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## Revamped memorial unveiled for Veterans Day

CORRESPONDENT

SOUTHBRIDGE Although it's been open for some time now and technically isn't quite done, the town took advantage of Veterans' Day to formally dedicate its renovated World War I Park last Saturday.

Veterans' Council President Dave Adams noted this was created in 1938 as "the first public park in Southbridge" and built by war bonds. But over the years, it and the other monuments around town started to show their age, some becoming overgrown and neglected.

At one point a couple years ago, he recalled talking to then-Veterans Agent Mike Trombley, and one of them said "Before I go six feet under, I'd like to see those monuments consolidated in one place."



Gus Steeves

Tum To MEMORIAL page A11 Dave Adams, center, cuts the ribbon as various local officials and veterans join him.

## Charlton confirms new growth for

CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — Charlton Town Administrator Andrew Golas has announced the new growth numbers for the town for Fiscal Year 2024. The growth would allow the town more wiggle room during the next fiscal year; however, Golas indicated there are no plans to substantially increase taxes at this time.

Golas provided an update during a late October Board of Selectmen meeting where he revealed the finance team certified new growth at \$2.5 million. Golas explained that this essentially gives the town license to increase the tax levy, but Charlton opted not to increase taxes for the time being.

"The last few years, we've hovered around \$10,000 in excess levy capacity, so we've been pretty much using all of our excess levy capacity," said Golas. "This year, we'll have \$730,000 in excess levy capacity, so that's money that we are not taxing the residents to fund our budget. Kudos to them and the entire team. I think that puts us in a really strong position moving forward."

Golas said by opting not to increase the tax levy

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## Local dancers to be featured in "The Nutcracker" at Hanover Theatre



Front row - from left to right: Julia Ashton, Jamie Ashton, Liam Barrows, Victoria Buffone, Ella Hurley. Back row- from left to right: Katherine Totman, Madison Rizzo, Calle Merchant, Addison Aho, and Sarah O'Donnell.

## Early deadlines for Thanksgiving

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the submission deadline for any press releases or letters to the Editor intended for publication in next week's edition of the Sturbridge Villager has been moved up from the usual Monday to Friday, Nov. 17 at 4 p.m. Submissions



can be e-mailed to news@stonebridgepress. news.

The staff of the Sturbridge Villager thanks our readers for their cooperation, and wishes them a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

WORCESTER — This holiday season, ring in the festivities with The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts (THTC)'s production of the dazzling ballet The Nutcracker, sponsored by Berkshire Bank.

Tickets are on sale now! Friday, Nov. 24, 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 24, 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26, 1 p.m.

Experience the captivating choreography and effects of the classic Tchaikovsky ballet, featuring stunning new lighting and scenery by Broadway designers. With vibrant, unforgettable costumes and live music from The Hanover Theatre Nutcracker Orchestra, this two-act production is sure to enchant the whole family.

Charlton residents Ashton, Jamie Ashton, Liam Barrows, Victoria Buffone, Ella Hurley, Katherine Totman, Madison Rizzo, Calle Merchant, Addison Aho, Sarah O'Donnell and Anna Mancini and Sturbridge residents Oliwia Ucher, Graciella Garjian and Violet Haskins will be featured in "The Nutcracker" this year.

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

Tickets for The Nutcracker are on sale now! Depending on seat locations ticket prices range from \$39, \$49 and \$59. Discounts are available for subscribers. For more information,

please contact the box office at 877-571-7469 or visit TheHanoverTheatre.org.

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## Southbridge Woman's Club meets Friday

SOUTHBRIDGE — The November luncheon of the Southbridge Woman's Club will be on Nov. 17 at noon at the Southbridge Hotel and Conference Center. Out speaker will be from Old Sturbridge Village, talking about clothing in Colonial times.



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## Laying out a holiday vision



Beth Stephens and Mike Morrison put final touches on a tree in the warehouse.



"Papa Elf" Bob Clemence and "Mom Boss Elf" Denise Clemence set up one of the decorations in front of the old credit union



Beth Stephens and Becky Hulyk add some



Beth Stephens watches as Jeff Blanchard and Denise Clemence anchor a tree on Main

safety padding to some of the rebar.

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Joe Hulyk and John Auclair move one of several cars from its warehouse space for



Helping Hand Society announces boliday events

CHARLTON — The Charlton Helping Hand Society offering two events this

The very first "Black Friday" sale will be held on Friday, Nov. 24. This will be held at the Dodge Chapel, 81 Hammond Hill Rd., Charlton from 8 a.m. to noon.

Our annual "Christmas Fair" will be held on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Christmas offerings, cookies by the pound, bake tables, raffles and "Gram-

All monies earned from both events will help to continue the work begun in

Holiday wrappings, decorations for hearth and home, gift items and the ever pop-

Joe Hulyk hands a soldier down from his truck

at the Town Hall.

holiday season!

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1911, "To Help Us to Help Others."

SOUTHBRIDGE — A team of elves got to work bringing holiday spirit to town earlier this month, mixing up older designs with new whimsy to decorate downtown.

On Saturday, Nov. 25, all that work, plus music, Santa, a parade and more, donated pizzas.) is being highlighted in the annual tion. Anyone interested in joining the parade, which will depart the Hotel parking lot at 5 p.m., should contact De-



Denise Clemence and Dan Grabowski orient

Maureen Doyle and Jeff Blanchard set up

Santa near Cornerstone Bank.



Becky Hulyk stacks up donated Subway lunches at the warehouse. (Central Pizza also

Treelighting on the Common celebra- nise Clemence at either the Holiday Visions Facebook page or 508-277-4494. It's sponsored in part by the Southbridge and Massachusetts Cultural Councils.

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## State flag commission highlights sword for removal

BY GUS STEEVES

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

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

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

The panel was appointed a couple years ago in response to growing concerns, especially from the Native American community, that the current state flag has disrespectful and even oppressive imagery and wording. According to a March presentation at the library in Southbridge by David Detmold last fall, "There's nothing like a white hand holding a sword over a Native head. It's by far the ugliest sign of white supremacy that still remains" among state symbols nationwide.

He was referring to what's believed to represent Pilgrim leader Myles Standish's sword being brandished atop the blue shield within which is a Native American man. The image has changed slightly several times since colonial days, but the Latin motto's stayed the same. Detmold described it

as essentially saying "Peace under the sword, peace with liberty."

According to Wikipedia, phrase is often loosely translated into English as 'By the sword we seek peace, but peace only under liberty.' The literal translation, however, is 'she seeks with the sword a quiet peace under liberty."

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

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

Although she didn't state the issue, some see the present Native image as problematic because, in

Detmold's words, it's a "frankenstein image." In March, he said the Native's face is based on Ojibwa chief Little Shell from Montana (not even a local Native), his body on a skeleton unearthed in Winthrop, his bow taken from a murdered Native in 1665, and his belt that of Metacomet.

Boyles said the commission's re-

port will include a list of potentially usable terms and symbols, public responses, historbackground "as much information possible" to help the next group of people actually de-

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sign a new flag and seal. It will provide "the aspirations we have for what a new seal could look like," recommend putting out a request for proposals to find artists who could design one, and include draft language for legislation necessary to make the changes. It calls for the subsequent working group to answer to the Secretary of State, with a wide range of experts being appointed to advise the process.

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

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

For Nipmuc tribal member Brittney Walley, the symbolism should be subject to periodic review. The others seemed to agree, but did not set a timeframe for such review beyond suggesting the Secretary oversee it. Walley suggested doing it "generationally," noting she wanted to "make sure people don't have to fight for 40 years to do something."

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

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

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

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- 8. Nullifies 9. Home to the Flyers
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- 20. Line
- of "Siddhartha"
- 7. Gregory \_\_\_, US dancer
- 13. Pre-1917 Russian emperor
- 17. Outsourcing (abbr.)
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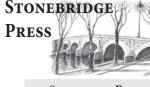
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## UNICEF Christmas cards available at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy

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

At Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, nursing student Ashley Rincon of Southbridge supports the holiday card sales. Every holiday card sale goes to UNICEF's efforts to help vulnerable children access education, health and nutrition, protection and support during emergencies. Rincon, a 2017 Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School graduate and an Associate in Criminal Justice degree holder with a minor in Science (2020) from Quinsigamond Community College believes that as a stu-



dent nurse being compassionate, hardworking, helpful, and patient includes learning new things and using the new skills towards helping others.

"UNICEF's first greeting card was a painting by seven-yearold Jitka Samkova, whose village in Czechoslovakia received UNICEF emergency assistance

in the form of food and medicine following World War II. to a loved one or friend, you Jitka sent her painting as a special thank-you to UNICEF for helping children like her recover from the devastation of war. Since then, giants of contemporary art, including Picasso, Matisse, Miro and Chagall, have created original artwork for the

cards, helping to propel a ning program. The program global sales operation that has generated significant revenue to help UNICEF save and protect the world's most vulnerable children. Every charity greeting card will help fund lifesaving vaccines, nutrition, education and emergency relief for the world's most vulnerable children (www.unicefusa.org)."

