. This gave the Spartans a quick 14-0 lead late in the first quarter of playoff action in a Sweet 16 matchup.

Kellen LaChapelle ended up finishing with 165 yards rushing on just six carries and two touchdowns. The senior also threw for a score as well. Camden LaChapelle toted the ball six times himself for 151 yards and a pair of scores.

Despite the quick start offensively for Uxbridge, No. 16 Oxford (5-4) remained calm and put together lasting drives to counter the quick strike offense of the Spartans in the first half of action. The Pirates, down 14-0, put together an 11-play drive that was capped by a 14-yard one-handed catch by senior Jordan DeLeon on fourth-and-10. The touchdown was the third fourth-down conversion of the drive.

The Pirates also scored with just eight seconds left in the half when Oxford quarterback Kellen Clarkson connected with senior wideout Connor Fantasia for a 3-yard touchdown in the left corner of the end zone. This cut the half-time deficit to 15 going into the half, 28-13.

Fantasia was making great catches all night and ended with eight receptions for 59 yards and a touchdown.

“(Fantasia) was out for most of the season and made a big comeback,” stated Oxford head coach Jeff Clarkson. “It was a worthy comeback, he was still making tackles at the end of the game.”

The second half was controlled by Uxbridge



Jordan DeLeon of Oxford carries the ball and employs a stiff-arm maneuver on Uxbridge's Talen Rosborough.

and it was in large part because their defense was flying around and making the Oxford offense attack strictly through the air. The Spartan defensive line clogged all running lanes and made it tough for the Pirates to run the ball.

“Part of our game plan was, we felt comfortable in our base defense up front, so stopping the run was something we thought we would do,” expressed Blood. “Unfortunately, we gave up a few passes, they have some great athletes, good receivers that can go up and take the ball away, so credit them for that, but any time you can make a team one-dimensional it favors us.”

Despite not being able to get into the scoring

column in the second half, the Pirates fought until the end and played until the very final whistle. Clarkson was pleased with his team's effort throughout.

“They are resilient, they worked hard all week. We had a great week of practice and they weren't going to give up. They were going to keep rolling right until the end. We are down numbers-wise and have some guys dinged up, but they kept playing. I am happy with my boys,” said Clarkson.

Uxbridge will next host No. 8 Tyngsborough (7-2) in the Elite Eight on Friday, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. Oxford, meanwhile, will travel to Auburn (5-4) for a consolation game on Thursday, Nov. 9 at 6 p.m.



Oxford quarterback Kellen Clarkson avoids a sack while surveying the field.

Thirty years later, Shepherd Hill boys' soccer remembers Division 2 State Championship

STATE TOURNAMENT SCOREBOARD

All scores are through Monday evening, Nov. 6

Wednesday, Nov. 1

Division 4 Volleyball Round of 32
(16) Oxford 3, (17) Norfolk Aggie 2 — The Pirates kept their season alive and were set to play No. 1 Ipswich in the Round of 16, after press time.

(30) Saint Paul 3, (35) Bay Path 0 — The Minutemen reached the playoffs with a .500 record but finished 10-11 after falling to Saint Paul.

Thursday, Nov. 2

Division 3 Field Hockey Round of 32
(9) Danvers 1, (24) Auburn 0 — The Rockets nearly pulled off the upset but lost by a goal as their final record stood at 9-7-3.

Friday, Nov. 3

Division 5 Football Sweet 16
(7) Newburyport 35, (10) Auburn 0 — The Rockets (5-4) lost in the playoffs and will next host Oxford (5-4) on Thursday, Nov. 9 at 6 p.m. in a consolation game before their Thanksgiving Day tilt with Leicester.

Division 6 Football Sweet 16
(1) Norwell 55, (16) Bay Path 20 — The Minutemen are now 6-3 after losing to the tournament's top seed. Bay Path will now look to repeat as State Vocational Champions, as that tournament gets underway with the Minutemen hosting Essex North Shore on Thursday, Nov. 9 at 7 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 6

Division 3 Boys' Soccer Round of 32
(1) Oakmont 2, (33) Auburn 0 — The Rockets threw everything they had at the tournament's top seed, but the upset wasn't in the cards. Auburn got to this game by topping No. 32 Norton, 2-1 in penalty kicks, in the Preliminary Round on Thursday, Nov. 2. The Rockets finished their season with a record of 12-5-3.

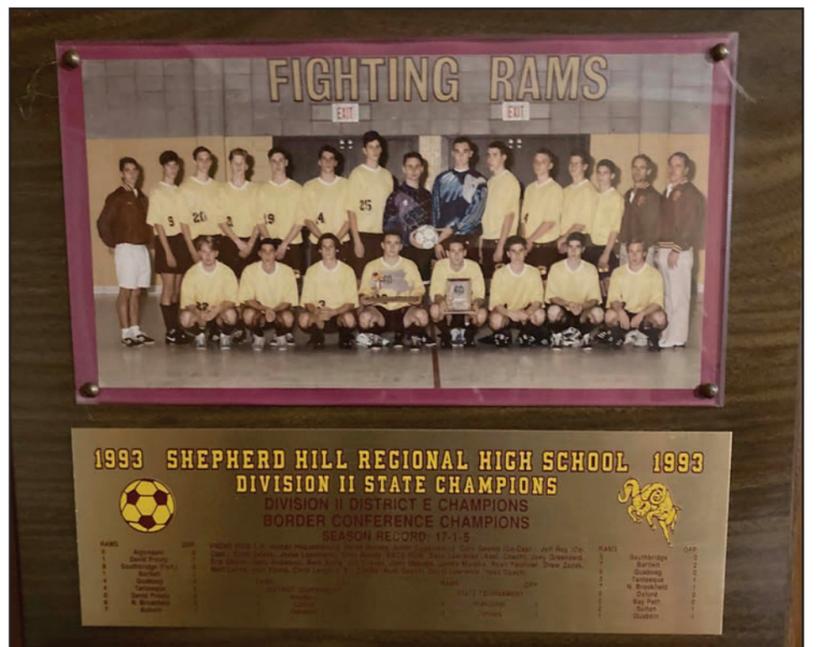
Division 4 Boys' Soccer Round of 32
(13) Advanced Math and Science Academy 6, (20) Bay Path 0 — AMSA proved to be too much for the Minutemen, whose season concluded with a record of 10-8.

Division 4 Girls' Soccer Round of 32
(6) Littleton 2, (27) Bay Path 1 — The Minutemen were narrowly defeated by the Tigers, ending their season at 10-7-4. But Bay Path did take care of business in its Preliminary Round contest against No. 38 Excel Academy, winning that game 8-0 on Thursday, Nov. 2. The Minutemen also competed in the State Vocational Tournament but fell short against Greater New Bedford.

Having played for Dudley Soccer Club together since they were 8 years old, the crop of seniors on the 1993 version of the Shepherd Hill boys' varsity soccer team were accustomed to not only their togetherness, but also to winning.

That applied to the Rams, who won the Division 2 State Championship that year, and this fall they celebrate their 30th anniversary of that title. Those seniors include Derek Graves, Jon Graves, Cory Geanis, Justin Cyganiewicz, Jeff Roy, Jesse Lapomardo, Joey Greenseid and Mark Szela.

Today, 30 years later, the group has remained friends and many still play soccer in adult leagues



Courtesy photo

The Shepherd Hill boys' varsity soccer team from 1993 is celebrating its 30th anniversary of claiming the Division 2 State Championship.

MOHEGAN BOWL FALL LEAGUES, WEEK ENDING NOV. 5

Monday Men's Business
Single - Ryan Pelletier 140, Jeff Therrien 135, Dan Finn & Jason Mahan 133
Series - Ryan Pelletier 369, Jason Mahan 353, Dan Labay 341
Series over average - Keith Labay +41

Women's Ten Pin City
Single - Division 1 - Joanne LaBonte 191, Trini Thies 152
Division 2 - Edna Miranda 156, Kelly Apher 122
Series - Division 1 - Natalie Wood 618, Claudia Allen 403
Division 2 - Evelyn Rivera 435, Bernie Stackpole 335

Tuesday Chet's Social
Single - Tom Smith 155, Ryan Pelletier 124, Angel Claudio 117, Erin Van Dam 105, Stacey Moran 100, Ellen Fugatt & June Carpenter 96
Series - Tom Smith 406, Ryan

Pelletier 345, Adam Levie 318, Erin Van Dam 307, Ellen Fugatt & Diane Levesque 279, Dawn Gleason 266
Series over average - Tom Smith +91, Diane Levesque +21