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

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

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

REGION — Country Bank, a full-service financial institution serving Central and Western Massachusetts, recently announced donations to 21 local senior centers throughout the region.

Supporting communities has been part of Country Bank's mission since 1850, the bank is committed to the people, businesses and non-profits it serves. A total of \$42,000 in donations were made to local senior centers. These donations are made without restriction for those necessary items that may not be met within annual budgets.

"We are so fortunate to have a community partner like Country Bank. Countless members of their staff have volunteered at our events and special projects that have ranged from holiday parties at the senior center to personally delivering boxes of food items to seniors in need. This donation helps to sustain our meal program, which over the past five years, has provided in excess of 38,000 home cooked meals for the seniors. Their commitment to service, volunteerism and community is what makes Country Bank the gold standard when it comes to being true 'Difference Makers," stated John L. Zienowicz, Ware Senior Center Executive Director.

"We know what a difference this makes for the senior centers and we are honored to be able to support the great work that they do to help our seniors," said Jodie Gerulaitis, Vice President of Community Relations at Country Bank.

In addition to its annual monetary support, Country Bank also sends teams of its "Difference Makers" to volunteer at local senior centers on a monthly basis.

**About Country Bank** 

Country Bank is a full-service \$1.7 billion with 17 percent Tier 1 Capital mutual community bank serving central and western Massachusetts with 14 offices in Ware, Palmer, West Brookfield, Brimfield, Belchertown, Wilbraham, Ludlow, Leicester, Paxton, Charlton and Worcester. Country Bank is a member of FDIC, DIF, and the SUM network. Country Bank can be reached at 800-322-8233 or online at countrybank.com.

#### Suspected Worcester State shooter arrested in New York

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

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

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

Rodriguez was arrested without incident, officials said.

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





The investigation into the shooting at Worces-

ter State University is ongoing. Editor's note: Last week's edition featured an

article on the manhunt for Rodriguez. Our production schedule prevented us from being able to include the information on his capture before our press deadline.





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## Cornerstone **Bank receives Community Award from Planting the Seed Foundation**

WORCESTER a long history - Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with 10 locations through-Central Massachusetts, announced it has received Community Award from the Planting the Seed Foundation. The award recognizes Cornerstone's commitment to homeless children and their families.

"Planting the Seed Foundation's mitment to improving the lives families in need throughout community grows bigger every year," said Cornerstone Bank CEO Todd Tallman. "It is our privilege to proudly support them with our Stuff the Bus and toy drive campaigns, and it is tremendous honor to receive Community Award."

Planting the Foundation gives Community Awards each your - one to a person and the other to a community sponsor. Cornerstone receipt recognizes company's support of Planting the Seed with their donations from the annual school supply drive (backpacks, pencils, lunchboxes, etc.) and last year's holiday toy drive.

About Cornerstone Bank

Cornerstone Bank was formed in 2017, born of

## Cops N Kids N Lions toy drive underway

SOUTHBRIDGE — The Southbridge Lions Club and the Southbridge Police Department are pleased to announce our annual holiday toy drive, The Steve Ide Memorial Toy Drive, sponsored by Cops and Kids and the Southbridge Lions Club. Steve Ide, a long-standing member of the Southbridge Lions club, was instrumental in the creation of the Cops N Kids N Lions project back in 2016 and his perseverance helped make it the huge success it has become.

Please help us bring Christmas to deserving children in our area by donating new, unwrapped, non-violent toys starting Nov. 19 through Dec. 12. All toys will benefit local families. Of particular need are toys for adolescents ages 10

Toy Drop-Off Locations are the Southbridge and Stur-

bridge Police Departments, the Southbridge Fire Department, Harrington Hospital, Southbridge Town Hall, Cornerstone Bank, Big Bunny Market, Savers Bank-Southbridge, Savers bank-Sturbridge and all Southbridge Credit Union locations.

Also, monetary donations can be made at any Southbridge Credit Union location or with any Southbridge Lions member. Checks should be made out to Southbridge Lions Toys Program.

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## Nichols partners with Pocasset Pokanoket Land Trust for farmer outreach project

Nichols College is partnering with the Pocasset Pokanoket Land Trust (PPLT) in a US-DA-grant-sponsored gram to offer a farming financial literacy course for farmers in New England. The course is part of a farmer outreach grant initiative by the PPLT that was awarder a business or ed \$524,040 over three years to increase beginning farmers' knowledge in business planning, financial literacy foundation that and soil health.

The farming financial built on trust. To literacy course will cover learn about Cor- creating a balance sheet, nerstone Bank's outlining assets, building personal and equity, understanding inbusiness banking dustry benchmarks and offerings, please more. Diverse and U.S. military veteran beginning farmers who have less than 10 years of farming expe-

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

Karin Curran, M.B.A., an accounting and finance professor at Nichols who helped secure the USDA grant, will teach the course. Curran has spent the past 30 years teaching business and instructional technology skills in a variety of settings both nationwide and abroad including professional development seminars, corporate and teacher training programs and online institutions. She has also taught financial literacy topics in the local community, including at Abby's House and Swissturn/USA, Inc.

**About Nichols** 

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About Pocasset kanoket Land Trust

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

## Bay Path's Bolandrina joins Author Alley at fundraiser for Books for Pinoys Foundation

Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN of Douglas and Academy Director at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy in Charlton, joined the mother-daughter team of Laxmi G. De Jesus, DPT, PT and her 9 year-old daughter Marion Chelsea

De Jesus (both of New York) for Books for Pinoys Foundation (www.booksforpinoys. com) Black Tie Gala

the Renaissance Providence Downtown Hotel, Symphony Ballroom. The dinner-dance with live entertainment was headlined by world-renowned international artist Amangpintor Elito Circa (Filipino Folk painter www.amangpintor.art) and singer Otan Vargas (www.otanvargasmusic.

com), the event was the first



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

of its kind in the Filipino-American community in the state of Rhode Island.

The Authors Alley featured tables specifically for published local authors and illustrators. The event ran from 5 p.m. – midnight on Saturday,

Nov. 11. The Author Alley intended to promote books published by Filipino-American authors and illustra-Bolandrina had two published works available, "Tenacious Nurse

I and II." Dr. De Jesus had copies of her book, "The Wisdom at Sunset" while Marion had "Lessons from a Sunflower." All three met with the more than 200 attendees at Author

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**EDITORIAL** 

## Worry less about gifts, more about quality time

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Letter submission** policy

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

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

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## Life is an unfair mystery

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

And then I think, what have I done to deserve all that I have? Being born in America. Growing up in a loving, stable family. Being a part of middle class American, with all the benefits and opportunities which come with such a middle class lifestyle? Being an Orthodox Christian, and not being a

Muslim or Hindu or Buddhist from another part of the world. Growing up in a family of faith is a blessing I received unasked for, simply something passed on to me at my birth.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The poor man, whose name is



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

Lazaros, goes into the bosom

of Abraham after his death,

which is an image of heav-

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

ends up in the bosom of Abraham.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## What should you do with 'side gig' money?



FINANCIAL Focus

**TREVOR NIELSEN** 

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

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

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

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

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

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

As we've seen, your side gig money linator project as part of your garden could open several promising windows or landscaping. Keep in mind that con- of opportunity — so take a look through

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Use the colder months to plan your pollinator project

To the Editor:

As I am putting the garden to bed (at the end of October), a few bees move slowly in the sun. I just hope the pollinators had a better year with more awareness starting with No Mow May, Oxford and Dudley Pollinator Days, projects and plantings that promoted butterflies, bees, moths, birds, and other insects that do pollination of plants at businesses, public spaces, and community venues. Thanks to all who helped them help us!

A special shout out to Jacob Creeron, who created a pollinator garden for his

on the front page of this paper).

I encourage everyone to use the colder months to plan your 2024 poltainer plantings are great if you don't all of them. have a lot of space!

Happy planning!

SOUTHBRIDGE

## Bucks on the loose

This past week, bowhunters enjoyed some great bow hunting in Mass. after the rutting season blew wide open. Bucks were chasing does from one area to another as the breeding season came to full circle. Numerous cardeer accidents were reported in many towns, as the deer crossed roadways while chasing does.

A buck was caught on camera leaping over two cars and a truck that were parked in a car dealership to get to his destination. The buck managed to clear the top of two cars, but ended up landing in the back of a pickup truck, causing damage to the side of the truck. The buck quickly leaped from the back of the pickup and contin-

ued on his mission. It was amazing he did not severely injure himself. It shows just how strong deer actually are. The truck had been sold the day before, and the new owner had come to pick up his truck, only to be told of the incident. A new selling price was made on the truck with the dealership and customer.

Some deer hunters that have harvested a deer this year are finding it hard to locate someone to process the animal. If you do find someone, the hunters are finding the price to process the deer has gone up substantially.