Wednesday Women's Industrial
Single - Tiffany Jarmolowicz & Lynne Smith 116, Annie Boulos 109
Series - Lynne Smith 312, Tiffany Jarmolowicz 307, Marie McNally 295
Series over average - Ruby Assanov +33

Summit Tenpin
Single - Division 1 - Kevin Ryder 220
Division 2 - John Lizotte 218
Series - Division 1 - Eric Apher 618
Division 2 - Fred LaBonte 533

Thursday Morning Coffee

Single - Jackie Arpin 112, Donna Lewandowski & Kirsten Nicholas 98, Jean McHugh 95
Series - Donna Lewandowski 285, Jackie Arpin 281, Carol Kondratowicz 269
Series over average - Donna Lewandowski +42

Thursday Men's Industrial
Single - Ryan Pelletier 139, Bo Gauvin 122, Jim Doray 116
Series - Ryan Pelletier 387, Bo Gauvin 338, Joe Pranaitis 331
Series over average - Dan Wright +40

Thursday Mixed Tenpin
Single - Chris Wong Kam 186, Randy Schlegel 178, Todd Gaucher 176
Series - Chris Wong Kam 514, Todd Gaucher 483, Randy Schlegel 463

LEGALS

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket Number: 23 SM 003808 Date Filed: 11/02/2023 ORDER OF NOTICE TO: **Mark W. Hunter** and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq) **Amos Financial LLC**

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Auburn, 195 Leicester Street, given by Mark W. Hunter to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Homecomings Financial Network, Inc, dated July 25, 2005, and recorded or filed in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 36958, Page 193, as affected by a Non-Hamp Loan Modification Agreement dated June 1, 2012, and recorded with said Registry in Book 49875, Page 330, and further affected by Modification Agreement dated September 24, 2018, and recorded with said Registry in Book 59732, Page 156, and further affected by a Loan Modification Agreement dated February 16, 2021, and recorded with said Registry in Book 67277, Page 57, and further affected by Loan Modification Agreement dated January 25, 2023, and recorded with said Registry in Book 69112, Page 112, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **12/11/2023** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on 11/2/2023. Attest: Deborah J. Patterson, Recorder. November 10, 2023

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 55 Appleton Road, Auburn, MA 01501

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

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

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

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated July 1, 2015 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 54023, Page 15.

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

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

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

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

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

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

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

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

BEGINNING at a stone bound on the easterly side of the County Road (now the state highway) leading from Oxford to Webster, at the northwest corner of land now of formerly of Josephine Charbonneau;
THENCE running easterly by Charbonneau land, to a stone bound at land of the Norwich & Worcester Railroad Company;
THENCE turning and running northerly by said land of said Railroad Company, 220 feet, to a stake at land now or formerly of Selina M. Lavoie;
THENCE turning and running westerly by said land now or formerly of Lavoie, and parallel with the first mentioned course, to a stake on the easterly side of said Highway;
THENCE turning and running southerly by the easterly line of said Highway, 200 feet to the point of beginning at said land now or formerly of Charbonneau.
BEING the same premises conveyed to the mortgagor by deed of Flawless Properties, LLC et al dated June 29, 2016 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 55578, Page 309.

Premises to be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens and rights of any tenants and parties in possession, if there be any, or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed. The successful bidder will pay all costs of recording the foreclosure deed and any other foreclosure documents including, without limitation, all state and county excise stamp fees, and shall also be responsible for any Title V inspection and repair requirements.

Terms of sale: A deposit of Ten Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$10,000.00) by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check to Baker, Braverman & Barbadoro, P.C., 1200 Crown Colony Drive, Suite 610, Quincy, MA 02169 within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control.

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

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

November 03, 2023
November 10, 2023

November 17, 2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate
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Docket No. WO23P3820EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
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Estate of:
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Also known as:
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Date of Death: 10/05/2023

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Kevin J Conway of Douglas 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:

Kevin J. Conway of Douglas 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 11/28/2023 .