Processing your deer yourself is really not that hard to do. Going on YouTube to watch a video that shows a step by step



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method of processing your deer can actually be a lot of fun and can save you some money.

Shotgun deer son opens in Mass. on Nov. 27, and should prove to be another great season. Although archers now harvest more deer with archery than with shotgun annually, it may be that the reason for the lower kill is because of less deer hunters in the woods, at least I find it that way in the valley!

you thinking Are of having your deer Finding a mounted? good taxidermist in the area with a good reputation is not that hard to do. Contact local sporting goods stores like Jerry's Bait & Tackle in Milford. Numerous taxidermists have their business cards at the establishment, which come highly recommended.

Tautog fishing is still very good in both Mass. & Rhode Island if you have a boat. Waiting for a good weather forecast is the most important & finding a bait shop with green crabs for bait may be the hardest thing to do! Happy Thanksgiving!

Take a Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods



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

## Thanksgiving Facts and Trivia

Few holidays compare to a traditional Thanksgiving celebration. The fourth Thursday in November brings family near and far together for much more than a fabulous feast, as grown children, scattered relatives, and close family members still make it a priority to gather to share in the annual feast and give thanks for life's bless-

Thanksgiving is an American holiday classic, with the basic premseemingly unaltered by the changing times. Although bountiful harvest feasts had been celebrated long before, it wasn't until 1863 that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving a national holiday. In 1939, President Franklin Roosevelt moved Thanksgiving Day forward one week, as it is presently celebrated.

While the origins of Thanksgiving are steeped in tradition, the day itself has become a big travel business, as evidenced by a NerdWallet report found more than 130 million Americans planning to travel for the holidays this year (2023), will spend nearly \$2,000 on average.

Read on for more Thanksgiving facts, trivia and talk:

The First Thanksgiving According to researchers at the Plimouth Plantation, despite popular belief, there never was a "First Thanksgiving" in the sense of a particular celebration that initiated the regular observance of the holiday we know today.

"The famous 1621 Pilgrim event, which was transformed into archetypal First Thanksgiving in the late nineteenth century, was in fact not a true Thanksgiving at all. It was rather a secular harvest celebration which as far as we know was never repeated. The event had been entirely forgotten until a reference to it was rediscovered in the 1820s. The first real Calvinist Thanksgiving in New England was celebrated in Plymouth Colony, but it was during the summer of 1623 when the colonists declared a Thanksgiving holiday after their crops were saved by a providential shower.'

That said, history reveals the 1621 harvest 'Thanksgiving," which is familiar to us, was attended by 50 or so Pilgrims and almost twice as many Native Americans. The pilgrims invited their two key Indian helpers, Squanto, Samoset, plus Chief Massasoit, to share in their Thanksgiving since they had been so instrumental in the pilgrims' successes that summer. The Indians brought their families. numbering over 90 people. Historical reports reveal the Pilgrims did not have enough food to feed all the people, so the Indians brought along their own supplies for the feast. The Wampanoag Indians brought turkey, deer, berries, squash, cornbread, and beans, the items they grew and subsequently taught the Pilgrims to



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The exact date in 1621 that the harvest celebration was held is not known, although historians estimate it occurred between September 21or 22 and November 9.

Pilgrim's Fare

Although an accurate menu of the feast cannot be officially documented, a Pilgrim's written account reveled "corn, Indian corn, barley, peas, fowl, five deer, fish and wild turkey were eaten at the harvest thanksgiving. Using such excerpts and taking into consideration the foods available to the Pilgrims at that time, historians have determined the following foods were likely served at the first Thanksgiving harvest celebration.

Fish: Cod, bass, herring, shad, bluefish, and lots of eel; clams, lobsters, mussels, and very small quantities of oysters;

Game: wild turkey, goose, duck, crane, swan, partridge, and other miscellaneous waterfowl; venison (deer), possibly some salt pork or chicken,

Vegetables: flour, Indian corn and corn meal; barley; small quantity of peas, squashes (including pumpkins), beans. The pilgrims also brought seeds from England and likely plant-

ed radishes, lettuce, carrots, onions, and cabbage.

Nuts: walnuts, chestnuts, acorns, hickory nuts, ground nuts; Spices: onions, leeks, strawberry leaves, currants, sorrel, yarrow, carvel, brooklime, liverwort, watercress, and flax.

Condiments: Maple syrup, honey; small quantities of butter. Olive oil in small quantities may have been brought over.

Turkey Time

The highlight of an annual Thanksgiving feast is undoubtedly the turkey, served up as a crowning centerpiece of the both the table and the holiday.

According to National Turkey Federation, an estimated 88 percent of Americans consume Thanksgiving turkey each year. Per the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), this translates to more than 46 million turkeys eaten on Thanksgiving.

By the time the Pilgrims included wild turkey in their first Thanksgiving feast, they had already been familiar with the tasty bird. Early explorers took turkeys back to Europe, and by the 1500s the birds were being raised in Italy, France and England.

Researchers are conflicted on how the turkey got its name, but some historical accounts claim Christopher Columbus thought that the land he discovered was connected to India, and mistakenly believed the wild fowl he found here was a type of peacock. Hence, he named native to the Western

the bird 'tuka,' which translates into 'peacock' in Tamil, an Indian lan-

No matter how it adopted its name, turkeys have remained a Thanksgiving tradition and have been held in high esteem in this country since the Native Americans first introduced the wild bird to the Pilgrims. In Benjamin Franklin even once stated he thought the turkey would be a better candidate than the Eagle as the official United States bird. In a 1784 letter to his daughter Sarah Bache, the elderly Franklin wrote: "For my own part, I wish the bald eagle had not been chosen as the representative of our country; he is a bird of bad moral character. For in truth, the turkey is in comparison a much more respectable bird, and withal a true original native of America. Eagles have been found in all countries, but the turkey was peculiar to ours."

Today, turkey consumption is at an all-time high, with the average American eating 15.3 pounds of turkey per year. Age is a determining factor in taste and older, large males are preferable to young toms, as the tom meat tends to be stringy. The opposite is true for females: old hens are tougher birds. A turkey under sixteen weeks of age is called a fryer, while a young roaster is five to seven months old.

Turkeys are the only breed of poultry Hemisphere. The birds have a reputation for being dumber than most of their fowl counterparts, however, the turkev makes up for its lack of intelligence with sharp vision and exceptional hearing. Turkeys have excellent eyesight and a wide field of vision. They also hear well, despite the fact they have no external

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.

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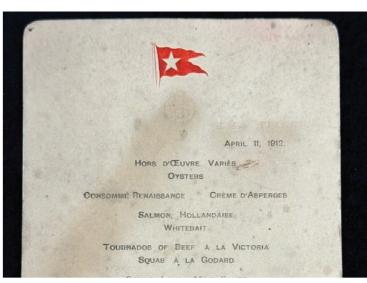
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## Latest antique and collectibles auction news



This week's article will focus on major auction news coming out of Europe, specifically. Some Titanic artifacts and a piece of Star Wars memorabilia sold in England and one of the most expensive diamonds on Earth, which was auctioned in Geneva, Switzerland.

A menu from the Titanic and a passenger's pocket watch recently sold at an auction in the United Kingdom. The menu was from the first-class passengers' dinner on April 11, 1912, three days before the ship hit an iceberg and sank. The menu shows some water staining that occurred the night the ship sank. Some of the items on the menu included Squab a la Godard, Spring Lamb and Mint Sauce, Apricots Bourdaloue (a type of tart), and Victoria Pudding. The menu was found in the estate of Canadian historian Len Stephenson, according to CBS News. It's not known how Stephenson acquired it, but he lived in Nova Scotia, where many of the victims' bodies were brought after it sank. The Guardian reported that the menu sold for £83,000 (\$101,450 U.S.) on Nov. 11. Also offered in the same sale was the pocket watch of passenger Sinai Kantor. He was 34 years old when he and his wife decided to emigrate from Russia. He died when the ship sank but Kantor's wife, Miriam, survived the tragedy. She received his personal effects including a silver watch with Hebrew characters on the watch face. The watch was heavily corroded

from the salt water but still had an auction estimate of £50,000 (morethan \$61,000 U.S.).

Sticking in the UK, the actor who played "Star Wars" character C-3PO sold the head from the popular character this month. I had discussed the head was going to auction in a previous column. Anthony Daniels is 77, and decided "to sell the costumes, props and scripts he kept from the iconic

films," according to the BBC. Daniels told the BBC that they were in his "sitting room" and he wanted them to go to someone who will cherish and display them. The auction featured over 200 items from his collection, including some parts from the Millenium Falcon spaceship. He said he rescued them from being burned in a bonfire at the movie studio after the "Return of the Jedi" was filmed. There were some items that he WAYNE TUISKULA estates and a wide decided to keep, though. He's not selling a Lego

figure of his character given to him for his work in a Star Wars Lego movie or a C-3PO statuette made to look like an Oscar award, which he received from the production company Lucasfilm. Daniels told the BBC "I'll take those to the grave." The auction house reported that it sold for £687,500

(\$840330 U.S.).