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

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

Date: October 30, 2023
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
November 10, 2023

LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

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

Land situated in the Town of Oxford in the County of Worcester in the State of MA BEGINNING AT THE MOST NORTHERLY CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED AT AN IRON PIPE DRIVEN IN THE GROUND ON THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF A TOWN ROAD KNOWN AS MILLBURY ROAD; SAID PIPE IS LOCATED TWO HUNDRED THIRTY AND NO HUNDRETHS (230.00) FEET EASTERLY, MEASURED ALONG THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID ROAD, FROM THE MOST EASTERLY CORNER OF LAND NOW OWNED OF RAYMOND NURSE; THENCE BY SAID ROAD, SOUTH 53 DEGREES 15' EAST, TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE AND EIGHTY HUNDREDTHS (239.80) FEET TO AN IRON PIPE IN A STONE WALL; THENCE SOUTH 36 DEGREES 45' WEST, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE AND FIFTY HUNDREDTHS (181.50) FEET TO A POINT ON A STONE WALL; THENCE PARTLY BY WALL, NORTH 57 DEGREES 32' WEST, TWO HUNDRED

SIXTEEN AND NINETY HUNDREDTHS (216.90) FEET TO A STAKE; THENCE NORTH 29 DEGREES 52 EAST, ONE HUNDRED NINETY-NINE AND THIRTY HUNDREDTHS (199.30) FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 39,533 SQUARE FEET. NOTE: The Company is prohibited from insuring the area or quantity of the land. The Company does not represent that any acreage or footage calculations are correct. References to quantity are for identification purposes only. Commonly known as: 16 Old Millbury Rd, Oxford, MA 01540-1324 THE PROPERTY ADDRESS AND TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER LISTED ARE PROVIDED SOLELY FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES. Being the same property conveyed to Stephen R. Nelson and Jennifer H. Nelson, husband and wife as tenants by the entirety, by deed dated November 4, 1996 of record in Deed Book 18378, Page 64, in the County Clerk's Office.

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

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

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

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC
Korde & Associates, P.C.
900 Chelmsford Street
Suite 3102
Lowell, MA 01851
(978) 256-1500
Nelson, Stephen R. and Jennifer H. Nelson, 22-040899
November 03, 2023
November 10, 2023
November 17, 2023

(SEAL)
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket 23 SM 003989 ORDER OF NOTICE

To:

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

MIDFIRST BANK, claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Oxford, numbered 13 Pine Street, given by Denise Otano and Joshua Pagan to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Envoy Mortgage, LTD, its successors and assigns, dated March 31, 2017, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 56927, Page 48, as affected by a Loan Modification dated May 8, 2022, and recorded in Said Registry of Deeds in Book 67883, Page 64, and now held by plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for termination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before December 11, 2023, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of this Court on October 26, 2023.

Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
23-011128
November 10, 2023

LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 1 Ernest Street, Webster, MA 01570

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

PARCEL ONE

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

more fully described as Tract 3 of PARCEL ONE in a deed to Richard N. Owens by Edward M Czarn et ux dated June 24, 1974, and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 5522, page 322. ALSO together with a right of way over a twenty (20) foot wide strip lying on the southerly part of said Bates Grove Road beginning in the most westerly line of Lot 209 and thence along the northerly line of Lots #209, 208 and 207 the Lake, all as shown on the plan referred to without granting a fee in any of the aforesaid rights of ways. That portion of Bates Grove Road lying northwesterly adjoining the tract herein conveyed in subject to the rights of Richard N. Owens, his heirs and assigns to use for ordinary street purposes. SUBJECT to conditions and restrictions as recited in said deed to Richard N. Owens by Edward M Czarn et ux and together with any rights of way in Ernest G. Bonnette, his heirs and assigns. BEING tracts one and two in PARCEL ONE in said deed to Richard N. Owens from Edward M Czarn et ux as recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 5522, Page 322. This deed does not create any new boundaries. This conveyance is subject to the following conditions and restrictions; 1. No structure shall be erected closer than ten (10) feet from the street line of Lillian Avenue and twenty (20) feet from Ernest Street. 2. No house trailers or Quonset huts shall be permitted on said premises and no dwelling shall be erected thereon costing less than \$7,000.00. 3. The premises shall not be used for commercial or manufacturing purposes 4. No poultry, cattle, or swine shall be kept or said premises. 5. Subject to possible pole, wire and flowage rights, if the same affect the locus 6. The restriction and conditions therein do not form part of a general scheme. BEING the same premises as described in a deed from Richard N. Owens to Harry R. Owens et ux, dated December 13, 1974, and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 5641, Page 32. PARCEL TWO

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

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

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated September 10, 2007 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41921, Page 118.