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A fancy flawless vivid blue diamond just became one of the most expensive diamonds in the world when it sold at auction in Switzerland. The 17.61-carat diamond was so desirable because of its deep, rich blue color and unmodified pear shape design, according to Reuters. The diamond easily outshined its estimate of \$35 million, selling for \$44 million.

> For those of you looking to spend a lot less than \$44 million, we have a large quantity of gold, platinum, and silver jewelry with diamonds and other gemstones in our next auction. We also have the best collection of art we've ever offered, along with many sets of sterling silver, mid-century modern furniture and accessories from multiple variety of other items. We plan to

begin the online event later this month or early in December. We also have an online estate auction of a Concord home beginning soon and ending in December. Please visit our website https://centralmassauctions.com for links to upcoming events.

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

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#### SHEPHERD HILL ALUMS RELIVE THE '80S

The Shepherd Hill Class of 1988 held their 35th class reunion on Oct. 7 at Pine Ridge Country Club in N. Oxford. Forty-four students attended from the class of 182 students. Friends enjoyed catching up over a delicious turkey and ham buffet. There was a table of memorabilia and a video of the graduation ceremony played. There were photos boards and a memory board to honor and remember the 12 classmates that have passed away. A DJ played songs of the '80's that had everyone dancing. The Class Advisors, Mr. Harry Logan and Mrs. Carolyn Earp were unable to attend, but we did have a special teacher, Mr. Thompson Boyd, join us. To submit updated contact information for future reunions, please email shrhsclassof88@gmail.com.

## Bay Path nursing student donates used textbooks

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

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

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

"This concept has started yielding positive results every year, to everyone and the environment," added Bolandrina.

Conceptualized in 2016, Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Director Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN had asked the graduating class to donate their used text-



books. While doing this the incoming students will save money, given the fact that prices of the books go up every year. Donating used textbooks also made for environment conservation as printing fewer books would mean cutting fewer trees, the Academy Director explained.

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

"However, most graduates hold

on to their Medical-Surgical Nursing textbook because they need them for NCLEX-PN," she added.

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

"Retired textbooks are a different story, but we've found a great partner in www.betterworldbooks.com," said Bolandrina.

Better World Books is an American online bookseller of used and new

books, founded in 2002 by students at the University of Notre Dame, Indiana. Textbooks with copyright 1998 or newer are accepted. The socially responsible bookseller offers free shipping that donates a book for every book sold.

About Bay Path RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy

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

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# ELM ST. CHURCH OPEN HOUSE SHOWCASES NATIVITIES

On Dec. 9 from 2-5 p.m., Elm Street Congregational Church in Southbridge will hold an open house, featuring nativity sets brought in by members of the church. There will be light refreshments served and music director Chris Rubenacker will provide music.

Bible Study with Pastor Kathy is held Mondays on Zoom at 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting on Zoom Wednesdays, 6:50 p.m. The Book Study group is discussing "Restore My Soul" with Lou-Ellen Corkum Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.



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Elijah and Jeremiah Age 4 and 5

Hi! Our names are Elijah and Jeremiah and we love spending time together!

Elijah and Jeremiah are brothers with a close bond in search of a forever family. Elijah, the oldest, is sweet and very charming with a beautiful smile. Jeremiah, the youngest, is very loving. They both really enjoy spending time together, wrestling, and imaginary play. Elijah likes watching movies during his chill time and Jerimiah loves pizza.

Elijah attends an ABA center-based program that provides him the oneon-one support he needs to thrive and continues to make progress with the support of an IEP. Like his brother, Jeremiah was originally enrolled in

a center-based ABA program, however, he has recently enrolled in preschool to develop and foster peer relationships. Both Elijah and Jeremiah are placed with the same foster family with whom they have established a strong relationship.

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

https://adopt.mareinc.org/waiting-child-profiles#gallery/children/8830-8837

#### Can I Adopt?

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.



Gus Steeves

Bob Patton and Bill Rivernider stand at attention for the national anthem.

#### Memorial

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The Veterans Council was willing, but nobody really knew how to do it, so they consulted local attorney Rob Caprera, the Historical Commission, Town Council and others, and got an initial \$50,000 grant from the state senate. At the time they also faced the fact the town was possibly considering taking the park for a fire station expansion.

That project ended up going to Worcester Street, and it would have required an act of the Legislature to do anyway, because of the way the park was created. With that issue out of the way, they only had to find the money - a lot of it. Adams said this park alone has cost over \$120,000. Most of it has come from private donations (some money, some in kind, like the trees from Opacum, the sign, and the stone work), and the Dresser Park renovation will cost a lot more – roughly \$2 million.

"That's no easy task. A lot of us veterans don't ask for money," Adams said, later adding they were "blessed to have a lot of donors." Among the things still to be done are to honor those donors with thank you plaques, add cameras and install the new benches, which were supposed to arrive this week.

Both parks are being designed by Joe Coan, who is also behind the rail trail design. Dresser's design is about half complete, and the rest is being funded by the Hyde/Dexter Foundation. At a recent Town Council meeting, Adams said his goal is to "keep it away from any taxpayer funding."

The original war memorial is still the park's focal point, but it now features several new things. Most notable are the 500-pound Franco-American veterans plaque now mounted in

bricks; it had been in storage for years in the Community Center. Memorials to eight individual soldiers who died in that war are also here now; they were previously scattered around town. (Several more will be incorporated into the renovations of Dresser Park.) All of them are connected by a stone path, with tables and benches.

"This is what a town can do when it has vision," said Town Manager Jack

He noted it's important for towns to remember their veterans who served "in times of great need and in times of peace." To him, this is "a beautiful park to come and sit and reflect" especially during today's conflicts, "when others around the world don't have that opportunity."

He said he lived here his whole life and, until recently, didn't know some of the neighborhood monuments moved here even existed.

Bob Patton said parks like this "are so important" as places to picnic, hang out, and otherwise "be as frivolous as you want to be because of the people on this monument and those who are serving now."

He tied his own grandfather – World War II General George Patton, who was a colonel in World War I - to a couple of its individual stones. His first combat action was at St Mihiel (where Southbridge's Sgt Parmelius Donais died) and he was seriously wounded at Meuse Argonne (where Southbridge's William Kershaw died).

To Patton, veterans' parks help us continued from page 10 "recapture what we are. ... Veterans in our family and at this place are Nursing Certificate and are eligible to number one.

For Sen Ryan Fattman, the park represents not only respect for veterans, but also the fact people in town are willing to "open their wallets and give paying their taxes."



Gus Steeves

One of the vets in attendance takes some time to peruse the Franco-American plaque.



Sen. Ryan Fattman and Town Manager Jack Jovan place one of the wreaths.

He talked for a while about "two surreal experiences" he recently had. One involved a photo of his World War II grandfather's grave, which sparked memory of hearing him "behind the door of his bedroom sobbing" but only rarely talking about his war experiences. After his death in 1998, Fattman read his journal and learned about an incident on Okinawa when his grandfather saw the soldier right in front of him get killed by a Japanese sniper.

The second experience was a call from his brother, now stationed in Iraq, while Fattman was en route to

#### Textbooks

take the NCLEX-PN licensure exam. The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is fully approved by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive back to their community, even after Office of Health and Human Services a benefit in Holyoke. While they were talking, he said, lights and sirens went off in Iraq, his brother had to go. "I saw fear in my brother's eyes for the first time in my life," he recalled, then heard nothing for a couple hours except a quick text of "incoming." The base he was at was facing one of the 47 attacks on US sites across the Middle East since the war in Gaza started Oct. 7.

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## Local actor steps out of the background in "Madigan's Again"

BROOKFIELD — Brookfield actor Joe Klimavich is no stranger to the spotlight. After first stepping on the stage as Colonel Pickering in a high school production of "My Fair Lady," Klimavich has played a number of lead roles in local community theatre musicals, including Harold Hill in "The Music Man," Frank Butler in "Annie Get Your Gun," and the Modern Major General in a Worcester State University production of "Pirates of Penzance."

of 2019, when the local public relations consultant and adjunct college professor answered a call for background actors in "Defending Jacob," the American crime drama miniseries starring Chris Evans, produced by Apple TV+, and filmed at New England Studios, in Devens.

"My character was a court reporter in two of the crucial episodes in the series," says Klimavich. "It was a non-speaking role, but, on the plus side, I didn't have to learn any dialogue, I ending stream of worries made a lot of friends on set, and I got a dominates our thoughts. firsthand look at the state of filmmak- These persistent fears dising in Massachusetts."