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

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

Other terms to be announced at the sale.
Brock & Scott, PLLC
1080 Main Street, Suite 200

Pawtucket, RI 02860

Attorney for U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF2 ACQUISITION TRUST
Present Holder of the Mortgage
(401) 217-8701
November 03, 2023
November 10, 2023
November 17, 2023

(SEAL)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 23 SM 004099 ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:

Tanya Gilman and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (et seq): Citizens Bank, N.A. f/k/a RBS Citizens, N.A.

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Webster, numbered 20 Stefaniak Avenue #5, given by Tanya Gilman to RBS Citizens, N.A., dated November 21, 2013, and recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 51769, Page 154, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before December 18, 2023 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the grounds of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on November 1, 2023.

Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
November 10, 2023

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Jeffrey A. Patterson, Melissa A. Patterson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for First Horizon Home Loans, a division of First Tennessee Bank, N.A., dated November 12, 2007 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 42107, Page 356, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for First Horizon Home Loans, a division of First Tennessee Bank, N.A., its successors and assigns to Nationstar Mortgage LLC, recorded on February 24, 2023, in Book No. 68857, at Page 395

for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 PM on November 17, 2023, on the mortgaged premises located at 8 1/2 Sutton Avenue a/k/a 8.5 Sutton Avenue, Oxford, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

JEFFREY A. PATTERSON AND MELISSA A. PATTERSON, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY

A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND WITH THE BUILDINGS SITUATED THEREON OFF THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SUTTON AVE., OXFORD, WORCESTER COUNTY, BEING SHOWN ON PLAT OF LAND OXFORD PREPARED FOR STANFORD SEED COMPANY, DATED JANUARY 30, 1991 AND RECORDED N PLAN BOOK 647, PLAN 121 BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ALONG THE DIRT DRIVE AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAN, WHICH POINT IS THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF THE 15,183 SQUARE FOOT PARCEL OF LAND SHOWN ON SAID PLAN; THENCE N. 83 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 41 SECONDS W. 71.35 FEET BY SAID PARCEL OF LAND IDENTIFIED ON SAID PLAN CONTAINING 15,183 SQUARE FEET; THENCE N. 6 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 05 SECONDS E. 62.30 FEET BY LAND OF PROVIDENCE AND WORCESTER RAILROAD TO THE MOST NORTHWESTERLY CORNER; THENCE S. 82 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 56 SECONDS E. 131.34 FEET BY LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY BARRE;

THENCE S. 8 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 00 SECONDS W. 139.26 FEET BY LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY MILLER; THENCE N. 82 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 56 SECONDS W. 57.75 FEET BY LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY C. PARISEAU AND SAID DIRT DRIVE; THENCE N. 8 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 00 SECONDS E. 77.52 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

SAID PARCEL CONTAINING 12,533 SQUARE FEET, MORE OR LESS. BEING THE SAME PREMISES CONVEYED TO THE GRANTORS BY DEED OF HERITAGE EQUITY RESOURCES, INC. DATED APRIL 7, 1993 AND RECORDED WITH THE WORCESTER DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS BOOK 15077, PAGE 389. SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS, RESERVATIONS, EASEMENTS, COVENANTS, OIL, GAS OR MINERAL RIGHTS OF RECORD, IF ANY. MAP: 34C; LOT: E28 For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 19484, Page 253.

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

TERMS OF SALE:

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

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

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.

150 California St.
Newton, MA 02458
(617)558-0500
23228
October 27, 2023
November 3, 2023
November 10, 2023

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF WEBSTER PUBLIC HEARING TAX CLASSIFICATION

The Board of Selectmen, in coordination with the Assessor, will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, November 13, 2023 at 6:00pm in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, located at the Town Hall, 350 Main Street, Webster, MA 01570, second floor.

This is in conformity with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, chapter 40, section 56, for the purpose of holding a Tax Classification Hearing to establish the relative tax burden to be borne by each class of properties for FY 2024.

All interested parties are invited to attend and participate. Written and oral comments will be accepted from the public, prior to, and during the meeting.
November 03, 2023
November 10, 2023

Country Bank and Bank Director announce first fully certified board

WARE — Country Bank Board Chair, James Phaneuf, is pleased to announce that the Bank's Board of Directors recently became the first fully certified Board through Bank Director's Certification Program.

The certification provides participants with a thorough grounding in corporate governance and important industry issues that greatly enhance the performance of individual directors. The Board completed the comprehensive training program this past year and was certified in September.

Participants must complete 31 designated online

training videos and board briefs focused on the role of the Board, audit and risk, compensation, governance, and fiduciary responsibilities. In addition to Bank Director's Online Training Series, participants must attend a day-long Corporate Governance Workshop in the Bank Director Certification Program or, alternatively, complete a virtual version of the program.

Completing the program and becoming a certified bank director sends a clear message to state and federal regulators that board members take their fiduciary duties seriously and want to be

top-performing members of the Bank's Board.

"Country Bank's Board of Directors is deeply committed to the Bank's continued growth and prosperity. They understand their responsibilities to ensure Country Bank remains one of the strongest Community Banks in the region. I look forward to the future with great optimism, knowing that we have such a dedicated group of business professionals and the difference they make for the Bank's long-term success," said James Phaneuf.

"Bank Director is grateful for Country Bank's enthusiastic sup-

port for the Certification Program," said Editor-at-Large Jack Milligan, who created the course curriculum. "This sends a very powerful message that the Country Bank Board of Directors takes its governance responsibilities seriously. It is a testament to our motto that 'Strong Boards Build Strong Banks.'"

About Country Bank
Country Bank is a full-service \$1.8B with 17.0 percent Tier 1 Capital mutual community bank serving central and western Massachusetts with 14 offices in Ware, Palmer, West Brookfield, Brimfield, Belchertown, Wilbraham, Ludlow,

Leicester, Paxton, Charlton and Worcester. Country Bank is a member of FDIC, DIF and the SUM network. Country Bank can be reached at 800-322-8233 or online at countrybank.com.

About Bank Director
Bank Director reaches the leaders of the institutions that comprise America's banking industry. Since 1991, Bank Director has provided board-level research, peer-insights and in-depth executive and board services. Built for banks, Bank Director extends into and beyond the boardroom by providing timely and relevant

information through Bank Director magazine, board training services and the financial industry's premier event, Acquire or Be Acquired. For more information, please visit BankDirector.com.

Country Bank Board Members: Pictured: Elizabeth Rappaport, Theresa Grove, Stacey Luster, Kathryn Crockett, Richard Maynard, Kenneth Riley, Jr., James Phaneuf, Edward Noonan II, Ross Dik, Robert Haveles, Steven Musso and Keith Blanchette.

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LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

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

The land in Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts at Lake Chargoggagoggmanchaugagoggchounagungamaug, Lot 3, Map 1, La Vue Du Lac; beginning at the point of intersection of Lots 3 and 4, Map 1, La Vue Du Lac, and extending in a Southerly direction along the boundary line between Lots 3 and 4, a distance of approximately 87 feet to a point of intersection with the Cove of Lake Chargoggagoggmanchaugagoggchounagungamaug; thence in an Easterly direction along the margin of said Cove, a distance of 65 feet to a point of intersection with the Westerly line of dedicated Path, thence in Northerly direction approximately 101 feet to a point of intersection with the roadway; thence in a general Westerly direction along said roadway, a distance of 35 feet to the point of beginning. Plan known as Map 1 above referred to is recorded with Worcester District Deeds in Plan Book 42, Plan 38. Lot 4, Map 1, La Vue Du Lac; beginning at a point being the intersection of Lots 3 and 4, La Vue Du Lac, Map 1, and extending along the dividing line between said Lots 3 and 4 in a Southerly direction a distance of 87 feet, to a point of intersection with the margin of the Cove

of Lake Chargoggagoggmanchaugagoggchounagungamaug; thence generally Westerly along the margin of said Cove, a distance of approximately 58 feet, to the point of intersection with the Easterly line of Lot 5, Map 1, La Vue Du Lac; thence in a Northerly direction along the boundary line between Lots 4 and 5, Map 1, La Vue Du Lac, a distance of approximately 112 feet, to a point of intersection with the roadway in front of said premises; thence in a generally Easterly direction, a distance of 35 feet, to the point of beginning. Plan known as Map 1 above referred to is recorded with Worcester District Deeds in Plan Book 42, Plan 38. ALSO

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

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

The land in said Webster, at Lake Chaubunagungamaug, known and designated as Lot #6 on Map #1, of La Vue Du Lac, filed in Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 42, Plan 38, said Lot #6 being bounded and described as follows:

NORTHERLY and in front of Lakeview Road, thirty-two and five tenths (32.5) feet;
EASTERLY by Lot No. 5, one hundred and ten (110) feet;
SOUTHERLY by the waters of said Lake, fifty-seven (57) feet;
WESTERLY by Community Road, one hundred and fifteen (115) feet, as designated on said map, be the aforesaid several dimensions more or less.