When the phone rang again in 2022, it life. was Worcester comedian and filmmaker Tom Dwyer who had been Klimayich's student at Worcester State University, asking if he would take on a small, non-speaking role as a producer in the child be lost to addiction? pilot for his new comedy series, "Hollywoo," the story of Tommy McCann er-ending cycle, like a hamster running (Dwyer), an actor who was caught in a on a wheel. scandal and forced to return back home to Worcester. ("Can he make it back to but there is a point where it can impair the top? Or will he be forever stuck in your physical health, causing you to be Hollywoo?") Filmed in Worcester, that worried sick! pilot is premiering at Worcester's Mechanics Hall on Friday, Nov. 17.

my very first IMDB listing," Klimavich simple and easy to understand that you joked.

In June, 2023, Klimavich and his wife, Barbara, joined other background must ask yourself, "What are the actors from the Brookfield community as "wedding guests" in Birthrite, a film shot at Elm Hill Farm by Hollywood talking about is called "The Law of Av-



Joe Klimavich plays "Bud" in Kristin Koliss' short film "Madigan's Again," which pre-But that all changed in the summer mieres on Nov. 30 at Worcester's Hanover

> director Ross Partridge, and his wife, actor Jennifer Lafleur.

> Finally, in July of this year, Klimavich got the call he'd been waiting

for, a speaking role in Kristin Koliss' short film, "Madigan's Again," which Koliss describes as "a story about compassion, connection and loving ourselves no matter what we've done." In the film, Klimavich plays the featured role of "Bud," the amiable bartender to Koliss in the main role of "Marie."

Much of "Madigan's Again" was filmed at the St. Charles Hotel, in Millbury. The film is co-directed by Tom Dwyer and Koliss, who wrote the script 20 years ago when she lived in Los Angeles. Milford native, Joseph Anthony Marcello is the director of photography. All three produced the film together through their production companies—Greatest Gram Productions, LYM Productions, and Angel Entertainment.

Klimavich admits, "It felt good to step out of the background and into a speaking role again. Kristin has had a dream of making movies for over 30 years, so I feel honored to have played a small role in helping to make that dream come true. Best of all, it's made in Massachusetts!"

"Madigan's Again" makes its world premiere at The Hanover Theatre, in Worcester, on Nov. 30 at 6 p.m., followed by a Q&A with the filmmakers. General admission tickets are \$25. Contact the Hanover Theatre box office at 877-571-7469 for more informa-

## The Law of Averages

For many of us, a neverturb our peace of mind and impact our ability to enjoy

Will the economy crash? Are we headed for nuclear conflict? Is my partner going to leave me? Will my

It's one worry after another, a nev-

Yes, it's normal to worry at times,

Imagine a universal law that can help manage these fears. If you're constantly burdened with fear and worry, "I didn't get any lines, but I did get keep reading because this law is so don't need anyone to teach you how to

When fear overwhelms you, you

Why, you ask? Because the law I'm erages."

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described by Dale Carnegie in his book "How to Stop Worrying and Start Living," is a pragmatic approach to tackling the worries that plague our minds.

This principle,

The Law of Averages teaches us

to analyze our fears logically and statistically.

Carnegie once said, "Ninety-nine percent of the things we worry about never occur!"

Imagine Sarah is about to board a flight for a long-awaited vacation. She should be excited, but a nagging worry clouds her: the fear of a plane crash. Each sound during takeoff and bit of turbulence inflates her anxiety.

Now, let's apply the Law of Averages to Sarah's situation. This principle suggests evaluating the likelihood of an event based on statistical probability, rather than subjective fears. So, what do the numbers say?

Plane crashes are rare, with odds of about one in 11 million. To put this into perspective, you're more likely to be struck by lightning or win a major lottery jackpot than experience a plane

Knowing these stats, Sarah can see her fear doesn't match how safe flying is. Like millions before, the Law of Averages tells us that her flight is overwhelmingly likely to be safe and uneventful.

Let's consider John, a dedicated employee at a large corporation. Recently, there have been rumors of layoffs, and John is increasingly unable to focus, plagued by the fear of being laid off.

Every meeting invite or email from his boss heightens his anxiety, and he starts imagining the worst-case scenar-

Now, let's apply the Law of Averages to John's situation. This principle encourages us to evaluate the likelihood of an event based on statistical data and realistic assessment rather than fears and rumors.

First, John can look into the economy and his industry's stability. Are widespread layoffs happening in his field, or is it relatively stable? Next, he should consider his position within

the company. Has he received positive performance reviews? Does he have unique skills or experiences that are valuable to the team?

Suppose John finds that his industry is stable and his performance has been consistently strong. In that case, the Law of Averages would suggest his chances of being laid off are relatively low. While it's not impossible, the probability doesn't warrant the level of worry he's experiencing.

This approach doesn't dismiss your fear but puts it into a rational framework. The Law of Averages is a powerful tool to counteract our exaggerated anxieties about rare events.

The Law of Averages is beautiful for its simplicity and usefulness.

It doesn't ask you to stop worrying cold turkey, which is nearly impossible. Instead, it offers a pathway to reframe your worries into something manageable. By analyzing the probabilities, we often find that many fears are less likely to materialize than we think. And even if they do, you're mentally prepared to handle them and work towards a better outcome.

"By the law of averages, it won't happen." is the phrase Carnegie said has destroyed ninety percent of his worries and made years of his life beautiful and peaceful beyond his highest expectations.

Next time you find yourself in the grip of fear, pause, breathe, and embrace the Law of Averages to transform fear into a catalyst for confidence











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#### Town of Brimfield **Conservation Commission Public Hearing Notice**

In accordance with the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, Chapter 131, Section 40, the Brimfield Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on Wednesday December 13, 2023, at 5:00 PM to review a Notice of Intent submitted by Emerson & Laurie Recore. The Notice of Intent is requesting to build a three bedroom home and installing a septic system.

Project Location: Washington Road, Brimfield, MA (Assessor's Map 8-C-18.11)

Meeting Location: Public Participation will be In-Person at Hitchcock Academy at 2 Brookfield Road in Brimfield, MA 01010 on December 13, 2023, at 5:00 PM.

Any person(s) interested or wishing to be heard on this request should appear at the time and place designated. A copy of the permit application and plan may be inspected at the Brimfield Town Annex in the Conservation Commission Office, Salisbury Annex Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 23 Main Street, Brimfield, MA 01010 or contact the office at 413-245-4100 ext. 1101.

Roger deBruyn & Joseph Venezia Co-Chairs 11/08/2023 CC: Board of Health Planning Board November 17, 2023 November 24, 2023

#### **SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

Under G.L. c.255 Sec.39A Notice is hereby given by Cruise Control Transportation Inc. Pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 255, Section 39A. that on or after December 2, 2023 at Cruise Control Transportation Inc. the following motor vehicle/s will be sold at private sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicle 2010 Ford Fusion

VIN: 3FAHPOJAXAR350488 LAST REGISTERED OWNER: Marguerite M Davis 154 Perry Ave ,Apt 2 Worcester Ma, 01610

2013 Honda Accord Vin: 1HGCR2F56DA012561 LAST REGISTERED OWNER: Steve Tchoutoua 8 Barclay St Worcester Ma,01604

2005 Honda Accord VIN:1HGCM56425AO62091 LAST REGISTERED OWNER: Jerson Jacquez 16 Green ST Fl.1 Dudley Ma 01571

2000 Honda Civic VIN:2HGEJ6671YH594939 LAST REGISTERED OWNER: Tiffany Morales 14 Catherine St, Apt 6 Worcester Ma,01605

2017 Chevrolet Malibu VIN:1G1ZH5SX8HFZ70800 LAST REGISTERED OWNER: Gabrielle Dubois-Buzzell 620 New Dam Rd Sanford, Maine 04073

2013 Acura ILX VIN:19VDE1F76DE005951 LAST REGISTERED OWNER: Tom Warren 463 E 147<sup>th</sup> St 4 E Bronx Ny,10455 November 17, 2023 November 24, 2023 December 1, 2023

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 166, §22F notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held by the Town Manager on December 13, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in the George Parent Meeting Room, second floor of the Town Hall, 41 Elm Street, in regards to a petition filed by National Grid for the following Order for JO Pole relocation:

Paige Hill Road:

Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon England, Inc requests New permission to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following public way:

Paige Hill Road - National Grid to install 1 JO Pole on Charlton St beginning at a point approximately 118 feet southwest of the centerline of the intersection of Charlton St and Mechanic St and continuing approximately 526 feet in a northeast direction. Installing Pole#15-75, -40' new south of existing P#15-50 on Charlton -400' Underground St. from Pole #12 Charlton St to P# 15 Charlton St.

Anyone wishing to be heard regarding this petition will be given the opportunity

TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE Jack Jovan, Town Manager November 16, 2023

#### **NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE** <u>OF REAL ESTATE</u>

Premises: 174 Hamilton Street, Southbridge, MA 01550

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Map Realty Group, LLC to DML Capital Mortgage Fund LLC, and now held by Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity, but solely as trustee for Residential Mortgage Aggregation Trust, said mortgage dated September 27, 2021 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 66205, Page 4, said mortgage was assigned from DML Capital Mortgage Fund LLC to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for Residential Mortgage Aggregation Trust by assignment dated February 23, 2023 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 68878, Page 48; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on January 9, 2024 at 04:00 PM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land, with all buildings and improvements thereon, situated in Southbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows: The land in said Southbridge with the buildings thereon, situated on the easterly side of Hamilton Street, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the northwesterly corner thereof, at a drill hole in the stone curbing on the easterly line of Hamilton Street at land of Southbridge Webster Plumbing Co., Inc., formerly of Elizabeth A. Bourdelais; THENCE easterly by land of said Southbridge Webster Plumbing Co., Inc., about 193 feet to an iron pin in the ground at the westerly line of the location of the New York, New and Hartford Railroad: Haven THENCE southerly by said Railroad location about 80 feet to land of Tetreault, formerly of John J. O'Shaughnessy; THENĆE westerly by said Tetreault land 200 feet more or less to the easterly line of Hamilton Street; THENCE northerly by the easterly line of Hamilton Street 80 feet to the point of beginning. For my title, see deed recorded herewith.

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 30, 2021 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 66205, Page 1.

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 270 Farmington Ave, Suite 151 Farmington CT 06032 Attorney for Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity, but solely as trustee for Residential Mortgage Aggregation Trust Present Holder of the Mortgage (401) 217-8701 November 16, 2023 November 23, 2023 November 30, 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 Stephen P. Clark, Kristen J. Clark to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for America's Wholesale Lender, dated July 29, 2005 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 36986, Page 58, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to The Bank of New York Mellon as Trustee for the CWALT, Certificateholders Inc., Alternative Loan Trust 2005-45 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005-45, recorded on December 16, 2009, in

Book No. 45240, at Page 135 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 2:00 PM on December 1, 2023, on the mortgaged premises located at 110 Mashapaug Road, Sturbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT: The land in Sturbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts bounded and described as follows:

BEING the most easterly portion of land now or formerly of Jeannette Curboy, containing 1.59 acres and known as Lot 1A on a plan entitled "Plan of property

surveyed for Jeanette Curboy, located at Mashapaug Road, Sturbridge, MA", drawn by Jalbert Engineering, Inc., dated November 28, 1990. Said parcel being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pipe located in the Northerly line of Mashapaug Road 503.90 feet Westerly of a Worcester County Highway Bound located at station 102+ 72.29 on the County Road relocation layout for Mashapaug Road; THENCE North 54 degrees 56' 35" West along the Northerly line of Mashapaug Road, 96.10 feet to a bound point. Said bound point is located at station 96+ 72.29 on said previously mentioned County Highway Layout;

THENCE following the Northerly line of said road to a curve to the right of the with a radius of 1160.00 feet, and a length of 68.90 feet to the point at remaining land now or formerly of Jeannette Curboy;

THENCE North 30 degrees 37' 56" East along the remaining land now or formerly of Jeannette Curboy 420.22 feet crossing an old coach road to a point at land now or formerly the United States of America New England Division of the Army Corp's Engineers.

THENCE South 54 degrees 09' 31" East along said United States of America land, 165.00 feet to a point at land now or formerly of Daniel Curboy;

THENCE South 30 degrees 38' 00" West crossing over said coach road and along said Daniel Curboy land, 420.00 feet to an iron pipe. Said iron pipe being the point of beginning.

Lot 1A contains 1.59 acres.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 30225, Page 331.

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.

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON AS TRUSTEE FOR THE NEW YORK CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWALT, INC. ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2005-MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-45 Present holder of said mortgage By its Attorneys, HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C. 150 California St.

Newton, MA 02458 (617)558-0500 23216 November 9, 2023 November 16, 2023 November 23, 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 Carla Martel to First Franklin A Division of Nat. City Bank of IN, dated September 30, 2005 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 37463, Page 127 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage Wilmington Trust, National Association, as successor trustee to Citibank, N.A., as Trustee for First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-FF12 is the present holder by Assignment from First Franklin, a division of National City Bank of Indiana to First Franklin Financial Corporation dated December 1, 2005 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 38103, Page 150, and Assignment from First Franklin Financial Corporation to CitiBank, N.A., as Trustee for the Holders of the First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust, Mortgage Asset-Backed Loan Certificates, Series 2005-FF12 dated February 7, 2013 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 50427, Page 144, and Assignment from CitiBank, N.A., as Trustee for the Holders of the First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-FF12 to Wilmington Trust, National Association, as successor trustee to Citibank, N.A., as Trustee for First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-FF12 dated November 9, 2016 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 56354, Page 372, for breach of

conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 38 Clark Road a/k/a 38 Clarke Road, Sturbridge, MA 01518 will be sold at a Public Auction at 1:00 PM on December 5, 2023, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land, with buildings thereon, located on the southeasterly side of' Clarke Road in Sturbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts, being shown' as "Lot 25" on a "Plan of Property Surveyed for C.M.O. Development Corp. Located on Clarke Road, Sturbridge, Massachusetts" by Jalbert Engineering, Inc. dated November 21, 1995, which is recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds at Plan Book 699, Plan 103, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pipe located on the southeasterly side of Clarke Road, at the southwesterly corner of said lot, and at the northwesterly corner of land now or formerly of St. Anne's Church; THENCE S. 74° 30' 28" E. along land now or formerly of St. Anne's Church 225.00 feet to an iron pin; THENCE N. 14° 33' 56" E. along land now or formerly of C.M.G. Development Corp., 121.25 feet to an iron pin; THENCE N. 79° 55' 56" W. along Lot 24 as shown on said plan, 224.75 feet to an iron pin located on the southeasterly side of said Clarke Road; THENCE S. 15° 29' 32" W. along southeasterly side of said Clarke Road, 100.00 feet to the iron pin at the point of beginning. CONTAINING an area of 24, 827 square feet, more or less. Reserving unto the Grantor, it's assigns and successors in interest, the right to enter upon a strip of land fifteen 915) feet wide along the sidelines and street line of said premises described above to install and maintain drainage pipes and ditches. BEING the same premises conveyed to Michael McLear and Donna Heffernan-McLear by deed of Candace M. Gordon, Trustee dated October 31, 1997 and recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds herewith as Instrument #213 BEING, however, more Accurately described in a Deed recorded in the Worcester Registry of Deeds at Book 37463, Page 125, as: The land located on the Easterly side of Clark Road a/k/a Clarke Road in Worcester County, Sturbridge, Massachusetts, being shown as "Lot 24" on "Plan of property for C.M.G. Development Corp. located on Clarke Road Sturbridge Massachusetts" by Jalbert Engineering, Inc., dated November 21, 1995 which is recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds at Plan Book 699, Plan 103, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point located on the easterly side of said Clarke Road at the northwesterly corner of said, lot and at the southwesterly corner Other terms, if any, to be announced at of Lot 23 as shown on said plan; Thence South 85° 19' 11" Ealong Lot 23 as shown on said plan 229.51 feet to a point; Thence South 14° 53' 56" W. along land shown on said plan as "Remaining Land of C.M.G. Development Corp." 121.25 feet to a point; Thence North 79° 55' 56" W. along Lot 25 as shown on said plan 224.75 feet to a point located on the easterly side of said Clarke Road; Thence North 15° 29' 32" E. along the easterly side of said Clarke Road 100.00 feet to the point of beginning Containing an area of 24,702 square feet, more or less. For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 37463, Page 125.

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. Wilmington Trust, National Association, as successor trustee to Citibank, N.A., as Trustee for First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-FF12 Korde & Associates, P.C. 900 Chelmsford Street

Suite 3102 Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 Martel, Carla, 14-017448 November 9, 2023

## **LEGALS**

November 16, 2023
November 23, 2023
(SEAL)
COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL
COURT
Docket 23 SM 004079
ORDER OF NOTICE
To:

Christina Frechette and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq): Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. As Trustee For Aegis Asset Backed Securities Trust Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-3

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Sturbridge (Fiskdale), numbered 14 Lauren Lane, given by Derek R. Frechette and Christina Frechette to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Aegis Lending Corporation, dated April 29, 2004, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 33507, Page 286, and now held by plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before December 18, 2023, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of this Court on October 31, 2023.