SAID PREMISES ARE CONVEYED SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS: First: No house or camp shall be built thereon costing less than \$800.00. Second: No building or part of a building erected on said lot shall be nearer than fifteen (15) feet from a street line. Third: No privy shall be allowed on said lot. Fourth: No building erected thereon shall be used for trade or manufacture. ALSO

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

ALSO
The land in said Webster lying above the high water line of flowage of the Lake and further described as follows: An island marked lot number 1 and also Two islands as indicated on Map

No. 1 La Vue Du Lac recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 42, Plan 38 lying southerly and westerly of lots 3, 4, 5 and 6 on said plan, neither of which islands is marked with a letter or number, and another island lying southwesterly of the forgoing but not indicated on said plan, said four Islands being portions of premises conveyed by Lake Shore Realty Co. to Kelsey D. Purdy and Edwin E. Becker by deed dated May 5, 1935 and recorded with Worcester District Deeds in Book 2333, Page 38. Premises are conveyed together with rights to use in common with others, remaining land of the grantor abutting said Island and flowed or which can be flowed by the waters of said Lake and a right of way and rights to use as an approach to said Islands, Community Road and Community Park as shown on said plan, and the "Path" leading between lots 2 and 3.

THIS CONVEYANCE IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS:

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

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

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Docket No. WO23C0567CA CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

In the matter of:

Kaitlynn Josefina Hebert
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Kaitlynn Josefina Hebert of Webster MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Josie Josefina Hebert

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/28/2023. 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: October 30, 2023

Stephanie Fattman,

Register of Probate

November 10, 2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
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Docket No. WO23P3332EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Paul L Miles

Date of Death: 08/13/2023

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Daniel W Miles of Brookfield 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:

Daniel W Miles of Brookfield 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 11/14/2023**.

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

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

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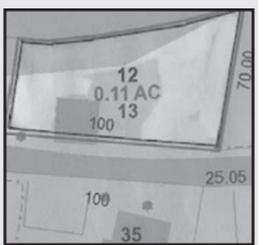


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compliance, something the previously low fines weren't doing. For example, he noted the fine for illegal boating was lower than the cost of a permit.

Davies agreed, saying the new fines were "more in line with Oxford" and other nearby towns.

She noted "My alarm has gone off and the police have come, and I've been embarrassed. Sorry,

Chief."

Regarding such alarms, she noted the bylaw is 32 years old and probably worth reconsidering, since some businesses' listed contacts may be dead by now.

The only other item that drew a comment was Article 9, which set aside \$600,000 (some transferred, some appropriated) to renovate May Street Park, subject to Webster receiving a state PARC grant. Lafond said he expects to hear about

that soon.

About that, Peter Stivers favored the project, noting, "that park is very run-down."

Another woman said it's been "a problem for 13 years" she's lived here, with drugs, gangs and a kidnapping.

She said she likes the improvements being planned, but wanted to see more security there, noting, "We put up cameras for dogs, but not cameras for kids."

Chief Michael Shaw

agreed, saying he'd like cameras there, but they cost money; the department does have a portable camera trailer, but it's having warranty issues now. He pledged to "have more of a presence down there" and recommended cutting back the brush.

The woman's cameras for dogs reference was to an earlier item, which approved \$16,000 for security at the animal shelter that included cameras sending their footage directly to the police sta-

tion.

That was by far the cheapest of several spending items, all of the others seeing only brief descriptions from Lafond. Within the meeting's first 15 minutes, the voters approved borrowing \$8.3 million without even a question, funding water meter replacement around town and two water main projects (Route 16 and North Main/Upland Avenue). Additionally, they okayed transferring \$60,000 to

build public safety boat docks and related facilities on Webster Lake so that the police will no longer have to use private docks to access the water.

The evening's only item that did not pass was never even considered. Avlas said the last article was a citizen petition, but he ruled it out of order just before adjourning the session.

Gus Steeves can be reached at gus.steeves2@gmail.com.

WEBSTER SENIOR CENTER

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The Webster Senior Center will be closed on Friday, November 10th in

observance of Veteran's Day.