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder 21-003614 November 16, 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 Jeanne M. Button and Thomas R. Button to Bank of America, N.A., dated March 4, 2006 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 38585, Page 379 (the "Mortgage"), as affected by a Release of Liability as to Thomas R. Button, dated May 28, 2020, and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 67681, Page 182 of which mortgage Bank of America, N.A. is the present holder, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 140 Paradise Lane, Fiskdale (Sturbridge), MA 01518 will be sold at a Public Auction at 2:00 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 Sturbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts shown as lot #36 on a plan of land entitled "Plan of lots in Sturbridge, Massachusetts surveyed for J & J Realty, June 6, 1996, Para Land Surveying, Incorporated, Southbridge, Massachusetts, scale 1" = 40', said plan being recorded with Worcester District Registry of deed at plan book 705, plan 73, said land being more particularly bounded and described as follows: beginning at the northwest corner of land herein described, at a point on the easterly side of Paradise Lane as shown on said plan; thence S. 69° 03' 41" E. Along land now or formerly of J & J Realty and Nathan Southwick, a distance of 440.14 feet; thence S. 10° 47' 29" E. Along land now or formerly of Sturbrook Realty Trust, a distance of 244.50 feet; thence S. 60° 01' 26" W., along land now or formerly of G. M. N. Inc., a distance of 150 feet; thence N. 47° 00' 19" W. Along lot 35 as shown on said plan, a distance of 212.03 feet; thence N. 51° 09' 08" W. Along said lot 35 a distance of 249.10 feet to a point on the easterly side of paradise lane as shown on said plan; thence N. 07° 21' 43" E. Along said paradise lane a distance of 173.00 feet to the point of beginning. Containing an area of 2.7566 acres. Being the same property conveyed to Thomas R. Button and Jeanne M. Button by quit claim deed of Donald W. Garfield recorded 10/16/98 in Book 20539, Page 59, Doc. 152069.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 44818, Page 223.

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.
Bank of America, N.A.
Korde & Associates, P.C.
900 Chelmsford Street
Suite 3102
Lowell, MA 01851
(978) 256-1500
Button, Jeanne M. Button and
Thomas R. Button, 12-009647
November 2, 2023
November 9, 2023
November 16, 2023

#### TOWN OF STURBRIDGE Board of Selectmen Public Hearing

National Grid has made a petition to the Sturbridge Board of Selectmen to excavate the public highways and to run and maintain underground electric conduits, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as said company may deem necessary, in the public way or ways hereinafter referred to, and to make the necessary house connections along said extensions. Park Circle & Oak Ave – National Grid to install approximately 3,330' of new conduit. Install 10 new Pull Boxes.

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November 16, 2023

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Worcester Probate
and Family Court
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Worcester, MA 01608
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Docket No. WO23P3875EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR

FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Paul L. Robar

Date of Death: 08/31/2023

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Jillian M. Robar of Beverly 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:

Jillian M. Robar of Beverly MA
be appointed as Personal Representa-

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before:
10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/05/2023.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy,

First Justice of this Court. Date: November 03, 2023 Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate November 16, 2023

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Docket No. WO23C0109CA
CITATION ON PETITION TO
CHANGE NAME

In the matter of: **Zevon Tyler Burritt** 

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Zevon Tyler Burritt of Fiskdale MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Skyler Alicia Burditt

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 12/05/2023. 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: November 03, 2023 Stephanie Fattman, Register of Probate November 16, 2023

Notification is hereby given that three (3) applications have been filed by Deep Roots Distillery USA for the following: Two (2) New Liquor Licenses, Farmers Series Pouring Permit, one Wine and one Malt for the premises located at 559 Main Street, Suite 208, Fiskdale, MA 01518, and one (1) for an Alteration of Premises for 559 Main Street, Unit 208 & Unit 209, Fiskdale, MA 01518, with the Sturbridge Board of Selectmen. In accordance with MGL Ch. 138, a public hearing will be held on Monday, December 4, 2023 at 6:45 p.m. This hearing will be held at Veterans Memorial Hall, Sturbridge Town Hall 308 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA 01566.

November 16, 2023

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 166, §22F notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held by the Town Manager on December 13, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in the George Parent Meeting Room, second floor of the Town Hall, 41 Elm Street, in regards to a petition filed by National Grid for the following Order for JO Pole relocation: Charlton St.:

Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc requests permission to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following public way:

Charlton St - National Grid to install 1 JO Pole on Charlton St beginning at a point approximately 118 feet southwest of the centerline of the intersection of Charlton St and Mechanic St and continuing approximately 526 feet in a northeast direction. Installing new Pole # 15-75, -40' south of existing P #15-50 on Charlton St. Underground -400' from Pole # 12 Charlton St to P # 15

Charlton St.

Anyone wishing to be heard regarding this petition will be given the opportunity to speak.

TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE Jack Jovan, Town Manager November 16, 2023

#### NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 775 Dennison Drive, Southbridge, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Susan L Bourdelais to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as mortgagee, as nominee for One Reverse Mortgage, LLC its successors and assigns and now held by Longbridge Financial, LLC, said mortgage dated April 30, 2012, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 48949, Page 119, as affected by an Assignment of Mortgage dated February 27, 2023, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 68899, Page 78, as affected by an Assignment of Mortgage dated September 12, 2023, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 69658, Page 286, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on December 14, 2023 at 10:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: Land Situated in the City of South-

bridge in the County of Worcester in the State of MA. THE LAND IN SAID SOUTHBRIDGE WITH THE BUILD-INGS THEREON, SITUATED ON THE EASTERLY SIDE OF DENNISON DRIVE, BEING ON A PORTION OF THE ROAD LEADING FROM THE HOUSE NOW OR FORMERLY OF JAMES MASON TO THE VILLAGE OF WESTVILLE. BOUNDED AND DE-SCRIBED; BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN ON THE EASTERLY LINE OF DENNISON DRIVE AT THE SOUTH-WESTERLY CORNER OF LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF IRENE C. DAY; THENCE S. 81 DEGREES 18' E. BY LAND OF SAID DAY, 180 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE N. 3 DEGREES 17` E. BY LAND OF SAID DAY, 157.1 FEET TO A DRILL HOLE ON WALL AT LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF GERARD LEMOINE; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG WALL BY SAID LEMOINE LAND, ABOUT 420 FEET TO A JUNCTION OF WALLS AT LAND NOW OR FOR-MERLY OF VICTOR BEAUDREAU ET UX; THENCE SOUTHWESTER-LY ALONG WALL BY SAID BEAU-DREAU LAND, ABOUT 223 FEET TO AN IRON PIN IN WALL; THENCE N. 82 DEGREES W. BY LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF WILLIAM W. POTTER ET UX ABOUT 8 FEET TO A DRILL HOLE IN STONE; THENCE STILL N. 82 DEGREES W. BY SAID LAND OF POTTER, 453.3 FEET TO AN IRON PIN ON THE EASTERLY LINE OF DENNISON DRIVE; THENCE N, 8 DE-GREES E. BY THE EASTERLY LINE OF DENNISON DRIVE, 180 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CON-TAINING AN AREA OF ABOUT 2.87 ACRES OF LAND

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 October 20, 1986, and recorded in Book 9915, Page 152 with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds.

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

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Other terms to be announced

at the sale.

Marinosci Law Group, P.C.
275 West Natick Road, Suite 500
Warwick, RI 02886
Attorney for Longbridge Financial, LLC
Present Holder of the Mortgage
Telephone: (401) 234-9200
MLG File No.: 23-00998
November 16, 2023
November 23, 2023
November 30, 2023

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Tantasqua's Eleanor Colati battles to keep the ball in play.





Courtesy Dawn Pepka-Jones

Tantasqua's Lilina Shiers works the ball down field.



Courtesy Dawn Pepka-Jones

The Tantasqua defense and goalie Elizabeth Thompson prepares to defend a Danvers corner kick.

## Shiers' late overtime strike propels Warriors past Danvers Tantasqua's season then closes in State Quarterfinals to Medfield

STURBRIDGE — On Wednesday, Nov. 8, one of the Division 3 girls' soccer Round of 16 contests took place at the Reservation as No. 8 Tantasqua hosted No. 9 Danvers. To get here, the Falcons took on No. 24 St. Mary's in the Round of 32, winning 6-1, while the Warriors beat No. 25 East Bridgewater, 2-0.

This bitingly cold night brought out the best in these two teams, with similar playing styles, as a great matchup was present on the pitch. Halfway through the first 40 minutes, both teams challenged for that first goal. Tantasqua would go endto-end with a shot on goal, then Danvers would turn around and do the same. This first half battle ended 0-0. Strong goaltending by Tantasqua's Elizabeth Thompson and Danvers' Maddie Dembowski kept both teams with clean sheets.

The second half began with more of the same attacks and defending



Courtesy Dawn Pepka-Jones

Hayden O'Malley of Tantasqua battles for control of the ball against a Danvers opponent.

Courtesy Dawn Pepka-Jones

#### Ava Chevalier looks to pass the ball for Tantasqua.

Fans were on the edge of their seats as the overtime clock wound down. Tantasqua was awarded a corner kick with less than a minute to go in overtime. Danvers tried to clear the ball, and as the referee began the final 10 second countdown, the Warriors gained control of the ball and put it back toward the Danvers goal. Shiers timed her run toward the goal and made sure this one was going in. This last second strike cemented the 2-1 win for the Warriors.

Unfortunately for the Warriors, their postseason run ended in the Quarterfinals against top seeded Medfield on Saturday, Nov. 11. Tantasqua lost the game, 1-0, as their record wound up being

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from both teams. Tantasqua was able to get on the scoreboard first, as Lilina Shiers worked the ball from left to right just outside the 18-yard box and hit one into the top of the net just beyond the keeper's reach.

Tantasqua didn't get a chance to relish their goal, though, as Danvers took the ball off the re-start and, less than 20 seconds later, Brooke Wynott slid one into the back of the net. After a very fast pasted second half, the score remained 1-1 at the regular-time whistle.

The 20 minutes of overtime was no different for these two teams; Danvers just missing with a shot hitting the crossbar and another skimming over the top of the post, and Tantasqua had similar results with a shot just over the crossbar and another hitting the side netting.

## HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

## Tantasqua football falls in last test before Thanksgiving

On Thursday, Nov. 9, the Tantasqua varsity football team hosted North Middlesex in the Warriors' final tune-up before taking on Shepherd Hill on Thanksgiving. Unfortunately, visiting Tantasqua lost to the Pa-

Adam Howe threw a 1-yard touchdown

pass to Logan Arrastia, with Luke Marvin booting the extra point, and Jack Alexander tossed a 14-yard scoring pass to Lucas MacNevin for the Warriors' points.

Tantasqua will host Shepherd Hill on Thanksgiving at 10 a.m.

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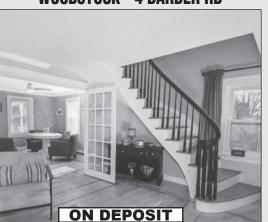
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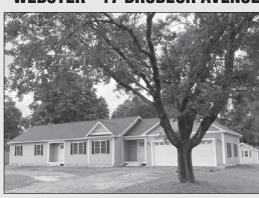


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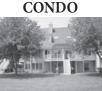
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## Must-have gifts for your favorite gardener

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Drop a pair of snips in their stocking and they are sure to thank you any time they deadhead a flower, snip off a wayward or dead stem, or harvest herbs and flowers. This is another tool gardeners appreciate duplicates of one for the kitchen and

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

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

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



Weed knives, like this Hori Hori knife, are multi-purpose as they can be used for cutting through sod and roots, planting bulbs, digging weeds, and more.

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

### Nichols College, UMass Dartmouth establish accelerated law degree partnership

DUDLEY — Nichols College and UMass Law in Dartmouth, have announced the signing of an agreement for a 3+3 joint degree program that will give Nichols students the opportunity to earn an undergraduate degree and a law degree in six rather than seven years.

In this accelerated degree program, Nichols College students earn credits to complete the final year of their undergraduate degree during their first year of law school at UMass Law, saving a year of tuition and expenses associated with the traditional seven-year pathway to a Juris Doctorate.

"We're delighted to partner with UMass Law to enable Nichols College students to earn bachelor's and juris doctor degrees in six years," said Nichols Provost Daniel J. Borgia. "In addition to the significant cost savings, our students will have the guidance and support of exceptional faculty and staff on both campuses who will help prepare them for meaningful careers. As well, this new partnership builds upon our strengths in accelerated learning, augmenting our existing 4+1 bachelor's/master's degree programs in business administration, accounting, organizational leadership, and counterterrorism."

"We are pleased to partner with Nichols College on this 3+3 agreement," said UMass Law Dean Sam Panarella. "UMass Law's mission to pursue justice is undergirded by a focus on access, affordability, and opportunity for our students. The 3+3 program with Nichols College perfectly achieves those goals by allowing students taking advantage of the partnership to receive an excellent education, graduate with less debt, and focus on serving their communities as lawyers."

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

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

Nichols College is the sixteenth institution to collaborate on a 3+3 program

with UMass Law. Other Massachusetts and Rhode Island partners include Anna Maria College, Assumption University, Bridgewater State University, Fitchburg State University, Framingham State University, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, Johnson & Wales University, Regis College, Salem State University, Springfield College, UMass Boston, UMass Dartmouth, UMass Lowell, Westfield State University, and Worcester State University.

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About UMass Law

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

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

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Applicants should submit a cover letter and resume to: Spencer Housing Authority 13 McDonald Street Spencer, MA 01562 Attn: Kimberly Hurlbrink You may also email cover letter and resumes to Kimberly Hurlbrink: kim.hurlbrink@spencerhousing.org

> Resumes will be accepted until 2:00PM on November 24, 2023 Spencer Housing Authority is an equal Opportunity Employer

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#### **Authors Allie**

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Alley, with Dr. De Jesus selling out all the copies she brought from New York. All were able to sign copies of their books, answer questions and pose for photos.

Marion Chelsea De Jesus is in fourth grade, plays the piano

and is learning to play the viola. She loves art, music and science. She actively participates in school and is a part of the Alpha Program (district-wide program involving unique cognitive, affective and social needs of the intellectually gifted children in North Bellmore district) and Student

the arts at institutions ernational.org) memsuch as Emerson College, Boston University, NYU, Boston Conservatory at Berklee, Berklee College of Music, Hofstra, Hartt School at the University of Hartford, Marymount Manhattan College, Syracuse

Worcester Center for Performing Arts, a reg-

Dr. De Jesus is currently pursuing her Master's Health at SUNY Downstate vard Square Philip-

Council. She dreams of ical therapist at St. becoming a microbiolo- John's Episcopal Hosgist and is looking for- pital, Far Rockaway, ward to making more N.Y. and the co-owner of Tandem in Care Physical Therapy, PLLC.

Dr. Bolandrina degree in is a board member Informatics of the HSPAA (Har-Health Sciences Uni- pine American Alliversity. She is a phys- ance, www.hspaa.org. She was initiated as a P.E.O (www.peoint-

ber in November 2021. Her books are availat Amazon.com. able Barnes and Noble, and at Harvard Bookstore (https://shop.harvard. com/search/site/tenacious % 20 nurse).

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

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year, The Hanover Theatre celebrates its 15th anniversary with the opening of the Francis R Carroll Plaza. This new space will support free outdoor events throughout the year. The Hanover Theatre's facilities at 551 Main house function spaces, offices and The Hanover Theatre Conservatory.

The Hanover The-Conservatory provides performance opportunities, classes, and individual instruction in theatre, dance and technical theatre and design to more than 500 young people and adults from across central Massachusetts each year. Established in 2016, the conserva-

tory cultivates individual attention, ignites creativity and inspires confidence through arts education led by outstanding teaching artists. The state-ofthe-art facility includes classrooms, rehearsal and teaching studios, and tech and costume labs for advanced education in stage craft and design. Students receive access to master classes with national touring artists and gain professional experience from performance opportunities with THT Rep and on The Hanover Theatre's world-class stage. THTC believes in access to arts education for all and provides financial aid for those in need. Many conservatory students have con-

tinued their pursuit of

University and more.

istered not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, owns and operates The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts (THT) and, on behalf of the Worcester Cultural Coalition (WCC), manages Worcester's Brick-Box Theater at the Jean McDonough Arts Center (JMAC). All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

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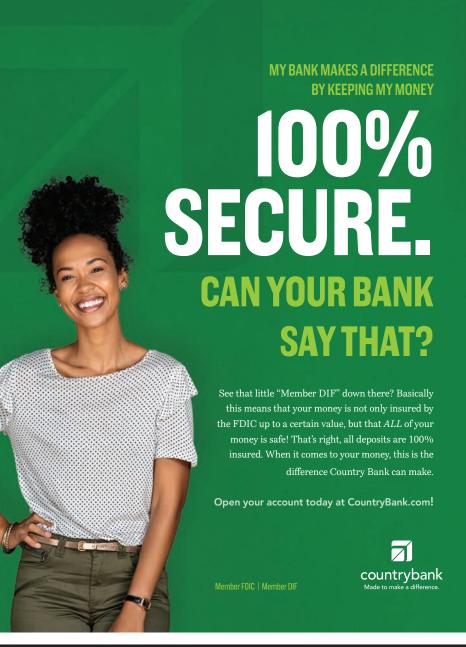
allowed more money to remain in taxpayer's pockets. Selectman Bill Borowski clarified the implications of the news.

"Just about every town I know taxes to the levy limit so literally every dime they can get out of you they put towards the operating budget or capital expense. This is saying the \$750,000 that the town government is not spending is your money, as it should be, as we haven't touched it," said Borowski.

The news comes after a long budget season heavily impacted by the difficulties faced by neighboring Dudley and emphasizes the importance of economic growth for the town. While Charlton successfully approved increases to their spending plan early on to help offset an



increased education assessment, Dudley, who shares a school district with the town, struggled to approve their own increases. One of the big differences was economic growth. Charlton has brought in significantly more new businesses in recent years allowing them more options in their levy limit and, apparently, opportunities to save their taxpayers money.









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