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

Tri-Valley Lunches are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 11:30 am. Please call (508) 949-3845 at least 48-hours in advance to reserve or cancel your meal. A \$3.00 donation is appreciated. All meals include milk, bread and fruit or dessert. This week's

menu: Tuesday 11/14 Meatloaf with gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, carrots. Wednesday 11/15 Honey Garlic Roast Pork, herbed potatoes, Brussels sprouts. Thursday 11/16 Swedish Meatballs, mashed potatoes, mixed vegies. Friday 11/17 Fish with Parmesan Cream Sauce, wild rice, broccoli.

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

to schedule an appointment.

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

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

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

Come join us for our Golden Bachelor Viewing Party every Thursday morning at 10:00 am. We'll have trivia games, bingo and lots of cool prizes as well as light refreshments. Join us for the Golden Bachelor Finale viewing party on Friday, Nov. 17th at 1:00 pm. Please sign up at the Senior Center front desk.

Our Soup Social will be held on Monday, November 13th at 11:30 am. Soup Social is sponsored by Christopher

Heights. Please sign up at the Senior Center front desk.

Join us and Webster Manor for an Ice Cream Social on Thursday, November 16th at 12:00 pm. Please sign up at the Senior Center front desk.

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

Mondays: Exercise Classes with Forty Arroyo – Chair Dancing – the perfect workout for any fitness ability! Cost: \$3.00 per class.

Progressive Beginner Line Dancing Classes with Forty Arroyo are postponed until further notice.

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

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

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

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

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

Trip 1: Salem Cross Inn Christmas with Yankee Candle & Bright Nights on Thursday, December 7th. Trip price of \$159.00 includes Transportation, Luncheon, Yankee Candle, Riding Tour of Forest Park and Tour Director gratuity. Our trips sell out quickly so don't wait to reserve your seat! Trip prices do not include bus driver gratuity. Please call the Senior Center at (508) 949-3845 for more information.

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

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Dec. 16	AED/CPR & Basic First Aid ***	\$65 w/AHA Certificate

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You must be 10 people for the AED/CPR Basic First Aid Class to be held to justify the instructor. Fees will be returned if we don't get 10 students or the second date can be used.

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eighteen years of age or older that are related to a Master Mason, or are a majority member of the Order of Rainbow or Job's Daughters. Any Mason in good standing may join. While the order is based on the

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For more information or interview, please contact Megan Carey, PM, Secretary at secretaryoes63@gmail.com or Sarah E. Sams, Worthy Matron at sarisams@gmail.com.

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tic municipal spending plan. However, after voters approved overrides to add money back to the budget in August, the town was able to reassess the position and turned to the Police Department for a solution. Karlowicz explained that his department had worked with Southbridge Police who served as a temporary Animal Control authority during the budget crisis. The Dudley Police eventually decided to take on those duties themselves with Officer Pacheco stepping up to fill the role.

"We came up with a plan to see if any of the police officers wanted to take over the role as the Animal Control Officer. I sent out an email and had some interest from some officers. Officer Pacheco was one of the officers who wanted to take over that role. I've sent Officer Pacheco to a class to be certified as the ACO. We're just waiting for the final paperwork from

the state to make sure we are compliant with local, state, and federal laws. We're trying to retrofit one of the cruisers so that it accommodates as a police vehicle and an ACO vehicle," the Chief told selectmen.

As part of their preparations to take over Animal Control duties, the police have worked to clean the local animal shelter including bringing in a third-party contractor to perform a deep-clean. Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda said this is a fine example of the town

making the most out of the resources it has on hand, even when money is tight.

"This is a true example of being efficient. We're working within the same budget that we've formerly had in past years for the ACO and being more effective. We now have someone 40 hours a week providing ACO services on top of regular patrol duties in a manner which I think is better controlled and I think it's under the right headings under public safety and the police department - I appreciate the Chief and

Officer Pacheco stepping up," said Ruda.

As one of the first duties as the new Animal Control authority, the Police Department has been working to address overdue dog licenses over the past few months. Chief Karlowicz said that out of around 300 violations that they started with about 100 still remain unresolved. The department is now working with housing court to ensure these citizens properly register their dogs in accordance with state and town regulations.

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the district as it seeks to enhance and modernize its educational material, especially following a difficult budget season.

"It just adds to the grants that we continue to receive to improve

teaching and learning. Without it and with the fiscal gymnastics we do on a yearly basis I'm not sure we would be where we are," he added.

The funds can be used to offset up to 50 percent of the costs of HQIM purchases based on the definitions provided through the State Department

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